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## **MORE FUNDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO U.S. 77/I-69 SECURED**

Cameron County officials announced today that the Texas Department of Transportation will be dedicating additional funds to upgrade U.S. 77 from Nueces County to Cameron County to Interstate standards. The announcement was made at the monthly Texas Transportation Commission meeting in Austin. Over \$100 million has been identified for improvements along the U.S. 77 corridor from the Proposition 12 bond program and other additional categories and funding sources identified in the plan. The funding will further close the gap to eventually have an Interstate quality highway that extends from Corpus Christi to Brownsville.

Cameron County and the Cameron County Regional Mobility Authority spearheaded efforts to collect letters of support from County Judges, Mayors, Ports, EDC's, Chambers of Commerce, and private companies and businesses from San Patricio County to Cameron County in support of the U.S. 77 Project Implementation Plan developed by the District Engineers in Pharr and Corpus Christi.

At the meeting in Austin, Cameron County Commissioner and I-69 Advisory Committee Member David Garza thanked the Transportation Commission and the District Engineers for their hard work to put this plan together that gets us closer to the goal of realizing an Interstate to the Rio Grande Valley. Also in attendance was Cameron County Regional Mobility Authority Vice-Chairman John Wood.

"While most of the improvements are outside of Cameron County it is important that we continue to pursue this initiative. We have never been closer and this needs to continue to be the number one priority for all of us. The long term benefit of having an Interstate shield will help promote every community's economic development and long term sustainable growth and so I applaud and thank everyone that has been involved or supported this project. We will continue to stay focused on getting the corridor completed", Garza stated.