

**Convent Avenue Port of Entry
(Bridge 1)
Laredo, TX**

Project Cost:

Construction:

JNL (Bridge 2) - \$ 62,059,978

Convent (Bridge 1) - \$ 26,804,957

Design:

JNL (Bridge 2)- \$ 3,468,177

Convent (Bridge 1)- \$ 1,648,742

Predicted Job Growth: 1,440 new jobs

Convent Avenue (Bridge 1) Project Description:

This project will provide for the modernization of existing facilities (historic main building) at the port, as well as expansion of the primary and secondary areas.

The project will increase efficiency and improve safety and security of vehicle processing, and expedite pedestrian processing, consolidate operations and improve security and safety of pedestrian traffic.

Convent Avenue Port of Entry Project will:

- improve the operational efficiency of the port and consists of reconfiguring the primary automobile inspection lanes
- add a dedicated bicycle inspection lane
- increase the number of permanent pedestrian processing lanes from four to fourteen
- reconfigure the interior spaces of the historic Administration building
- demolish the existing automobile secondary inspection canopy
- build a new, high-performance automobile secondary inspection canopy.

Background:

- The General Services Administration has received funding to construct the expansion and modernization of the Laredo 1 (Convent Avenue)
- The design work is currently complete.
- The top priority for this project is to make the process of moving pedestrians, buses, bus and automobile passengers faster, safer and more efficient.
- The Convent Avenue POE (Laredo 1) Administration Building is more than 70 years old and is the only pedestrian crossing between the downtown areas of Laredo, Texas and Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas.

- It is eligible for the National Historic Register and is the only historic Port of Entry in Region 7.
- 3,447,437 people passed through the Convent Avenue POE in 2014 making it the fourth busiest pedestrian port in the nation. 1,254,894 automobiles were processed during the same period.

Scope of Work:

The work at Convent Avenue POE is to include a complete renovation of the historic administration building along with an optimization of the interior spaces to improve pedestrian flow through the port. It will remedy canopy shortcomings and be more sensitive to the historic nature of the facility.