



**International Bridge
System Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting
June 16, 2022**



Bridge Board of Trustees

Kimberly Cantu, Chairperson
Noe A Rodriguez, Co-Chair
Rolando Salinas, Ex-Officio
Erasmio Villalpando, Member
Salvador "Chava" Salinas, Member

Bridge Administration

Homero Balderas, Bridge General Manager
Leticia Hernandez, Bridge Supervisor
Laura Sanchez, Bridge Supervisor
Maria Martinez, Bridge Operations Specialist

AGENDA

**E.P. BRIDGE SYSTEM BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY JUNE 16, 2021, AT 5:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL
100 SOUTH MONROE STREET, EAGLE PASS, TEXAS, 78852**

ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION/RECOGNITION

MINUTES

1. Approval of minutes for the May 04, 2022 meeting.

MONTHLY REPORTS

2. Financial Report for the month of May 2022
3. Traffic Report for the month of May 2022
4. Parking Lot Report for the month of May 2022

BRIDGE MANAGER'S REPORT

5. Update on Bridge I & Bridge II Improvement Projects

ADJOURNMENT

The Eagle Pass Bridge System Board of Trustees reserves the right to consider business out of the posted order and the right to adjourn into executive session to discuss items which are not listed as executive session items, but which qualify to be discussed in closed session under Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.

Entrance and parking spaces for disabled persons are available in front of City Hall.

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned Bridge Operations Manager, do hereby certify that the agenda mentioned above was posted on the Bulletin Board located in the lobby at City Hall, 100 South Monroe Street, on Monday June 13, 2022, at 4:40p.m.

Homero Balderas

Homero Balderas
Bridge General Manager

Item

#1

THE STATE OF TEXAS)(
COUNTY OF MAVERICK)(
CITY OF EAGLE PASS)(

The City of Eagle Pass International Bridge System Board of Trustees held its Special Meeting on Wednesday, May 4, 2022, at 12:00 p.m. in the City Manager’s Conference Room, City Hall, 100 S. Monroe Street, Eagle Pass, Texas. All legal notices were duly posted in accordance with the law.

ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Present: Bridge System Board Chairperson, Kimberly Cantu; Vice-Chairperson, Noe Rodriguez; Bridge System Board of Trustee, Salvador Salinas, and Erasmo X. Villalpando

Absent: Mayor, Rolando Salinas, Jr.

Others present: Bridge General Manager, Homero Balderas; Bridge Supervisors, Leticia Hernandez, and Laura Sanchez

With a quorum being established, Bridge System Board of Trustees Chairperson Cantu called the meeting to order, for the City of Eagle Pass International Bridge System Board of Trustees. The Board then considered the following items.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION/ RECOGNITIONS

Anyone in the audience, wishing to address the Board on any item, including one which did not appear on the agenda, was welcome to do so; keeping in mind that although the Board would be unable to take formal action on such item, they would be glad to take it under advisement.

None submitted.

MINUTES

1. Approval of minutes for the February 17, 2022.

Board Member Rodriguez moved to approve minutes as presented. Seconded by Board Member Villalpando **MOTION PASSED**- Unanimously

AYES: Cantu, S. Salinas, Rodriguez, Villalpando
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT: R. Salinas

MONTHLY REPORT(S)

2. Financial Report for the month of March 2022

Revenues

Total gross revenues for the month of March 2022 are \$1,168,368. This represents an increase of \$218,222 or 22.97% from 2021 revenues for the same period of \$950,145. The actual year-to-date 2022 revenues are \$6,236,727 or 38.98% of the budgeted revenues at 50.00% of the fiscal year, or a 11.02% unfavorable variance compared to budget estimates.

Expenditures

Total operating expenditures before capital outlay for the month of March 2022 are \$97,639 which is 2.11% under the monthly budget allocation of 8.33%. Year-to-date expenditures are \$633,160 or 40.33% through the month of March. This makes the variance compared to budget to be 9.67% under the year-to-date budget allocation of 50.00% of the budget year leaving an unexpended amount of \$936,876 or 59.67%, for the remaining of the budget year (50.00%).

