



AGENDA

**E.P. BRIDGE SYSTEM BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, JUNE 17, 2021 AT 5:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBER CITY HALL BUILDING
100 SOUTH MONROE, EAGLE PASS, TEXAS**

ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

1. Citizen Communication/Recognition

MINUTES

2. Approval of minutes for May 21, 2021

MONTHLY REPORTS

3. Financial Report for the Month of May 2021
4. Traffic Report for the Month of May 2021
5. Parking Lot Report for the Month of May 2021

OTHER BUSINESS

6. Discussion and possible action for 100% pedestrian traffic to be shifted to Bridge I & 24hr operation

BRIDGE MANAGER'S REPORT

7. Update on Bridge I & Bridge II Improvement Projects & 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 June 14, 2021, at 5:00 p.m.

Homero Balderas

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Bridge Operations Manager

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

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MEXICO**

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 Friday, May 21, 2021, at 12:00 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 of Trustee -Chairperson Kimberly Cantu; Vice- Chairperson Noe Rodriguez; Bridge System Board of Trustee Angie Rodriguez, Erasmo X. Villalpando and Mayor Rolando Salinas.

Absent: None.

Others present: Bridge Operations Manager, Homero Balderas; City Engineer, Vanessa Rosales-Herrera; Bridge Supervisors, Laura Sanchez; Assistant City Secretary, Erika Rodriguez.

With a quorum being established, Bridge System Board of Trustees Chairperson Kimberly 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

None submitted.

MINUTES

1. Approval of minutes for the March 25, 2021.

Motion: To approve the minutes as presented.
Moved: N. Rodriguez
Second: Villalpando
Ayes: 5
Nays: 0
Abstained: 0
Absent: 0

MONTHLY REPORT(S)

2. Financial Report for the Month of March & April 2021

Revenues

Total gross revenues for the month of March 2021 are \$1,171,149. This represents a increase of \$111,634 or 10.54% from 2020 revenues for the same period of \$1,059,515. The actual year-to-date 2021 revenues are \$6,658,301 or 56.50% of the budgeted revenues at 50.00% of the fiscal year, or a 6.50% favorable variance compared to budget estimates.

Expenditures

Total operating expenditures before capital outlay for the month of March 2021 are \$112,634 which is 1.88% under the monthly budget allocation of 8.33%. Year-to-date expenditures are \$594,949 or 34.07% through the month of March. This makes the variance compared to budget to be 15.93% under the year-to-date budget allocation of 50.00% of the budget year leaving an unexpended amount of \$1,151,219 or 65.93%, for the remaining of the budget year (50.00%).

Capital Outlay

Year to date expenditures is \$39,375.

Transfer to City

The month-to-date operating transfer to the City is \$1,000,000. The actual year-to-date transfer of \$6,000,000 or 61.05% of the budget transfers at 50.00% of the fiscal year represents a 11.05 % favorable variance for this 6 -month period estimates, when compared to percent of fiscal year transpired.

April Reports:

Revenues

Total gross revenues for the month of April 2021 are \$1,055,361. This represents a increase of \$450, 000 or 73.34 % from 2020 revenues for the same period of \$605, 33. The actual year-to-date 2021 revenues are \$7, 730, 588 or 65.46% of the budgeted revenues at 58.33% of the fiscal year, or a 7.13% favorable variance compared to budget estimates.

Expenditures

Total operating expenditures before capital outlay for the month of April 2021 are \$133,165 which is 0.7% under the monthly budget allocation of 8.33%. Year-to-date expenditures are \$729,801 or 16.54% through the month of April. This makes the variance compared to budget to be 16.54% under the year-to-date budget allocation of 58.33% of the budget year leaving an unexpended amount of \$1,016,367 or 58.33%, for the remaining of the budget year (41.67%).

Capital Outlay

Year to date expenditures is \$39,375.

Transfer to City

The month-to-date operating transfer to the City is \$1,000,000. The actual year-to-date transfer of \$7,000,000 or 71.23% of the budget transfers at 58.33% of the fiscal year represents a 12.90% favorable variance for this 7-month period estimates, when compared to percent of fiscal year transpired.

