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- Participated in state and federal meetings to increase Laredo's visibility, communicate our regions' needs, and tell a positive story about our Port and our community. This includes joining the City in Austin and Washington, D.C. and participating in meetings with TxDOT, I-69 Alliance, Freight Advisory Board, Border Trade Alliance, Transportation Advocates of Texas, Border Trade Coalition, among others.
- Held the LDF Spring "Courtyard Chats" Membership Mixer in March.
- Hosted the LDF 50th Anniversary Celebration honoring 38 past-presidents and the LDF founders on April 19th at the Laredo Country Club. Keynote speaker was Henry Cisneros.
- LDF hosted the Border Mayors Association meeting at the Laredo Country Club for mayors on both sides of the U.S./Mexico Border. Mayor Pete Saenz was elected to chair the Association in 2017 following the 2016 leadership of John Cook from El Paso.
- The 23rd Annual Logistics and Manufacturing Symposium, entitled "Pathways for Trade: North America – The Most Competitive Region in the World" was held on September 27-28th at TAMIU. Cohosts were LMA, TAMIU, LLUSCBA, ALFA, CODEIN and INDEX. Almost 300 attendees gathered to hear trade and industry experts from the U.S., Canada, and Mexico during the 2-day event, which promoted 26 exhibitors over the 2-day, event-packed conference.
- Held the Dia de la Maquila in collaboration with the City of Nuevo Laredo Department of Economic Development, Laredo Manufacturers Association, CODEIN and INDEX. Two hundred attendees gathered as nine manufacturers were recognized for a variety of accomplishments on November 30th at the Laredo Country Club.

OTHER EVENTS AND PROJECTS:

- Participated in the I-69 Alliance meeting in Washington, D.C.
- LDF maintained up to date community data: community profile, Economic Indicators report, HUB page, Maquila directory, and produced additional reports as requested.
- Attended and presented at numerous conferences and meetings at State and Federal events, including D.C. Legislative meetings, TxDOT Transportation meetings, I-69 Alliance/Border Trade Alliance, TAoT, and BTAC meetings.
- Presented at Annual Eagle Ford Shale Conference in San Antonio.
- Collaborated with local workforce development organizations and education institutions.
- Communicated and collaborated with local trade associations.
- Presented status reports quarterly at City Council meetings.
- Updated LDF website and e-newsletter



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UPCOMING IN 2017:

- LDF Transportation Committee will host TxDOT's Freight Mobility on January 31 at the IBC Annex Building on Jacaman Road.
- LDF will participate with the City and private-sector legislative meetings in Austin, Texas in January and Washington, D.C. in March.
- LDF Spring "Courtyard Chats" Membership Mixer in April
- 24th Annual Logistics and Manufacturing Symposium: Pathways for Trade in September.
- Dia de la Maquila in the Fall of 2017.