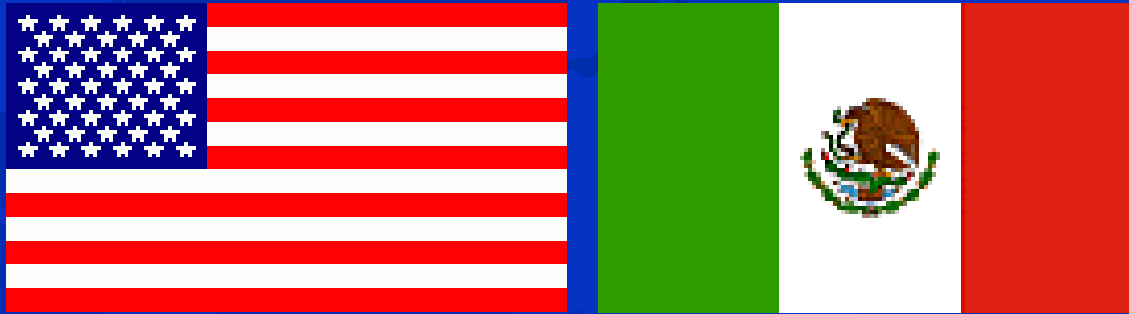


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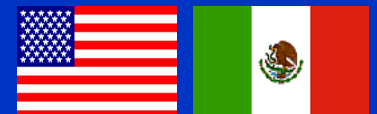
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# Who We Are

- ◆ Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Secretariat of Communication and Transportation (SCT).
- ◆ Department of State (DOS), the Secretariat of Foreign Relations (SRE).
- ◆ Four U.S. border states, and the six Mexican border States.
- ◆ The General Services Administration (GSA), Customs and Border Protection (CBP), INDAABIN and Aduana

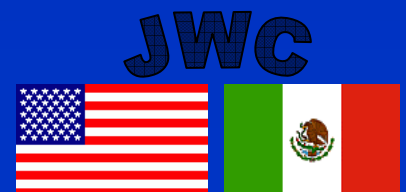


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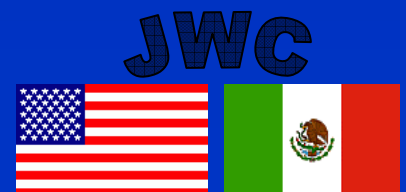
# What We Do

- ◆ Promotes effective communication & coordination;
- ◆ Analyze current and future transportation infrastructure needs;
- ◆ Evaluate transportation demand and infrastructure impacts



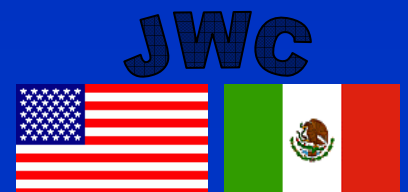
# How We Began

- ◆ North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) was effective January 1, 1994.
- ◆ The United States and Mexico recognized the need for a well-coordinated transportation planning process along the border.
- ◆ On April 29, 1994, the US DOT and the SCT signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), establishing the JWC.
- ◆ A second binational MOU was signed in October 2000 reinforcing the working relationship.



# PAST ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- ◆ Bilingual Planning and Programming Study (1998)
- ◆ \$2.5 million, this jointly funded
- ◆ The study results were presented at the Guadalajara Symposium.



# 2001-2003 Biennial Work Plan

- ◆ Border Infrastructure Needs Assessment (BINS) –
- ◆ Border GIS (BGIS) Platform Development
- ◆ Analysis of Coordination Systems at POEs Study

