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March 26, 2020 Contact: Eddie Treviño, Jr. Cameron County Judge

APPROVAL AND DESIGNATION OF CAMERON COUNTY ROUTES TO INTERSTATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM I-69

Cameron County officials along with the Cameron County Regional Mobility Authority (CCRMA) requested the designation of a segment of State Highway System I-169 concurrent with State Highway 550 from the existing I-169 terminus at Old Alice Road to approximately 0.4 miles east of FM 1847 in Brownsville, requesting a total distance of approximately 2.5 miles.

On January 17, 2020, the Administrator of the Federal Highway Administration, in accordance and pursuant to the Texas Transportation Code 201.103 and 221.001 and approval from Executive Director from the Texas Department of Transportation, approved Cameron County's requested inclusion of the segment with total distance of approximately 2.5 miles. The CCRMA has invested over \$50 Million to develop State Highway 550 / I-169.

The Texas Transportation Commission accordingly found the inclusion and designation of Cameron County's routes to be vital and would greatly assist with the flow of traffic, promote public safety, and maintain continuity of the Texas State Highway System.

Cameron County Judge Eddie Treviño, Jr. said "This gets us closer to providing an interstate to the Port of Brownsville. We have 1 gap pending prior to getting direct connectivity from the Port of Brownsville to I-69E with I-169. This will allow the Port of Brownsville to be able to continue to attract industry to the Port and Cameron County."

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