3. Traffic Report for the month of March 2021.

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

- Non- Commercial Vehicles: decreased -29,057(-14.95%)
- Commercial Vehicles: increased 1,072(7.22%)
- Buses: increased 5 (1.80%)
- Motorcycles: increased 4(1.44%)
- Pedestrians: decreased -4,358 (-10.43%)

Bridge I is operating from 7am-2:45pm is a major contributor to the significant difference. Non-Commercial and Pedestrian traffic remain the most affected by the COVID19 travel restrictions while our Commercial Traffic remains the least affected.

Traffic Report for the month of April 2021.

- Non- Commercial Vehicles: decreased 72,656(75.95%)
- Commercial Vehicles: increased 4,511(40.58 (98.74%)
- Buses: increased 203 (1.80%)
- Motorcycles: increased 4(307.58%)
- Pedestrians: increased 17,205(99.49%)

4. Parking Lot Report for the Month of March 2021 and April 2021.

Bridge Manager Homero Balderas gave an update on the Parking Division and advised the

board that the total generated amount for the month of March 2021 was \$8,196.83 and April 2021 was \$ 6,586.00.

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: Contract Negotiations
- Pedestrian Handrail & Gate Relocation: Contract Negotiations.
- Office Building Renovation: Bridge projects have been staged to complete Bridge II first, upon completion, Bridge I project will begin.

International Bridge II Commercial lane re-alignment: RFQ Solicitation for final design, closes April 12, 2021.

- Building Construction: floorplan Design and Site Plan in progress.

Proposed Projects

International Bridge I

- Lighting under pedestrian canopy, try to incorporate with Handrail Project
- Paint steel members under bridge, {cement patch work under bridge, clean bent debris} projects completed, light poll plate cover (TxDot Inspection).

International Bridge II

- Re-stripe deck markings install corrosion measures at bent 6, repair disconnected safety fencing (TxDot inspection).

Other Bridge System Initiatives

- Bridge I Traffic Cameras: Completed
- Travel restrictions remain in effect, At least through April 2021
- In collaboration with Public Works and Engineering: Re- Stripe Monroe up to CBP Canopy and CBP Exit, Ward Street to State Maintenance Line, Bridge Deck. Toll Booth Exit Lanes and CBP Inspection Entrance, Address CBP crosswalk.
- Bridge System Survey Results

5. Update on Bridge II Administration Building Design progress

Mr. Ignacio Hinojosa from Ardurra alongside Federico Cavazos from LPA provided the board members with a PowerPoint overview of the proposed building design for the administration building.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: To adjourn meeting at 1:45 p.m.
Moved: Salinas
Second: N. Rodriguez
Ayes: 5
Nays: 0
Abstained: 0
Absent: 0

ATTEST:

Kimberly Cantu
Chairperson

Erika Rodriguez
Assistant City Secretary



MEMO

To: Bridge System of Trustees Date: 06/01/2021
From: Homero Balderas, Bridge Operations Manager
Subject: Bridge System's Traffic Report

MAY 2021 TRAFFIC SUMMARY

Please see below monthly traffic comparison report for May 2021. Overall traffic for Bridge I and Bridge II totaled 221,718 of which 38,257 were pedestrian crossings. Usage breakdown for each bridge was: 40.15% for Bridge I and 59.85% for Bridge II.

May 2021 traffic compared to May 2020 shows:

Non-Commercial traffic increased 47,280 39.25%

Commercial traffic increased 4,961 48.24%

Pedestrian traffic increased 9,299 32.11%

Bus traffic increased 250 301.20%

Motorcycle traffic decreased -16 (-9.25%)

Non-Commercial Traffic, our main traffic source(cars and pick-ups), had a percentage breakdown of 36.94% through Bridge I and 63.06% through Bridge II. Bridge I continues to operate under 7am-6pm.

