



## Bi-national talking points Tijuana-San Ysidro



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- The governments of Mexico and the United States have made the expansion and reconfiguration of the Tijuana – San Ysidro Port of Entry (POE), the busiest passenger POE in the world, one of the top priorities of their bilateral agenda.
- This is the largest renovation of a land port of entry ever undertaken on the United States – Mexico border. When completed the United States will have invested \$732 million dollars in the project and Mexico will be investing over \$2 billion pesos.
- The governments of Mexico and the United States meet regularly to discuss the operation, requirements and possible improvements of this and all shared border crossings. Both governments have worked hard and, thanks to strong bilateral coordination, key components of the project are moving forward and towards completion.
- In this context, in October 2012, Mexico proposed reversing the flow of five lanes of the former access to Mexico (“Puerta Mexico”), in order to alleviate local traffic impacts. In August 2013, these lanes will open to the public, increasing northbound queuing capacity at the port by about 300 vehicles and helping to alleviate traffic congestion in the streets of Tijuana.
- The Mexican government has made significant progress in the construction of its new southbound pedestrian inspection facility on the east side of San Ysidro. This new building will replace the current temporary facility and will feature a dedicated pedestrian walkway which will lead to a multimodal transit center. The U.S. Government has also made significant progress in the construction of new northbound inspection booths, which will dramatically increase efficiency for travelers.



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- The Federal governments of the United States and Mexico are committed to the continuous improvement of the infrastructure along our common border, which is a key component for the economic and social development of the Tijuana – San Diego region and of both our nations.

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