Cameron County Regional Mobility Authority Technical Advisory Committee - Quarterly Report October 10, 2024



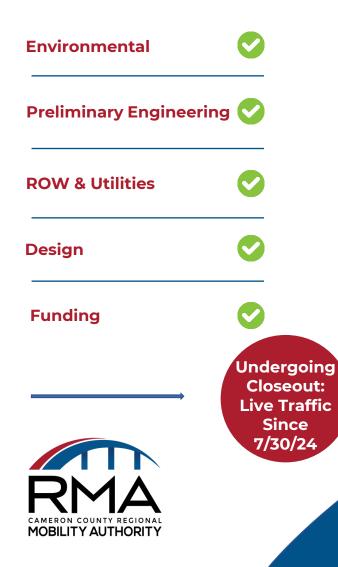
# VETERANS POV EXPANSION CSJ: 0921-06-313

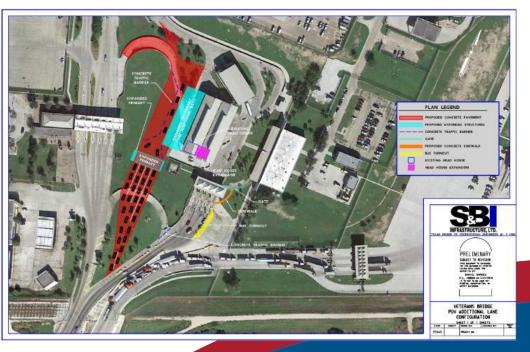
The Veterans International Bridge at the Los Tomates Donation Acceptance Program Project, which is currently under construction, through a formal partnership between U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), the General Services Administration (GSA), Cameron County and the Cameron County Regional Mobility Authority (CCRMA). Once completed with the construction of four new lanes and new infrastructure, this project will decrease wait times at the Veterans Bridge for passenger vehicles. The project required the CCRMA to manage environmental clearance, design, procurement, and construction management.





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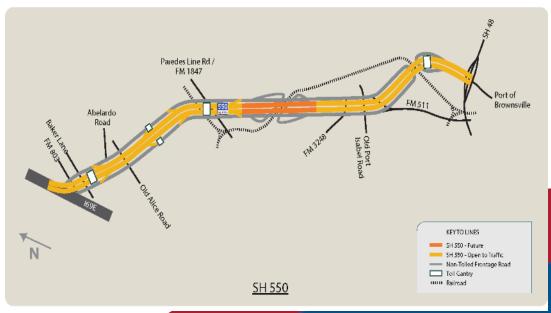


#### Recent Activity (thru 09/2024):

Contract Amount: \$14,824,093.86 Change Order Amount: \$2,716,598.83 Adjusted Contract Amount: \$17,540,692.70 Contract Time: 491 Days Amount Invoiced: \$17,322,149.04 Percent Amount Invoiced: 98.8% Time Used: 483 Days Percent Time Used: 98.4%

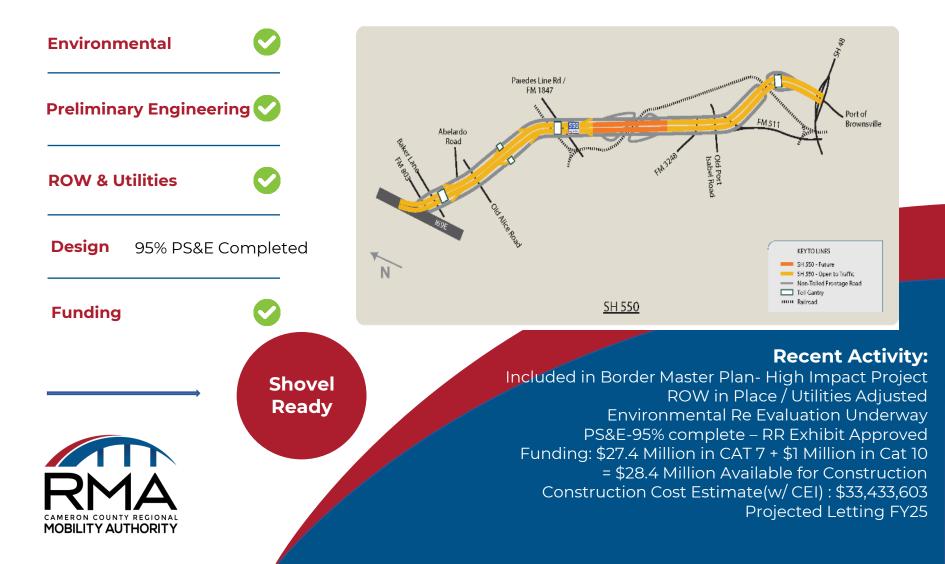
# SH 550 GAP 2 PROJECT CSJ: 0684-01-068

The SH 550 Gap 2 is the final Gap Project in the completion of the SH 550/I 169 from I69E to the Port of Brownsville. The project has completed the environmental, right-of-way and utility relocation phase, and is in the process of finalizing design plans to the most current interstate standards. When completed Interstate 169 will connect the Port of Brownsville to I69E. This is a significant infrastructure improvement project for Cameron County, the City of Brownsville and the Port of Brownsville.





### SH 550 GAP 2 PROJECT CSJ: 0684-01-068



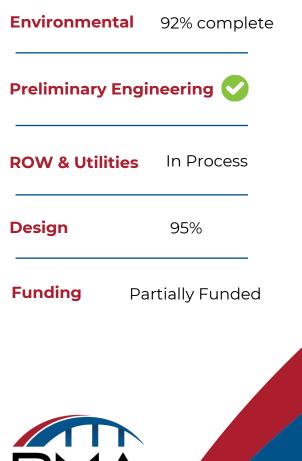
#### EAST LOOP- INTERNATIONAL TRADE CORRIDOR CSJ: 0921-06-315

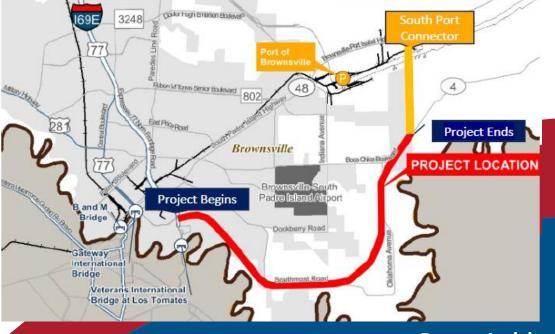
The East Loop Project, which serves the international bridge system in Brownsville as well as the Port of Brownsville, which exports, and imports over 6.3 million metric tons of steel, petroleum, machinery ores and other international trade exports to our Mexico partners. The project, is an international bridge trade corridor which has been on the county's priority list for decades, is important because it will get overweight commercial trucks out of the densely populated portion of Brownsville from the Veterans bridge to the Port of Brownsville. The East Loop Project will create the East Loop Overweight Corridor for trucks traveling from Mexico and the Veterans International Bridge at Los Tomates to the Port of Brownsville and will reduce congestion on I-69E and State Highway 48.





