

## **Border Crossing Research Visioning Meeting**

**September 16, 8 AM- 5 PM; University Suite #312, 3rd floor at Union Bldg. East, UTEP**

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### **Meeting goals:**

- (1) Topical focus: border crossing both in its narrow sense (ports of entry, traffic, etc.) and its broad senses (social-cultural, economic, health, educational, and other effects), particularly at land border paired cities with frequent crossing patterns.
- (2) Research visioning and planning: identify (a) topics; (b) methods and data/knowledge sets; (c) potential collaborators; (d) possible funders and implementation.
- (3) Learn from research ideas, needs, and observations of community experts and participants.
- (4) Develop innovative ideas by exchange across disciplines and specialties.

### **Agenda**

- 8:00-8:15** Pick up breakfast & go to seats
- 8:15-9:00** Brief welcome from Center for Interamerican and Border Studies and Hunt Institute; Introductions of participants; identify topics of interest for clustering (pick from handout) (can change).
- 9:00-11:45** Statements from community interlocutors (10 min. max)
1. Cong. O'Rourke's office
  2. Sen. Rodriguez's office
  3. Adrian Vasquez, BECC/COCEF
  4. David Galicia, Texas Transportation Institute
  5. Mathew McElroy, City of El Paso International Bridges
  6. Cynthia Pompa, ACLU of New Mexico, Regional Center for Border Rights
- Break and stretch**
7. Sam Peña, City of El Paso Fire Department
  8. Lauren Baldwin, City of El Paso Resilience and Sustainability
  9. City of El Paso Economic Development, Stephanie Santiago or Denisse Carter
  10. Joe Gudenrath, Downtown Management District
  11. Jose Contreras, CANACO
  12. Tracy Yellen, Paso del Norte Health Foundation
  13. Christian Corrales, UTEP (border crossing students)
- 11:45-12:15** What have we heard? Key research interests emerging from the community  
Comments by Paul Ganster, Joe Heyman; Comments from the room
- 12:15-1:00** Lunch & stretch, reassemble at 12:50
- 1:00-1:15** Hunt Institute: research on cross-border flows
- 1:15-2:15** Issue clusters (first round) (see possible list below)
- 2:15-3:15** Issue clusters (second round) (see possible list below)
- 3:15-3:30** Break and stretch

- 3:30-4:00** Cluster groups report back to whole  
**4:00-4:30** Reflections on what we have heard: Ganster, Heyman  
**4:30** Call for volunteers to assemble future meetings.

### **Possible clusters**

#### Round one:

- Port of entry inspections and traffic management
- Security and flow relationships
- Border inspections and human rights
- Health & frequent border crossing (e.g., health service access, binational people & care)
- Education & border crossing experience

#### Round two

- Air pollution and environmental issues surrounding ports
- Economic issues
- Cross-border commerce
- Effects of port flows and delays
- Social-cultural aspects of transfronterizo experience
- Border crossings, transnational residence/work, and emergency management