

TENTATIVE AGENDA

**Senate Committee on International Relations and Trade
Public Hearing – Laredo, Texas
Wednesday, October 6, 2004, 9:30 A.M.
Texas A&M International University
Student Center Ballroom**

I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call

III. Adoption of Committee Minutes

IV. Welcoming/Opening Remarks

- Chairman Eddie Lucio, Jr., Senator Judith Zaffirini and Members
- Dr. Ray Keck, President – Texas A&M International University
- The Honorable Mayor Elizabeth G. “Betty” Flores

V. Invited Testimony

- Texas Department of Public Safety
 - Colonel Thomas Davis, Executive Director
 - Major Mark Rogers
 - Chief Randy Elliston, Texas Highway Patrol
- Texas Transportation Commission and Texas Department of Transportation
 - Hope Andrade, Commissioner
 - Amadeo Saenz, Assistant Executive Director for Engineering Operations
 - Luis Ramirez, District Engineer – Laredo Transportation District
- Dr. Herbert Richardson, Director – Texas Transportation Institute, Texas A&M University
- Dr. J. Michael Patrick, Director – Texas Center for Economic and Enterprise Development, Texas A&M International University
- Diane Rath, Chair – Texas Workforce Commission
- John Adams, Executive Director – Laredo Development Foundation
- South Texas Workforce Development Board
 - Roger W. Creery, Board Chair
 - Rogelio Trevino, Executive Director
- Miguel Conchas, President and CEO – Laredo Chamber of Commerce
- Texas Border Infrastructure Coalition
- Aaron Demerson, Director of Texas Business – Texas Economic Development, Gov.’s Office
- Carlos Villareal, Executive Administrator to the Commissioners’ Court – Webb County
- International Bank of Commerce – Laredo
 - Dennis Nixon, President and CEO
 - Gerry Schwebel, Executive Vice President, International Department

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- Carlos Rivera, U.S. Section Secretary – International Boundary and Water Commission
- J. Kevin Ward, Executive Administrator – Texas Water Development Board
- Fernando Macias, General Manager – Border Environmental Cooperation Commission
- Jorge C. Garces, Deputy Managing Director – North American Development Bank
- Center for Housing and Urban Development – Texas A&M University
 - Professor Bob Segner, Professor of Construction Science
 - Oscar Munoz, Regional Director, Central Region
- Texas Department of Housing & Community Affairs
 - Edwina Carrington, Executive Director
 - Homero Cabello, Director, Office of Colonia Initiatives
- Yvette Sanchez, Director of Colonia Initiatives – Office of the Secretary of State
- John Henneberger, Co-Director – Texas Low Income Housing Coalition

VI. Other Invited Testimony

VII. Public Testimony

VIII. Other Business

IX. Recess

