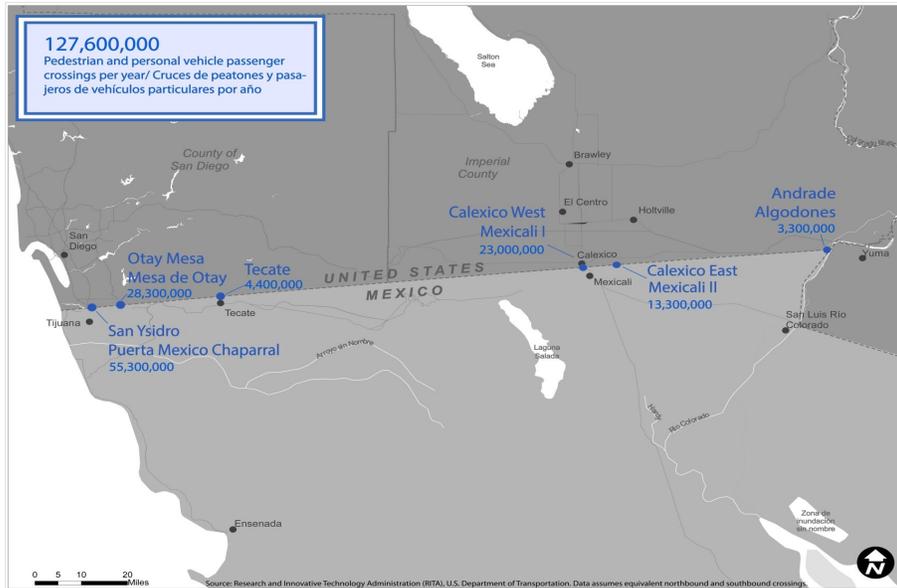


PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE TRANSPORTATION ACCESS STUDY OF THE CALIFORNIA-BAJA CALIFORNIA LAND PORTS OF ENTRY

Goals of the Project

The purpose of this project is to improve travel experiences for people walking and bicycling across the California/Baja California border region. The Imperial County Transportation Commission (ICTC) in partnership with Caltrans, the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG), and the State of Baja California (SIDUE), analyzed several infrastructure and policy recommendations to make walking and biking trips safer, easier, and more comfortable around the six California/Baja California land ports of entry (POEs).



Annual northbound and southbound pedestrian and passenger vehicle crossings at all six POEs

Project Status / Next Steps

The study was completed in February, 2015. The project recommendations may be implemented by the individual local, state or federal agencies. The project recommendations will be included in the update of the 2014 California-Baja California Border Master Plan.

Implementation of the recommended projects depends on available funding sources. The federal, state, local, private, and other funding sources listed in the study give stakeholder agencies opportunities to identify sources that best match their projects to pursue them based on program criteria. To view the full report, please visit: www.imperialctc.org/border-study

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Project Scope

The study gathered ideas on improvements from border travelers, community groups, and public agencies from U.S. and Mexico. Examples of improvements include lighting, signs, sidewalks, crosswalks, shade, seating, water, and restrooms. Facilities such as sidewalks, safety issues, wait times, and transit services can all affect conditions for border crossers traveling on foot or by bicycle. The study looked at opportunities and challenges around each Border Crossing, and collected input to identify needs and potential improvements.

Recommendations also took in consideration the major infrastructure changes at the San Ysidro/Puerta Mexico-El Chaparral and the Calexico West/Mexicali I POEs. The results of this study assessed current conditions at the POEs and provide a list of recommended infrastructure projects, programs, public educational opportunities, and policies aimed at improving the border crossing experience for the millions of people crossing on foot or by bike each year.

The study assessed pedestrian and bicycle access at the following existing POEs:

- San Ysidro/Puerta Mexico-El Chaparral
- Otay Mesa/Mesa de Otay
- Tecate/Tecate
- Calexico West/Mexicali I
- Calexico East/Mexicali II
- Andrade/Los Algodones

Regional Needs

California and Baja California share a 150-mile international border extending from the Pacific Ocean to the Colorado River. In 2013, 35.5 million pedestrians and bicyclists traveled through the six POEs. Several previous studies have analyzed passenger and commercial vehicle travel at the border as well as economic impact of binational travel. However, there has never before been a study to assess the cross-border infrastructure for pedestrians and bicyclists at either the United States' southern border with Mexico or northern border with Canada.

