

COUNTY OF CAMERON §

THE BOARD MET AT:

PRESENT:

VICTOR ALVAREZ
ABSENT

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AGENDA

ACCEPTED FOR FILING
CAMERON COUNTY

**Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
of the
Cameron County Regional Mobility Authority**

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JOE G. RIVERA
COUNTY CLERK

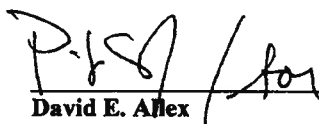
**Levis Building
1390 W. Expressway 77
San Benito, Texas 78586**

Thursday, February 12, 2009

1:30 PM

- I. Public Comments**
- II. Approval of minutes of the January 8, 2009 Meeting**
- III. Consideration and approval of GEC Report for January 2009**
- IV. Consideration and approval of Revenue and Expenditure Report for January 2009**
- V. Consideration and approval of time extension on Work Authorization No. 5 (FM 509 Project) from January 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010**
- VI. Consideration and approval of time extension on Work Authorization No. 7 (West Loop Project) from December 31, 2008 to June 30, 2010**
- VII. Consideration and approval of time extension on Work Authorization No. 12 (SPI Phase 2) from January 1, 2009 to March 31, 2009**
- VIII. Discussion and Possible Action regarding the RMA's legislative priorities**
- IX. Consideration and approval of board and staff travel to the Team TX meeting February 25-27, 2009 in Austin, Texas**
- X. Executive Session Items**
 - a. Consultation with Attorney - Consultation with, and advice from Legal Counsel concerning pending/contemplated litigation, settlement offers and negotiations, market valuation negotiations and related issues regarding the Cameron County Regional Mobility Authority's projects, specifically SH 550 and West Loop and other legal issues affecting the authority, Pursuant to V.T.C.A. Government Code, Section 551.071**
- XI. Action relative to Executive Session**
 - a. Possible Action**
- XII. Adjournment**

Signed this 9th day of February 2009


David E. Alex
Chairman

I. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None were presented at this time.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 8, 2009 MEETING

Upon motion by Director Garza, seconded by Director Parker and carried unanimously, the Minutes for the January 8, 2009 Meeting were approved.

III. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF THE GEC REPORT FOR JANUARY 2009

Director Parker moved that the GEC Report for January 2009 be acknowledged.

The motion was seconded by Director Garza and carried unanimously.

The Report is as follows:

**IV. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF REVENUE
AND EXPENDITURE REPORT FOR JANUARY 2009**

Upon motion by Director Scaief, seconded by Director Garza and carried unanimously, the January 2009 Revenue and Expenditure Report was approved.

The Report is as follows:

**V. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF TIME
EXTENSION ON WORK AUTHORIZATION NO. 5 (FM
509 PROJECT) FROM JANUARY 1, 2009 TO JUNE 30,
2010**

Director Scaief moved that a ninety (90) day time extension on Work Authorization No. 5, FM 509 Project, be approved, from January 1, 2009 to March 31, 2009.

The motion was seconded by Director Garza and carried unanimously.

The WA is as follows:

**VI. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF TIME
EXTENSION ON WORK AUTHORIZATION NO. 7
(WEST LOOP PROJECT) FROM DECEMBER 31, 2008
TO JUNE 30, 2010**

Upon motion by Director Scaief, seconded by Director Parker and carried unanimously, the six (6) month time extension on Work Authorization No. 7, West Loop Project, was approved, from December 31, 2008 to June 30, 2009.

The WA is as follows:

**VII. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF TIME
EXTENSION ON WORK AUTHORIZATION NO. 12
(SPI PHASE 2) FROM JANUARY 1, 2009 TO MARCH
31, 2009**

Upon motion by Director Parker, seconded by Director Scaief and carried unanimously, the ninety (90) day time extension on Work Authorization No. 12, SPI PHASE 2, was approved, from January 1, 2009 to March 31, 2009.

The WA is as follows:

**VIII. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING
THE RMA'S LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES**

Mr. David Garcia, Assistant RMA Coordinator, presented and highlighted a report regarding general legislative issues that relate to the RMA.

Mr. Pete Sepulveda noted the need to ensure that RMA projects be noted to obtain approval and annual funding.

Director Scaief moved that the Report regarding the RMA's Legislative Priorities be acknowledged.

The motion was seconded by Director Parker and carried unanimously.

The Report is as follows:

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- IX. IN THE MATTER REGARDING CONSIDERATION
AND APPROVAL OF BOARD AND STAFF TRAVEL
TO THE TEAM TX MEETING FEBRUARY 25-27, 2009
IN AUSTIN, TEXAS (NO ACTION TAKEN)**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

(X) EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion by Director Scaief, seconded by Director Parker and carried unanimously, the Board met in Executive Session at 2:26 P.M. to discuss the following matters:

- A. Consultation with Attorney-Consultation with, and advice from Legal Counsel concerning pending/contemplated litigation, settlement offers and negotiations, market valuation negotiations and related issues regarding the Cameron County Regional Mobility Authority's projects, specifically SH 550 and West Loop and other legal issues affecting the authority; Pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.), Government Code, Section 551.071.**

Upon motion by Director Scaief, seconded by Director Garza and carried unanimously, the Board reconvened into Regular Session at 2:47 P. M.

(IX) ACTION RELATIVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- A. Consultation with Attorney-Consultation with, and advice from Legal Counsel concerning pending/contemplated litigation, settlement offers and negotiations, market valuation negotiations and related issues regarding the Cameron County Regional Mobility Authority's projects, specifically SH 550 and West Loop and other legal issues affecting the authority; Pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.), Government Code, Section 551.071.**

Director Villalobos moved that the report presented by Staff be acknowledged.

The motion was seconded by Director Scaief and carried unanimously.

- VII. There being no further business to come before the Board and upon motion by Director Parker, seconded by Director Garza, the meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 2:50 P.M.
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APPROVED this 3rd day of March, 2009.


CHAIRMAN DAVID E. ALLEX

ATTESTED:


SECRETARY RUBEN GALLEGOS, JR.

**III. CONSIDERATON AND APPROVAL OF THE GEC
REPORT FOR JANUARY 2009**

Pete Sepulveda Jr.
CCRMA Coordinator
Cameron County Regional Mobility Authority
1100 East Monroe Street
Brownsville, TX 78520

HNTB

February 6, 2009

Dear Mr. Sepulveda,

The following is a summary of our progress on the subject projects for the month of January, 2009.

