

## Crossing the Border at Brownsville- Matamoros

### You have 3 choices:

**B&M Bridge** (vehicles only 24 hrs)

**Gateway Bridge** – vehicles 24 hrs, only tourists, no transit (transmigrante) vehicle importation permits processed. Unless you have it, you can only use the Veterans bridge. Take International Blv. exit from 77/83 and proceed until US customs straight in front of you. After US exit keep right and angle park at the building left from you. Walk into the building at the left.

**Veterans Bridge** – commercial/passenger vehicles; 6:00 am – Midnight. All visas and vehicle importation documents, but vehicle importation opens 8:00AM.

Stay straight on 77/83 until US border exit. After US border exit stay left, pull in under awning on your left, angle park and go into the building at your left (or slightly behind).

## Entry Processing

### Documents needed:

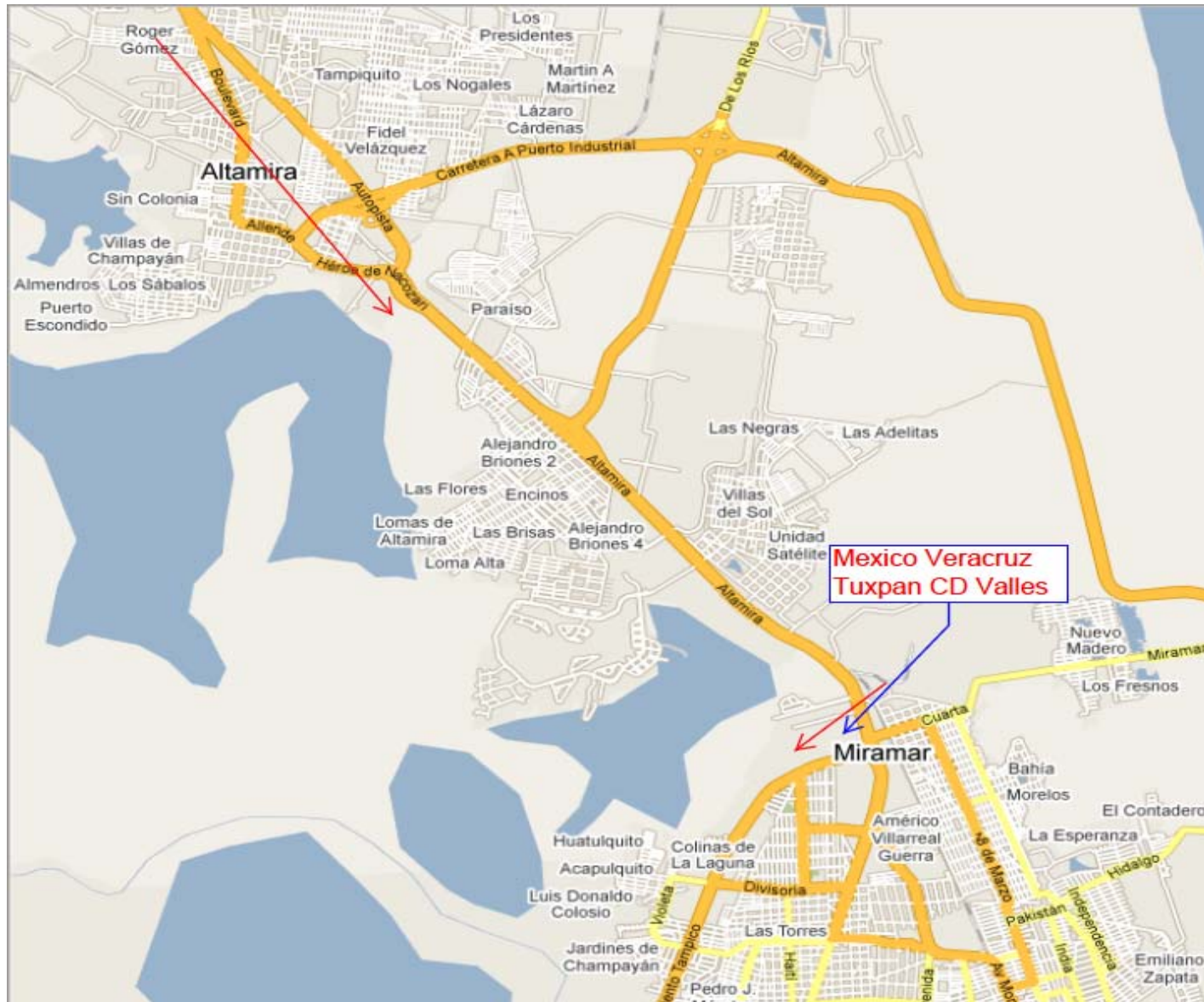
Valid Passport, Driver License or International Driving Permit, Vehicle Title and Registration. Have at least 2 copies of all documents.

