

**CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS
AGENDA ITEM
DEPARTMENT HEAD'S SUMMARY FORM**

DEPARTMENT: International Bridges
AGENDA DATE: September 16, 2014
CONTACT PERSON/PHONE: Paul Stresow, Director of the International Bridges Department,
533-7428
DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: 6 AND 8

SUBJECT:

Section 560- Public Private Partnership (PPP) with Customs and Border Protection (CBP) Reimbursable Program Quarterly Report.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

Section 560 of the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2013 allows CBP to enter into up to five agreements for overtime staffing at U. S. ports of entry on a reimbursable basis. The agreement establishes a partnership between CBP and the City to generate alternative funding sources to pay for additional CBP staff hours during peak travel times to reduce wait times which will in turn encourage economic growth for the City. The City was selected as one of the five pilot programs

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

Agreement approved by City Council on December 3rd, 2013.
January 26, 2014 was the program start date.

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

Program is funded by bridge toll increase of \$ 0.50 cents in accordance with Schedule C to the FY14 Budget Resolution, as amended.

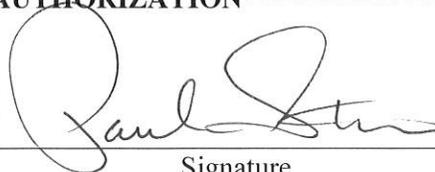
BOARD / COMMISSION ACTION:

N/A

*****REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION*****

DEPARTMENT HEAD: PAUL STRESOW

Name



Signature

9/8/14

Date



Agenda Item

“Section 560”

Public-Private-Partnership (P3)



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Section 560

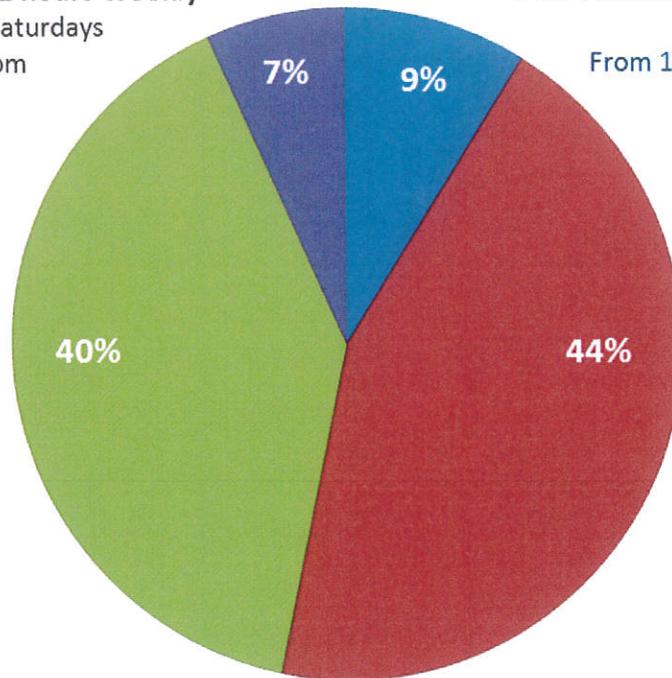
- El Paso chosen as one of five cities to participate in a five year Pilot Public-Private-Partnership Program with Customs and Border Protection (CBP)
- Tolls increased by \$0.50 for autos, and \$0.50 per axle for commercial vehicles. (Pedestrian tolls not increased)
- Allows the City to pay for CBP overtime in an effort to reduce wait times at Ports of Entry
- Agreement approved by City Council on December 3rd, 2013
- Implementation: January 26th, 2014



Distribution of Hours

Ysleta-Zaragoza Commercial - 12 hours weekly
 Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays
 From 12:00 to 2:00 pm
 1 Lane

PDN Pedestrians - 16 hours weekly
 Mondays
 From 10:00 am to 2:00 pm
 2 Lanes



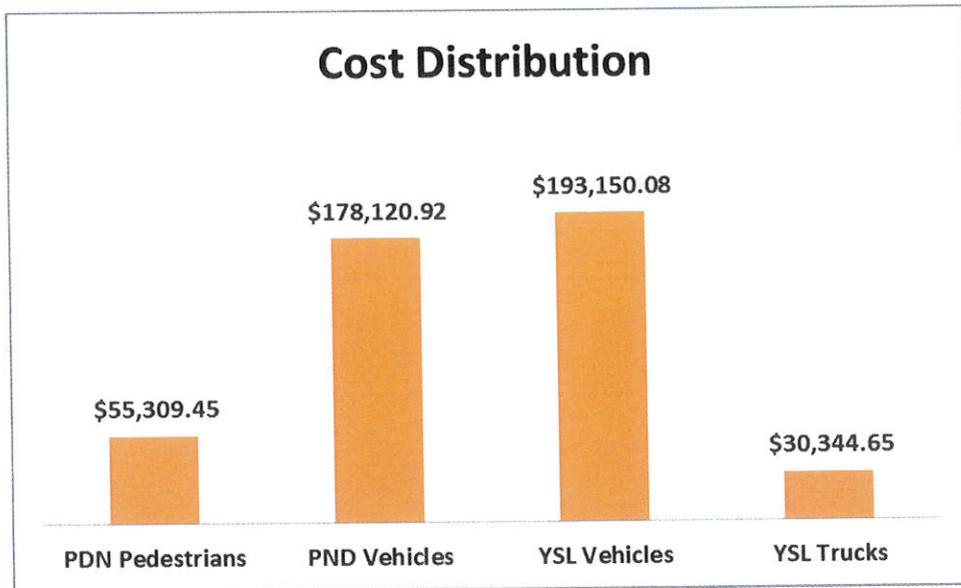
Ysleta-Zaragoza Vehicles
72 hours weekly
 Saturdays
 From 2:00 to 6:00 pm
 6 lanes
 Sundays
 From 10:00 pm to 12:00 am

PDN Vehicles - 80 hours weekly
 Mondays
 From 5:00 to 6:00 am
 4 Lanes
 Saturdays
 From 2:00 to 6:00 pm
 6 Lanes
 Sundays
 From 10:00 pm to 12:00 am