Project Management:

General GEC

- Prepared contract correspondence and monthly GEC progress report.
- Prepared & submitted CCRMA GEC Invoice No. 32 for work performed on Work Authorization Nos. 7, 12 and 14.
- Updated and submitted November 2008 GEC work authorization status report.
- On December 4th, Keith Rosbury, President - HNTB Corporate Ventures Division and Tom O'Grady, President - HNTB Central Division met with Michael Scaief, Ruben Gallegos, Pete Sepulveda and David Garcia to discuss the current GEC contract status and direction of CCRMA projects.
- On December 15th, Bobby Ballí, Richard Ridings and Robert Slimp, South Central District Leader as well as the individuals meeting on December 4th, met to discuss solutions to the GEC contract status and direction of projects.
- On January 21st, Tom O'Grady, President - HNTB Central Division, met with Pete Sepulveda as a follow up to the December meetings to discuss plan of action to pursue CCRMA projects.
- On February 2nd, Richard Ridings submitted the Scope and Fee proposal for Work Authorization No 13 (I-69 Negotiations), No. 16 (West Railroad Supplement) and No 17 (West Loop Informed Consent) and the Scope for SPI 2nd Access Phase 3.

North Rail Relocation Project (Work Authorization No. 4)

North Rail Relocation Project relocates the existing and operating freight rail lines away from incorporated and unincorporated areas of Cameron County, Texas, in particular in and around Harlingen, Texas. An effective relocation of the existing freight rail facility will not only improve freight rail operations to and from the US/Mexico border, but may aid in the enhancement of air quality for the area, improve the safety of the traveling public with regard to the freight rail/passenger interface, improve the response time of emergency vehicles, minimize if not eliminate the transport of hazardous material via freight rail through towns, improve traffic congestion, and ultimately enhance the economic development of the region.

- HNTB staff continued discussions with UPRR representatives and CCRMA staff.

FM 509 Project (Work Authorization No. 5)

The FM 509 project is a relief route around the north and east areas of the City of Harlingen that would construct FM 509, in Cameron County, from US 77 to the Intersection with FM 508. The proposed facility would consist of a four-lane roadway with directions of travel separated by a center median. Dependent upon traffic projections, an interim facility with fewer lanes may initially be constructed. Interchanges or grade separations would be constructed at major thoroughfares. As proposed, the right-of-way would be 300-feet (usual) wide and sufficient to accommodate future transportation needs; however, any future improvements would be subject to environmental review. This could include bicycle and pedestrian facilities, general purpose lanes, truck lanes, or some combination of these modes.

- Project coordination.
- HNTB addressing TxDOT District comments on re-submitted draft EA. Submittal of revised draft, ready for TxDOT ENV review, pending; however, HNTB is seeking clarification of several comments from the District prior to submittal.

West Loop Project (Work Authorization No. 7):

The proposed West Loop Road is a new location facility and will provide a four-lane controlled access expressway with interchanges and connections at strategic locations and grade separation structures for several crossing streets in Brownsville. The majority of the project alignment falls within or in the vicinity of the existing Union Pacific Railroad right-of-way. Negotiations are underway to relocate the railroad and donate the right-of-way to the county for the project.

- HNTB coordinated approvals on all correspondence and resource material with TxDOT and CCRMA staff.
- HNTB completed the development of travel demand model and toll diverted traffic numbers.
- HNTB continued efforts on microsimulation model.
- HNTB responded to numerous telephone calls and drop in office visits from members of the general public requesting information on the project.
- HNTB currently conducting QC review of Draft Public Meeting Summary Report, submittal of report to CCRMA for review anticipated in Spring 2009.
- HNTB continues to prepare Draft EA, completion contingent upon possible additional public involvement.
- HNTB assisted with the development of a Power point presentation on the West Loop for use at a Brownsville Chamber of Commerce presentation.
- At the direction of the CCRMA Board during the November 24th meeting, HNTB assisted with the response to questions regarding the West Loop opposition.

West Rail Relocation Project (Work Authorization No. 8):

This Work Authorization provides appropriate subconsultant(s) for staff coordination with the Mexican agencies to monitor and determine project schedules, permit requirements, funding technical agreements and design for the West Rail Relocation around Brownsville, Texas. The project plans will require approval by Secretaría de Comunicaciones y Transportes (SCT), Comisión Internacional de Límites Y Aguas (CILA) and Kansas City Southern Mexico (KCSM).

- On Thursday January 8, 2009 there was a presentation in the city of Brownsville with the Regional Mobility Authority to inform them of the Railroad project advances of 2008 and what still needs to be done in 2009.
- The Executive Project, Cost Benefit Analysis and Environmental Impact Manifestation Studies were completed January 15, 2009.

- An assembly with the common land commissaries was held on Friday, January 16 with representatives from Agrarian Attorney, National Agrarian Register, Matamoros Municipality, State Government of Tamaulipas and the Company Grupo Basico Mexicano S.A. de C.V. to verify their land limits to accomplish the precise topographical lifting, which was done by the company B.M. the second week of January.
- The hydraulic study for the National Water Commission was completed on January 16, 2009.

South Padre Island Second Access (Work Authorization No. 12):

This work authorization provides engineering and environmental services associated with the development and advancement of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process for the proposed South Padre Island (SPI) 2nd Access Project. The tasks associated with the project will include the development of the necessary environmental documentation, corridor alternatives assessments and related public involvement activities.

- HNTB utilized the draft evaluation criteria to narrow the preliminary alternatives to a set of reasonable alternatives.
- HNTB drafted response letters in response to agency comments from the October TWG meeting.
- HNTB updated the environmental schedule.
- HNTB prepared photo log journals for the project.
- HNTB continued preparing the Data Collection Summary Document.
- Supplemental Work Authorization No. 2 to Work Authorization No. 12 for Traffic Studies/Public Involvement and other items was submitted on August 12th for CCRMA Staff review and approval.
- HNTB began preparations for the 3rd PI TWG meeting and 3rd Public Meeting to be held in February.
- HNTB began progress on the following Public Meeting items: invitation postcard, agenda and handouts, exhibits, and media notices
- HNTB arranged for changeable message board signs for the Public Meeting
- HNTB coordinated meeting locations for the upcoming PI TWG and Public Meeting
- HNTB completed the meeting plans for the upcoming PI TWG and Public Meeting

Request for Statements of Interest (Work Authorization No. 14):

This work authorization provides professional technical services associated with the development of request for statements of interest (RFI) and qualifications from firms to provide strategic partnership/investor opportunities for the proposed CCRMA projects located in Cameron County, Texas; as well as, provide recommendations for the selection of projects that the CCRMA could pursue through a separate CDA procurement process.

- HNTB has been facilitating and participating in discussions with TxDOT officials in an effort to coordinate activities of this project and the activities of TxDOT and their associated concession projects.
- HNTB prepared draft summary fact sheets for all current CCRMA projects which included projected schedules, project limits and estimated costs.
- HNTB continues communication with CCRMA staff on the CDA project direction.

SH 550 Re-Evaluation (Work Authorization No. 15):

This work authorization provides professional services and deliverables in support of the CCRMA's development of the SH 550 (Port Spur) toll project from FM 511 at Old Port Isabel Road to State Highway 48 and the proposed entrance to the Port of Brownsville. The focus of the re-evaluation will be on the effects of tolling the project.

