

U.S.-Mexico Border Crossings



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2,000 Mile Border – 50 Crossings



- 5 key zones: San Diego/Tijuana, Ambos Nogales, El Paso/Ciudad Juarez, Laredo/Nuevo Laredo, Rio Grande valley



San Ysidro - San Diego, CA



Los Ebanos – Sullivan City, TX



Every Day ~ \$1 billion in cross-border trade

Northbound numbers

- 13,000+ trucks (8,000 in 1995)
- 215,000 cars (170,000 in 1995) carrying 430,000 people (460,000 in 1995)
- 725 buses (300 in 1995) carrying 9500 people (4300 in 1995)
- 2200 train cars (800 in 1996)
- 125,000 pedestrians (90,000 in 1995)

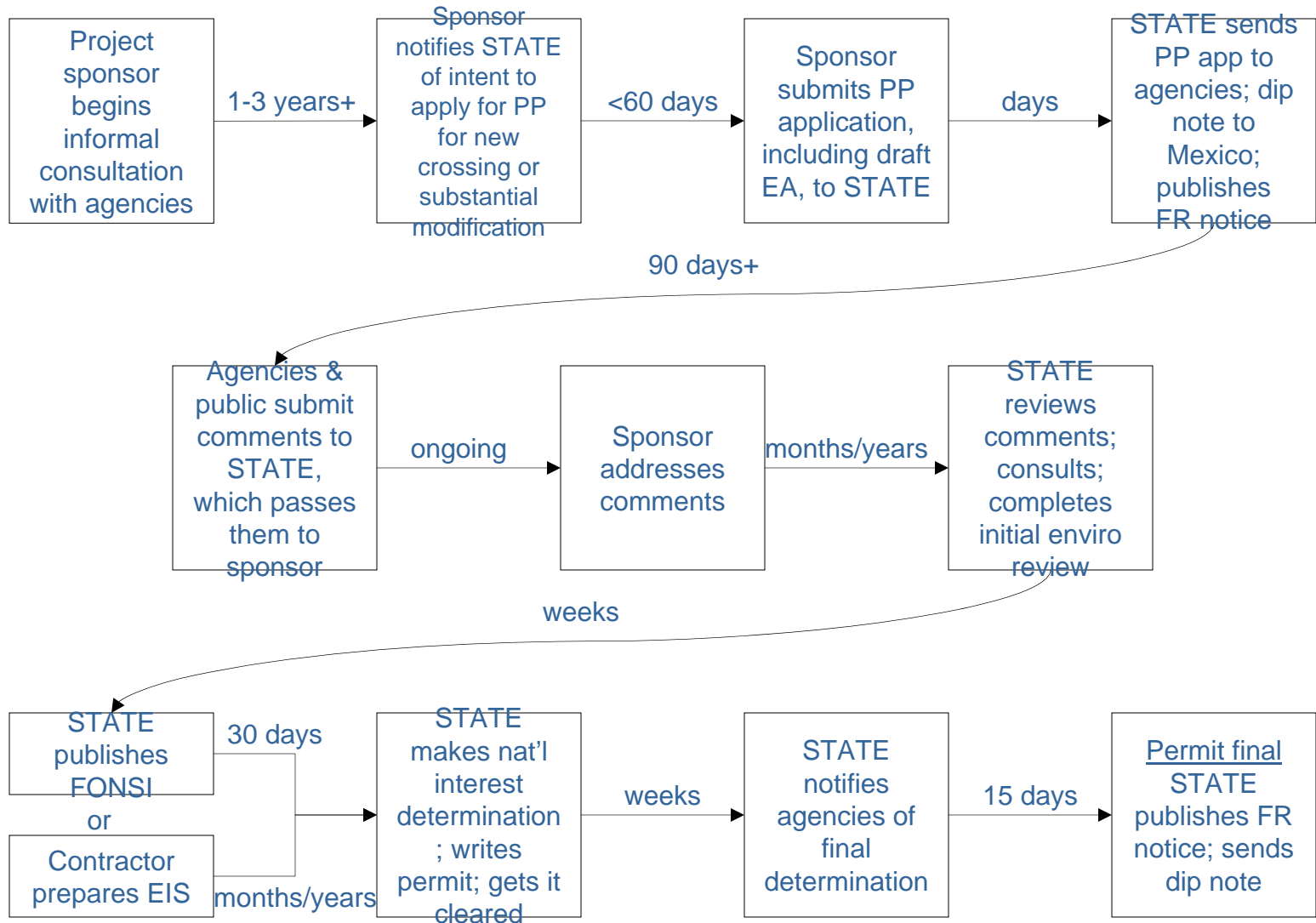


State Department Responsibilities

- Executive Order 11423 (1968) authorizes the Secretary of State to issue Presidential permits for certain cross-border facilities if she finds them in the national interest.
- The Department and Mexican Foreign Ministry co-lead Binational Bridges and Border Crossings Group, which includes lots of partners:
 - DHS: Customs and Border Protection & Coast Guard
 - DOT: Federal Highway Administration
 - General Services Administration
 - International Boundary and Water Commission
 - Governors, state agencies, and local governments
 - Mexican government
 - Private sector



Presidential Permit Process



Current Efforts - Infrastructure

- new crossings to open in next year ★
- major renovation projects underway ☆



Big Plans

- New crossings:
 - Otay Mesa East
 - El Paso and Laredo bridges
 - Second spans
 - Train bridges: West Rail, Colombia, & Santa Teresa
 - Cross-border terminal
- More Renovations (if funding)
- Border master plans

