

THE STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF CAMERON §

BE IT REMEMBERED on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of May 2012, there was conducted a Special Meeting of the Cameron County Regional Mobility Authority, at the Joe G. Rivera and Aurora de la Garza County Annex thereof, in San Benito, Texas, for the purpose of transacting any and all business that may lawfully be brought before the same.

THE BOARD MET AT:

12:00 Noon

PRESENT:

DAVID E. ALLEX  
CHAIRPERSON

MICHAEL SCAIEF  
DIRECTOR

DAVID N. GARZA  
DIRECTOR

YOLANDA VILLALOBOS  
DIRECTOR

RUBEN GALLEGOS, JR.  
DIRECTOR

JOHN WOOD  
DIRECTOR

MARK ESPARZA  
DIRECTOR

Secretary

ABSENT

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The meeting was called to order by Chairman David E. Allex at 12:00 Noon. At this time, the Board considered the following matters as per RMA Agenda posted and filed for Record in the Office of the County Clerk on this 10<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2012 at 3:49 P.M. and Supplemental Notice on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2012 at 9:04 A.M.



## AGENDA

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

**Joe G. Rivera and Aurora de la Garza County Annex  
1390 W. Expressway 77  
San Benito, Texas 78586**

**Monday, May 14, 2012**

**12:00 Noon**

FILED AND RECORDED  
OFFICIAL PUBLIC RECORDS  
On: May 10, 2012 at 03:49P

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

**1. Public Comments**

Joe G Rivera  
County Clerk  
By  
Hilda Perez, Deputy  
Cameron County

**CONSENT ITEMS:**

- 2. All Item(s) under the Consent RMA Agenda are heard collectively unless opposition is presented, in which case the contested Item will be considered, discussed, and appropriate action taken separately**

**A. Consideration and Approval of the Minutes for:**

**April 30, 2012 Special Meeting**

**B. Consideration and Approval of the Revenue and Expenditure Report and the Financials for the Month of April 2012**

**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND ACTION:**

**3. Action Items**

**A. Approval of Claims**

- B. Consideration and Acknowledgement of the GEC Report for the Month of April 2012**
- C. Discussion and Possible Action regarding the Cameron County Regional Mobility Authority 2012 – 2016 Strategic Plan**

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS**

- 4. Executive Session**
  - A. Deliberation and Discussion regarding acquisition of Parcel 4 and Parcel 2E for the West Rail Relocation Project pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.), Government Code, Section 551.072**
- 5. Action Relative to Executive Session**

- A. Possible Action**

- 6. Adjournment**

Signed this 10 day of May 2012

  
David E. Allex  
Chairman



## SUPPLEMENTAL NOTICE

### AGENDA

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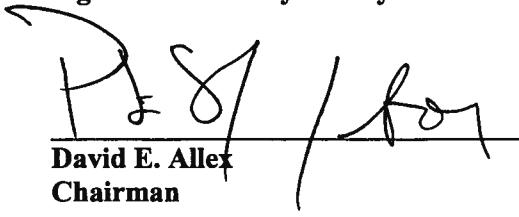
**12:00 Noon**

#### **CONSENT ITEMS:**

1. All Item(s) under the Consent RMA Agenda are heard collectively unless opposition is presented, in which case the contested Item will be considered, discussed, and appropriate action taken separately

- A. Consideration and Possible Action to Adopt a Resolution in Support of Space Explorations Technologies, Inc. (Space X) developing a Commercial Launch Sight and a Launch Command Center in Cameron County, Texas.

Signed this 11<sup>th</sup> day of May 2012



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**David E. Alex  
Chairman**

FILED AND RECORDED  
OFFICIAL PUBLIC RECORDS  
On: May 11, 2012 at 09:04A

Joe G Rivera  
County Clerk  
By  
Lamar Cantu, Deputy  
Cameron County

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

### **1. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None were presented.

## **CONSENT ITEMS**

**ALL ITEM(S) UNDER THE CONSENT RMA AGENDA ARE HEARD COLLECTIVELY UNLESS OPPOSITION IS PRESENTED, IN WHICH CASE THE CONTESTED ITEM WILL BE CONSIDERED, DISCUSSED AND APPROPRIATE ACTION TAKEN SEPARATELY**

Director Scaief asked about the accrual of debt retirement and debt interest. Staff will address this with the Auditor.

Secretary Gallegos made a motion to approve Consent Items 2-A and 2-B and Item 1-A of the Supplemental Agenda Notice. The motion was seconded by Director Garza and carried unanimously:

### **2-A. Consideration and Approval of the Minutes for:**

**April 30, 2012 Special Meeting**

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### **2-B. Consideration and Approval of the Revenue and Expenditure Report and Financials for the Month of April 2012**

**The Revenue and Expenditure Report and Financials are as follows:**

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## **SUPPLEMENTAL NOTICE AGENDA**

## **CONSENT ITEMS**

### **1-A. Consideration and Possible Action to Adopt a Resolution in Support of Space Explorations Technologies, Inc. (Space X) developing a Commercial Launch Site and a Launch Command Center in Cameron County, Texas**

**The Resolution is as follows:**

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## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **3-A. Approval of Claims**

The attached claims were presented to the Board of Directors for approval.

Mr. Pete Sepulveda, Jr., RMA Coordinator introduced the claims into the record. He also asked the Board to approve a travel claim for Alejandro Garcia who attended a meeting on Mr. Sepulveda's behalf in Houston regarding the West Rail Relocation Project.

Director Garza made a motion to approve the Claims including a claim for Alejandro Garcia and authorizing the Auditor to release the check. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chairman Wood and carried unanimously.

**The Claims are as follows:**

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### **3-B. Consideration and Acknowledgment of the GEC Report for the Month of April 2012**

Mr. Richard Ridings with HNTB went over a Power Point Presentation for the West Rail and Olmito RIP Projects. Mr. Ridings went over the status of the SPI 2<sup>nd</sup> Access Project, SH 550 Direct Connector Project, and answered questions from the Chairman and the Board Members.

Mr. Mark Iglesias with S&B Infrastructure gave a status of the FM 803 Environmental Assessment (EA) Project. The draft EA has been submitted to the Texas Department of Transportation Pharr District Office.

Mr. Pete Sepulveda, Jr., RMA Coordinator discussed the East Loop, U.S. 77 and General Brandt Road Projects.

Secretary Gallegos made a motion to acknowledge the GEC Report for the Month of April 2012. The motion was seconded by Director Garza and carried unanimously.

**The GEC Report is as follows:**

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### **3-C. Discussion and Possible Action regarding the Cameron County Regional Mobility Authority 2012 – 2016 Strategic Plan**

Mr. Bobby Balli with HNTB gave a status on the activities of the Strategic Plan. Chairman Allex made comments regarding the Strategic Plan. Vice-Chairman Wood agreed with the Chairman and made comments as well.

Secretary Gallegos made a motion to approve the Cameron County Regional Mobility Authority 2012 – 2016 Strategic Plan subject to changes from the Chairman and Board Member. The motion was seconded by Director Garza and carried unanimously.

**The Strategic Plan is as follows:**

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## **EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS**

### **Executive Session:**

- 4-A. Deliberation and Discussion regarding acquisition of Parcel 4 and Parcel 2E for the West Rail Relocation Project pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.), Government Code, Section 55.072**

Upon motion by Vice-Chairman Wood, seconded by Secretary Gallegos and carried unanimously, this item was **TABLED**.

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### **Action relative to Executive Session Item(s):**

- 5-A. Deliberation and Discussion regarding acquisition of Parcel 4 and Parcel 2E for the West Rail Relocation Project pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.), Government Code, Section 55.072**

Upon motion by Vice-Chairman Wood, seconded by Secretary Gallegos and carried unanimously, this item was **TABLED**.

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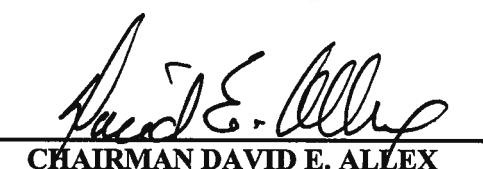
### **6. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board and upon motion by Secretary Gallegos seconded by Director Villalobos and carried unanimously the meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 12:51 P.M.

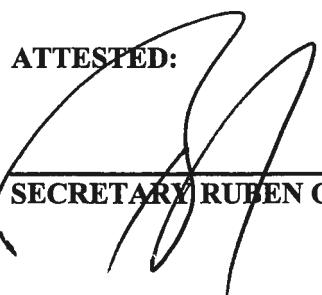
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APPROVED this 21<sup>st</sup> day of May 2012.

  
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**CHAIRMAN DAVID E. ALLEN**

ATTESTED:

  
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**SECRETARY RUBEN GALLEGOS, JR.**

**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTICE**

- 1-A CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO ADOPT A  
RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF SPACE EXPLORATIONS  
TECHNOLOGIES, INC. (SPACE X) DEVELOPING A COMMERCIAL  
LAUNCH SIGHT AND A LAUNCH COMMAND CENTER IN  
CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS**



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COUNTY OF CAMERON

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**RESOLUTION**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT ON THE 14th DAY OF MAY, 2012, THE CAMERON COUNTY REGIONAL MOBILITY AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS CONVENED IN A SPECIAL MEETING AND UPON THE REQUEST OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS THE FOLLOWING ITEM WAS PLACED ON THE AGENDA OF THE SAID BOARD FOR SUCH MEETING

**"CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF SPACE EXPLORATIONS TECHNOLOGIES, INC. (SPACE X) DEVELOPING A COMMERCIAL LAUNCH SIGHT AND A LAUNCH COMMAND CENTER IN CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS"**

**WHEREAS**, Space X, Inc. was founded in 2002 by Elon Musk for the purpose of solving the problem of providing a simple, low cost and reliable way to access and explore outer space; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cameron County Regional Mobility Authority Board of Directors recognizes the importance of space exploration; and

**WHEREAS**, Space X, Inc. has established its credibility in the area of private manned and unmanned space flight, having been awarded a significant contract with NASA for 12 flights for their Falcon 9 rocket and Dragon spacecraft to the International Space Station after the retirement of the Space Shuttle in 2011; and

**WHEREAS**, Space X, Inc. has expressed a strong interest in considering an area within Cameron County, Texas as a possible launch site for its Falcon 1 and Falcon 9 rockets and Dragon spacecraft; and

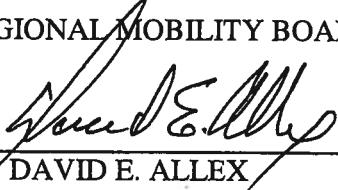
**WHEREAS**, the Cameron County Regional Mobility Authority Board of Directors recognizes that the development of such a commercial launch site would have a tremendous positive economic impact on both job creation and economic growth to the region; and

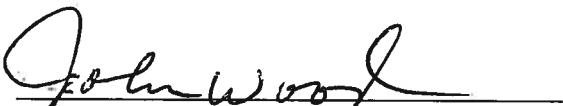
**WHEREAS**, the Cameron County Regional Mobility Authority Board of Directors wishes to express its strong support and pledges to work in cooperation with Space X, Inc. on this important project.

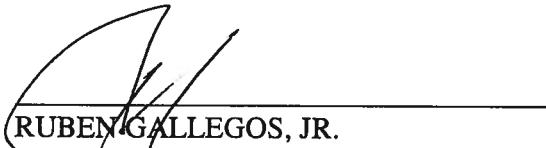
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Cameron County Regional Mobility Board of Directors unanimously expresses its strong support to Space X, Inc. for the establishment of a commercial launch site and command center within Cameron County, Texas.

Passed, Approved and Adopted on this 14th day of May, 2012.

CAMERON COUNTY REGIONAL MOBILITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

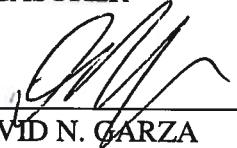
  
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CHAIRMAN

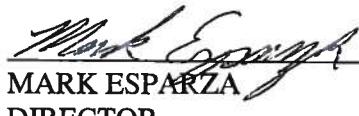
  
JOHN WOOD  
VICE CHAIRMAN

  
RUBEN GALLEGOS, JR.  
SECRETARY

  
YOLANDA VILLALOBOS  
DIRECTOR

  
MICHAEL SCAIEF  
TREASURER

  
DAVID N. GARZA  
DIRECTOR

  
MARK ESPARZA  
DIRECTOR

**2-B CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF THE REVENUE AND  
EXPENDITURE REPORT AND THE FINANCIALS FOR THE MONTH  
OF APRIL 2012**

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Cash Disbursement Journal By GL  
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**3-A APPROVAL OF CLAIMS**



Cameron County Regional Mobility Authority  
Daily Check Register 05/11/2012

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			1129	SUPPLEMENTAL WORK	P155606	4,430.10
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			1122	WA NO. 1 TO PROVIDE ENVIRONMEN	P176715	8,154.98
					Check No. 00001213 Total	33,929.55
00001214	SEPULVEDA,PEDRO		110	110 5/2-3 AUSTIN		930.80
			110	5/9 MEETING REIMB. SUPPLIES		60.64
			110	5/7 HOUSTON		402.10
					Check No. 00001214 Total	1,393.54
00001215	WOOD,JOHN		110	110 2/15-17 SAN ANTONIO		246.40
			110	4/25-26 AUSTIN		285.12
					Check No. 00001215 Total	531.52
00001216	XEROX CORPORATION		110	110 BLACK BILLABLE PRINTS.	P176987	17.11
			110	COLOR BILLABLE PRINTS.	P176987	193.13
					Check No. 00001216 Total	210.24

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Total for All Checks: 535,559.84

**CAMERON COUNTY REGIONAL MOBILITY AUTHORITY**  
**Statement of Net Assets**  
**April 30, 2012**  
**(UNAUDITED)**

	<u>2012</u>
<b>Assets:</b>	
<b>Current assets:</b>	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 3,361,285
Accounts Receivable	1,928,477
Prepaid expenses	-
Due from other agencies	-
Due from other funds	-
Total current assets	<u>5,289,762</u>
<b>Capital Assets: CWIP</b>	
Prep Public Inv. Plan	-
SPI 2nd. Causeway	1,805,194
West Loop	2,125,354
East Loop	-
SH 550 Re -Evaluation	-
SPI 2nd. Access, Eng.,Env.	2,879,653
Total construction work in progress	6,810,201
Less Accumulated Depreciation	(46,362)
Net Depreciable Assets	<u>6,763,839</u>
Other assets	34,696,251
<b>Total assets</b>	<u><u>\$ 46,749,852</u></u>
<b>Liabilities:</b>	
<b>Current liabilities:</b>	
Accounts payable	\$ 236,372
Due to other Entities	250,000
Due to other Funds	4,911,439
Deferred Revenue	195,397
Total current liabilities	<u>5,593,208</u>
Long term liabilities:	
Aid from Other Gov/SPI 2nd Causeway	1,805,194
Aid from Other Govt./West Loop	2,125,354
Aid from Other Govt./SPI 2nd Access, Eng., Env.	2,879,653
Aid from Other Govt./West Rail Relocation	20,027,331
Aid from Other Govt./Olmito Switchyard	11,042,750
Aid from Other Govt./RIP Facility	182,315
Total long term liabilities	<u>38,062,597</u>
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<u>43,655,805</u>
<b>Net assets:</b>	
Contributed Capital	-
Net Assets	<u>3,094,047</u>
<b>Total net assets</b>	<u><u>3,094,047</u></u>
<b>Total liabilities and net assets</b>	<u><u>\$ 46,749,852</u></u>

**CAMERON COUNTY REGIONAL MOBILITY AUTHORITY**  
**AS OF 04/30/2012**  
**Statements of Revenues & Expenditures**  
**(UNAUDITED)**

	<u>2012</u>
<b><u>OPERATING REVENUES</u></b>	
RMA Fees	\$ 809,480
State Revenue - TX Dot	-
Interlocal Revenue	-
Interest Income	<u>2,396</u>
<b>TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES</b>	<b>\$ 811,876</b>
<b><u>OPERATING EXPENSES</u></b>	
Office Supplies	12,985
Audit and Accounting	12,000
Engineering	-
Professional Services	2,274
Postage	-
Travel	16,728
Advertising	2,477
Printing & Binding	220
Bonds	87
Education & Training	1,100
Aid to other Governments	35,000
Dues and Memberships	7,500
Contractual	<u>193,136</u>
New Equipment	-
Debt Retirement	424,117
Debt Interest	704,576
Fiscal Agent Fees	-
<b>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES</b>	<b>1,412,200</b>
<b><u>DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS</u></b>	
Strategic Plan Development	-
Public Involvement & Outreach	-
West Rail Relocation	68,801
North Rail Relocation	-
East Loop Project	-
FM 803 EA & PS&E	76,242
PDA Coordination & Negotiation Support	-
Olmito Yard PS & E	-
<b>TOTAL NON CWIP EXPENDITURES</b>	<b><u>145,043</u></b>
<b>CHANGE IN NET ASSETS</b>	<b>(745,367)</b>
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS - Beginning of Year</b>	
Restricted	3,372,851
Unrestricted	<u>466,563</u>
	<u>3,839,414</u>
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS - End of Year</b>	<b><u>\$ 3,094,047</u></b>

**PROJECT FUNDS/BOND SERIES 2010A AND SERIES 2010B**

Statement of Net Assets  
 April 30, 2012  
 (UNAUDITED)

<b>Assets:</b>	<b>2012</b>
Current assets:	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,570,902
Accounts Receivable	-
Due from other funds	<u>4,907,802</u>
Total current assets	<u>7,478,704</u>
Restricted assets	
Debt reserve/Series 2010A	1,038,587
Debt reserve/Series 2010B	<u>1,218,154</u>
Total restricted assets	<u>2,256,741</u>
Capital Assets: CWIP	
Bond Series 2010A	8,090,940
Bond Series 2010B	<u>9,052,255</u>
Total capital assets: CWIP	<u>17,143,195</u>
Capital Assets: Other	2,470,387
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b><u>\$29,349,027</u></b>
 <b>Liabilities:</b>	
Current liabilities:	
Accounts payable	\$ 954,503
Deferred Revenue	\$ 120,000
Due to other funds	-
Total current liabilities	<u>1,074,503</u>
Long-term Liabilities	
Bonds Payable/Series 2010A	13,245,000
Less: Unamortized discount and issue cost	(266,240)
Unamortized premium	82,558
Bonds Payable/Series 2010B	<u>15,535,000</u>
Less: Unamortized discount and issue cost	<u>(272,907)</u>
Total long-term liabilities	<u>28,323,411</u>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b><u>29,397,914</u></b>
 <b>Net assets:</b>	
Contributed Capital	-
Aid from Other Govt./TX Dot	-
Net Assets	<u>(48,887)</u>
<b>Total net assets</b>	<b><u>(48,887)</u></b>
 <b>Total liabilities and net assets</b>	<b><u>\$29,349,027</u></b>

**PROJECT FUNDS/BOND SERIES 2010A AND SERIES 2010B**  
**AS OF 4/30/2012**

**Statements of Revenues & Expenditures  
(UAUDITED)**

	<u>2012</u>
<b><u>OPERATING REVENUES</u></b>	
State Revenue - TX Dot	\$ -
Interlocal Revenue	-
Interest Income	<u>855</u>
<b>TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES</b>	<b>\$ 855</b>
<b><u>OPERATING EXPENSES</u></b>	
Office Supplies	-
Small Tools and Equipment	-
Audit and Accounting	-
Engineering	-
Professional Services	71,375
Travel	-
Advertising	-
Printing & Binding	-
Bonds	-
Education & Training	-
Aid to other Governments	-
Contractual	-
Debt Interest	-
<b>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES</b>	<b>71,375</b>
<b>DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS</b>	
Strategic Plan Development	-
Public Involvement & Outreach	-
RFI-Comp Dev Agree	-
PDA Coordination & Negotiation Support	-
<b>TOTAL NON CWIP EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>CHANGE IN NET ASSETS</b>	<b>(70,520)</b>
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS - Beginning of Year</b>	<b><u>21,633</u></b>
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS - End of Year</b>	<b><u>\$ (48,887)</u></b>

**CCRMA HIGHWAY TOLL COLLECTIONS**

**Statement of Net Assets**

**April 30, 2012**

**(UNAUDITED)**

<b>Assets:</b>	<b>2012</b>
<b>Current assets:</b>	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 115,620
Accounts Receivable	-
Due from other funds	<u>3,637</u>
Total current assets	<u>119,257</u>
<b>Other assets:</b>	
Miscellaneous	-
Total other assets	<u>-</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b><u>\$ 119,257</u></b>
 <b>Liabilities:</b>	
<b>Current liabilities:</b>	
Accounts payable	\$ -
Due to other funds	<u>-</u>
Total current liabilities	<u>-</u>
 <b>Total Liabilities</b>	<u>-</u>
 <b>Net assets:</b>	
Aid from Other Govt./TX Dot	-
<b>Net Assets</b>	<u>119,257</u>
<b>Total net assets</b>	<u>119,257</u>
 <b>Total liabilities and net assets</b>	<b><u>\$ 119,257</u></b>

**CCRMA HIGHWAY TOLL COLLECTIONS**  
**AS OF 4/30/2012**  
**Statements of Revenues & Expenditures**  
**(UNAUDITED)**

	<u>2012</u>
<b><u>OPERATING REVENUES</u></b>	
Toll collections/SH 550	\$ 111,708
Interest Income	37
<b>TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES</b>	<b><u>111,745</u></b>
<b><u>OPERATING EXPENSES</u></b>	
State Highway 550	
Contingencies	\$ 9,088
Image review	13,339
Miscellaneous	247
<b>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES</b>	<b><u>22,674</u></b>
 CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	 89,071
 TOTAL NET ASSETS - Beginning of Year	 <u>30,186</u>
 TOTAL NET ASSETS - End of Year	 <u>\$ 119,257</u>



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<u>Check No.</u>	<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Dept.</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>PO#</u>	<u>Amount</u>
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Check No. 00001218 Total 415.10

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Total for All Checks: 415.10

**3-B CONSIDERATION AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE GEC  
REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 2012**

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Pete Sepulveda, Jr.  
Executive Director  
Cameron County Regional Mobility Authority  
1100 East Monroe Street  
Brownsville, Texas 78520

May 2, 2012

Dear Mr. Sepulveda,

The following is a summary of our progress on the subject projects for the month of April 2012.