- HNTB submitted revised draft wetland delineation report, reflective of 1st draft comments, to TxDOT Pharr District Office on November 4, 2008.
- HNTB is currently conducting QC review of Open House Summary Report, submittal of report to CCRMA anticipated in Spring 2008.
- HNTB submitted the revised Draft EA Re-evaluation report, reflective of 1st draft comments, to TxDOT Pharr District Office on November 4, 2008.

Consultant Management:

- Continued ongoing coordination with all subconsultants.
- Updated Progress Report Sheet that is utilized to provide project status to the CCRMA Board of Directors.

Agency Coordination:

- Conducted ongoing discussions with CCRMA staff, TxDOT staff, TTA staff and subconsultants for preparation of SPI 2nd Access Project, West Loop Project and West Rail Project.
- Conducted ongoing discussions with TxDOT staff and Officials for the preparation of the CCRMA System CDA program.
- Facilitated and attended a meeting with TxDOT officials and members of Governor's staff to discuss project status and possibilities.
- Facilitated and attended a meeting with General Barry McCaffrey, HNTB Board of Directors to discuss International Border Crossing and Infrastructure issues.

Best regards,

Lamberto "Bobby" Balli, P.E.
Associate Vice President

cc: David Garcia
Robert Slimp, P.E.
Richard Ridings, P.E.

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Project		North Rail Relocation
Work Authorization	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4	Route Studies and Environmental
Supplemental	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1	UPRR MOU Support
Supplemental	<input type="checkbox"/>	

WA Cost: \$	522,045.00
SA Cost: \$	23,883.00
SA Cost:	
Total Cost: \$	545,928.00

Description: The North Rail Relocation project relocates the existing and operating freight rail lines away from incorporated and unincorporated areas of Cameron County, Texas, in particular in and around Harlingen, Texas. An effective relocation of the existing freight rail facility will not only improve freight rail operations to and from the US/Mexico border, but may aid in the enhancement of air quality for the area, improve the safety of the traveling public with regard to the freight rail/passenger interface, improve the response time of emergency vehicles, minimize in not eliminate the transport of hazardous material via freight rail through towns, improve traffic congestion and ultimately enhance the economic development of the region.

Scope: Develop Route and Environmental Studies for the Cameron County Regional Mobility Authority

Deliverables: A report that summarizes the assumptions, evaluation criteria and methodology, alternative analysis, and order of magnitude capital and construction costs. Conceptual Layout alternatives

Project Activity

Environmental Status: Complete

Design Status: Complete

CRP MOU Support

Status: Complete

Recent Activity: HNTB staff has been assisting CCRMA staff in reviewing UPRR estimates and proposals for the Harlingen switch yard relocation. Additional fascilitation of meetings with UPRR have also

Upcoming Activity:

Outstanding Issues:

Task	Status	Date of Antipated Completion	% Complete
North Rail Data Assembly and Review	Complete	Complete	100%
Switch Relocation Analysis	Complete	Complete	100%
Conceptual Route Geometrics	Complete	Complete	100%
Funding Analysis	Complete	Complete	100%
Notice to Proceed	Complete	Complete	100%
Data Collection	Complete	Complete	100%
Alternative Analysis	Complete	Complete	100%
Field Investigations	Complete	Complete	100%
Constraints Map	Complete	Complete	100%
Social/Economic Investigations	Complete	Complete	100%
Natural Environment Investigation	Complete	Complete	100%
Cultural Resources	Complete	Complete	100%
Public Involvement	Complete	Complete	100%
Supp: Relocation of Rail Switching Operations	Complete	Complete	100%
WA Amount	\$ 545,928.00	Outstanding Invoice Number	Days Old
Billed To Date	\$ 545,928.00	22-40619-PL-004	294
Paid To Date	\$ 522,045.00	23-40619-PL-004	266
Unpaid Balance	\$ 23,883.00	28-40619-PL-004	147
Funding Source	City of Harlingen		
Total: \$		23,883.00	

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Project		FM 509
Work Authorization	5	Route Studies and Environmental
Supplemental	1	ICI Analysis
Supplemental	2	Development of Reasonable Alternatives

WA Cost:	\$	656,210.00
SA Cost:	\$	40,358.00
SA Cost:	\$	10,826.00
Total Cost:	\$	707,394.00

Description: The FM 509 project is a relief route around the north and east areas of the City of Harlingen that would construct FM 509, in Cameron County, from US 77 to the intersection with FM 508. the proposed facility would consist of a four-lane roadway with directions of travel separated by a center median. Dependent upon traffic projections, an interim facility with fewer lanes may initially be constructed. Interchanges or grade separations would be constructed at major thoroughfares. As proposed, the right-of-way would be 300-feet (usual) wide and sufficient to accommodate future transportation needs; however, any future improvements would be subject to environmental review. This could include bicycle and pedestrian facilities, general purpose lanes, truck lanes or some combination of these modes.

Scope: Develop Route and Environmental Studies for the Cameron County Regional Mobility Authority.

Deliverables: Drawing of the Conceptual Corridor Alternatives. Line Diagrammatic Schematic Drawings. Environmental Assessment Document required for obtaining a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI)

Project Activity

Status:	Environmental Assessment – under revision by HNTB
Recent Activity:	Public Meeting Report – prepared/in QC process
Upcoming Activity:	Submittal of revised EA, reflective of District comments
Outstanding Issues:	None

Task	Status	Date of Antipated Completion	% Complete
FM 509 Data Assembly and Review	Complete	Complete	100%
FM 509 Route Alternative Studies	Complete	Complete	100%
FM 509 Development of Reasonable Alter.	Complete	Complete	100%
FM 509 Evaluation and Viable Alter.	Complete	Complete	100%
Notice to Proceed	Complete	Complete	100%
Data Collection	Complete	Complete	100%
Need and Purpose	Complete	Complete	100%
Alternatives Analysis	Complete	Complete	100%
Field Investigations	Complete	Complete	100%
Resource Agency Mtgs.	Complete	Complete	100%
Constraints map	Ongoing	Complete	50%
Social/Economic Investigations	Complete	Complete	100%
Natural Environment Investigations	Complete	Complete	100%
Cultural Resources	Under agency review	TBD	80%
Report Preparation	Addressing district comments	1/30/2009	90%
Public Involvement	Public hearing forthcoming	6/30/2009	60%
Supp 1: Envir. Assessment Doc. Prepar.	Complete	Complete	100%
Supp 1: Indirect Impacts	Complete	Complete	100%
Supp 1: Cumulative Impacts	Complete	Complete	100%
Supp 1: Surveying/Mapping	Complete	Complete	100%
Supp 1: Light Detection and Ranging	Complete	Complete	100%
Supp 2: Deve. Reasonable Alternatives	Complete	Complete	100%
WA Amount	\$ 707,394.00	Outstanding Invoice Number	Days Old
Billed To Date	\$ 643,728.54		Invoice Amount
Paid To Date	\$ 643,728.54		
Unpaid Balance	\$ -		
Funding Source	Cameron County		
Total: \$ -			

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Project West Loop

Work Authorization ☒ 7 Route Studies and Environmental

Supplemental ☒ 1 Public Involvement and ENV

Supplemental ☐

WA Cost: \$ 1,471,763.00

SA Cost: \$ 98,862.00

SA Cost: \$

Total Cost: \$ 1,570,625.00

Description: The West Loop Road project is a new location facility and will provide and four-lane controlled access expressway with interchanges and connections at strategic locations and grade separation structures for several crossing streets in Brownsville. The majority of the project alignment falls within or in the vicinity of the existing Union Pacific Railroad right-of-way. Negotiations are underway to relocate the railroad and donate the right-of-way to the county for the project.