15 Holidays (3,060 hours)



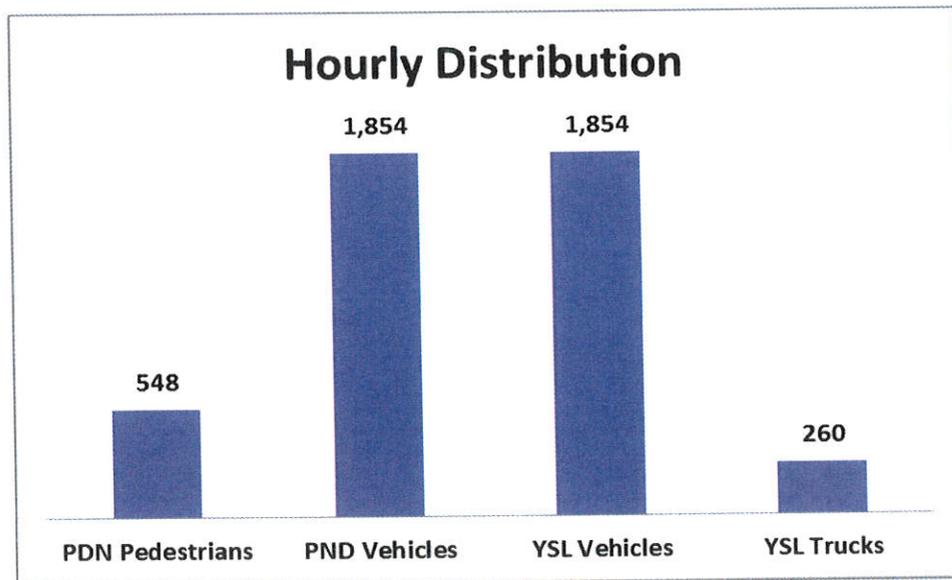
Cost Distribution



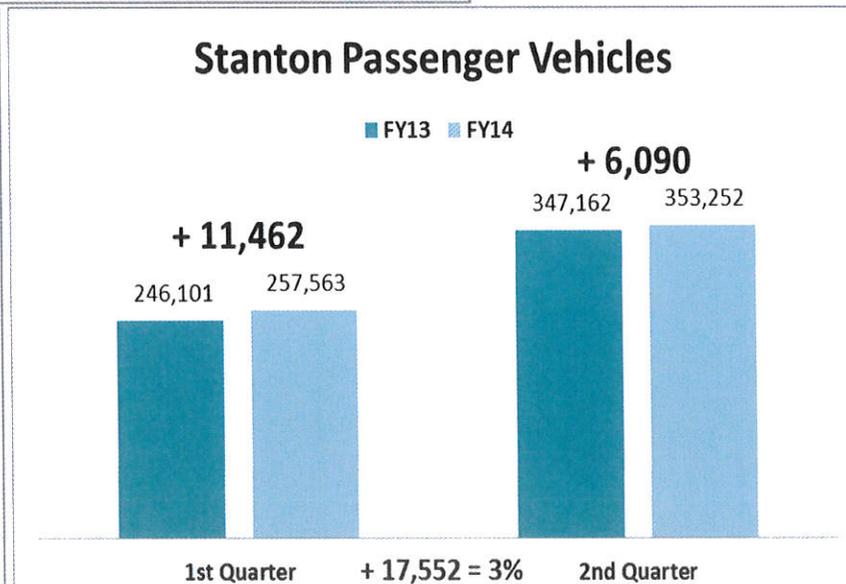
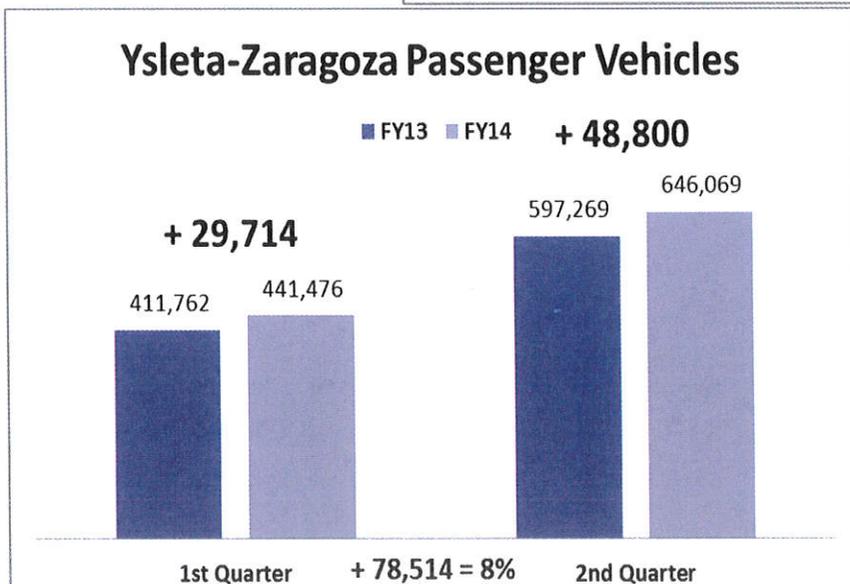
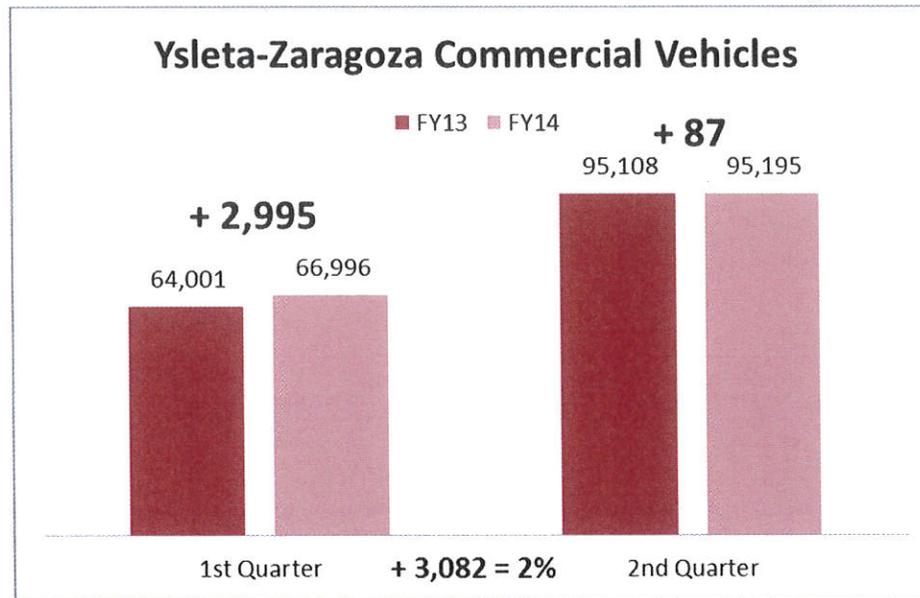
Total Program Cost Paid
Out Through 6/28/14
\$456,925.10