**Project Management:**

**General GEC**

- Prepared & submitted CCRMA GEC Invoice for work performed on various Work Authorizations. Updated and submitted March 2012 GEC report.
- On April 12, Bobby Balli, and Jimmy Berry attended the Special Meeting of the Board of Directors. Mr. Balli gave the March GEC Report and Mr. Berry gave a brief overview of the construction status of the Olmito Switch Yard Repair in Place Facility and the West Rail Relocation projects.
- On April 30, Richard Ridings and Jimmy Berry attended the Special Meeting of the Board of Directors.
- HNTB continues to attend numerous meetings and correspond with RMA staff and others to support the RMA's efforts.

**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 an extension of 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 wide (usual) 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.*

- HNTB is currently performing preliminary development of the Outer Parkway. This project would provide a greater economic benefit to the area and establish a corridor along similar alignment yet would continue along the North side of Cameron County connecting to FM 106/General Brant Road. The recommended alignment for the north-south section of FM 509 is being utilized as a connection to the future Outer Parkway to the existing FM 509 corridor. The east-west section of the recommended alignment for FM 509 is being considered as an option for the east-west Outer Parkway alignment. The HNTB team is currently utilizing FM 509

environmental studies, constraint data, Lidar survey data, and right-of-way information for this endeavor.

**West Parkway Project:**

The proposed West Parkway is a new location facility and will provide a four-lane controlled access parkway 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.

**West Parkway EA/Schematic (Work Authorization No. 7):**

This Work Authorization provides for the development of a Schematic and Environmental Assessment based on the project design developed by TxDOT and detailed in the value engineering report.

- On March 14, 2012 the Brownsville MPO Policy Committee voted to remove the West Parkway project from the Metropolitan Transportation Plan.
- This project is on hold and HNTB has no ongoing activities on this project at this time.

**West Rail Relocation International Coordination (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).

- The Bridge project is reported to be 50% complete while the rail and switchyard relocation project is reported to be 18% complete. Although the project is behind schedule, the contractor expects to be complete in August of 2012. Dr. de las Fuentes continues to attend meetings with SCT and project representatives to assure expedited completion of the project.
- Dr. de las Fuentes continues to assist the ROW acquisition process by facilitating meetings with the agencies involved and the property owners in question. One parcel is needed for the revised levee realignment and several title revisions are left to be completed. Since minimal progress was made this month, Dr. de las Fuentes will stay engaged with the Tamaulipas representatives.
- On April 2<sup>nd</sup>, Dr. de las Fuentes facilitated a meeting with SCT in Mexico City to discuss the completion of the common span length that extends across the international boundary line. This last section of the Rail bridge is to be constructed by the Mexican Contractor and half of the section will be paid for by Cameron County.
- On March 29<sup>th</sup>, a meeting was held between SCT, KCSM and the Mexican Customs Agency to discuss the logistical and operational requirements of the Mexican Rail Inspection facility. It was decided that KCSM would develop their written protocol for operating their rail system from the entrance to Mexico, at the switchyard and continuing into Mexico. The Customs Agency would then develop their list of requirements as it pertained to the inspection of the rail cars entering, loading and unloading and proceeding into or out of Mexico. A meeting was held on April 29<sup>th</sup> to further discuss these written documents.

- The 50<sup>th</sup> meeting of the West rail Technical Review Group was held on April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2011

**TxDOT Project Development Agreement for I69 CDA (Work Authorization No. 13):**

*Originally this Work Authorization provided support to the Authority and its Legal and Financial Advisors in the development of a Project Development Agreement (PDA) between the Authority and TxDOT concerning the development of the SH 550, West Parkway, and US 77 Improvements projects. In 2010, this Work Authorization was used to issue a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) to Develop, Design, Construct, Finance and Possibly Operate and Maintain SH 550 Project and Provide Pre-Development Services for an Additional Five Toll Projects Through a Comprehensive Development Agreement.*

- As a result of legislative action, CDA activity is now on hold until environmental documents are substantially complete for South Padre Second Access and Outer Parkway.
- According the CDA legislation, environmental clearance must be obtained for South Padre Island Second Access and Outer Parkway by August 31, 2013.

**South Padre Island Second Access Phase 3A (Work Authorization No. 17):**

*This Work Authorization provides engineering and environmental services associated with the development and advancement of the NEPA process for the proposed South Padre Island (SPI) 2nd Access Project in Cameron County, Texas. The proposed Project will provide an alternate route to the Queen Isabella Memorial Causeway; thus, enhancing local and regional mobility, and facilitating effective evacuation of the island in times of disaster, hurricanes, and other emergencies. The tasks associated with the Project will include the development of the necessary environmental documentation, corridor alternatives assessments, and related public involvement activities. This Work Authorization continues the environmental and corridor alternatives assessment tasks necessary to advance the project to a selection of a Recommended Preferred Alternative and ultimately to a Record of Decision (ROD). After the selection of a Preferred Alternative a supplement for schematic design will be required.*

- TxDOT ENV comments were received on April 12, and the draft EIS was revised and resubmitted to TxDOT ENV on April 20.
- The draft EIS was backchecked by TxDOT ENV and copies for distribution to FHWA were submitted to TxDOT ENV on May 1.
- Developed a draft version of the Notice of Availability for the DEIS for publication upon approval from FHWA.
- Submitted draft Public Meeting Summary Report #3 to TxDOT Pharr District for review on February 21. Pharr District informed HNTB on April 19 that they had no comments on the report.
- Continued fielding call from the public on the project.
- Coordinated with CCRMA to post the Draft EIS on the SPI website upon approval from FHWA.
- HNTB continues to provide assistance and information to CCRMA Board and staff, members of the general public and stakeholders.

**Olmito Switchyard PS&E (Work Authorization No. 23):**

This Work Authorization provides for the production of Plans, Specifications, and Estimates for the construction of addition rail and repair facilities in the Olmito Switchyard. Rail and grading plans were prepared. The repair facilities (RIP) are included in a second set of construction plans.

- The construction portion of the project is in progress.
- Design is being performed to bring water and sanitary service to the Repair in Place building.

**SH 550 PS&E (Work Authorization No. 24):**

This Work Authorization provides engineering services for the preparation of plans, specifications and estimates (PS&E) for the construction of SH 550 tolled main lanes between existing frontage road lanes from US 77/83 to 0.5 mile north of FM 3248. Also, a separate PS&E package was prepared for the SH 550 Pass-Through project from U.S. 77/83 to just south of Old Alice Road.

- Utility database is being maintained, and coordination meetings for each of the identified conflicts and service locations will continue.
- Cameron County has agreed to be responsible for the utility agreements.
- The preliminary plan set has been posted to CivCast website for contractor's information only.
- The 100% complete PS&E package was submitted to the TxDOT Design Division on April 27, 2012. TxDOT stated that FHWA will perform concurrent review.

**General Brant Road/FM 106 Extension (Work Authorization No. 26)**

This work authorization provides professional services and deliverables associated with the preparation of a categorical exclusion (to be reviewed by the Federal Highway Administration in anticipation of possible federal funding) and the completion of the Section 404 permitting process (including the development of a conceptual mitigation plan) for the project.

- USFWS requested 5' x 3' culverts be provided for the wildlife crossings. These culverts have larger openings and require that the vertical roadway profile be raised to accommodate the culverts. TxDOT requested that the CCRMA perform this roadway profile analysis to determine the impacts of utilizing 5' x 3' concrete box culverts and bridges for the wildlife crossings. TxDOT stated they do not have the staff availability to do this work. HNTB submitted a Supplemental Work Authorization to CCRMA on April 23, 2012 to perform this work.

**Olmito Switch Yard Expansion Construction Inspection (Work Authorization No. 28)**

This work authorization provides professional services associated with construction inspection phase work for the Olmito Switch Yard Expansion Project.

- The Contractor has completed 100% of the construction on the project.
- Project closeout is complete.

**Olmito Switch Yard & Repair-In-Place Facility (Work Authorization No. 31)**

*This work authorization provides construction phase and engineering services throughout the construction duration of the Olmito Switch Yard and Repair-In-Place (RIP) Facility by providing responses to the contractor's Requests for Information, Shop Drawing Review and As-Built construction plans. Also, HNTB will provide a records keeping process through the use of DashPort.*

- HNTB is responding to RFIs and submittals as needed.

**West Rail Bypass, CI (Work Authorization No. 33)**

*This work authorization provides professional services associated with construction inspection phase work for the West Rail Bypass.*

- The contractor completed construction of the bridge except for the fencing. The building subcontractor has completed the building construction effort and is working on the punch list.
- The railroad track subcontractor has moved off of the project pending relocation of the Transmontaigne gas line crossings. The contractor still needs to pave Railroad Street, New Carmen Road, and the DHS building driveway and parking lot.
- The mitigation subcontractor is planting additional plants at the mitigation site.

**Outer Parkway Study (Work Authorization No. 36)**

*This work authorization provides professional services and deliverables associated with a study for the Outer Parkway. The study is to be performed in a three phase effort to deliver a schematic design for the Outer Parkway project. The phases are:*

The Phase I study, which was completed in May 2011, included field investigations, constraints mapping and technical evaluations necessary to identify a recommended corridor for the proposed Outer Parkway.

A Phase II scope and fee has been submitted to CCRMA. During Phase II, a right-of-way footprint will be established, property owners in the immediate vicinity of the project will be notified and afforded an opportunity to provide feedback, MPO coordination will be initiated and environmental studies will be performed. Phase III will include environmental permitting and agency coordination.

The environmental clearance is required to be obtained by August 31, 2013 to meet the requirements of the CDA legislation. Phase II needs to begin immediately in order to meet this deadline.

**West Rail RFIs, As-Builts (Work Authorization No. 40)**

*This work authorization provides construction phase services throughout the construction of the West Rail Relocation Project by providing responses to Requests for Information from the contractor and providing As-Built construction drawings. Also, records keeping will be provided through the use of DashPort.*

- Continued to respond to RFIs and shop drawings from the contractor.

**SH 32 EA (Work Authorization No. 42)**

This Work Authorization provides oversight, guidance, agency coordination, issue resolution, and quality assurance/quality control necessary to expedite the environmental review/approval process for two environmental assessment (EA) documents being prepared by other firms for the East Loop project.

- See comments on Work Authorization No. 49.

**Olmito Switch Yard Expansion Construction Inspection Phase II RIP (Work Authorization No. 47)**

This work authorization provides professional services associated with construction inspection phase work for the Olmito Repair-in-Place Facility.

- Contractor has placed the foundations for the metal building and is working on the foundation for the Inspection pit.

**SH 32 GEC (Work Authorization No. 49)**

This work authorization provides professional services for oversight, guidance, agency coordination, and issue resolution, necessary to expedite the development of two SH 32 projects. The two projects, which each have logical termini and independent utility, extend from US 77/83 to FM 3068 (herein referred to as SH 32-West) and from FM 3068 to SH 4 (herein referred to as SH 32-East). The proposed projects are being developed by two prime subconsultants, (S&B Infrastructure, Ltd. and Traffic Engineers, Inc.) under the oversight of HNTB (GEC).

SH 32 West (Consultant – Traffic Engineers, Inc.):

- EA submitted to TxDOT Pharr District March 1
- Held coordination meeting with USFWS on April 26
- Phase I Environmental Assessment submitted to TxDOT Pharr District on April 14
- Continued coordination with TxDOT

SH 32 East (Consultant - S&B Infrastructure, Ltd.):

- EA submitted to TxDOT Pharr District March 27
- Held coordination meeting with USFWS on April 26
- Continued bi-weekly coordination conference calls with TxDOT and CCRMA regarding SH 32-West and SH 32-East.

**Strategic Plan Update (Work Authorization No. 51)**

This work authorization provides professional services for HNTB to assist the Authority in scheduling and facilitating a four hour workshop for the purpose of developing the CCRMA Strategic Plan Update. This includes input from the CCRMA, TxDOT Pharr District, the Brownsville and Harlingen-San Benito MPOs. The purpose of the workshop will be to validate or revise the goals and objectives stated in the existing CCRMA Strategic Plan. Using input from the Strategic Plan Update workshop, HNTB will revise the Strategic Plan Goals and provide a summary of CCRMA accomplishments to date. HNTB will compile the new and updated information generated from the above tasks and will develop the Strategic Plan Update document.

- Continued addressing review comments from CCRMA.

**US 77 PCE (Work Authorization No. 53)**

This Work Authorization provides services and deliverables to perform environmental services required for the construction of an overpass and frontage roads along US 77 in Kenedy County.

- TxDOT Regional Environmental Coordinator (REC) approved the PCE on April 06, 2012.
- This project is cleared for a June letting.

**Bi-National Plan (Work Authorization No. 55)**

This Work Authorization provides services and deliverables to create a Master Plan to implement the Intermodal Indegration of the Border Infrastructure of Matamoros, Tamaulipas, Cameron County and its financing.

- Continued data collection.

Two project meeting were held at the offices of Dr. de las Fuentes. The project team will schedule a site visit along both sides of the border. Project Matrices will be developed for all projects on both sides of the border to assist in analyzing benefits to international transportation issues.

**Consultant Management:**

- Continued coordination with subconsultants.

**Agency Coordination:**

- Conducted ongoing discussions with CCRMA staff and TxDOT staff and subconsultants for preparation of SPI 2<sup>nd</sup> Access project, SH 550, Olmito Switch Yard Repair-In-Place Facility construction project, West Rail construction project, SH 32 East Loop EA and US 77 PCE.

Best regards,



Richard L. Ridings, P.E.

Vice President

cc:      David A. Garcia  
          Van Short, P.E.  
          Lamberto "Bobby" Balli, P.E.

**April Status Report**



Project	FM 509	WA Cost:	\$ 656,210.00
Work Authorization	5 Route Studies and Environmental	SA Cost:	\$ 40,358.00
Supplemental	1 ICI Analysis	SA Cost:	\$ 10,826.00
Supplemental	2 Development of Reasonable Alternatives	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 wide (usual 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**

**Environmental**

Status:	Project On-Hold
Recent Activity:	None
Upcoming Activity:	on hold
Outstanding Issues:	on hold

Design Status: Complete

Task	Status	Date of Anticipated 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.	Ongoing	Complete	50%
Constraints map	Complete	Complete	100%
Social/Economic Investigations	Complete	Complete	100%
Natural Environment Investigations	Complete	Complete	100%
Cultural Resources	Complete	TBD	95%
Report Preparation	on hold	TBD	95%
Public Involvement	on hold	TBD	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	Invoice Amount
Billed To Date:	\$ 686,172.18			
Paid To Date:	\$ 686,172.18			
Unpaid Balance:	\$ -			
Funding Source:	Cameron County			

Total: \$ -

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Project	West Parkway	WA Cost:	\$ 1,471,763.00
Work Authorization	7 Route Studies and Environmental	SA Cost:	\$ 98,862.00
Supplemental	1 Public Involvement and ENV	SA Cost:	\$ 378,427.00
Supplemental	4 Route and Environmental Studies	Total Cost:	\$ 1,949,052.00
<b>Description:</b> The West Parkway project is a proposed new location, 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	
<b>Environmental</b>	
Status:	On Hold
Recent Activity:	MPO voted to remove project from MTP.
Upcoming Activity:	Update Historic Survey; respond to TxDOT-OGC comments
Outstanding Issues:	FHWA review; public hearing. The environmental document is on hold until historical site research is performed. Need CCRMA approval to perform historical site research.
<b>Design</b>	
Status:	Continued preparation of updated drawings addressing Public meeting comments
Recent Activity:	On Hold
Upcoming Activity:	On Hold
Outstanding Issues:	This project is on hold until a Supplemental Work Authorization is approved for historical research. TxDOT approved this.
<b>Other: Traffic</b>	
Status:	Project On Hold
Recent Activity:	Project On Hold
Upcoming Activity:	Revise Microsimulation based on new schematic
Outstanding Issues:	3d animation is recommended - need supplement for this effort

Task	Status	Date of Anticipated Completion	% Complete
Conceptual Design	Complete	Complete	100%
Intermediate-level (level 2) Toll Feasibility	Draft Level 2 TFS complete		80%
Innovative Financing Support	Ongoing	TBD	20%
Traffic Analysis and Microsimulation	On hold	TBD	80%
Geometric Schematic	Assessing revisions	TBD	88%
Environmental Assessment Report	Ongoing	TBD	89%
West Loop Public Involvement Activities	Awaiting Public Hearing	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	Complete	Complete	100%
Supp 1: Environmental Assessment	Assessing revisions	TBD	89%
Supp 1: Public Involvement	Complete	Complete	100%

WA Amount:	\$ 1,949,052.00	Outstanding Invoice Number	Days Old	Invoice Amount
Billed To Date:	\$ 1,857,812.49			
Paid To Date:	\$ 1,843,417.16	68-40619-PL-007	287	\$ 214.91
Unpaid Balance:	\$ 14,395.33	77-40619-PL-007	7	\$ 14,180.42
Funding Source:	TxDOT Toll Equity Funding			
			Total:	\$ 14,395.33

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**HNTB**

Project	West Rail Relocation	WA Cost:	\$ 186,579.00
Work Authorization	8 International Advisor Services	SA Cost:	\$ 67,264.00
Supplemental	1 International Advisor Services	SA Cost:	\$ 67,163.00
Supplemental	2 International Advisor Services	SA Cost:	\$ 67,163.00
Supplemental	3 International Advisor Services	SA Cost:	\$ 67,939.00
Supplemental	4 International Advisor Services	SA Cost:	\$ 67,939.00
Supplemental	5 International Advisor Services	SA Cost:	\$ 67,703.00
Supplemental	6 International Advisor Services	SA Cost:	\$ 67,914.00
Supplemental	7 International Advisor Services	SA Cost:	\$ 67,914.00
Supplemental	8 International Advisor Services	SA Cost:	\$ 69,054.00
Supplemental	9 International Advisor Services	Total Cost:	\$ 796,632.00

**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 Lmites 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 Activity	
<b>International Advisory Services</b>	
Status:	Ongoing
Recent Activity:	Detailed report available
Upcoming Activity:	-
Outstanding Issues:	
<b>Design</b>	
Status:	-
Recent Activity:	-
Upcoming Activity:	-
Outstanding Issues:	-
<b>Other Project Administration</b>	
Status:	
Recent Activity:	
Upcoming Activity:	
Outstanding Issues:	In discussions to extend this Work Authorization.

Task			Status	Date Anticipated Completion	% Complete
<b>International Services</b>			Ongoing	June	96%
WA Amount:	\$ 796,632.00	Outstanding Invoice Number:	Days Old	Invoice Amount	
Billed To Date:	\$ 784,682.52	77-40619-PL-008	7	\$ 11,949.48	
Raid To Date:	\$ 772,733.04				
Unpaid Balance:	\$ 11,949.48				
Funding Source:	Cameron County			Total:	\$ 11,949.48

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**HNTB**

Project	<u>PDA Coordination and Negotiation Support</u>	
Work Authorization	13	WA Cost: \$ 790,903.00
Supplemental		SA Cost:
Supplemental		SA Cost:
		Total Cost: \$ 790,903.00

**Description:** This Work Authorization provides support to the Authority and its Legal and Financial Advisors in the development of a Project Development Agreement (PDA) between the Authority and TxDOT concerning the development of the Port Spur, West Loop, and US 77 Improvements projects. Also includes support services for the procurement of a concession design-build developer

**Scope:** Support the CCRMA in negotiations with TxDOT and ZAI/ACS, and assist in the development of a Project Development Agreement (PDA) for SH 550, West Parkway, and US 77 Improvements, support the procurement of a design-build concessionaire

**Deliverable:** Engineering support in the development of a PDA. Additional work includes the procurement of a concession CDA developer which is presently on hold.

**Project Activity**

CDA Procurement	
Status:	No activity.
Recent Activity:	No activity.
Upcoming Activity:	CDA activity on hold.
Outstanding Issues:	

Task	Status	Date of Anticipated Completion	% Complete
Design Review	Initiated		10%
Specification Review	Initiated		1%
CDA Requirements/Terms/Risk Assessment	Initiated		29%
CDA Procurement	Initiated		70%
Draft Technical Requirements/Obligations	Initiated		25%
Draft Operations/Tolling Obligations	Started PDA		10%
Draft Reporting/Maintenance Obligations	Started PDA		10%
Final Reviews, Recommendations, and Presentations	Not Started		0%
WA Amount:	\$ 790,903.00	Outstanding Invoice Number	Days Old
Billed To Date:	\$ 630,798.83		
Paid To Date:	\$ 630,798.83		
Unpaid Balance:	\$ -		
Funding Source:			
			Total: \$ -

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Project		South Padre Island Phase 3A	
Work Authorization	17	WA Cost:	\$ 2,965,831.00
Supplemental	2	SA Cost:	\$ 165,885.00
Supplemental	3	SA Cost:	\$ 415,622.00
Supplemental	4	SA Cost:	\$ 109,870.00
		Total Cost:	\$ 3,657,208.00

**Description:** This Work Authorization provides engineering and environmental services associated with the development and advancement of the NEPA process for the proposed South Padre Island (SPI) 2nd Access Project in Cameron County, Texas. The proposed Project will provide important congestion relief for the Queen Isabella Memorial Causeway. The proposed SPI 2nd Access Project will also serve as a critical alternative evacuation route from the island in times of disaster, hurricanes, and other emergencies. The tasks associated with the Project will include the development of the necessary environmental documentation, corridor alternatives assessments, and related public involvement activities.

