



COVID-19 Response + Recovery

Cross-Functional Team Update

3.14.22

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1. Overview

Tommy Gonzalez

2. City Attorney Overview

March 14, 2022
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2. Additional Updates

Karla Nieman

Greg Abbott, in his official capacity as Governor of Texas v. City of El Paso & Statewide Mask Mandate Litigation

- Greg Abbott, et al. v. Clay Jenkins, et al.
 - 1/25/2022 Governor filed Petition for Review to overturn 5th COA ruling & dissolve the temporary injunction
 - On 2/7/22, a response brief was filed
 - On 2/18/22, the AG filed his reply
- Greg Abbott v. City of San Antonio
 - 1/25/2022 Governor filed Petition for Review to overturn 4th COA ruling & dissolve the temporary injunction
 - On 2/7/22, a response brief was filed
 - On 2/18/22, the AG filed his reply
 - Set for trial on merits on July 11, 2022

Statewide Mask Mandate Litigation

- State of Texas v. City of Denton
 - On March 1, 2022, Denton rescinded its mask mandate stating that CDC guidance did not require the measure.
 - TX AG had filed suit on February 23, 2022 against Denton for passing a mask mandate contrary to GA-38.
 - The AG has not withdrawn the lawsuit as of March 10, 2022.

Additional Updates

- The El Paso Municipal Court anticipates resuming in person jury trials on June 23, 2022.





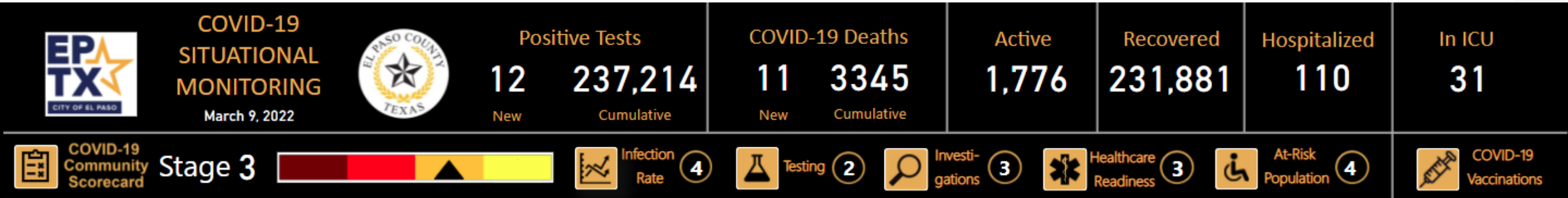
3. Team Lead Report



a. Health Focus

Hector I. Ocaranza, M.D.

COVID-19 Summary



- COVID-19 pandemic continues to improve in our community
- Very close to reach stage 4 (Best) on our dashboard.
- Transition will come to align monitoring to new CDC metrics
- Focus will be prevention and monitoring disease severity
- People considered at high risk need to be more cautious
- Now is the time to receive booster



