

HIDALGO COUNTY REGIONAL MOBILITY AUTHORITY

NOTICE OF AND AGENDA FOR A SPECIAL MEETING

TO BE HELD BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

DATE: **TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 2024**
TIME: **3:00 PM**
PLACE: **HIDALGO COUNTY REGIONAL MOBILITY AUTHORITY
TELECONFERENCE MEETING**

PRESIDING: S. DAVID DEANDA, JR, CHAIRMAN

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOMED TO PARTICIPATE REMOTELY BY TELEPHONE

DIAL-IN NUMBER: **+1 956-413-7950**
CONFERENCE ID: **765 296 76 #**
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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION

CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM FOR SPECIAL MEETING

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. REGULAR AGENDA

- A. Resolution 2024-15 – Consideration and Approval to designate additional routes to the Hidalgo County Overweight and Oversized vehicle corridor.

ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR MEETING

CERTIFICATION

I, the Undersigned Authority, do hereby certify that the attached agenda of the Hidalgo County Regional Mobility Authority Board of Directors is a true and correct copy and that I posted a true and correct copy of said notice on the Hidalgo County Regional Mobility Authority Web Page (www.hcrma.net) and the bulletin board in the Hidalgo County Regional Mobility Authority office (203 W. Newcombe Ave, Pharr, Texas 78577), a place convenient and readily accessible to the general public at all times, and said Notice was posted on the 28th day of February 2024 at 5:00 pm and will remain so posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of said meeting in accordance with Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.

Maria E. Alaniz
Administrative Assistant

Note: If you require special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act, please contact Maria E. Alaniz at 956-402-4762 at least 96 hours before the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT POLICY

Public Comment Policy: "At the beginning of each HCRMA meeting, the HCRMA will allow for an open public forum/comment period. This comment period shall not exceed one-half (1/2) hour in length and each speaker will be allowed a maximum of three (3) minutes to speak. Speakers addressing the Board through a translator will be allowed a maximum of six (6) minutes.

All individuals desiring to address the HCRMA must be signed up to do so, prior to the open comment period. For meetings being held by telephonic or videoconference, individuals may contact Maria. E. Alaniz at (956) 402-4762 before 5:00 pm day of the meeting.

The purpose of this comment period is to provide the public an opportunity to address issues or topics that are under the jurisdiction of the HCRMA. For issues or topics which are not otherwise part of the posted agenda for the meeting, HCRMA members may direct staff to investigate the issue or topic further. No action or discussion shall be taken on issues or topics which are not part of the posted agenda for the meeting. Members of the public may be recognized on posted agenda items deemed appropriate by the Chairman as these items are considered, and the same time limitations applies."

Note: Participation by Telephone/Video Conference Call – One or more member of the HCRMA Board of Directors may participate in this meeting through a telephone/video conference call, as authorized by Sec. 370.262, Texas Transportation Code.

Item 1A

HIDALGO COUNTY REGIONAL MOBILITY AUTHORITY

AGENDA RECOMMENDATION FORM

BOARD OF DIRECTORS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	AGENDA ITEM	1A
PLANNING COMMITTEE	<input type="checkbox"/>	DATE SUBMITTED	02/28/24
FINANCE COMMITTEE	<input type="checkbox"/>	MEETING DATE	03/05/24
TECHNICAL COMMITTEE	<input type="checkbox"/>		

1. Agenda Item: **RESOLUTION 2024 – 15 - CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL TO DESIGNATE ADDITIONAL ROUTES TO THE HIDALGO COUNTY OVERWEIGHT AND OVERSIZED VEHICLE CORRIDOR.**
2. Nature of Request: (Brief Overview) Attachments: Yes No
Approving Resolution 2024 – 15 - Consideration and Approval to designate additional routes to the Hidalgo County Overweight and Oversized vehicle corridor.
3. Policy Implication: Board Policy, Local Government Code, Texas Government Code, Texas Transportation Code, TxDOT Policy
4. Budgeted: Yes No N/A
5. Staff Recommendation: **Motion to approve Resolution 2024-15 - Consideration and Approval to designate additional routes to the Hidalgo County Overweight and Oversized vehicle corridor, as presented.**
6. Program Manager's Recommendation: Approved Disapproved None
7. Planning Committee's Recommendation: Approved Disapproved None
8. Board Attorney's Recommendation: Approved Disapproved None
9. Chief Auditor's Recommendation: Approved Disapproved None
10. Chief Financial Officer's Recommendation: Approved Disapproved None
11. Chief Development Engineer's Recommendation: Approved Disapproved None
12. Chief Construction Engineer's Recommendation: Approved Disapproved None
13. Executive Director's Recommendation: Approved Disapproved None



