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Mr. Dennis Burluson
Chairman
Hidalgo County Regional Mobility Authority
510 South Pleasantview Drive
Weslaco, Texas 78596

Dear Mr. Burluson:

The Texas Department of Transportation is pleased to support your application for funds under the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) discretionary grant program for the proposed Hidalgo Trade Corridor project in Hidalgo County from US 83 to the Pharr and Donna International Bridges. Should you receive funding under this program, our agency will work with you closely to expedite the project.

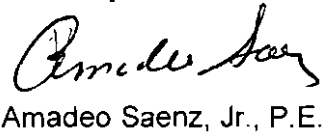
We appreciate the importance of the Hidalgo Trade Corridor project for your region and assure you that it holds statewide priority as well because of the connectivity, mobility, and economic benefits it will provide for the region.

As you may know, each state is eligible to receive a maximum of \$300 million in total funding through this program. After reviewing your request, our agency has concluded that this project could compete favorably for these limited resources and have confirmed that your proposal meets the following criteria of the program:

- long-term outcomes: state of good repair, economic competitiveness, livability, sustainability, safety
- jobs creation/economic stimulus
- partnership

We appreciate your ongoing involvement in Texas transportation. Our staff is prepared to assist you if you need help in finalizing your application. If you have additional questions or need more information, please contact me at (512) 305-9501, or your staff may contact Robin Ayers, Congressional Liaison in our Government and Public Affairs Division, at (512) 463-8345.

Sincerely,



Amadeo Saenz, Jr., P.E.
Executive Director

cc: Texas Transportation Commission
Robin Ayers, Government and Public Affairs Division, TxDOT

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