**Scope:** Prepare preliminary engineering, DEIS, Public Hearing, and FEIS

**Deliverable:** This Work Authorization continues remaining environmental and corridor alternatives assessment tasks necessary to advance the project to a selection of a Recommended Preferred Alternative and ultimately to a Record of Decision (ROD). After the selection of a Preferred Alternative a supplement for schematic design will be required.

Project Activity	
<b>Environmental</b>	
Status:	On-going (DEIS being processed)
Recent Activity:	Received/evaluated comments from federal Cooperating Agencies (USACE, USFWS, NMFS, US Coast Guard). Evaluated comments and made associated revisions to DEIS. Submitted revised DEIS on November 22, 2011. Currently revising DEIS based on TxDOT Pharr District backcheck comments provided on January 18, 2012. Made requests from TxDOT ENV as to when their review comments will be complete.
Upcoming Activity:	Resubmitted DEIS to address TxDOT Pharr District backcheck comments. Public hearing after FHWA review/approval of DEIS.
Outstanding Issues:	Schedule slip due to delays in agency reviews and unanticipated reviews (Coast Guard); delay will affect public hearing
<b>Design</b>	
Status:	Complete
Recent Activity:	Support TxDOT ENV in responding to comments.
Upcoming Activity:	Prepare scope for Schematic Development. Continue coordination with Environmental.
Outstanding Issues:	Obtain approval of schematic scope and fee
<b>Economic Study</b>	
Status:	Completed draft economic study submitted in December 2009
Recent Activity:	Coordinate with DEIS
Upcoming Activity:	Respond to comments
Outstanding Issues:	

Task	Status	Date of Anticipated Completion	% Complete
Data Collection/Existing Conditional Analysis	Complete		100%
Preliminary Engineering Services	On-going		98%
Geometric Layout (Schematic Plan) Development (SWA)	NA	NA	NA
Value Engineering Participation	NA	NA	NA
Traffic Volume Development	NA	NA	NA
Innovative Financing Support	NA	NA	NA
Traffic Operational Analysis	NA	NA	NA
Economic Study	Complete		100%
Draft Environmental Impact Statement	On-going		85%
Affected Environment and Environmental Consequences	On-going		80%
Public Involvement	Public Hearing - Date TBD		0%
Field Surveying (SWA)	NA	NA	NA
<b>WA Amount:</b> \$ 3,657,208.00	<b>Outstanding Invoice Number</b>	<b>Days Old</b>	<b>Invoice Amount</b>
Billed To Date: \$ 3,335,109.13	66-40619-PL-017	350	\$ 35,069.20
Paid To Date: \$ 2,862,543.44	67-40619-PL-017	322	\$ 16,336.58
Unpaid Balance: \$ 472,565.69	68-40619-PL-017	287	\$ 13,301.87
	69-40619-PL-017	259	\$ 50,050.23
	70-40619-PL-017	224	\$ 50,209.95
Funding Source:	71-40619-PL-017	196	\$ 48,438.03
	72-40619-PL-017	168	\$ 77,332.09
	73-40619-PL-017	140	\$ 30,203.15
	74-40619-PL-017	91	\$ 29,113.47
	75-40619-PL-017	77	\$ 34,442.70
	76-40619-PL-017	49	\$ 20,813.29
	77-40619-PL-017	7	\$ 68,447.88
		Total: \$	<b>472,565.69</b>

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Project	Olmito Switchyard PS&E	WA Cost:	\$ 145,519.00
Work Authorization	23 Olmito Track and Grading PS&E	SA Cost:	\$ 183,763.00
Supplemental	1 Olmito RIP and Lighting PS&E	SA Cost:	\$ 41,632.00
Supplemental	2 Olmito Bid Documents & Advertisement	SA Cost:	\$ 60,035.00
Supplemental	3 Permits & Off-site Utility Access	SA Cost:	\$ 72,458.00
Supplemental	4 Expansion RIP Facility	Total Cost:	\$ 503,407.00

**Description:** This Work Authorization is to provide plans, specifications, and estimates (PS&E) for the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) Olmito Yard Expansion and RIP facility. The construction of these additional tracks will allow the UPRR to relocate their current yard operations from Harlingen to Olmito.

**Scope:** Design and preparation of PS&E for the Olmito Yard expansion, not including the repair-in-place (RIP) facility and lighting. This includes track, drainage, construction sequencing, SWPPP, bid package, specifications, quantities, construction estimate, and schedule. Supplement includes the RIP facility and Lighting PS&E.

**Deliverable:** Olmito Switchyard PS&E package, including mylar sheets, bid package, estimate, and construction schedule.

**Project Activity**

Olmito Switchyard PS&E	
Status:	Complete.
Recent Activity:	ZIWA Corporation received NTP.
Upcoming Activity:	Construction of Repair in Place Facility ongoing. Complete water/sanitary design.
Outstanding Issues:	Awaiting approval for SWA#6 to WA#23. Design of waterline to RIP Facility Building.

Task	Status	Anticipated Completion	% Complete
<b>Olmito Switchyard PS&amp;E</b>			
Coordination with County, UPRR, and TxDOT	Complete	Complete	100%
Coordination of Field Survey	Complete	Complete	100%
Project Control Plans	Complete	Complete	100%
Railroad Track Plans and Profiles	Complete	Complete	100%
Construction Sequencing	Complete	Complete	100%
Drainage Plans and Profiles	Complete	Complete	100%
SWPPP	Complete	Complete	100%
Bid Package, Specifications, Quantities, and Estimates	Complete	Complete	100%
Pre-bid Conference and Requests for Information	Complete	Complete	100%
Field Surveys	Complete	Complete	100%
<b>Olmito RIP PS&amp;E</b>			
Coordination with County and UPRR	Complete	Complete	100%
Coordination of Geotechnical Borings	Complete	Complete	100%
Project Control Plans	Complete	Complete	100%
Railroad Track Plans and Profiles	Complete	Complete	100%
Construction Sequencing	Complete	Complete	100%
Drainage Plans and Profiles	Complete	Complete	100%
SWPPP	Complete	Complete	100%
RIP Facility Building, Crew Modular Building, and Structural Plans	Complete	Complete	100%
RIP Facility and Crew Modular Mechanical and Plumbing Plans	Complete	Complete	100%
Power and Lighting Plans	Complete	Complete	100%
Bid Package, Specifications, Quantities, and Estimates	Complete	Complete	100%
Pre-bid Conference and Requests for Information	Ongoing	Complete	100%
Geotechnical Studies	Complete	Complete	100%
Field Surveys (Olmito Yard)	Complete	Complete	100%
Field Surveys (UPRR/RVSC Harlingen Yard)	N/A County Surveyor to handle	N/A	N/A

WA Amount:	\$ 503,407.00	Outstanding Invoice Number	Days Old	Invoice Amount
Billed To Date:	\$ 477,537.51			
Paid To Date:	\$ 477,537.51			
Unpaid Balance:	\$ -			
Funding Source:				
			Total: \$ -	

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Project	SH 550 PS&E	WA Cost:	\$ 39,243.00
Work Authorization	24 PS&E Phase 1	SA Cost:	\$ 4,941,150.00
Supplemental	1 PS&E	SA Cost:	\$ 185,418.00
Supplemental	2	Total Cost:	\$ 5,165,811.00

**Description:** This Work Authorization provides engineering services associated with the development of plans, specifications, and estimates for the SH 550

**Scope:** This Work Authorization provides engineering services associated with the development of plans, specifications, and estimates for the SH 550 . Phase 1 is the intial scoping efforts. Phase 2 included survey, geotech, design, specifications, and estimates.

**Deliverable:** Phase 1: general exhibit of limits of design, typical section, preliminary cost estimate, determination of Geotechnical needs Phase 2: Survey, geotechnical, Final Plans, Specifications, and Estimates

**Project Activity**

Design	
Status:	Started Phase 2
Recent Activity:	Addressed some minor review comments from TxDOT.
Upcoming Activity:	HNTB submitted supplemental to CCRMA for SH 550 Bidding Services.
Outstanding Issues:	Cameron County is responsible for utility agreements.

Task		Status	Anticipated Completion	% Complete
Design				
Phase 1 effort		Complete		100%
General Administration		In Progress	7/1/2011	100%
survey		Complete	3/1/2011	100%
Geotechnical Studies		Complete	3/1/2011	100%
30% plans		Complete	12/2/2010	100%
60% plans		Complete	2/3/2011	100%
90% plans		Complete	4/7/2011	100%
letting documents		Submitted to TxDOT	9/30/2011	100%
WA Amount:	\$ 5,165,811.00	Outstanding Invoice Number	Days Old	Invoice Amount
Billed To Date:	\$ 5,165,811.00			
Paid To Date:	\$ 5,165,811.00			
Unpaid Balance:	\$ -			
Funding Source:				
			Total: \$ -	

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Project	General Brant	
Work Authorization	26	General Brant
Supplemental	1	Section 404 Individual Permit App
Supplemental		
		WA Cost: \$ 208,639.00
		SA Cost: \$ 11,114.00
		SA Cost: _____
		Total Cost: \$ 219,753.00

**Description:** This Work Authorization provides professional services associated with the development of a Categorical Exclusion document and Section 404 Individual Permit application (with Conceptual Mitigation Plan) for improvements to General Brant Road (FM 106).

**Scope:** Project Management and Social, Economic and Environmental studies for CCRMA. Activities necessary for obtaining environmental clearance, including Section 404 permit from U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, for roadway improvements.

**Deliverables: Categorical Exclusion and Section 404 Individual Permit with Conceptual Mitigation Plan.**

Project Activity	
<b>Categorical Exclusion</b>	
Status:	On-going. Environmental document (categorical exclusion) being processed.
Recent Activity:	Received concurrence from FHWA that project may still be processed as a CE.
Upcoming Activity:	
Outstanding Issues:	Potential for Section 7 consultation to be reopened by FHWA.
<b>Section 404 Individual Permit</b>	
Status:	Ongoing
Recent Activity:	Section 404 Permit application and information to publish Public Notice submitted to U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.
Upcoming Activity:	
Outstanding Issues:	USFWS requested that the size of the wildlife crossings be increased to 5' x 3' culverts, which requires that the vertical roadway profile be raised. TxDOT requested that CCRMA perform this work. HNTB submitted a Supplemental Work Authorization to CCRMA to perform this work.

Task			Status	Date of Anticipated Completion	% Complete
Categorical Exclusion document preparation			Ongoing	TBD	96%
Section 404 Individual Permit (with Conceptual Mitigation Plan)			Ongoing	TBD	95%
WA Amount:	\$ 219,753.00	Outstanding Invoice Number	Days Old	Invoice Amount	
Billed To Date:	\$ 219,753.00				
Paid To Date:	\$ 219,753.00				
Unpaid Balance:	\$ -				
Funding Source:				Total: \$ -	

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Project	<u>Olmito Switchyard CI Services</u>	
Work Authorization	<u>28</u>	<u>Construction &amp; Inspection Services</u>
Supplemental	<u>1</u>	<u>Construction &amp; Inspection Services</u>
Supplemental	<u>2</u>	<u>Construction &amp; Inspection Services</u>
Supplemental	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		WA Cost: \$ <u>674,150.00</u>
		SA Cost: \$ <u>15,377.00</u>
		SA Cost: \$ <u>31,700.00</u>
		SA Cost: <u></u>
		Total Cost: \$ <u>721,227.00</u>

**Description:** This Work Authorization is to provide construction inspection (CI) for the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) Olmito Yard expansion. The construction of these additional tracks will allow the UPRR to relocate their current yard operations from Harlingen to Olmito.

**Scope:** Construction administration for the Olmito Yard expansion, not including the repair-in-place (RIP) facility and lighting. This includes track, drainage, construction sequencing, SWPPP, pay estimates, quantities, and schedule.

**Deliverable:** Olmito Switchyard pay estimates, ARRA paperwork, and construction schedule.

### **Project Activity**

Olmito Switchyard Construction Inspection Services (Pty) Ltd

Status:	Construction at 100% complete
Recent Activity:	Yard: Track construction at 100% complete.
Upcoming Activity:	
Outstanding Issues:	None

Task	Status	Anticipated Completion	% Complete
<b>Olimto Switchyard Construction Inspection Services (CI)</b>			
Project Management, Administration, QA/QC	Ongoing	6/15/2011	100%
Process Invoices and Progress Reports	Ongoing	6/28/2011	100%
<b>Construction Inspection Services</b>	Complete	5/23/2011	100%
Construction Management	Ongoing	6/18/2011	100%
Construction Observation and Inspection	Complete	5/23/2011	100%
Record Keeping and File Management	Ongoing	6/18/2011	100%
Schedule	Complete	5/23/2011	100%
<b>Project Close-Out</b>			
Construction Management	Ongoing	4/30/2012	100%
Record Keeping and File Management	Ongoing	4/30/2012	100%

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Project	FM 511 (SH 550) Permit Services		
Work Authorization	29	Permitting Services	WA Cost: \$ 52,759.00
Supplemental	1		SA Cost: \$ 94,911.00
Supplemental			SA Cost: \$ -
Supplemental			SA Cost: \$ -
			Total Cost: \$ 147,670.00

**Description:** The SH 550 Re-Evaluation project provides professional services and deliverables in support of the CCRMA's development of the SH 550 toll project from US 77/83 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. Supplements focus on developing mitigation plans and permit approval.

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

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

Project Activity

Environmental

Status:	Permits Received; Mitigation site monitoring and Corps coordination on-going.
Recent Activity:	Conducted mitigation site visit; coordinated findings with TxDOT and Contractor.
Upcoming Activity:	
Outstanding Issues:	Contractor requested plan modifications may require permit amendment.

Design

Status:	SH 550 Bids received
Recent Activity:	support efforts complete
Upcoming Activity:	Developing a final memo to the US Army Corps of Engineers.
Outstanding Issues:	

Other

Status:	-
Recent Activity:	-
Upcoming Activity:	-
Outstanding Issues:	-

Task	Status	Date of Anticipated Completion	% Complete
Environmental Assessment Doc. Preparation	Complete	complete	100%
Wetland Delineation, Permitting and Mitigation (supplement 2)	Complete	complete	99%
Public Involvement	Complete	complete	100%
PS&E plans for TxDOT (supplement 3)	complete	complete	100%
Re-evaluation of EA for mitigation property (supplement 3)	complete	complete	100%

WA Amount	\$ 147,670.00	Outstanding Invoice Number	Days Old	Invoice Amount
Billed To Date:	\$ 147,670.00	77-40619-PL-029	7	\$ 4,430.10
Paid To Date:	\$ 143,239.90			
Unpaid Balance:	\$ 4,430.10			
Funding Source:	County License Plate Fees			
			Total: \$	4,430.10

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Project	Olmito RFI, Shop Drawings	WA Cost:	\$ 116,016.00
Work Authorization	31 RFI, Shop Drawings	SA Cost:	
Supplemental		SA Cost:	
Supplemental		SA Cost:	
Supplemental		SA Cost:	
		Total Cost:	\$ 116,016.00

**Description:** This Work Authorization is to provide responses to Requests for Information (RFI) from the contractor, and to provide Shop Drawing Reviews and to provide a set of As-Built construction drawings.

**Deliverable:** Responses to RFIs, shop drawing reviews and As-Built construction drawings.

**Project Activity**

Olmito RFI, Shop Drawings	
Status:	Ongoing.
Recent Activity:	Responded to RFIs and shop drawings.
Upcoming Activity:	Respond to RFIs and shop drawings on an as-needed basis.
Outstanding Issues:	None.

Task	Status	Anticipated Completion	% Complete
<b>Olmito RFI, Shop Drawings</b>			
Project Management and Coordination			93%
General Administration			93%
Requests for Information (RFI)			93%
Shop Drawing Review			93%
As-Built Construction Drawings			85%
WA Amount:	\$ 116,016.00	Outstanding Invoice Number	Days Old
Billed To Date:	\$ 106,370.45	77-40619-CN-031	7
Paid To Date:	\$ 97,879.37		
Unpaid Balance:	\$ 8,491.08		
Funding Source:			
			Total: \$ 8,491.08

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Project	<u>West Rail Construction &amp; Inspection Services</u>		
Work Authorization	33	Construction & Inspection Services	WA Cost: \$ 1,255,920.00
Supplemental			SA Cost:
Supplemental			SA Cost:
Supplemental			SA Cost:
			Total Cost: \$ 1,255,920.00

**Description:** This Work Authorization is to provide construction inspection (CI) for the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) West Rail Bypass. The construction of these additional tracks will allow the UPRR to abandon their current location between Mexico and Olmito eliminating several grade crossings.

**Scope:** Construction administration for the construction of the West Rail relocation. The construction includes track, drainage, construction sequencing, SWPPP, pay estimates, quantities, and schedule. This includes the DHS facility on the north side of US 281.

**Deliverable:** West Rail bypass pay estimates, ARRA paperwork, and construction schedule.

**Project Activity**

West Rail Bypass Construction Inspection	
Status:	Ongoing.
Recent Activity:	Contractor completed bridge work except for fence.
Upcoming Activity:	Finalize Rail Road Street, New Carmen Road and DHS paving. Installation of track material.
Outstanding Issues:	Relocation of Transmontaigne lines. Resolution of DHS items.

Task	Status	Anticipated Completion	% Complete
<b>West Rail Construction Inspection Services (CI)</b>			
Project Management, Administration, QA/QC	Ongoing	8/1/2012	95%
Process Invoices and Progress Reports	Ongoing	8/1/2017	95%
<b>Construction Inspection Services</b>			
Construction Management	Ongoing	8/31/2012	95%
Construction Observation and Inspection	Ongoing	8/31/2012	95%
Record Keeping and File Management	Ongoing	8/31/2012	95%
Schedule	Ongoing	8/1/2012	95%
<b>Project Close-Out</b>			
Construction Management	Ongoing	8/31/2012	75%
Record Keeping and File Management	Ongoing	8/31/2012	75%
Post Construction Services	Ongoing	8/31/2017	5%

WA Amount:	\$ 1,255,920.00	Outstanding Invoice Number	Days Old	Invoice Amount
Billed To Date:	\$ 1,130,328.00	77-40619-CN-033	7	\$ 113,032.80
Paid To Date:	\$ 1,017,295.20			
Unpaid Balance:	\$ 113,032.80			
Funding Source:				
				Total: \$ 113,032.80

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Project	Outer Parkway Planning Study	WA Cost:	\$ 103,839.00
Work Authorization	36 Outer Parkway Plannin Study	SA Cost:	
Supplemental		SA Cost:	
Supplemental		Total Cost:	\$ 103,839.00

**Description:** This work authorization provides professional services and deliverables associated with a study for the Outer Parkway. The study is to be performed in a three phase effort to deliver a schematic design for the Outer Parkway project.

**Scope:** This Work Authorization includes the development of an environmental and engineering constraints map, environmental constraints report, and corridor identification report to aid in the establishment of the alignment of the Outer Parkway

**Deliverable:** Constraints map, environmental constraints/corridor identification report

**Project Activity**

**Outer Parkway Planning Study**

Status:	Ongoing
Recent Activity:	Submitted Corridor Identification Report (Phase I deliverable) in May 2012. Submitted Phase II scope and fee to CCRMA.
Upcoming Activity:	Upon Board approval, begin Phase II of study. See Outstanding Issues below.
Outstanding Issues:	Environmental documents must be cleared by August 31, 2013 in order to meet the CDA requirements.

Task	Status	Date of Anticipated Completion	% Complete
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**Outer Parkway Planning Study**

Project Management and Coordination	On going	3/1/2011	100%
Data Collection	On going	3/1/2011	100%
Meetings/Management	On going	3/1/2011	100%

WA Amount:	\$ 103,839.00	Outstanding Invoice Number	Days Old	Invoice Amount
Billed To Date:	\$ 102,800.61			
Paid To Date:	\$ 102,800.61			
Unpaid Balance:	\$ -			
Funding Source:				
			Total: \$	-

**April Status Report**

**HNTB**

Project	SH 550 Port Spur/Fm 1847	WA Cost:	\$ 37,739.00
Work Authorization	38 RFI, Shop Drawing Review	SA Cost:	
Supplemental		SA Cost:	
Supplemental		SA Cost:	
Supplemental		SA Cost:	
		Total Cost:	\$ 37,739.00

**Description:** This Work Authorization is to provide response to questions related to the plans and specifications as needed throughout the duration of the construction and review of shop drawings.

**Scope:** Project Manager shall be the point of contact for the AUTHORITY to address issues regarding project staff, progress, response to questions related to the plans and specifications as needed throughout the duration of the construction, and shop drawings review.

