

## CBP Border Wait Times – Help

### Overview

CBP's [RSS feeds of Border Wait Times](#) (BWT) make it easier to view land border wait times through a desktop RSS reader as well as on mobile electronic devices such as smartphones. The links to these features are available (see below) on the top right corner of the BWT website:



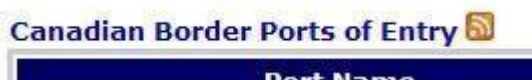
The features included with these feeds are:

- A mobile-view page optimized for use on smartphones and other handheld devices
- Options to create customized RSS feeds including information on ports you select
- An RSS feed for each individual port
- BWT data in XML format.
- Feeds covering the Northern and Southern borders

### RSS

Throughout the site, the pre-established RSS feeds (one for each port and two border-wide feeds for the Canadian and Mexican borders) can be accessed by clicking on the orange RSS icon by the listing (see below for examples of where the icons can be found for both the border-wide and portby-port listings). This will open a new window that contains the feed itself. You can then copy and paste the web address, or URL (found at the top of your Internet browser) into any feed reader.

#### Border-Wide feeds




#### Port-by-Port feeds



## Mobile

CBP provides a mobile-friendly version of the BWT website that is designed to work quickly on smartphones and other web-capable handheld devices. The website will detect requests from mobile devices and display the mobile version of the website.



The screenshot shows the mobile interface of the U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) Border Wait Times (BWT) website. At the top, there is a dark blue header with the CBP seal and the text "U.S. Customs and Border Protection". To the right of the header is a hamburger menu icon. Below the header, there is a navigation bar with links for "Favorites", "Historic", "View All Ports", "Customize RSS", "XML", and "Help". The main content area features the "BWT" logo in large, stylized letters with "CBP BORDER WAIT TIMES" underneath. Below the logo, there is a paragraph of text: "Infrastructure permitting, the processing goals CBP has set for travelers are: **SENTRI/NEXUS Lanes: 15 minutes; Ready Lanes: 50% of general traffic lane wait times.**"

1. choose a lane type:

- Commercial Vehicles
- Passenger Vehicles
- Pedestrains

2. choose a port of entry:

- Canadian Border Ports of Entry ▾
- Mexican Border Ports of Entry ▾

At the bottom of the page, there is a footer with links for "Accessibility", "Privacy Statement", "DHS.gov", and "Get Adobe Reader".

U.S. Customs and Border Protection


# El Paso - Bridge of the Americas (BOTA)


Hours of Operation: 24 hrs/day Date: 3/7/2019  
Status: Open

## Commercial

GENERAL FAST

**Current Wait: 4 min**  
At 1:50 pm MST, 1 lanes open  
**Average Wait: 18 min**

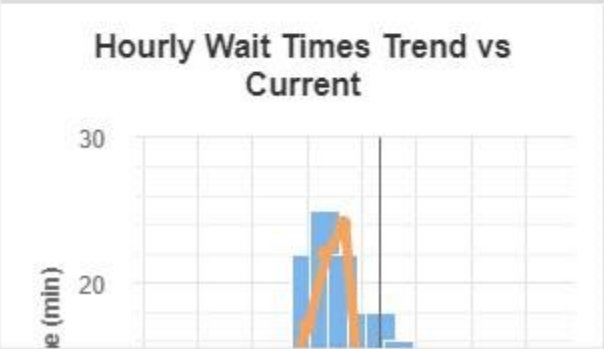
 [Add to Favorites](#)

 Wait times measured from - Entrance to BOTA in Mexico

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### Hourly Wait Times Trend vs Current



The chart displays hourly wait times in minutes. The y-axis ranges from 0 to 30 minutes. The x-axis represents hours. A vertical line indicates the current time. The current wait time is 4 minutes, which is significantly lower than the average wait time of 18 minutes. The chart shows a peak in wait times around the current time, with values reaching up to 25 minutes.

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## Customize RSS

On the web site, clicking on the “Customize RSS” link will let you select one or more ports and their lane type (commercial/passenger/pedestrian) that you want to include in a customized RSS feed. For example, you can create a feed that gives you information on all of the border crossings in one particular area, or the ones that you most frequently use when entering the U.S.

On the Customize Your RSS screen, select the ports and lane type you want and click Submit.

## Customize Your RSS!

Select one or more Ports

Port - Crossing Name	Commercial	Passenger	Pedestrian
	<input type="checkbox"/> All	<input type="checkbox"/> All	<input type="checkbox"/> All
Alexandria Bay - Thousand Islands Bridge	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Andrade	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Blaine - Pacific Highway	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Blaine - Peace Arch		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Blaine - Point Roberts	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Brownsville - B&M	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Brownsville - Gateway		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Brownsville - Los Indios	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Brownsville - Veterans International	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

A page like the one below will have the RSS links for the ports. Copy and paste the link for HTML format or CSV format in your aggregator to view the RSS feed.

## RSS Feed Generated!

Copy the URL below and paste it into your aggregator to view the feed.

**Description formatted in HTML:**

<https://bwt.qa.cbp.gov/api/bwtRss/HTML/10,76/10,52,76,42/-1>

**Description delimited using CSV:**

<https://bwt.qa.cbp.gov/api/bwtRss/CSV/10,76/10,52,76,42/-1>

**You have selected the following ports (lane type):**

- Alexandria Bay - Thousand Islands Bridge (Commercial/Passenger)
- Andrade (Passenger)
- Blaine - Point Roberts (Commercial/Passenger)
- Brownsville - B&M (Passenger)

[Modify RSS Selection](#)

## **XML**

Clicking on the XML link will generate XML for the Border Wait Times data.