Monthly comparison for May 2020 and May 2021 for all traffic classes is shown below:

Traffic Summary	2021	2020	Difference	Increase/ Decrease
Non - Commercial Vehicles	167,725	120,445	47,280	39.25%
Commercial Trucks	15,246	10,285	4,961	48.24%
Buses	333	83	250	301.20%
Motorcycles	157	173	(16)	-9.25%
Pedestrians	38,257	28,958	9,299	32.11%
Total Traffic	221,718	159,944	61,774	38.62%



International Bridge System Monthly Traffic Report May 2021

Traffic by Bridge	2021	2020	Difference	%
Bridge I	89,017	49,837	39,180	40%
Bridge II	132,701	110,107	22,594	60%
Total Traffic	221,718	159,944	61,774	100%

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Traffic Average	2021	2020	Difference	Increase/ Decrease
Total Non-Commercial	167,725	120,445	47,280	39.25%
Daily Average	5,410	3,885		
Total Commercial Vehicles	15,246	10,285	4,961	48.24%
Daily Average	649	438		
Total Pedestrians	38,257	28,958	9,299	32.11%
Daily Average	1,234	934		

Month - to- Month Comparison FY 2021	May	April	Difference	Increase/ Decrease
Non-Commercial Vehicles	167,725	168,315	(590)	-0.35%
Commercial Vehicles	15,246	15,626	(380)	-2.43%
Buses	333	269	64	23.79%
Motorcycles	157	182	(25)	-13.74%
Pedestrians	38,257	34,498	3,759	10.90%
Total Traffic	221,718	218,890	2,828	1.29%



**Bridge System
Parking Division
Comparison**

Revenues	May-20	May-21	Diff
Cash	\$ 1,992.00	\$ 3,689.10	\$ 1,697.10
Credit Card	\$ 2,730.00	\$ 3,403.92	\$ 673.92
Total Revenue Generated	\$ 4,722.00	\$ 7,093.02	\$ 2,371.02

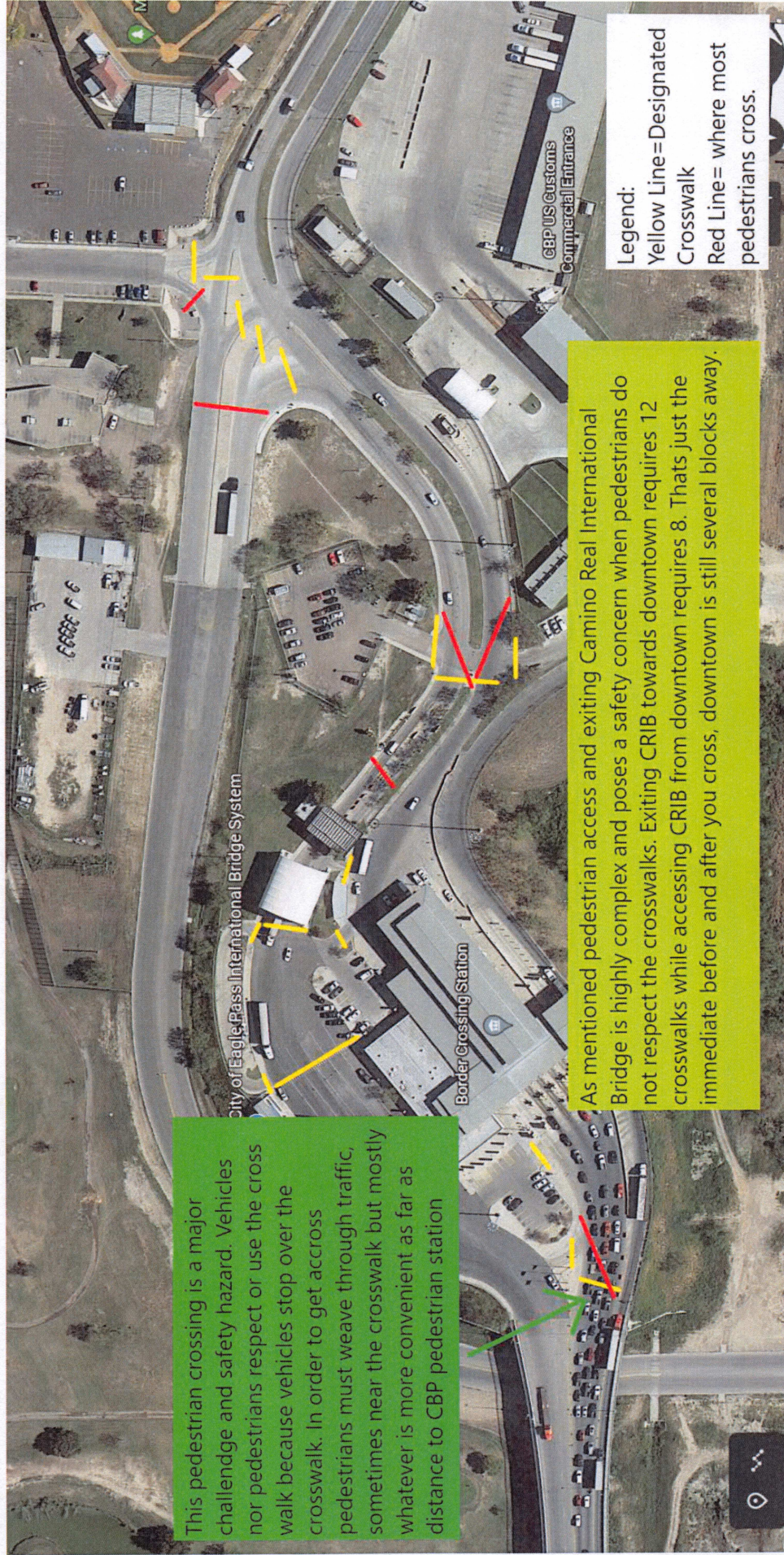
Statistics	May-20	May-21	Diff
Issued Tickets	1,539	2,782	1,243
Closed Tickets	1,400	2,536	1,136
Back Out Tickets	3	4	1
Paid With Cash	1,156	1,917	761
Paid With Cards	244	403	159
Paid With Coupon		0	0
No Charge Tickets	730	1,174	444
Lost Tickets	4	83	79
Average Tickets Price	\$ 3.37	\$ 2.80	(1)