#### EAST LOOP- INTERNATIONAL TRADE CORRIDOR CSJ: 0921-06-315





#### **Recent Activity:**

Included in Border Master Plan- High Impact Project Environmental Documents are 92% complete. 95% PS&E scheduled for Oct 2024 Funding: \$27 Million available Construction Cost Estimate: \$\$178,323,567

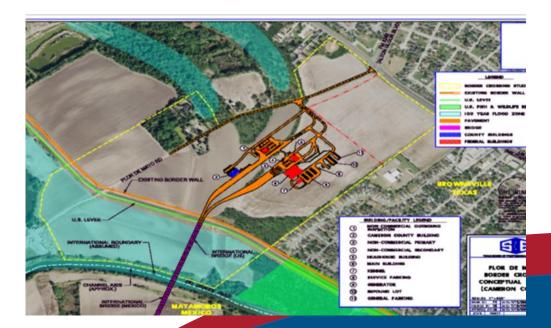


The activity:

- Met with CCRMA, COB and TxDOT (proposed BSIF will not be an issue with East Loop or COB regional detention project in the vicinity).
- Met with CCRMA, COB, and USIBWC (proposed regional detention will require an outfall permit only and not a river model update).

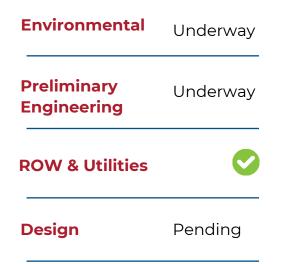
# Flor de Mayo Bridge

The proposed project in west Brownville will be a passenger vehicle only (POE) and pedestrian bridge located 8 River Miles upstream from the existing privately owned Brownsville and Matamoros International Bridge and 35.6 river miles downstream from the County owned Free Trade Bridge at Los Indios. The proposed border station will be located within the 173 acres of land presently owned by Cameron County. The County plans to coordinate the construction of the international bridge and facilities through the Cameron County Regional Mobility Authority.



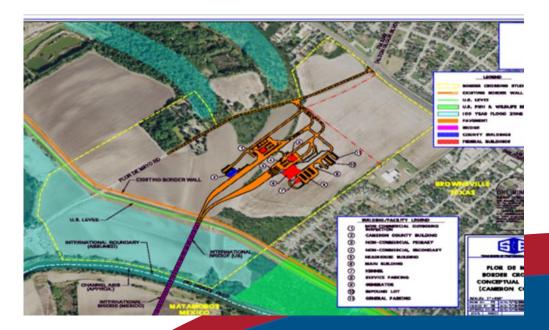


# Flor de Mayo Bridge



#### Funding





#### **Recent Activity:**

Included in Border Master Plan- High Impact Project Feasibility study Complete Submitted Presidential Permit App. to US State Department (DOS) President Biden approved the Presidential Permit on 05.31.24 Preliminary Engineering and Environmental Activities underway Meeting with US Coast Guard Forthcoming

### **Free Trade Bridge**

The proposed project includes two additional phases for the Los Indios – Land Port of Entry – Export Site Renovation. Phase 1 requires the relocation of existing staff from the existing Import Building to a temporary modular trailer. Phase 2 of the project involves selective demolition and new construction of office workspace for both CBP and Mexican Customs.





### **Free Trade Bridge**



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#### **Recent Activity:**

CBP/GSA Final DAA Complete Design is 100% Complete Utilizing Local funds: Funding: \$1.5 Million Available Donation Acceptance Agreement (DAP) completed Letting took place September 26, 2024: Ziwa Corporation announced as the apparent Low Bidder

### Old Alice Rd CSJ: 0921-06-290 & 0921-06-378

The proposed improvements are to reconstruct and widen the existing roadway to provide for a paved four lane urban roadway with shoulders and sidewalks within the existing right-of-way. The right of way is in place, design is completed, and the project will be environmentally cleared by winter 2024.





### Old Alice Rd CSJ: 0921-06-290 & 0921-06-378





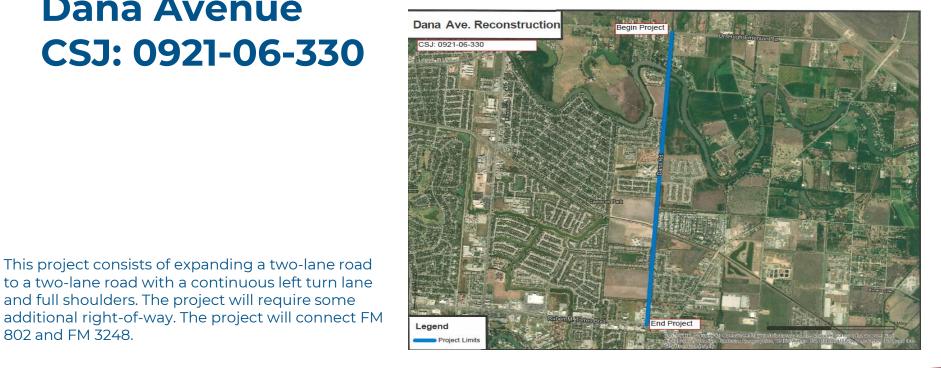


#### **Recent Activity:**

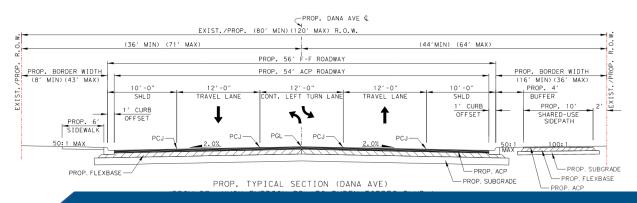
Included in Border Master Plan- Medium Impact Project 100% PS&E complete, revised to joint bid a waterline relocation Virtual Public Meeting Held August 11, 2020 ROW 100% in place Funding: \$35.4 Million Available in CAT 7 and Cat 9 Funds Construction Cost Estimate: \$\$43,642,370 Projected Letting FY25

#### **Dana Avenue** CSJ: 0921-06-330

This project consists of expanding a two-lane road to a two-lane road with a continuous left turn lane and full shoulders. The project will require some



