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Green Eagle Railroad Project
Environmental Impact Statement
Scoping Meeting



Proyecto del Ferrocarril Green Eagle
Declaración de Impacto Ambiental
Reunión de alcance



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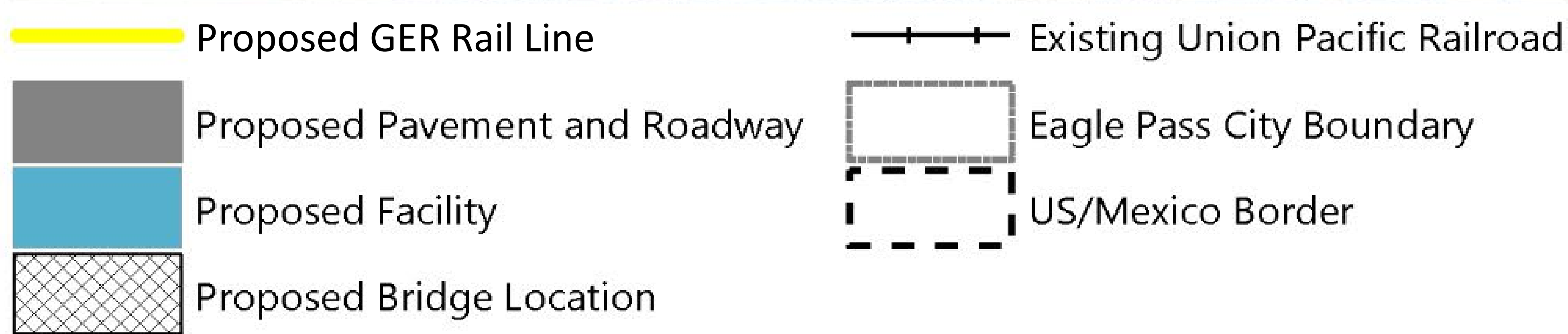
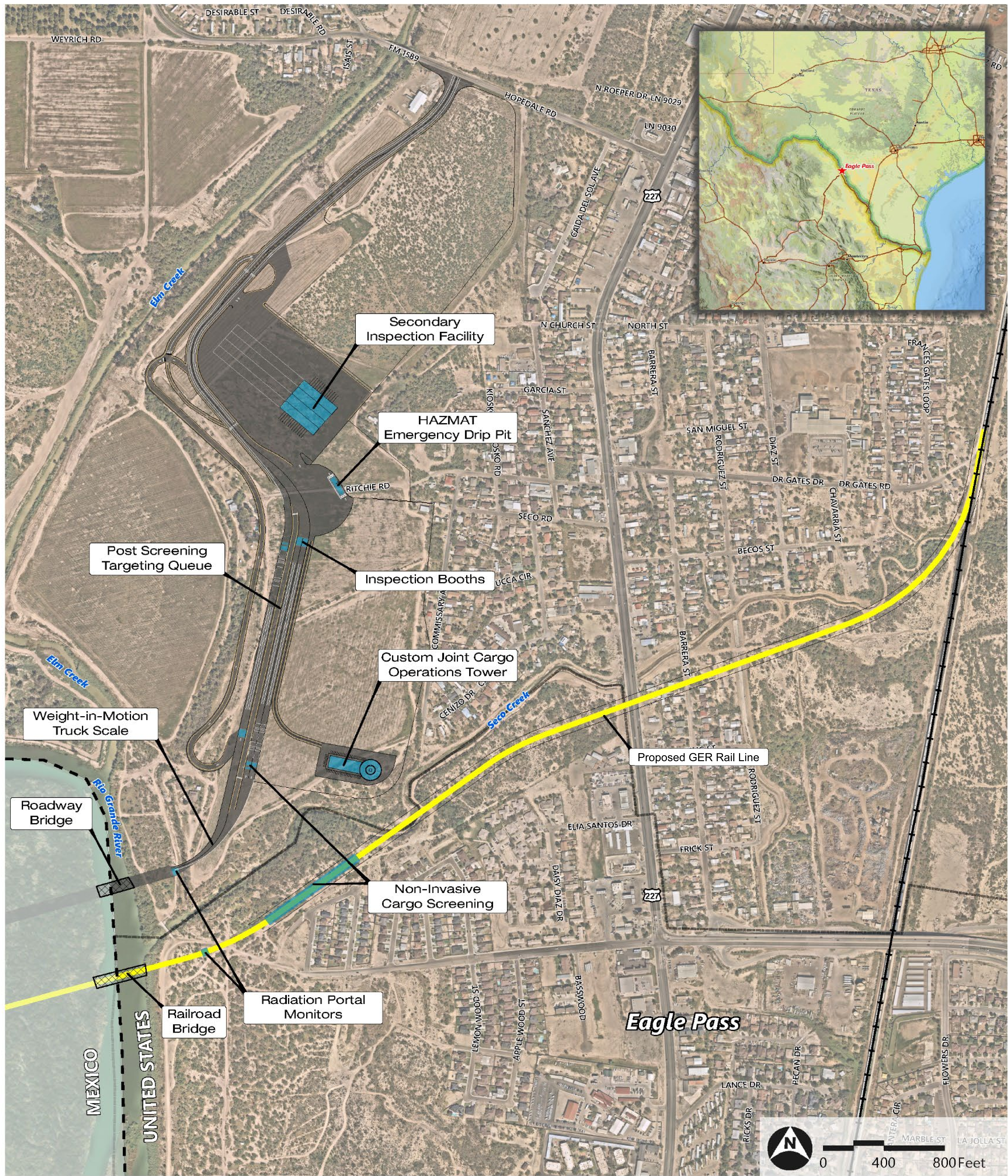
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- Literature distribution
- Protests
- Signs or placards



