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**CAMERON COUNTY IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THE RIBBON
CUTTING CEREMONY OF THE PEDRO “PETE” BENAVIDES
COUNTY PARK MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAIL AND
EXERCISE COURT**

Cameron County is pleased to announce the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony of the Pedro “Pete” Benavides County Park Mountain Bike Trail and Exercise Court will be held on Monday, October 23, 2023, at 5:00 p.m., The park is located at 2055 S. Browne Rd., Brownsville, Tx.

In January of 2023, Cameron County began the development of the Mountain Bike Trail and Exercise Court at Pedro “Pete” Benavides County Park, located in Precinct 1.

The mountain bike trail is approximately 2.5 miles in total length and features three areas of graduated skill level with an advanced, intermediate and beginner trail. Each trail-head is marked with an informational kiosk letting riders know where they are and what they can expect ahead. Wayfinding and trail exit signs have also been strategically placed along the trail to help riders navigate their way safely through the trail system. The advanced trail is the most challenging of the three, and is designed for skilled and experienced riders. It offers wooden ramp obstacles, bumps, bridges, off-set jumps and banked turns. A bit less risky but still challenging is the intermediate trail, designed to be moderately challenging featuring a number of winding turns, bumps, off-set jumps and banked turns. Offering the least degree of difficulty is the beginner trail. It is primarily designed to introduce novice riders to the sport of mountain biking. Here riders can expect to learn the basics with obstacles and terrain designed to build course awareness, balance and maneuverability skills.

The exercise court features eleven workout stations designed for strength and cardio training. Exercise enthusiasts will find a wide variety of workout options with an elliptical machine, hand cycler, balance steps, tai chi wheels, squat press, cardio stepper, chest/back press, pull-up/dip bars, ab crunch/leg lift machine, a mobility ramp with stairs and assisted row/push-up bars, all designed for ages 13 and older. The entire perimeter of the court lies underneath a shade structure and is founded on a poured in-place rubberized surface that is handicap accessible and offers added safety features for accidental falls. It is centrally located near the playground, splash pad, baseball fields and basketball court, so families can utilize the exercise court while still keeping a watchful eye on their kids as they play.

“We’re pleased to announce the addition of the Mountain Bike Trail and Exercise Court to the Pedro “Pete” Benavides Park located in Pct. 1. This outstanding County Park, named after our former Cameron County Commissioner, Pete Benavides, has an array of recreational amenities for the public to enjoy. As a Commissioners’ Court, we continue to implement quality of life projects for our children, and future generations of children, who can utilize the parks and amenities to have a wonderful and memorable time,” stated Cameron County Judge Eddie Treviño, Jr.

“I am so excited that the Mountain Bike Trail and the Exercise Court are completed and ready for use at the Pedro “Pete” Benavides Park. I want to thank Judge Eddie Treviño, Jr., and Commissioners’ Court for their full support on this project, the Cameron County Regional Mobility Authority for providing construction management and oversight, and the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department for the funding opportunity on the Mountain Bike Trail. We invite everyone to come enjoy this remarkable park and the great recreational opportunities that it offers,” stated Commissioner Sofia Benavides.

“We invite all families, mountain bikers and exercise enthusiast alike, to visit this County Park and enjoy the new Mountain Bike Trail and Exercise Court. A great enhancement and addition to one of the most beautiful parks in Cameron County. Thanks to County Judge Eddie Treviño, Jr. and the Cameron County Commissioners’ Court for their leadership in this great project and thank you Texas Parks & Wildlife for your continued partnership” stated Cameron County Parks & Recreation Director Joe E. Vega.

The total project cost for the Mountain Bike Trail was approximately \$371,500. The Architectural firm of record was Gomez Mendez Saenz. The Cameron County Regional Mobility Authority (CCRMA) provided construction management and oversight, and the General Contractor was A&I Custom Manufacturing, LLC. Funding for Mountain Bike Trail was made possible through the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department Trails Grant Program, Certificates of Obligation, and the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

The total project cost for the Exercise Court was approximately \$141,700. Equipment and installation were provided by Exerplay, Inc. Funding for the Exercise Court was made possible through Certificates of Obligation.

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