Alpine City Council Meeting

LHA AND CITY MANAGER UPDATE

SEPTEMBER 1, 2020
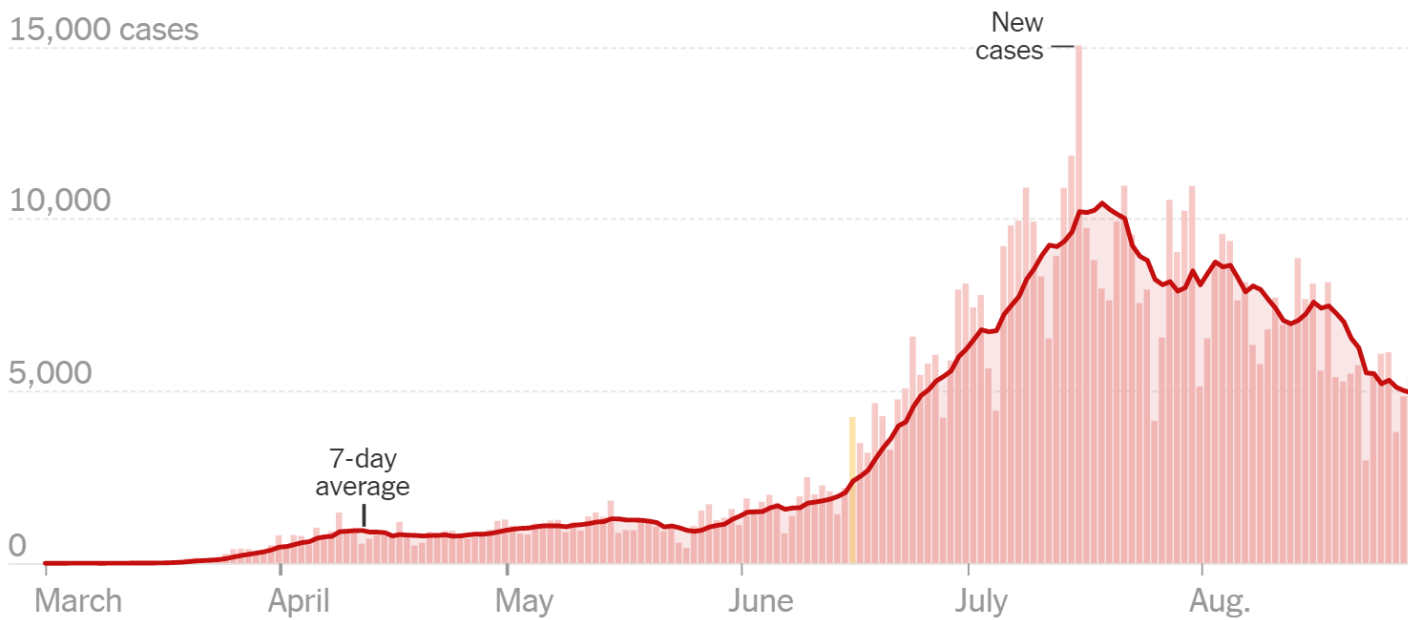
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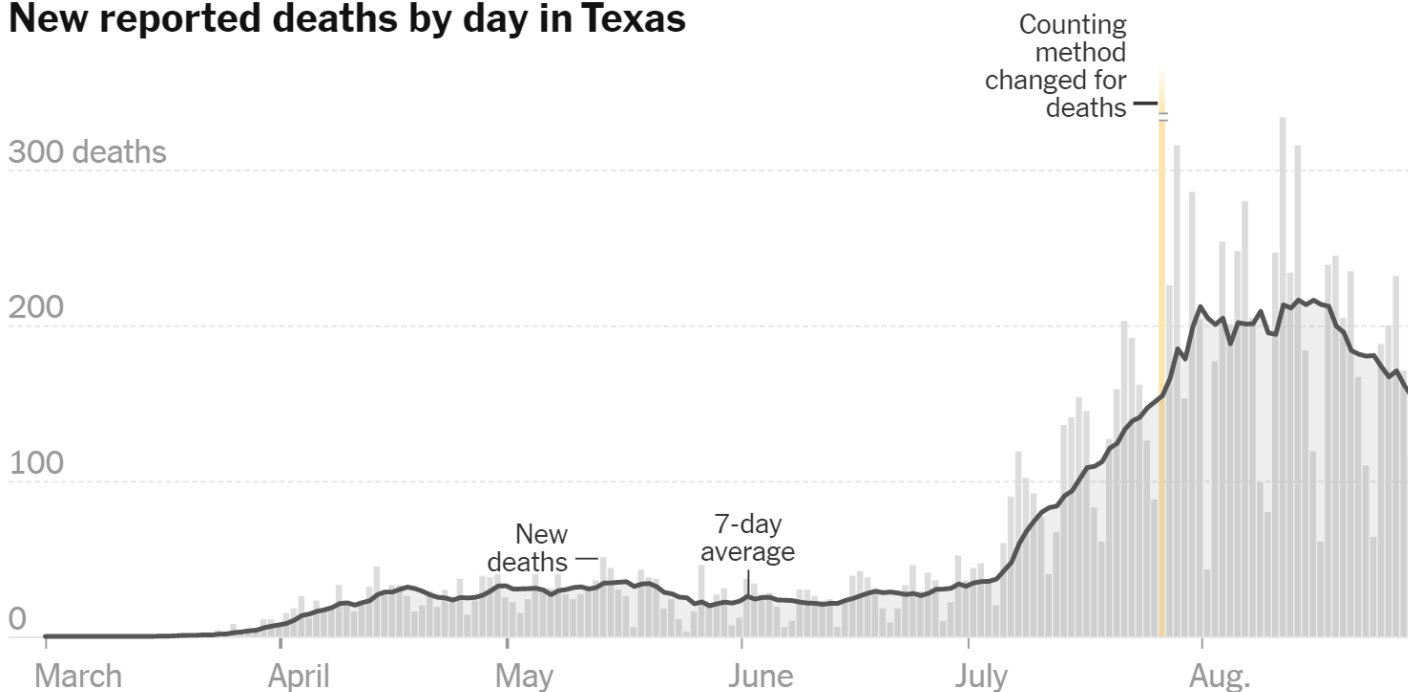
1 SEPTEMBER 2020