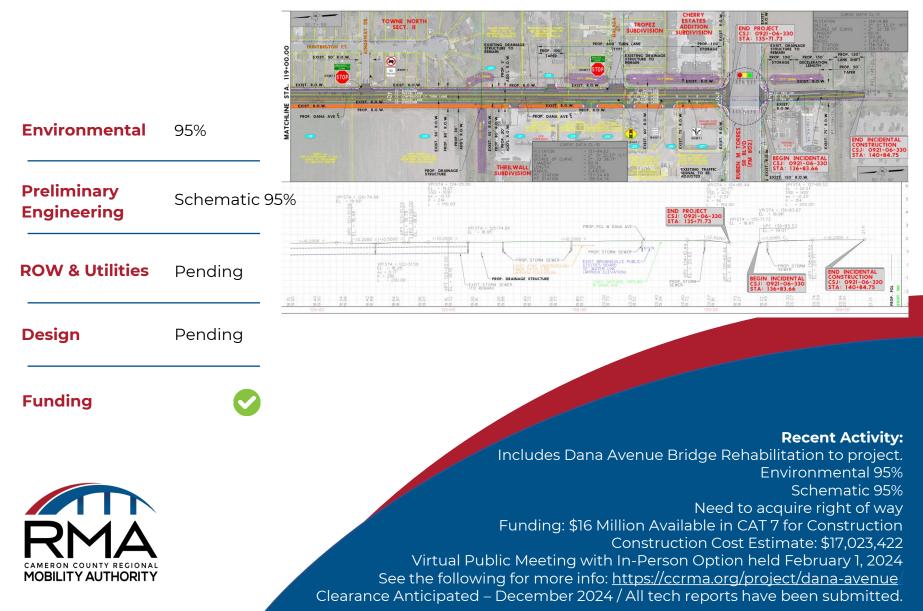
#### **PROPOSED TYPICAL SECTION (DANA AVE)**





802 and FM 3248.

#### Dana Avenue CSJ: 0921-06-330



### FM 509 CSJ: 0921-06-254

FM 509 will be constructed to add new four lane divided highway from FM 508/FM 509 intersection to FM 1579. The Project will be approximately 3 miles and will be constructed at a cost of approximately \$8 million. Efforts are currently being made to incorporate alignments with the Outer Parkway Project.





### FM 509 CSJ: 0921-06-254

Environmental	Underway
Preliminary Engineering	Underway
<b>ROW &amp; Utilities</b>	Pending
Design	Pending
Funding	



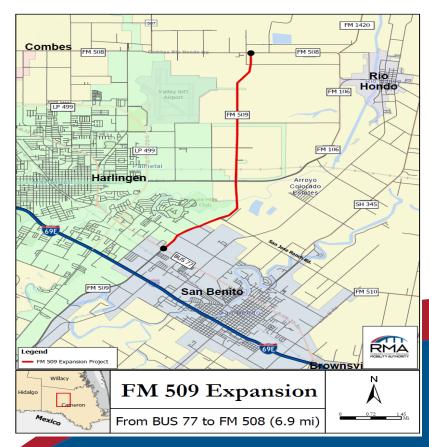


#### **Recent Activity:**

Included in Border Master Plan- Medium Impact Project Transportation Commission Approved On-System MO May 2021 CCRMA will utilize 100% Local Funds for Preliminary Engineering Funding: \$7.5 Million Available in CAT 2 Funds Project Kickoff held 12/11/2023 NEPA Clearance: Open Ended D-CE resubmitted May 2024 Updated Traffic Projections Underway Construction Cost Estimate: \$\$15,960,918

### FM 509- BUS 77- FM 508 CSJ: 2369-01-033

The FM 509 project will widen and reconstruct the existing 2 lane rural roadway to an urban four lane roadway with a center left turn lane and shoulders, within the existing ROW. The project length is 6.85 miles.

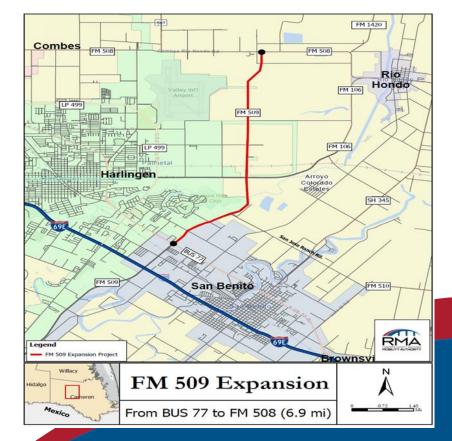




### FM 509- BUS 77- FM 508 CSJ: 2369-01-033

Environmental	Pending
Preliminary Engineering	Pending
ROW & Utilities	Pending
Design	Pending
Funding	Partially Funded

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#### **Recent Activity:**

2025 UTP approved \$500,000 in CAT 2 funds Need Donation Agreement with TxDOT

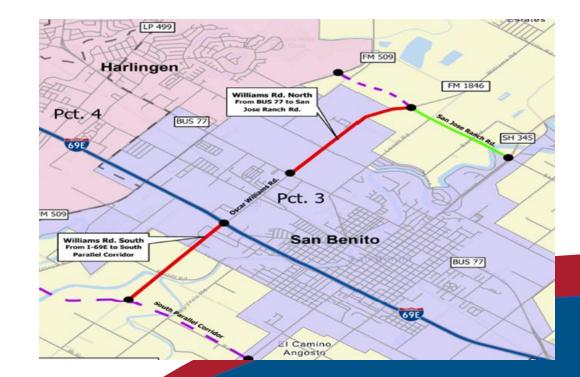
### FM 1846- Williams Road-North CSJ: 1065-02-042

#### Williams Road (North)

This project consists of an expansion from 2 lanes to 4 lanes with a continuous left turn lane. Project limits are from Business 77 to San Jose Ranch Road in San Benito.

#### Williams Road (South)

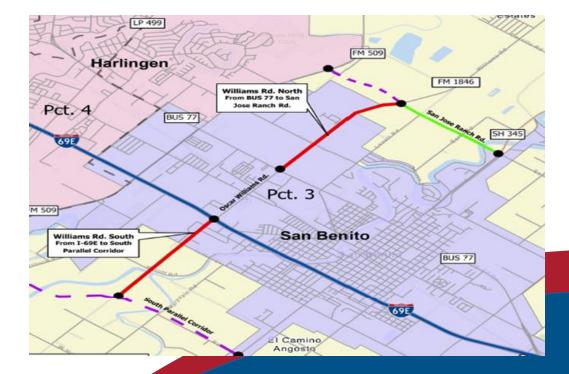
This project consists of a new location road on the south side of I69E to South Parallel corridor in San Benito. The project will require the acquisition of right of way.





