



SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD
Washington, DC 20423

Office of Environmental Analysis

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By email at jmarks@clarkhill.com

RE: Docket No. FD 36847, Laredo Gateway Industrial Park, LLC – Construction and Operation Exemption – Line of Railroad in Webb County, Texas; **Information Request No. 1**

Dear Mr. Marks:

Consistent with 49 C.F.R. § 1105.7(f), the Surface Transportation Board's (Board) Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA) requests the information below, which is needed to support the environmental review in connection with the above-referenced proceeding.

1. Rail Construction

- A. Provide a description and/or drawings (including, as applicable, cross sections) of the proposed rail line, including:
 - i. Number of tracks;
 - ii. Elevation above grade;
 - iii. Any at-grade or grade-separated crossings;
 - iv. Termini, alignment, and width of the access road;
 - v. Drainage and stormwater management features;
 - vi. Description of any supporting structures;
 - vii. Other features such as fencing and lighting; and
 - viii. If some of these characteristics vary along the length of the proposed rail line, descriptions and/or drawings for each typical segment.
- B. Provide a description and/or drawings of the construction plan for the proposed rail line, including:
 - i. Anticipated construction duration and phasing;

- ii. Construction methods and activities, including depth of excavation;
 - iii. Location and size of laydown/staging areas; and
 - iv. Total construction footprint/limit of disturbance (including laydown/staging areas).
 - C. Provide drawings in editable format (GIS, CAD, or Google Earth format) rather than PDF format.
2. Rail Operations
- A. Provide a description of anticipated operations on a typical day five years after the date of the anticipated year of issuance of a final decision by the Board¹, including:
 - i. Average daily number of inbound and outbound trains;
 - ii. Average length, number of cars, number of locomotives, and speed of trains; and
 - iii. General description of goods being carried (e.g., intermodal containers, general merchandise, etc.).
3. Alignments Considered
- A. Provide information, including maps if available, on any alternative alignments for the proposed rail line considered and dismissed and explain why they were dismissed.
4. Other Considerations
- A. Confirm that the Gateway Industrial Park will still be developed if the proposed rail line is not authorized and constructed.

Please provide your response as soon as possible and no later than **July 29, 2025**. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Andrea Poole of my staff at 202-934-3330 or by email at Andrea.Poole@stb.gov. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,



Danielle Gosselin
Director
Office of Environmental Analysis

¹ For example, if the Board's anticipated final decision would be issued in 2026, the forecast year for transaction-related rail traffic should be 2031.