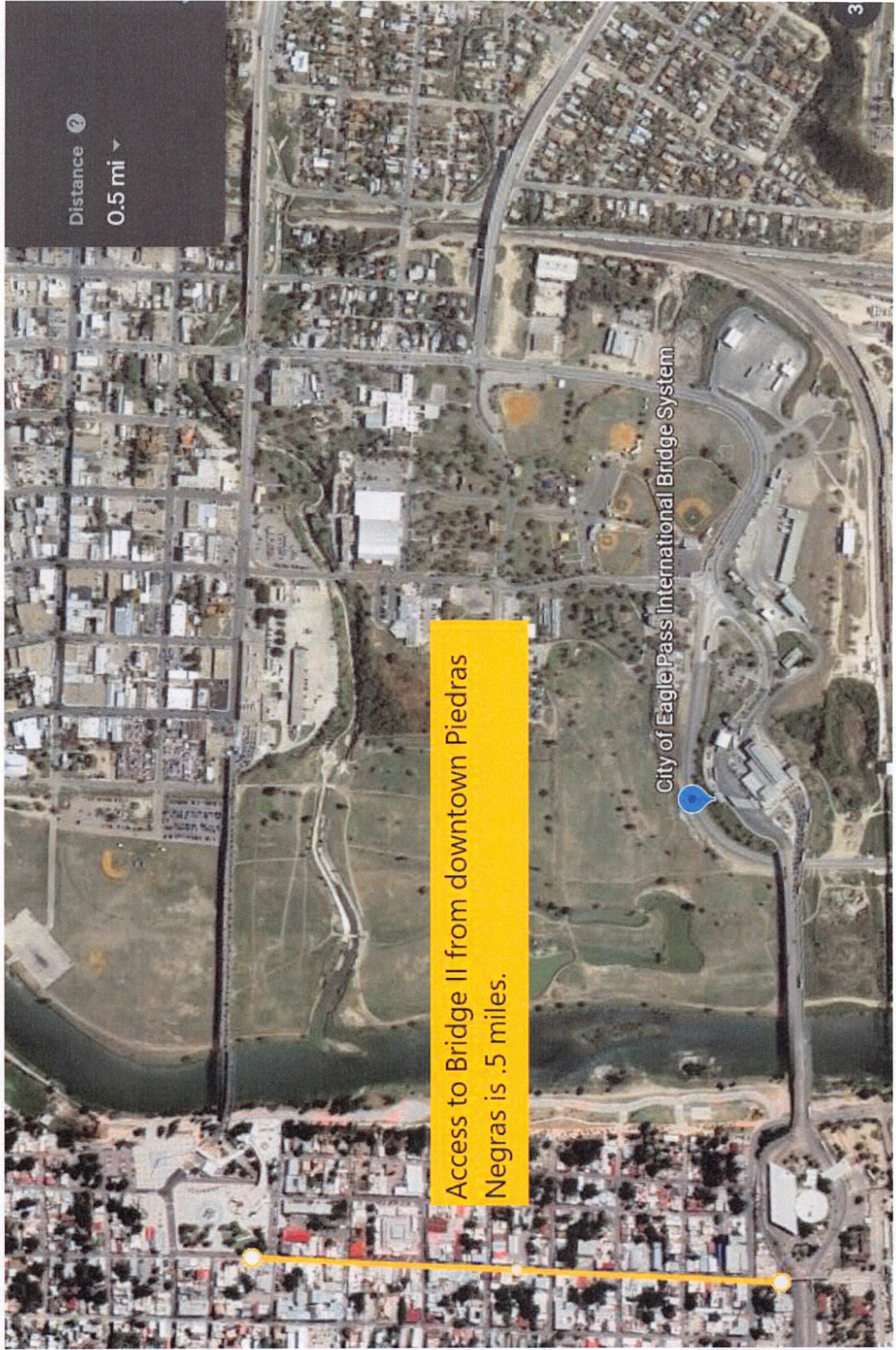
EV Station	May-20	May-21	Diff
Station Usage	Light(<3 Hrs)	Light(<3 Hrs)	
Sessions	0	10	10
Average Session Length	0:00	7:04	7:04