- Please be courteous to other meeting participants and their right to participate in the scoping process.

By entering the meeting room, you agree to abide by these ground rules.

Individuals or groups who disrupt the public meeting will be asked to leave.



Proposed Action





Purpose and Need of the Proposed Project

Green Eagle Railroad's (GER's) purpose for constructing and operating the Line is to develop an economically viable solution to meet the need for border infrastructure improvements at Eagle Pass that increases safety and facilitates binational trade between the United States and Mexico.

According to GER, the Line would do the following:

- Resolve rail congestion
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The Line is not a federal government-proposed or sponsored project.



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Key Participants, Anticipated Permits and Other Authorizations

Agencies with Actions



Surface Transportation Board

- Lead federal agency for the EIS
- Authorizes the proposed rail line



U.S Coast Guard

- Cooperating agency for the EIS
- Permits the proposed rail and road bridges



U.S Army Corps of Engineers

- Permits activities requiring filling wetlands



International Boundary and Water Commission

- Authorizes work in bed and bank of international stretch of the Rio Grande

Applicant: Green Eagle Railroad LLC

- Requested authority to construct & operate the proposed rail line
- Subsidiary of Puerto Verde Holdings (PVH)
- PHV is proposing to construct the Puerto Verde International Bridge Corridor
- The proposed GER Rail Line is part of the Corridor

Anticipated Permits and Other Authorizations

- Clean Water Action Section 401 certification and Section 402 and 404 permits
- Rivers and Harbors Act Section 9 and 10 permits
- Endangered Species Act Section 7 compliance
- National Historic Preservation Act Section 106 compliance
- International Boundary and Water Commission authorization for work in the bed and bank of the international stretch of the Rio Grande
- Presidential Permit
- Texas General Land Office easement authorization for the bed of the Rio Grande to the international boundary line
- Maverick County development permits, including a floodplain development permit
- State and local construction permits, as required