DR. EKTA ESCOVAR – BREWSTER COUNTY LHA

New reported cases by day in Texas

15,000 cases

New
cases

10,000

5,000

7-day
average

0

March   April   May   June   July   Aug.

New reported deaths by day in Texas

Counting
method
changed for
deaths

300 deaths

200

100

New
deaths

7-day
average

0

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Case Counts
Total (Active)

As of 8/30 1200	Population	Cases	Cases/1000	Tests	Tests/1000
US	327,200,000	6,156,859	**18.6**	81,445,745	**246.1**
Texas	28,700,000	635,898	**21.9**	5,306,731	**183.0 (10th lowest)**
Tri-County	18,773	288	**15.3**	5,371* *best estimate, likely higher	**286.1**
Brewster Co	9,267	206	**22.2**		

▶ **Brewster – 206 (4) + 2 deaths**

Brewster County COVID-19 Ages

Ages	Number of COVID-19 People
0-9	0
10-19	17
20s	35
30s	39
40s	29
50s	36
60s	26
70s	18
80s	5
90s	1
Unknown	0
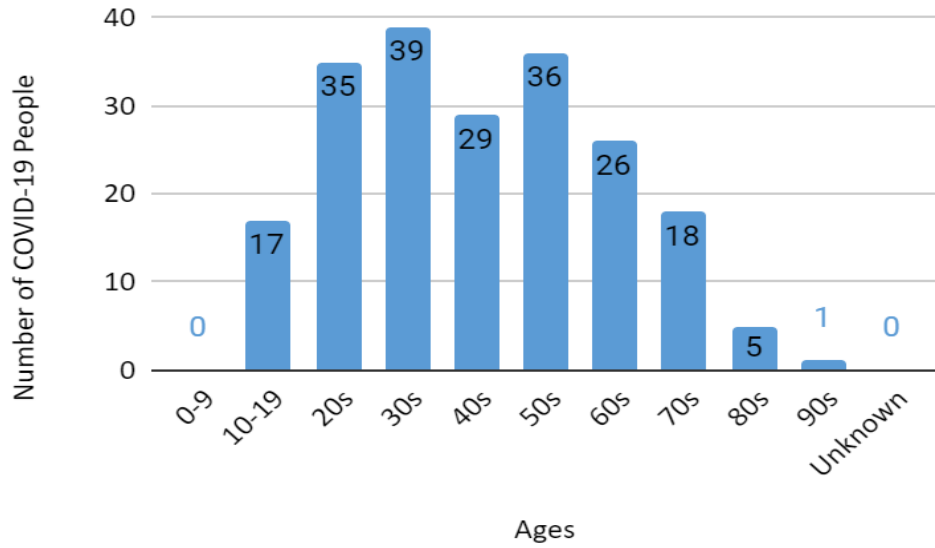
Brewster County 60-day Dashboard