Total Program Hours:
4,516

Hourly Distribution

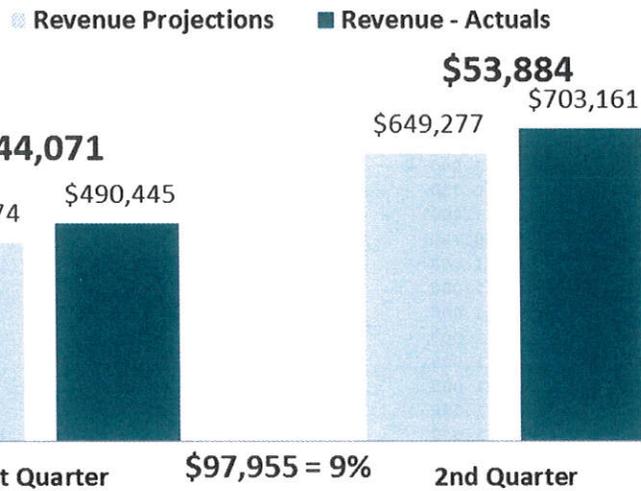


Southbound Traffic Comparison





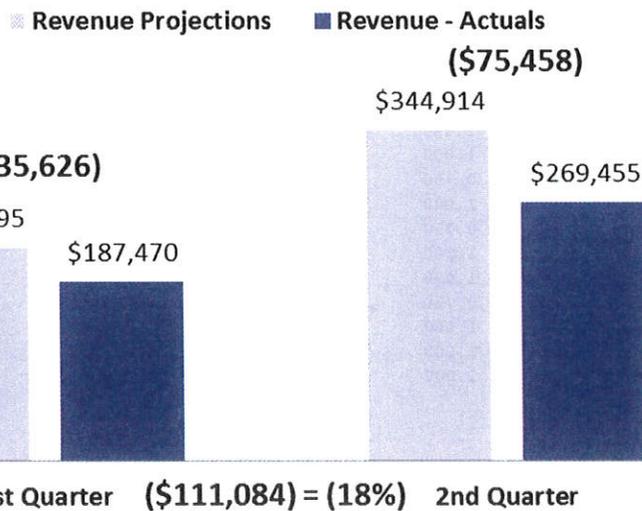
Revenue Collection



Total Revenue Collected
\$1,193,606
 (71% from Passenger Vehicles
 29% from Commercial Vehicles)