Process step by step (no tramitors):

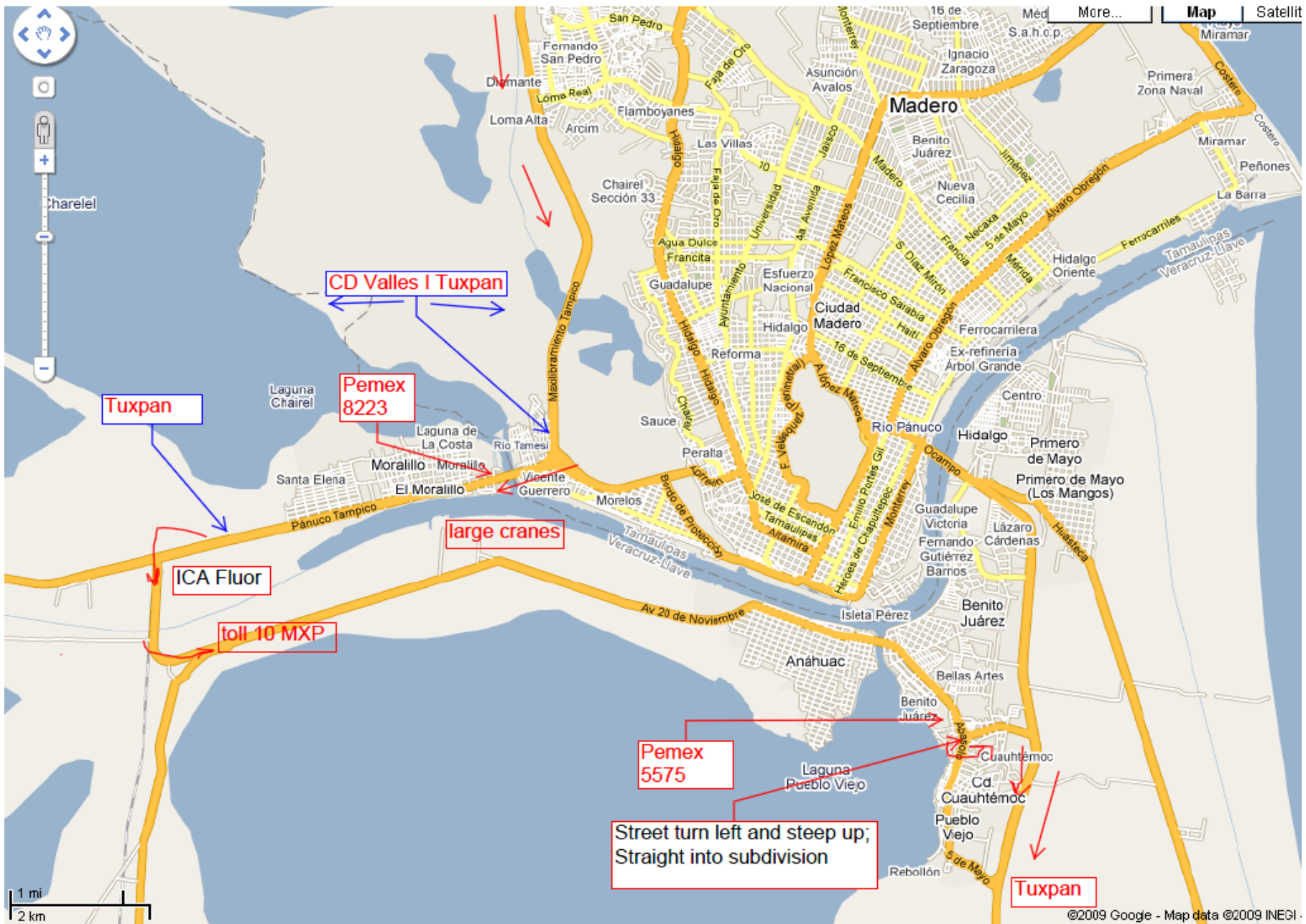
1. Visa Application: Fill in the form TPM001 exactly like data in your passport. (if there are no empty ones around ask at the counter). If you intend to return with your vehicle check “tourist” box at lower left of the form, if you do not check the “transmigrante” box. Have in mind that customs regulations differ. Hand it over the the official at the counter with passport. Once your passport is stamped this form is your visa. Find a copy machine and make few copies of this form.
2. Importacion Temporal de Vehiculos. Unless you have this permit prepared approach the Banjercito counters on the opposite side of the same room in Veterans Bridge, or if you are tourist then next room to you left. You need copies of vehicle title, registration, drivers license and form TPM001. You can pay with credit card. You will get a sticker to put on your windshield.
3. Customs. With copies of all documents, plus the copy of your visa approach the customs. They are outside the visa/Banjercito building in Veterans bridge. If you have stuff in boxes and

