

April 22, 2019 Update

## U.S. – Mexico Border Operations

Dear Valued Customer,

As the U.S. administration debates potential changes at the U.S.–Mexico border in response to increased numbers of people crossing the border, supply chain professionals can keep up to date with the latest impacts below.

### Port of Entry Operational News

There are no significant changes from Friday. Congestion appears to be the new normal and wait times have been consistently higher than normal at all Ports of Entry. **Due to this shift to normalized congestion, we will only provide updates when significant changes occur at the border.**

Updated wait times for commercial cargo can be found [here](#). **Please note:** it is widely believed that the published wait times are inaccurate and significantly underestimate actual wait times, particularly later in the day.

#### Otay Mesa/Calexico (*New Update*)

- Otay Mesa has 4 standard and 3 FAST lanes open of 10 total.
- Calexico has 2 standard and 1 FAST lanes open of 3 total.

#### Nogales (*New Update*)

- There are currently 6 standard lanes and 2 FAST lanes open of 8 total. Wait times for standard lanes are between 3 and 5 hours and 1 to 2 hours for FAST lanes.
- View the Nogales live camera [here](#)

#### El Paso (*New Update*)

- The next Customs and Border Protection update meeting is slated for Wednesday, April 24.
- Ysleta has 2 standard and 2 FAST lanes open of 8 total.
- Bridge of the Americas has 3 standard and 2 FAST lanes open of 6 total.
- View the El Paso Live camera [here](#)

#### Laredo (*New Update*)

- World Trade Bridge currently has 6 standard and 3 FAST lanes open of 12 total.
- Colombia currently has 2 standard and 1 FAST lanes open of 4 total. Mexican customs brokers must have authority to cross via Colombia.
- View the Laredo live camera [here](#)

#### McAllen/Pharr (*New Update*)

- There are 4 standard lanes and 1 FAST lane open of 6 total.

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FAST lanes refer to the Free and Secure Trade (FAST) program. It is a commercial clearance program for known low-risk shipments entering the United States from Canada and Mexico. Learn more about the program [here](#).

## Policy News

- Talk continues to grow in Washington about a [potential](#) plan to move migrants waiting for processing to “sanctuary cities”.
- Many members of congress and their staff will likely visit the border during the next two weeks as they head out for a legislative recess.
- There are [concerns](#) about how the normal increase in pedestrian traffic across the border during Holy Week will impact staffing for freight customs inspections.

## What This Means

We are now over two weeks into what has been, essentially, a partial shutdown of the freight border between the U.S. and Mexico and seeing impacts across the supply chain.

Last week, CBP provided industry some optimism that agents may begin to return to their home ports of entry and reduce wait times. Wait times remain high at most ports of entry, with some even increasing with no indication of when operations will return to normal levels.

We will keep a close eye on operational changes, such as the number of lanes open and reductions in wait times, which would indicate staffing changes.

We encourage you to work with your C.H. Robinson account management team to adopt strategies to mitigate the impacts of these delays on your supply chain, including mode shifting to air and rail, delaying or adjusting production schedules, and sourcing inventory from other locations when possible.

Thank you for being our Valued Customer. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your C.H. Robinson commercial representative for further information.

Sincerely,  
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