b. Data Analysis

David Coronado

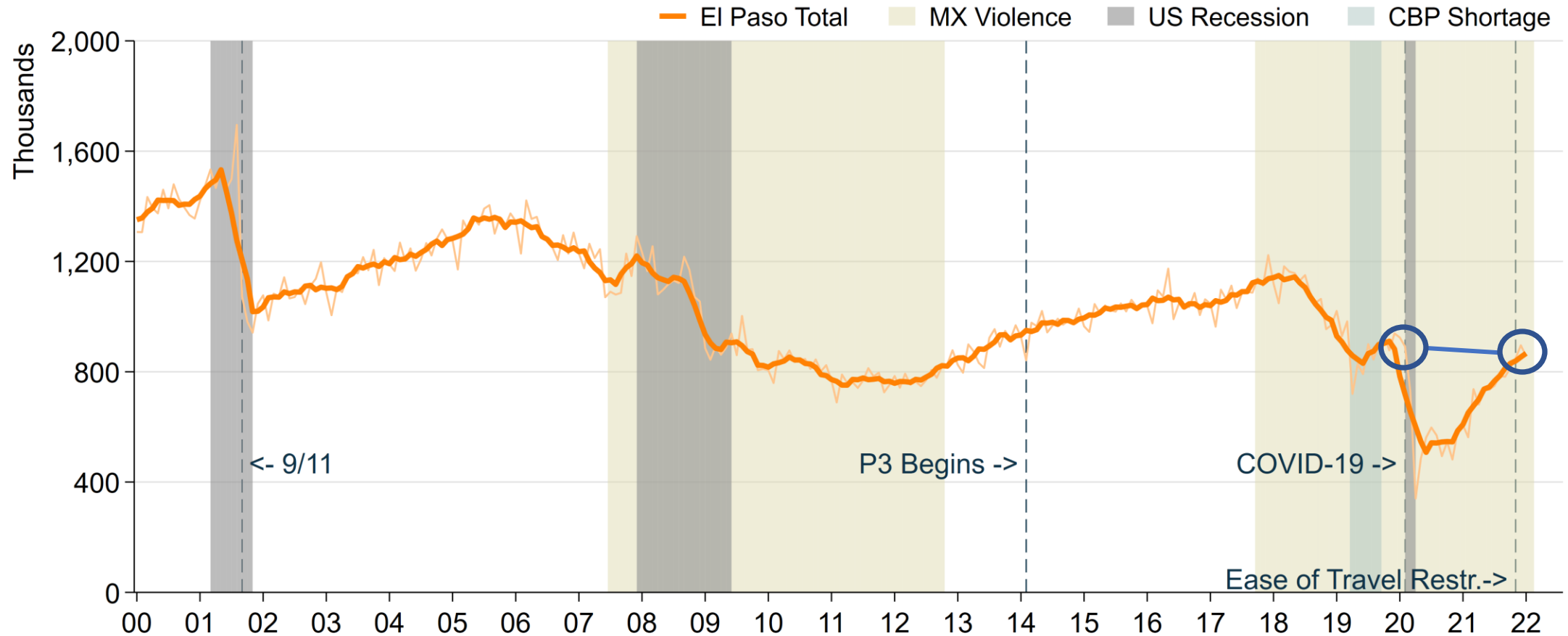
El Paso International Bridge System

- ❖ 2021 Trade through the City of El Paso totaled \$84.8 billion **57% imports; 43% exports**
 - Ranks **2nd in personal vehicles** crossings (over 6.3 million)
 - Ranks **2nd in pedestrian** crossings (over 2.9 million)
 - Ranks **3rd in cargo** crossings (almost 850,000)



COVID-19 Impact on Bridge Crossings

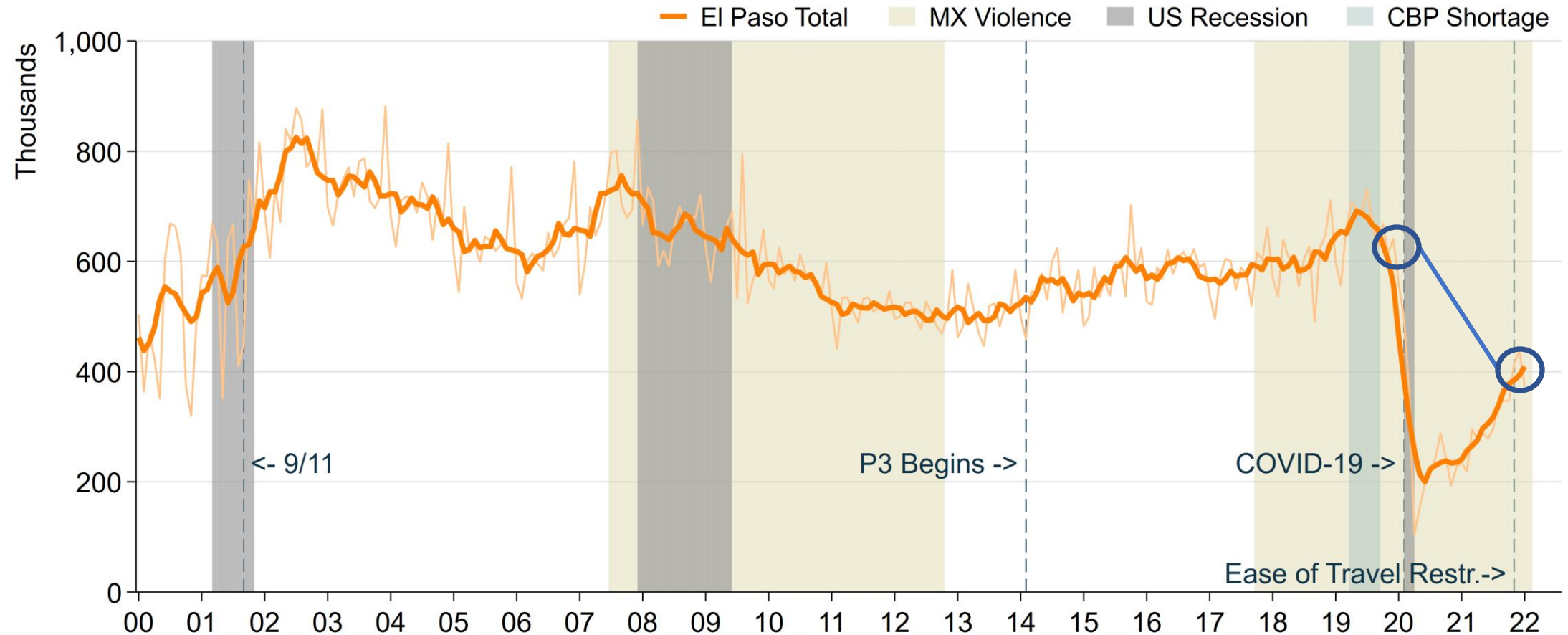
Personal Vehicle Crossings



Source: U.S. Customs and Border Protection compiled by the City of El Paso International Bridges. Last observation: January, 2022.

