

**MINUTES
TOLL BRIDGE BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2026
118 S. CAGE BLVD. 2ND FLOOR**

The Toll Bridge Board met in a regular meeting on Wednesday, February 18, 2026, and following is the record of attendance.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Tony Martinez, Vice-Chairman

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS

PRESENT: None

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS

ABSENT: Mayor Ambrosio Hernandez
Mayor Pro-Tem Michael Pacheco

STAFF PRESENT: Luis Bazan, Bridge Director
Javier Martinez, Asst. Bridge Director
Vanessa Guzman, Marketing Coordinator
Cleo Salinas, Office Manager
Freddy Flores, Bus. Expansion & Special Projects Manager

OTHERS PRESENT: Cynthia Garza, Deputy City Manager
Jamison Merrick, Finance Director
Patrizia Longoria, City Engineer
Michael Rodriguez, Asst. Police Chief
Ezequiel Ordonez, Bridge México Liaison
Eddie Gutierrez, Financial Consultant

ITEM 1. CALL TO ORDER

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

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

Member Beas **moved** to excuse absent members. Secretary Campero 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.

Luis Bazan, Bridge Director requested a moment of silence in the memory of Vice Chairman Tony Martinez' father.

ITEM 2. DIRECTOR'S ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

A) CROSSING AND REVENUES REPORT FOR JANUARY 2026

Luis Bazan, Bridge Director introduced the item.

Luis Bazan, Bridge Director, went over the total crossings and revenues report for the month of January 2026. He reported total crossings for the month of January were 110,675, which was an increase of 5,247 vehicles or 4.98% compared to last year. Mr. Bazan further reported total car crossings for the month of January were 47,070, which was an increase of 515 cars or 1.11%. He also reported that northbound car crossings for the month of January 2026 were 47,607, which was an increase of 6,081 cars or 14.64% and went over car crossing comparisons from other bridges for the month of January 2026.

Luis Bazan, Bridge Director, reported on the total truck crossings for the month of January 2026. He stated crossings were 63,605, which was an increase of 4,732 trucks or 8.04% increase and went over truck crossings comparisons from other bridges for the month of January 2026.

Luis Bazan, Bridge Director, also reported northbound crossings for the month of January 2026 were 63,537, which was an increase of 584 trucks or 0.93% increase and stated the agriculture for the month of January 2026 had 23,254, which represents 37% of all imports from Mexico to the U.S. He further reported that the combination of northbound and southbound truck crossings for the month of January 2026 were 127,142, which was an increase of 5,316 or 4.36%.

Luis Bazan, Bridge Director, went over the crossing comparisons by axle for the month of January 2026. He stated cars were 47,070, 2X trucks were 3,529, 3X trucks were 6,210, 4X trucks were 728, 5X trucks were 43,365, 6X trucks were 153, mobile homes were 4, and wide loads were 114. He stated special crossings were 9,502 and the total combination for the month of January was 110,675.

Lastly, Luis Bazan, Bridge Director, reported on total revenues collected for the month of January 2026. He reported the total revenues collected for the month were \$2,981,788, which showed an increase of \$1,219,311 or 69.18% in revenues.

B) FINANCE REPORT FOR JANUARY 2026

Luis Bazan, Bridge Director introduced the item.

Luis Bazan, Bridge Director, called upon Eddie Gutierrez, Bridge Financial Consultant, for the January 2026 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 Patrizia Logoria, City Engineer, was present and questions on projects could be entertained at this time.

Patrizia Longoria, City Engineer, reported on the DAP FY16 project. She stated that the project was at 63% of the time allowed for the project and 40% of the contract payout amount. She reported that the contractor is placing vapor barrier and a 2-inch under slab insulation in the cold storage area. She further stated that contractor has began backfilling and compacting the base on the north side of the dry dock to achieve the proper elevation. She added that the contractor continued scaffolding activities at the Ag Lab and is installing the 8-inch CMU block walls. She then presented a photo of the construction site and explained the project's status.

