

**MINUTES
TOLL BRIDGE BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2025
118 S. CAGE BLVD. 2ND FLOOR**

The Toll Bridge Board met in a regular meeting on Wednesday, February 19, 2025, and following is the record of attendance.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Edgar Delgadillo, Chairman
Adalberto Campero, Secretary
Lazaro Beas, Member

MEMBERS ABSENT: Tony Martinez, Vice-Chairman
Roberto Garza, Member

**EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS
PRESENT:** None

**EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS
ABSENT:** Mayor Ambrosio Hernandez
Mayor Pro-Tem Daniel Chavez

STAFF PRESENT: Luis Bazan, Bridge Director
Vanessa Guzman, Marketing Coordinator
Cleo Salinas, Office Manager
Freddy Flores, Trade Liaison
Oscar Duenas, Intl' Business Development Manager

OTHERS PRESENT: Cynthia Garza, Asst. City Manager
Hilda Pedraza, Asst. City Manager
Jamison Merrick, Finance Director
Maria Rangel, City Engineer
Ricardo Rodriguez, City Attorney
Ezequiel Ordonez, Bridge México Liaison
Eddie Gutierrez, Financial Consultant
Felix Lopez, CBP
Elmer Martinez, CBP
Hollis Rutledge, Governmental Affairs

ITEM 1. CALL TO ORDER

A) ROLL CALL AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE EXCUSING OF ANY ABSENT MEMBER

Chairman Delgadillo called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. Roll call established a quorum.

Secretary Campero moved to excuse absent members. Board Member Beas seconded the motion and when put to a vote, it carried unanimously.

B) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/INVOCATION

Luis Bazan, Bridge Director, led in the pledge of allegiance and said the invocation.

ITEM 2. DIRECTOR'S ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

A) CROSSING AND REVENUES REPORT FOR JANUARY 2025

Luis Bazan, Bridge Director introduced the item.

Luis Bazan, Bridge Director, went over the total crossings and revenues report for the month of January 2025. He reported total crossings for the month of January were 105,428, which was an increase of 7,372 vehicles or 7.52% compared to last year. Mr. Bazan further reported total car crossings for the month of January were 46,555, which was an increase of 10,580 cars or 29.41%. He also reported northbound car crossings for the month of January 2025 were 41,526, which was an increase of 5,555 cars or 15.44% and went over car crossing comparisons from other bridges for the month of January 2025.

Luis Bazan, Bridge Director, reported on the total truck crossings for the month of January 2025. He stated crossings were 58,873, which was a decrease of -3,208 trucks or -5.17% increase and went over truck crossings comparisons from other bridges for the month of January 2025.

Luis Bazan, Bridge Director, also reported northbound crossings for the month of January 2025 were 62,953, which was an increase of 3,622 trucks or 6.10% increase and stated the agriculture for the month of January 2025 had 22,636 trucks, which represents 36% of all imports from Mexico to the U.S. He further reported a combination of northbound and southbound truck crossings for the month of January 2025 were 121,826, which was an increase of 414 or 0.34%.

Luis Bazan, Bridge Director, went over the crossing comparisons by axle for the month of January 2025. He stated cars were 46,555, 2X trucks were 2,637, 3X trucks were 5,108, 4X trucks were 833, 5X trucks were 45,260, 6X trucks were 184, mobile homes were 1, and wide loads were 115. He stated special crossings were 4,735 and the total combination for the month of January was 105,428.

Lastly, Luis Bazan, Bridge Director, reported on total revenues collected for the month of January 2025. He reported total revenues collected for the month were \$1,762,476, which showed a decrease of -\$32,620 or -1.82% in revenues.

B) FINANCE REPORT FOR JANUARY 2025

Luis Bazan, Bridge Director introduced the item.

Luis Bazan, Bridge Director, called upon Eddie Gutierrez, Bridge Financial Consultant, for January 2025 finance report.

