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SAN LUIS UPDATE BORDER LIAISON MECHANISM MEETING

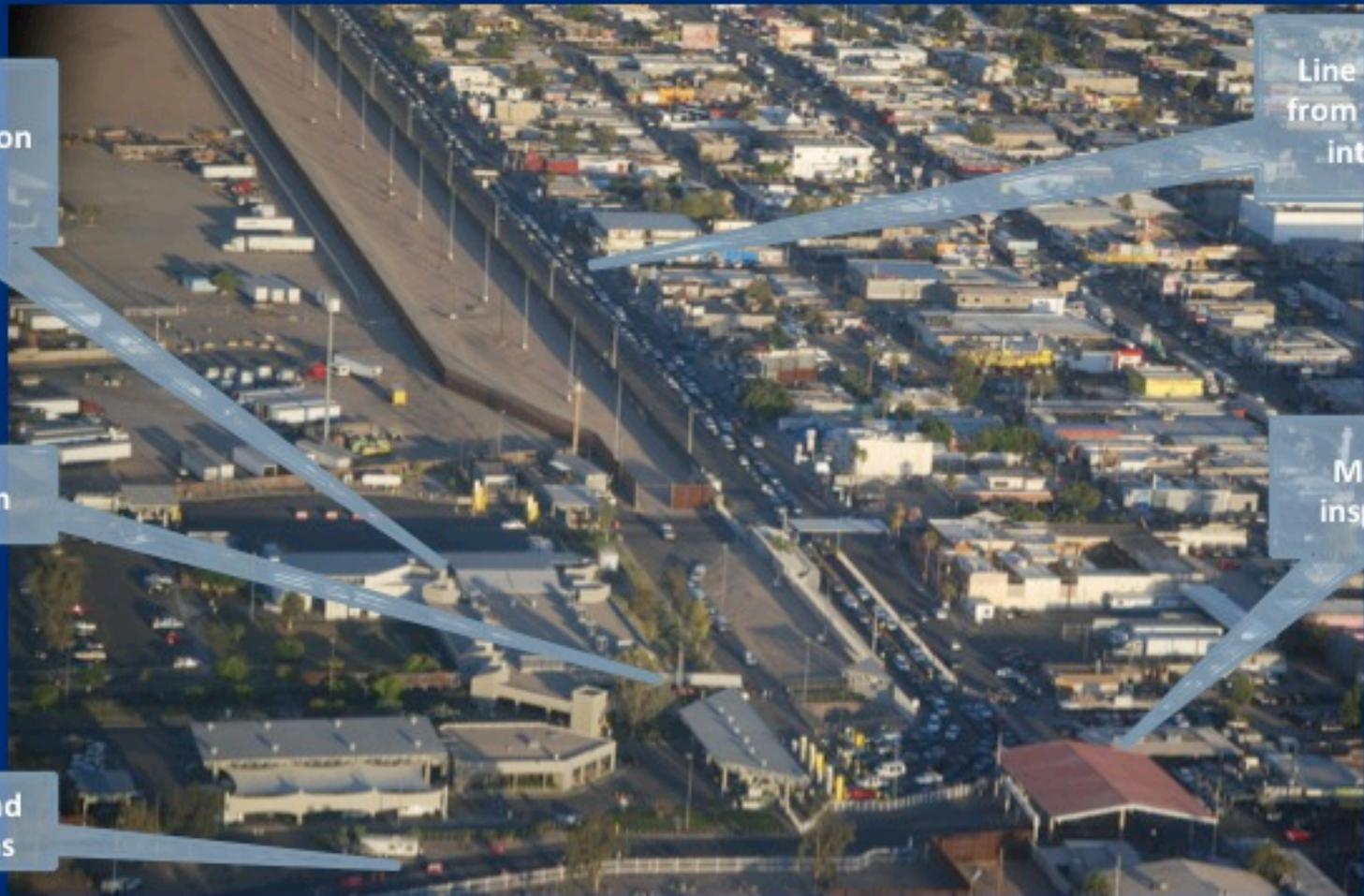
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A New Gateway for Trade, Tourism and Growth

Current Situation

- More than 60% of sales tax comes from Mexican shoppers
- Long waits to enter and leave San Luis have resulted in dramatic drop in number of visitors from 2006
- City faces high rates of seasonal unemployment due to agricultural foundation of the community

