



Bridge Board of Trustees

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AGENDA

**E.P. BRIDGE SYSTEM BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 16, 2021, AT 5:00 P.M.
ADELINAS CONFERENCE ROOM CITY HALL BUILDING
100 SOUTH MONROE, EAGLE PASS, TEXAS**

ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Citizen Communication/Recognition

MINUTES

1. Approval of minutes for August 26, 2021

MONTHLY REPORTS

2. Financial Report for the Month of August 2021
3. Traffic Report for the Month of August 2021
4. Parking Lot Report for the Month of August 2021

BRIDGE MANAGER'S REPORT

5. Update on Bridge I, Bridge II & City Parking ongoing projects, proposed improvements, and other initiatives.

ADJOURNMENT

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned Bridge Operations Manager, do hereby certify that the agenda mentioned above was posted on the Bulletin Board located in the lobby at City Hall, 100 South Monroe Street, on Monday September 13, 2021, at 5:00p.m.

Homero Balderas

Homero Balderas
Bridge Operations Manager

xc: E.P. Bridge System Board of Trustees, City Manager, City Attorney, Finance Director, News Media

THE STATE OF TEXAS)
COUNTY OF MAVERICK)
CITY OF EAGLE PASS)

The City of Eagle Pass International Bridge System Board of Trustees held its Special Meeting on Thursday, August 26, 2021, at 5:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, City, 100 S. Monroe Street, Eagle Pass, Texas. All legal notices were duly posted in accordance with the law.

ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Present: Bridge System Board Chairperson, Kimberly Cantu; Vice-Chairperson, Noe Rodriguez; Bridge System Board of Trustee, Salvador Salinas.

Absent: Bridge System Board Member, Erasmo X. Villalpando and Mayor, Rolando Salinas.

Others present: Bridge Operations Manager, Homero Balderas; Bridge Supervisors, Leticia Hernandez, and Laura Sanchez; Assistant City Secretary, Erika Rodriguez.

With a quorum being established, Bridge System Board of Trustees Chairperson Cantu called the meeting to order, for the City of Eagle Pass International Bridge System Board of Trustees. The Board then considered the following items.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION/ RECOGNITIONS

Anyone in the audience, wishing to address the Board on any item, including one which did not appear on the agenda, was welcome to do so; keeping in mind that although the Board would be unable to take formal action on such item, they would be glad to take it under advisement.

None submitted.

MINUTES

1. Approval of minutes for the July 15, 2021.

Motion: To approve the minutes as presented.
Moved: Rodriguez
Second: S. Salinas
Ayes: 3
Nays: 0
Abstained: 0
Absent: R. Salinas and Villalpando

MONTHLY REPORT(S)

2. Financial Report for July 2021

Bridge Operation Manager, Homero Balderas informed the Board, that the report was unable to be completed by the Finance Department.

3. Traffic Report for the month of July 2021.

Bridge Operations Manager Balderas informed the Board of Trustees on the following:

- Non- Commercial Vehicles: increased (35.66%)
- Commercial Vehicles: increased (10.44%)
- Buses: increased (156.65%)
- Motorcycles: increase (5.70%)
- Pedestrians: decreased – (17.29%)

Non-Commercial Traffic, our main traffic source (cars and pick-ups), had a percentage breakdown of 37.16% through Bridge I and 62.84% through Bridge II. Bridge I continue to operate under 7am- 6pm.

4. Parking Lot Report for the Month of July 2021.

Bridge Manager Balderas gave an update on the Parking Division and advised the Board that the total generated amount for the month of July 2021 was \$8,097.00.

By the consensus of the board, item number 6 was discussed before item 5.

6. Bridge System Manager's Report - Update on Bridge I & Bridge II Projects.

Completed Projects

International Bridge I

- None to Report

International Bridge II

- None to Report

Ongoing Projects

- Pedestrian awning repairs: Ongoing project completion September 2021
- Pedestrian Handrail & Gate Relocation: Ongoing project completion September 2021.
- Office Building Renovation: Request to move with RFQ for design firm pending Admin Response.
- Bridge 1 clean & paint steel members: Selection Made Thomas Industrial Coating, contract undergoing legal review.

