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COUNTY COMPLETES \$3.8 MILLION ROAD PROJECT

Cameron County leaders this week announced the completion of the U.S. 77/83 South Parallel Corridor (SPC) project. This project is a new road location that runs parallel to I-69E (formerly U.S. 77/83) from F.M. 1479 (Rangerville Rd.) to F.M. 509 (Paso Real Rd.). The new road which will open to traffic today will allow for mobility, connectivity, and an alternative for motorists as they travel in this area of the county.

The project is yet another major multi-million dollar county investment to enhance the infrastructure long-term needs that will benefit the taxpayers, citizens, and traveling public in Cameron County. This project will connect traffic from the FM 509-Los Indios Bridge to the retail and commercial areas of Harlingen and San Benito. Motorists will have the option of getting on the expressway or taking this new route to get to their destination. In addition, this new corridor will spur development in a yet to be developed area of San Benito, Harlingen, and Cameron County. With an increasing population and more traffic in this general vicinity of the county this corridor will relieve some stress on the roads and highways currently being used by motorists.

County Judge Pete Sepulveda, Jr. and County Commissioner David A. Garza were able to secure Coordinated Border Infrastructure funds for this project. "This is a great project that will provide an alternative to motorists that utilize the Free Trade Bridge at Los Indios. A seamless connection is important as we address critical transportation and infrastructure needs in our community," Sepulveda stated.

"This is a project that utilized federal, state, and local dollars to get it to completion. The Commissioners' Court allocated funds for the environmental studies, design of the road, and the right of way acquisition, Garza stated. I know that as a whole we are committed to improving the lives of our public by building quality roads. This project will be a catalyst for the eventual development of this growing part of the county. Once we complete the next and final phase of this project we will have a parallel alternative to the expressway that will serve to ease congestion and address capacity to our transportation network".