

**REGULAR MEETING
TOLL BRIDGE BOARD
HELD ON JULY 22, 2020, AT 12:00 P.M.
CITY HALL, 118 S. CAGE BLVD., 2ND FLOOR, PHARR, TEXAS**

On the 22nd day of July 2020, the Toll Bridge Board met in a regular Bridge Board Meeting. Following is the record of attendance.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Edgar Delgadillo, Chairman
Tony Martinez, Vice-Chairman
Adalberto Campero, Secretary
Luis Flores, Member
Larry Hernandez, Member

MEMBER ABSENT: None

**EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS
PRESENT:** None

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ABSENT:** Mayor Ambrosio Hernandez
Mayor Pro-Tem Bobby Carrillo

STAFF PRESENT: Luis Bazan, Bridge Director
Fred Brouwen, Director of Operations
Vanessa Guzman, Administrative Assistant
Cleo Salinas, Administrative Assistant
Freddy Flores, Trade Liaison

OTHERS PRESENT: Anali Alaniz, Assistant City Manager
Patricia Rigney, City Attorney
Omar Anzaldua, Engineering Department
Ignacio Amezcua, Purchasing Director
Karla Saavedra, Finance Director
Juan Gonzalez, Asst. Police Chief
David Moreno, CBP
Ezequiel Ordonez, Mexico Liaison
Eddie Gutierrez, Financial Consultant
Hollis Rutledge, Governmental Affairs

There being a quorum established Chairman Edgar Delgadillo called the meeting to order.

A. CALL TO ORDER:

ITEM 1 ROLL CALL-EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS

Chairman Delgadillo called the meeting to order. All members were present during roll call.

ITEM 2 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/INVOCATIONS

Luis Bazan, Bridge Director, led in the Pledge of Allegiance and said the prayer.

B. CONSENT AGENDA: *(All items listed under consent Agenda are considered to be routine and non-controversial by the Governing body and will be enacted by one motion. Any Board Member may remove items from the consent agenda by making such request prior to a motion and vote on the Consent Agenda)*

ITEM 3 CONSIDERATION AND ACTION ON APPROVAL OF MINUTES- JUNE 17, 2020.

Chairman Edgar Delgadillo introduced the items.

Vice-Chairman moved to approve the consent agenda. Member Flores seconded the motion and when put to a vote, it carried unanimously.

C. DIRECTOR'S ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT: *(Director's Administrative Reports and discussion, if any, with Bridge Board. The Director may also assign a designated spokesperson for any particular listed topic)*

ITEM 4 CROSSING AND REVENUES COMPARISON FOR JUNE 2020

Chairman Edgar Delgadillo introduced the item.

Fred Brouwen, Director of Operations, went over the total crossing and revenues report for the month of June 2020. He reported total crossings were 86,739, which was a decrease of (-17,729) vehicles or -16.97% compared to last year. Mr. Brouwen stated that total crossing for cars were 30,291 cars, which was a decrease of (-24,564) cars or -44.78% and showed a car crossing compassion from other bridges across the board. Mr. Brouwen further reported the total truck crossings were 56,448, which was an increase of 6,835 trucks or 13.78% increase. Mr. Brouwen then showed a truck crossing compassion from other bridges across the board. Mr. Brouwen further reported northbound crossings were 56,535, which was an increase of 4,894 trucks or 9.48% increase. Mr. Brouwen further stated for the Agriculture for the month of June they had 17,146 trucks, which represents a 31% of all imports from Mexico to the U.S. Lastly, Mr. Brouwen stated total revenue collected for the month of June was \$1,213,715, which shows an increase of \$33,716 or 2.86% in revenues.

Discussion ensued on the crossings.

ITEM 5 EXPENDITURES REPORT FOR JUNE 2020

Chairman Edgar Delgadillo introduced the item.

Luis Bazan, Bridge Director, stated Karla Saavedra, Finance Director, was logged on to the meeting and questions could be entertained at this time. There being no questions, Chairman Edgar Delgadillo moved to the next item.

ITEM 6 PROJECT ENGINEER REPORT

Due to technical difficulties Vice-Chairman Tony Martinez took over for Chairman Edgar Delgadillo.

Vice-Chairman Tony Martinez introduced the item.

Luis Bazan, Bridge Director, stated Omar Anzaldua, City Engineer, was present and questions on projects could be entertained at this time.

Luis Bazan, Bridge Director, reported on the DAP15 projects. He stated the federal government is taking longer to vet the employees due to COVID-19. He stated they were looking forward for a groundbreaking on these projects in August.

Luis Bazan, Bridge Director, reported on the DAP16 projects. He stated they have a timeline for the projects and will update the plans with TX-DOT on August 10th. He also reported they will let the project in October 2021 and give the notice to proceed in January of 2024, and the construction would start from February 2022-February 2024 and they will close out the project on March 2024.

Luis Bazan, Bridge Director, reported on the office expansion. He stated they were almost done, and they passed the fire test. He also reported they are just waiting on the final walk-thru and punch list to get them through with the certificate of occupancy and move in. He also stated all the furniture was in place and everything is where it needs to be. He added there is another phase to the project, which requires the outside but as far as inside they are ready to move in anytime.

Luis Bazan, Bridge Director, also reported on the expansion of the bridge. He stated they met the deadline with Mexico to submit the cost benefit analysis for the project on the Mexican side. He reported it now goes through a process with federal government to get them to the funding source.

Omar Anzaldua, City Engineer, stated the generator for the building expansion would arrive in mid-August.

After a brief discussion, Vice-Chairman Tony Martinez moved to the next item.

ITEM 7 DIRECTORS ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Vice-Chairman Tony Martinez introduced the item.

Luis Bazan, Bridge Director, reported this week would mark week 16 of their BridgeConnect LIVE session. He stated they average about 60-70 viewers per session and this week will be on the Tomato Suspension Agreement, so he encourages those that want to ask any questions or want to provide feedback to the panel that participates, to please join them tomorrow at 10am through YouTube.

Luis Bazan, Bridge Director, reported Bridge Operations have continued and the only thing that slightly changed was those with Mexican Visas still cannot come across into the U.S., it is only for essential travel. He reported that every 30 days CBP and Mexico come to the same agreement and they extend it for another 30 days as expected to keep everyone safe. He stated the operations continue at the bridge and they have not changed hours. He further reported the bridge having an unfortunate event that lasted a day and a half, with Mexican farmers that blocked the bridge to protest.

After a brief discussion, Vice-Chairman Tony Martinez moved to the next item.

F. ADJOURNMENT:

ITEM 8 ADJOURNMENT

Member Hernandez moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:45pm. Secretary Campero seconded the motion and when put to a vote, it carried unanimously.

APPROVED AS SUBMITTED:

EDGAR DELGADILLO, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

ADALBERTO CAMPERO, SECRETARY

STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTY OF HIDALGO §
CITY OF PHARR §

ON THE 22nd DAY OF JULY 2020, the Toll Bridge Board convened in a Regular Meeting at the Pharr International Bridge, the meeting being open to the public and notice of said meeting, giving the date, place and subject thereof, having been posted to the public and notice of said meeting, given in accordance to Chapter 551, of

the Texas Government Code, (Open Meetings Act) and their being present a quorum, **I, VANESSA GUZMAN, BRIDGE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT**, of the City of Pharr, Texas, certify that this is a true and correct copy of the minutes.

VANESSA GUZMAN, BRIDGE
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

DATE APPROVED: _____
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