### FM 1846- Williams Road-North CSJ: 1065-02-042

Environmental	33%
Preliminary Engineering	Schematic 75%
<b>ROW &amp; Utilities</b>	Pending
Design	Pending
Funding	Pending



#### **Recent Activity:**

ILA with City of San Benito and Cameron County approved Funding Included in the 2024 UTP Schematic-80% complete AFA approved on 01/10/24 Traffic projection (Corridor Analysis) Submitted 02//19/24 Kick off and Env. Scoping Meetings held 04/15/24 DCC held 05/10/24



#### SH 104 (CSJ: 0775-02-002)

SH 104 (Second Access Project to South Padre Island) 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 include a bridge approximately 8 miles long as well as improvements to roadways on the mainland and on the Island. The total length of the SH 104 Project is approximately 17.6 miles.

The Texas Transportation Commission placed the project on-system on December 12, 2023 through Minute Order 116614.

### SH 104 (CSJ: 0775-02-002)

Environmental	Underway
Preliminary Engineering	Underway
<b>ROW &amp; Utilities</b>	Pending
Design	Pending
Funding	Pending

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#### **Project Needs:**

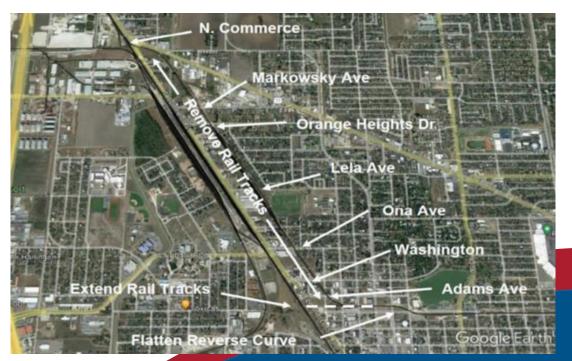
- Complete Environmental Document
- Design
- Funding

#### **Recent Activity:**

Included in Border Master Plan- Medium Impact Project Recently redesignated to a Non-Tolled project development strategy Using Local Funds to Complete Environmental Phase Data collection and ROE underway Coordination with Resource Agencies including: FHWA, TxDOT, USFWS, TPWD, USACE, USDA, NOAA, EPA, FEMA, GLO, TCEQ, TX Railroad Commission, Texas DEM, THC, Sea Turtle Inc. USFWS ROW Application Submitted / Follow-up discussion held Feb 22, 2023 2nd Agency Coordination meeting held Mar 29, 2023 Met 06/07/24 to align remaining efforts with TxDOT ENV

### Harlingen Rail Improvements Project FR-CSR-21-002

The Harlingen Commerce Street rail relocation project will relocate and realign 1.7 miles of track and construct one new crossing at Commerce Street to eliminate seven existing grade crossings in the City of Harlingen, Texas. The new track connection will enable the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) Harlingen Subdivision track to connect to the UPRR Brownsville Subdivision, as well as straighten out two curves and plans to safely raise the speed from 10 MPH to 30 MPH to minimize rail congestion through this area.





### Harlingen Rail Improvements Project FR-CSR-21-002



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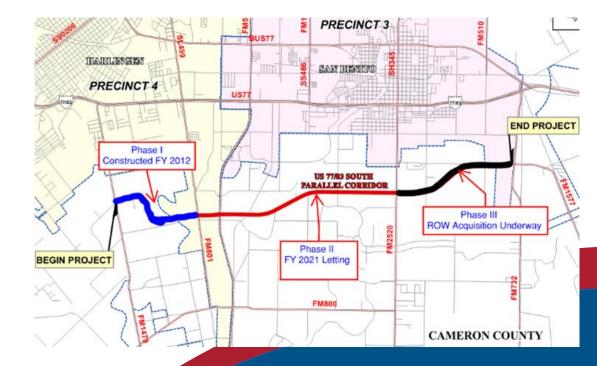


#### **Recent Activity:**

Partnership between: CCRMA & Cameron County Project Scope: Eliminate certain railroad-street crossings Limits: N. Commerce street S. of US 77 Sunshine to Adams Avenue Using Federal & Local funds to complete Environmental Phase Using Federal & Local funds to complete Design Funding: \$5.6 Million Available for Construction FRA Agreement for Phase I – executed, starts 3/1/2024 Agreement with UPRR executed December 2022 Preliminary Engineering site visits held March 2024 Draft schematic under review by CCRMA

### S. Parallel Corridor Phase III CSJ: 0921-06-257

Project limits are from FM 2520 (Sam Houston Blvd) to FM 1577. Partially on new location with intermittent existing 40-80 ft ROW. Construction of a 2-lane rural roadway. Phase III will complete the South Parallel Corridor project. TxDOT recently increased Rider 11B funds by \$2 Million.

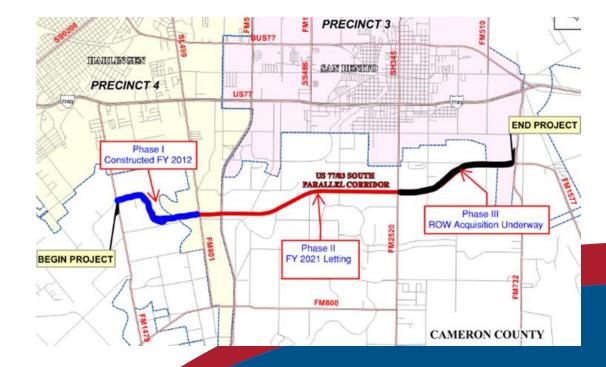




### S. Parallel Corridor Phase III CSJ: 0921-06-257

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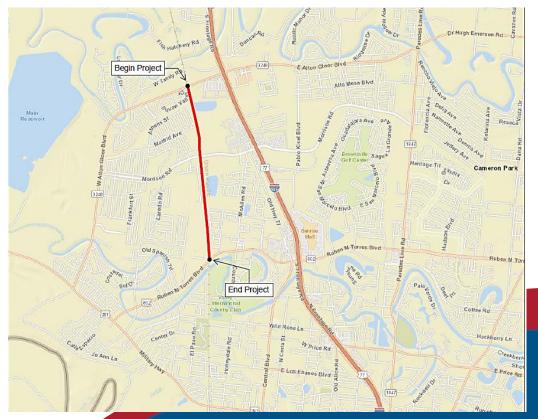


#### **Recent Activity:**

Included in Border Master Plan- Medium Impact Project ROW Acquisition Underway using Local Funds (complete) Utility Coordination Underway using Local Funds (1 remains) Funding: \$6.765 Million Available in CAT 7 Funds – \$5M in Rider 11B Construction Cost Estimate: \$14,510,168 Projected Letting FY25 60% PS&E submitted to TxDOT in 09/2024

### West Blvd Roadway CSJ: 0921-06-340

As a component of the 6.5-mile West Rail Trail project, the Roadway component is being developed to provide a connection between two on-system TxDOT arterial roadways and improve the safety and quality of life for local residents by reducing congestion and eliminating travel time delays for first responder personnel and residents during an emergency to highly developed areas along the project. The proposed urban roadway section would accommodate the Hike and Bike trail and provide for improved mobility between FM 802 (Ruben Torres Blvd) and FM 3248 (Alton Gloor Blvd) two major arterials in the region.



