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Chairman, Texas Transportation Commission
Texas Department of Transportation
125 East 11th Street
Austin, Texas 78701

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RE: Hidalgo County Regional Mobility Authority Pass-Through Finance Application
Hidalgo Loop Project:
CSJ: 0921-02-172 and 0921-02-142

Ramon Garcia
Board Member

Dear Chairman Delisi:

Ruben Serna
Board Member

Ricardo Perez
Board Member

On behalf of Hidalgo County and the Hidalgo County Regional Mobility Authority (HCRMA), I am pleased to submit this pass-through finance proposal as specified under Subchapter E of the Transportation Code, Section 222.104(b) for the Hidalgo Loop Section A and Section B projects. As we detailed in our April 30th presentation before the Commission, in response to the state's funding crisis, HCRMA is focusing its efforts on developing a revenue-generating transportation network that will provide for the long-term mobility needs of Hidalgo County. The key to that network is the Hidalgo Loop. When complete, the Loop will improve access to employment, commercial and residential areas throughout the County and effectively distribute traffic from warehousing and free trade zone destinations located near the international border to markets nationwide.

Our proposal details two sections of the Hidalgo Loop - Section A and Section B, submitted herewith as individual projects. Section A is a project that is critically needed today to serve the mobility needs of the cities of Pharr, McAllen, Mission, Hidalgo, Granjeno and Penitas. The Section B project will provide for the mobility needs of the cities of Pharr, Donna, Alamo and eastern Hidalgo County. Both projects will provide an improved and dedicated trade corridor for NAFTA-related traffic. Today, cartage traffic crosses the border from maquiladoras located in and around Reynosa, in the state of Tamaulipas, to warehousing and free trade destinations in Hidalgo County using city streets. U.S. long-haul truckers then pick up finished products at these locations and make their way north on city streets to US 83 and US 281 to travel through Hidalgo County and distribute to markets

nationwide. By providing a new truck corridor, these projects will ensure that Hidalgo County remains competitive in attracting increased NAFTA activity.

HCRMA looks forward to working with you and your staff to implement this proposal. I want to extend special thanks to Mr. Mario Jorge and the Pharr District Office staff for their cooperation in developing this proposal.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Burleson", written in a cursive style.

Dennis Burleson
Chairman