**Total excess funds from
 toll increase and cost
 savings**
\$209,039

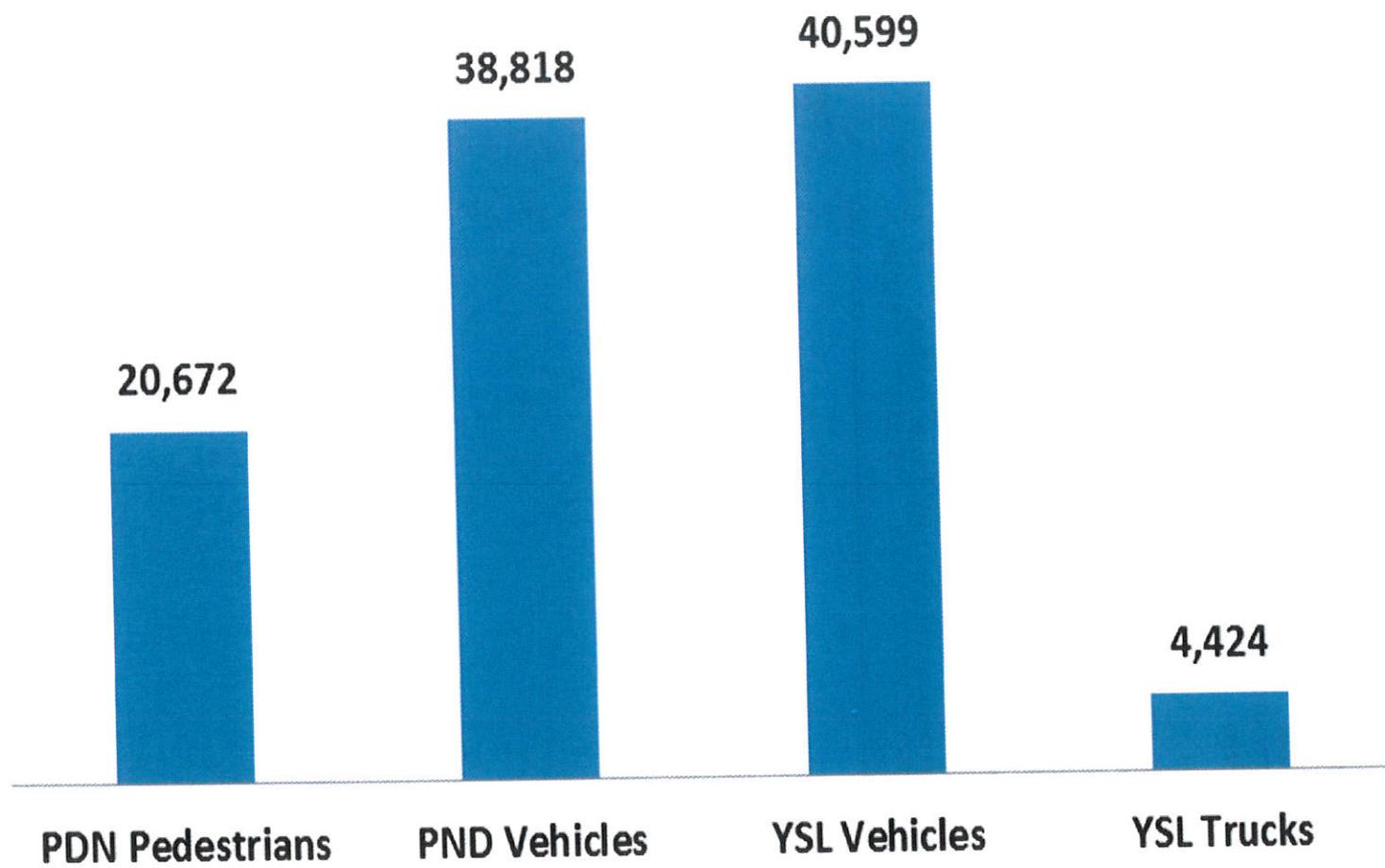
Program Cost



Total Program Cost
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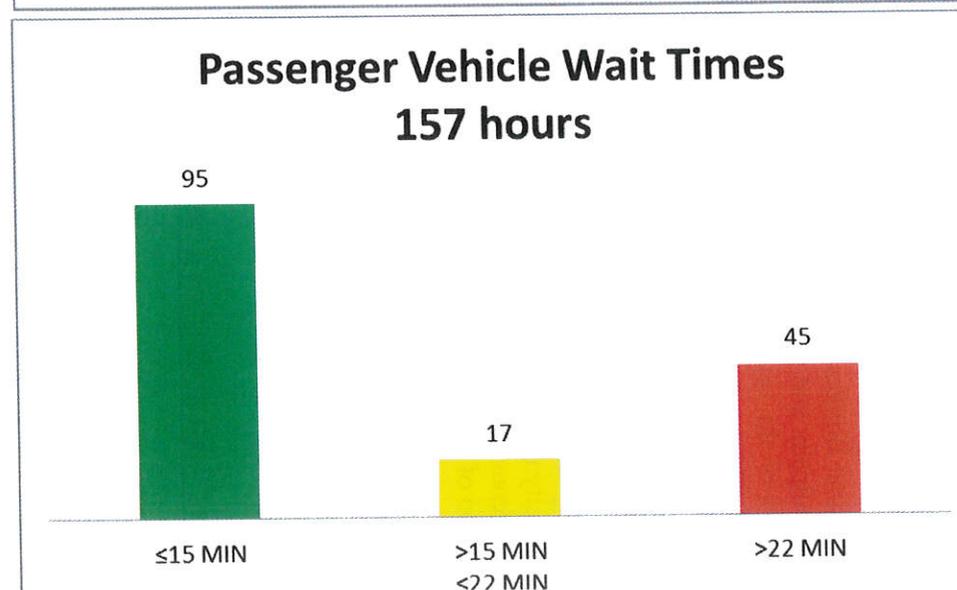
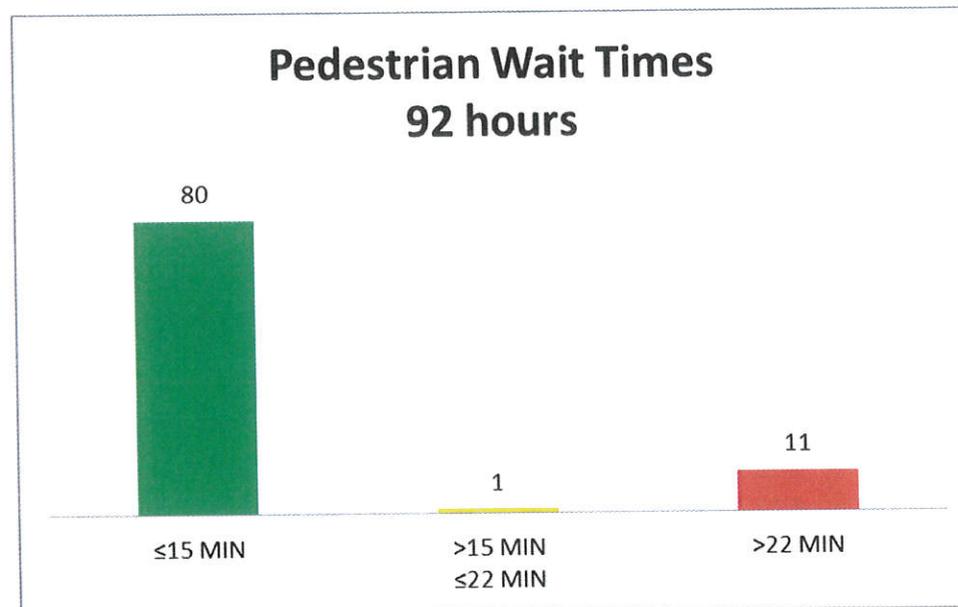