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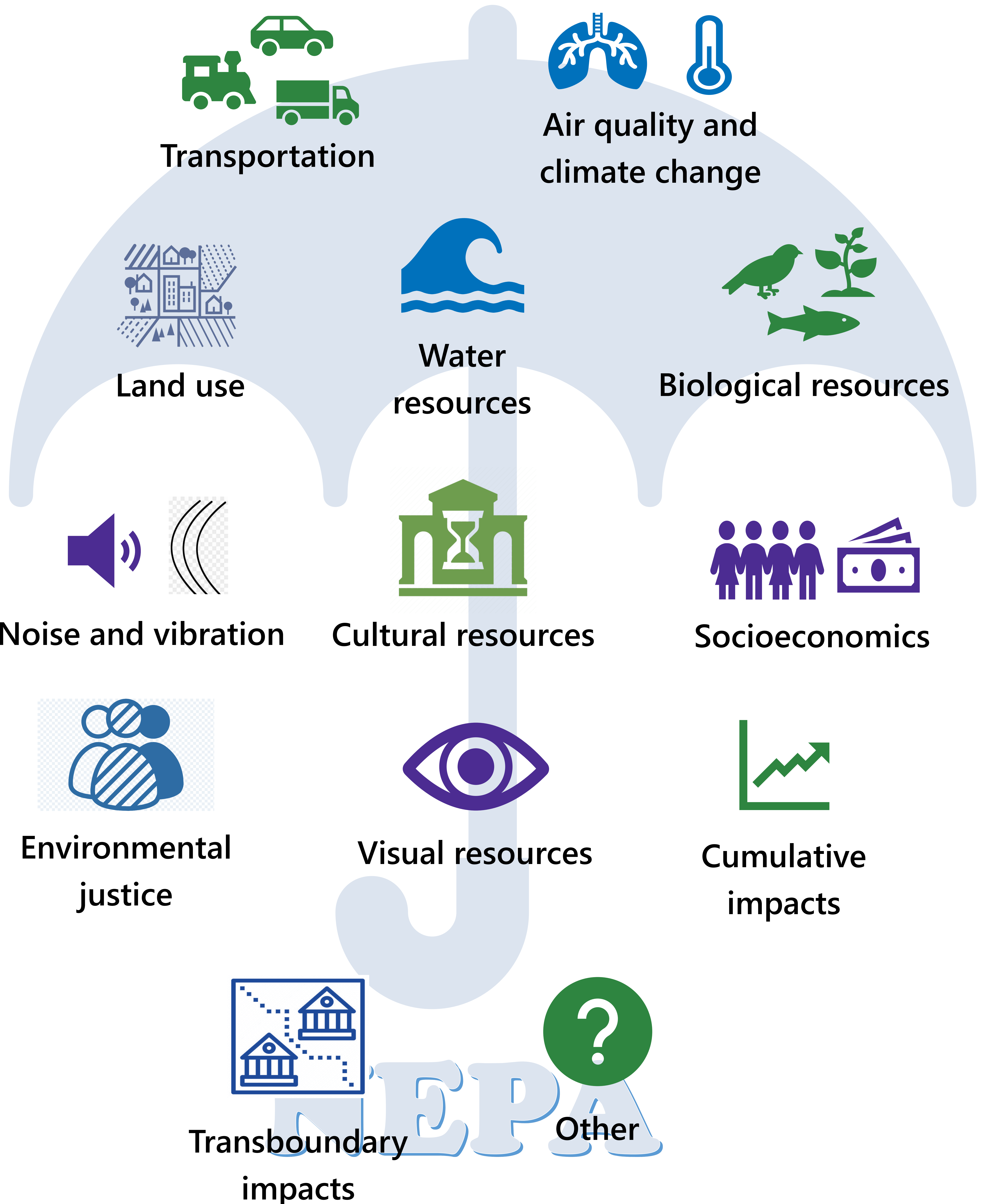
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Potential EIS Impact Areas



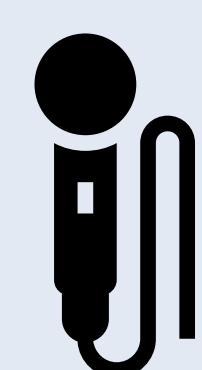


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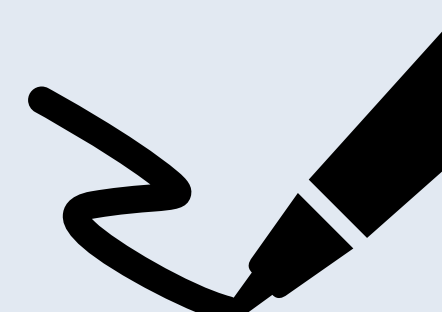
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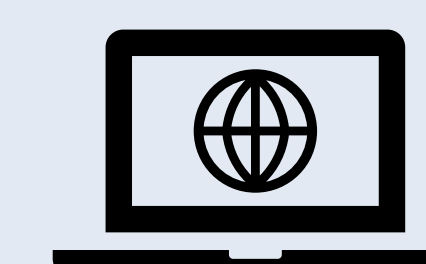