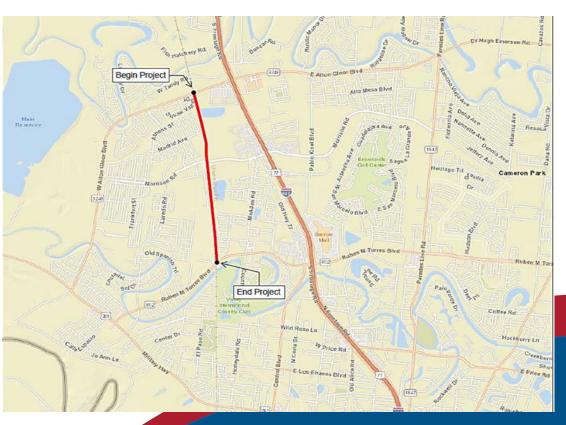


### West Blvd Roadway CSJ: 0921-06-340

Environmental	50%
Preliminary Engineering	
ROW & Utilities	
Design	95%

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Funding Partially Funded



#### **Recent Activity:**

PS&E is being completed with 100% Local Funds Functional Classification received June 2023 ROW is in place PS&E-95% complete AFA Approved by CCRMA Board 05/30/24 Project Kickoff conducted 09/2024 Ongoing PE Efforts: EA/EIS Justification Letter development (anticipate a CE NEPA document) and Traffic Projections per TPP SOP Projected Letting FY26

#### **U.S. 281 Connector**

The project will provide a divided urban corridor that would improve mobility and safety between U.S. 281 (Military Highway), I69E, and SH 100. This route will become critical as trade increases in the region between the port and international bridges. The U.S. 281 Connector Project is approximately 7.5 miles long.





### **U.S. 281 Connector**

Environmental	Underway
Preliminary Engineering	Underway
ROW & Utilities	Pending
Design	Pending
Funding	Pending





#### **Recent Activity:**

Included in Border Master Plan- Medium Impact Project CCRMA Conceptual Project to provide a connection between US281 (Military Highway) and I69E. Ultimately connecting the International Bridges Directly with the Port of Brownsville Via SH 550 Kickoff Meeting conducted 09/2024

### Whipple Road CSJ: 0921-06-292

This project involves the expansion of the existing road in Los Fresnos. This road will be improved from FM 1847 to FM 1575. The right-ofway is in place to do the necessary improvements





### Whipple Road CSJ: 0921-06-292

Environmental	85%
Preliminary Engineering	Schematic 95%
ROW & Utilities	Pending
Design	Pending
Funding	Pending





#### **Recent Activity:**

Schematics at 95% Environmental at 85% Funding: \$4.5 Million Available in CAT 7 Funds Public Involvement completed January 06, 2023 Construction Cost Estimate: \$8,375,029 Amended AFA 06/2024 PS&E anticipated to start 11/2024

# Outer Parkway CSJ: 0921-06-283

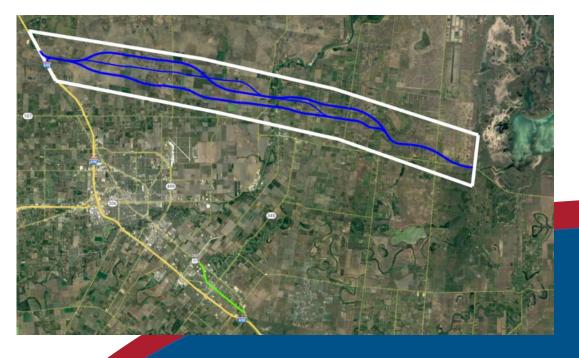
The Outer Parkway Project is approximately 21.5 miles long and includes the construction of a new four lane tolled divided highway from I69E (U.S. 77) near the North Cameron County Line to FM 1847. The project will link the General Brant Road Project with I69E (U.S. 77).





# Outer Parkway CSJ: 0921-06-283

Environmental	Reprocuring Fall 2024
Preliminary Engineering	Reprocuring Fall 2024
<b>ROW &amp; Utilities</b>	Pending
Design	Pending
Funding	Pending



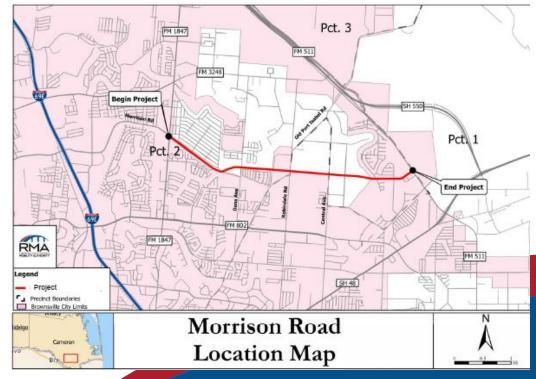
#### **Recent Activity:**

Cameron County / CCRMA entered into an ILA for PE/Env Clearance on 02/2023. TxDOT concurred with continuing to classify the project as an Environmental Assessment document. Technical Preferred Alternative anticipated early 2025.



### Morrison Road CSJ: 0921-06-291, etc.

This is a new location road from FM 1847 to FM 511. When complete, Morrison Road will go from FM 3248 to FM 511. This project will provide connectivity to a large retail area in Brownsville and reduce congestion on several major roads.

