Project Mercy

Community Development Projects, Inc.

ID REQUIREMENTS AND DIRECTIONS

ID REQUIREMENTS WHEN TRAVELING TO/FROM MEXICO:

Mexican authorities require that you hold a valid passport while in Mexico (no Sentri or Global Entry cards). U.S. citizens need to present either **a passport, passport card, or Sentri/Global Entry card when returning to the U.S.**.

Directions to Building Site in Tijuana, Mexico:

Take either I-5 or I-805 South to the 905 FREEWAY EAST towards Otay Mesa and the USA/Mexico Border. When you cross the Border, you will go through an area that says 'Nada qué declarar' (Nothing to Declare). Depending on whether you get a green light or red light, proceed forward.

- If you get the green light, proceed straight ahead.
- If you get a red light, pull over to the right-hand side for inspection, and the officials will inspect your car. You can claim $300 of personal belongings.

If they ask, tell them you are volunteers building a house for poor people in Tijuana.

Once through the customs area **continue straight onto the bridge and pull over** to wait for the rest of the cars in your caravan.

Drive over the bridge and continue straight through the intersection at the arches.



Note 1: You will be crossing in front of the cars in line for the border and they are hesitant to let people through. Be persistent. You can wait along the side of the road after crossing through the traffic. At the end of the block **turn left at the signal light** onto the Industrial boulevard ((Alberto Limón Padilla Blvd). This intersection is about a mile from the border.
Note2: Sometimes the intersection at the arches is blocked off by the police for traffic flow purposes. If blocked, turn right, then the first left at stop sign, and left again at the light. You will then be on Industrial Blvd.



Once on the Industrial boulevard, **continue straight** towards the "Tecate Cuota 2" (Toll Road).



After a short distance on the boulevard, there will be a split in the road with an exit down to the right **– remain in the left lanes and pass over the bridge** – continue toward "Tecate Cuota Toll Road'. Continue through the industrial area. You'll be on this boulevard for about 5 miles.



Once you have passed through the industrial area and the twin towers monument, **the road will become "Tecate Cuota Highway 2." Proceed straight** as the next exit will be a few miles ahead.

Bear right at the "M. Matamoros/ Rosarito" exit. This is the last exit before entering the Tecate Cuota Toll Road.



Drive through the hills, industrial area and shopping centers for about 7 miles. You'll pass a Home Depot and Walmart on the right as you drive along this road. You'll arrive at an on-ramp for the "Tecate Libre" (free) highway. Drive under the freeway overpass that says, "Termina Zona Urbana." Go under the sign and **towards "Tecate Libre/Mexicali"** on the right**.** You will pass a sculpture, then be facing southeast toward Tecate. **Continue straight.**







Continue east/straight for about 3 miles until you see a **LEY department store** on the right.

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Continue straight for 1.5 miles, then turn right at the sign for Valle de las Palmas.

Total distance along this road is 6.1 miles.
The first 1.5 miles is a rough, paved road leading up hill.
The road then transitions to a smooth, paved road.



At about 4 miles from the start, you'll pass a hardware store on the right as a reference point.



You'll continue past a recycling center, where the road transitions to 2 lanes in both directions.



Continue for another mile, until you transition to a dirt road.

Continue on the dirt road for about a half mile.

Continue through the wood post for 0.1 mile. Santa Alicia is on the right, just beyond the yellow wall.



(see detailed map of Santa Alicia and follow Baja Challenge signs)

32°23.5680'N 116°43.4960'W http://maps.google.com/maps?q=32.39281%2C-116.72495

