

## LLUSCBA President's Report for April 2022

April 4, 2022 – Meeting with New CBP Commissioner Magnus and Valerie Neuhart

Met together with Mr. Magnus and the city leaders to discuss his vision for CBP and for him to hear the voice of the city as it relates to CBP and its policies and processes. I shared our interest in 21CCF and expressed to him our concern that the Southern Border and the processes unique to our border are not being represented adequately on the 21CCF Working Group that CBP formed last year. He unofficially announced that there will be a new group for the southern border. They are in the final stages so no formal announcement has yet been made.

April 7 through April 14 – Governor Abbot instructs DPS to inspect all commercial traffic at bridges

April 11, - Invited by Henry Cuellar to Press Conference to address the concerns of trade over the inspections by Gov. Abbot.

April 13 – Present at Governor Abbot's announcement together with Governor Garcia from Nuevo Leon that the inspections had been lifted.

April 18 – Meeting with TxDOT

Together with Jorge Cavazos and Eduardo Lozano, we met with leaders of TxDOT to learn of the planned projects for Laredo and Webb County that will affect our trade and ability to handle the projected future volumes of trade. We discussed the process to get projects initiated, funded, and executed. We've agreed to have TxDOT come and address our association.

April 18 – TxDOT "Texas Delivers 2050"

The main topic was "Texas-Mexico Border Region Supply Chain". TxDOT was interested in:

- Understanding critical commodity flows and modal dependencies for key industries.
- Identifying supply chain risks and vulnerabilities.
- Exploring the role of cross border flows in supporting key industries.
- Providing TxDot with input and feedback on the freight transportation, network, operations polices, and program needs and investments.

April 19 – I-27 Advisory Committee

LLUSCBA was invited to give a 10 minute presentation on the "Importance of the Southern Border and Border Processes". The presentation was well-received. And from that we were invited to present the same message to the TX Secretary of State on April 26.

April 26 – Presenting to TX Secretary of State on the Importance of the Southern Border and Border Processes."

The Secretary of State is close to the governor and the hope is that educating him on the importance of the border will perhaps limit the types of actions like the DPS inspections.