20-Day Active Case Count

Date	Active Cases
8/11/20	6
8/12/20	6
8/13/20	6
8/14/20	5
8/15/20	4
8/16/20	3
8/17/20	2
8/18/20	2
8/19/20	3
8/20/20	2
8/21/20	1
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8/23/20	1
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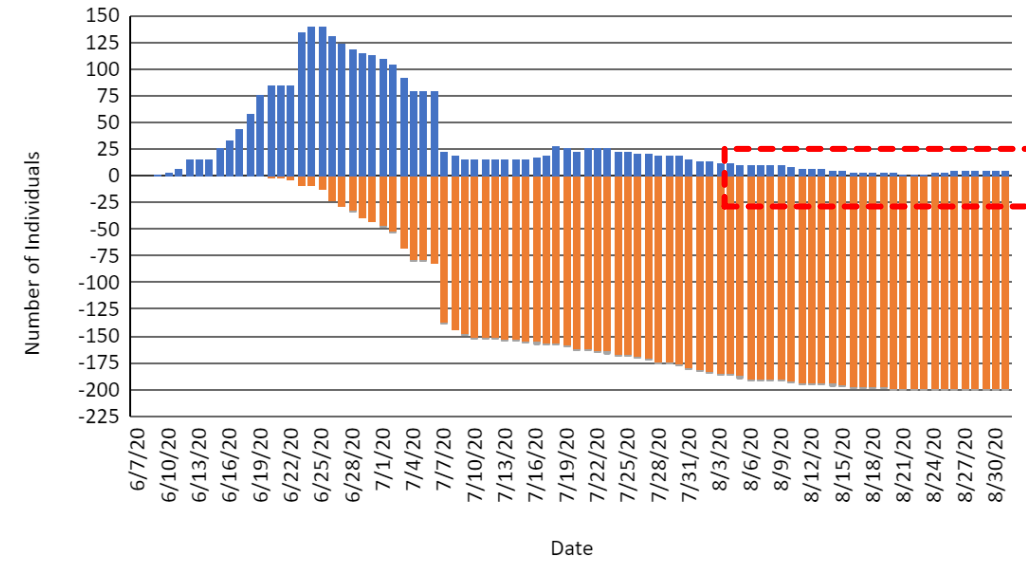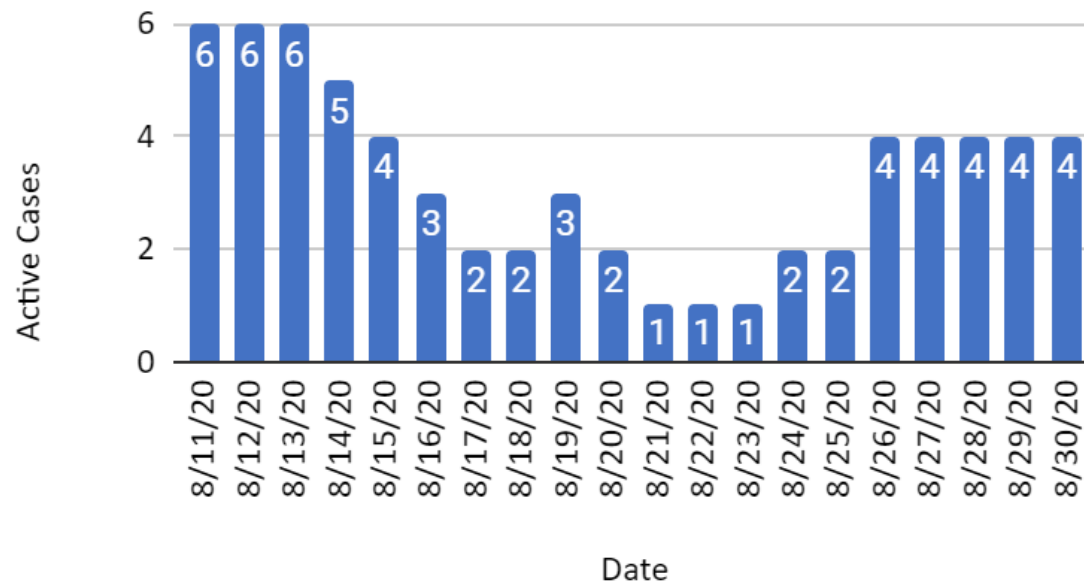
5 Metrics to Follow