Scope: Develop Route and Environmental Studies for the Cameron County Regional Mobility Authority

Deliverable: Develop Route and Environmental Studies for the Cameron County Regional Mobility Authority. Conceptual typical sections Summary of preliminary conceptual design criteria. Overlay of identified major utilities onto conceptual layouts. Overlay of conceptual ROW requirements onto conceptual layouts. Final Traffic Technical Memorandum. Draft and Final Intermediate Level (Level 2) Toll Feasibility Report (Level 2 funding matrix). Environmental Assessment Document required for obtaining a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI)

Project Activity

Status:	Continued efforts on the draft EA
Recent Activity:	EA – draft prepared. On hold pending additional public involvement. Public Meeting Report – prepared/in QC process
Upcoming Activity:	EA submission – TBD, contingent upon possible additional public involvement Public Meeting Report submission
Outstanding Issues:	A proposed Scope and Fee has been submitted to CCRMA staff for the next Informed consent (Public Involvement) Phase
Status:	Continued efforts on the preferred alternatives
Recent Activity:	Reasonable alternatives are complete
Upcoming Activity:	Selection of preferred alternative
Outstanding Issues:	-
Status:	Continued efforts on the microsimulation model
Recent Activity:	Development of the travel demand model and toll diverted traffic numbers are complete
Upcoming Activity:	-
Outstanding Issues:	-

Task	Status	Date of Anticipated Completion	% Complete
Conceptual Design	Complete	Complete	100%
Intermediate-level (level 2) Toll Feasibility	Draft Level 2 TFS complete	2/15/2009	80%
Innovative Financing Support	On hold	3/15/2009	10%
Traffic Analysis and Microsimulation	Existing facilities complete	2/15/2009	80%
Geometric Schematic	Ongoing	TBD	60%
Environmental Assessment Report	Ongoing	TBD	80%
West Loop Public Involvement Activities	Public hearing forthcoming	TBD	70%
Surveying and Aerial Mapping	Complete	Complete	100%
Surveying	Complete	Complete	100%
Aerial Mapping	Complete	Complete	100%
Right of Entry	Complete	Complete	100%
Supp 1: Inter.Level Toll Feasibility Study	Methodology complete	Complete	100%
Supp 1: Environmental Assessment	Ongoing	TBD	80%
Supp 1: Public Involvement	Pending additional meetings	TBD	80%

WA Amount	\$	1,570,625.00	Outstanding Invoice Number	Days Old	Invoice Amount
Billed To Date	\$	1,385,252.49	29-40619-PL-007	112	\$ 45,158.80
Paid To Date	\$	1,295,229.49	31-40619-PL-007	56	\$ 4,068.52
Unpaid Balance	\$	90,023.00	32-40619-PL-007	21	\$ 40,795.68
Funding Source	TxDOT Toll Equity Funding				
		Total: \$		90,023.00	

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Project		West Rail Relocation
Work Authorization	8	International Advisor Services
Supplemental	1	International Advisor Services
Supplemental	2	International Advisor Services

WA Cost: \$	186,579.00
SA Cost: \$	67,264.00
SA Cost: \$	67,163.00
SA Cost: \$	67,163.00
Total Cost: \$	388,169.00

Description: The West Rail Relocation project provides appropriate subconsultant (s) for staff coordination with the Mexican agencies to monitor and determine project schedules, permit requirements, funding technical agreements and design for the West Rail Relocation around Brownsville, Texas. This subconsultant is Arturo de las Fuentes of Caminos Y Puentes Internacionales. The project plans will require approval by Secretaria de Comunicaciones y Transportes (SCT), Comision Internacional de Limits Y Aguas (CILA) and Kansas City Southern Mexico (KCSM).

Scope: Provide professional services and deliverables required for project administration and coordination for the Cameron County Regional Mobility Authority

Deliverable: Monthly Project Progress Reports and meeting minutes that details activities performed by task (Spanish and English versions will be provided). Monthly invoice/billings with list of tasks performed and products delivered per invoice billing cycle (English version will be provided). Project schedule and timeline for agency approval (Spanish and English version will be provided).

Project Activity

Status:	-
Recent Activity:	-
Upcoming Activity:	-
Outstanding Issues:	-
Status:	-
Recent Activity:	-
Upcoming Activity:	-
Outstanding Issues:	-
Status:	Continued efforts on project administration and coordination
Recent Activity:	-
Upcoming Activity:	Supplemental WA
Outstanding Issues:	-

Task	Status	Date Anticipated Completion	% Complete
International Services	Complete	Complete	100%
WA Amount: \$	388,169.00	Outstanding Invoice Number	Days Old
Billed To Date: \$	321,006.00		Invoice Amount
Paid To Date: \$	321,006.00		
Unpaid Balance: \$	-		
Funding Source:	Cameron County		
Total: \$			-

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Project South Padre Island Second Access
 Work Authorization 12 Route Studies and Environmental
 Supplemental 1 Economic Study
 Supplemental

WA Cost: \$ 1,211,320.00
 SA Cost: \$ 339,518.00
 SA Cost:
 Total Cost: \$ 1,550,838.00

Description: The South Padre Island Second Access project provides engineering and environmental services associated with the development and advancement of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process. The tasks associated with the project will include the development of the necessary environmental documentation, corridor alternatives assessments and related public involvement activities.

Scope: Develop Route and Design, Environmental, Public Involvement, Field Surveying and Photogrammetry studies.

Deliverable: Effort involved in conducting three Public Meetings and associated TWG meetings listed in Project Development Plan and as approved in Phase 2. Preliminary Study Methodology Memorandum. Draft and final preliminary alternative layouts. Draft and final conceptual typical sections and layouts of the reasonable corridor alternatives. Draft technical memorandum. Existing Conditions Assessment summary document. Data Collection Summary Document. Writing of initial Chapters of the NEPA Document.

Project Activity

Status:	Phase 2 under way
Recent Activity:	DEIS Chapters 1, 2 (partial) and 3 – prepared/in QC process, Public Meeting #2 –November 6th at the Port Isabel High School Auditorium, CSS meetings, NEPA meeting
Upcoming Activity:	3rd PI TWG and Econ Dev TWG . Planning for 3rd public meeting set for Feb 26th
Outstanding Issues:	Full report to be given by Stacey Benningfield at February Board meeting.