**Deliverable:**

Project Activity	
<b>Port Access RFI, Shop Drawings</b>	
Status:	Respond to RFIs on an as needed basis.
Recent Activity:	Responded to multiple RFIs.
Upcoming Activity:	Respond to RFIs on an as needed basis.
Outstanding Issues:	

Task		Status	Anticipated Completion	% Complete
<b>Port Access RFI, Shop Drawings</b>				
Project Management				65%
Respond to Requests for Information				65%
Shop Drawing Review				0%
WA Amount:	\$ 37,739.00	Outstanding Invoice Number	Days Old	Invoice Amount
Billed To Date:	\$ 17,523.82	77-40619-CN-038	7	\$ 622.52
Paid To Date:	\$ 16,901.30			
Unpaid Balance:	\$ 622.52			
Funding Source:				
			Total:	\$ 622.52

**April Status Report**



Project	West Rail RFI, As-Builts	
Work Authorization	40 West Rail RFI, As-Builts	WA Cost: \$ 171,150.00
Supplemental	<input type="checkbox"/>	SA Cost:
Supplemental	<input type="checkbox"/>	SA Cost:
Supplemental	<input type="checkbox"/>	SA Cost:
		Total Cost: \$ 171,150.00

**Description:** This Work Authorization is to provide response to questions related to the plans and specifications as needed throughout the duration of the construction and review of shop drawings.

**Scope:** Project Manager shall be the point of contact for the AUTHORITY to address issues regarding project staff, progress, response to questions related to the plans and specifications as needed throughout the duration of the construction.

**Deliverable:**

Project Activity	
<b>West Rail RFI, Shop Drawings</b>	
Status:	Respond to RFIs on an as-needed basis.
Recent Activity:	Responded to RFIs and shop drawings.
Upcoming Activity:	Respond to RFIs on an as-needed basis.
Outstanding Issues:	Awaiting approval for SWAs (additional RFIs/shop drawing review/DHS coordination).

Task	Status	Anticipated Completion	% Complete
<b>West Rail RFI, Shop Drawings</b>			
Project Management			100%
Respond to Requests for Information			100%
WA Amount:	\$ 171,150.00	Outstanding Invoice Number:	Days Old:
Billed To Date:	\$ 171,150.00		Invoice Amount:
Paid To Date:	\$ 171,150.00		
Unpaid Balance:	\$ -		
Funding Source:			
		Total: \$ -	-

**April Status Report**

**HNTB**

Project	East Loop EA	WA Cost:	\$ 250,326.00
Work Authorization	42 East Loop EA	SA Cost:	
Supplemental		SA Cost:	
Supplemental		Total Cost:	\$ 250,326.00

**Description:** Oversight and management of State Highway 32 environmental studies.

**Scope:** This Work Authorization allows the GEC to oversee/manage the development of two environmental assessments being prepared for State Highway 32. The environmental assessments are being prepared by other firms.

**Deliverable:** Meeting notes, schedules, document reviews, permitting strategies

**Project Activity**

East Loop EA	
Status:	On-going. SH 32-West EA prepared. SH 32-East EA prepared.
Recent Activity:	SH 32-West EA submitted to TxDOT Pharr District. SH 32-East EA submitted to TxDOT Pharr District. SH 32 West Environmental Site Assessment submitted to TxDOT Pharr District.
Upcoming Activity:	Address TxDOT comments.
Outstanding Issues:	Need to conduct Value Engineering Workshop as per Pass-Through Agreement.

Task	Status	Date of Anticipated Completion	% Complete
<b>East Loop EA</b>			
Project Management and Coordination			82%

WA Amount:	\$ 250,326.00	Outstanding Invoice Number:	Days Old:	Invoice Amount:
Billed To Date:	\$ 202,764.06	77-40619-PL-042	7	\$ 20,026.08
Paid To Date:	\$ 182,737.98			
Unpaid Balance:	\$ 20,026.08			
Funding Source:				
				Total: \$ 20,026.08

**April Status Report**



Project	<u>Olmito RIP CI Services</u>	
Work Authorization	47	Construction & Inspection Services
Supplemental		
Supplemental		
Supplemental		
	WA Cost:	\$ 134,538.00
	SA Cost:	\$ -
	SA Cost:	
	SA Cost:	
	Total Cost:	\$ 134,538.00

**Description:** This Work Authorization is to provide construction inspection (CI) for the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) Olmito Yard Repair in Place (RIP) Facility. The construction of this facility allow the UPRR to relocate their current repair in place operations from Harlingen to Olmito and expand their capabilities.

**Scope:** Construction administration for the Olmito Yard repair-in-place (RIP) facility and lighting. This includes building, equipment, track, drainage, construction sequencing, SWPPP, pay estimates, quantities, and schedule.

**Deliverable:** Olmito RIP Facility pay estimates, ARRA paperwork, and construction schedule.

**Project Activity**

**Olmito RIP Facility Construction Inspection Services (CI)**

Status:	Construction at 20% complete.
Recent Activity:	Footings Completed for Building
Upcoming Activity:	Installation of box culverts and placement of additional foundations.
Outstanding Issues:	Contractor Submittals on building may delay completion by as much as two months.

Task	Status	Anticipated Completion	% Complete
<b>Olmito RIP Facility Construction Inspection Services (CI)</b>			
Project Management, Administration, QA/QC	Ongoing	5/30/2012	50%
Process Invoices and Progress Reports	Ongoing	5/30/2012	50%
<b>Construction Inspection Services</b>	Complete	5/30/2012	50%
Construction Management	Ongoing	5/30/2012	50%
Construction Observation and Inspection	Complete	5/30/2012	50%
Record Keeping and File Management	Ongoing	5/30/2012	50%
Schedule	Complete	5/30/2012	50%
<b>Project Close-Out</b>			
Construction Management	Ongoing	6/30/2011	0%
Record Keeping and File Management	Ongoing	6/30/2011	0%

WA Amount:	\$ 134,538.00	Outstanding Invoice Number	Days Old	Invoice Amount
Billed To Date:	\$ 63,232.86	77-40619-CN-047	7	\$ 21,526.08
Paid To Date:	\$ 41,706.78			
Unpaid Balance:	\$ 21,526.08			
Funding Source:				
			Total:	\$ 21,526.08

**April Status Report**



Project	SH 32 GEC	WA Cost:	\$ 1,961,997.00
Work Authorization	49 SH 32 GEC	SA Cost:	
Supplemental		SA Cost:	
Supplemental		Total Cost:	\$ 1,961,997.00

<b>Description:</b> Oversight and management of State Highway 32 environmental studies.				
<b>Scope:</b> This Work Authorization allows the GEC to oversee/manage the development of two environmental assessments being prepared for State Highway 32. The environmental assessments are being prepared by other firms.				
<b>Deliverable:</b> Meeting notes, schedules, document reviews, permitting strategies				
<b>Project Activity</b>				
<b>East Loop EA</b>				
Status:	On-going. SH 32-West EA prepared. SH 32-East EA prepared.			
Recent Activity:	SH 32-West EA submitted to TxDOT Pharr District. SH 32-East EA submitted to TxDOT Pharr District. SH 32 West Environmental Site Assessment submitted to TxDOT Pharr District.			
Upcoming Activity:	Address TxDOT comments.			
Outstanding Issues:	Need conduct Value Engineering Workshop as per the Pass-Through Agreement.			
Task		Status	Date of Anticipated Completion	
% Complete				
<b>East Loop EA</b>				
Project Management and Coordination			50%	
WA Amount:	\$ 1,961,997.00	Outstanding Invoice Number	Days Old	
Billed To Date:	\$ 686,698.95	77-40619-PL-049	7	\$ 294,299.55
Paid To Date:	\$ 392,399.40			
Unpaid Balance:	\$ 294,299.55			
Funding Source:				
			Total: \$ 294,299.55	

**April Status Report**

**HNTB**

Project	<u>Strategic Plan Development</u>	
Work Authorization	51	Strategic Plan Development
Supplemental	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Supplemental	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		WA Cost: \$ <u>59,567.00</u>
		SA Cost: _____
		SA Cost: _____
		Total Cost: \$ <u>59,567.00</u>

**Description:** This Work Authorization provides services to coordinate with the Authority, TxDOT, Brownsville MPO, Harlingen-San Benito MPO, as well as cities and towns in Cameron County to validate or revise the goals and objectives stated in the existing CCRMA Strategic Plan.

**Scope:**

**Deliverable:** • Twelve (12) copies of a draft Strategic Plan documenting CCRMA goals and proposed implementation strategy.  
• Twelve (12) copies of a final Strategic Plan with CCRMA goals and implementation strategy.

**Project Activity**

**Strategic Plan Development**

Status:	Held December 7 Board Workshop.
Recent Activity:	Continued updating Strategic Plan.
Upcoming Activity:	Submit Strategic Plan to CCRMA Board of Directors.
Outstanding Issues:	

	Task	Status	Date of Anticipated Completion	% Complete
<b>Strategic Plan Development</b>				
Project Management and Coordination				99%
Kick-off Meeting with Authority				100%
Coordination Meetings				99%
Strategic Plan Update				99%

WA Amount:	\$ <u>59,567.00</u>	Outstanding Invoice Number	Days Old	Invoice Amount
Billed To Date:	\$ <u>59,567.00</u>	73-40619-PL-051	140	\$ <u>20,252.78</u>
Paid To Date:	\$ <u>39,314.22</u>			
Unpaid Balance:	\$ <u>20,252.78</u>			
Funding Source:				
			Total: \$	<u>20,252.78</u>

**April Status Report**



Project	<u>US 77 Programmatic Categorical Exclusion</u>	
Work Authorization	53	<u>US 77 Programmatic Categorical Exclusion</u>
Supplemental	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Supplemental	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		WA Cost: \$ 81,202.00
		SA Cost:
		SA Cost:
		Total Cost: \$ 81,202.00

**Description:** The AUTHORITY has decided to proceed with the construction of frontage roads and an overpass along US 77 from 0.87 mile south of La Parra Avenue to 0.71 mile north of La Parra Avenue in Kenedy County, Texas (CSJ 0327-02-050). The total project length is approximately 1.58 miles.

**Scope:** The work to be performed includes the preparation of a PCE for the proposed US 77 project

**Deliverable:** • Nine (9) draft copies and three (3) final copies of the PCE document; also an electronic copy of each submittal.

**Project Activity**

<u>US 77 Programmatic Categorical Exclusion</u>	
Status:	PCE was cleared by the TxDOT Regional Environmental Coordinator on April 6, 2012.
Recent Activity:	Draft PCE submitted to TxDOT Regional Environmental Coordinator (REC) on March 19, 2012. Comments received from REC on March 27, 2012. GEC addressed comments and resubmitted to REC. REC approved PCE on April 6, 2012.
Upcoming Activity:	None
Outstanding Issues:	None

Task		Status	Date of Anticipated Completion	% Complete
<b>US 77 Programmatic Categorical Exclusion</b>				
Project Management and Coordination		ongoing		100%
Programmatic Categorical Exclusion Document Preparation		ongoing		100%
WA Amount:	\$ 81,202.00	Outstanding invoice Number	Days Old	Invoice Amount
Billed To Date:	\$ 70,645.74	72-40619-PL-053	168	\$ 8,120.20
Paid To Date:	\$ -	73-40619-PL-053	140	\$ 37,352.92
Unpaid Balance:	\$ 70,645.74	74-40619-PL-053	91	\$ 11,368.28
		75-40619-PL-053	77	\$ 7,308.18
		76-40619-PL-053	49	\$ 812.02
Funding Source:		77-40619-PL-053	7	\$ 5,684.14
			Total:	\$ 70,645.74

**April Status Report**

**HNTB**

Project	<u>International Advisor Services</u>		WA Cost:	\$ 156,096.00
Work Authorization	55	<u>International Advisor Services</u>		Total Cost: \$ 156,096.00

**Description:** Provides services and deliverables to create a Master Plan to implement the Intermodal Integration of the Border Infrastructure of Matamoros, Tamaulipas, Cameron County and its financing.

**Scope:** provides services and deliverables to create a Master Plan to implement the Intermodal Integration of the Border Infrastructure of Matamoros, Tamaulipas, Cameron County and its financing.

**Deliverable:** Master Plan Report.

**Project Activity**

International Advisory Services	
Status:	Ongoing
Recent Activity:	Detailed report available
Upcoming Activity:	-
Outstanding Issues:	-
Design	
Status:	-
Recent Activity:	-
Upcoming Activity:	-
Outstanding Issues:	-
Other Project Administration	
Status:	-
Recent Activity:	-
Upcoming Activity:	-
Outstanding Issues:	-

Task		Status	Date Anticipated Completion	% Complete
International Services		Ongoing	Dec. 2012	28%
WA Amount:	\$ 156,096.00	Outstanding Invoice Number	Days Old	Invoice Amount
Billed To Date:	\$ 62,438.40	77-40619-PL-055	7	\$ 12,487.68
Paid To Date:	\$ 49,950.72			
Unpaid Balance:	\$ 12,487.68			
Funding Source:	Cameron County			
			Total: \$	12,487.68

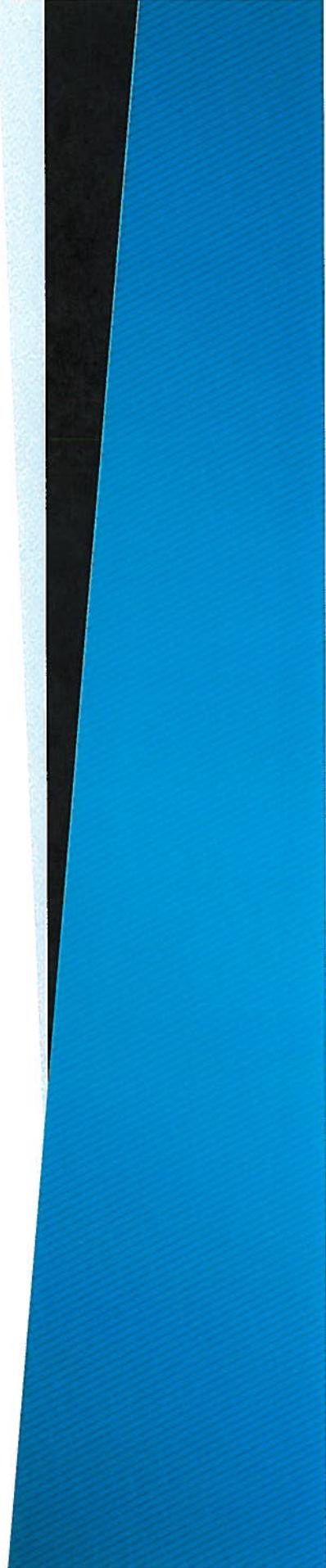


# Cameron County Regional Mobility Authority Board Meeting

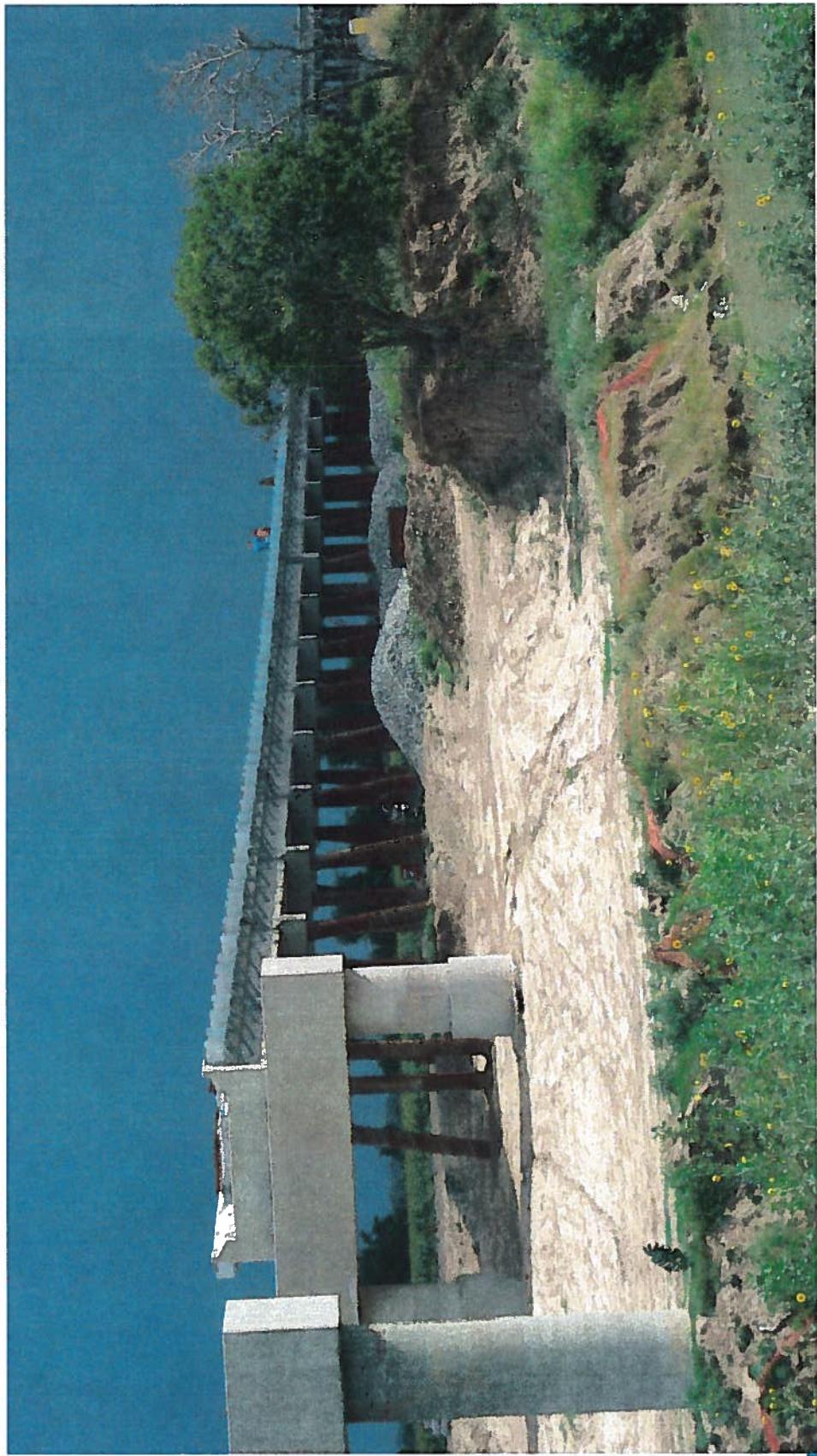
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**West Rail Relocation Project**  
Cameron County Bid No. 100503  
Construction Status  
May 14, 2012



# Ballast for Mexican Bridge



# Financial

	Budget	Actual	A
Contract Cost *	\$24,849,500.12	\$20,548,165.11	82.69%
Contract Time	358 Days	541 Days	151.12%
Embankment *	606,694 CY	600,627 CY	99.00%
Subballast	48,829 CY	47,852 CY	98.00%
Structural Steel	1,507,860 Lbs	1,507,860 Lbs	100.00%

# Monthly Employment

Total employees	1	100%	\$2,399
RGV Employees	1	100%	\$2,399



# Total Payroll

	Weeks	Payroll
All Employees	3,094	\$1,998,332
RGV Employees	1,778	\$1,262,096
Percentage	57.47%	63.16%



