



## **Binational Committee Overview**

### **Transportation and Infrastructure**

The Infrastructure and Logistics committee promotes cross border collaboration through diverse plans and studies. A few of the projects that stand out are the ports of entry modernization, which create an efficient and safer transportation model in the region. Another Project is the implementation of a real time travel application that will provide drivers important information such as travel time and delays.

### **Summary of Top Action Plans/Priority Projects**

#### **Goal: Safety corridor**

- a) This is a stretch of road on Mexico Federal highway 8, accommodating tourists from Mexico and Arizona.
  - i. It promotes optimum road conditions, prioritizing safety, and rigorous enforcement with the goal of reducing crashes, and promoting key tourist locations in Mexico.

#### **Goal: PORTS OF ENTRY**

- a) The ports of entry of San Luis Rio Colorado, Sonoyta, and Agua Prieta will undergo modernization efforts in Sonora.
- b) The San Luis I, Nogales and Douglas will be modernized on the Arizona side of the border.
- c) Benefits are from new net zero installations, and the crucial Secure Electronic Network for Travelers Rapid Inspection (SENTRI) lane in Sonoyta to facilitate border crossings.
- d) **Port of Entry Border Wait Time Technology:** Increase safety, trade and commerce with real time border wait technology for binational travel. We are currently waiting for our POE Port Authorities to authorize the implementation of this technology at their respective ports.

#### **Goal: AZ 511**

- a) Implementation of the Arizona Department of Transportation's AZ 511 application for the Lukeville – Rocky Point corridor
  - a. Providing real time driving conditions that include crashes, closures, and wait times.



**Outcomes:**

- Promote the ports of entry on the Arizona side of the border. Currently working on a future webinar to promote port infrastructure and modernization efforts.
  - For example: The City of Douglas and Cochise County's recent groundbreaking for the new Commercial Port of Entry.
- The existing Raul H. Castro Port of Entry in Douglas was inadequate for current traffic demands and U.S. Customs and Border Protection mission requirements.
- On Friday, September 5th, the AMC joined the Department of Transportation at the groundbreaking of Douglas' new Commercial Port of Entry.
  - This state-of-the-art new facility will separate commercial trucks, including oversized mining equipment and hazardous materials, from passenger vehicles, improving traffic flow and safety.
  - It is the largest federal investment in Douglas in over a decade, with \$664 million committed to the two-port project.
  - The State Transportation Board has added the Douglas connector road and the joint facility to its 2026–2030 Five-Year Plan, affirming Arizona's commitment to building the necessary infrastructure to support enhanced safety and efficient commerce in the border region.