Memorandum

To: S. David Deanda, Jr., Chairman

From: Pilar Rodriguez, PE, Executive Director

Date: February 28, 2024

Re: **AMENDMENT TO HCRMA OVERWEIGHT/OVERSIZED VEHICLE PERMIT CORRIDOR**

Background

On September 1, 2013, the Hidalgo County Regional Mobility Authority (HCRMA) was authorized by House Bill 474 to establish an overweight and oversized truck corridor, as well as, issue permits for use of the corridor. The legislation allows the HCRMA to charge a set permit fee with 85% of the fee reserved for construction and maintenance of the corridor and the remaining 15% going to the HCRMA for administrative costs.

Goal

Texas Transportation Code 623 Subchapter S provides that The Texas Department of Transportation may authorize the Authority to issue permits for the movement of oversize or overweight vehicles carrying cargo on certain roads in Hidalgo County and allows for other routes designated by the commission in consultation with the authority to be added to the overweight corridor. The proposed routes to be added are:

Doffin Road from Spur 29 to US 281/Military highway.

Border Safety Inspection Facility Connector Road from Spur 29 to US 281/Military Highway

Options

The Board of Directors may disapprove the proposed amendment to the overweight/oversized corridor.

Recommendation

Based on review by this office, **approval of Resolution 2024-15 - Approval of amendment to the Hidalgo County Regional Mobility Authority Overweight/Oversized Vehicle Permit Corridor is recommended as presented.**

If you should have any questions or require additional information, please advise.

HIDALGO COUNTY REGIONAL MOBILITY AUTHORITY
BOARD RESOLUTION No. 2024-15

CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL TO DESIGNATE ADDITIONAL
ROUTES TO THE HIDALGO COUNTY OVERWEIGHT AND OVERSIZED
VEHICLE CORRIDOR

THIS RESOLUTION is adopted this 5th day of March, 2024, by the Board of Directors of the Hidalgo County Regional Mobility Authority.

WHEREAS, the Hidalgo County Regional Mobility Authority (the “Authority”), acting through its Board of Directors (the “Board”), is a regional mobility authority created pursuant to Chapter 370, Texas Transportation Code, as amended (the “Act”); and

WHEREAS, on November 17, 2005, the Texas Transportation Commission (the “Commission”) created the Authority pursuant to (i) the Act; (ii) Title 43, Texas Administrative Code; (iii) a petition of the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court (the “County”); and (iv) findings by the Commission that the creation of the Authority would result in certain direct benefits to the State of Texas (the “State”), local governments, and the traveling public and would improve the State’s transportation system; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Transportation Code 623 Subchapter S provides that the Texas Department of Transportation (the “Department”) may authorize the Authority to issue permits for the movement of oversize or overweight vehicles carrying cargo on certain roads in Hidalgo County; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Transportation Code 623 Subchapter S also allows for other routes designated by the Transportation commission, in consultation with the authority, to be added to the overweight corridor; and

WHEREAS, the Department has adopted rules prescribing procedures for issuing permits for the movement of oversize and overweight vehicles in Chapter 28 of Title 43 of the Texas Administration Code and has published rules authorizing the Authority to issue such permits and prescribing procedures for the same; and

WHEREAS, oversize and overweight vehicles have a unique commercial purpose but also cause considerable wear and tear on roadways requiring additional maintenance, repair and reconstruction; and

WHEREAS, the issuance of permits for such oversize and overweight vehicles for travel on restricted corridors creates a revenue stream to offset the increased maintenance expenses for such roadways; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds it to be in the best interest of the Authority and the County to designate additional routes for the issuance of oversize and overweight permits, the collection of fees, and the maintenance of the roadways located in certain oversize and overweight corridors.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Hidalgo County Regional Mobility Authority that:

Section 1. The recital clauses are incorporated in the text of this Resolution as if fully restated.

