



Resolution

OFFICE OF THE
MAYOR
CITY OF SAN LUIS

No. 788

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN LUIS, ARIZONA, AUTHORIZING THE RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF "2015: ARIZONA'S NEW BORDER".

WHEREAS, Arizona's border ports of entry are critical components of the state's economic and physical security;

WHEREAS, studies by the University of Arizona have indicated that Arizona has lost a substantial portion of cross-border trade for at least 5 years;

WHEREAS, Customs and Border Protection (CBP) data confirms that between 2002 and 2007 car traffic dropped by 17% (1 million less cars) and car passenger traffic decreased by 20% (4 million less car passenger) and that pedestrian traffic increased by 25% (over 2 million more) during that same time period;

WHEREAS, Commercial traffic had grown by 17% (over 55,000 more trucks) over the same time frame and is expected to double to triple over the next 15 to 20 years;

WHEREAS, Arizona's ports of entry are on average more than 30 years old and are extremely overburdened and outdated;

WHEREAS, the federal government has imposed numerous new and more intense inspection procedures and protocols that are contributing to the congestion and delays at the border;

WHEREAS, border wait times have more than doubled since 2001 and can easily exceed over 2 hours at anyone of the ports of entry on the Arizona border with Mexico;

WHEREAS, port of entry projects can take between 7 to 15 years from concept to completion;

WHEREAS, Arizona is committed to implementing a plan to at least double the throughput capacity at all its major ports of entry by 2015;

WHEREAS, much work remains to be done in order to bring all the various projects to fruition and to secure the necessary funding to pay for each project;

WHEREAS, Arizona is committed to working with all relevant local, state and federal partners and in full coordination and collaboration with the State of Sonora and the federal government of Mexico;

WHEREAS, "2015: Arizona's New Border" offers a valuable tool for the information of decision makers, dissemination of information and coordination of efforts for stakeholders;

WHEREAS, failure to implement a focused and long-term initiative to address the border and the ports of entry stands to negatively impact the economic future and the physical security of the state and the nation;

Now therefore be it resolved that the State of Arizona adopts "2015: Arizona's New Border" as guide for efforts to advance each of the border projects and that the Arizona-Mexico Commission will be tasked with the maintenance of the information and the monitoring of each project.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of San Luis, Arizona, Yuma County, Arizona, this 11th day of June, 2008.


Juan Carlos Escamilla, Mayor

ATTEST:



Sonia Cuello, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Glenn Gimbut, City Attorney