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Subject: Re: Green Eagle Railroad: Draft EIS Comment Period Extension
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Dear Surface Transportation Board Representatives,

I write to respectfully request a further extension of the public comment period regarding the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Puerto Verde Global Trade Bridge Project (Docket No. FD 36652), based on substantial information gaps, equity concerns, and procedural questions that remain unaddressed.

1. Missing Technical and Environmental Reports

As of today, the following essential reports and assessments have not been made available:

- **Geotechnical (Geo-Tech) Report:** A full assessment of soil stability, erosion risks, and subsurface conditions necessary to evaluate whether the land can safely support the proposed rail construction.
- **Hydrological & Water Flow Study:** An analysis of Seco Creek's historical flood patterns and future projections under climate change scenarios, critical to assessing whether the project would exacerbate flooding in Eagle Pass and surrounding colonias.
- **Comprehensive Environmental Impact Assessment (Including Air Quality Testing):** This should include:
 - Air quality monitoring and pollution data in a region already burdened by industrial emissions.
 - An evaluation of potential chemical runoff into Seco Creek during flood events tied to rail operations and construction.
- **Feasibility Study with Risk Mitigation Analysis:** A revised report that accounts for flood zones, rerouting options, and maintenance costs due to severe weather and

environmental hazards.

Without access to these documents, it is impossible for the public to provide informed and meaningful comment, in direct contradiction to the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

2. Discrepancies in Comment Period Timeline and Notification

We ask the Board to clarify how the 45-day comment period was calculated and when it officially began. The DEIS was published on **March 14, 2025**, but many community members were not aware of the opportunity to comment until **April 29, 2025**, when the STB held an in-person public meeting in Eagle Pass. Based on this, the functional comment window was only 7 days (from April 29 to the original deadline of May 5, 2025).

While a second extension was announced, extending the deadline to **June 2, 2025**, this still provides only **13 days** (from May 20 to June 2) for most of the community to respond, far less than the 45 days intended under federal guidance.

We respectfully request the STB disclose:

- The mail-out date of notifications sent to impacted residents;
- The estimated or documented date of receipt by residents;
- The methods used to ensure notification reached vulnerable communities, including non-digital means;
- The data or metrics used to determine digital literacy or internet access within the colonias and rural areas of Maverick County.

A significant portion of the affected population, especially in low-income colonias, lacks reliable internet access or digital literacy. These individuals were structurally disadvantaged from participating in the public comment process. We ask the Board to identify what actions it took to ensure meaningful access for non-digital residents, as required under Executive Order 12898 on Environmental Justice.

3. Equity and Environmental Justice Considerations

Given that the Puerto Verde project directly impacts disadvantaged, low-income, and historically marginalized communities, the Board has an obligation under NEPA and related environmental justice mandates to ensure robust public participation.

We believe the April 29, 2025 meeting in Eagle Pass represents the de facto beginning of the

public comment period for a majority of the impacted community. Any earlier start date is effectively meaningless for those without prior notification, especially when access to digital resources is limited or nonexistent.

4. Formal Request

Given the substantial procedural, environmental, and access issues outlined above, we formally request the STB:

- **Immediately release** the full set of technical documents listed above, including all environmental, hydrological, air quality, and geotechnical assessments;
- **Clarify in writing** the official start date of the public comment period, including the date STB materials were mailed and received by residents;
- **Detail the outreach strategy** used to engage non-internet and Spanish-speaking communities;
- **Grant a minimum 45-day extension** beyond the June 2, 2025 deadline, to restore the intended public participation period for residents who only received meaningful notification on April 29;
- **Offer additional verbal virtual and in-person comment opportunities**, especially in colonias and low-income neighborhoods.

Failing to act on these reasonable requests would not only undermine the public's legal right to meaningful input, it would also severely erode trust in the federal decision-making process, especially in a region that has borne disproportionate environmental burdens.

We urge the Board to honor both the letter and spirit of NEPA by ensuring transparency, fairness, and meaningful community input. The health, safety, and democratic participation of Eagle Pass and Maverick County residents depend on it. Thank you, Jose A. Corpus.

On Wed, May 21, 2025 at 1:00 PM Green Eagle RR EIS <contact@greeneaglerreis.com> wrote:

Dear Interested Party,

We are writing to inform you that the Surface Transportation Board's Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA) has extended the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) public comment period for the proposed Green Eagle Railroad. Comments on the Draft EIS will now be due by **Monday, June 2, 2025**. Please [click this link](#) to view the Notice that OEA issued today announcing the comment period extension.

Sincerely,



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