CBP Increased Capacity



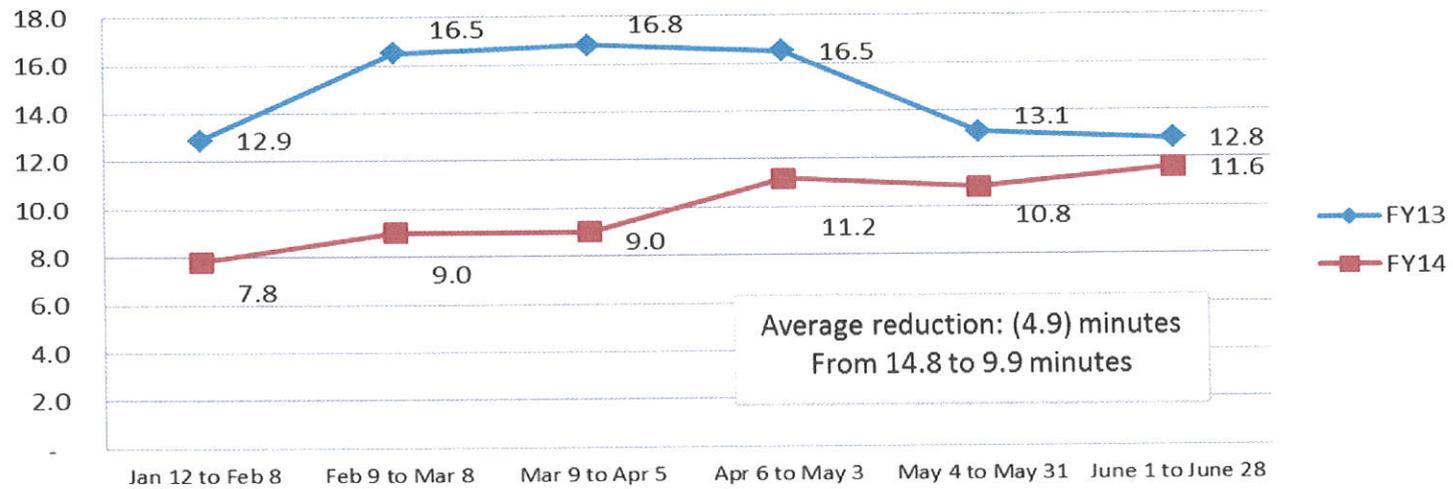


Paso Del Norte P3 Wait Times

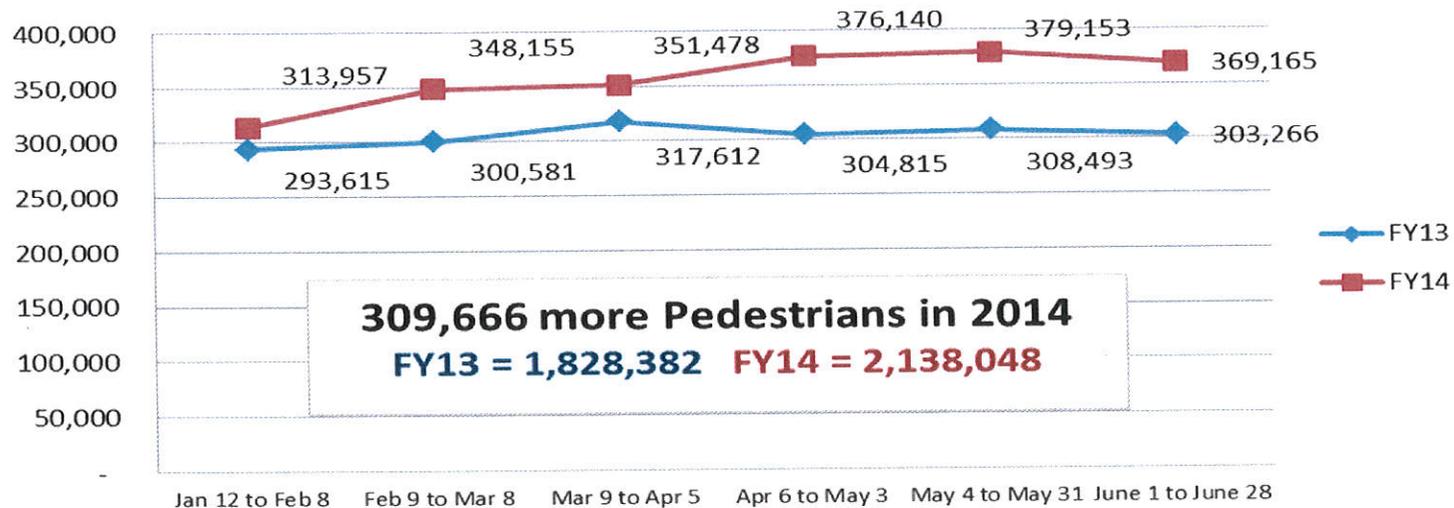




Paso Del Norte Pedestrian Wait Times

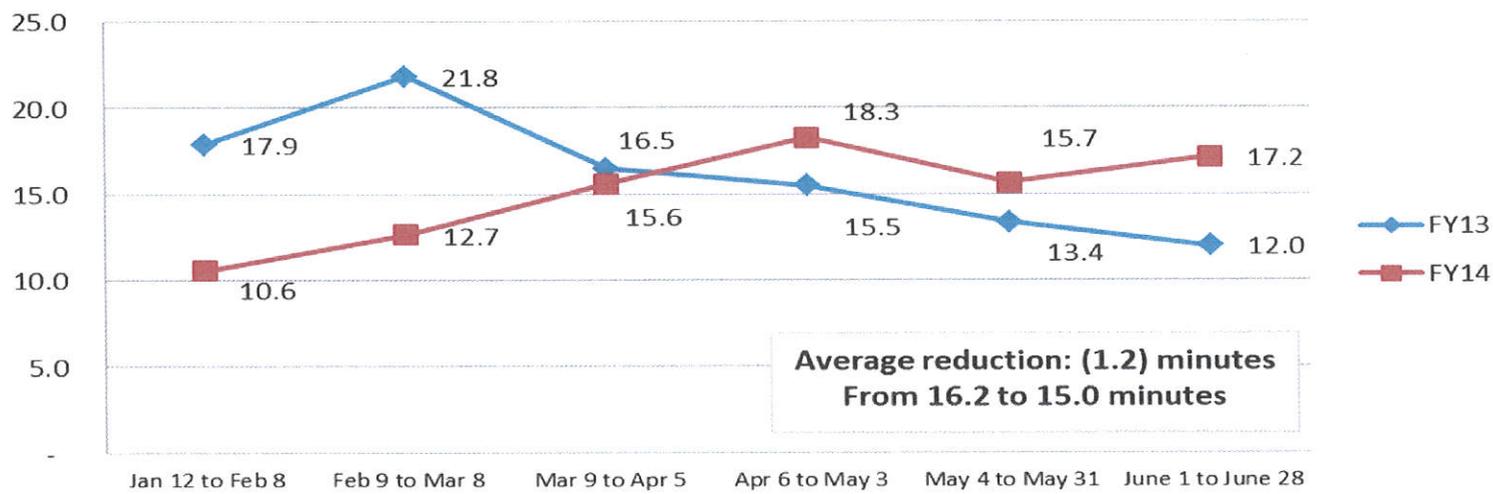


Paso Del Norte Northbound Pedestrian Traffic Volume

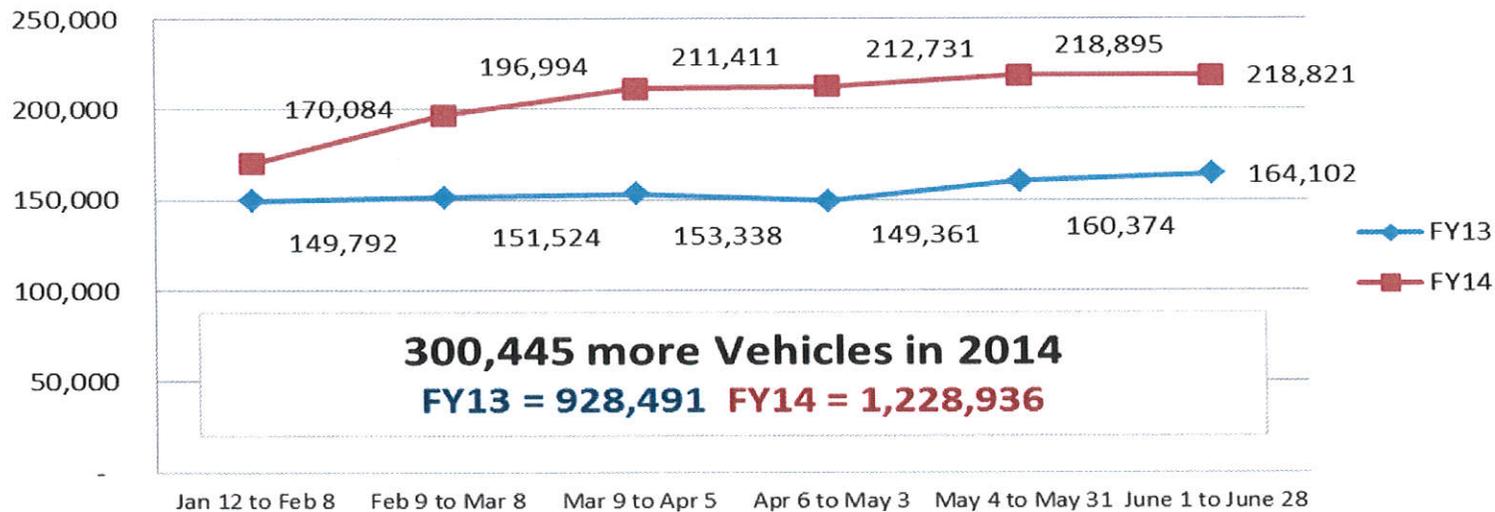




Paso Del Norte Vehicle Wait Times

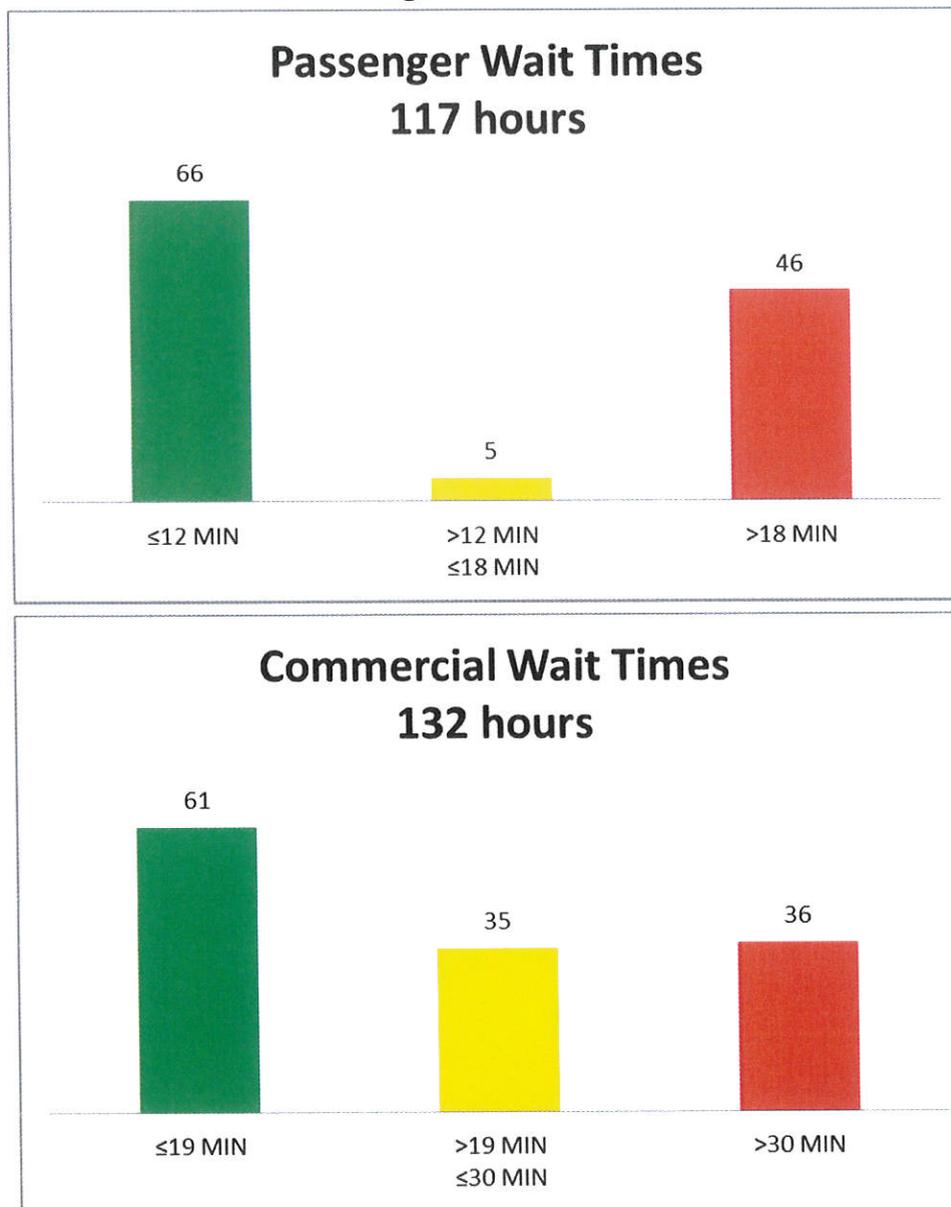