- Lighting under pedestrian canopy: Increased in cost from \$15, 624.70 to \$56, 990 and lack of funds have resulted in voiding the existing contract; permitting also excited. Project will resume when funds are available.
- **International Bridge II**
- Commercial Lane re-alignment: Selection S&B Infrastructure; Contract documentation undergoing legal review.
- Building Construction: 60% design completion submitted 07/16/2021; pending comments from EPWW, IT, AND AEP. Design process continues.
- Re- Stripe Project: Vendor selected, flasher equipment, Initial meeting held, pending revised proposal based on meeting input.
- Toll System Consultant: Legal review and cost negotiations
- Digital signage- purchase order issued, coordinating installation.

Proposed Projects:

International Bridge I

- None.

International Bridge II

- Parking lot surveillance system- license plate reader/ facial recognition- Testing out camera to see if it fits parking lot needs. Requested financial assistance from PD Auto Theft Division.

Other Bridge System Initiatives

- Travel restrictions remain in effect, at least through September 21, 2021, at 11:59 p.m.
- Bridge 1 hours of remain the same for COEPIBS 7:00am -5:50p.m; Mexico closing at 5:30 pm at CBP's request.
- Parking Lot Springboard spikes results: 246 May, 148 June 80 July
- Commercial Pilot Program June 433 and July 320, August 439 (1 Sunday pending)

OTHER BUSINESS

5. Discussion and possible action on the Proposal for Bridge II Administration Building Landscape Architecture Design.

Bridge Operation Manager Balderas provided the Board with a revised landscape architecture proposal from LPA and Ardurra.

Mr. Balderas then reviewed the landscaping cost from the following projects:

- Cruz Antonio Munoz Gym- \$24, 000
- Safety Complex- \$49,464.95
- Sports Complex- \$ 66,664.80

Ardurra/ LPA Proposal- \$ 33,040.00

Revised Proposal- \$ 26,345.00
Abel City- \$18,500.00

After a minor discussion, Vice Chairperson Rodriguez stated that cost wise, the best option was to have the allowance for the contractor.

Motion: To provide the contractor with an allowance for landscaping.
Moved: N. Rodriguez
Second: S. Salinas
Ayes: 3
Nays: 0
Abstained: 0
Absent: R. Salinas and Villalpando

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: To adjourn meeting at 6:11 p.m.
Moved: S. Salinas
Second: Rodriguez
Ayes: 3
Nays: 0
Abstained: 0
Absent: R. Salinas and Villalpando

ATTEST:

Kimberly Cantu
Chairperson

Erika Rodriguez
Assistant City Secretary



MEMO

To:_____ Date:_____

From:_____

Subject:_____



International Bridge System Monthly Traffic Report August 2021

Traffic by Bridge	2021	2020	Difference	%
Bridge I	80,580	51,564	29,016	39%
Bridge II	124,929	118,981	5,948	61%
Total Traffic	205,509	170,545	34,964	100%

Traffic Summary	2021	2020	Difference	Increase/ Decrease
Non - Commercial Vehicles	166,063	130,415	35,648	27.33%
Commercial Vehicles	16,247	14,088	2,159	15.33%
Buses	400	200	200	100.00%
Motorcycles	155	179	(24)	-13.41%
Pedestrians	22,644	25,663	(3,019)	-11.76%
Total Traffic	205,509	170,545	34,964	20.50%

Traffic Average	2021	2020	Difference	Increase/ Decrease
Total Non-Commercial Daily Average	166,063 5,357	130,415 4,207	35,648	27.33%
Total Commercial Vehicles Daily Average	16,247 613	14,088 599	2,159	15.33%
Total Pedestrians Daily Average	22,644 730	25,663 828	(3,019)	-11.76%

Month - to- Month Comparison FY 2021	August	July	Difference	Increase/ Decrease
Non-Commercial Vehicles	166,063	185,070	(19,007)	-10.27%
Commercial Vehicles	16,247	16,065	182	1.13%
Buses	400	444	(44)	-9.91%
Motorcycles	155	167	(12)	-7.19%
Pedestrians	22,644	23,460	(816)	-3.48%
Total Traffic	205,509	225,206	(19,697)	-8.75%



**Bridge System
Parking Division
Comparison**

Revenues	Aug-20	Aug-21	Diff
Cash	\$ 3,177.00	\$ 3,745.00	\$ 568.00
Credit Card	\$ 844.00	\$ 2,746.00	\$ 1,902.00
Total Revenue Generated	\$ 4,021.00	\$ 6,491.00	\$ 2,470.00

