



Texas-Mexico Border Delays

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Dear Valued Customer,

Significant north bound (Mexico to the U.S.) delays are currently being experienced and are impacting commercial traffic. A new state of Texas Policy ("Policy") is requiring increased inspection at all ports of entry ("POEs") shared by Texas and Mexico. The Policy is causing the following:

- 1) Bottle necks, long lines and extended crossing times are impacting commercial truck traffic from Mexico entering the United States through Texas POEs. Shipments are subject to secondary inspection by the Texas Department of Safety ("DPS") which is increasing the time it takes for clearance.
- 2) Protests are forming at the POE's on both sides of the border against the new Policy. Commercial lanes are being blocked by tractor/trailers, which is adding to the congestion and impacting the ability to cross the border.
- 3) Some POEs may be temporarily closed due to the protests. Example, Pharr is currently closed and there is no ETA of opening.

Lead times and crossing times will be impacted and should be considered when shipping through these POEs. To avoid congestion, consider delaying shipments that are less urgent, or choose air freight for smaller shipments to avoid the border congestion. An additional alternative is to leverage ocean capacity out of Mexico.

Resolution may take some time as there are political dynamics involved that can be difficult to predict. We will continue to monitor and will share meaningful developments.

Port Cameras can be viewed here:

Laredo: <https://www.cityoflaredo.com/bridge/cameras.html>

El Paso: https://www2.elpasotexas.gov/misc/externally_linked/bridges/cameras.html

Pharr: <https://bridge.pharr-tx.gov/live-bridge-camera/>

Wait times: <https://bwt.cbp.gov/details/07230404/COV>

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