Texas Border Master Plans

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What are Border Master Plans?

- Border Master Plans are comprehensive long range plans to inventory transportation and port of entry (POE) infrastructure in order to facilitate trade.
- Border Master Plans represent bi-national stakeholder efforts to:
  - prioritize related transportation projects such as bi-national POE and multimodal projects
  - inform decision-making
  - allocate limited funding sources
  - ensure continued dialogue and coordination on future POE and transportation infrastructure needs and projects.
Major Supports of BMP efforts

- Border Master Plans are supported by the U.S./Mexico Joint Working Committee on Transportation Planning and Programming (JWC), a bi-national group whose primary focus is to cooperate on land transportation planning and cross-border transportation movements.

- The first pilot Border Master Plan was done for California-Baja California.

- These plans are developed by the following agencies:
  - U.S. Department of State (DOS)
  - Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)
  - U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP)
  - Secretariat of Foreign Relations (SRE)
  - Secretariat of Communications and Transportation (SCT)
  - State Transportation Agencies
Background

• Border master plans have been included in the bi-national agenda at the presidential level
• No Presidential Permits will be awarded unless projects are included in the region’s master plan
• The President’s border vision recognizes the importance of facilitating lawful trade and travel; thus a Declaration of 21st Century Border Management was issued on May 2010 and a Binational Action Plan drafted
Border Master Plans

• California-Baja California
  Original pilot completed in 2008
  Currently being updated

• Arizona/Sonora
  in final stages

• Texas-Mexico
  • Laredo - Coahuila/Nuevo León/Tamaulipas (Laredo District) completed
    Lower Rio Grande Valley – Tamaulipas (Pharr District) July 2013
  • El Paso/New Mexico – Chihuahua (El Paso District + New Mexico DOT)
    June 2013
Stakeholder Participation

• Texas Border Master Plan meetings have been well attended by U.S. and Mexican stakeholders – at the federal, state regional and local level

• The Texas Border Master Plan databases include
  • More than 270 stakeholders (e.g., 82 agencies) at the federal, state, county/municipal, and city level in both countries
  • 5 railroad companies (8 officials)
  • 18 “Border Partners” (27 participants)
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