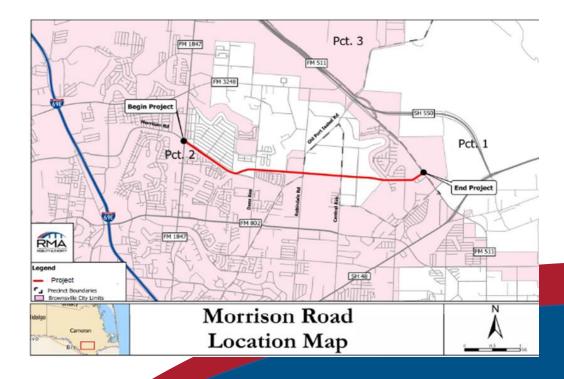




## Morrison Road CSJ: 0921-06-291, etc.

Environmental	Underway
Preliminary Engineering	Underway
ROW & Utilities	Pending
Design	Pending
Funding	

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### **Recent Activity:**

Included in Border Master Plan- High Impact Project Environmental and Schematic are under development Preliminary Coordination with City and Drainage District Underway CCRMA received comments on Functional Classification and addressed those comments in July 2023 Functional Classification Received 04/04/24, CCRMA to request FC extension Funding: \$16 Million Available in FY25 UTP excess availability of CAT 7 Funds Construction Cost Estimate (full limits): \$38,643,708

## FM 1847 CSJ: 0921-06-325

On West Side of FM 1847, from Resaca Retreat Dr. to First Street the project will include the construction of sidewalks and upgrade ramps to ADA standards on west side of FM 1847 where there are no existing sidewalks connecting large residential areas to the Los Fresnos High School and Park.

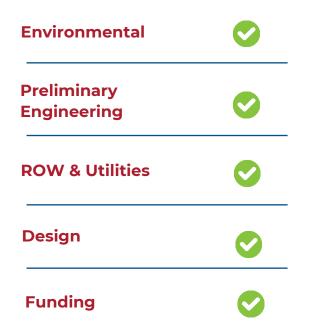


### **Previous Activity:**

Revised limits: Resaca Retreat Dr. to First St. Environmentally Cleared (CE) 8/16/2022 PS&E-100% Feb 2023; 100% Bid Package Apr 2023; Letting Aug 2023. Funding: \$390,000 Available for Construction Bids opened 8/30/2023 City of Los Fresnos awarded bid on October 10, 2023 Construction commenced 04/02/24



## FM 1847 CSJ: 0921-06-325







### Recent Activity (thru 09/2024):

Contract Amount: \$486,888.00 Change Order(s) Amount: \$-696.00 Adjusted Contract Amount: \$486,192.00 Contract Time: 60 Days Amount Invoiced: \$380,979.00 Percent Amount Invoiced: 78% Time Used: 44 Days Percent Time Used: 73%

# Los Fresnos Hike & Bike Trail CSJ: 0921-06-334

Continuation of the construction of a 2.1-mile asphalt shared use path around the City of Los Fresnos from the Northeast corner to the South-Central city limits at South Arroyo Blvd. The project compliments / extends the existing hike and bike system from the Los Fresnos Nature Park that primarily utilizes canal easements to define the trail alignment.

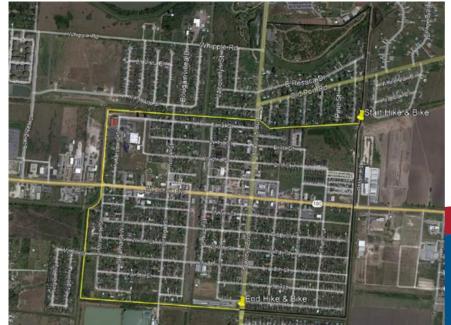




# Los Fresnos Hike & Bike Trail CSJ: 0921-06-334

Environmental	Underway	
Preliminary Engineering	Underway	
ROW & Utilities	Pending	
Design	Pending	
Funding		



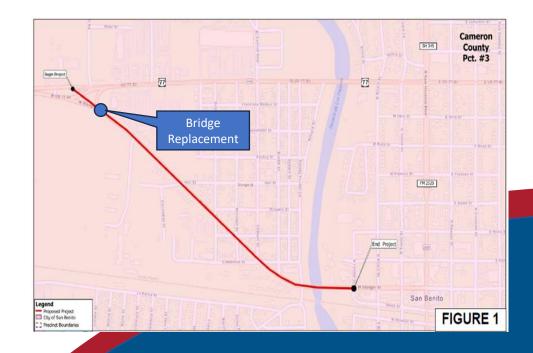


### **Recent Activity:**

Limits: Complete loop around City of Los Fresnos (from 220 ft. N. of Alvarez St., along canal to 56 ft. S. of Huisache St) ILA between CCRMA And COLF has been executed AFA to be finalized after Adoption of May 2024 TIP Environmental & PE initiated Spring 2024 Funding: \$3,027,100 Cat 10 CRP Available Internal Kickoff Meeting held with COLF 09/2024 Anticipate TxDOT Kickoff 10/2024

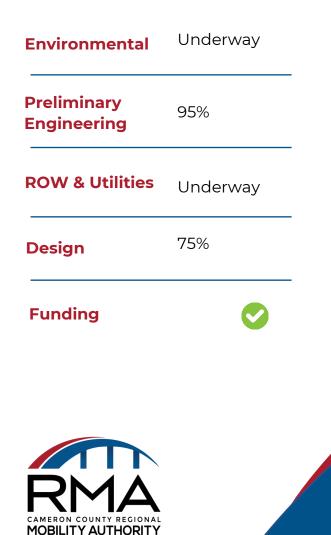
## **Stenger Road Sidewalk Improvements**

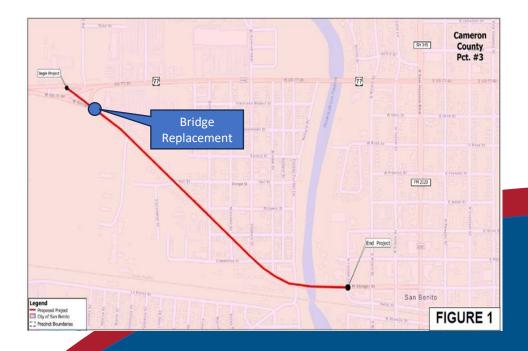
The project consists of the construction of a 10' concrete shared used path from West BUS 77 to Fannin St. approximately 1.1 miles.





## **Stenger Road Sidewalk Improvements**





### **Recent Activity:**

ILA w/ City of San Benito Limits from West BUS 77 to Fannin St Funding: \$1,750,156 Cat 10 CRP Available Bridge Rehab Funded and to be by TxDOT- project to be a State Letting AFA executed 04/24/24 DCC held 05/10/24 ENV Scoping to take place June 2024 Schematic 100% complete 60% PS&E submitted 09/2024

## **Primera Road Sidewalk Improvements**

The project is located in Primera, Texas and consists of installing a concrete sidewalk that will be 8ft wide and is approximately 2.75 miles. The project will begin at Alonzo Road and end at the east city limit line near the intersection of Primera Road and US 77 Frontage Rd.