▶ **ICU hospital bed occupancy**

   ▶ This can change very quickly day to day. BBRMC would know this metric.

   ▶ Goal: less than 60% occupancy

▶ *New* **COVID-19 infections**(can be measured daily, weekly, or 14-day)

   ▶ 14-day goal: less than 50 new cases per 100,000 people

   ▶ Brewster County goal: less than new 4 cases over 14 days for the 9,267 population

▶ **Texas Infection Reproduction Rate** (https://rt.live/us/TX)

   ▶ Goal is to be less than 1.0

   ▶ For every 100 individuals infected, they infect X number of people

      ▶ If each infection didn't lead to another person being infected, the number of cases would decrease over time

▶ **Testing positivity rates**

   ▶ Goal: less than 5% positivity rate

▶ **Average weekly testing**

   ▶ Goal: 150 tests per 100,000 population

   ▶ Tri-County goal: 198 tests weekly

https://covidactnow.org/
https://globalepidemics.org/key-metrics-for-covid-suppression/
https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/global-covid-19/SARS-CoV-2-Transmission-Metrics.pdf

BREWSTER COUNTY METRICS

ICU bed occupancy (goal < 60%)	0%
14-day new/active infection (goal < 4)	4
Texas Rt0 (goal < 1.0) *(I wish we had the ability to see this on a local level)*	0.9
Testing positivity rate (goal < 5%) *(From 37 local non-mobile testing Aug 21-27)*	7.5%
Average tri-county weekly testing (goal >198/week)	758

Emergency Services Workshop Readout

Held at Civic Center and via Zoom on Wednesday August 19th

Attended by 45+ individuals from a variety of disciplines

Primary focus was to center around Common Ground on Goals and Priorities for our Emergency Services in area

Readouts

Emergency Medical Services

1. Organizational Structure
   - Interlocal Agreements
2. Air vs. Ground
   - Cost Tertiary
3. Personnel
   - Education
   - Qualifications (EMT, Paramedic)
   - Retention

Fire Services

1. Cooperation
   - Meeting
     1. County (Judge)
     2. City (CM)
     3. SRSU (President)
     4. AISD (Supt)
   - Training
     1. SRSU Fire-Fighting Class - EMS Led
   - Modify Fire Station
     1. Add Housing
2. Measure
   - Adequately Staffed / Equipment and Department
   - Adequate Communication
3. Thought shared on ESD
   - Countywide - 3 divisions

Readout (2)

CERT – Community Emergency Response Team

Notes from Marisa Q:

Hi Erik,
The thought was that perhaps a CERT would be implemented using Sul Ross students. Maybe, having the CERT training be offered as an elective.

A train the trainer course could be offered for those interested. They in turn can teach the CERT course.

