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CBP introducing dedicated *Ready Lanes* at Calexico West Port of Entry

CALEXICO, Calif. - U.S. Customs and Border Protection officials announced the implementation of passenger vehicle *Ready Lanes* at the Calexico West Port of Entry, effective Tuesday, June 3, 2025, at 12 a.m. Pacific Time.

Travelers may utilize the *Ready Lanes* if they have a Radio Frequency Identification (RFID)-compliant document, which include:

- U.S. Passport Cards
- Enhanced Driver's Licenses
- Enhanced Tribal Cards
- Enhanced Border Crossing Cards
- Enhanced Permanent Resident Cards
- [Trusted Traveler Program](#) cards (NEXUS, SENTRI, Global Entry or FAST)

It is important to note that state-issued [REAL IDs](#) differ from [Enhanced Driver's Licenses](#). REAL IDs do not serve as *Ready Lane* compliant documents.

Mexican officials will provide a dedicated lane via Mexicali, Mexico for *Ready Lane*-eligible travelers to access the Calexico West Port of Entry. Once travelers arrive at the U.S. border, they must utilize the existing general traffic access point to drive across the international boundary line where *Ready Lane* signage will be visible and guide travelers to the appropriate inspection booths. Travelers with RFID-enabled documents may use *Ready Lanes* or general processing lanes. They may not use the SETNRI lanes unless enrolled in CBP's Trusted Traveler Program and are in possession of a valid TTP document.

Eligible travelers can save time at the border by navigating to designated *Ready Lanes*, keeping their eligible travel cards in hand, and displaying cards to the in-lane RFID card readers before proceeding to a CBP officer at the primary inspection booth.

The traveling public can monitor vehicle wait times via [CBP's Border Wait Times website](#) or download the *Border Wait Times* mobile application on their smartphone to assist in planning their travels. Wait times are updated on an hourly basis.

Travelers should familiarize themselves with the [Know Before You Go](#) section of CBP's website to avoid fines and penalties associated with the importation of prohibited items. *Know Before You Go* brochures are also available at land border ports of entry.

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