



*Eddie Treviño, Jr.*  
*County Judge*

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**COUNTY APPROVES MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH  
CITY OF BROWNSVILLE**

The Cameron County Commissioners' Court on Monday, March 19, 2018, approved a Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Brownsville and U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to submit a request to the federal government for additional resources during *Semana Santa* through the Federal Reimbursable Services Program Section 559 Donation Acceptance Program.

The Brownsville City Commission approved the MOU Tuesday, March 20, 2018, at a regular city meeting. This is a Reimbursable Services Program Request for additional Customs and Border Protection Officers at the Gateway Bridge in Brownsville during *Semana Santa*.

The request calls for CBP staffing of an additional vehicle lane and an additional pedestrian lane during this busy time of the year. The goal is to ensure that all lanes are manned during peak holiday travel times throughout the week to allow for faster crossings by car and by foot.

"I commend the action by the Brownsville City Commission to approve this partnership with Cameron County and the U.S. Customs and Border Protection," said Cameron County Judge Eddie Treviño, Jr. "Southern Cameron County is an attractive tourist destination for families during *Semana Santa*, we hope this measure encourages visitors to return and invite their friends. If this model and process works it is something that we might want to do for other busy times of the year."

"The City of Brownsville is honored to work alongside county and federal officials to provide visitors with secure and efficient travel to Brownsville during *Semana Santa*," said Brownsville Interim City Manager Michael L. Lopez. "We welcome visitors to enjoy their vacation in Brownsville as they create memories, explore Brownsville and shop in our beautiful city while supporting our local economy."