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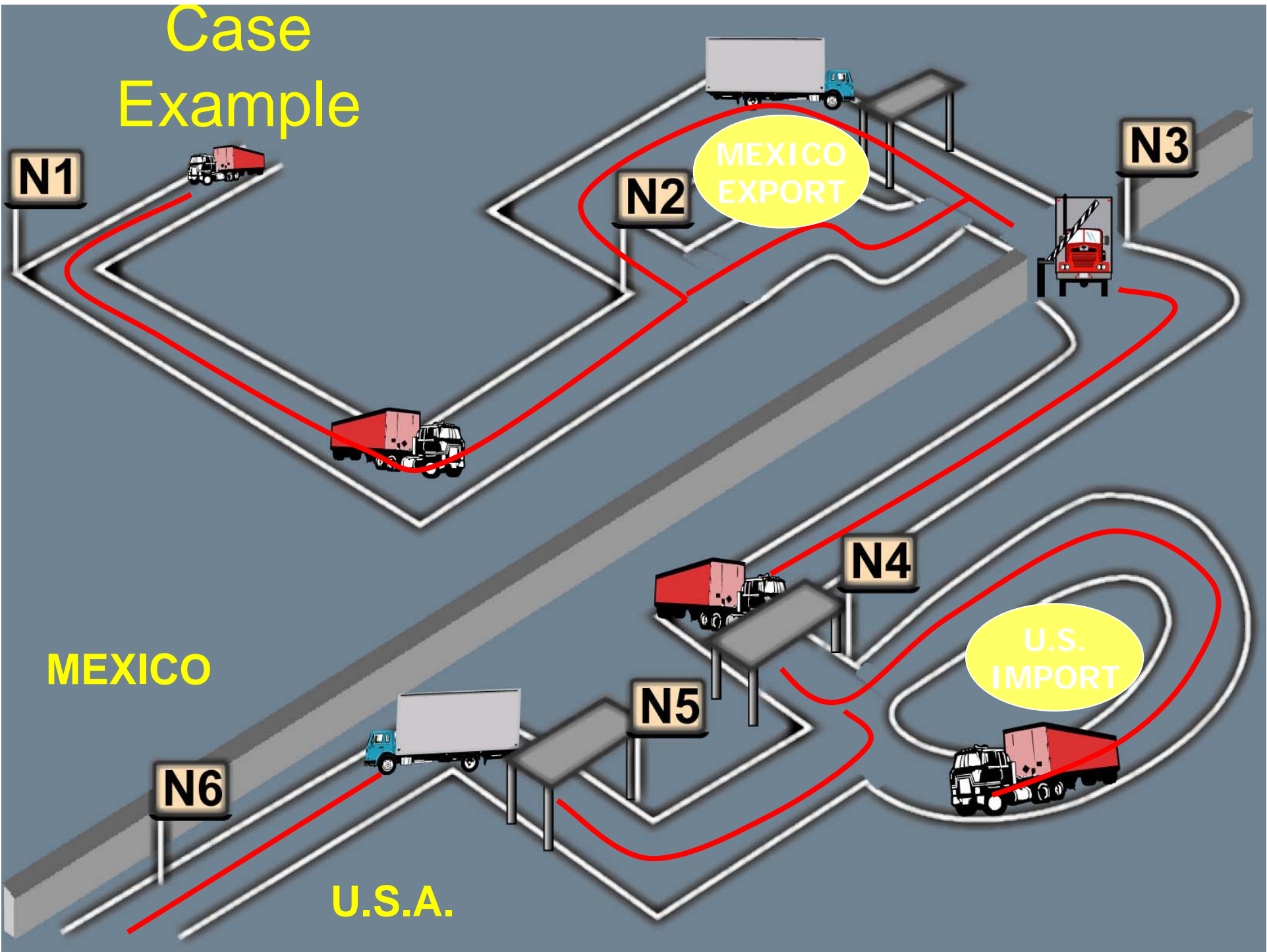
# 2003-2005 Biennial Work Plan

- ◆ Bottleneck Study
- ◆ GIS Training Program
- ◆ Otay Mesa FAST Lane Project
- ◆ Border Finance Conference

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# Case Example



# Identify Bottlenecks and Proposed Improvements

## Otay Mesa/Mesa de Otay

➔ Operational, Minor Infrastructure and Safety Improvements at Northbound & Southbound Truck Routes

- ◆ Improve turning radii at various locations

- ◆ Pave emergency lane

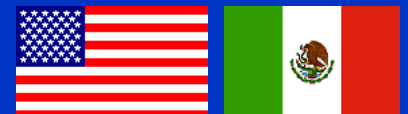
- ☞ Re-route empty lane

- ◆ Add traffic signal

- ☞ Increase capacity via additional lanes

- ☞ Install concrete barriers

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# Border Finance Conference



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# 2005-2007 Biennial Work Plan

- ◆ Regional Border Master Plan
- Financing Low Cost/High Impact projects
- ◆ Border Infrastructure Needs Assessment (BINS) Phase II/ GIS
- ◆ Border Safety Conscious Planning Seminar
- ◆ Border Information Flow Architecture (BIFA)

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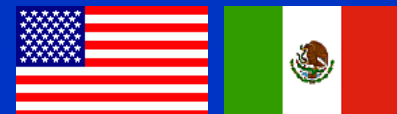
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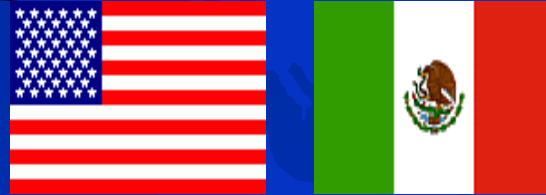
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