



**BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
REGULAR MEETING  
FEBRUARY 8, 2011**



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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC MEETING  
TOWN OF RANCHO VIEJO  
BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
REGULAR MEETING

FEBRUARY 8, 2011  
6:00 P.M.

NOTICE is hereby given of a REGULAR MEETING of the BOARD OF ALDERMEN of the TOWN OF RANCHO VIEJO, TEXAS, to be held on FEBRUARY 8, 2011 at 6:00 P.M., in the TOWN MUNICIPAL OFFICE, 3301 CARMEN AVENUE, RANCHO VIEJO, TEXAS to consider the following items:

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Invocation and Pledge
4. Public Comment
5. Approval of Minutes  
Regular Meeting - January 11, 2011
6. Consideration/Approval of a Resolution Ordering the Election for Rancho Viejo, Designation of Election Precincts and Polling Places, Designation of Method of Voting, Submission of Application by Candidates, Appointment of Early Voting Clerk, and Providing for Publication Notice
7. Consideration/Action on Resolution Relating to the University of Texas at Brownsville and Texas Southmost College
8. Consideration/Action on Resolution for Cameron County Regional Mobility Authority Pass Through Funding Application Support for Development of US 77/I-69

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9. Update on Tax Note, Series 2005
10. Update on Solid Waste Collection
11. Public Comment
12. Adjourn

  
Cheryl J. Kretz  
Town Administrator

Item #1:

Call to Order by:

Mayor Medrano

Item #2:

Roll Call

by Isabel Perales, those present are:

Aldерwoman Carr

Aldерwoman Hager

Aldерwoman Hinojosa

Alderman Lackner

Alderman Rafac

Legal Counsel, Daniel Rentfro, Jr.

Town Administrator, Cheryl J.  
Kretz.

Item #3:

Invocation and Pledge

The pledge of allegiance to the United States Flag:

*“I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.”*

**And** the pledge of allegiance to the Texas State Flag is,

*“Honor the Texas Flag; I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one state under God, one and indivisible.”*

# Item #4:

## Public Comment



Item #5:

**Approval of Minutes**

January 11, 2011

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
TOWN OF RANCHO VIEJO  
JANUARY 11, 2011

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Rancho Viejo, Texas was held on Tuesday, January 11, 2011, at the Town Municipal Office, 3301 Carmen Avenue, Rancho Viejo, Texas, the same being open to the public. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Roberto Medrano at 6:02 P.M. Roll call was made by Isabel Perales, Assistant Town Secretary. Members present at the meeting were:

Mrs. Lupita Carr  
Mrs. Jean Hager  
Mrs. Maria Hinojosa  
Mr. Robert Lackner  
Mr. Joe Rafac

A quorum was present at the meeting.

Mr. Daniel Rentfro, Jr., legal counsel, was present. Town Administrator Cheryl J. Kretz was also present at the meeting.

Those present in the audience were:

Glenn Carr	Chief M. Cruz, Jr.
Grady John Deaton	Jorge Jalomo
Marilyn Lindeman	Dick Lindeman
W. H. Dorsett	Quentin Anderson

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE:

Alderwoman Carr led the group in the invocation and pledge of allegiance to the American and Texas flag.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Glenn Carr asked about the electronic sign outside of town hall. Mr. Rentfro said he has filed a lawsuit against the seller on behalf of the Town, and the supplier has sent new radio boxes.

PRESENTATION AND CONSIDERATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF AUDIT  
REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2010:

After presentation of the audit report by Mr. Quentin Anderson of Long Chilton, LLC, motion was made by Alderwoman Hager, seconded by Alderman Rafac, and unanimously carried, to approve the Annual Financial Report for Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2010 as presented.