# **Primera Road Sidewalk Improvements**

Environmental	Underway	
Preliminary Engineering	Underway	
<b>ROW &amp; Utilities</b>	Pending	
Design	Pending	
Funding	Pending	



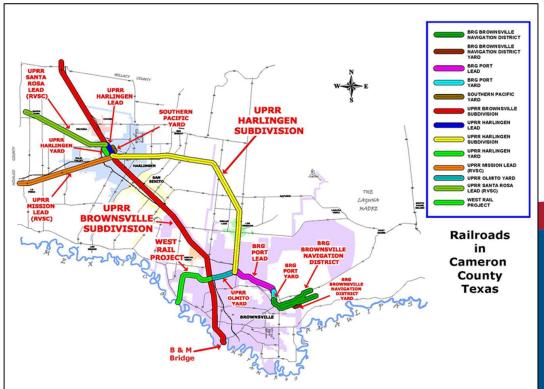
### **Recent Activity:**

ILA w/ City of Primera Limits from Alonzo Rd. to West US 77/ I69E Frontage Rd. Future Transportation Alternatives Set Aside (TASA) Application



# North Cameron County Rail Safety and Reutilization Project (Study Update)

Environmental	Pending	
Preliminary Engineering	Pending	
ROW & Utilities	Pending	
Design	Pending	
Funding	Pending	



#### **Recent Activity:**

The recommended rail safety and reutilization plan would: Eliminate 39 at-grade rail crossings. Eliminate 204,642 vehicles daily crossing at rail intersections. Remove 90,000 feet of rail trackage. Open 17.5 miles of 100 feet of right of way for other use. Provide potential for new pedestrian and bike trails. Opens 9 miles of access for new development along I69E. Cost \$25 million.



# SH 48 Master Plan

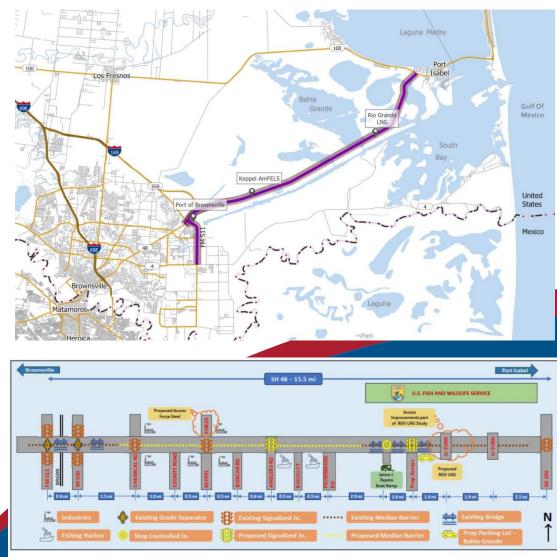
To prepare for this growth and to cater the developments, the Cameron County Regional Mobility Authority (CCRMA) is developing this Master Plan for SH 48.

It is culmination of traffic projection analysis, feasibility analysis, and meetings among stakeholder groups (Port, TxDOT, recreational groups) along SH 48, and other fieldwork efforts along I-69E, SH550 (future I-169), and SH 48.

The SH 48 corridor connects ports, harbors, and industries along recreation locations. The project corridor is expected to have significant industrial development resulting in sizable growth in employment. The new developments are currently in the planning and execution stages.

Master plan under review with TxDOT and then follow-up discussions to be had with stakeholders.





Short term recommendations include construction of cable median barrier and improvements at five Intersections (Chemical Road, Keppel AmFELS, Anglers Rd, Zapata Boat Ramp, Bahia Grande Proposed Parking)

## SH 550 DCs from Brownsville

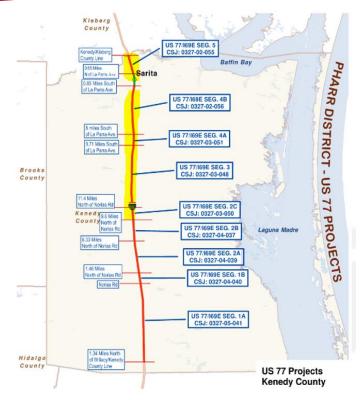
The construction of additional direct connectors between Interstate 69E (I-69E) and State Highway 550 (SH 550) is being evaluated by the Cameron County Regional Mobility Authority (CCRMA). The scope of the project is to build additional direct connector ramps from westbound SH 550 to southbound I-69E and from northbound I-69E to eastbound SH 550. The region's traffic is anticipated to grow due to the overall development of the region, including an increase in demand from the Port of Brownsville area and the other planned projects nearby.

Feasibility report is in DRAFT review, but soon to be ready for discussion with City of Brownsville.





## U.S. 77 – 169E Plan TxDOT - 2024 UTP



CSJ	Limits	FY	Funding Status	Funding Amount
0327-05-041	Norias Rd to 1.34 MI N of	2024	Fully funded	\$214,518,354
Seg. 1A 0327-04-040	Willacy/Kenedy CL 1.46 MI N of Norias Rd to	2024	Fully funded	\$31,033,192
Seg. 1B	Norias Rd		,	
0327-04-039	6.33 MI N of Noria Rd to	2024	Fully funded	\$100,100,488
Seg. 2A	1.46 MI N of Norias Rd			
0327-04-037 Seg. 2B	9.6 MI N of Norias Rd to 6.33 MI N of Norias Rd	2024	Fully funded	\$61,575,948
0327-03-050	11.40 MI N of Norias Rd	2024	Fully funded	\$35,619,465
Seg. 2C	to 9.6 MI N of Norias Rd			
0327-03-048	9.71 MI N of Norias Rd to	2028	None	\$91,500,000
Seg. 3	11.40 MI N of Norias Rd		(Requested SWDA)	
0327-03-051	8 MI S of La Parra Ave to	2031	None	\$20,720,000
Seg. 4A	9.71 MI S of La Parra Ave		(Requested SWDA)	
0327-02-056	0.85 MI S of La Parra Ave	2031	None	\$82,880,000
Seg. 4B	to 8 MI S of La Parra Ave		(Requested SWDA)	
0327-02-055	Kenedy/Kleberg CL to	2033	None	\$33,480,000
Seg. 5	0.65 MI N of La Parra Ave		(Requested SWDA)	

### Total Funding Needed \$250M There are 12 international bridges, 3 deep water ports, 6 airports and 1 space port without interstate connectivity.