**Olmito Repair In Place  
Facility**

**Contract No. 0921-06-244**

**Construction Status**

**May 14, 2012**

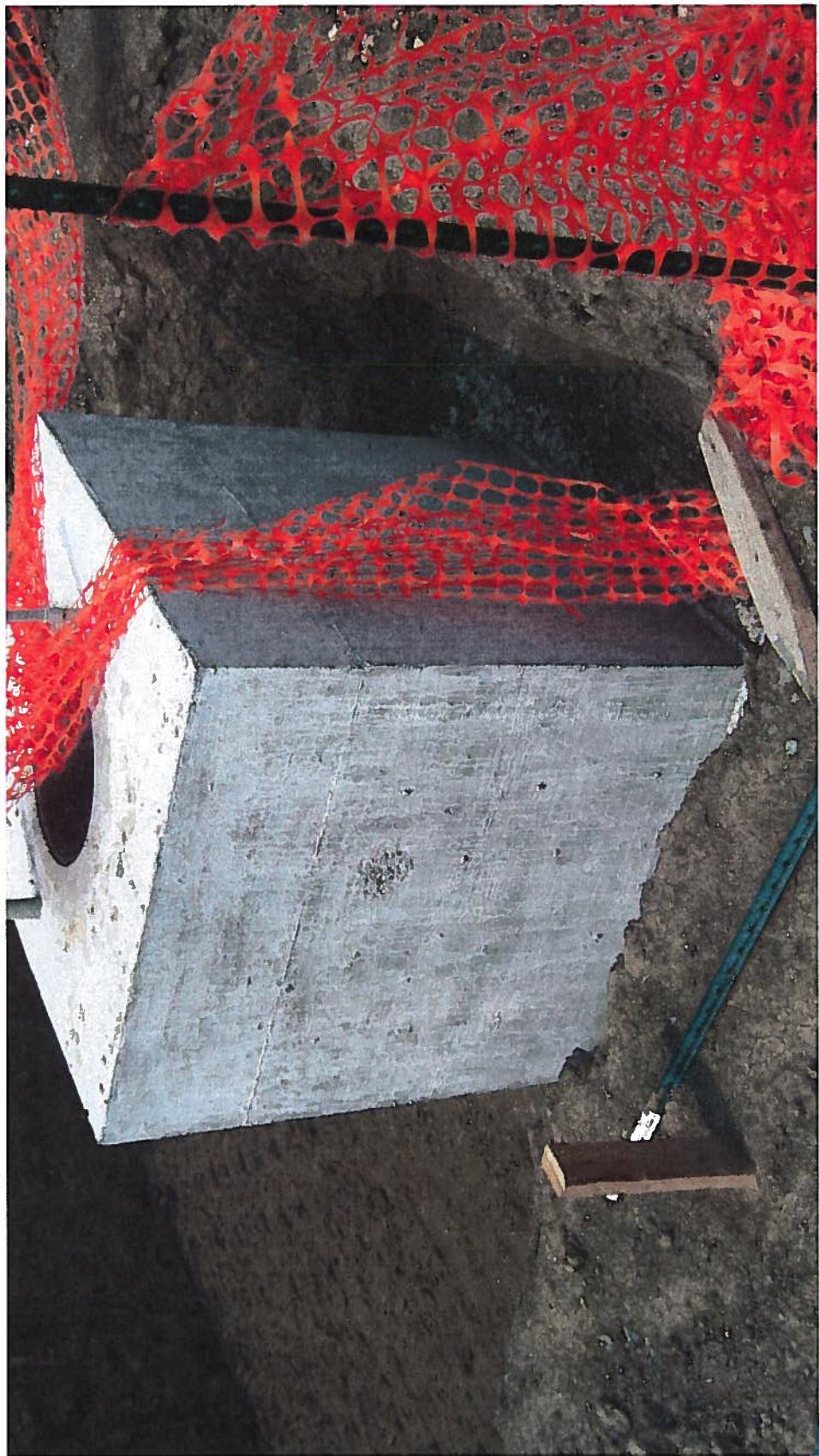
# Precast Box Culvert



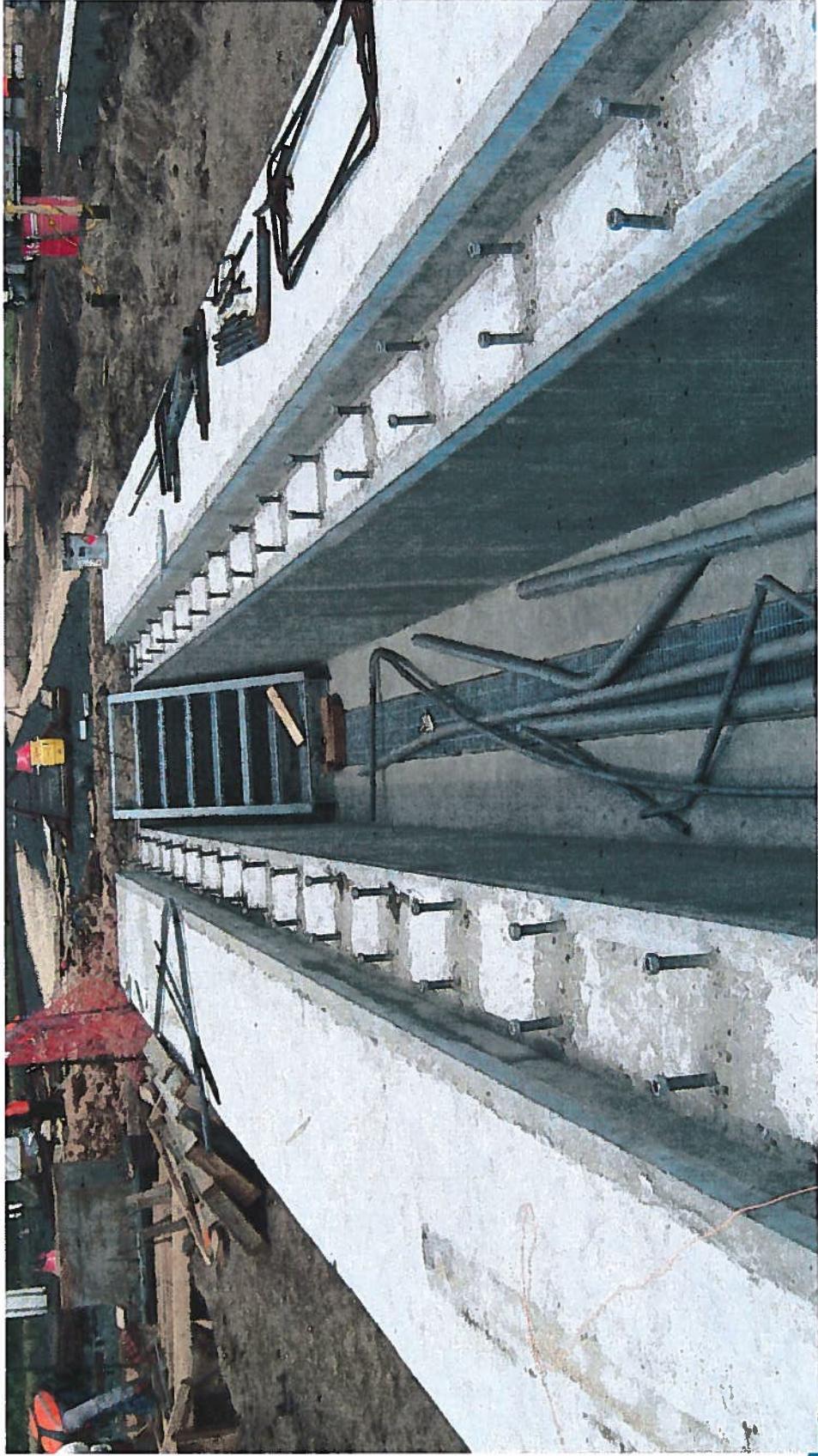
# Subgrade for Jacking Pad



# Jib Crane Foundation



# Inspection Pit



# Forming 2<sup>nd</sup> Jib Crane Foundation



# Grit Chamber



# Financial

	Budget	Actual	A
Contract Cost	\$2,314,016.82	\$425,439.36	18.39%
Contract Time	182 Days	174 Days	95.60%
Class "C" Conc	1,060 CY	102.44 CY	9.66%
Embankment	4,466 CY	1357.60 CY	30.40%
Structural Steel	2,130 CY	689.15 CY	32.35%

# Monthly Employment

Total employees	31	100%	\$10,236
RGV Employees	31	100%	\$10,236



# Total Payroll

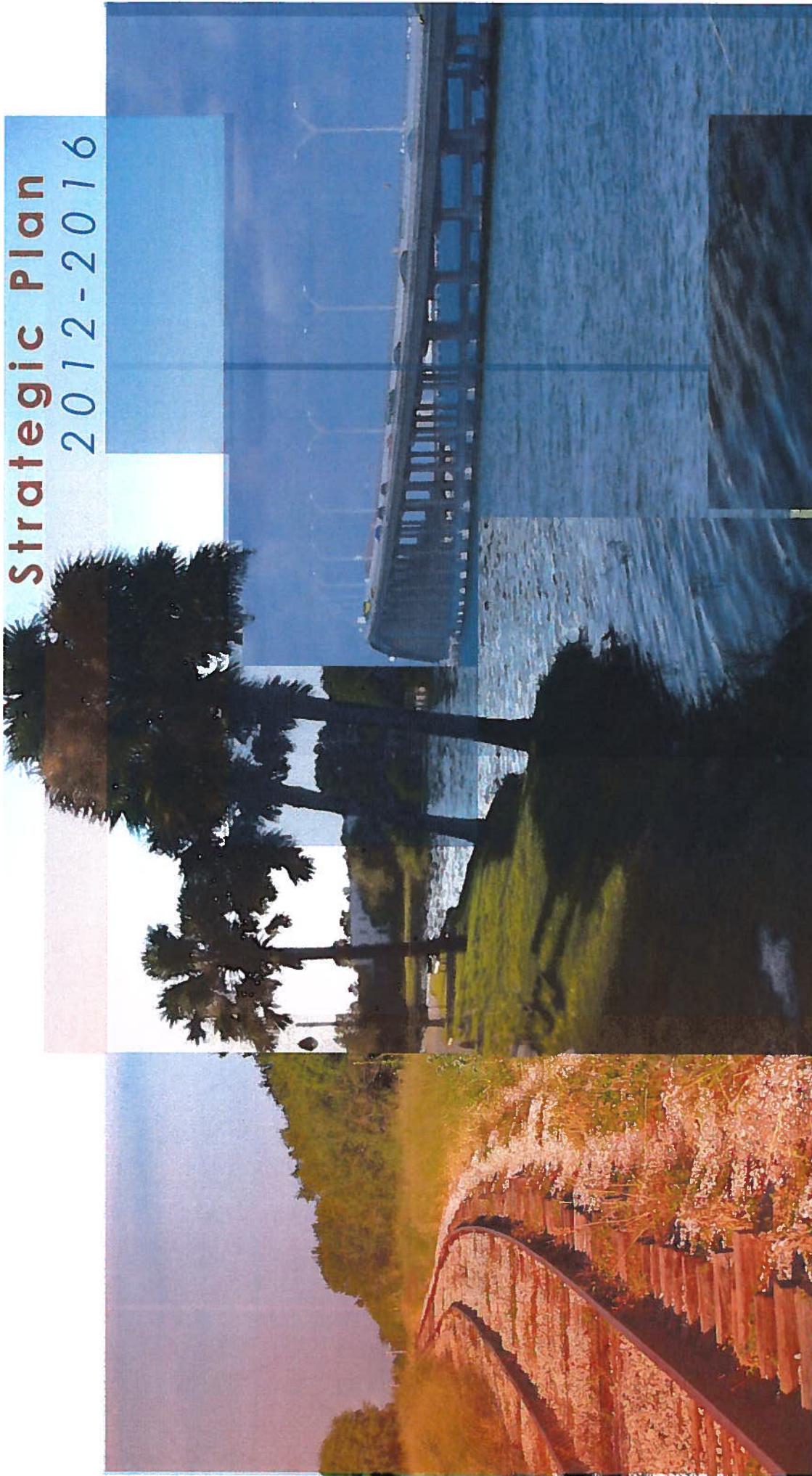
	Weeks	Payroll
All Employees	131	\$41,236
RGV Employees	131	\$41,236
Percentage	100%	100%

**3-C DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE  
CAMERON COUNTY REGIONAL MOBILITY AUTHORITY 2012-2016  
STRATEGIC PLAN**

# Cameron County Regional Mobility Authority

Effective Mobility from borders to beaches

## Strategic Plan 2012-2016



Effective Mobility from borders to beaches

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CAMERON COUNTY REGIONAL MOBILITY AUTHORITY

# Cameron County Regional Mobility Authority Strategic Plan

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# Cameron County Regional Mobility Authority Strategic Plan

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- Goal 1: Develop and implement short and long-term organizational plans, by-laws, and policies and procedures that promote the CCRMA objectives. \_\_\_\_\_ A-10
- Goal 2: Identify start-up system projects and develop schedules and budgets that ensure timely and cost-effective project delivery, with a vision to 2040 \_\_\_\_\_ A-10
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- Goal 4: Provide and implement a Public Involvement Plan that provides meaningful and consistent access and constant proactive communication with the public and the media \_\_\_\_\_ A-12
- Goal 5: Maintain and enhance working relationships with Texas Turnpike Authority (TTA), Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), all regional mobility agencies, participate in state and federal initiatives or policies affecting toll agencies, and work closely with international officials at the city, state, and federal level \_\_\_\_\_ A-12
- Goal 6: Work closely with all transportation committees and organizations, local businesses and stakeholders throughout each project to ensure open, two-way communication and to promote economic development and create jobs. \_\_\_\_\_ A-12
- Goal 7: Utilize technology and innovation to develop and implement toll operational roles and a comprehensive Information Technology (IT) Plan \_\_\_\_\_ A-13
- Goal 8: Avoid or minimize potential impacts to the environment, to the extent possible, through sensitive and proactive consideration of the human and natural environment \_\_\_\_\_ A-13

# Cameron County Regional Mobility Authority Strategic Plan

## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

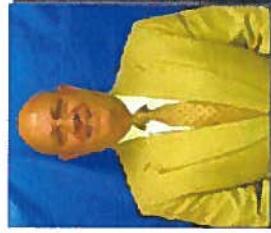
On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Cameron County Regional Mobility Authority (CCRMA), I am very pleased to present to you the Second Edition of our Strategic Plan. Since our creation in 2004, the initial Strategic Plan, covering 2007-2011, has guided our work to find new and innovative tools to reduce the problems of congestion and connectivity while encouraging quality economic development within Cameron County. We have made significant progress under the first Strategic Plan; much of it which you will see in this document as well as in the completed improvements including State Highway (SH) 550, the first Toll Road opened in the Rio Grande Valley and the West Railroad Relocation Project, the first International Railroad crossing into Mexico in over 100 years. The CCRMA's success is especially evident through our participation on interstate level upgrades to U.S. 77. The CCRMA's efforts will reassure that the classification of U.S. 77 be upgraded to an Interstate corridor within the next few years.

South Texas continues to be an attractive business and tourist destination and continues to see tremendous growth in population and surge of economic development. The population of the Brownsville-Matamoros and McAllen-Reynosa areas combined is estimated to double between 2010 and 2040 from 3.5 Million to 7 Million residents. As our population continues to grow rapidly, as more jobs are created, and more businesses locate in this area, we will continue to face the growing transportation challenge of how to get people, goods and services to their destinations safely, reliably and timely in an environmentally sensitive manner.

This second edition of our Strategic Plan represents the next phase of meeting our transportation challenges. We face these challenges by implementing strategies that focus on strategic corridor development which help achieve quality growth within our County and region. In addition, this plan will continue to provide the foundation for the direction and continued success of the CCRMA. We have learned from history. Transportation Systems must be sustainable. The CCRMA system is capable of paying for system construction, maintenance and operations over the next 50 years. Please join the CCRMA support team to ensure that we implement solutions that remain sustainable to the future with vision.

Sincerely,

David E. Alex  
Chairman – CCRMA



# Cameron County Regional Mobility Authority Strategic Plan

## CCRMA Project Development List

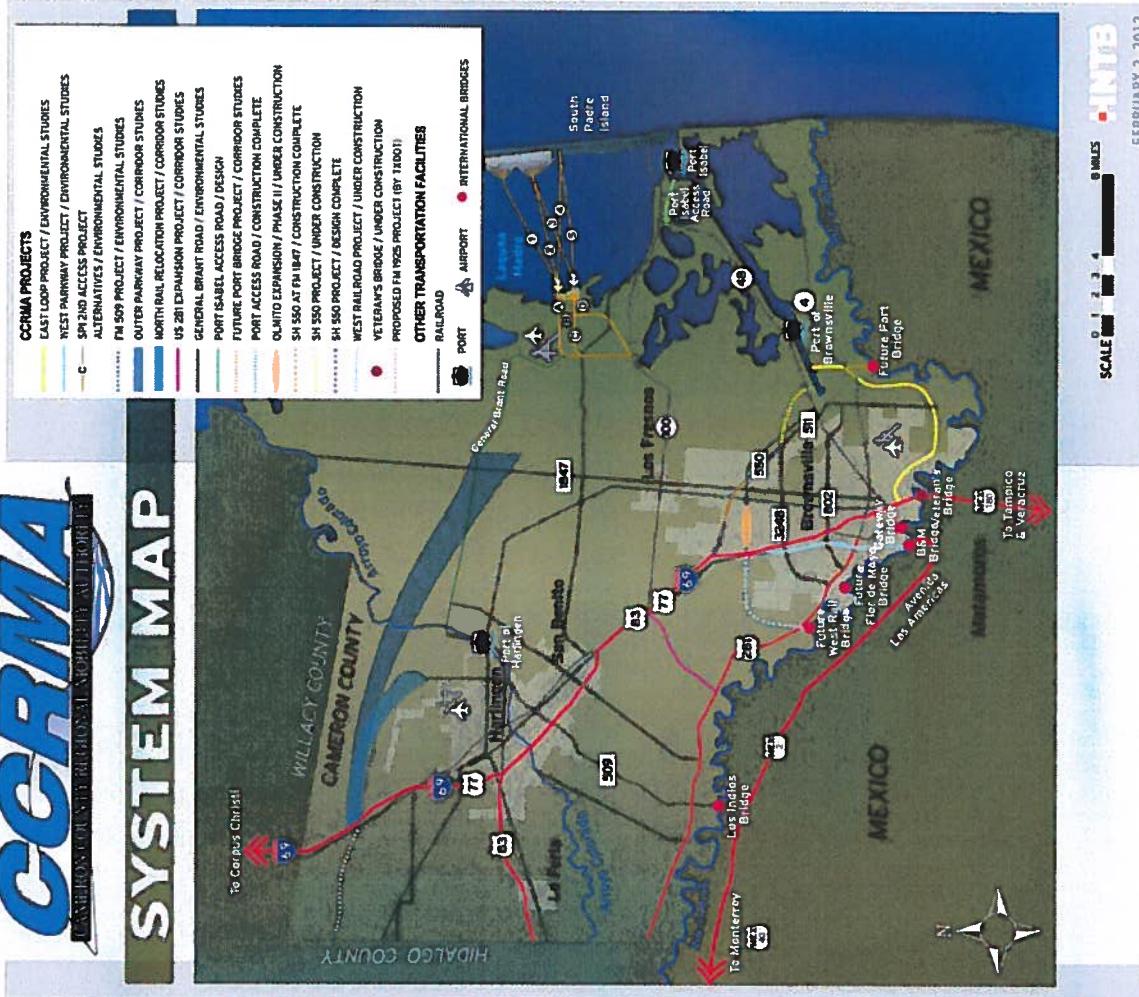
April 2012

Project Name	Project Limits	Project Costs	Status
<b>TOLL ROADS OPEN</b>			
SH 550 Phase I	Overspass at UPRR and FM 1847	\$ 7 Million	Toll Road Open
<b>PROJECTS COMPLETED</b>			
Olmito Switchyard Phase I	North Brownsville/Olmito	\$ 22 Million	Construction Complete
Port Access Road	SH 48/SH 550 to Capt. Donald Foust Road	\$ 3 Million	Construction Complete
<b>UNDER CONSTRUCTION</b>			
West Railroad Relocation	U.S. 77/83 and Olmito Switchyard into Mexico	\$ 80 Million	80% Complete
SH 550 North Port Spur	FM 3248 to SH 48/New Port Entrance	\$ 34 Million	75% Complete
Veterans International Bridge Exp	Over Rio Grande River at U.S. 77	\$ 6 Million	85% Complete
Olmito Switchyard Phase II	North Brownsville/Olmito	\$ 3.6 Million	30% Complete
CE Spur 56 Willacy County	FM 1018 to FM 3168	\$ 28 Million	40% Complete
<b>ENVIRONMENTALLY CLEARED</b>			
U.S. 77 Sarita Overpass	Sarita School Area	\$ 12 Million	Sept. 2013 Letting/PCE in Progress
SH 550 Direct Connectors	U.S. 77/83 to SH 48	\$ 45 Million	May 2012 Letting
<b>ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES</b>			
I-69/U.S. 77	Brownsville to Corpus Christi	\$250 Million	Ramaining Funds needed \$144 Million
SH 32 East Loop	Port of Brownsville to Veterans Bridge	\$ 90 Million	\$37.5M Available for Construction
General Brant Road	FM 1847 to FM 510	\$ 12 Million	Env. Clearance December 2012 Pending CE Approval
South Padre Island 2nd Access	Mainland over Laguna Madre to Park Road 100	\$465 Million	FHWA Legal Reviewing Admin. DEIS Deleted from MPO MTP. Project on Hold
West Parkway	U.S. 77 to B&M Bridge	\$160 Million	EA Process in Progress
FM 803	U.S. 77 to SH 100	\$ 6 Million	Pending CE Preparation
North Cameron County Switchyard	North of Harlingen near U.S. 77	\$ 25 Million	Preliminary Study Complete
North Railroad Relocation	North Cameron County to SH 106	\$ 60 Million	Study in Progress
Outer Parkway	U.S. 77 near N. County Line to FM 1847	\$180 Million	EA Process in Progress
FM 509 Extension	Outer Parkway to Current Section of FM 509	\$ 7 Million	Includes Mexico Side
<b>CORRIDOR STUDIES</b>			
Port Isabel Access Road	SH 48 to Port of Port Isabel	\$ 3 Million	Design Phase
281 Connector	County Line to FM 1677 to U.S. 77/83 & SH 100	\$140 Million	Planning Phase
Future Port & Flora de Mayo International Bridge Project	Port/East Loop & Alton Gloor Blvd into Mexico	\$ 100 Million	Planning Phase with Mexico
<b>TOTAL PROJECT COSTS = \$ 1.7 Billion</b>		<i>*Includes Mexico Side</i>	

# Cameron County Regional Mobility Authority Strategic Plan



## SYSTEM MAP



# Cameron County Regional Mobility Authority Strategic Plan

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The passing of House Bill (HB) 3588 by the Texas Legislature in 2003 brought about major innovative reform in how essential transportation projects can be funded. The traditional methods of financing to develop local transportation systems, particularly the gas tax can no longer be relied upon to keep pace with rising transportation costs. The Texas Legislature approved the establishment of Regional Mobility Authorities (RMA's) as an innovative transportation tool to accelerate projects and create new revenue streams for local transportation system projects. The Texas Transportation Commission (TTC) approved the creation of the Cameron County Regional Mobility Authority (CCRMA) on September 30, 2004 to promote and improve regional mobility within Cameron County, South Texas and internationally with the Northern Tamaulipas region of Mexico.

The CCRMA has embarked on an exciting and ambitious Program, focusing on a number of capacity projects and highway network improvements. The adoption of a long-range Strategic Plan in the early stages of formulation of the CCRMA's proposed System was critical to the success of its Program. The Plan not only outlined the basic elements of the System, but also served to focus the efforts of Public Information and Involvement and serves to guide the sequencing, development and implementation of all of the anticipated projects within the region in the future.