Hope this helps.
Marisa

Law Enforcement

ICS Throughout

1. Protect
   ◦ Life
   ◦ Property
2. Respond (Establish ICS)
   ◦ ID Assignment / Responsibility
   ◦ Accountability
3. Communication (finish establishing ICS)
   ◦ TXLaw
4. Resolve
5. Secure / Investigate

Take Aways

The overarching theme of communication amongst entities stands out. This workshop was a step in the right direction of getting the diverse entities together. How we layer this into a consistent process over the next 6-12 months will pave the path for a more successful Emergency Services program for the City, County and general Area.

Training is another key theme that emerged. Once we have some stability in the groups, then the training efforts we introduce will have a more lasting impact.

Next Steps: 1. Individualized Workshops for each discipline over next 6 months. 2. Emergency Management Exercises
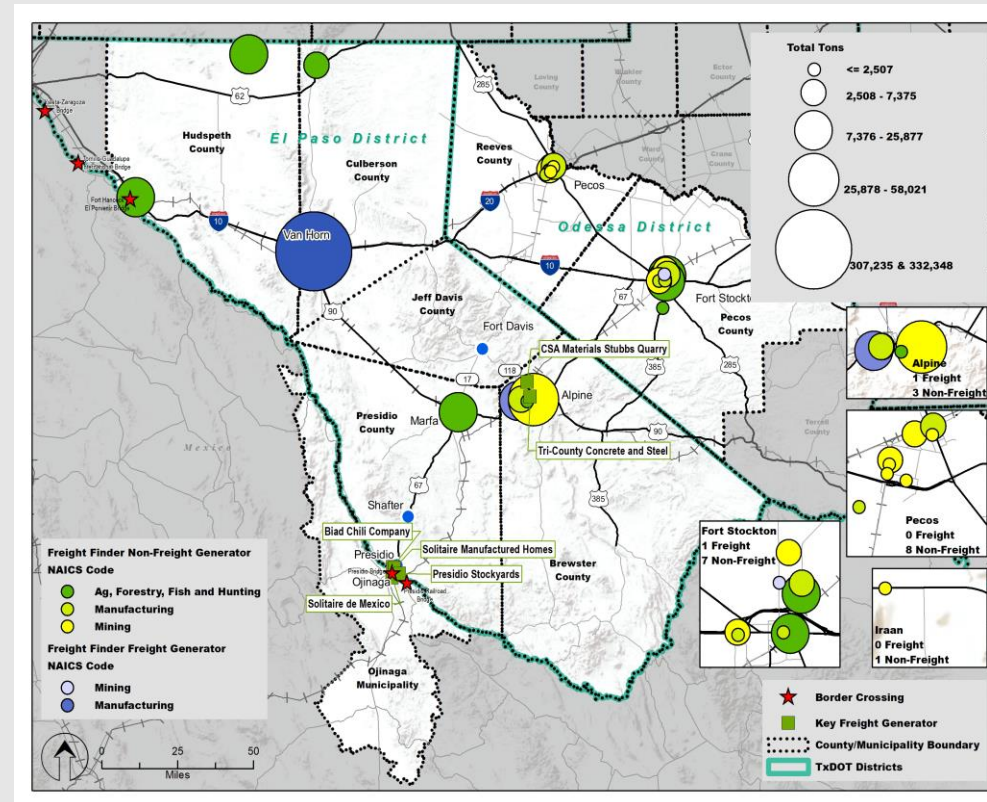
Presidio Freight and Trade Transportation Plan