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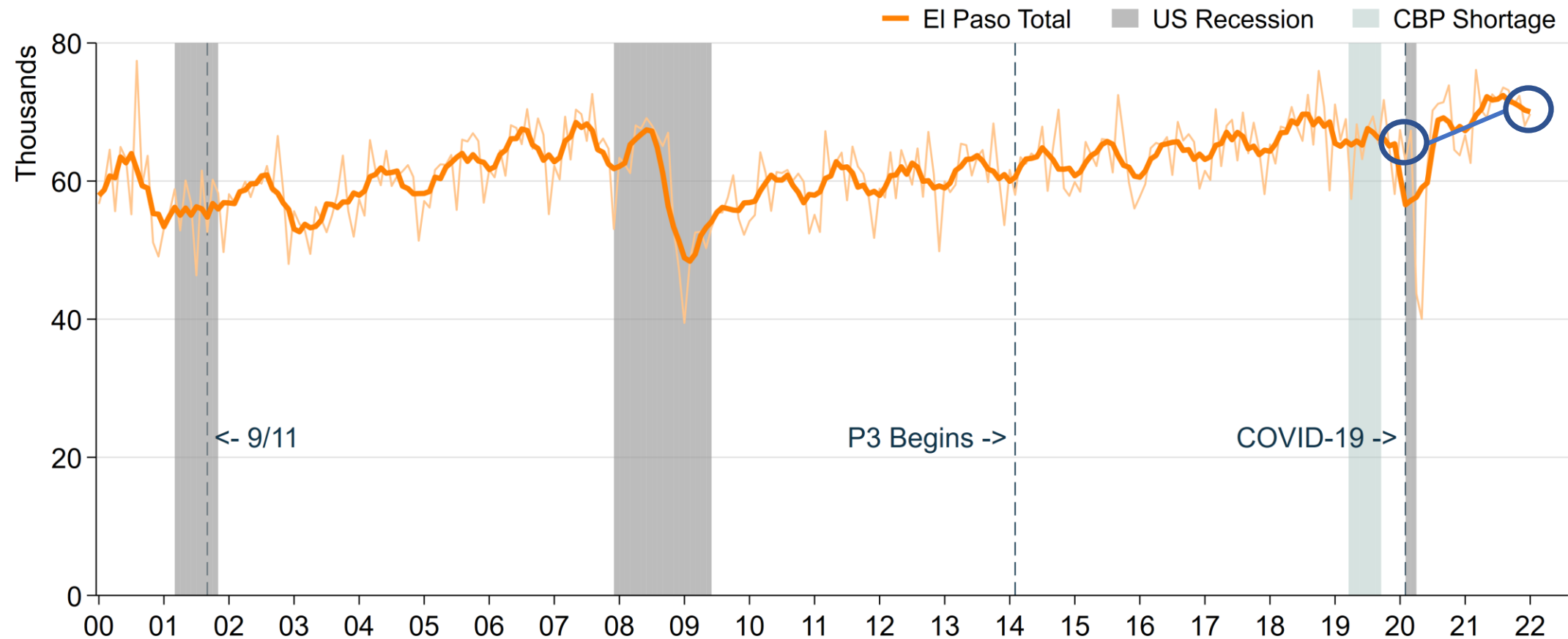
Pedestrian Crossings



