

GSA Kicks-Off Construction of Pedestrian Bridge at San Ysidro Unveiling

Construction of the San Ysidro LPOE kicked off Thursday, December 17th with the unveiling of design plans for the Phase 1A Pedestrian Bridge. The event started with media availability in the morning followed by an unveiling for community stakeholders in the afternoon.

The contract for the 806-foot-long East-West pedestrian bridge, awarded to Clark Construction Group – California, LP is the first phase of GSA's planned expansion and renovation of the port. The bridge will span 30 lanes of highway traffic and CBP operations. More than 50,000 vehicles and 25,000 pedestrians pass through the San Ysidro LPOE's facilities each day. The bridge is designed to meet new security measures and will better serve the port's pedestrian traffic.

Over 40 attendees from GSA, CBP, Clark Construction and community stakeholders gathered to celebrate this milestone. Renderings of the pedestrian bridge and a computer animated video showed how this new facility could enhance the experience of the traveling public while still focusing on safety and security. Attendees had a chance to peruse displays as well as have one-on-one conversations with GSA, CBP and Clark's spokespersons.

The San Ysidro Project Team is working on a Public Awareness Campaign to ensure that motorists, community members, and other stakeholders are informed of potential construction delays.

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