Patrizia Longoria, City Engineer, reported on the 2nd Span Project. She stated that the project was at 108% of the time allowed, with a projected completion date of July 2026. She reported that the irrigation district system is scheduled to move their pumps by the end of the following week, which consequently affects the project completion date. She also added that the project was at 83% of the contract payout amount. She further reported that the crossover was completed on February 03, 2026, and that the contractor was prepping the area along the river for the crane for the international span installation scheduled on February 20, 2026. She then presented a photo of the construction site and explained the project's status.

Lastly, Patrizia Longoria, City Engineer, reported on the Commercial Vehicle Parking Area. She stated that the project was at almost 56% of the time allowed, with a projected completion date of August 19, 2026, and at 11% of the payout amount. She further reported that due to short on personnel Brownstone Consultants is managing the construction portion of this project to keep it on schedule. She then presented a photo of the construction site and explained the project's status.

Discussion ensued on the engineer's report.

D) DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Luis Bazan, Bridge Director introduced the item.

Luis Bazan, Bridge Director, reported that the Border Safety Inspection Facility, built in 2012 and previously not operational, was finally scheduled to open for operations on March 1st according to U.S. Customs and Border Protection. He also stated that the Pharr Bridge had been meeting with Customs and Border Protection and transportation companies to review and coordinate traffic flow as trucks access the facility. He further reported that the DAP 15 project added two additional commercial entry lanes and two additional commercial exit lanes to the Border Safety Inspection Facility. He also added that with the opening of the inspection facility, both projects would now be fully operational, as the DAP 15 project was finalized and inaugurated a year ago. He also reported that the Pharr Bridge continues working with transportation companies, truck drivers, and companies that ship products to the United States to ensure they understand how the new project will operate. He added that due to the ongoing construction project, some delays were expected; however, these delays are being addressed by Customs and Border Protection (CBP). He further added that the project would provide connectivity between the federal and state sides of the facility. He reported that the project would increase the capacity of the import lot from 35% to 40% for shipments requiring inspection by Customs and Border Protection (CBP). He further reported that this would mark an important step toward the Pharr Bridge Expansion and the implementation of the Free And Secure Trade (FAST) program, including FAST lanes from Mexico to United States. He also stated that the bridge does not yet receive the full benefits of the FAST lane program, as the two additional lanes on the existing bridge are still pending; however, progress was moving in the right direction.

Lastly, Luis Bazan, Bridge Director, reported that on BridgeConnect. He stated the Pharr Bridge is reinstating the Hazmat Inspection Level 1 training session to ensure that every conveyance crossing through the Pharr Bridge complies with the required inspection process. He also stated the training would be conducted with the assistance of the Department of Public Safety Department (DPS), which has supported this effort for several years. He finally invited all members of the trade community dealing with hazards materials (HazMat) to take advantage of the training session and reminded everyone that registration is required.

ITEM 3. ADMINISTRATIVE

A) APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 18, 2026 – REGULAR CALLED MEETING

Edgar Delgadillo, Bridge Board Chairman introduced the item.

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

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

None

ITEM 5. RECONVENE

None

ITEM 6. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before the board, Member Beas **moved** to adjourn. Chairman Edgar Delgadillo seconded the motion and when put to a vote, it carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

BRIDGE BOARD:

EDGAR DELGADILLO, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

ADALBERTO CAMPERO, SECRETARY

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

ON THE 18th DAY OF FEBRUARY 2026, the Toll Bridge Board convened in a **REGULAR CALLED MEETING** at the Commissioner's Room located at 118 S. Cage, 2nd Floor, Pharr, Texas. The meeting being open to the public and notice of said meeting, giving the date, place, subject, hereof, having been posted in accordance with Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, (Open Meetings Act) and their being present a quorum, **I, CLEO SALINAS, OFFICE MANAGER**, of the City of Pharr, Texas, certify that this is a true and correct copy of the minutes.

ATTEST:

CLEO SALINAS
OFFICE MANAGER

APPROVED: _____