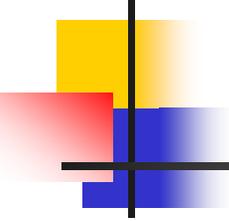


An El Paso Border Delay Reduction Approach

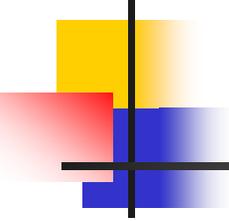
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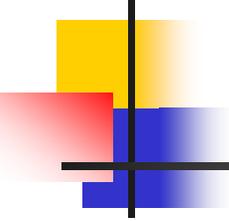
Objective of Federal Lobbying Program

- Focused federal action to reduce border wait times



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- Congressional Delegation and House Appropriations Committee staff
- City Council and the Committee on Border Relations



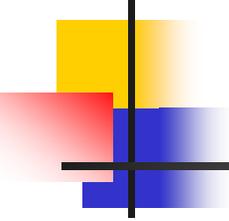
Overall Approach

- Issues framed by- *El Paso Regional Ports of Entry Operations Plan* and *Paso del Norte Cross Border Mobility Recommendations*
 - *FY 2012 International Bridges Project Briefing*
 - *Paso del Norte Cross Border Mobility Recommendations*
 - *El Paso Regional Ports of Entry Operations Plan*
 - *The 25% Challenge: Speeding Cross-Border Traffic in Southeastern Michigan*
- Formation of a Coordinating Committee
- Objectives
 - Simple operating strategy for each objective
 - Monitored and assisted by Coordinating Committee

Coordinating Committee

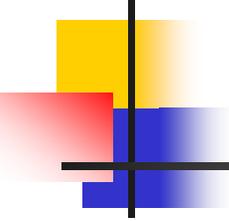
Purpose

- The Committee provides update information, advice and support for the implementation of City border reduction objectives
 - Monitor implementing actions taken to reduce border wait times
 - Coordinate agencies and organizations working to reduce border wait times
 - Provide each organization with information on actions needed to reduce wait times



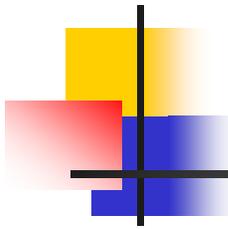
Coordinating Committee Members

- City
- CBP
- TxDot
- Congressman Reyes Office
- Business/Commercial Interests
- MPO



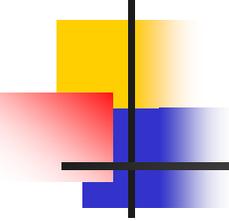
Areas of Priority

- Personnel
- Infrastructure
- Technology



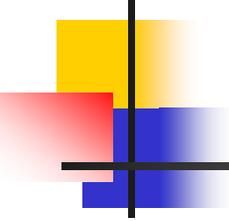
Personnel

- Addition of 75 CBP agents
- Deployment of new agents to Zaragoza and Paso Del Norte
- Support passage of H.R. 1561, S. 1604 and H.R. 3116



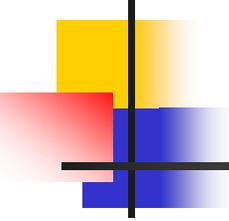
Infrastructure

- Bridge Improvements:
 - Commercial truck traffic facilities
 - Improve southbound infrastructure on BOTA (Hwy 110)
 - Collocate FMCSA and TxDPS truck safety inspections at the existing Border Safety Inspection Facilities
 - Zaragoza/Ysleta improvements



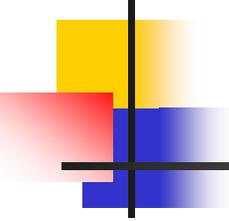
Technology

- Secure Origins
- Universal Freight Shuttle
- El Paso County Secure Border Trade Project
- Fast Lanes, Ready Lanes, Dedicated Lanes, RFID (radio, frequency, identification) and Bluetooth Border Crossing and Wait Time Systems
- Implement Border Traveler and Cargo Information System (ITS)



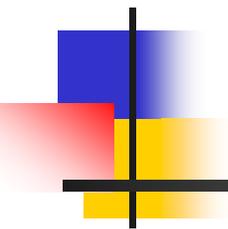
Federal Legislative Objectives

- Improved federal action from:
 - Chair and Ranking Members of the House and Senate Homeland Security Appropriations sub committees FY13 funding for 250 additional agents
 - Homeland Security authorizing committees to discuss FY13 CBP budget and El Paso region POE congestion
- Letter from Mayor Cook requesting to testify before House and Senate Appropriations committee for 250 new CBP agents
- Initiate the process to get consent from both Mexico and the U.S. to allow for tolls at the BOTA
- Work with Congressman Reyes and Senator Cornyn for passage of CBP Legislation
 - H.R. 1561- Putting Our Resources Toward Security (PORTS) Act
 - S. 1604- Emergency Port of Entry Personnel and Infrastructure Funding Act
 - H.R. 3116- Department of Homeland Security Authorization Act



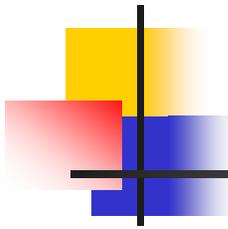
Where do we go from here?