Status:	Continued efforts to develop reasonable alternatives
Recent Activity:	Analysis of Alternatives
Upcoming Activity:	Assessment of preliminary alternatives based evaluation criteria; Conceptual layouts for reasonable alternatives.
Outstanding Issues:	Development of Scope and Fee of Phase 3

Status:	Under review by GEC staff
Recent Activity:	The draft Regional Economic Study has been prepared and is undergoing CCRMA staff review.
Upcoming Activity:	
Outstanding Issues:	Development of Scope and Fee of Phase 3

Task	Status	Date of Anticipated Completion	% Complete
Data Collection/Existing Condition Assessment	Pending condition assess. report	1/15/2009	98%
Corridor Alter. Assessment & Documentation	Pending reasonable alternatives	1/15/2009	60%
Intermediate-Level Toll Feasibility Study	Methodology complete	complete	100%
Economic Study	Draft complete	2/15/2009	80%
Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Phase 1	Pending alternatives development	2/15/2009	40%
Affected Environmental	Draft complete	2/15/2009	75%
Environmental Consequences	Pending reasonable alternatives	2/15/2009	0%
Public Involvement and CSS	Pending additional meetings	2/15/2009	50%
Field Surveying and Photogrammetry	Complete	Complete	100%
WA Amount	\$ 1,550,838.00	Outstanding Invoice Number	Days Old
Billed To Date:	\$ 1,188,146.33	29-40619-PL-012	112
Paid To Date:	\$ 921,321.15	30-40619-PL-012	84
Unpaid Balance:	\$ 266,825.18	31-40619-PL-012	56
		32-40619-PL-012	21
Funding Source:	TxDOT Toll Equity Funding		
		Total: \$	266,838.47

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Project	Request for Statements of Interest		
Work Authorization	14	Professional Technical Services	WA Cost: \$ 299,496.00
Supplemental	1	Coordination and Publication	SA Cost: \$ 18,446.00
Supplemental			SA Cost:
			Total Cost: \$ 317,942.00

Description: The Request for Statements of Interest project provides professional technical services associated with the development of request for statements of interest (RFI) and qualifications from firms to provide strategic partnership/investor opportunities for the proposed CCRMA projects located in Cameron County, Texas; as well as, provide recommendations for the selection of projects that the CCRMA could pursue through a separate CDA procurement process.

Scope: Provide professional technical services associated with the development of request for statements of interest (RFI) and qualifications from firms to provide strategic partnership/investor opportunities for the proposed AUTHORITY projects located in Cameron County, Texas; as well as, provide recommendations for the selection of projects that the AUTHORITY could pursue through a CDA procurement process.

Deliverable: Program development schedule. Recommendations for the selection of projects that the AUTHORITY could pursue through a separate CDA procurement process.

Project Activity			
Status:			
Recent Activity:			
Upcoming Activity:			
Outstanding Issues:			
Status:			
Recent Activity:			
Upcoming Activity:			
Outstanding Issues:			
Status:	Project finalized		
Recent Activity:	Final revisions placed on hold pending a decision to pursue the CCRMA System CDA		
Upcoming Activity:			
Outstanding Issues:			
Task	Status	Date of Anticipated Completion	% Complete
Notice to Proceed	Complete	Complete	100%
Project Admin., Coordination & Seminar	Complete	Complete	100%
RFI Letter	Complete	Complete	100%
Prepare Map and List of Authority Projects	Complete	Complete	100%
Inquiries/Responses	Complete	Complete	100%
CDA Constructor Opportunity Workshop	Complete	Complete	100%
Review/Evaluations/Deliverables	Ongoing	TBD	25%
Deliverables:	None		
WA Amount	\$ 317,942.00	Outstanding Invoice Number	Invoice Amount
Billed to Date:	\$ 315,336.40	31-40619-PL-014	\$ 11,024.54
Payment Due:	\$ 304,311.86		
Unpaid Balance:	\$ 11,024.54		
Funding Source:	County License Plate Fees		
		Total:	\$ 11,024.54

January Status Report

HNTB

Project SH 550 Re-Evaluation

Work Authorization ☒ 15 Environmental Studies

Supplemental ☐ _____

Supplemental ☐ _____

WA Cost: \$ 402,102.00

SA Cost: _____

SA Cost: _____

Total Cost: \$ 402,102.00

Description: The SH 550 Re-Evaluation project provides professional services and deliverables in support of the CCRMA's development of the SH 550 (Port Spur) toll project from FM 511 at Old Port Isabel Road to SH 48 and the proposed entrance to the Port of Brownsville. The focus of the re-evaluation will be on the effects of tolling the project.

Scope: Project Management and Social, Economic and Environmental studies for the AUTHORITY. Environmental Activity necessary for obtaining Re-evaluation clearance for a tolled roadway

Deliverable: Environmental Activity necessary for obtaining Re-evaluation clearance for a tolled roadway

Project Activity

Status:	EA Re-evaluation – under review by TxDOT (Pharr)
Recent Activity:	Public Meeting Report – prepared/in QC process, revisions to drafts of EA and Wetland Report
Upcoming Activity:	Submission of Draft EA and Wetland Report to TxDOT ENV, upon satisfaction of District comments Public Meeting Report submission – Under QC Review
Outstanding Issues:	
Status:	-
Recent Activity:	-
Upcoming Activity:	-
Outstanding Issues:	-
Status:	-
Recent Activity:	-
Upcoming Activity:	-
Outstanding Issues:	-

Task		Status	Date of Anticipated Completion	% Complete
Environmental Assessment Doc. Preparation		Addressing district comments	2/27/2009	80%
Wetland Delineation, Permitting and Mitigation		Addressing district comments	2/27/2009	60%
Public Involvement		Open house report under review	1/30/2009	95%
WA Amount:	\$ 402,102.00	Outstanding Invoice Number:	Days Old	Invoice Amount
Billed To Date:	\$ 296,349.17			
Paid To Date:	\$ 296,349.17			
Unpaid Balance:	\$ -			
Funding Source:	County License Plate Fees			
Total:				\$ -

**IV. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF REVENUE
AND EXPENDITURE REPORT FOR JANUARY 2009**

Cash Disbursement Journal By GL
From 01/01/2009 To 01/31/2009

1006660

<u>Fund Dept</u>	<u>Ln</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>PEID</u>	<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Check #</u>	<u>Check Date</u>	<u>Post Date</u>	<u>PO #</u>	<u>Invoice #</u>	<u>Amount</u>
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									WASHINGTON 01/25	507.83
									Check Total	1,427.87
									Line Item Total	5,533.89
									JAN CONTRACT	200.00
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									JAN CONTRACT	500.00
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									Check Total	300.00
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									JAN CONTRACT	200.00
									Check Total	200.00
									JAN CONTRACT	1,000.00
									Check Total	1,000.00

Cash Disbursement Journal By GL

From 01/01/2009 To 01/31/2009

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<u>Fund Dept</u>	<u>LnItm</u>	<u>PEID</u>	<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Check #</u>	<u>Check Date</u>	<u>Post Date</u>	<u>PO #</u>	<u>Invoice #</u>	<u>Amount</u>
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Cash Disbursement Journal By GL

