



## International Boundary and Water Commission United States Section

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### **CANUTILLO BRIDGE TO CLOSE ON SEPTEMBER 8 FOR FLOODGATE MAINTENANCE**

Canutillo Bridge across the Rio Grande in El Paso County, Texas will be closed on Thursday, September 8, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., for routine maintenance on the bridge's floodgates. If the work is completed early, the bridge will be reopened prior to 4:30 p.m. The work will require Canutillo-La Union Avenue (known as Highway 28 in New Mexico) to be closed from Doniphan Drive to La Junta Drive. The United States Section of the International Boundary and Water Commission, United States and Mexico (USIBWC) will perform the work as part of its maintenance of the Rio Grande Flood Control Project.

The floodgates, which are embedded in the roadway at either end of the bridge, are designed to operate automatically in the event of a flood, creating a barrier to keep water away from people, buildings, and infrastructure. To ensure the gates remain operable, USIBWC crews will perform routine annual maintenance, including greasing brackets and braces, and pressure washing.

Orange detour signs will be placed in the area. Alternate driving routes are as follows (see attached map):

#### **Northbound traffic for east side of bridge**

- Traffic on Doniphan Drive will be diverted to Vinton Road Bridge, then to Bosque Road where drivers can access all points except for the bridge crossing.

#### **Northbound traffic for west side of bridge**

- Traffic on the west end of the bridge will be diverted from NM Highway 28/Canutillo-La Union Avenue to Bosque Road then onto Vinton Road Bridge to Doniphan Drive.

#### **Southbound traffic for east side of bridge**

- Traffic on Doniphan Drive will be diverted to Borderland Road Bridge then to Strahan Road and can then access NM Highway 28/Canutillo - La Union Avenue up to the bridge closure.

**Southbound traffic for west side of bridge**

- Traffic on the west end of the bridge will be diverted to Strahan Road then onto Borderland Road.

The Commission is responsible for applying the boundary and water treaties between the United States and Mexico and settling differences that may arise in the application of the treaties. The USIBWC maintains the Rio Grande in this region to meet its flood control and water delivery mission.

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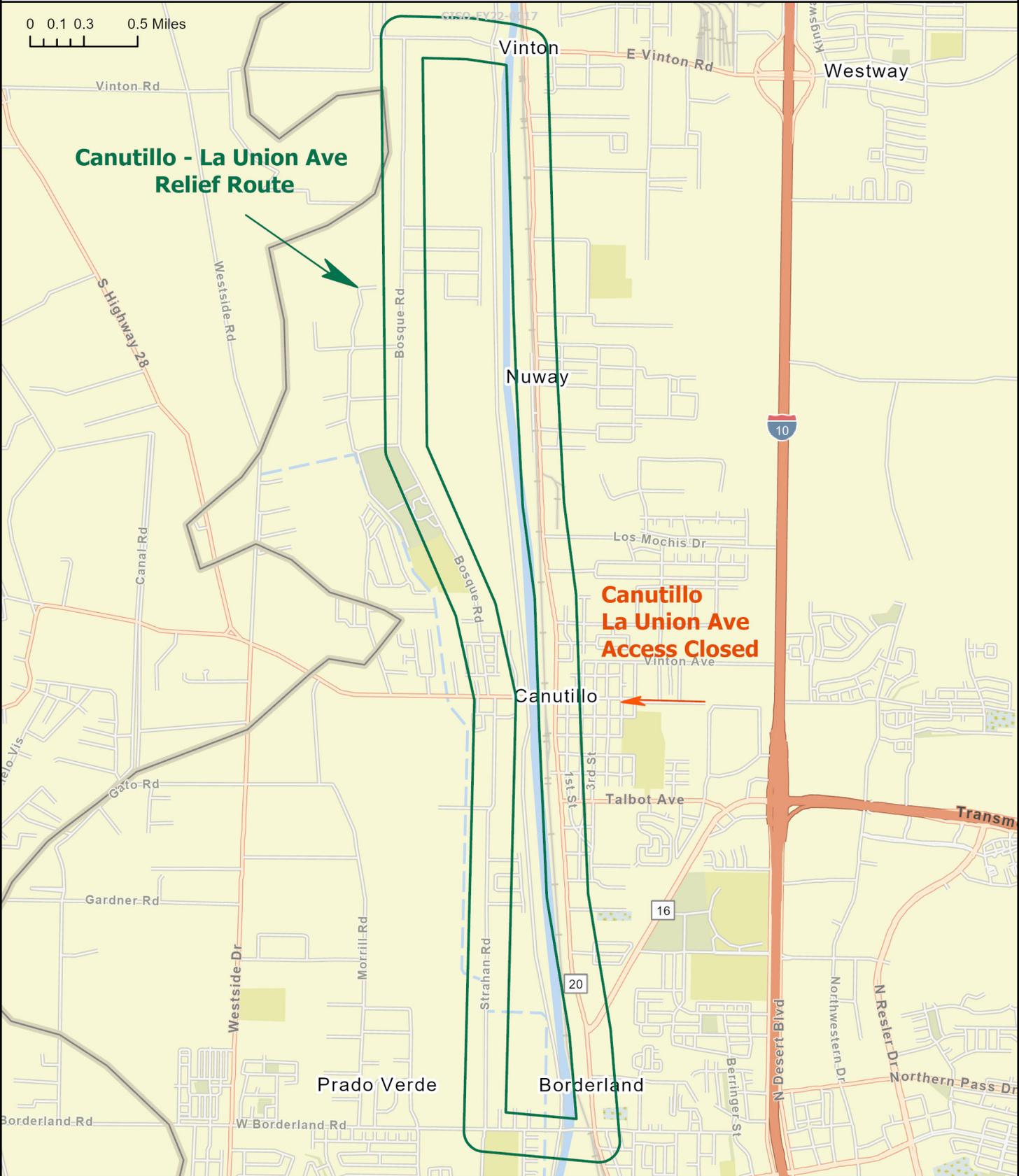


**Traffic Relief Route for Canutillo - La Union Avenue**  
**September 8, 2022 From 8:30 A.M to 4:30 P.M**



**United States Section,  
International Boundary and Water Commission**

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**Canutillo - La Union Ave  
Relief Route**

**Canutillo  
La Union Ave  
Access Closed**