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COUNTY AND CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION DISCUSS WAIT TIMES

County Judge Carlos H. Cascos announced today that Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officials in Washington, D.C. and the field office in Laredo as well as staff from the offices of Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison, Senator John Cornyn and Congressman Solomon Ortiz joined county staff on a conference call to discuss the current situation regarding wait times at Ports of Entry in Cameron County.

“The discussion was very positive and a step in the right direction towards focusing on this serious issue of wait times for vehicles and pedestrians crossing our bridges, Cascos said. I want to thank CBP for being responsive to our requests for more attention to this matter and their willingness to direct more resources to our area as they continue to implement and assess their new information system which will hopefully speed up the process for those crossing our bridges daily”.

Cascos, just last week, initiated an inquiry into the trouble with border wait times after receiving repeated calls for assistance from the business sector and the general public as a whole. “I will continue to knock on the door of our federal agencies and our elected representation in Washington to ensure that despite new regulations and procedures for the traveling public our local economy and overall conditions are not jeopardized any further on either side of our communities”, he added.