From 01/01/2009 To 01/31/2009

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<u>Fund Dept</u>	<u>LnItm</u>	<u>PEID</u>	<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Check #</u>	<u>Check Date</u>	<u>Post Date</u>	<u>PO #</u>	<u>Invoice #</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Port Spur									
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Check Total									2,010.51
Line Item Total									2,010.51
Dept. Total									2,010.51

**V. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF TIME EXTENSION
ON WORK AUTHORIZATION NO. 5 (FM 509 PROJECT)
FROM JANUARY 1, 2009 TO JUNE 30, 2010**

Supplemental Work Authorization No. 3
Work Authorization No. 5

CAMERON COUNTY REGIONAL MOBILITY AUTHORITY
Project Management, Environmental Services and Surveying

SUPPLEMENTAL WORK AUTHORIZATION NO. 3
WORK AUTHORIZATION NO. 5
FM 509

This Supplemental Work Authorization No. 3 Work Authorization No. 5 is made pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Base Contract, effective February 16, 2006, hereinafter identified as the "Agreement", entered into by and between Cameron County Regional Mobility Authority (the "AUTHORITY"), and HNTB Corporation (the "CONSULTANT").


Part 1. No change is made to WA 5 engineering services with this supplement.

Part 2. This Supplemental Work Authorization No. 3 Work Authorization No. 5 extends the termination date of the Work Authorization from **January 1, 2009 to April 1, 2009**, unless extended by a Supplemental Work Authorization. The effective date of this agreement is January 1, 2009.

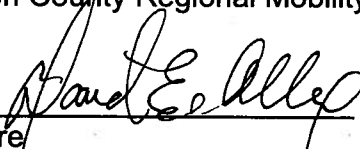
Part 3. This Supplemental Work Authorization No. 3 Work Authorization No. 5 does not waive the parties' responsibilities and obligations provided under the Agreement.

Part 4. This Supplemental Work Authorization No. 3 Work Authorization No. 5 is hereby accepted and acknowledged below.

CONSULTANT:
HNTB Corporation

By: 
Signature
Robert J. Slimp, P.E
Printed Name
Vice President
Title
3/10/09
Date

AUTHORITY:
Cameron County Regional Mobility Authority

By: 
Signature
David E. Alex
Printed Name
CCRMA Chairman
Title
3-12-09
Date

**VI. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF TIME
EXTENSION ON WORK AUTHORIZATION NO. 7
(WEST LOOP PROJECT) FROM DECEMBER 31,
2008 TO JUNE 30, 2010**

Supplemental Work Authorization No. 2
Work Authorization No. 7

CAMERON COUNTY REGIONAL MOBILITY AUTHORITY
General Engineering Consultant Services

SUPPLEMENTAL WORK AUTHORIZATION NO. 2
WORK AUTHORIZATION NO. 7
WEST LOOP ROAD STUDY

This Supplemental Work Authorization No. 2 to Work Authorization No. 7 is made pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Base Contract, effective February 16, 2006, hereinafter identified as the "Agreement", entered into by and between Cameron County Regional Mobility Authority (the "AUTHORITY") and HNTB Corporation (the "CONSULTANT").

Part 1. No change is made to WA 7 engineering services with this supplement.

Part 4. This Supplemental Work Authorization No. 2 to Work Authorization No. 7 extends the termination date from **December 31, 2008 to June 30, 2009**, unless extended by an additional Supplemental Work Authorization. This agreement is effective as of January 1, 2009.

Part 5. This Work Authorization does not waive the parties' responsibilities and obligations provided under the Agreement.

Part 6. This Supplemental Work Authorization No. 2 to Work Authorization No. 7 is hereby accepted and acknowledged below.

CONSULTANT:
HNTB Corporation


By: 
Signature

Robert J. Slimp, P.E.
Printed Name

Vice President
Title

3/10/09
Date

AUTHORITY:
Cameron County Regional Mobility Authority

By: 
Signature

David E. Alex
Printed Name

CCRMA Chairman
Title

3-12-09
Date

EXHIBIT B
SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED BY THE CONSULTANT
WEST LOOP ROAD STUDY

County : Cameron
Highway : West Loop Road
Limits : From: B&M Bridge at the Mexican Border
To : Interchange with US 77/83 in Brownsville
Project Length : Approximately 7.0 Miles

Scope of Project

The CONSULTANT shall furnish technical resources and materials required to perform the following engineering services for this Supplemental Work Authorization No. 1 to Work Authorization No. 7. The design study portion of this scope covers the need for additional traffic information to validate the existing traffic model. The environmental portion of this supplemental work authorization addresses the recent changes to the alignment and the corresponding information needed to complete the Environmental Assessment (EA). Note: Documents of record required to complete the EA were found to be out of date, non-existent or did not address the proposed alignment(s). The public involvement portion of this supplemental addresses the need for a Phase II Small Group "Listening Tour".

SCOPE DETAILS:

The following Scope of Work describes the task details that are included in the Services to be provided by the CONSULTANT on the West Loop Road Project.

TASK 110 – ROUTE AND DESIGN STUDIES

TASK 110.03 – INTERMEDIATE-LEVEL (LEVEL 2) TOLL FEASIBILITY STUDY

Subtask 110.03.02 – Data Collection

The CONSULTANT will perform turning movement counts (TMC) and automatic traffic recorders (ATR) tube counts at various locations in Cameron County in order to gather data to support model calibration and validation for the West Loop Road Project. A total of 13 TMC locations and 13 ATR locations (requiring 17 tube counters) will be performed. Below is a description of the data to be collected by the respective counts.

- A) ATR: The CONSULTANT will collect ATR traffic data for a three (3) day period (Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday). The counters will be placed on Monday and retrieved on Friday. The counters and tubes will be inspected daily and repaired or replaced as needed during the data collection period to minimize the likelihood of incomplete count data. The counts will be vehicle classification counts collected for at least 48 continuous mid-week hours.

- B) TMC: The CONSULTANT will collect two (2) hour TMC data during the morning (7 AM – 9 AM) and afternoon (4 PM – 6 PM) peak periods. The counts will include at least 15 minutes prior to the peak period and at least 15 minutes following the peak period to ensure that the peak is captured. The TMC will be done on one of the days of the three (3) day counts (Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday).