Capital Outlay

Year to date expenditures is \$291,343.

Transfer to City

The month-to-date operating transfer to the City is \$1,000,000. The actual year-to-date transfer of \$7,000,000 or 48.98% of the budget transfers at 50.00% of the fiscal year represents a -1.02% favorable variance for this 6-month period estimates, when compared to percent of fiscal year transpired.

3. Traffic Report for the month of March 2022

Bridge General Manager Balderas informed the Board of Trustees on the following monthly comparison for March 2021 and January 2022 for all traffic classes:

- Non- Commercial Vehicles: increase of 74,721 (45.21%)
- Commercial Vehicles: increased 1,419 (8.91%)
- Buses: increased 181 (63.96%)
- Motorcycles: decreased 17 (-6.05%)
- Pedestrians: decreased 5,126(-13.69%)

4. Parking Lot Report for the Month of March 2022.

Bridge General Manager Balderas gave an update on the Parking Division and advised the board that the total generated amount for the month of March 2022 was \$6,630.00

NEW BUSINESS

5. Discussion and possible action of FY2023 CIP Project Request- Bridge 1 & 2 Decorative lighting.

Bridge General Manager Balderas presented the board with different options for Bridge 1 and 2 illumination improvements, which includes electrical infrastructure improvements.

Option 1

- Pole Type: Valmot DS30
- Luminaire: GALN Galleon II
- Budgetary Cost: \$51,480

Option 2

- Pole Type: Valmont (Idyline Curve)
- Luminaire: GALN Galleon II
- Budgetary Cost : \$55,770

Option 3

- Pole Type: RAGNI- Curevi 600
- Luminaire: Atinia Slim
- Budgetary Cost: \$70,070

Option 4

- Pole Type: Custom
- Luminaire: Custom
- Budgetary Cost: \$291,720

Board Member S. Salinas motion to move forward with quotes on decorative lighting with both bridges. Seconded by Board Member Villalpando **MOTION PASSED**- Unanimously

AYES: Cantu, S. Salinas, Rodriguez, Villalpando
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT: R. Salinas

6. **Update on Bridge I & Bridge II Projects.**

Completed Projects

International Bridge I- Bridge Piers Clean & Paint including US/TX Flag; Non-Structural Steel painted.

International Bridge II

- None to Report

Ongoing Projects

- Office Building Renovation: Design process will begin, construction TBD based on final cost of Bridge II Administration & Toll System Improvements.
- **International Bridge II**
- Commercial Lane re-alignment: Agreement has been signed.
- Building Construction: General Contractor selection made: Frontera Construction, Contract Negotiations continues, close to breaking ground.
- Toll System Consultant: RFP should be completed in a couple of weeks.
- City Council approved resolution on Tuesday, April 15, 2022, to support and mirror Mexico Bridge II improvements at the local, state, and federal levels. If financially feasible, this would include Bridge 2 access expansion.

Proposed Projects:

International Bridge I

- Toll Plaza Digital Signage-Quote received for 18k looking for funding.

International Bridge II

- Parking lot surveillance system- Project terminated per IT recommendations; will look into different equipment and model.
- Replacement of parking management system, continue to have issues with the parking system pushing us to replace before life is reached.

Other Bridge System Initiatives

- BorderNow: Port Ad's continuing to promote our port to attract more commercial traffic.
- Bridge I Express Route: Huge success, continues to be implemented on a weekend basis. Discussion have been setup on how to setup a similar lane from Bridge 2 with current infrastructure in place to avoid congestion on Bridge 1.
- Attended the 1-29 Kickoff meeting in Laredo on April 20 after designation by President Biden of Texas- New Mexico portion of interstate. This will be first interstate connection in Eagle Pass and upon completion should bring jobs, increase economic development, and increase commercial throughput through the port of Eagle Pass

ADJOURNMENT

Board Member S. Salinas moved to adjourn at 1:10 p.m. Seconded by Board Member E. Villalpando **MOTION PASSED**- Unanimously

Passed and approved on June 14, 2022

Kimberly Cantu
Chairperson

ATTEST:

Erika Rodriguez
Assistant City Secretary

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