- Coordinating Committee established by January 1, 2012
- Mayor John Cook and Congressman Silvestre Reyes January 2012 meeting with DHS Secretary Janet Napolitano and CBP Commissioner
- Identification of DHS/CBP Headquarters Staff Person to work with Coordinating Committee by February 1, 2012

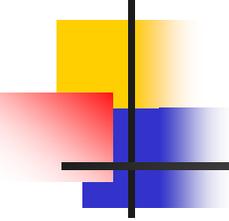


Tasks

Model Border Port Committee Recommendations (Paso del Norte Group)



1. Designate local CBP Point of Contact for Model Border Ports issues
2. Increase C-TPAT/Trusted Traveler Program Participation
3. Implement Technology to Enhance Security and Increase Efficiency
4. Streamline Commercial Documents and Inspections
5. Infrastructure Improvements
6. Support Legislative Change for State DPS Inspections to serve Federal FMCSA requirements

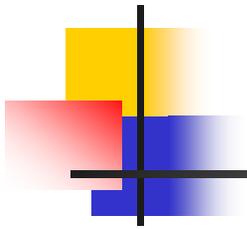


Cambridge Systematics Report Recommendations

1. Extend Commercial Hours of Operation at BOTA and Santa Teresa
2. Work with Texas and New Mexico Congressional Delegations and CBP Leadership and Staff to Add Inspection Staff at Zaragoza, PDN, and Santa Teresa
3. Work with the Texas Congressional delegation and the Department of Public Safety to Combine and Colocate Federal and State Commercial Vehicle Safety Inspections
4. Implement the Border Traveler and Cargo Information System
5. Reconfigure Southbound-Lane Assignments at BOTA Approach
6. Implement System Improvements at Zaragoza to Enhance Commercial Operations

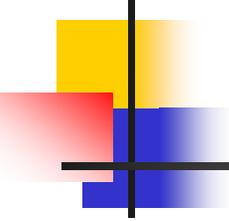
Short Term Federal Lobbyist Tasks

- Utilize Coordinating Committee to help implement Task Force actions to reduce border wait times
- Work with TX and NM Congressional delegations, FMCSA and TxDPS and NM Ports Authority to develop co-located truck safety inspections
- Support ongoing transformational projects
 - Secure Origins
 - Universal Freight Shuttle
 - El Paso County Secure Borders Trade Project
 - Fast Lanes, Ready Lanes, Dedicated Lanes, RFID (radio, frequency, identification) and Bluetooth Border Crossing and Wait Time Systems
 - Implement Border Traveler and Cargo Information System (ITS)
- Obtain funding to improve southbound infrastructure to reduce impacts of southbound inspections on local communities
- Work with US Chamber to inform Congressional leadership about trade impacts of border delays on States and Congressional districts. Work will include outreach to Ways and Means and Finance Committees
- Inform House and Senate Homeland Security Appropriations Subcommittees to monitor progress with placement of additional 75 CBP inspectors in the El Paso region



Long Term Federal Lobbyist Tasks

- Work with TX and NM Congressional delegations and others for another 250 CBP inspectors in FY 13 budget – 75 for El Paso region
- Build Congressional support for passage of S 1641, HR 1561, and HR 3116 aimed at improving border infrastructure and adding CBP personnel
- Authorize use of City of El Paso funds to employ CBP personnel to reduce border wait times (August 8, 2011 letter from City to CBP)
- Confer with U.S and Mexico officials to toll BOTA



Additional Tasks to Reduce Wait Times: Local Focus

- Longer hours of inspection at Zaragoza Paso Del Norte
- Work with CBP to have high and low risk clientele separated by adding SENTRI and READY vehicle and pedestrian lanes at all POE's
- Add SENTRI lanes to all POE's (currently only at Stanton and Zaragoza)
- Establish performance standards for border inspections
- Restrict commercial truck usage of BOTA
- Find funding for Improvements to Zaragoza
 - Cargo holding area and Commercial Tolling Facility (\$5m)
 - Reversal of On and Off Ramps from Loop 375 (\$8.952m)
- Border Traveler and Cargo Information System (ITS) (\$4.8m)
- Transfer BSIF at Zaragoza from TxDOT to City for Park n Ride and bus stop (\$1.5m)
- Modifications to Loop 375 west access road next to BSIF to create left hand turn lane (\$100K)
- Replace existing Loop 375 entrance ramp east of the POE with an exit Ramp (\$5m)
- Disseminate travelers with wait time information as well as alerts about lane openings and closures to CBP and border crossing users.
- Expand the use of Ready and SENTRI Lanes