## **CCRMA Toll System Projects**

CCRMA Back Office Update	CC Intl Bridge Toll Collection System	<u>CC Parks User Fee</u> <u>Collection System</u>
<ul> <li>FUEGO Tag live October 21, 2021</li> <li>Customer Tag Functionality</li> <li>Electronic Communications</li> <li>Customization of Accounts to accommodate Bridges &amp; Parks, as well as future partners</li> <li>Redesigned reporting for Interoperability</li> <li>New HCTRA BOS with Fuego Tag CUSIOP Interoperability live since July 2024</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Estimated Go Live - 4<sup>th</sup> Qtr 2024</li> <li>New lane functionality with ETC Tags and RFID Cards</li> <li>Improved Lane processing logic</li> <li>Improved transaction accountability and Cash Management process</li> <li>Account migration from current system to CCRMA Back Office</li> <li>Improvements to increase electronic payment versus cash payment</li> <li>Improved system accountability with Digital Video Auditing System</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Estimated Go Live – 3<sup>rd</sup> Qtr 2025</li> <li>Complete new system design leveraging ETC in the lanes</li> <li>Daily passes can now be offered to ETC customers</li> <li>CCRMA tag functionality to replace current monthly, annual, and RV passes</li> <li>Improved revenue enforcement using automatic license plate readers (ALPR)</li> <li>Improved system accountability with Digital Video Auditing System</li> </ul>



## CCRMA TOLL INTEROPERABILITY NEWS



## What is Fuego Tag?

Fuego Tag is an electronic payment method created and operated by the Cameron County Regional Mobility Authority (CCRMA) that allows motorists to pay tolls electronically. Motorists with Fuego tags are allowed to use the State Highway 550 Toll Road with the following benefits:

- Discounted toll rates
- Online account management
- Auto replenishment
- Local Customer Service Center
- Available for commercial and passenger vehicles
- Tag is interoperable with tolling entities from the Mexican Border to Canada and Colorado to Florida as of <u>July 15, 2024</u>.

## CCRMA TOLL INTEROPERABILITY NEWS





FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE July 13, 2024

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#### HCTRA and CCRMA partner to expand accessibility and provide more choices for drivers in the region and beyond!

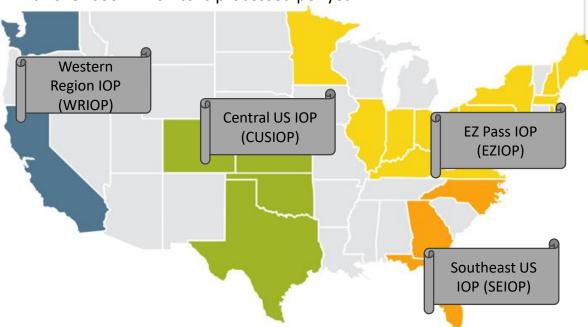
On July 2023 the Harris County Commissioners Court entered into an Interlocal agreement with the Cameron County Regional Mobility Authority (CCRMA) to expand accessibility for drivers.

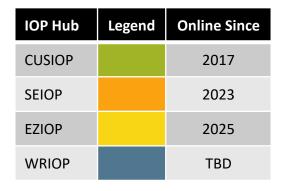
Approval of this agreement allowed the Harris County Toll Road Authority (HCTRA) and CCRMA to begin working on an implementation plan that will include CCRMA's FUEGO tag as an acceptable tag on HCTRA toll road lanes.

On July 15, 2024, HCTRA will assume responsibility for the CCRMA's back-office operations meaning that the FUEGO Tag will now be interoperable with all toll roads in the State of Texas, Kansas, Oklahoma and soon Florida and Colorado.

CCRMA's regional and international drivers will now be able to travel seamlessly between Cameron County and Harris County. The partnership eliminates the need for regional and international drivers to manage multiple toll accounts. Drivers will only need one transponder in their vehicle and will be able to determine which transponder benefits them the most.

Today, NTTA, TxTag, K-Tag and PIKEPASS are accepted on Harris County Toll Road Authority (HCTRA) operated toll road lanes, and HCTRA EZ TAG is accepted on CCRMA operated toll road lanes.





## Interoperability

Central United States Interoperability (CUSIOP) Hub is the nation's first hub designed to national interoperability standards and has been operational since 2017. CUSIOP Hub facilitates transaction processing, reporting, and reconciliation for the participating agencies in the CUSIOP with over 600 million tolls processed per year.

## **CCRMA Partnership Projects with Cameron County**

### <u>Cameron County Parks</u> Administration Building Project

- New construction with site work of the two-story 8,695 SF County Parks Administration Building, located within Isla Blanca Park.
- COMPLETED

### **Cameron County Parks**

- Wi-Fi Connectivity
- Estimated project cost: \$.5 Million

### **Cameron County Parks Warehouse**

- New construction with site work of the Cameron County Parks Warehouse
- Estimated project cost: \$4 Million

#### <u>Isla Blanca Toll Booths</u>

- Construction of toll booth for Cameron County Beach Access #1
- Estimated project cost: \$0.4 Million
- COMPLETED

### Isla Blanca Park Parking Lot 10 Expansion

- Construction of the Isla Blanca Park Parking Lot 10 Expansion
- 220 Parking Spaces
- Construction Cost: \$574,800
- COMPLETED

### **Beach Access 3**

- Construction of toll booths for Cameron County Beach Access#3
- Estimated project cost: \$0.3 Million

### Mountain Bike Trail

- Enhancements to existing mountain bike trail at the Pedro "Pete" Benavides County Park, Cameron County Texas
- COMPLETED

### Pedro "Pete" Benavides Basketball Court Pavilion

- Construction of a basketball pavilion
- Construction Cost: \$645,000
- Notice to Proceed issued 02.07.22
- COMPLETED



## CCRMA PROJECT EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

### \$30 Million in Projects Currently Under Construction \$1.6 Billion CCRMA Overall Project Portfolio

### **Shovel Ready Projects**

- SH 550 Gap II
  - \$33.4 M
- Old Alice Road
  - \$43.6 M
- South Parallel Corridor Ph.
  - \$14.5 M

\$90+ Million in Locally Developed Shovel Ready Projects.

### Projects in Design

- East Loop
  - \$216 M
- FM 509 Extension
  - \$16 M
- Whipple Rd.
  - \$8.4 M
- Morrison Road Project
  - \$38.6 M
- West Blvd.
  - \$12.1 M
- Misc. Projects

\$290+ Million in Locally Developed Projects.

### Projects In Development

- US 77 / I69E
  - \$250M
- SPI 2<sup>nd</sup> access
  - \$800M
- Outer Parkway
  - \$200M
- Flor de Mayo International Bridge
  - \$25M
- 169 Connector
  - \$250M
- US 281 Connector
  - \$140M

**\$1.7** Billion Planning Phase.

14 CCRMA Projects Currently included in the TxDOT Border Master Plan