The initial Strategic Plan of the CCRMA established the framework toward its mission of developing regional solutions for improving the transportation infrastructure and economic development in Cameron County. Working with other regional, state and international transportation agencies-particularly the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), CCRMA selected the first projects to relieve traffic congestion in Cameron County. These critically needed projects included upgrades to U.S. 77, West Parkway, South Padre Island 2<sup>nd</sup> Access, West Rail Relocation, Olmito Switch Yard, Outer Parkway, SH 32/East Loop, Port Access Road and SH 550. The SH 550 Overpass at FM 1847 began collecting toll revenue in May of 2011 and is CCRMA's first toll road. Collectively, these initial projects are providing a springboard to other regional projects that are under consideration, including collaborative regional transportation corridors into Mexico.

The 2012-2016 Strategic Plan presents nine (9) major goals of the CCRMA which will provide the critical foundation for addressing the future of transportation needs in Cameron County, South Texas and the North Tamaulipas regions.

- Goal 1:** Continue accomplishments of the Short-Term organizational plans and implement long-term organizational plans, by-laws and policies and procedures that promote the CCRMA objectives.
- Goal 2:** Continue the success of the current system projects and develop schedules and budgets that ensure sustainable, timely and cost effective project delivery, with a vision to 2040.
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- Goal 9:** Avoid or minimize potential impacts to the environment, to the extent possible, through sensitive and proactive consideration of the human and natural environment.

The ultimate goal of the CCRMA is to make significant contributions to a high quality of life by providing our residents and visitors with effective, accelerated mobility to encourage economic growth in South Texas from borders to beaches, at a minimal cost to the taxpayers.

Each of these goals will require an ongoing collaborative effort with all area transportation agencies that will emphasize the importance of an effective public outreach campaign, fiscal responsibility and transparency. This Strategic Plan, covering a five (5) year period, will be updated bi-annually with input from all area transportation agencies. We welcome and will seek the input of the public when updating our Strategic Plan.

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## OUR VISION

The Cameron County Regional Mobility Authority will be recognized as the RMA leader in Texas implementing transportation projects that achieve a sustainable, world class regional transportation network.

## OUR MISSION

The Cameron County Regional Mobility Authority will provide transportation that promotes safe and effective mobility, improves the quality of life for area residents, creates quality economic development and generates revenues to sustain a regional transportation network.

## OUR PURPOSE

The Cameron County Regional Mobility Authority will give Cameron County control to make mobility decisions with the community, to accelerate needed transportation projects, and to enhance economic vitality and the quality of life for the residents of Cameron County in a sustainable fashion.

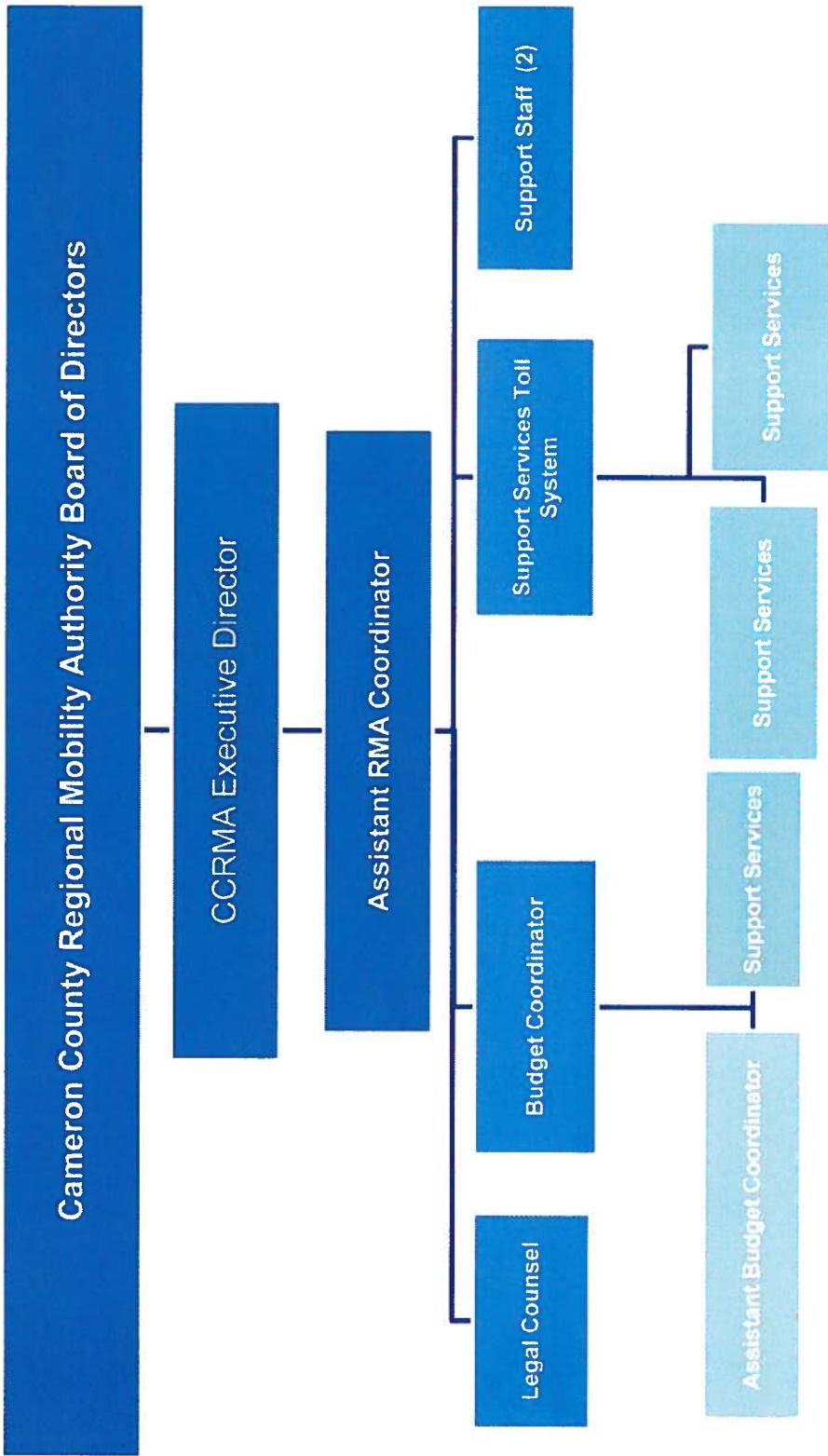
## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Chairman of the Cameron County Regional Mobility Authority, since the creation of the CCRMA, is David E. Allex who has a background in economic development, tourism and international commerce. Mr. Allex also has served on the Texas Economic Development Department Strategic Planning Commission and is a member of the State of Texas Border Trade Advisory Committee, among others. In addition to the Chairman, the Authority's Board of Directors includes six (6) other members appointed by the Cameron County Commissioner's Court.

The CCRMA Board of Directors appointed John Wood as Vice Chairman. Mr. Wood is a past City of Brownsville Commissioner and Cameron County Commissioner. His profession and background is in real estate. Other appointees include Yolanda Villalobos who has a medical degree and is pursuing a practice in Dermatology and volunteers her time to several civic and advocacy organizations; Mark Esparza who is a local attorney, a real estate broker and business owner; David Noe Garza who is the owner of Gulf Aviation Company, a supplier of aviation services; Michael F. Scaief, President of Investor Loan Services is the appointed RMA Treasurer; Ruben Gallegos, Jr. who oversees an organization that seeks to empower children and families through education is the appointed RMA Secretary.

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## ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



Effective Mobility from borders to beaches

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## GOALS 2012-2016

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## GOAL STRATEGIES

### **GOAL 1** **CONTINUE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE SHORT-TERM ORGANIZATIONAL PLANS AND IMPLEMENT LONG-TERM ORGANIZATIONAL PLANS, BY-LAWS AND POLICIES AND PROCEDURES THAT PROMOTE THE CCRMA OBJECTIVES.**

#### ***Goal 1 Strategic Action Plan:***

Continue with Organizational Plan - The ultimate goal of the CCRMA is to transition to staff-based management operation. The CCRMA will identify key management positions necessary to develop a core staff team. These positions will include a full-time Executive Director, a Chief Financial Officer, a Director of Operations, a Public Involvement Officer, and Executive Administrative Support. The core staff team shall be situated in conveniently located autonomous office space.

The operations of the CCRMA will be managed by the Executive Director who is appointed by the Board. The Executive Director will serve as the Chief Executive Officer of the CCRMA. The Board will meet as outlined in the by-laws, on the second Thursday of the month, to discuss and determine policies affecting the operation and maintenance of the CCRMA. The Executive Director will report directly to the Board. The Executive Director will have overall responsibility for the operation and maintenance of CCRMA facilities, as well as serving as the primary point of contact for CCRMA in all dealings with the public and the liaison for all interagency communication and coordination.

The staff of the CCRMA will be organized into functional departments, the managers of which will report to the Executive Director. Certain functions necessary for the operation of the Authority's facilities, including toll collection, operation, maintenance, law enforcement, auditing and accounting, initially will be contracted out by the CCRMA. These contracted activities, however, will be managed and closely monitored by CCRMA staff or their consultants. Local law enforcement agencies and State Police will provide law enforcement on the facilities through interagency agreements.

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## ***GOAL 2***

**CONTINUE THE SUCCESS OF THE CURRENT SYSTEM PROJECTS AND DEVELOP SCHEDULES AND BUDGETS THAT ENSURE SUSTAINABLE, TIMELY AND COST EFFECTIVE PROJECT DELIVERY, WITH A VISION TO 2040.**

### ***Goal 2 Strategic Action Plan:***

#### Update Master Schedule on a Regular Basis -

##### **INTERSTATE 69/U.S. 77**

- Work with TxDOT & FHWA to get Environmental Clearance for the U.S. 77 Route – May 2012.
- Work with TxDOT District Offices to identify Funds needed to complete improvements (\$140 Million).
- Work with TxDOT & FHWA on the necessary Design Waivers.
- Negotiate agreements with Willacy, Kennedy, Kleberg & Nueces Counties along U.S. 77 to develop U.S. 77 Interstate Standards.
- Develop options for Riviera, Driscoll & Ricardo.
- Complete the Categorical Exclusion (CE) Process for the Overpass in Sarita.
- New Transportation Bill – Work on including language relative to Border connectivity for Interstates.

##### **SOUTH PADRE ISLAND SECOND ACCESS**

- Conduct Public Hearing in April 2012.
- Ensure the Completion and Approval of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).
- Submit Final EIS to TxDOT & FHWA.
- Begin Process of Financing/Comprehensive Development Agreement (CDA).

##### **OUTER PARKWAY**

- Complete Corridor Study.
- Complete Alignment Process.
- Coordinate Environmental Process with TxDOT at State Highway intersections.
- Complete Environmental Permitting Process.
- Begin process of environmental permitting, mitigation development and coordination with state and federal resource agencies.
- Begin Process for Financing/CDA.
- Begin Process for Design/Engineering.

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## EAST LOOP (SH 32)

- Complete Environmental Assessment (EA) Process & Receive Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) by December 2012.
- Coordinate levee relocation with the International Boundary and Water Commission (IBWC).
- Coordinate Fence removal & relocation with Department of Homeland Security (DHS).
- Complete Historical & Biological Studies.
- Coordinate with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) & other State & Federal Agencies.
- Continue coordination with USFWS on land swap.
- Request for Qualifications (RFQ) Design/Engineering.
- Begin Process of Right of Way Acquisition.
- Work on Plan of Finance with Financial Advisor.
- Begin Construction of East Loop.

## STATE HIGHWAY 550

- Complete financing negotiations for Direct Connectors with County and TxDOT.
- Bid project in 1st Quarter of 2012.
- Complete design of ultimate facility.
- Begin construction of Direct Connector.
- Coordinate Conservation & Mitigation Easement with US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE).
- Coordinate long term site management with 3rd party Conservation Entity.
- Complete construction of 3.5 Mile Spur by December 2012 and Open Toll Gantries associated with Project.

## FM 803

- Complete EA Document & Submit to TxDOT & FHWA.
- Begin Process for Design/Engineering.
- Begin Process for Right of Way Acquisition.
- Complete the construction of the selected and environmentally approved alignment.

## GENERAL BRANT ROAD

- Complete CE Process.
- Work with TxDOT on Funding Alternatives.
- Complete construction of General Brant Road.

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## **PORT ISABEL PORT ACCESS ROAD**

- Complete Design/Engineering.
- Complete Construction of Port Isabel Port Access Road.

## **FM 509 EXTENSION**

- Complete EA Document & Submit to TxDOT and FHWA.
  - Complete Engineering Design.
  - Complete Right-of-Way Acquisition.
  - Begin Construction.
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- ## **OLMITO SWITCHYARD EXPANSION**
- Coordinate construction with Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR), TxDOT & FHWA.
  - Complete construction of Repair-in-Place (RIP) Facility.
  - Begin operation of RIP Facility.
  - Begin CE Process for Commerce Street Re-Alignment.
  - Begin Construction on Commerce Street Re-Alignment.

## **WEST RAIL RELOCATION**

- Coordinate DHS Issues.
- Complete construction of rail line and International Bridge in the U.S. & Mexico
- Transfer Presidential I Permit to UPRR (Process with Department of State (DOS))
- Coordinate mitigation efforts with USACE.
- Begin operation of new rail line including Mexico.

## **VETERAN'S BRIDGE EXPANSION**

- Complete construction.
- Complete Bridge Connection (Tie In) on U.S. side.
- Begin operation on U.S. side.
- Work with Mexico on finalizing funding and construction of Mexican side.

## **SPUR 56**

- Complete construction on Spur 56 by December 2012.

## **WEST PARKWAY (eliminated from Brownsville MPO Thoroughfare Plan in March of 2012)**

- Monitor developments and needs of the area's transportation system
- Collaborate with local officials as necessary to facilitate needs

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## ***GOAL 3***

**INITIATE NEW SYSTEM PROJECTS THAT SUPPORT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PROMOTE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR CITIZENS OF THE REGION WELL INTO THE FUTURE.**

### ***Goal 3 Strategic Action Plan:***

#### **U.S. 281 CONNECTOR PROJECT**

- Begin Environmental Process.
- Begin and complete Alignment Selection Process.
- Begin Engineering Design.
- Begin Right of Way Acquisition.

#### **BORDER MASTER PLAN**

- Continue Coordination with Mexico, Cameron County, City of Brownsville (CoB), Brownsville Navigation District (BND), City of Matamoros, State of Tamaulipas, Secretaría de Comunicaciones y Transportes (SCT), Secretaría de Relaciones Exteriores (SRE), DOS and TxDOT.
- Complete Master Plan with Mexico.

#### **INTERNATIONAL BORDER CROSSINGS**

- Begin Site Assessment and permitting of prioritized Port of Entries.
- Collaborate with Port officials as necessary to facilitate needs of the Port on the Future Port Bridge Project

#### **NORTH RAIL RELOCATION PROJECT**

- Complete Environmental Process for the preferred alignment.

#### **PROJECTS TO HIDALGO COUNTY**

- Identify projects that would promote a healthy regional transportation network for the future. (South and North)

#### **ELECTRONIC TOLL COLLECTION (ETC) AT INTERNATIONAL BRIDGES**

- Identify needed system improvements to incorporate ETC.
- Install and operate identified ETC system.

#### **MASTER PLAN SH 550**

- Partner with BND, CoB, Brownsville Economic Development Council and Cameron County to develop a Master Plan for SH 550.

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## **LEGISLATIVE AGENDA**

- Develop Agenda for next Legislative Session.
- Visit Delegation and Provide Quarterly Reports.

## **FLOR DE MAYO BRIDGE**

- Execute Agreement with Cameron County to Manage Project.
- Complete Feasibility Study.
- Work on Government Service Administration (GSA) Funding.

## **MARKETING**

- Implement an aggressive Toll Tag Marketing Program for the Port Spur Toll Gantry.
- Develop a Direct Marketing Program.
- Develop Toll Marketing Brochures.
- Develop a Customer Information Newsletter that will be distributed quarterly.

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## ***GOAL 4***

### **UTILIZE FINANCING OPTIONS AND PLANS THAT LEVERAGE FUNDING SOURCES AND PROMOTE TIMELY PROJECT COMPLETION.**

#### ***Goal 4 Possible Funding Sources:***

Aviation Funding – TxDOT budgeted source of approximately \$60 million in funding for planning, constructing and maintaining community airports. Allowed for infrastructure projects which improve access to/from airports.

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) - also referred to as the Stimulus or The Recovery Act is an economic stimulus package enacted by the 111th United States Congress on February 2009 and signed into law on February 17, 2009.

Bond Proceeds - The money paid to the issuer by the purchaser for a new issue of bonds, used to finance a project or purpose for which the bonds were issued and to pay certain costs of issuance. This is equal to the par amount of bonds, plus accrued interest, less original issue discount plus premium.

Comprehensive Development Agreement (CDA) - An agreement with a private entity providing for the design and construction of a transportation project which may also provide for the financing, acquisition, maintenance or operation of a transportation project.

Coordinated Border Infrastructure Funds (CBI) -USDOT program that provides funding for planning, project development, construction and operation of projects that serve border regions near Mexico and Canada and high priority corridors throughout the United States.

Federal Funds (General/FRA) – numerous potential Federal Government funding programs including USDOT and the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), a division of the USDOT.

General Services Administration (GSA) - The GSA is an independent agency of the United States government, established in 1949 to help manage and support the basic functioning of federal agencies. The GSA supplies products and communications for U.S. government offices, provides transportation and office space to federal employees, and develops government-wide cost-minimizing policies, and other management tasks.

Local Funds – The CCRMA has the legislative authority to enter into cooperative agreements with Cities and Counties giving the partnering agencies the opportunity to team up on funding transportation projects by bringing together their mutual funding mechanisms.

National Infrastructure Bank – Federal Bank created by legislature intended to complement existing federal programs to fund infrastructure, such as the Highway Trust Fund or State Revolving Funds. It invests primarily in surface transport infrastructure.

Overweight Corridor Permit Fees - established in the late 1990s to accommodate Mexican trucks heavier than the weight limits imposed by the U.S. Department of Transportation. The corridor allows cargo trucks roughly 1.5 times heavier than the U.S. limit to operate between the

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Port and Mexico. On December of 2011, the Texas Transportation Commission gave the Port of Brownsville expanded use of the fee structure and the roadways in which it is enforced.

Pass Through Funding - Projects financed and constructed by the CCRMA receive funding from TxDOT to recuperate a portion of the project construction costs.

Proposition 12 Funding (General Obligation Bond Projects) – a Texas Transportation Commission funding source that is intended for congested highways, rehabilitating bridges and improving connectivity between the state's metropolitan areas.

Proposition 14 Funding – This Texas Transportation Commission approved funding source, established in 2008, allowed TxDOT to issue revenue bonds backed by the State Highway Fund. The funds are intended to advance the construction of projects previously delayed due to cash flow/funding limitations, projects or of statewide significance, such as hurricane evacuation routes or projects that address congestion problems in regions of the state that have lagged behind other regions in previous funding cycles.

SH 550 Toll Revenues – Revenues generated from tolls by users utilizing the Toll system.

State Infrastructure Bank Loan (SIB Loan) - Revolving Infrastructure Investment Funds for Surface Transportation that are established and administered by states. The SIB can offer a range of loans and credit assistance enhancement products to public and private sponsors of Title 23 Highway Construction Projects or Title 49 Transit Capital Projects.

Toll Equity Funds – TxDOT loan contribution to project costs on Toll Roads.

Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA) - provides Federal credit assistance in the form of direct loans, loan guarantees, and standby lines of credit to finance surface transportation projects of national and regional significance.

Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery Funding (TIGER) – USDOT Grant Program was established in 2009 to assist transportation projects that have a significant national or regional impact. Projects are chosen for their ability to contribute to the long-term economic competitiveness of the nation, improve the condition of existing transportation facilities and systems, increase energy efficiency and reducing greenhouse gas emissions, improve the safety of U.S. transportation facilities and enhance the quality of living and working environments of communities through increased transportation choices and connections. The Department also gives priority to projects that are expected to create and preserve jobs quickly and stimulate increases in economic activity.

Transportation Reinvestment Zone (TRZ) – Cities and counties have the legislative authority of designating areas as TRZs to fund roadway projects. As property taxes increase from the base property value, a portion of the increased tax dollars can be pledged to construct road projects within the TRZ.

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TxDOT Backstop – CCRMA enters into a bond sale and TxDOT pledges future TxDOT revenues to support (backstop) bonds and ensure payment should tolls fail to support debt service.

TxDOT Discretionary – involves various funding categories which have not been appropriated under previous legislation or Texas Transportation Commission approval. Discretionary funding can often be obtained through Commission approval for a specific project.

Vehicle Registration Fees (VRF) - HB 3437, which was signed into law during the 80th State Legislative Session, authorizes certain counties to impose Vehicle Registration Fees up to \$10 to address county mobility needs.

## ***Goal 4 Strategic Action Plan:***

- Expedite current projects to complete the CDA process which are approved under current legislation. These projects include the South Padre Island 2nd Access and the Outer Parkway.
- Continue to reassure/encourage legislative agenda to allow expanded use of CDAs and other financing options.
- Monitor current TRZ miles annually
- Report TRZ benefits annually
- Adjust TRZ Boundaries as necessary

## **Additional funding and procurement procedures:**

43 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Section 15 - A Preliminary Financial Plan for each project will be developed with the Financial Consultant, indicating sources of funding, necessary construction costs, scheduling and traffic information of the viable alternatives for each of the proposed projects.