This pedestrian crossing is a major challenge and safety hazard. Vehicles nor pedestrians respect or use the cross walk because vehicles stop over the crosswalk. In order to get across pedestrians must weave through traffic, sometimes near the crosswalk but mostly whatever is more convenient as far as distance to CBP pedestrian station

As mentioned pedestrian access and exiting Camino Real International Bridge is highly complex and poses a safety concern when pedestrians do not respect the crosswalks. Exiting CRIB towards downtown requires 12 crosswalks while accessing CRIB from downtown requires 8. That's just the immediate before and after you cross, downtown is still several blocks away.

Legend:
Yellow Line=Designated Crosswalk
Red Line= where most pedestrians cross.





Access to Bridge II from downtown Piedras
Negras is .5 miles.

Distance ?
0.5 mi ▾

City of Eagle Pass International Bridge System

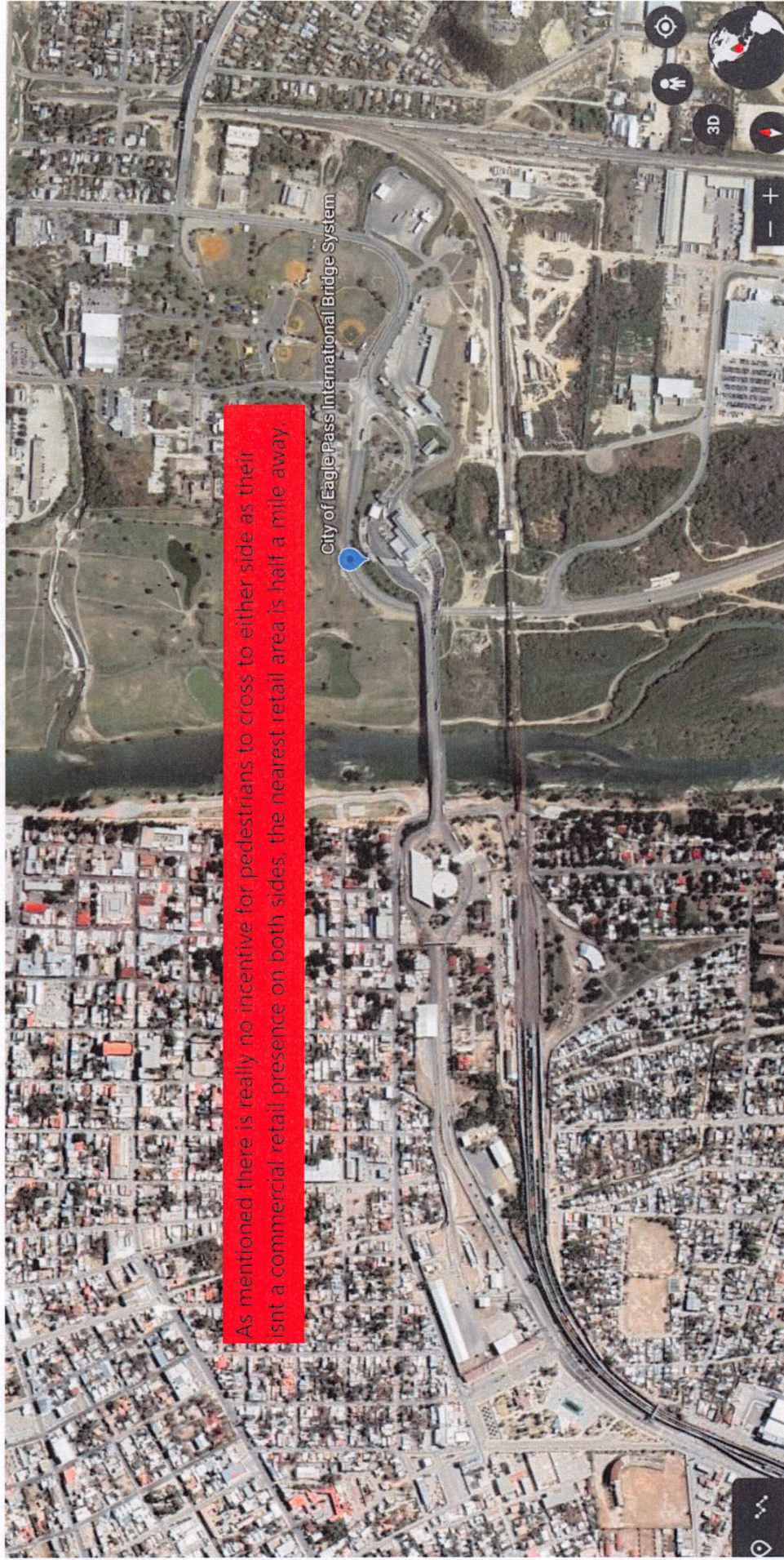


Access to Bridge II from downtown Eagle Pass is .6 miles.