Tuesday, April 23 – Online Meeting

• 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

• Go to the project website learn how to join:
www.greeneaglerreis.com

Electronic Comments



Submit electronic comments by visiting the Board's website, www.stb.gov, under the heading "E_FILING". Refer to Docket No. FD 36652

Written Comments



Mail your comments to:
Andrea Poole
Surface Transportation Board
c/o VHB
Attention: Environmental Filing
Docket No. FD 36652
1001 G Street NW, Suite 1125
Washington, DC 20001

For more information, visit: www.greeneaglerreis.com

Comments will be accepted through **Monday, April 29, 2024**
Please refer to Docket No. FD 36652 in all correspondence.



Questions?

contact@greeneaglerreis.com

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Green Eagle Railroad Project Environmental Impact Statement

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Docket No. FD 36652



Agenda

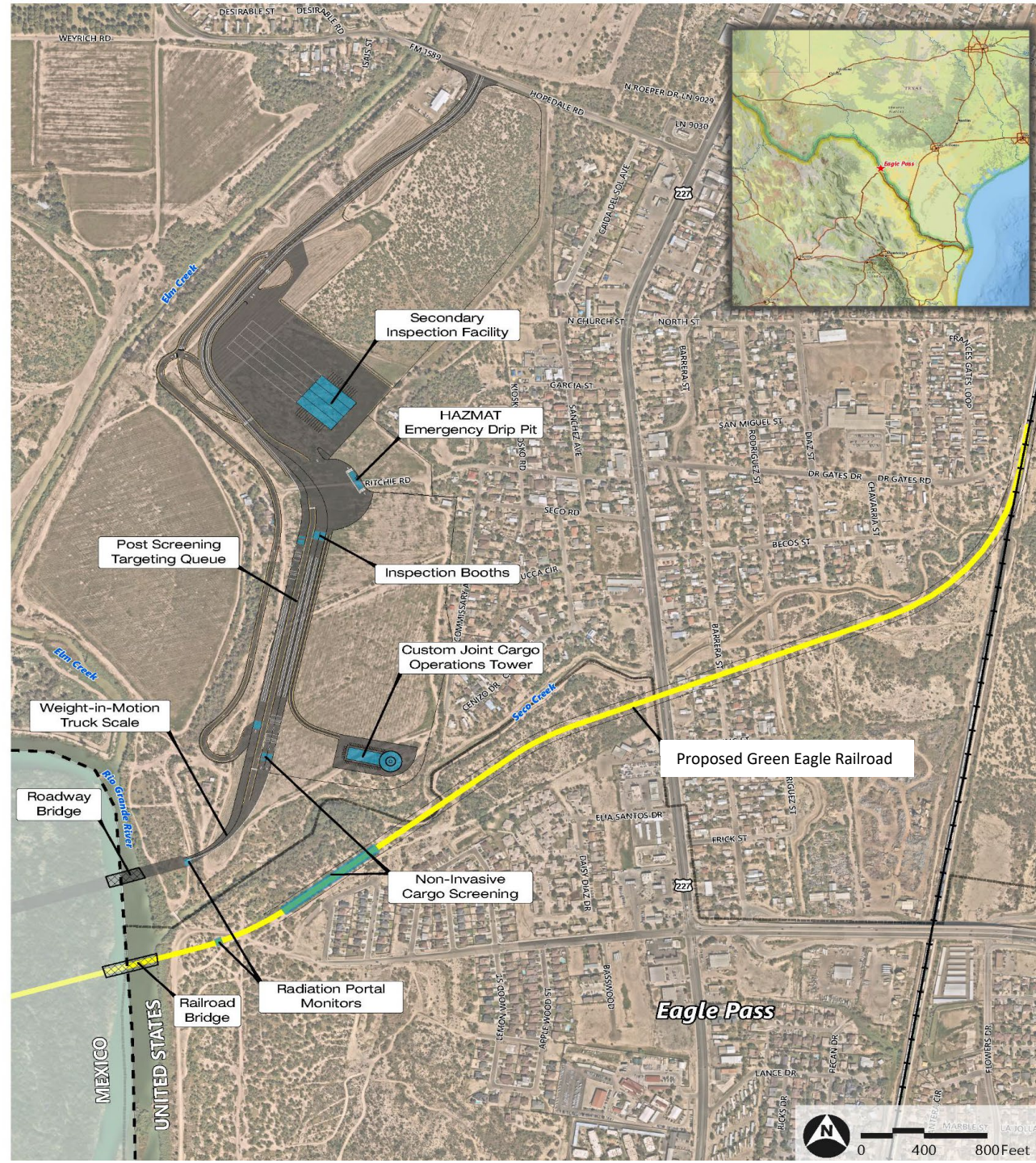
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- Applicant: Green Eagle Railroad, LLC
- Purpose and Need
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The Surface Transportation Board