Paso Del Norte Northbound Vehicle Traffic Volume



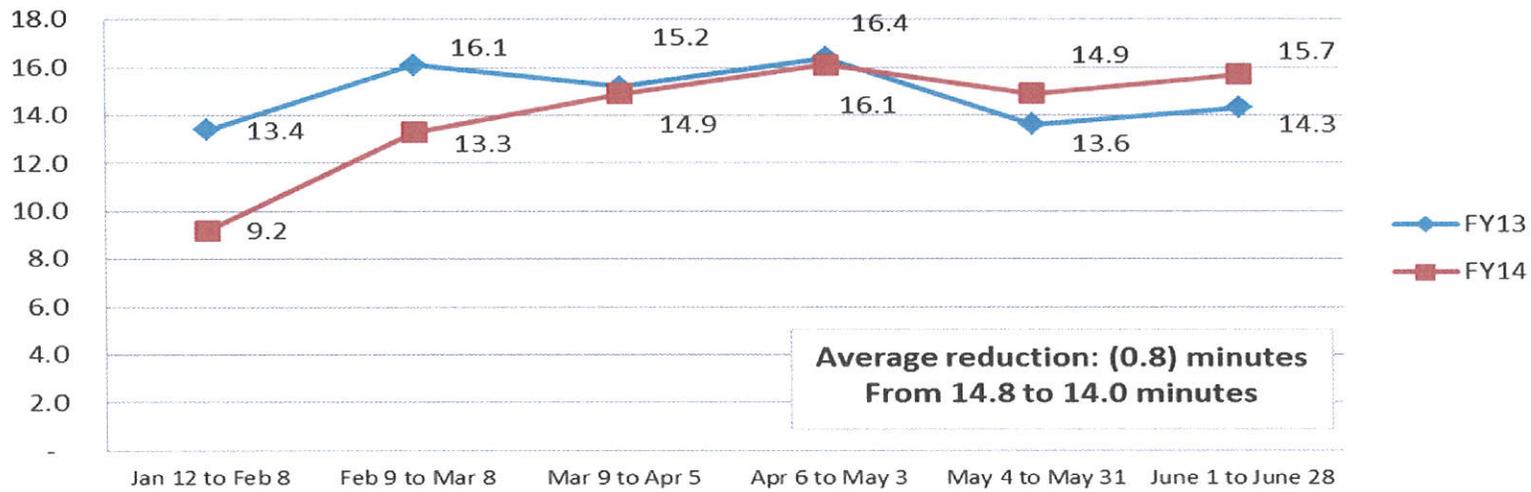


Ysleta-Zaragoza P3 Wait Times

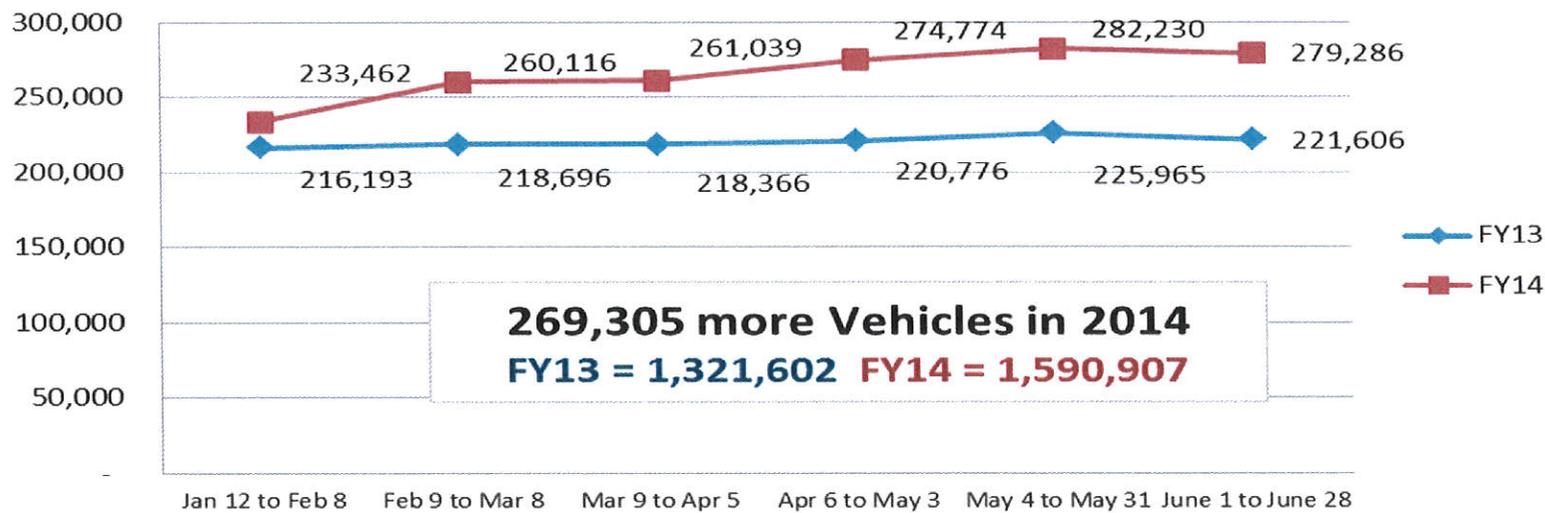




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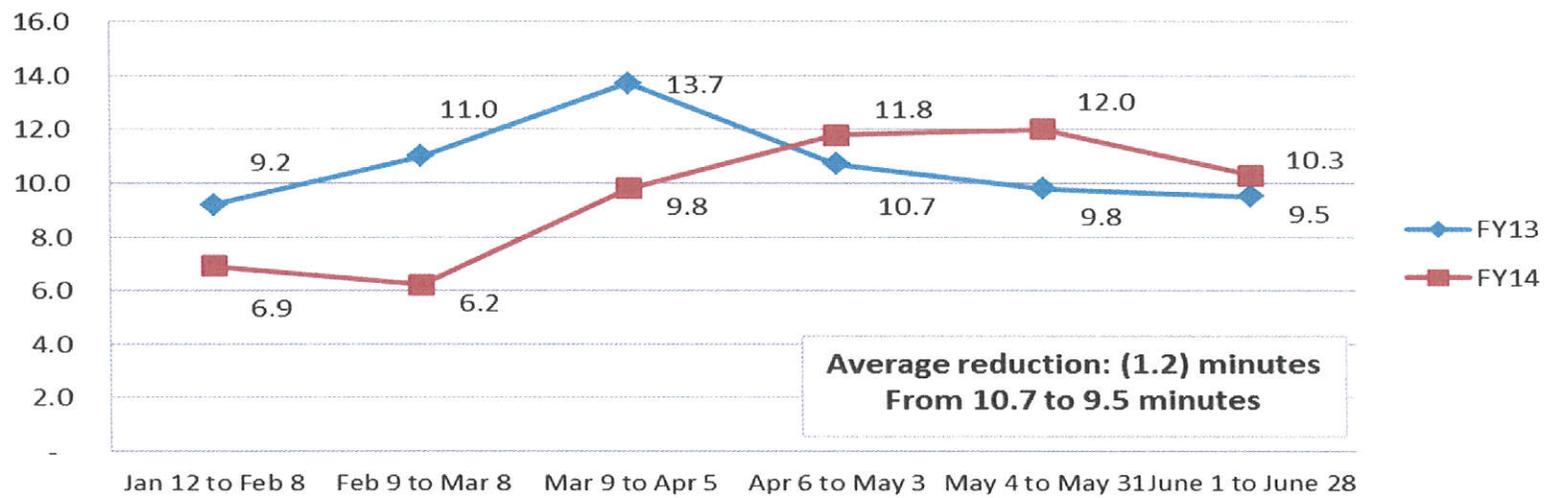


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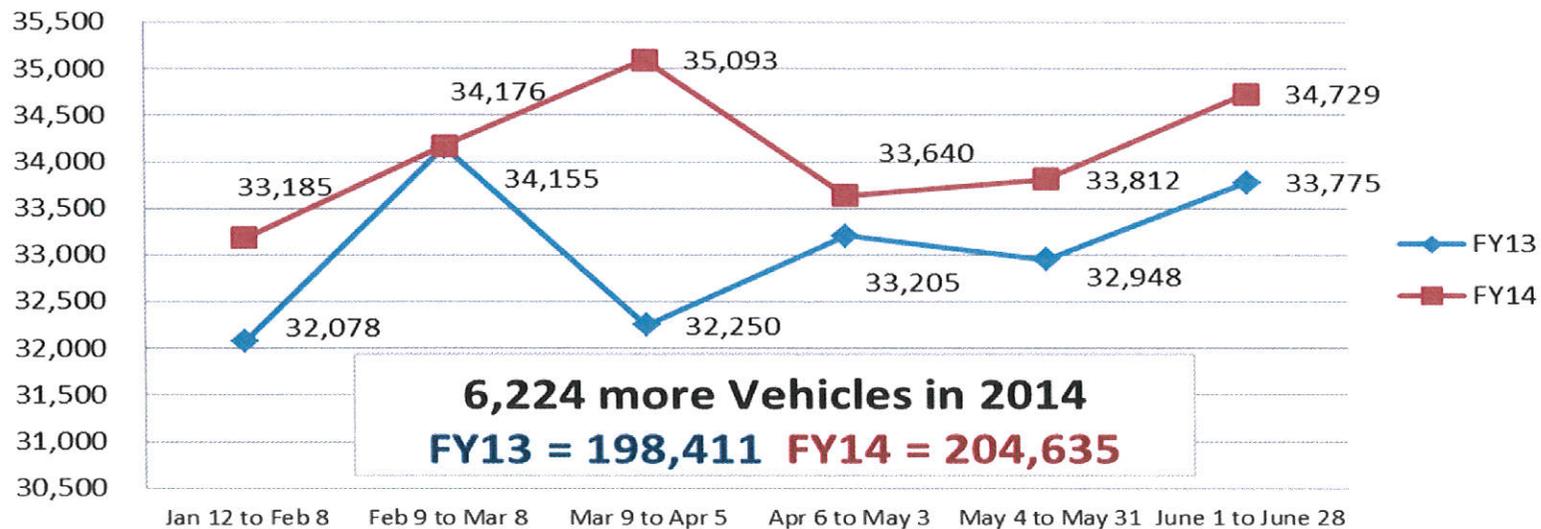




Ysleta-Zaragoza Commercial Wait Times



Ysleta-Zaragoza Northbound Commercial Traffic Volume





Summary

- Wait times at the City owned bridges have decreased with the implementation of the Section 560, P3 Program.
- Traffic has increased at the City owned bridges.
- Traffic has not been lost despite toll increases.
- Revenue from the increased tolls is covering expenditures, as projected, making the program self sufficient. (Currently revenue is exceeding projections and cost is below projections)
- The program is transparent, the public is able to view cameras at the bridges.
- The program has been well-received by the various stakeholders, such as the Central Business Association and the Downtown Management District.
- West Texas Advisory Group supports the program.



Questions/Comments

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