



GOODS MOVEMENT STUDY—PHASE II FACT SHEET

GOAL

Identify the nexus between cargo crossing the San Diego and Imperial Counties border network and how that traffic flows to/from the San Pedro Bay Ports, specifically identifying commodity types, cargo volumes, and the associated infrastructure concerns. This will require an understanding of both the Otay Mesa Cargo Port in San Diego County and Imperial County POEs.

Identify the true initial origins and final destinations of goods moving through the Imperial and San Diego Counties international land POEs that illustrate the extent to which these goods begin or end in different locations throughout California, the U.S., and international markets.

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THE PROJECT

The overall purpose of the study is to assess the mobility of commerce at the California – Baja California border, and to develop freight planning strategies that would address long term trade and transportation infrastructure needs in the border region. Major steps will include the comprehensive study of bi-national trade and emerging business decisions and logistics strategies that affect the border region, transportation data collection (drayage and true origin - destination data by truck, rail, and intermodal transfers), and conceptualization and analysis of transportation infrastructure needs for regional Ports of Entry (POEs) based on potential future trade flow scenarios. Since border crossing issues in Imperial and San Diego Counties are interconnected, this project will study commercial vehicle and rail crossings in Imperial County while incorporating findings from border-crossing studies completed or underway in San Diego County (i.e., the San Diego Association of Governments {SANDAG} Comprehensive Freight Gateway Study Update), and also assess the nexus between the most critical commercial POEs (i.e., Otay Mesa, Calexico East-Mexicali II), seaports (e.g., San Pedro Bay Ports), and areas of high freight concentrations such as warehouse and distribution clusters in the Inland Empire.

FUNDING AND SCHEDULES

The funds are provided by the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) in the amount of \$300,000. This project is expected to be complete by June 2016.

STATUS

A review of two technical memos, the Summary of Origination & Destination Survey and Drayage Data/Economic Impacts, is currently underway. The spreadsheet based forecasting model is expected shortly for review. Further outreach to stakeholders will be conducted following the initial reviews which will seek input on the next steps.

PROJECT PARTNERS

SCAG, Caltrans, SANDAG, and the Imperial County Transportation Commission, as well as industry experts in the movement of freight across the international border, logistics teams, shippers, and brokers are partners in this highly specialized study.

