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 yesterday.

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

- Capacity in Tijuana is tight because of increased wait times at the border.
- Otay Mesa has 5 standard and 3 FAST lanes open of 10 total. Wait times are between 9 and 10 hours for standard lanes and 4 to 5 hours for FAST lanes.
- Calexico has 2 standard and 1 FAST lane open of 3 total. Wait times are between 3 and 4 hours for standard lanes and 2 to 4 hours for FAST lanes.

Nogales (New Update)

- Holy Week hours of operation:
  - Nogales Mexico Customs:
    - Thursday, April 18: 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
    - Friday, April 19: 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m
    - Saturday, April 20: 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m
  - Agua Prieta Mexico Customs:
    - Thursday, April 18: 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m
    - Friday, April 19: Closed
    - Saturday, April 20: Closed
  - San Luis Rio Colorado Mexico Customs:
    - Thursday, April 18: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
    - Friday, April 19: Closed
    - Saturday, April 20: Closed

- There are currently 6 standard lanes and 2 FAST lanes open of 8 total. Wait times are between 4 and 6 hours for standard lanes and 2 to 3 hours for FAST lanes.
- View the Nogales live camera here
El Paso *(New Update)*

- Holy Week hours of operation:
  - Bridge of the Americas (BOTA):
    - Thursday, April 18: 6:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
    - Friday, April 19: 6:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
  - Ysleta:
    - Thursday, April 18: 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
    - Friday, April 19: 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m
  - Santa Teresa:
    - Thursday, April 18: 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
    - Friday, April 19: 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

- Ysleta has 2 standard and 2 FAST lanes open of 8 total.
- Bridge of the Americas has 2 standard and 2 FAST lanes open of 6 total. Waits reported online to not reflect actual wait times.
- View the El Paso Live camera [here](#)

Laredo

- Laredo Port of Entry received about 60 officers back.
- Holy Week hours of operation:
  - World Trade Bridge
    - Thursday – 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
    - Friday – 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
    - Saturday – 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
    - Sunday – 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
  - Colombia
    - Thursday – 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
    - Friday – Closed
    - Saturday – 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
    - Sunday – 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

- Hours of operation are being strictly followed. No overtime is approved.
- World Trade Bridge currently has 8 standard and 4 FAST lanes open of 12 total.
- Colombia 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

- Yesterday, private vehicle lanes were closed from 6 a.m. to 4 p.m. to address freight congestion. This will continue until Tuesday of next week and officials are considering continuing these closures.
- There continues to be long lines and wait times at Pharr; it was backed up by 900 trucks yesterday.
- We expect to see an increase in freight over the next few days as manufacturers try to get shipments out before the holidays.
- No reassigned officers have returned to Pharr and no overtime is approved.
- An additional lane opened yesterday, many shipments from the day before had to cross yesterday.
- There are 5 standard lanes and 1 FAST lane open of 6 total. Wait times are between 4 and 5 hours.
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 14 days 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. However, this week is one of the busiest weeks of the year along the border as families and goods cross in higher volumes for Holy Week. 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,
C.H. Robinson