Procurement Project Delivery Options - The CCRMA will evaluate various project delivery alternatives and determine the most appropriate method of project implementation, whether by conventional design and construction, a privatized exclusive development agreement, or other project delivery system. Alternatives for splitting of the projects into multiple construction projects will be considered to develop the system in phases, if determined appropriate. The basis for the construction phasing will be to create efficient projects to build as toll facilities that are financially viable and minimize impacts on existing traffic. Funding consideration will be given to local and regional non-tolled projects that generate advantages to System Toll projects.

Project Phasing – The CCRMA will determine the most advantageous means of packaging projects in a manner that accelerates project completion and facilitates financing alternatives.

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## GOAL 5

### MAINTAIN AND ENHANCE WORKING RELATIONSHIPS WITH TXDOT, USDOT AND FHWA.

#### ***Goal 5 Strategic Action Plan:***

- Continue partnership with TxDOT to ensure the conversion of U.S. 77 to Interstate Standards.
- Ensure that Legislative Agenda is approved by Legislature.
- Develop partnership with the Hidalgo County Regional Mobility Authority that promotes the development of regional transportation systems.
- Continue with Legislative Agenda to identify additional funding sources.

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## ***GOAL 6***

**WORK CLOSELY WITH ALL TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEES (I-69 COMMITTEES) AND ORGANIZATIONS, LOCAL BUSINESSES AND STAKEHOLDERS THROUGHOUT EACH PROJECT TO ENSURE OPEN, TWO-WAY COMMUNICATION AND TO PROMOTE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND CREATE JOBS.**

### ***Goal 6 Strategic Action Plan:***

- Participate in the monthly Technical and Policy Advisory Committee meetings of the Brownsville Metropolitan Planning Organization and the Harlingen San Benito Metropolitan Planning Organization.
- Establish Board representatives as liaisons to Local Government Agencies.
- Monitor Cameron County job growth annually.

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## GOAL 7 PROVIDE AND IMPLEMENT A PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PLAN.

### ***Goal 7 Strategic Action Plan:***

- The transportation projects being developed by the CCRMA are primarily for the benefit of the citizens of Cameron County, yet they will benefit the vacationing drivers and commercial trade as well. It is imperative that the traveling public is provided with meaningful opportunities to be involved in the development of the CCRMA's new transportation network and be able to review all information used to plan and prioritize projects.
- CCRMA will provide readily accessible communication channels for the expression of thoughts, opinions, desires and concerns in regard to its decision-making process.
- CCRMA will develop proactive communication channels to keep Cameron County residents and businesses well informed and to allow the traveling public the opportunity for input during the development and planning of transportation projects. The CCRMA will ensure adequate communities understanding and maximum input through bilingual communications.
- CCRMA will maintain an open dialogue with elected officials, individual communities, local businesses and other residents during the planning and construction of all projects. A website will be established to maintain effective outreach campaigns for public education and information.
- CCRMA will adequately address the issues raised by the projects' multiple stakeholders.
- CCRMA will implement an aggressive outreach program to key communities and the general public, through open house and public meetings, and speakers' bureau attendance at community events to educate the public about the need and the purpose of the CCRMA and the System Projects. A strong public relations campaign, media interviews, article placement, and other program development will support this program. Presentation materials will include various types of media presentations, including brochures, PowerPoint presentations, 3D animation, videos, etc. All material will be high quality, user-friendly and community appropriate.
- CCRMA will follow the highest industry principles to achieve informed public consent when working with communities and will respond to resident inquiries promptly with honest and accurate information.
- CCRMA will hire a Public Involvement Officer.

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## ***GOAL 8***

**UTILIZE TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT TOLL OPERATIONAL ROLES AND A COMPREHENSIVE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (IT) PLAN.**

### ***Goal 8 Strategic Action Plan:***

- CCRMA will employ innovation and high quality technological solutions to develop and implement toll operational roles.
- CCRMA will develop a comprehensive Information Technology (IT) Plan which will enable CCRMA to provide reliable and innovative solutions to mobility issues throughout the region.
- CCRMA will facilitate travel of toll tag users while increasing user market by making the Toll Road electronic toll system interoperable with the electronic toll system on all International bridges.

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## ***GOAL 9***

**AVOID OR MINIMIZE POTENTIAL IMPACTS TO THE ENVIRONMENT, TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE, THROUGH SENSITIVE AND PROACTIVE CONSIDERATION OF THE HUMAN AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT.**

### ***Goal 9 Strategic Action Plan:***

**Establish a Proactive Environmental Policy** - CCRMA in 2011 adopted policies to ensure the environmental effects of its actions are considered at all levels of the organization and during all aspects of project development, delivery, and implementation.

**Develop optimal solutions** - CCRMA will work to develop optimal solutions that will be functional, efficient and effective for years to come—balancing the protection of our natural resources and regulatory requirements with innovative, reliable and cost-effective solutions that facilitate community and industrial growth.

**Utilize innovation and technology** - CCRMA will take a comprehensive approach to utilization of innovation and technology to achieve environmental excellence.

**Coordinate with community stakeholders** - CCRMA will identify and coordinate with key community stakeholders to obtain invaluable input and direction on the preservation of environmental, scenic, cultural, aesthetic, and historic resources while achieving safety and mobility.

**Ensure environmental compliance** - CCRMA will plan, design, construct, operate, and maintain CCRMA projects strictly in accordance with local, state, and federal environmental policies.

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## THE IMPORTANCE OF TRANSPORTATION PARTNERSHIPS

The ultimate success of the CCRMA system requires a partnership. These partnerships include all local governmental agencies in Cameron County along with other South Texas communities and agencies. Additionally, pertinent communication with various Mexican government representatives, such as the Secretary of Communications and Transportation of Mexico, the State of Tamaulipas and the City of Matamoros will be necessary to ensure effective coordination of CCRMA projects and existing and proposed Mexico Transportation Infrastructure. As the system moves from concept to reality, each agency must be prepared to accept various roles and responsibilities.

Understanding the importance of regional partnerships, TxDOT provided funding for startup projects and continues to work with the CCRMA on numerous projects on the System Map. The respective MPO's are including the proposed system in the region's long range transportation plans so that state and federal funding will be available. As the tolled lane system becomes operational and a revenue stream is established, the CCRMA will become a locally controlled, self-sustaining organization with its own project development, construction, operations and maintenance capabilities.

## THE IMPORTANCE OF JOB CREATION

The CCRMA has committed to aggressively promoting the economy of Cameron County by building the necessary infrastructure that will support the region's growth and economic development. Critical to today's economy is the ability to positively influence job creation and support existing employment in Cameron County. The FHWA estimates that approximately 30,000 direct, indirect and induced jobs are supported for every \$ 1 Billion that is invested in Transportation Infrastructure. Construction-oriented jobs are directly and indirectly supported by the opportunity offered to local construction firms working on CCRMA projects and those firms providing supplies and support to those construction firms.

Additionally, creation and support of these jobs promote economic benefit to jobs dependent of consumer expenditures from the wages of workers. Using these assumptions, the CCRMA program of \$1.7 Billion is expected to support over 50,000 direct, indirect and induced jobs. Adding to the benefits of CCRMA's investment in our transportation infrastructure are improvements to quality development to the region and to the quality of life of our labor force.

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## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Board's vision is to provide and lay the proper infrastructure for the next 30 years. In 2040, our success will be measured by our next generation on how we have prepared and developed our transportation infrastructure. We must make hard decisions now to meet the demands of our aggressive growth and economic vitality. Making the right decisions now ensures the right progress for years to come.

The 2012–2016 Cameron County Regional Mobility Authority (CCRMA) Strategic Plan is prepared under direction of the CCRMA Board of Directors and CCRMA Staff; and it has been adopted by the CCRMA Board of Directors.

The following Board Members and Staff representatives assisted in the development of the CCRMA Strategic Plan:

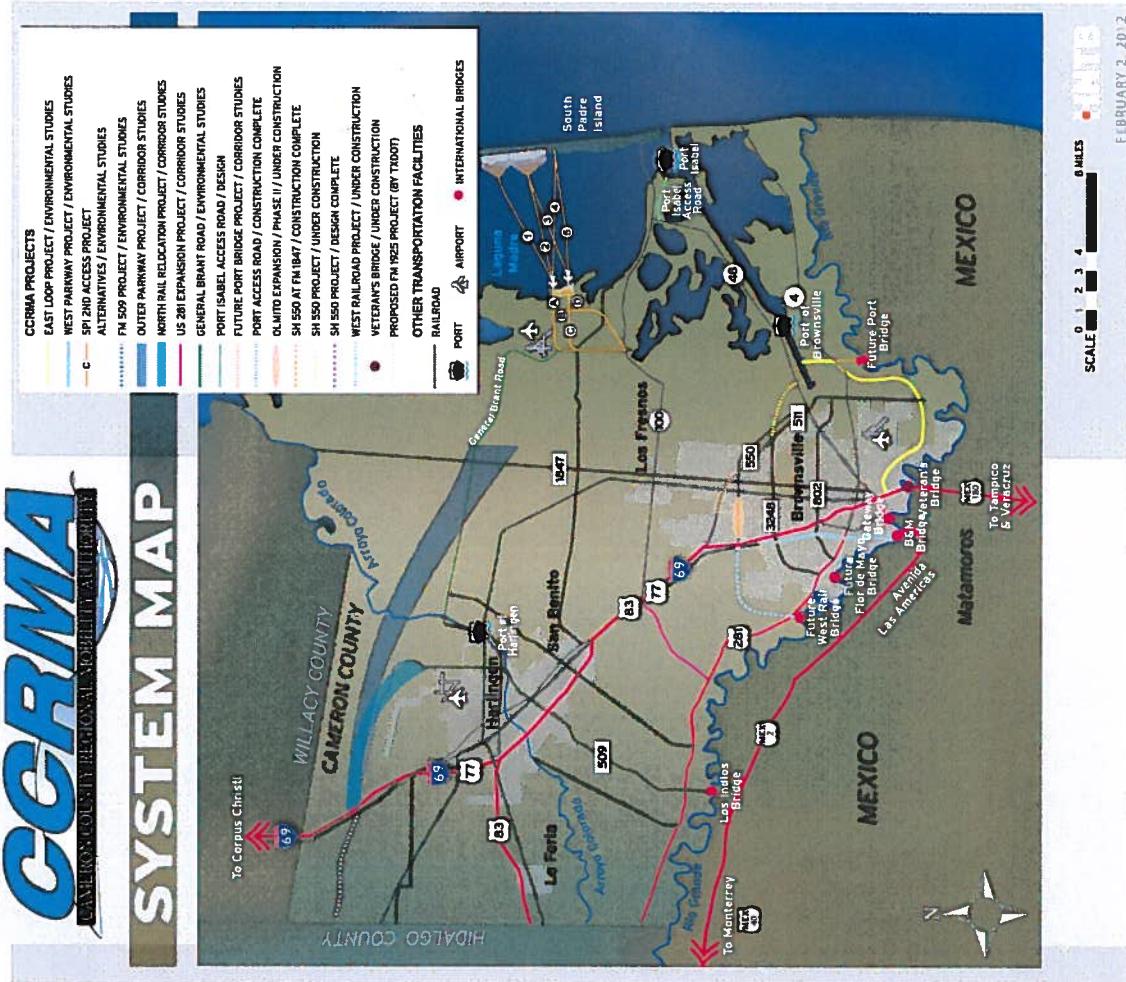
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## APPENDIX

### Current Projects

The CCRMA currently has 22 projects that are in various stages of development. The construction for three of the projects are complete, three of the projects are currently under construction, one is under design, environmental studies are being developed for six projects, and corridor studies are being developed for four projects. Each of these projects is discussed in detail below.

## CCRMA SYSTEM MAP



# CCRMA Project Development List

April 2012

Project Name	Project Limits	Project Costs	Status
<b>TOLL ROADS OPEN</b>			
SH 550 Phase I	Overpass at UPRR and FM 1847	\$ 7 Million	Toll Road Open
<b>PROJECTS COMPLETED</b>			
Olimto Switchyard Phase I	North Brownsville/Olimito	\$ 22 Million	Construction Complete
Port Access Road	SH 48/SH 550 to Capt. Donald Foust Road	\$ 3 Million	Construction Complete
<b>UNDER CONSTRUCTION</b>			
West Railroad Relocation	U.S. 77/83 and Olimto Switchyard into Mexico	\$ 80 Million	80% Complete
SH 550 North Port Spur	FM 3248 to SH 48/New Port Entrance	\$ 34 Million	75% Complete
Veterans International Bridge Exp	Over Rio Grande River at U.S. 77	\$ 6 Million	85% Complete
Olimto Switchyard Phase II	North Brownsville/Olimito	\$ 3.6 Million	30% Complete
CE Spur 56 Willacy County	FM 1018 to FM 3168	\$ 28 Million	40% Complete
<b>ENVIRONMENTALLY CLEARED</b>			
U.S. 77 Sarita Overpass	Sarita School Area	\$ 12 Million	Sept. 2013 Letting/PCE In Progress
SH 550 Direct Connectors	U.S. 77/83 to SH 48	\$ 45 Million	May 2012 Letting
<b>ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES</b>			
I-69/U.S. 77	Brownsville to Corpus Christi	\$250 Million	Remaining Funds needed \$144 Million
SH 32 East Loop	Port of Brownsville to Veterans Bridge	\$37.5M Available for Construction	
General Brant Road	FM 1847 to FM 510	\$ 90 Million	Env. Clearance December 2012
South Padre Island 2nd Access	Mainland over Laguna Madre to Park Road 100	\$ 12 Million	Pending CE Approval
West Parkway	U.S. 77 to B&M Bridge	\$465 Million	FHWA Legal Reviewing Admin. DEIS
FM 803	U.S. 77 to SH 100	\$160 Million	Deleted from MPO MTP. Project on Hold
North Cameron County Switchyard	North of Harlingen near U.S. 77	\$ 6 Million	EA Process In Progress
North Railroad Relocation	North Cameron County to SH 106	\$ 25 Million	Pending CE Preparation
Outer Parkway	U.S. 77 near N. County Line to FM 1847	\$ 60 Million	Preliminary Study Complete
FM 509 Extension	Outer Parkway to Current Section of FM 509	\$180 Million	Study In Progress
<b>CORRIDOR STUDIES</b>			
Port Isabel Access Road	SH 48 to Port of Port Isabel	\$ 3 Million	Design Phase
281 Connector	County Line to FM 1577 to U.S. 77/83 & SH100	\$140 Million	Planning Phase
Future Port & Fier de Mayo International Bridge Project	Port/East Loop & Alton Gloor Blvd into Mexico	\$ 100 Million	Planning Phase with Mexico
<b>TOTAL PROJECT COSTS = \$ 1.7 Billion</b>			*Includes Mexico Side

## Projects with Construction Complete as of January 2012

### ***SH 550 at FM 1847 Project***

The SH 550 at FM 1847 Toll Project is 1.9 miles long and includes an overpass which crosses FM 1847/Paredes Line Road and the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) that opened to traffic on March 10, 2011 and is the first toll road that was opened by the CCRMA. The overpass included the construction of four lanes and the total construction cost was approximately \$10 million. The overpass is the first of three phases that will help to make travelling on SH 550 from U.S. 77/83 to SH 48 faster, safer and easier. The two remaining phases include the SH 550 Port Spur that is currently under construction and the SH 550 connection to U.S. 77/83 and completion of main lanes that is discussed later in this section.

### ***Port Access Road***

A 4-lane facility from SH 48 to Captain Donald L. Foust Road (new entrance to the Port of Brownsville for approximately 0.577 miles).

### ***Olmito Switchyard Expansion***

This project includes approximately 36,000 feet of additional rail yard siding, yard track and lead track facilities inside the existing Olmito Switchyard. The Switchyard includes a Repair-In-Place Facility where rolling stock can be serviced in a fully equipped maintenance facility.

## Projects in Construction Phase as of January 2012

### ***SH 550 Port Spur Project***

The SH 550 Port Spur Toll Project that is currently under construction is 3.92 miles long and includes two main lanes from FM 3248 to SH 48 and the future entrance of the Port of Brownsville. This project is the second phase of the SH 550 Project that will help to make traveling on SH 550 from U.S. 77/83 to SH 48 faster, safer and easier. The total project cost is approximately \$34 million (ARRA funded) and construction is expected to be completed in 2012.

### ***West Railroad Relocation Project***

The West Railroad Relocation Project is currently under construction and includes the relocation of the Union Pacific Railroad that runs through downtown Brownsville to a less densely populated location to the west of the City of Brownsville from U.S. 77/83 and the Olmito Switchyard into Mexico. It is the first railroad bridge constructed over the Rio Grande River from the U.S. to Mexico in over 100 years. The facility is a 6 mile single track railroad with an international rail bridge. The total project cost is approximately \$80 million (includes Mexico side) and construction is expected to be completed in 2012.

#### ***Veteran's International Bridge Expansion***

Increased capacity to the in-bound lanes of the existing Port of Entry over the Rio Grande River at U.S. 77. Completion is expected in May 2012.

#### **Project in Design Phase as of January 2012**

##### ***SH 550 Direct Connectors and Main Lanes Project***

The SH 550 Direct Connectors and Main Lanes Project include direct connectors to and from SH 550 and U.S. 77/83 and the completion of the main lanes to complete the SH 550 Toll Project from U.S. 77/83 to SH 48 including an overpass at Old Alice Road. Construction for this project will begin in 2012.

#### **Projects in Environmental Phase as of January 2012**

##### ***U.S. 77/1-69***

This collaborative multi-county project will make improvements that will upgrade existing U.S. 77 from Corpus Christi to Brownsville to Interstate Standards. This potential project is under consideration as a multi-modal Corridor.

##### ***East Loop Project (SH 32)***

The East Loop Project consists of the construction of a four-lane roadway from the Port of Brownsville to the Veterans International Bridge at Los Tomates. The East Loop Project consists of two sections. SH 32 East is approximately 7.6 miles long and includes the construction of a new non-tolled four lane divided highway from FM 3068 to the Port of Brownsville. The total construction cost of SH 32 East is approximately \$51 million. SH 32 West is approximately 4.5 miles long and includes the construction of a new non-tolled four lane divided highway from FM 3068/FM 1419 to the Veterans International Bridge and U.S. 77/83. The total construction cost of SH 32 West is approximately \$25 million. The Environmental Assessment for SH 32 East and West is 80% complete and an environmental approval is expected in 2012.

##### ***West Parkway Project***

This start up project, incurred from TxDOT in 2006 was proposed as a four lane tolled divided highway within the existing Union Pacific right-of-way. The project was initially adopted into the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) by the Brownsville MPO Policy Committee. As part of the project, the West Rail will be relocated to a rural area in Brownsville (see West Railroad Relocation Project). The proposed toll project is approximately 8 miles from U.S. 77/83 to the B&M International Bridge when completed. In March of 2012, the project was eliminated from the MTP by the Brownsville MPO Policy Committee. At that time, the Environmental Assessment for the Project was currently under review and the project is being placed on hold.

***Second Access to South Padre Island***

The Second Access to South Padre Island Project will involve a second crossing on a new location to South Padre Island to provide a much needed alternate route from the island to the mainland. The second causeway also would facilitate evacuation of South Padre in the event of a hurricane or other natural disaster. The Project will be approximately 7.5 miles and the total construction cost will be approximately \$465 million. The Environmental Impact Statement for the Project is currently under review and an environmental approval is expected in mid-2013.

***FM 509***

FM 509 will be reconstructed to add a new four (4) lane non-tolled divided highway from the proposed Outer Parkway to FM 508. The Project will be approximately 1 mile in length. Efforts are currently being made to incorporate alignments with the Outer Parkway Project. The environmental approval is expected in 2013.

***General Brant Road Project***

The General Brant Road Project is approximately 10 miles long and includes the upgrading of FM 106 along General Brant Road/Buena Vista Road from FM 1847 to FM 510 in northeastern Cameron County, Texas. The existing General Brant Road/Buena Vista Road within the project limits consist of two 10-foot travel lanes with no shoulders. Upon completion of the Project, the proposed FM 106 would consist of two 12-foot travel lanes (one in each direction) with 10-foot paved shoulders. The project will upgrade the existing General Brant Road/Buena Vista Road to current TxDOT safety and design standards. The total construction cost is approximately \$12 million. The Categorical Exclusion for the Project is currently under review and an environmental approval is expected 2012.

***Port Isabel Port Access Road***

Proposed 2 lane facility from SH 48 to the Port of Port Isabel entrance (extension of Port Isabel Access Road – approximately 1.0 mile). Design is expected to be complete in 2012 and construction in 2013.

***FM 803 Realignment***

Proposed 4 lane facility from SH 100 to U.S. 77/83 (realignment of current FM 803 – approximately 2.5 miles). Design is expected to be complete in 2012 and construction in 2013.

**Projects in Corridor Study Phase*****Outer Parkway Project***

The Outer Parkway Project is approximately 21.5 miles long and includes the construction of a new four lane tolled divided highway from U.S. 77 near the North Cameron County Line to FM 1847. The Project will link the General Brant Road Project discussed above with U.S. 77.

***Outer Parkway Project (Cont.)***

The total construction cost is approximately \$180 million. A corridor study is currently being prepared for the Project and an environmental approval is expected in 2012. Construction is estimated to start in 2012-2013, and is expected to be completed in 2014-2015.