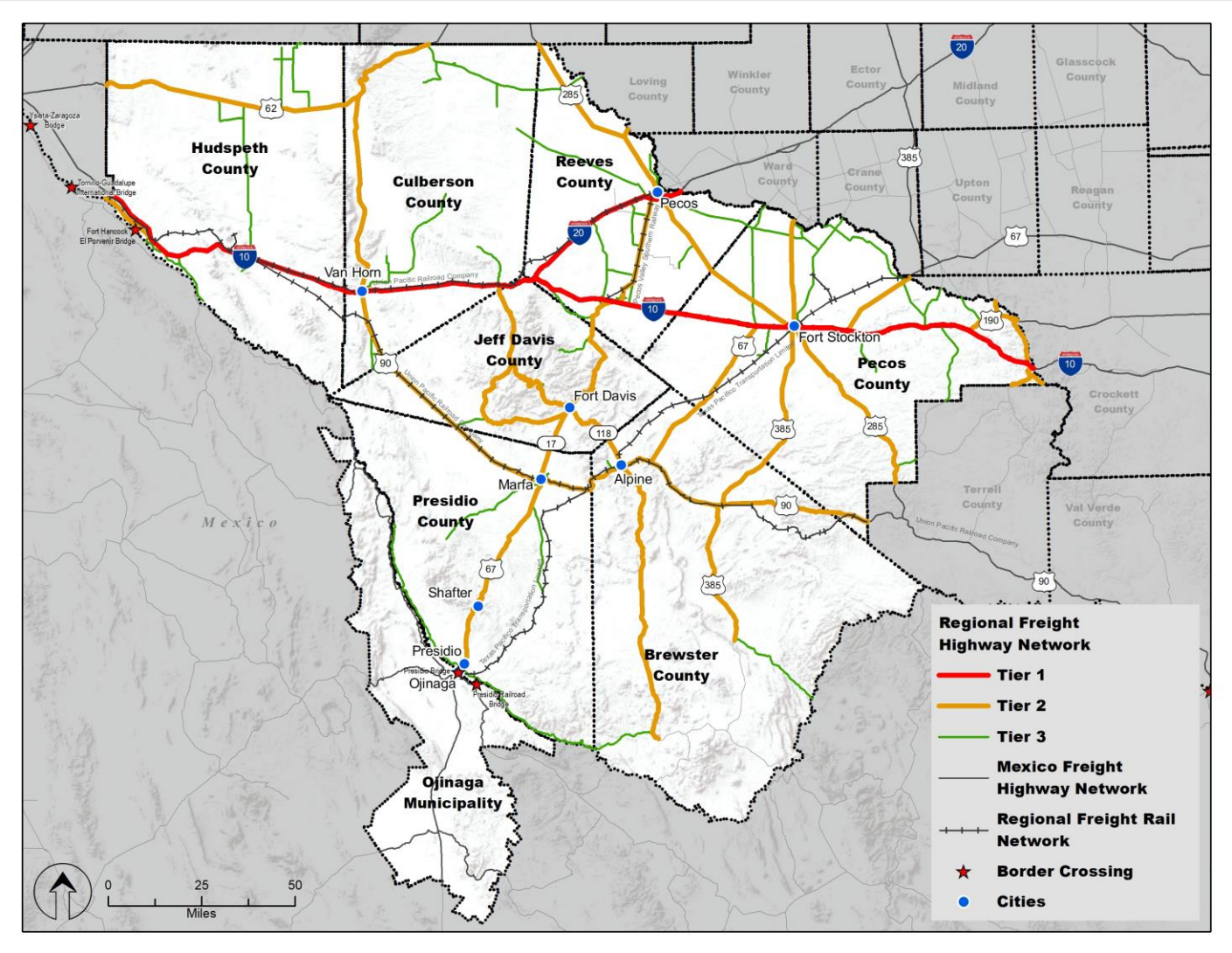Draft Report Document Overview

August 14, 2020

Sub Sections:

- Regional Commodity Flows
- Truck Commodities
- Rail Commodities
- Border Crossings
- Freight Economic Impacts
- Key Supply Chains
  - *Mining/Pipeline and Energy*
  - *Agriculture, Forestry, and Fishing*
  - *Manufacturing*

*Freight Intensive Industry Sectors and Tonnage, 2015*

Regional Multimodal Freight Network for the PFTTP

Sub Sections:

