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October 14, 2011

The Honorable John Cook
City Hall, 10th Floor
El Paso, Texas 79901

Dear Mayor Cook:

As you are aware that the Bi-National Advisory Committee (BNAC) will be nominated to follow up on the Regional Ports of Entry Operations Plan and develop a Bi-National Border Master Plan (BNBMP) for this region. The plan will be presented to the US-Mexico Joint Working Committee upon completion, prioritizing projects and operations.

The key objectives of the BNAC are:

- Design a stakeholder involvement process that is inclusive and ensures the participation of all involved in Port of Entry (POE) projects and the transportation infrastructure serving those POEs;
- Increase the understanding of the POE and transportation planning process on both sides of the border;
- Develop and implement a plan for prioritizing and promoting POEs and related transportation projects to serve anticipated demand over the short, medium, and long term; and,
- Establish a process to ensure continued dialogue among federal, state, regional, and local stakeholders in Texas and Mexico to ensure continued coordination on current and future POE and supporting transportation infrastructure needs and projects.

I would respectfully ask for a public member to represent the City of El Paso to serve on the Bi-National Advisory Committee requiring attendance, probably once a month, for about a twelve month period. Please reply by October 20, 2011 close of business to mgranados@elpasompo.org.

Sincerely,

Joe C. Pickett
State Representative-79th District
Chair of the Transportation Policy Board (TPB)