***North Cameron County Rail Relocation***

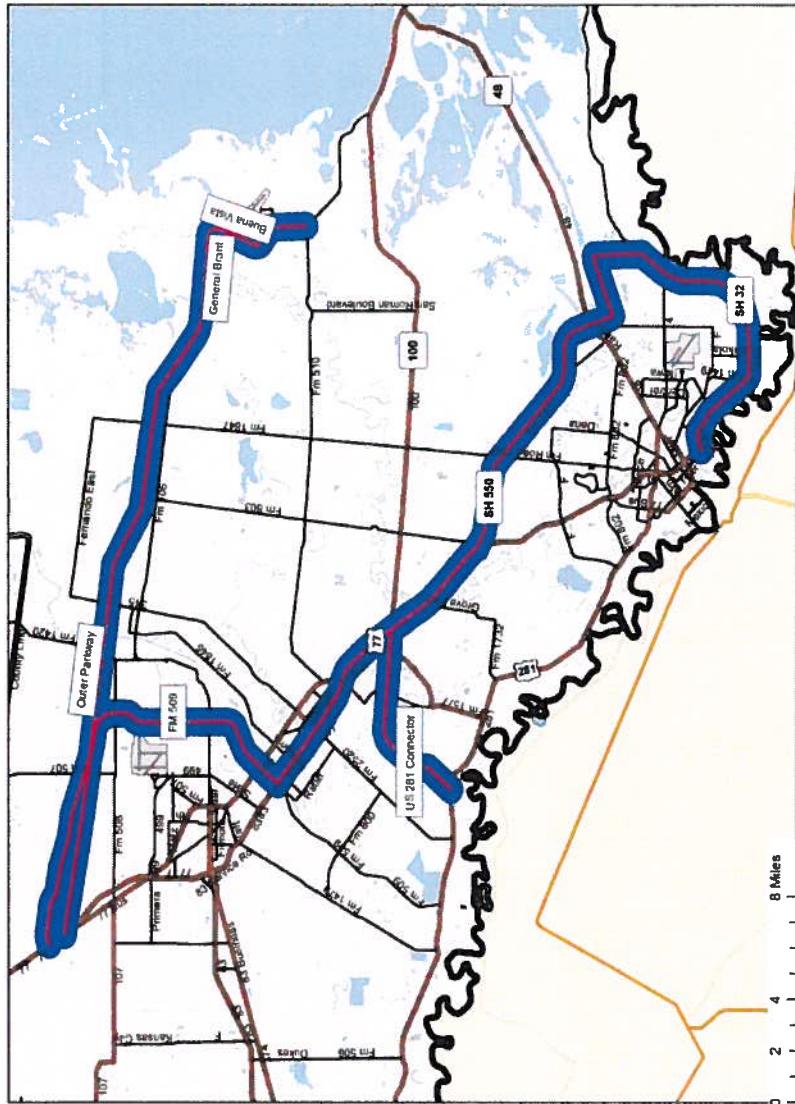
The North Rail Relocation Project will involve the relocation of the existing rail line system to a new location by-passing the north area of the cities of Harlingen and San Benito. The proposed facility is expected to be a 32 mile single track railroad from FM 508 to U.S. 77 with switch yards at Olmito (complete in 2012) and North Cameron County. The total project cost is approximately \$110 million and Federal, State and Local funding will be utilized for the Project. Environmental Due Diligence has been completed and negotiations are underway between Cameron County, City of Harlingen and Union Pacific Railroad.

***281 Connector Project***

The 281 Connector Project is approximately 6.5 miles long and includes the construction of a four lane tolled divided highway from U.S. 281 to U.S. 77/83. The total construction cost is approximately \$140 million. TxDOT has performed previous studies for the Project and an environmental study will start in 2012. An environmental approval is expected in 2012-2014, Right-of-Way Acquisition in 2014 and construction is estimated to start in 2014-2015. Construction of the project is expected to be completed in 2015-2017.

## Funding Sources for CCRMA Projects

FUNDING SOURCES	
<b>Toll Equity Funding (SPI 2<sup>nd</sup> Access and West Parkway)</b>	\$ 21.6 Million
<b>SH 550 Project</b>	\$ 48.7 Million
<b>SH 550 Direct Connectors</b>	\$ 27.7 Million
<b>Veterans International Bridge Expansion</b>	\$ 6.0 Million
<b>West Rail Relocation Project</b>	\$ 31.0 Million
<b>Olmito Switchyard</b>	\$ 17.0 Million
<b>East Loop Corridor</b>	\$ 40.0 Million
<b>U.S. 77 Project</b>	\$ 40.0 Million
<b>FM 509 Project</b>	\$ 1.5 Million
<b>FM 803 Project</b>	\$ 6.0 Million
<b>Veterans International Bridge Expansion (Mexico)</b>	\$ 65.0 Million
<b>West Rail Relocation Project (Mexico)</b>	\$ 42.0 Million
<b>TOTAL:</b>	\$ 346.5 Million
<b>Expected Net Present Value (NPV)</b>	
<b>TRZ Revenues 50 Years NPV Constant Tax Rate</b>	\$ 151.0 Million
<b>TRZ Revenues 50 years NPV Increasing Tax Rate</b>	\$ 231.0 Million



**Exhibit A – Transportation Reinvestment Zone**

## Value of System Projects

VALUE OF SYSTEM PROJECTS	
Outer Parkway Toll	\$ 596 Million
West Parkway Toll (On-Hold)*	(\$ 435 Million)*
U.S. 281 Connector Toll	\$ 366 Million
SH 550 Toll	\$ 268 Million
South Padre Island 2 <sup>nd</sup> Access Toll	\$ 168 Million
Driscoll By-Pass Toll	\$ 100 Million
Riviera By-Pass Toll	\$ 100 Million
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ 1,598 Billion (\$ 2,033 Billion)*</b>

*Note: After deducting Construction and Operations and not including ROW, Utility Relocation, Design and Construction Inspection. Deduction of an estimated 20% for these costs would result in a total (NPV (Low-End) of approximately \$1.28 (1.63)\* Billion.*

*\* In March of 2012, the West Parkway project was eliminated from the MTP by the Brownsville MPO Policy Committee. At that time, the Environmental Assessment for the Project was currently under review and the project is being placed on hold.*

**GOAL 2**  
**CONTINUE THE SUCCESS OF THE CURRENT SYSTEM PROJECTS AND DEVELOP SCHEDULES AND BUDGETS THAT ENSURE SUSTAINABLE, TIMELY  
AND COST EFFECTIVE PROJECT DELIVERY, WITH A VISION TO 2040.**

***Goal 2 Strategic Action Plan:***

**Update Master Schedule on a Regular Basis -**

**INTERSTATE 69/U.S. 77**

- Work with TxDOT & FHWA to get Environmental Clearance for the U.S. 77 Route – May 2012.
- Work with TxDOT District Offices to identify Funds needed to complete improvements (\$140 Million).
- Work with TxDOT & FHWA on the necessary Design Waivers.
- Negotiate agreements with Willacy, Kennedy, Kleberg & Nueces Counties along U.S. 77 to develop U.S. 77 Interstate Standards.
- Develop options for Riviera, Driscoll & Ricardo.
- Complete the Categorical Exclusion (CE) Process for the Overpass in Sarita.
- New Transportation Bill – Work on including language relative to Border connectivity for Interstates.

**SOUTH PADRE ISLAND SECOND ACCESS**

- Conduct Public Hearing in April 2012.
- Ensure the Completion and Approval of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).
- Submit Final EIS to TxDOT & FHWA.
- Begin Process of Financing/Comprehensive Development Agreement (CDA).

**OUTER PARKWAY**

- Complete Corridor Study.
- Complete Alignment Process.
- Coordinate Environmental Process with TxDOT at State Highway intersections.
- Complete Environmental Permitting Process.
- Begin process of environmental permitting, mitigation development and coordination with state and federal resource agencies.
- Begin Process for Financing/CDA.
- Begin Process for Design/Engineering.

**EAST LOOP (SH 32)**

- Complete Environmental Assessment (EA) Process & Receive Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) by December 2012.
- Coordinate levee relocation with the International Boundary and Water Commission (IBWC).
- Coordinate Fence removal & relocation with Department of Homeland Security (DHS).
- Complete Historical & Biological Studies.
- Coordinate with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) & other State & Federal Agencies.
- Continue coordination with USFWS on land swap.
- Request for Qualifications (RFQ) Design/Engineering.
- Begin Process of Right of Way Acquisition.
- Work on Plan of Finance with Financial Advisor.
- Begin Construction of East Loop.

**STATE HIGHWAY 550**

- Complete financing negotiations for Direct Connectors with County and TxDOT.
- Bid project in 1st Quarter of 2012.
- Complete design of ultimate facility.
- Begin construction of Direct Connector.
- Coordinate Conservation & Mitigation Easement with US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE).
- Coordinate long term site management with 3rd party Conservation Entity.
- Complete construction of 3.5 Mile Spur by December 2012 and Open Toll Ganties associated with Project.

**FM 803**

- Complete EA Document & Submit to TxDOT & FHWA.
- Begin Process for Design/Engineering.
- Begin Process for Right of Way Acquisition.
- Complete the construction of the selected and environmentally approved alignment.

**GENERAL BRANT ROAD**

- Complete CE Process.
- Work with TxDOT on Funding Alternatives.
- Complete construction of General Brant Road.

#### **PORT ISABEL PORT ACCESS ROAD**

- Complete Design/Engineering.
- Complete Construction of Port Isabel Port Access Road.

#### **FM 509 EXTENSION**

- Complete EA Document & Submit to TxDOT and FHWA.
- Complete Engineering Design.
- Complete Right-of-Way Acquisition.
- Begin Construction.

#### **OLMITO SWITCHYARD EXPANSION**

- Coordinate construction with Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR), TxDOT & FHWA.
- Complete construction of Repair-in-Place (RIP) Facility.
- Begin operation of RIP Facility.
- Begin CE Process for Commerce Street Re-Alignment.
- Begin Construction on Commerce Street Re-Alignment.

#### **WEST RAIL RELOCATION**

- Coordinate DHS Issues.
- Complete construction of rail line and International Bridge in the U.S. & Mexico
- Transfer Presidential Permit to UPRR (Process with Department of State (DOS))
- Coordinate mitigation efforts with USACE.
- Begin operation of new rail line including Mexico.

#### **VETERAN'S BRIDGE EXPANSION**

- Complete construction.
- Complete Bridge Connection (Tie In) on U.S. side.
- Begin operation on U.S. side.
- Work with Mexico on finalizing funding and construction of Mexican side.

#### **SPUR 56**

- Complete construction on Spur 56 by December 2012.

#### **WEST PARKWAY (eliminated from Brownsville MPO Thoroughfare Plan in March of 2012)**

- Monitor developments and needs of the area's transportation system
- Collaborate with local officials as necessary to facilitate needs

**GOAL 3**  
**INITIATE NEW SYSTEM PROJECTS THAT SUPPORT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PROMOTE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR CITIZENS OF THE REGION WELL INTO THE FUTURE.**

***Goal 3 Strategic Action Plan:***

**U.S. 281 CONNECTOR PROJECT**

- Begin Environmental Process.
- Begin and Complete Alignment Selection Process.
- Begin Engineering Design.
- Begin Right of Way Acquisition.

**BORDER MASTER PLAN**

- Continue Coordination with Mexico, Cameron County, City of Brownsville (CoB), Brownsville Navigation District (BND), City of Matamoros, State of Tamaulipas, Secretaría de Comunicaciones y Transportes (SCT), Secretaría de Relaciones Exteriores (SRE), DOS and TxDOT.
- Complete Master Plan with Mexico.

**INTERNATIONAL BORDER CROSSINGS**

- Begin Site Assessment and permitting of prioritized Port of Entries.
- Collaborate with Port officials as necessary to facilitate needs of the Port on the Future Port Bridge Project

**NORTH RAIL RELOCATION PROJECT**

- Complete Environmental Process for the preferred alignment.

**PROJECTS TO HIDALGO COUNTY**

- Identify projects that would promote a healthy regional transportation network for the future. (South and North)

**ELECTRONIC TOLL COLLECTION (ETC) AT INTERNATIONAL BRIDGES**

- Identify needed system improvements to incorporate ETC.
- Install and operate identified ETC system.

**MASTER PLAN SH 550**

- Partner with BND, CoB, Brownsville Economic Development Council and Cameron County to develop a Master Plan for SH 550.

**LEGISLATIVE AGENDA**

- Develop Agenda for next Legislative Session.
  - Visit Delegation and Provide Quarterly Reports.
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- FLOR DE MAYO BRIDGE**
- Execute Agreement with Cameron County to Manage Project.
  - Complete Feasibility Study.
  - Work on Government Service Administration (GSA) Funding.

**MARKETING**

- Implement an aggressive Toll Tag Marketing Program for the Port Spur Toll Gantry.
- Develop a Direct Marketing Program.
- Develop Toll Marketing Brochures.
- Develop a Customer Information Newsletter that will be distributed quarterly.

**GOAL 4**  
**UTILIZE FINANCING OPTIONS AND PLANS THAT LEVERAGE FUNDING SOURCES AND PROMOTE TIMELY PROJECT COMPLETION.**

***Goal 4 Possible Funding Sources:***

**Aviation Funding** – TxDOT budgeted source of approximately \$60 million in funding for planning, constructing and maintaining community airports. Allowed for infrastructure projects which improve access to/from airports.

**American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)** - also referred to as the Stimulus or The Recovery Act is an economic stimulus package enacted by the 111th United States Congress on February 2009 and signed into law on February 17, 2009.

**Bond Proceeds** - The money paid to the issuer by the purchaser for a new issue of bonds, used to finance a project or purpose for which the bonds were issued and to pay certain costs of issuance. This is equal to the par amount of bonds, plus accrued interest, less original issue discount plus premium.

**Comprehensive Development Agreement (CDA)** - An agreement with a private entity providing for the design and construction of a transportation project which may also provide for the financing, acquisition, maintenance or operation of a transportation project.

**Coordinated Border Infrastructure Funds (CBIF)** – USDOT program that provides funding for planning, project development, construction and operation of projects that serve border regions near Mexico and Canada and high priority corridors throughout the United States.

**Federal Funds (General/FRA)** – numerous potential Federal Government funding programs including USDOT and the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), a division of the USDOT.

**General Services Administration (GSA)** - The GSA is an independent agency of the United States government, established in 1949 to help manage and support the basic functioning of federal agencies. The GSA supplies products and communications for U.S. government offices, provides transportation and office space to federal employees, and develops government-wide cost-minimizing policies, and other management tasks.

**Local Funds** – The CCRMA has the legislative authority to enter into cooperative agreements with Cities and Counties giving the partnering agencies the opportunity to team up on funding transportation projects by bringing together their mutual funding mechanisms.

**National Infrastructure Bank** – Federal Bank created by legislature intended to complement existing federal programs to fund infrastructure, such as the Highway Trust Fund or State Revolving Funds. It invests primarily in surface transport infrastructure.

**Overweight Corridor Permit Fees** - established in the late 1990s to accommodate Mexican trucks heavier than the weight limits imposed by the U.S. Department of Transportation. The corridor allows cargo trucks roughly 1.5 times heavier than the U.S. limit to operate between the

Port and Mexico. On December of 2011, the Texas Transportation Commission gave the Port of Brownsville expanded use of the fee structure and the roadways in which it is enforced.

Pass Through Funding - Projects financed and constructed by the CCRMA receive funding from TxDOT to recuperate a portion of the project construction costs.

Proposition 12 Funding (General Obligation Bond Projects) – a Texas Transportation Commission funding source that is intended for congested highways, rehabilitating bridges and improving connectivity between the state's metropolitan areas.

Proposition 14 Funding – This Texas Transportation Commission approved funding source, established in 2008, allowed TxDOT to issue revenue bonds backed by the State Highway Fund. The funds are intended to advance the construction of projects previously delayed due to cash flow/funding limitations, projects or of statewide significance, such as hurricane evacuation routes or projects that address congestion problems in regions of the state that have lagged behind other regions in previous funding cycles.

SH 550 Toll Revenues – Revenues generated from tolls by users utilizing the Toll system.

State Infrastructure Bank Loan (SIB Loan) - Revolving Infrastructure Investment Funds for Surface Transportation that are established and administered by states. The SIB can offer a range of loans and credit assistance enhancement products to public and private sponsors of Title 23 Highway Construction Projects or Title 49 Transit Capital Projects.

Toll Equity Funds – TxDOT loan contribution to project costs on Toll Roads.

Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA) – provides Federal credit assistance in the form of direct loans, loan guarantees, and standby lines of credit to finance surface transportation projects of national and regional significance.

Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery Funding (TIGER) – USDOT Grant Program was established in 2009 to assist transportation projects that have a significant national or regional impact. Projects are chosen for their ability to contribute to the long-term economic competitiveness of the nation, improve the condition of existing transportation facilities and systems, increase energy efficiency and reducing greenhouse gas emissions, improve the safety of U.S. transportation facilities and enhance the quality of living and working environments of communities through increased transportation choices and connections. The Department also gives priority to projects that are expected to create and preserve jobs quickly and stimulate increases in economic activity.

Transportation Reinvestment Zone (TRZ) – Cities and counties have the legislative authority of designating areas as TRZs to fund roadway projects. As property taxes increase from the base property value, a portion of the increased tax dollars can be pledged to construct road projects within the TRZ.

TxDOT Backstop – CCRMA enters into a bond sale and TxDOT pledges future TxDOT revenues to support (backstop) bonds and ensure payment should tolls fail to support debt service.

TxDOT Discretionary – involves various funding categories which have not been appropriated under previous legislation or Texas Transportation Commission approval. Discretionary funding can often be obtained through Commission approval for a specific project.

Vehicle Registration Fees (VRF) - HB 3437, which was signed into law during the 80th State Legislative Session, authorizes certain counties to impose Vehicle Registration Fees up to \$10 to address county mobility needs.

***Goal 4 Strategic Action Plan:***

- Expedite current projects to complete the CDA process which are approved under current legislation. These projects include the South Padre Island 2nd Access and the Outer Parkway.
- Continue to reassess/encourage legislative agenda to allow expanded use of CDAs and other financing options.
- Monitor current TRZ miles annually
- Report TRZ benefits annually
- Adjust TRZ Boundaries as necessary

**Additional funding and procurement procedures:**

43 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Section 15 - A Preliminary Financial Plan for each project will be developed with the Financial Consultant, indicating sources of funding, necessary construction costs, scheduling and traffic information of the viable alternatives for each of the proposed projects.

Procurement Project Delivery Options - The CCRMA will evaluate various project delivery alternatives and determine the most appropriate method of project implementation, whether by conventional design and construction, a privatized exclusive development agreement, or other project delivery system. Alternatives for splitting of the projects into multiple construction projects will be considered to develop the system in phases, if determined appropriate. The basis for the construction phasing will be to create efficient projects to build as toll facilities that are financially viable and minimize impacts on existing traffic. Funding consideration will be given to local and regional non-tolled projects that generate advantages to System Toll projects.

Project Phasing – The CCRMA will determine the most advantageous means of packaging projects in a manner that accelerates project completion and facilitates financing alternatives.

**GOAL 5**  
**MAINTAIN AND ENHANCE WORKING RELATIONSHIPS WITH TXDOT, USDOT AND FHWA.**

***Goal 5 Strategic Action Plan:***

- Continue partnership with TxDOT to ensure the conversion of U.S. 77 to Interstate Standards.
- Ensure that Legislative Agenda is approved by Legislature.
- Develop partnership with the Hidalgo County Regional Mobility Authority that promotes the development of regional transportation systems.
- Continue with Legislative Agenda to identify additional funding sources.

**GOAL 6**  
**WORK CLOSELY WITH ALL TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEES (I-69 COMMITTEES) AND ORGANIZATIONS, LOCAL BUSINESSES AND STAKEHOLDERS THROUGHOUT EACH PROJECT TO ENSURE OPEN, TWO-WAY COMMUNICATION AND TO PROMOTE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND CREATE JOBS.**

***Goal 6 Strategic Action Plan:***

- Participate in the monthly Technical and Policy Advisory Committee meetings of the Brownsville Metropolitan Planning Organization and the Harlingen San Benito Metropolitan Planning Organization.
- Establish Board representatives as liaisons to Local Government Agencies.
- Monitor Cameron County job growth annually.

**GOAL 7**  
**PROVIDE AND IMPLEMENT A PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PLAN.**

***Goal 7 Strategic Action Plan:***

- The transportation projects being developed by the CCRMA are primarily for the benefit of the citizens of Cameron County, yet they will benefit the vacationing drivers and commercial trade as well. It is imperative that the traveling public is provided with meaningful opportunities to be involved in the development of the CCRMA's new transportation network and be able to review all information used to plan and prioritize projects.
- CCRMA will provide readily accessible communication channels for the expression of thoughts, opinions, desires and concerns in regard to its decision-making process.
- CCRMA will develop proactive communication channels to keep Cameron County residents and businesses well informed and to allow the traveling public the opportunity for input during the development and planning of transportation projects. The CCRMA will ensure adequate communities understanding and maximum input through bilingual communications.
- CCRMA will maintain an open dialogue with elected officials, individual communities, local businesses and other residents during the planning and construction of all projects. A website will be established to maintain effective outreach campaigns for public education and information.
- CCRMA will adequately address the issues raised by the projects' multiple stakeholders.
- CCRMA will implement an aggressive outreach program to key communities and the general public, through open house and public meetings, and speakers' bureau attendance at community events to educate the public about the need and the purpose of the CCRMA and the System Projects. A strong public relations campaign, media interviews, article placement, and other program development will support this program. Presentation materials will include various types of media presentations, including brochures, PowerPoint presentations, 3D animation, videos, etc. All material will be high quality, user-friendly and community appropriate.
- CCRMA will follow the highest industry principles to achieve informed public consent when working with communities and will respond to resident inquiries promptly with honest and accurate information.
- CCRMA will hire a Public Involvement Officer.