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COUNTY RECEIVES GO-AHEAD ON VETERANS EXPANSION PROJECT

County Judge Carlos H. Cascos, CPA received word today that the Federal Highway Administration has made a determination of a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the Veterans International Bridge at Los Tomates Expansion project. The finding means that FHWA, the federal agency charged with making a Record of Decision (ROD) on the project, has determined that this expansion project will have no significant impact on the human or natural environment.

According to FHWA, “the project best fulfills the need and purpose for the project and meets the goals identified for the Veterans International Bridge corridor project.” This is great news Judge Cascos stated. We can now work towards getting all the construction agreements in place to move forward on this much needed project. This will help alleviate congestion, separate pedestrians, autos, and commercial vehicles as well as accommodate the Secure electronic Network for Travelers Rapid Inspection (SENTRI) and the Free and Secure Trade (FAST) lanes at this Port of Entry”. Cascos went on to say, “this project is critical to meet the demands of tomorrow and to facilitate the continued flow of good and services between the U.S. and Mexico and improve safety.

“Cameron County will continue to work with its federal, state and local partners in the U.S. and Mexico to get this project to construction. The Veterans expansion project is anticipated to be under construction later this spring with a construction schedule of approximately 12 months. Finally, Judge Cascos expressed his appreciation for the efforts of all involved in this project. This will be the second of two (West Rail and Veterans Bridge) international bridge projects underway in Cameron County”, he stated.

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