CONSIDERATION/ACTION ON LETTER OF INTENT FOR THE TEXAS  
SAFE SHELTER INITIATIVE PROGRAM:

Mr. Jorge Jalomo made a presentation about the Texas Safe Shelter Initiative Program and answered several questions from board members. On the recommendation of Mayor Medrano, motion was made by Alderwoman Carr, seconded by Alderwoman Hager, that a Letter of Intent to participate in this project be submitted to the Texas Division of Emergency Management. This motion carried with the following vote:

Ayes: Alderwoman Carr, Alderwoman Hager, Alderwoman Hinojosa, Alderman Lackner

Nays: None

Abstaining: Alderman Rafac

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mayor Medrano made a correction to the December 9, 2010 minutes, Page 1, Residents' Forum, first sentence to read "Mr. Mack Sterling asked about the electronic sign and was informed it was under litigation." He also made a correction on Page 2, Public Comment to read, "Mr. William Dorsett asked if the building inspector job was full time and the Mayor responded no, that it would be under contract."

Motion was made by Alderwoman Hinojosa, seconded by Alderman Rafac, and unanimously carried, that the Minutes of

the Regular Meeting held on December 9, 2010, be approved with the above noted corrections.

CONSIDERATION/APPOINTMENT/REAPPOINTMENT OF BOARD OF  
ADJUSTMENTS AND APPEALS MEMBERS AND ALTERNATES:

Motion was made by Alderman Lackner, seconded by Alderwoman Carr, and unanimously carried, to reappoint Lyle McNeil and Dionel Ortiz as members of the Board of Adjustments and Appeals, and appoint Jorge de la Garza, Grady John Deaton and Javier Vera as Board of Adjustments and Appeals members. Their term is for two years.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were no comments from the audience. Mayor Medrano thanked Mr. Richard Lindeman and VMUD#2 for letting the Town send the notices about the new brush/trash service with the water bills.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: PURSUANT TO SECTION 551.076 OF THE  
TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE: TO DISCUSS THE IMPLEMENTATION OF  
SECURITY MEASURES THAT ARE WITHIN THE SCOPE PROVIDED BY  
SAID SECTION:

Motion was made by Alderman Rafac, seconded by Alderwoman Hager, and unanimously carried, to go into Executive Session at 6:58 P.M pursuant to Section 551.076 of the Texas Government Code to discuss the implementation of security measures that are within the scope provided by said section.

Motion was made by Alderwoman Hinojosa, seconded by Alderman Rafac, and unanimously carried, to reconvene into open session at 7:55 P.M.

CONSIDERATION/ACTION TO AWARD A CONTRACT TO PURCHASE  
AND IMPLEMENT SECURITY MEASURES:

Motion was made by Alderwoman Carr, seconded by Alderwoman Hager, and unanimously carried, to authorize Mayor Medrano to negotiate and execute a contract to install security cameras with Net-Link, Leo Garza, owner.

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ADJOURNMENT:

Motion was made by Alderwoman Carr, seconded by Alderwoman Hinojosa, and unanimously carried, to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 P.M.

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cheryl J. Kretz, Town Secretary

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Roberto Medrano, Mayor

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

# Item #6:

Consideration/Approval of a Resolution Ordering the Election for Rancho Viejo, Designation of Election Precincts and Polling Places, Designation of Method of Voting, Submission of Application by Candidates, Appointment of Early Voting Clerk, and Providing for Publication Notice

RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION ORDERING THE ELECTION FOR RANCHO VIEJO, DESIGNATION OF ELECTION PRECINCTS AND POLLING PLACES, DESIGNATION OF METHOD OF VOTING, SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION BY CANDIDATES, APPOINTMENT OF EARLY VOTING CLERK, AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION NOTICE

WHEREAS, an election is hereby ordered for the purpose of voting for one (1) Mayor and two (2) Aldermen for a two year term for the Town of Rancho Viejo.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF RANCHO VIEJO, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. That the Order of Election for the Town of Rancho Viejo, Texas, signed by Mayor Roberto Medrano and members of the Board of Aldermen dated February 8, 2011 for the election to be held on May 14, 2011, is hereby ratified and adopted in all respects.

SECTION 2. Said election is to be held on Saturday, May 14, 2011 between the hours of 7:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M. for qualified electors residing within the incorporated area of the Town of Rancho Viejo, and notice is further given that the polling place for such election is hereby designated as the Town Municipal Office, 3301 Carmen Avenue, Rancho Viejo, Texas. Method of voting shall be by ES&S Automark Voter Assist Terminal, version 1.0.121 and the Model 100 Scanner, version 5.0.0.

