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## **CAMERON COUNTY JUDGE CONTINUES TO KEEP TRANSPORTATION A PRIORITY IN DC AND AUSTIN**

Brownsville, TX-Cameron County Judge Carlos H. Cascos announced today that several of the County's legislative priorities in Washington, D.C., had been funded and passed out of the respective Transportation Appropriations Committee in the United States Senate.

Among the projects listed high on the County's agenda with regards to transportation are the East Loop Project in Brownsville funded at \$600,000 and the FM 509 Corridor Extension in the San Benito-Harlingen area funded at \$1 million dollars. Both of these projects carry regional and international significance given the fact that they are important trade corridors for the efficient movement of goods and services.

In addition, and perhaps most important to the entire Lower Rio Grande Valley and Cameron County, is funding in the amount of \$750,000 for US 77 upgrades from Harlingen to I-37 in Corpus Christi.

Judge Cascos was in Washington last week pushing for needed transportation dollars and just this morning met with Governor Perry where he took the same message. "The Lower Rio Grande Valley is one of the fastest growing communities in the nation and our leaders in Washington and Austin are now starting to pay close attention to our needs," said Cascos.

"I appreciate the work of our Senators and our leaders in Austin and look forward to continuing to work with our South Texas delegation. I plan to continue pushing to secure this full funding as the appropriations bills make their way through both chambers in Congress and onto a conference committee," stated Cascos.

A priority for Cameron County is Los Fresnos which is also receiving funding. Under the same bill \$500,000 was included for the Los Fresnos Boys and Girls Club for construction of a building for the children of Los Fresnos and the surrounding area.

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