Section 2. The Board hereby approves the additional routes relating to the permitting of oversize and overweight vehicles carrying cargo on certain roadways in the County, attached hereto as Exhibit A.

Section 3. The Board hereby authorizes the Executive Director to submit the additional routes to the Texas Department of Transportation for consideration by the Texas Transportation Commission.

PASSED AND APPROVED AS TO BE EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE HIDALGO COUNTY REGIONAL MOBILITY AUTHORITY AT A SPECIAL MEETING on the 5th day of March, 2024, at which meeting a quorum was present.

S. David Deanda, Jr., Chairman

Juan Carlos Del Ángel, Secretary/Treasurer

EXHIBIT A

ADDITIONAL ROUTES TO THE HIDALGO COUNTY OVERWEIGHT AND
OVERSIZED VEHICLE CORRIDOR

Doffin Road from Spur 29 to US 281/Military highway

Border Safety Inspection Facility Connector Road from Spur 29 to US 281/Military Highway



Pharr

MAYOR Ambrosio Hernandez, MD



COMMISSIONERS Michael Pacheco | Roberto "Bobby" Carrillo | Ramiro Caballero, MD | Daniel Chavez | Ricardo Medina | Itza Flores

February 20, 2024

Pilar Rodriguez
Executive Director
Hidalgo County RMA
203 W Park Ave,
Pharr, Texas 78577

Dear Mr. Rodriguez,

The Pharr International Bridge is located in Hidalgo County in the Rio Grande Valley (RGV), along the Texas/Mexico border, with an estimated population of 80,000 residents in the fourth fastest-growing region in Texas. The Pharr International Bridge is the only full-service commercial port of entry located in the RGV.

Currently, the Pharr International Bridge ranks third in the nation for trade with Mexico, seventh as the largest and fastest-growing land port of entry nationally and first as the number one crosser of produce in the nation.

The Pharr International Bridge serves as an international gateway to the United States for both commercial and vehicular crossings. The Pharr International Bridge is 1st in oil and gas exports, 1st in trade for automotive, technology, oil and gas, perishables and construction sectors, and 1st in produce imports with 65% of the nation's imports.

The City of Pharr is in an active effort to improve the flow of commercial traffic both North and South bound from the Pharr International Bridge and has contracted with private entities to operate and maintain an industrial commercial truck yard on City owned property South of the levee on Doffing Rd. Doffing Rd. is owned and operated by the City of Pharr and as per Texas Transportation Code section 621.303, the City of Pharr has the authority to regulate commercial traffic on its roads.

On or about February 16, 2024, an application for the Texas Department of Agriculture certified commercial scale was filed with the HCRMA seeking certification. Although Doffing Rd. is not an overweight route, it directly connects to the HCRMA overweight route between sections nine (9) and eight (8) as shown as Exhibit A (in Appendix). It is on that basis that the City of Pharr respectfully requests that the aforementioned HCRMA application be approved, as the City has contracted with the applicant to maintain and use Doffing Rd. as overweight Route to connect to the HCRMA overweight route previously mentioned.

As the region grows by leaps and bounds it is imperative that we work together to find solutions to our commercial traffic congestion. The approval of the subject application will not only serve to help alleviate said congestion, and improve safety, but also generate revenue for the HCRMA through the issuance of overweight permits.

Thank you in advance for your time and thoughtful consideration. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at (956) 402-4000 or my Director of External Relations, Cynthia Garza Reyes at (956) 402-4000.

With warm regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ambrosio Hernandez".

Dr. Ambrosio Hernandez
Mayor, City of Pharr



■ Pharr City Limit
■ Pharr ETJ
■ SPUR 29 CONTROL SECTION 362501
— BSIF PROPERTY

— WITHIN PHARR CITY LIMITS
— WITHIN PHARR ETJ

City of Pharr
Location Map

Scale: 1 inch = 160 feet
0 50 100 150 200 250 300 350 400 450 500 Feet



City of Pharr, Texas
Engineering Department
956.402.4221
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Engineering Department for engineering information.
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