Eddie Gutierrez, Bridge Financial Consultant with Blue Stone Capital Solutions, briefly reported on the expenditures and revenues year- to- date for the bridge.

C) ENGINEER'S REPORT

Luis Bazan, Bridge Director introduced the item.

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

Maria Rangel, City Engineer, reported on DAP FY16 project. She stated they were seventy-one (71) days into the contract time and reported on the continued excavation to the building foundation and hauling-off excess dirt from the site, as well as continued excavation activities for the detention pond located on the south side of the project.

Maria Rangel, City Engineer, reported on the 2nd Span Project. She stated they were two hundred four (204) calendar days into the contract and had paid out approximately 21% of the contract. She stated the drilled shafts were 52% complete and the columns were 44% complete.

Lastly, Maria Rangel, City Engineer, reported on the Commercial Vehicle Parking Area. She stated the City Commission at the meeting on February the 3rd approved to reject the bids and re-advertise the project. She added that bid opening were tentatively scheduled for April 2025 with construction starting in June 2025.

Discussion ensued in the engineer's report.

D) DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Luis Bazan, Bridge Director introduced the item.

Luis Bazan, Bridge Director, reported on BridgeConnect. He stated they would be having a BridgeConnect Trade Session on Automated Commercial Environment (ACE) & Customs-Trade Partnership Against Terrorism (C-TPAT) Updates and already

had two hundred (200) people registered to attend. He added that he encouraged anyone who wanted to learn more on these programs to attend and that it would take place on Thursday, February 20, 2025 from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm at the Development & Research Center in South Pharr.

At this time, Chairman Delgadillo stated they would deviate from the agenda and go into closed session. There was no objection.

ITEM 4. CLOSED SESSION: IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 551 OF THE TEXAS GOV'T. CODE, THE BOARD HEREBY GIVES NOTICE THAT IT MAY MEET IN A CLOSED (NON-PUBLIC) EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS THE ITEMS LISTED ON THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE MEETING AGENDA IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FOLLOWING BELOW

The time being 12:22 p.m., Chairman Delgadillo stated the Bridge Board would be entering into closed session in accordance with Chapter 551 of the Texas Govt. Code to discuss agenda items listed in the public portion of the agenda and Pursuant to Sections 551.071, 551.072, 551.074, 551.076, 551.084 and 551.087.

ITEM 5. RECONVENE

The time being 12:56 p.m., Chairman Delgadillo stated the Bridge Board would be resuming the open meeting.

ITEM 3. ADMINISTRATIVE

A) APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR JANUARY 22, 2025 – REGULAR CALLED MEETING

Chairman Delgadillo introduced the item.

Board Member Beas **moved** to approve. Secretary Campero seconded the motion and when put to a vote, it carried unanimously.

B) DISCUSSION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON PROPOSED TOLL FEE INCREASE FOR SALVAGE VEHICLES.

Chairman Delgadillo introduced the item.

Board Member Beas **moved** to approve as discussed in executive session. Secretary Campero seconded the motion and when put to a vote, it carried unanimously.

C) DISCUSSION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON PROPOSED TOLL FEE INCREASE FOR COMMERCIAL HAZMAT AND TANKER TRUCKS.

Chairman Delgadillo introduced the item.

Board Member Beas **moved** to table the item. Secretary Campero seconded the motion and when put to a vote, it carried unanimously.

ITEM 6. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before the board, Board Member Beas **moved** to adjourn. Secretary Campero seconded the motion and when put to a vote, it carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 12:57 p.m.

APPROVED AS SUBMITTED:

EDGAR DELGADILLO, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

ADALBERTO CAMPERO, SECRETARY

**STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF HIDALGO
CITY OF PHARR**

ON THE 19TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2025, 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 MARKETING COORDINATOR**, of the City of Pharr, Texas, certify that this is a true and correct copy of the minutes.

VANESSA GUZMAN, BRIDGE
MARKETING COORDINATOR

DATE APPROVED: _____