Zaragosa Crossing Summary

The Zaragoza Bridge connects outlying areas of El Paso, Texas and Juarez, Mexico. Officially - and on the Mexican side - it is known as Zaragoza; however, the U.S. side often refers to it as the Ysleta Bridge after a nearby community of that name. It spans the Rio Grande River approximately seven miles southeast of the Bridge of the Americas, another major border crossing between downtown El Paso and Juarez. The Zaragoza Bridge handles auto, truck, and pedestrian traffic, although autos and pedestrians have separate tollbooths and Customs inspections facilities from trucks and are physically separated on the bridge. The bridge operates from 8:00 A.M. to midnight Monday through Friday, and 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. on Saturday. The crossing is closed to commercial vehicle traffic on Sunday. In the El Paso – Juarez metropolitan area, other bridges that also handle truck traffic include the Bridge of the Americas (known in Mexico as the Cordova Bridge) and the Santa Teresa Bridge (a crossing primarily for agricultural commerce, about twenty miles from El Paso in New Mexico).

The Zaragoza Bridge is jointly owned by the cities of El Paso and Juarez. The GSA owns the U.S. border crossing facility, which is operated by U.S. Customs. The City of El Paso Street Department owns and operates the tollbooths for trucks heading for Mexico. The Mexican federal agency "CABIN" owns the Mexican Customs facilities, and the tollbooths for U.S.-bound trucks are owned and operated by CAPUFEZE, the Mexican national highway and tollway agency. U.S. and Mexican Customs operate the facilities and control the property where their Customs facilities are located.