TASK 120 – SOCIAL, ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

TASK 120.01 – ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

Subtask 120.01.10 – Noise Analysis

The CONSULTANT shall perform a highway traffic noise analysis in accordance with 23 CFR 772 and the State's Guidelines for Analysis and Abatement of Highway Traffic Noise. The analysis will include the measurement of background noise levels at representative noise receiver locations for the existing conditions and noise modeling for the predicted conditions (design year). The CONSULTANT will utilize the Federal Highway Administration's (FHWA) approved Traffic Noise Model (TNM), version 2.5, to determine the predicted traffic noise levels. The CONSULTANT will conduct a current noise survey and determine if the proposed project would result in traffic noise impacts and document it in the traffic noise section of the environmental document. If the project results in traffic noise impacts, the CONSULTANT shall evaluate traffic noise barriers for noise abatement and determine if they are feasible (reduce noise by five (5) dBA) and reasonable [cost effective (\$25,000 per benefited receiver)]. If the noise barriers are feasible and reasonable, the CONSULTANT shall provide preliminary locations, heights and costs for the proposed noise barriers and include in the traffic noise section of the environmental document and exhibits. The final decision to construct the proposed noise barriers will be made by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) upon completion of the project design and the public involvement process, which includes polling of the affected property owners and a noise workshop. Public involvement tasks or the noise workshop, which consists of a meeting with the affected property owners, are not within this scope of work. The CONSULTANT shall provide TxDOT with input/output data analysis and a technical report which would include: environmental document traffic noise section, data, methodology, analysis, results, conclusion and exhibits. This scope includes the following:

- A) Data collection and field reconnaissance to locate representative receivers and measure background noise levels.
- B) Identify existing and future land use as related to the noise assessment of the proposed project area.
- C) Model design year traffic noise levels and develop noise contours using FHWA's TNM (version 2.5).

- D) Evaluate, analyze and document proposed noise barriers.
- E) Rerun and reanalyze noise for up to three (3) different scenarios/design modifications.
- F) Internal Quality Assurance/Quality Control (QA/QC).

Deliverables:

- Environmental document traffic noise section and exhibits [(To include receiver and noise barriers (if applicable) locations)]

Subtask 120.01.16 – Hazardous Materials Impacts

- A) Using the existing Phase I Hazardous Materials Evaluation (2004) Report as a source document, the CONSULTANT will prepare an updated Hazardous Material Evaluation Report of the proposed project area to include a new hazardous material data base inquiry.
- B) Obtain an environmental database search of standard federal and state environmental records within one-eighth mile of the approximately 7.0 mile project corridor in Brownsville, Texas
- C) Summarize the findings as a brief write-up to be included within the EA.

Subtask 120.01.20 – Section 4(f)

Historical Structures

The historic resource survey for the proposed West Loop Project in Brownsville, Texas produced by Hardy, Heck and Moore, Inc. (HHM) in 2006 does not include the most recent alignment changes. The CONSULTANT will review the HHM report and conduct a historic structure survey in areas located between the Brownsville & Matamoros (B&M) Bridge and US 77/83 that are outside of the 100-foot existing Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) right-of-way (ROW) and any proposed project area alignment from the B&M Bridge to 6th/7th streets. These areas will include the parcels within the APE of the connectors in the 6th and 7th street area, at FM 3248 and at US 77/83.

The historic resource survey will include historic-age resources (districts, sites, buildings, structures and objects that are 45 years of age or older. Identification, evaluation and documentation tasks shall be completed in accordance with the provisions of the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Identification, Evaluation and Documentation (48 CFR Parts 44716-42) and the most recently approved programmatic agreement. Historic studies shall be performed and documented at sufficient levels to satisfy the Texas Historical Commission (THC) requirements for determining the presence of historically significant properties in the area of potential effect (APE) in accordance with 36 CFR 60 and 13 TAC 26. Performance of historic

studies shall include the following tasks unless otherwise specified in a supplemental work authorization or the CONSULTANT'S proposal.

- A) The CONSULTANT will coordinate with the City of Brownsville Certified Local Government (CLG), Cameron County Historical Commission and the City of Brownsville if necessary.
- B) The CONSULTANT shall provide photographic documentation for each historic resource within the APE documented in the following manner:
 - 1. Production of an oblique view of the primary façade and a side elevation for each resource, with the subject filling the frame.
 - 2. All photographs shall be 3.5" x 5" color representations printed on matte finish photographic paper or approved paper.
 - 3. All photographs shall be well focused and clearly depict architectural and other details relevant to an evaluation of the resource's character-defining features.
 - 4. Four (4) copies of each image shall be provided.
 - 5. Photographs shall be attached to separately labeled pages that clearly identify project name, address of resource and project identification number.
- C) The CONSULTANT shall complete assembly of site sheets, photos and site descriptions as well as map additional sites, including APE, proposed right-of-way and National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) recommendations.
- D) The CONSULTANT shall prepare a letter report to address comments by TxDOT and the THC. The CONSULTANT shall submit four (4) copies of the letter report to TxDOT.

Deliverables:

- Submittal of Draft Report [four (4) hard copies] of text and accompanying photos and supporting documentation for submittal to TxDOT
- Submittal of Final Report [four (4) hard copies and one (1) electronic copy] for transmittal to TxDOT

Archeology (Background)

On September 23, 2004, SWCA conducted a cultural resources reconnaissance survey of the Brownsville West Loop project area on behalf of TxDOT as part of our on-call contract with the ENV division. This consisted of the existing right-of-way of the UPRR from a location just south of the intersection of the railway and US 77/83 southward to the B&M Bridge at the border with Mexico. As right-of-entry (ROE) had not been obtained and the tracks were still in operation during the survey, a surface visual reconnaissance survey was conducted at points visible from roadway intersections. This consisted of traveling by vehicle to observation points along the railroad tracks where paved streets crossed over or dead-ended at the tracks. While positioned at the roadway intersection, photographs were taken of the ROW up and down the tracks and

observations were made of all features, vegetation and disturbances within each quadrangle made by the intersection of the tracks and the street. The height of the railroad bed from top to bottom was recorded and the bed was observed for any deviations away from the typical 13 to 14 foot width. Other disturbances were recorded such as ditches, drainages, culverts, railroad crossing control boxes and bridges. No shovel testing was conducted during the reconnaissance survey.

A total of 21 observation points were established along the project area at intersections between streets and the railroad ROW. Generally, the observed ROW from these points was heavily disturbed with ditches and drainages along the edge of the ROW to elevated railroad beds down the center. As a result, no additional archaeological investigations were recommended for the railroad ROW. In addition, no additional investigations were recommended for the interchange at Brownsville West Loop and US 77/83. However, further investigations were recommended for the undisturbed portions of the proposed new ROW at the intersections with FM 3248 and FM 802. TxDOT took our report and accepted our findings.

Review of the new route for the Brownsville West Loop project area determined that there have been relatively minor changes to the overall route. Most of the project area is still contained within the existing ROW of UPRR and we do not recommend further archaeological investigations in these areas. However, we have identified three (3) locations where new ROW will be acquired and believe that an intensive archaeological survey of these areas is warranted. All of these areas contain some modern disturbances, but it appears on the aerial photographs that some parts of these locations remain undisturbed and/or contain the potential for deeply buried cultural resources. These include: the western side of the intersection of Brownsville West Loop and Palm Boulevard near an old resaca (Trevino Canales Banco No. 5 on map), both banks of Resaca de la Palma where the railroad ROW crosses and where proposed new ROW will be situated and the northeast and southeast sides of the intersection of Brownsville West Loop and FM 3248 (W. Alton Gloor Boulevard) where proposed new ROW will be situated in relatively undisturbed areas about 1,500 feet south of Rancho Viejo.