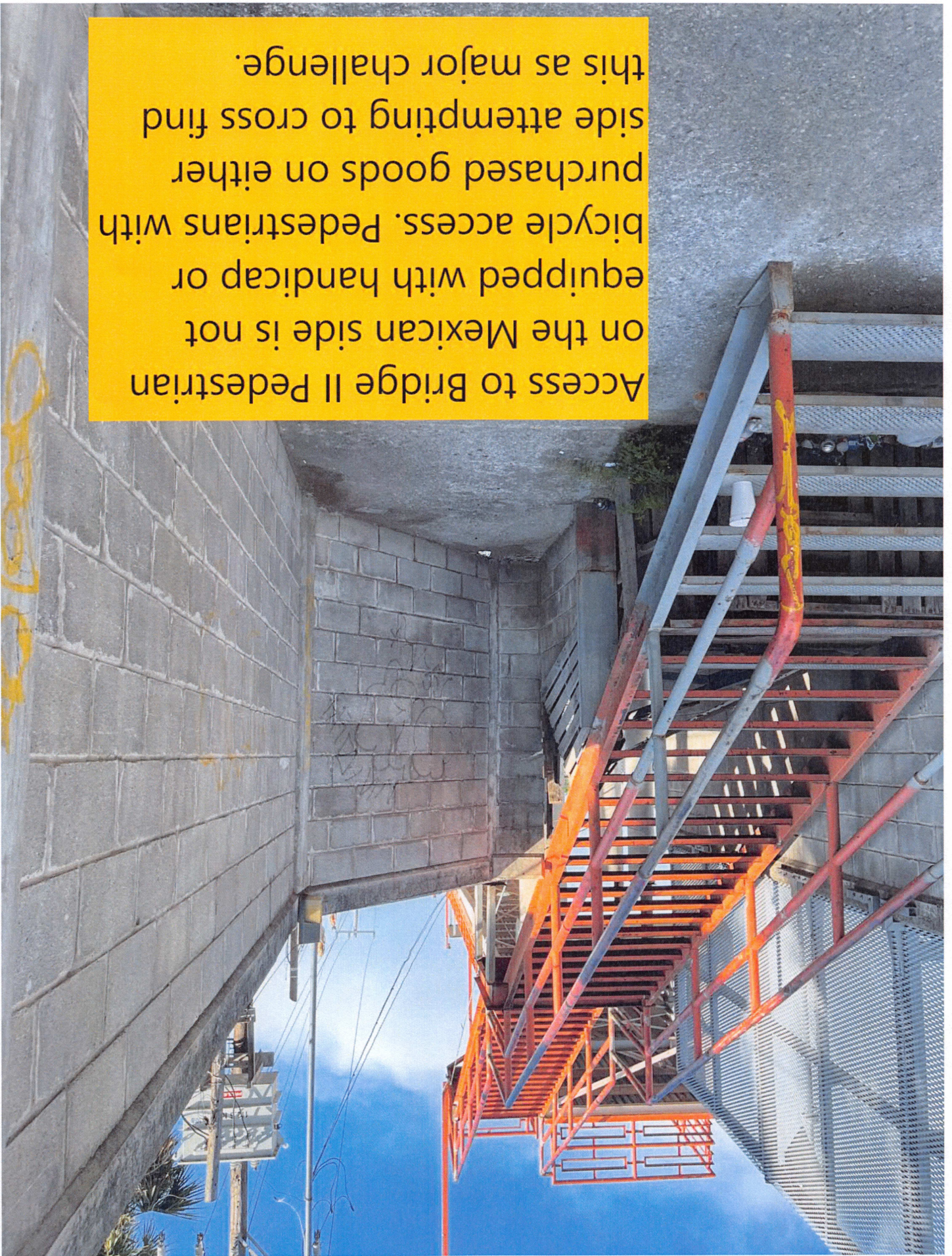
Distance 0.6 mi
Start new

City of Eagle Pass International Bridge System

As mentioned there is really no incentive for pedestrians to cross to either side as their isn't a commercial retail presence on both sides, the nearest retail area is half a mile away.



Access to Bridge II Pedestrian
on the Mexican side is not
equipped with handicap or
bicycle access. Pedestrians with
purchased goods on either
side attempting to cross find
this as major challenge.







**City of Eagle Pass International Bridge System
Completed, Ongoing & Proposed Projects and Other Bridge System Initiatives
As of June 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
- Pedestrian Handrail & Gate Relocation: Ongoing
- Office Building Renovation: Bridge projects have been staged to complete Bridge II design first, upon completion, Bridge I project will begin.
- Bridge I clean & paint steel members: IFB scheduled to close ~~05/21/2021~~. Bid Extension till ~~06/01/2021~~ 06/25/2021 due to including bridge specification exhibit.
- Lighting under pedestrian canopy: Vendor Selected, project will commence according to guardrail project.

International Bridge II

- Commercial lane re-alignment: City Council approved Dannenbaum Engineering as the firm to undertake the project, currently under contract negotiations
- Building Construction: Design phase ongoing, exterior complete; finalizing interior.
- Re-Stripe Project: On-Call Engineer Task Order Issued; Seeking Alternative Option Directly Through Striping Vendor
- Toll System Consultant: City Council approved Rummel, Klepper & Kahl, LLP as the firm to undertake the project, currently under contract negotiations

Proposed Projects

International Bridge I

- None to Report

International Bridge II

- None to Report

Other Bridge System Initiatives

- Travel Restrictions Remain in Effect, at least through June 20, 2021 at 11:59p.m.
- B1 & B2 Visa holders can no longer donate plasma at local plasma centers
- Bridge 1 Hours of Operation to Mexico 7am-6pm both Pedestrian and Vehicles; To US 7am-6pm Pedestrians, 7am-3pm Non-Sentri, 3pm-6pm Sentri Only, Pilot Program June Sunday Commercial
- Parking Lot Springboard Spikes to avoid exiting without payment
- June Sunday Commercial Pilot Program: 107 Commercial Trucks, 95 Commercial Trucks
- State of the Port of Eagle Pass Luncheon Meeting Friday June 25, 2021