- **Surface Transportation Board (Board)**: Independent federal regulatory agency with jurisdiction over certain surface transportation matters, including new rail line construction.
- **Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA)**: Office within the Board responsible for directing the environmental review process, conducting independent analysis of environmental data, and making environmental recommendations to the Board.

Proposed Action





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Board Action

- The Board will:
 - Review the transportation merits of the proposed Green Eagle Railroad (GER) rail line and the potential environmental impacts.
 - Issue a Final Decision to authorize with appropriate conditions or to deny GER's request for authority to construct and operate the rail line.

Federal Agencies with Decisions



- Authorizes the proposed rail line
- Lead federal agency for the EIS



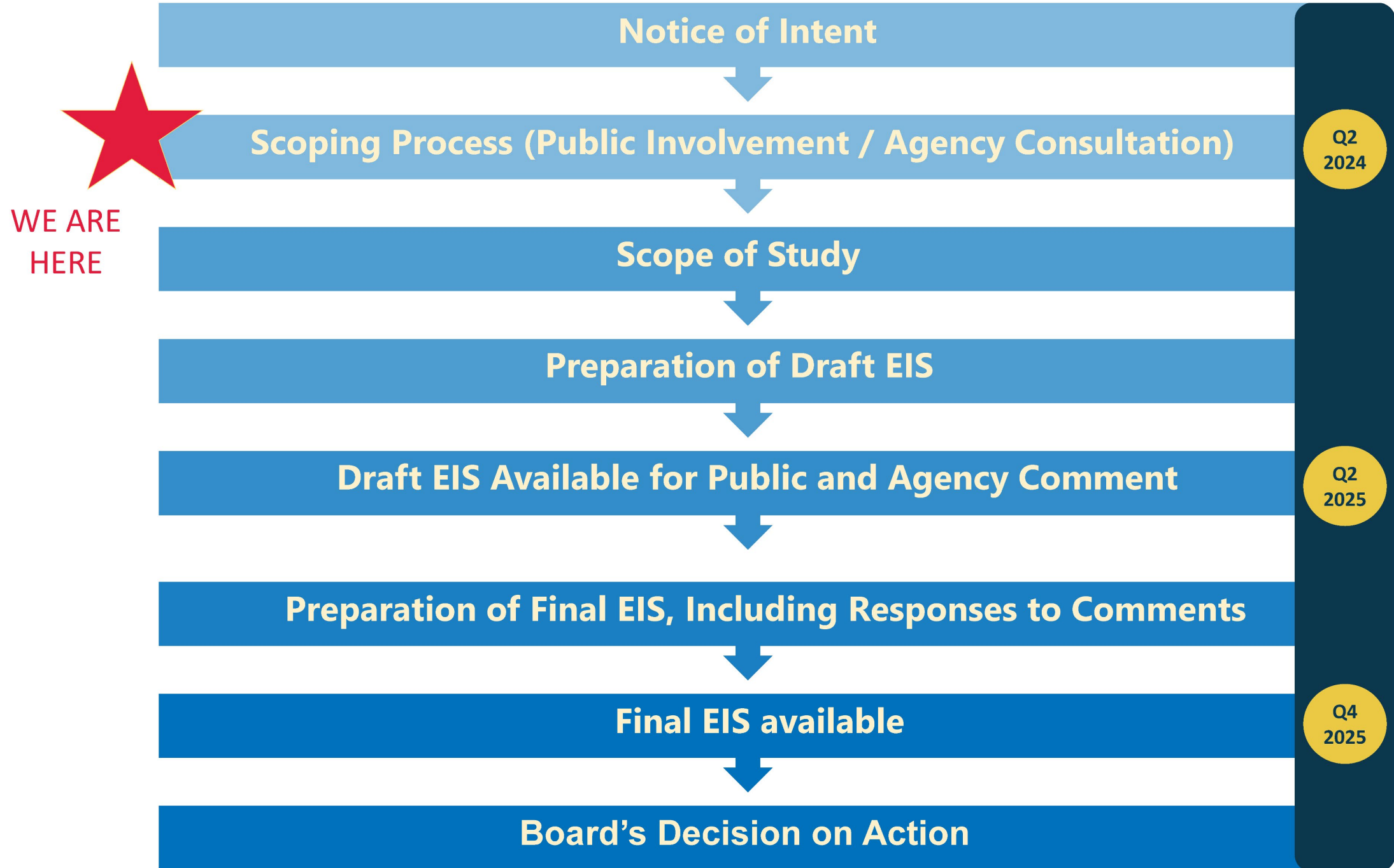
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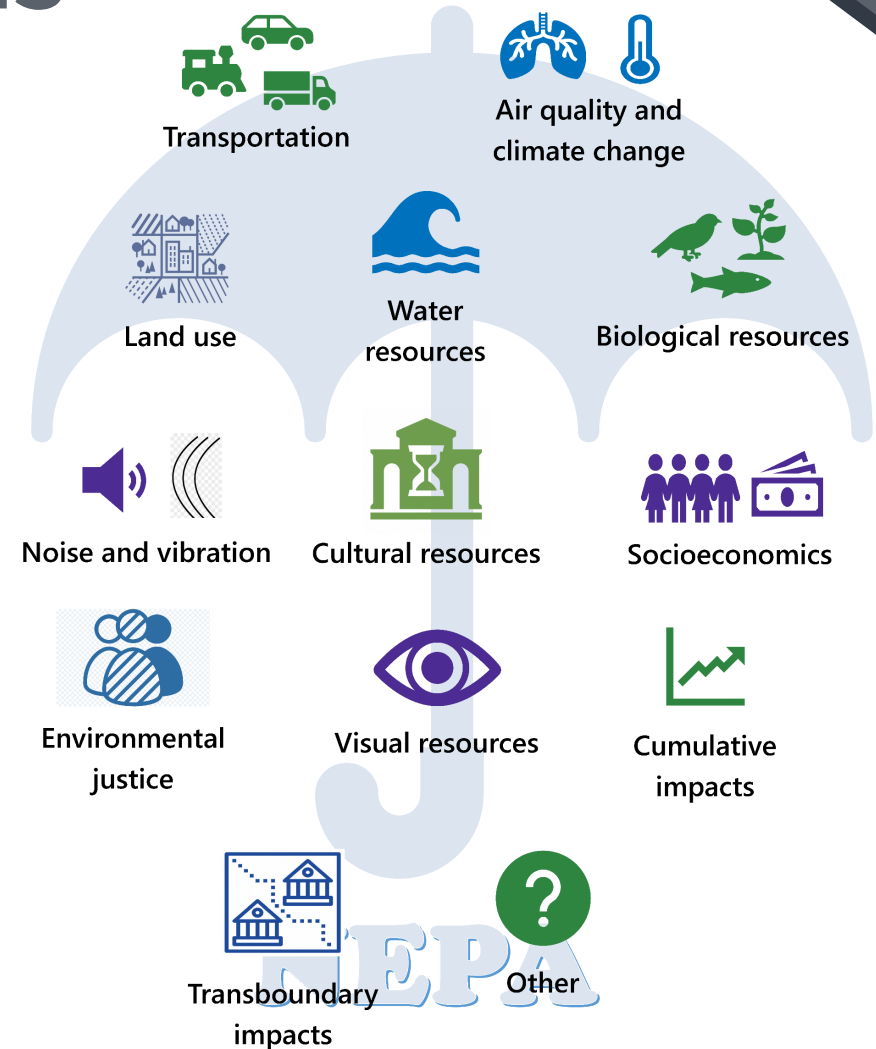