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Start	End	km	miles	time	actual
<p>Navigate to the center lane (of 3 lanes) <b>right</b> from the overpass, <b>Turn LEFT</b> at the light under overpass. Left lane can only turn back.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– This is the intersection where the routes from all border crossings meet.</li> <li>– After the overpass is Banorte ATM</li> <li>– This is the street out from Matamoros</li> <li>– Observe speed limits</li> </ul>	<p>Pemex 3988 – almost out, Pemex 4426 out of Matamoros.</p>				
<p>Continue South on #101 toward CD Victoria. Speed limit mostly 100 km/h and checked.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- At 292 km there is a checkpoint where they may stop you to check your paperwork and contraband.</li> <li>- At 255 km there is a customs (aduana) checkpoint</li> </ul>	<p>Km 11 Intersection with road <b>#83 Monterrey – Tampico.</b></p>	300	186	3+ hrs	
<p>Follow signs to <b>Tampico on road #83.</b> Speed limit mostly 110 and checked. There are few slow sections the on this road plus military checkpoints.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Changing roads few times, follow signs to Tampico.</li> <li>– Driving over a nice mountain ridge with spectacular views. Enjoy.</li> <li>– After Cuauhtemoc and little village Marta is <b>Altamira a suburb of Tampico</b></li> <li>– use a short autopista to by-pass some of the traffic. Follow Signs to <b>Tampico.</b></li> </ul>	<p>Altamira is long, and with heavy traffic. At a major intersection <b>Sign pointing RIGHT to Mexico Veracruz (and/or Tuxpan CD Valles)</b></p>	225	140	3 hrs	



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Turn <b>RIGHT</b> to the by-pass toll road around Tampico. Follow signs, over numerous bridges. In ~15 min after turn toll booth (22 MXP)	“T” shaped intersection with a sign to turn <b>RIGHT</b> toward <b>CD Valles</b> .	16	10	20	
Turn <b>RIGHT</b> , pass a bridge. Drive toward <b>CD Valles</b>	Large <b>ICA Flour</b> building on <b>left</b> . Followed by a sign on the right to <b>Tuxpan</b> directing to the overpass on the <b>right</b>	5	3	8	
Turn <b>RIGHT</b> to overpass. After 1 km road turns left on the other side of a lagoon. Follow this road over bridge and through few subdivisions with many speed bumps.	Immediately after <b>Pemex 5575</b> on the right the main street turns sharply <b>left and up the hill</b>	14	9	25	
Turn <b>LEFT</b> and drive up	“T” intersection with road #180 – a 4 lane divided road to <b>Tuxpan</b> .	1	0.6		



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<p><b>Turn RIGHT, objective Tuxpan, South on #180.</b> Soon road turns into narrow 2 lane curvy road passing many villages with many speed bumps and heavy traffic.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– 15 km to Tampico Alto</li> <li>– 55 km to Ozuluama</li> <li>– 44 km to Naranjos</li> <li>– 22 km to Cerro Azul</li> <li>– 11 km to RIGHT turn</li> </ul>	<p>A small sign to <b>Alamo</b> at RIGHT, before an <b>obelisk followed by a Pemex station.</b></p>	147		3+ hrs	
<p><b>Turn RIGHT,</b> proceed West. pass over a bridge</p>	<p>A sign to turn LEFT toward <b>Alamo/Poza Rica/Tihuatlan (Tuxpan/Veracruz)</b></p>	2.4		4 min	
<p><b>Turn LEFT and</b> continue South</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 22 km to Alamo;</li> <li>toll bridge past town (10 MXP)</li> <li>- 32 km pass <b>Tihuatlan</b></li> <li>do not turn in, by-pass at your left.</li> </ul>	<p>“T” Intersection with sign <b>Mexico libre/Veracruz libre</b></p>	54		80 min	
<p><b>Turn RIGHT</b> proceed <b>South</b> toward <b>Poza Rica</b></p>	<p>At multilevel, complex intersection Follow <b>signs to Veracruz Cuota</b></p>	9	6	10	
<p><b>Turn LEFT</b> proceed NE → SantaCruz, Zapotal, Tuxpan</p>	<p><b>Turn RIGHT</b> at sign <b>Veracruz Cuota</b></p>	8	5.5	8	