San Luis I – NB Current Situation



US Inspection
Facilities

Pedestrian

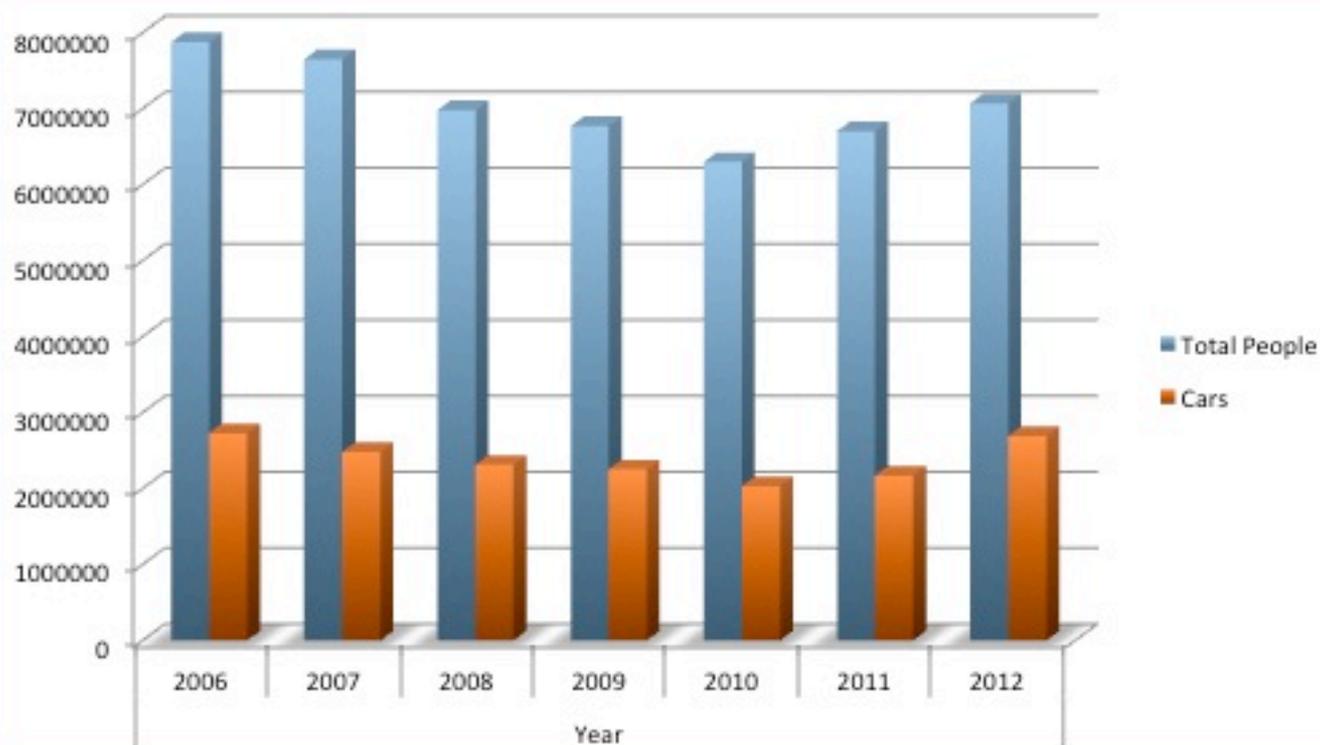
Southbound
inspections

Line of cars
from Mexico
into US

Mexican
inspection

Current Situation

San Luis I North-bound Traffic:



Sources:

- US Department of Transportation
- US Customs and Border Protection

- Total People at San Luis are down by close to 1 million from 2006
- New lanes have made a tremendous impact on car traffic

Current Situation

- ❑ San Luis I completed in 1984
- ❑ Critical safety concerns associated with this POE
 - ❑ Northbound pedestrian traffic forced to cross across 3 lanes of vehicles
 - ❑ Insufficient lanes to handle pedestrian traffic (waits can exceed two to three hours)
 - ❑ Southbound inspections create severe POV back ups in the heart of downtown San Luis
- ❑ Continual backlog and long wait times are detrimental to the economy and welfare of the entire region

San Luis I – NB Current Situation

Pedestrian Traffic waiting to enter the US
Wait times can easily exceed 2 hours



San Luis I – NB Current Situation

Pedestrians must cross in between cars to get in line



San Luis I – SB Current Situation



SB line can exceed 2 miles and San Luis PD relegated to traffic control!

San Luis I – SB Current Situation



- SB Pedestrians have no shade & line up next to idling vehicles
- Waits can exceed 30 to 45 minutes

Next Steps

- Utilize balance of Design Funds from FY '08 to make High-Impact/Low Cost improvements at San Luis I
- Increase Staffing
 - ▣ 50 – 75 additional FTE's
- Coordinate with Mexico on improvements to Mexican side
- Working with ADOT and FHWA to address transportation issues impacting San Luis I

Next Steps (contd.)

- Complete GSA Port of Entry System Feasibility Study (Q2)
- GSA letter to San Luis from December 5, 2012

The San Luis Regional Feasibility Study (Study) effort is currently in progress. The General Services Administration (GSA), as part of the Study, has contracted for an Energy Study to determine the most sustainable approach to update the building systems in the existing San Luis I (SLI) facility. The purpose of this technical study is to analyze and evaluate ways to meet the continued needs of the Customs and Border Protection (CBP) and the traveling public while being responsive to the environmental footprint of this active government facility. In addition, GSA is preparing to award contracts for three additional technical studies. They include a Plumbing Study to assess the existing condition of plumbing systems at SLI. The second is an Emergency Generator Study to identify the most cost effective way to meet CBP's emergency power needs at both San Luis I and San Luis II land ports of entry. The third is a Concept Design Study to centralize CBP's detention facilities and expand pedestrian processing to meet SLI's medium term facility needs.

Next Steps (contd.)

- Northbound pedestrians have some of the longest wait times on the border and is a severe impact on regional agriculture
- In order to alleviate long term congestion downtown:
 - ▣ Continue work with ADOT on entry and egress at San Luis I
 - ▣ Explore allowing cars at San Luis II
- Concerns over the impacts of Sequestration
 - ▣ Greatly appreciate efforts by CBP to minimize impacts



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