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Potential EIS Impact Areas

- Transportation
- Air quality and climate change
- Land use
- Water resources
- Biological Resources
- Noise and vibration
- Cultural resources
- Socioeconomics
- Environmental justice
- Visual Resources
- Cumulative impacts
- Transboundary impacts (as appropriate)
- Others to be determined through scoping





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How to Comment

Docket No. FD 36652



How to Submit Comments

- At today's meeting
 - Fill in a comment form
 - Make an oral comment
- Mail a written comment

Andrea Poole
Surface Transportation Board
c/o VHB
1001 G Street NW, Suite 1125, Washington, DC 20001
Attention: Environmental filing, Docket No. FD 36652
- Submit your comment electronically
 - Via STB.gov *E-Filing* page under *Environmental Comments*

All comments must be submitted on or before April 29, 2024



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- We encourage you to provide business contact information where possible.

* Do you know the related docket number(s) for this environmental comment?

☐ Yes ☐ No

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* Submitter:

Organization (if applicable):

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Proposed Green Eagle Railroad Project in Eagle Pass, Texas

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MEETING DATES ANNOUNCED

The Surface Transportation Board's Office of Environmental Analysis will hold in-person and online public scoping meetings on April 16 and 23, 2024, respectively. For more information and to pre-register to speak at the public meetings, visit the Public Involvement webpage.

[View Public Involvement webpage »](#)

NOTICE OF INTENT PUBLISHED

OEA issued a Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement in the Federal Register on March 29, 2024.

[View Notice of Intent »](#)

Welcome to the website for the Proposed Green Eagle Railroad Project in Eagle Pass, Texas.

Overview

Green Eagle Railroad, LLC (GER), a subsidiary of Puerto Verde Holdings (PVH), filed a petition with the Surface Transportation Board (Board) for authority to construct and operate approximately 1.3 miles of new freight rail line (the Line) in Eagle Pass, Texas. The Line would be part of a larger project by PVH, the Puerto Verde Global Trade Bridge (PVGTB) Project, consisting of a new trade corridor for freight rail and commercial motor vehicles between Piedras Negras, Coahuila, Mexico, and Eagle Pass. Only the Line is under the Board's jurisdiction.

The Board's Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA) determined that the construction and operation of the Line has the potential to result in significant environmental impacts. Therefore, OEA is preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

What's an EIS?

NEPA requires Federal agencies to prepare an EIS for any proposed major federal action that would significantly affect the quality of the human environment. An EIS describes the potential impacts of the proposed federal action on the environment and identifies measures to avoid, minimize, or mitigate these impacts.

The federal action here is the Board's decision to authorize with appropriate conditions or to deny GER's petition for authority to construct and operate the Line. Only the Line is under the jurisdiction of the Board. Parts of the PVGTB Project other than the Line will be considered, as appropriate, when evaluating the environmental impacts of the Line in the EIS.

Separately from the Board's final decision on GER's petition, the PVGTB Project would require permits from the United States (U.S.) Coast Guard and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The U.S. Coast Guard will participate as a Cooperating Agency in the EIS process. A cooperating agency is a Federal agency that has jurisdiction by law or special expertise with respect to any environmental impact involved in a proposed project.

[Learn about the Proposed Action »](#)[Learn about the EIS process for the Line »](#)[Learn how you can participate in the EIS process »](#)

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- Stay Informed through the following means
 - Project Website: www.GreenEagleRREIS.com
 - Board website: www.stb.gov
 - Join Project Email List
- Contact Us for questions or information
 - By email: Contact@GreenEagleRREIS.com
 - Information Line: (888) 319-2337



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Thank you

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Comment Session

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All speakers

- You will have 3 minutes to speak
- Please clearly state your name
- Comments will be recorded
- Will be part of Scope of Study
- Posted to website