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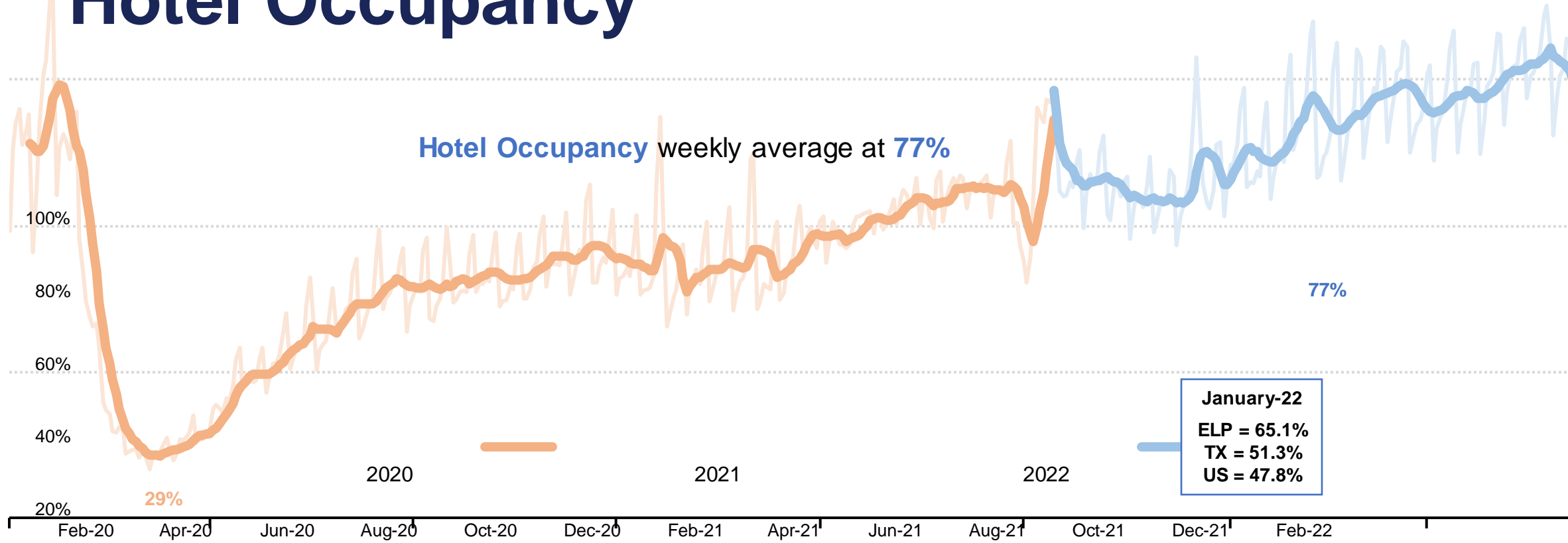
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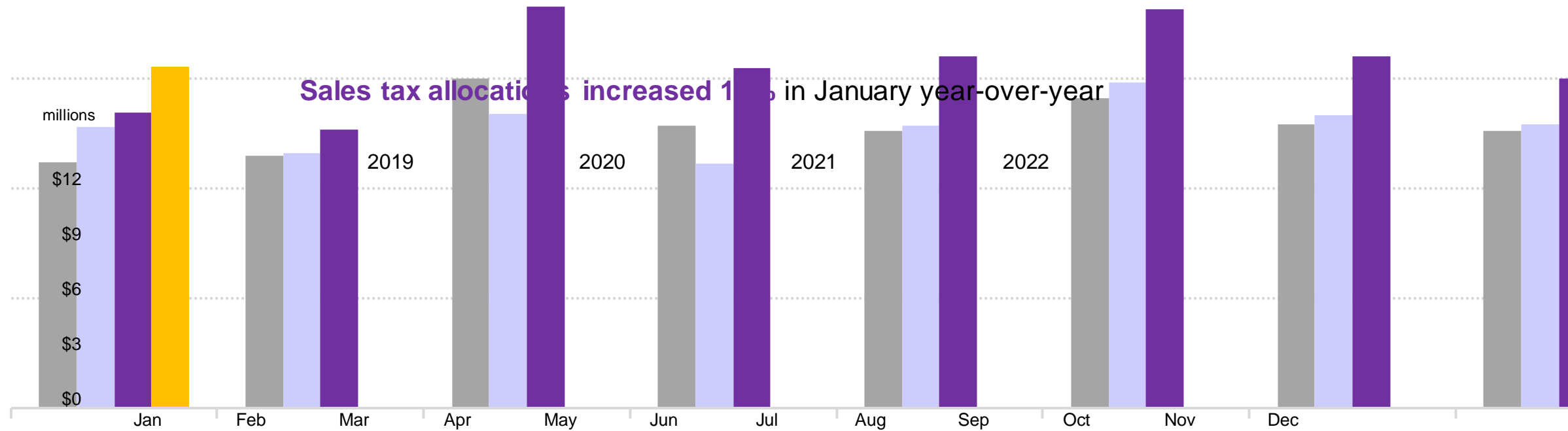
Source: U.S. Customs and Border Protection compiled by the City of El Paso International Bridges. Last observation: January, 2022.

Hotel Occupancy



Source: Destination El Paso. Graph reflects a seven-days moving average. Last observation: February 26, 2022

Retail Sales (allocations)



Source: Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts. Last observation: January, 2022



4. City Manager Wrap-up

Tommy Gonzalez



Thank you!