



## Otay Mesa Port of Entry

### Port Address

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San Diego, CA 92154

### Port Website

<http://www.cbp.gov/contact/ports/otay-mesa>

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The Otay Mesa Port of Entry (POE) is a multi-modal (commercial, non-commercial, and pedestrian) land POE. The port is one of the ten busiest land ports in the United States (U.S.) and is the busiest commercial POE on the California-Baja California border, handling the second-highest volume of trucks, and third highest dollar volume of trade among all U.S.-Mexico land ports of entry. In 2013, Otay Mesa POE handled approximately 1.5 million trucks and \$36 billion worth of goods in both directions.<sup>1</sup>

### PORT INFRASTRUCTURE AND FACILITIES

#### Commercial Facility

Northbound total truck lanes: 10

At least one of each lane for regular commercial, FAST<sup>2</sup>, and empty trucks are open during operating hours.<sup>3</sup> The number of each type of lane varies depending upon demand and staffing.

Southbound truck lanes: \*

#### Passenger Facility

Northbound total passenger lanes: 13

At least one of each regular, Bus<sup>4</sup>, READY<sup>5</sup>, and SENTRI<sup>6</sup> lanes are open during operating hours. The number of each type of lane varies depending upon demand and staffing.



Northbound total pedestrian lanes: 6

Pedestrian SENTRI lane: 1

Pedestrian READY lanes: 2

Pedestrian regular lanes: 3

Southbound passenger lanes: \*

### OPERATIONS

Import and export facilities operate Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., with reduced weekend hours. Pedestrian and passenger vehicle crossings are processed 24 hours per day, seven days per week.

### PORT DATA

#### 2013 Port Statistics (Northbound)<sup>7</sup>

Trucks:	769,886
Trains: <sup>8</sup>	254
Buses:	42,145
Bus passengers:	182,509
Personal vehicles:	6,235,300
Vehicle passengers:	10,884,910
Pedestrians:	3,289,778

\* To be provided in a final draft of the California Freight Mobility Plan.

<sup>1</sup> Department of Transportation: Research and Innovative Technology Administration (RITA) <http://transborder.bts.gov/>

<sup>2</sup> Free and Secure Trade (FAST) is a commercial clearance program for known low-risk shipments entering the U.S. from Canada and Mexico.

<sup>3</sup> All lanes are FAST compatible.

<sup>4</sup> The bus lane could also act as a SENTRI lane when no buses are present.

<sup>5</sup> READY lanes allow express crossing to the U.S. with a valid Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) document.

<sup>6</sup> The Secure Electronic Network for Travelers Rapid Inspection (SENTRI) program provides expedited processing for pre-approved, low-risk travelers at the southern land border POEs.

<sup>7</sup> Ibid.

<sup>8</sup> Trains cross the international border through the San Ysidro POE. However, data are reported for the Otay Mesa POE.

# Freight Planning Fact Sheet

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## **SURFACE TRANSPORTATION NETWORK**

Access to the POE is via SR-905, which connects with I-5 and I-805. The SR-125 (toll road) also provides access to SR-905.

## **BUSINESS CHALLENGES**

- Because of delays experienced by trucks at the border, it is estimated that San Diego County lost \$248 million in direct net revenue in 2008.
- Accounting for the indirect and induced effects of net revenue losses, the total impact amounts to a \$412 million loss in business output and 2,256 jobs lost in San Diego County.

## **CALTRANS FOCUS AREAS**

- Continue to collaborate with U.S. and Mexican agencies, community members, and stakeholders.
- Work with stakeholder to reduce north and southbound congestion and improve safe and secure mobility at the POE.
- Continue to partner with SANDAG in pursuing the opening of the Otay Mesa East POE and State Route 11.

## **PORT-RELATED PROJECTS**

- The U.S. GSA is proposing to reconfigure and modernize the existing passenger and cargo inspection areas and improve operational efficiency to meet current and forecasted needs. Currently no funding has been identified.
- A new Otay Mesa East POE with a tolled highway (SR-11) is scheduled to open in 2017 as a critical relief valve for cross border congestion. This project will help reduce freight and passenger traffic congestion, as well as deliver additional capacity for future growth by providing a new alternative for crossing the U.S.-Mexico border.
- The City of San Diego is proposing to expand the existing southbound truck route. The route will provide a direct truck access into Mexico. The project seeks to address southbound truck traffic queues, eliminate blockage of surface street intersections, and improve local business access.

- The San Diego-Tijuana Cross Border Facility (CBF) is a privately funded project. The CBF will provide a direct connection to the Tijuana International Airport (Abelardo L. Rodriguez). The CBF will be located about two miles west of the Otay Mesa POE.

## **TRANSPORTATION PLANNING PARTNERS**

### U.S. Agencies and Stakeholders

- Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)
- U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP)
- U.S. General Services Administration (GSA)
- California Department of Transportation (Caltrans)
- California Highway Patrol (CHP)
- San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG)
- County of San Diego
- City of San Diego
- Otay Mesa Chamber of Commerce

### Mexican Agencies

- Secretariat of Communications and Transportation (SCT)
- Secretariat of Foreign Relations (SRE)
- General Customs Administration
- Institute of Administration and Estimates of National Real Estate (INDAABIN)
- Secretariat of Infrastructure and Urban Development of Baja California (SIDUE)
- Municipal Planning Institute of Tijuana (IMPLAN)

## **PLANNING DOCUMENTS**

- California-Baja California Border Master Plans (2008 and 2014)
- City of San Diego Otay Mesa Community Plan
- SANDAG 2050 Regional Transportation Plan
- GSA/CBP Otay Mesa Expanded Feasibility Study
- Freight Gateway Study Update

## **SOURCES AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Caltrans D11

<http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist11/>

SANDAG

<http://www.sandag.org/>

U.S. GSA

<http://www.gsa.gov/>

U.S. CBP

<http://www.cbp.gov/>