

Stakeholders Working Committee Meeting

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Agenda

- **Introductory Remarks**
- **Infrastructure Advocacy**
- **Border Data**
- ***El Tercer País***
- **March Stakeholders Working Committee Meeting Highlights**

Introductory Remarks

- Immigration and Security Debate

Crossing and Infrastructure Advocacy

- Proposal to start lifting restrictions to non-essential travel
- Otay Mesa East Port of Entry
- Technologies for vehicles and cargo crossing efficiency
- Water treatment possibilities

Border Data

- Border Dashboard
- Qualcomm and the Smart Border

El Tercer País Outreach

- Over 500 books distributed, mostly in U.S. We have also started distribution work in Mexico.
- Pioneers21 and Michael Malone panel discussion: “How Two Cities work for a Smart Border.”

Expansión Border Report

- **Mario Orso of Caltrans and Erika Garcia of SCT on Update to Otay Mesa East Port of Entry**
 - \$563 million already secured for all connectors to port and part of port construction.
 - Will reduce peak wait times by 50% on day ONE, deliver a 10:1 return on investment, strengthen border security and reduce green house emissions.
 - Working with CBP on program of requirements (what the POE should have) including new technology and innovations. Mexico working on Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) and design for their facilities to complement the US facilities to work as a system.
 - Binational coordination for one single toll collection location, toll sharing, mirror ITS functionality.
 - Mexico will fund port of entry and right-of-way with public funds and finance roadway. Goal is to open for business in late 2024.

- **Mario Orso of Caltrans and Erika Garcia of SCT on Update to Otay Mesa East Port of Entry**
 - Mexican SCT signed contract for the right-of-way in September.
 - Is in talks with CFE on moving high tension power lines as well as gas pipeline.
 - Project manager is developing relationships with SAT and Caltrans/SANDAG to build the port with federal funds and the right-of-way with a private company.
 - Executive project is being developed between SAT and UNAM.

- **Consul General Gonzalez Gutierrez on the Covid-19 Prevalence and Incidence Study in Baja California**
 - International Community Foundation, Baja Salud, UCSD, UABC, Consulate and COLEF working together. Funded by the California Healthcare Foundation (\$50,000).
 - Fieldwork done. 134 students and interns collected samples, for randomly selected population. Ready to analyze 1,250 PCR and serological tests.
 - Analysis will be made public soon. PCR tests analyzed in Mexicali and serological samples analyzed at MIT.

- **Hernando Duran, Antonieta Peregrina and Sergio Cisneros on the Rio Tijuana Initiative**
 - The “river experience” taken away from the people.
 - Creation of a common vision to bring back the river and then action plan. Pollution keeps affecting the natural habitats on both sides of the border. No clear strategy from Mexican authorities to face this problem.
 - 5 key goals: Restore/rescue the river, generate open spaces, connect the city, build community and create value.
 - Long term (20 to 50 years) solutions. Are preparing fundraising strategies.

- **Mario Lopez on IEnova's present and future**
 - Company is the largest energy investor in Mexico, with \$9.5 billion invested and \$2.5 billion under development. They administer 40% of all energy pipelines going from the U.S. to Mexico.
 - ECA gas liquefaction facility (\$1.9 billion investment) is an opportunity to extend the life of the existing facilities while adding growth to transportation and storage business.
 - Major opportunities for LNG sales out of Ensenada lie in the Pacific Rim, primarily in Asia.
 - Sustainability model is focused on environmental commitment, deep community engagement (Ienova Foundation) and fighting climate change.

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2021 Meetings:

Thursday, July 8, Tijuana
Thursday, September 9, San Diego
Thursday, November 4, Tijuana

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