Nogales Border Crossing Update

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Who We Are

- Created in December 2004
  - Main purpose is to foster the economic growth of the region, to improve the POE’s at Nogales and to enhance the quality of life for the residents of the region

- Nogales has four POE’s:
  - Morley Avenue - Pedestrian
  - DeConcini (“Grand Ave.”) – Pedestrian, train, buses and POV’s
  - Nogales West (“Mariposa”) – Commercial, POV’s, Pedestrian, Buses
  - Nogales International Airport

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• City of Nogales;
• Santa Cruz County;
• Fresh Produce Association of the Americas
• Maquila Association of Sonora;
• Nogales Alliance: Port of the Future;
• Nogales Community Development Corporation;
• Nogales Santa Cruz County Chamber of Commerce;
• Nogales U.S. Customs Brokers Association; and
• Santa Cruz Tourism Council.

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• US Customs and Border Protection;
• US Border Patrol
• US General Services Administration;
• Arizona Department of Transportation;
• Consejo Empresarial de Nogales, Sonora;
• Municipality of Nogales, Sonora;
• Mexican Consulate General – Nogales, Arizona;
• Nogales Economic Development Foundation; and
• US Consulate – Nogales, Sonora.
Our Approach

**Ultimate goal is to improve the quality of life for our residents**

- Not satisfied with Status Quo
- Draw attention to our issues
- Build consensus on our issues
- Stay focused on priorities
- Broad based community support
- Advocacy with decision makers in Phoenix, Washington and Mexican counterparts

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Sample Key Projects

Road Connectivity between Port of entry and I-19
- Considering new road and/or major improvements to Mariposa Road
- Design Concept Report (DCR) currently underway

Nogales Wash
- Mexican sewage is processed on the US side of the border
- Working with IBWC, State, City and County on major reconstruction of wash and sewage pipeline from Mexico
- Have had major spills – as many as 20 million gallons of raw sewage flowed through city streets

I-19 Border Patrol Inspection Station
- Part of TAC to provide local stakeholder input into design process
- Work to ensure flow of traffic on I-19 is not impeded
Great Nogales Santa Cruz County Port Authority

Sample Key Projects

Customs Staffing

- Need an additional 250 officers to “staff to need”
- Major expansion without guarantees that we will have the necessary staffing
- It takes some 12 to 14 months from the date of hiring to have officers deployed on the ground

Southbound Inspections

- Strong advocates for security but not at the cost of economic viability of our community
- Inspections conducted with impromptu facilities and are creating safety hazards for officers and for the traveling public
- Wait times exceeding 2 hours!

Image of the border

- Ongoing issue of perception over reality
- Working with Mayor and other stakeholders to educate of the opportunities at the border and significance to the state and nation
Success Story - Mariposa Reconfiguration

- Not designed for pedestrians
  - Processing close to 500,000 pedestrians/year
- Designed truck throughput: 400/day
  - Daily average can exceed 1,600 trucks/day (Oct – May)
  - New Record January ’11: close to 2,000 trucks in one day
- Effective Inspection Docks: Approx. 20
  - No Refrigerated Dock space
- Approx. 4 Billion Pounds of Fresh Produce each season
  - Estimated value: $2 billion
  - 43% of Fresh Winter produce in entire US!!
- Approximately $20 billion in Maquila Trade
- Growing wait times to cross the border:
  - 2+ hour waits for cars at both DeConcini and Mariposa
  - 4 to 8 hour or overnight for trucks at Mariposa

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Investment to date at Mariposa

- **$13.694 Million** included in FY ‘07 Federal Buildings Fund
  - Jones Studio selected as design firm (Phoenix-based firm)
  - Final design approved in December ‘08
- **$199.48 million** for construction in FY ‘09 American Recovery Act
  - Fully Funded!!
  - Project is a National Priority!
  - Environmental Assessment to be completed April ‘09
- Anticipate start up of construction June/July ‘09
- **US Side Entry and Egress ($4.3 million)**
  - Entry and egress to and from the port of entry, and lane to allow for trucks to ramp up to traveling speed on Mariposa Road

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Expanded footprint
750,000 Cubic Yards of Fill

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Groundbreaking!!

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Capacity for Inspections

- During construction
  - Our main concern is to ensure that flow of goods and people is not impeded during entire 48 months of construction for the project.
  - CBP will provide full details in their presentation!

- At full Buildout
  - 12 lanes for cars
  - 8 lanes for trucks
  - Pedestrian lanes (NB and SB)
  - Bus lane
  - 56 docks (6 air conditioned)
  - 4 NII for cargo
  - 3 SB lanes with 6 SB Cargo docks

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Thank you for your support!

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