- Highway Freight Needs
  - *Freight Infrastructure Condition and Performance*
  - *Mobility and Reliability*
  - *Safety*
- Rail Freight Needs
  - *Rail Infrastructure Condition*
  - *Safety*
- Stakeholder Identified Infrastructure, Safety, Policy, and Program Needs
  - *Port of Entry Needs*
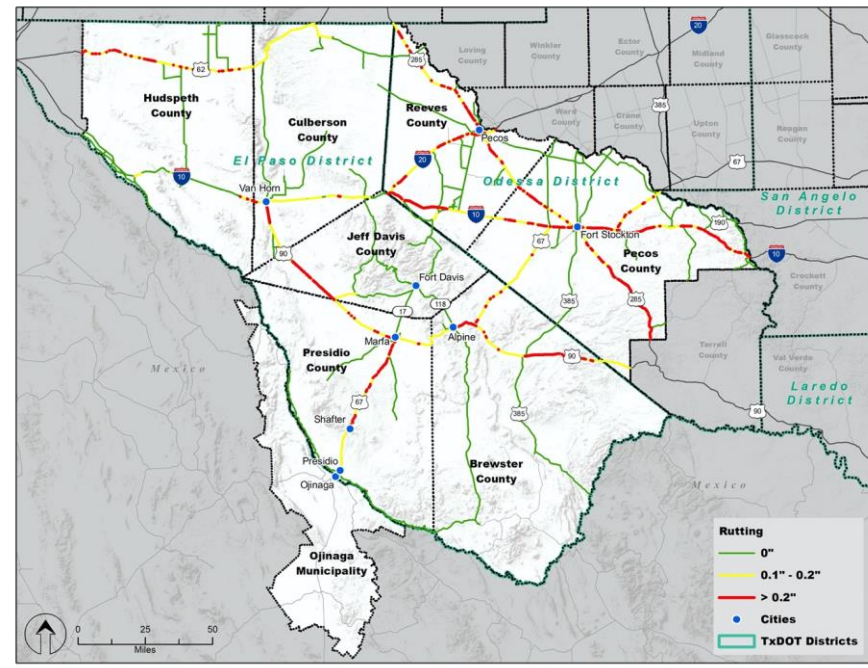
*Highway Freight Need: Pavement Rutting in the Study Area*

Type	Number	Location	Name	Description	Recommendation	Source	Recommended Implementation Timeframe	Responsible Parties
Capacity	1	Presidio to Fort Stockton	Texas-Pacifico rail rehabilitation	Insufficient track weight and outdated bridges require rehabilitation prior to re-establishing freight service	Complete rail rehabilitation between Presidio to Fort Stockton	Presidio Stakeholder Workshop (October 2019) Stakeholder Interviews	Mid-Term	TxDOT Supported, Texas-Pacifico, Other Stakeholders
	2	Brewster County	Texas-Pacifico interchange with Union Pacific Railroad	There is no functioning rail interchange between the Texas-Pacifico and Union Pacific railroads near Alpine	Conduct engineering assessments to define new rail interchange options if justified by market demand	Stakeholder Interviews	Short-Term	TxDOT Supported, Local Government, Texas-Pacifico, Union Pacific, Other Stakeholders
	3	Cuauhtémoc, Mexico	Rail spur	A rail spur is needed near Cuauhtémoc for rail access	Coordinate with private companies and local officials	Stakeholder Interviews	Short-Term	Ferromex, Texas Pacifico, Other Stakeholders in the Private Sector
	4	Alpine, Fort Stockton, and San Angelo	Intermodal facilities	New intermodal facilities could improve shipper options and regional economic development	Coordinate with private companies and local officials	Stakeholder Interviews	Short-Term	TxDOT Supported, Texas Pacifico, Other Stakeholders in the Private Sector
	5	Pecos, Crane, and Ector Counties	New rail line	A new rail line between Fort Stockton and Odessa would improve regional rail connectivity	Coordinate with private companies and local officials	Stakeholder Interviews	Short-Term	TxDOT Supported, Federal Railroad Administration, Texas Pacifico, Local Government, Other Stakeholders

Recommendations for Freight Policies, Programs, and Studies Based on Stakeholder Identified Needs with Timeframes and Responsible Agencies

Describes freight funding opportunities that would be available to fund the recommendations and other steps required for implementation of the PFTTP recommendations.