The exact scope of any archaeological investigations will need to be determined by TxDOT archaeologists and depend on a thorough review of the geology, soils and topography of the three (3) selected areas. If a survey is required, it wouldn't be very large (in cost or time) and it will most likely entail the following:

- A) The CONSULTANT will acquire a THC antiquities permit to conduct the work.
- B) The CONSULTANT will either shovel test or backhoe trench the undisturbed portions of the project area (1-2 days of work).
- C) The CONSULTANT will produce a report of the results for review and concurrence by THC and TxDOT.

Deliverable:

- An archeological report meeting TxDOT standards for the proposed project areas that are recommended above for additional analysis and documentation to include a separate narrative for the environmental document. This report would consider and integrate/include previous archeological reporting for the proposed project, such that one consolidated report would be made to address the entire proposed project area foot print

TASK 120.02 - WEST LOOP ROAD PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT ACTIVITIES

Subtask 120.02.04 – Stakeholder Outreach Support

West Loop Public Involvement Phase II – Key Stakeholders

The CONSULTANT will conduct three rounds of key stakeholder meetings specifically targeting the City & MPO officials and their staff members. The CONSULTANT will handle all aspects of the meetings in concert with the Authority and TxDOT staff, including planning, coordination, arrangements, materials, reports, documentation, and follow up. This effort as detailed here was *not* included in the original West Loop scope.

Items in this supplement include:

A) Round One: Up to five (5) meetings total

1. Meet with key stakeholders in small group format; give a quick overview of the project and record their comments and questions, for identifying issues early in the process. Project partners will agree upon the invitees to each initial, targeted small group in advance.
2. Suggested list includes:
 - * MPO staff and board
 - * Elected/appointed officials
 - * City staff

B) Round Two: Reporting back up to four (4) meetings total

1. Conduct a second round of meetings with the stakeholder groups to update them on the project and address their concerns and questions from the previous meetings, then take their next 'round' of comments and questions.

C) Round Three: Up to four (4) meetings total

1. Prior to the public hearing, communicate with the stakeholders where needed (if their concerns weren't addressed in rounds one and two) in small group format, at least one more time, to update them on the project and the EA. Re-visit their prior concerns and receive their updated comments and questions for the hearing.

**VII. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF TIME
EXTENSION ON WORK AUTHORIZATION NO.
12 (SPI PHASE 2) FROM JANUARY 1, 2009 TO
MARCH 31, 2009**

Supplemental Work Authorization No. 2
to Work Authorization No. 12

CAMERON COUNTY REGIONAL MOBILITY AUTHORITY
General Engineering Consultant Services

SUPPLEMENTAL WORK AUTHORIZATION NO. 2
TO WORK AUTHORIZATION NO. 12
SOUTH PADRE ISLAND 2ND ACCESS STUDY

This Supplemental Work Authorization No. 2 to Work Authorization No. 12 is made pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Agreement for General Consulting Civil Engineering Services effective February 16, 2006, hereinafter identified as the "Agreement", entered into by and between Cameron County Regional Mobility Authority (the "Authority"), and HNTB Corporation (the "GEC")

Part 1. No change is made to WA 12 engineering services with this supplement

Part 2. This Supplemental Work Authorization No. 2 to Work Authorization No. 12 is effective as of January 1, 2009 and shall extend the termination date from **January 1, 2009 to March 31, 2009**, unless extended by a Supplemental Work Authorization.

Part 3. This Supplemental Work Authorization No. 2 to Work Authorization No. 12 does not waive the parties' responsibilities and obligations provided under the Agreement.

Part 4. This Supplemental Work Authorization No. 2 to Work Authorization No. 12 is hereby accepted and acknowledged below.

GEC:
HNTB Corporation

AUTHORITY:
Cameron County Regional Mobility Authority

By: 
Signature

Robert J. Slimp, P.E.
Printed Name

Vice President
Title

3/10/09
Date

By: 
Signature

David E. Alex
Printed Name

CCRMA Chairman
Title

3-12-09
Date

VIII. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE RMA'S LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

RMA Legislative Issues

1/14/09

The following is a list of issues that the _____ RMA has identified as issues to address during the 81st Legislative Session.

1. Market Valuation and Right of First Refusal—Support elimination of the market valuation process (and associated procedural requirements) required under SB 792, while preserving the first option rights established for local toll authorities in that legislation. Toward that end the authority has worked with Sen. Nichols, and has been supportive of an alternative process the Senator is developing to identify the priority of project development options with an emphasis on giving local entities first right of refusal.
2. Continuation/Extension of CDA Authority (and Termination of Moratorium on Concession CDAs)—under current law the authority for RMAs to pursue design/build comprehensive development agreements expires on August 31, 2011, and the authority to utilize concession CDAs expires on August 31, 2009. The authority will support extension or elimination of those expiration dates. In addition, the moratorium on concession CDAs imposed by SB 792 expires on August 31, 2009, and the authority will support elimination of the moratorium restrictions in favor of allowing regions the opportunity to decide on preferred project delivery options.
3. Enabling Legislation for Proposition 12 Bonds and Dedication of Funds to Assist Local Projects—although voters approved a constitutional amendment authorizing the issuance of up to \$5 billion in general revenue bonds for transportation, there is currently no enabling legislation authorizing the bond issuance. The authority will support such legislation, along with the dedicated use of a portion of the bond proceeds specifically to provide credit assistance for RMA projects (perhaps through establishment of a revolving fund for that purpose).
4. Local Option Funding Mechanisms (Vehicle Registration Fees, etc.)-- working with its local partners (including _____ County(s), the _____ MPO, etc.), the authority will be supportive of increased tools to generate local funding for transportation projects.
5. Fix and Expand Transportation Reinvestment Zone ("TRZ") Legislation—the authority will support expanding the use of TRZs (authorized last session under SB 1266) to include projects which do not receive pass-through financing. In addition, the legislation needs to be clarified and improved to make implementation easier.
6. Re-establish Funding for the Pass-Through Program—the pass-through financing program proved to be a useful tool for developing local projects, however TxDOT ran out of money to fund that program. The authority will support legislation requiring that the program be capitalized.
7. End Diversions and Index the Gas Tax- the authority is supportive of efforts to end diversions of Fund 6 dollars to other (non-transportation) purposes and efforts to index the gas tax to an appropriate inflation figure (e.g., CPI or the highway construction cost index) .

8. Toll Collection and Violation Enforcement- the authority would like to work with other toll authorities to harmonize the statutory framework for toll collection and violation enforcement, so that there is consistency throughout the state.

9. RMA Clean-up Legislation—the authority (working with other RMAs) will pursue legislation to address various issues specific to Chapter 370 of the Transportation Code. Examples include: clarification of authority to develop parking facilities; authorizing the use of “construction manager-at-risk contracting”; providing for participation in the State Travel Management Program; and clarification of financing provisions related to loan agreements and pledges of security.