Statistics	Aug-20	Aug-21	Diff
Issued Tickets	1,364	1,717	353
Closed Tickets	1,177	1,691	514
Back Out Tickets	1	1	0
Paid With Cash	1,172	1,481	309
Paid With Cards	74	214	140
Paid With Coupon		0	0
No Charge Tickets	684	840	156
Lost Tickets	3	5	2
Average Tickets Price	\$ 3.42	\$ 3.84	\$ 0.42

EV Station	Aug-20	Aug-21	Diff
Station Usage	Light(<3 Hrs)	Light(<3 Hrs)	
Sessions	2	2	0
Average Session Length	6:08	00h 02m	0:00



Bridge System
Parking Division
Monthly Report - August 2021

Revenues		
Cash	\$	3,745.00
Credit Card	\$	2,746.00
Total Revenue Generated	\$	6,491.00

Statistics		
Issued Tickets		1,717
Closed Tickets		1,691
Back Out Tickets		1
Paid With Cash		1,481
Paid With Cards		214
Paid With Coupon		0
No Charge Tickets		840
Lost Tickets		5
Average Tickets Price	\$	3.84

EV Station		
Station Usage	Light(<3 Hrs)	
Sessions		2
Average Session Length		00h 02m



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City of Eagle Pass International Bridge System Completed, Ongoing & Proposed Projects and Other Bridge System Initiatives As of September 16, 2021

Completed Projects

International Bridge I-None to Report

International Bridge II-None to Report

Ongoing Projects

International Bridge I

- Pedestrian awning repairs: Ongoing; Projected Completion October 2021(Hour Extension)
- Pedestrian Handrail & Gate Relocation: Ongoing; Projected Completion October 2021
- Office Building Renovation: RFQ process requested; Admin & Finance Meeting to discuss funding
- Bridge I clean & paint steel members: Selection Made Thomas Industrial Coatings, contract undergoing legal review.

International Bridge II

- Commercial lane re-alignment: Selection S&B Infrastructure; Contract Documentation undergoing Legal Review.
- Building Construction: 90% design completion submitted 09/03/2021; pending comments from EPWW, IT and AEP. 100% Submittal October 1, 2021, RFP for Construction shortly after.
- Re-Stripe Project: P.O issued to Flasher Equipment; services will be rendered week of 09/27/2021
- Toll System Consultant: Legal Review and Cost Negotiations
- Digital Signage-Purchase Order Issued to Oca Signs, Installation week of 09/27/2021

Proposed Projects

International Bridge I

- None to Report

International Bridge II

- Parking Lot Surveillance System-Recommendation Submitted.

Other Bridge System Initiatives

- Approved 6 issue advertisement in BorderNOW magazine to promote our Port, see attached. Target audience for this magazine includes but not limited to manufacturing facilities, logistics managers, materials managers, plant managers, logistics operators, custom brokers, transport companies and warehouse facilities on both side of the border. The main goal is to generate trade and attract local investment in both EP, PN and surrounding areas. Our goal is to showcase different port traits in every ad, our first ad will be showcasing the City of Eagle Pass International Bridge System.
- Travel Restrictions Remain in Effect, at least through September 21, 2021, at 11:59p.m.
- Bridge 1 Hours of Operation COEPIBS 7:00am-8:50pm; Mexico closing at 8:30pm at CBP's request.
- Parking Lot Springboard Spikes Results: Unclosed Tickets: 246-May, 148-June, 80-July, 26-August
- Sunday Commercial crossing opened indefinitely Export 8am-3:30pm Import 7am-4pm
- Commercial Pilot Program: June: 433 July: 320 August: 540 September 189(2 Sundays)
- Local cold storage received first shipment of Asparagus; add produce to our export/import list
- Bridge II hosted 4 Vaccine Clinics for Maverick County and Kickapoo Tribe(1st & 2nd dose)



- Dedicated export/import commercial truck lanes
- Reduced crossing wait times for expedited delivery
- Improved Port safety & security
- Direct connectivity to Loop 480 & major highways
- Supports 50% increase of current commercial volume
- FAST lane for CTPAT qualified participants
- Commercial Hours of Operation: Exports M-F 8am-11pm Weekend 8am-3:30pm
Imports M-F 7am-11pm Weekend 7am-4:00pm

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