Sub Sections:

- Funding Opportunities Available Through Federal and State Funds

- Project Development and Programming Process *(includes description of how a recommendation evolves into a programmed project)*
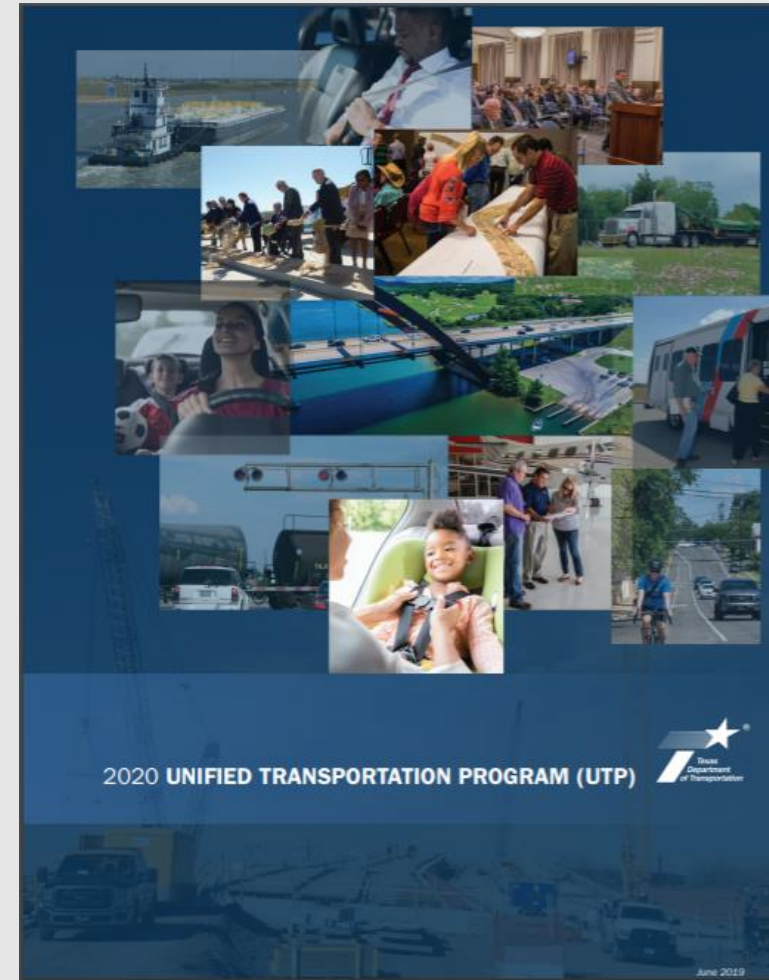
2020 TxDOT UTP

* While the UTP is discussed, the plan clarifies that the inclusion of a project in the plan is not a guarantee that it will be programmed into the UTP

- In the Presidio Freight and Trade Transportation Plan (Draft 2) Report: Recommended Policies, Programs, and Studies (starting on page 72), the City of Alpine requests and recommends that the following projects be considered jointly:

- 2: Texas-Pacifico interchange with Union Pacific Railroad
- 4: Intermodal facilities
- 10: Road bypass
- 11: Rail bypass
- 36: Quiet zone
- 38: Traffic and emergency access concerns

- **The planning for each of these projects affects all of the others.**

- The ideal in our view would be a rail bypass (#11) and TRUCK-ONLY road bypass (#10) sharing the same right of way. The positioning of this right of way would affect the locations for project #s 2 and 4, and completion of the bypass would render project #s 36 and 38 moot.

- Thank you for your time and attention.

TACVB Press Release

Visit Alpine Wins Big at TACVB Idea Fair

August 12, 2020 The Texas Association of Convention and Visitor Bureaus (TACVB) is pleased to announce that Visit Alpine, Texas won First Place in the "People's Choice" Idea Fair awards in the Under $1,000,000 Budget level for COVID-19 Messaging. The awards were presented during TACVB's Virtual Annual Conference in on August 12, 2020.

The award was given for the 1 on 1 on 1 Livestream Music Festival held on May 2 & 3, 2020, a joint project of the City of Alpine and the Big Bend COVID-19 Pandemic Relief Fund. The event featured 37 short musical performances and raised over $7,000 for the Pandemic Relief Fund. "On pretty short notice, we were able to share 11 hours of music by and for the Big Bend with the world and bring in some much-needed dollars for local residents," said City of Alpine Tourism Director Chris Ruggia. "I'm still kind of amazed that we pulled it off."

It's A Great Day
To Be In Alpine