SECTION 3. Application by candidates for the offices for which the herein described election is called, shall address application for a place on the ballot to the Town Secretary of the Town of Rancho Viejo, Texas and said application shall be accompanied by the statutory oath of candidate for election as provided by the Texas Election Code, and said application shall be filed with the Town Secretary at the Town Municipal Office of Rancho Viejo, 3301 Carmen Avenue, Rancho Viejo, Texas. The last day for filing said application is Monday, March 14, 2011 at 5:00 P.M.

SECTION 4. The Town Secretary or her deputy is hereby appointed Clerk for Early Voting, which Early Voting shall be held at the Town Municipal Office located at 3301 Carmen Avenue in Rancho Viejo, Texas. The period to vote early in person at the Town Secretary's Office is Monday, May 2, 2011 through Tuesday, May 10, 2011, Monday through Friday, regular working hours (8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.); except for Wednesday, May 4, 2011 and Tuesday, May 10, 2011, the early voting hours are 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.

Application to vote by mail shall be addressed to the Town Secretary, Town of Rancho Viejo, 3301 Carmen Avenue, Rancho Viejo, Texas 78575. Applications for ballot by mail must be received no later than the close of business on Friday, May 6, 2011.

SECTION 5. Any person who wishes to be a write-in candidate must make a declaration of write-in candidacy pursuant to Chapter 146 of the Texas Election Code and in compliance with said law, no write-in vote will be counted unless the name written in appears on the list of write-in candidates as required by Chapter 146 of the Texas Election Code.

SECTION 6. Notice of the election order by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Rancho Viejo, Texas shall be given by publication in the BROWNSVILLE HERALD one time.

PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED this the 8<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2011.

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ROBERTO MEDRANO, Mayor

ATTEST:

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CHERYL J. KRETZ, Town Secretary



# Item #7:

Consideration/Action on a Resolution  
Relating to the University of Texas at  
Brownsville and Texas Southmost College

RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF RANCHO VIEJO:

WHEREAS, the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Rancho Viejo is the officially elected governing entity that represents all the people of the Town of Rancho Viejo; and

WHEREAS, the primary consumers of higher education in our region are members of our community, parents and their children, and students; and

WHEREAS, the disposition of The University of Texas at Brownsville and Texas Southmost College is of the utmost relevance to present and future students of the region, as well as the economic wellbeing of the community; and

WHEREAS, we believe that the only sensible criteria for decisions made regarding higher education in our region must put student and community needs first; and

WHEREAS, The University of Texas Board of Regents, and the Administrations of the University of Texas System and The University of Texas at Brownsville are the most able and experienced authority and resource for providing quality higher education in our region.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Rancho Viejo hereby offers to the Texas Southmost College Board of Trustees and the University of Texas Board of Regents this expression of its support for the following position:

- A. The Texas Southmost College Board of Trustees should dissolve the Community College District and cancel district property taxes as soon as possible; and
- B. All assets of the college district should be transferred fee simple and free of all charge to The University of Texas at Brownsville; and
- C. The University of Texas at Brownsville should assume the full responsibility for providing all higher education programs and services at both the University and Community College level at competitive tuition and fee rates by what means it determines in the best interests of the students and the community.

PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED this the 8<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2011.

ROBERTO MEDRANO, Mayor

ATTEST:

CHERYL J. KRETZ, Town Secretary



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January 21, 2011

Mr. Francisco G. Rendon  
Chairman, Board of Trustees  
of the Texas Southmost College District  
80 Fort Brown  
Brownsville, Texas 78520

Dear Chairman Rendon:

Thank you for hosting the January 19 meeting in Brownsville related to the future of The University of Texas at Brownsville (UTB) and the Texas Southmost College (TSC), which included Dr. David Prior, Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, General Counsel Barry Burgdorf, and me, along with your fellow Board members, Dr. Roberto Robles and Trey Mendez, as well as TSC general counsel. It is important that we begin to lay the foundation and framework for a successful and efficient unwinding of the partnership, with a primary goal of minimizing disruption to the students, faculty, and overall community. David, Barry, and I were extremely heartened that both UTB and TSC share the goal of preserving and enhancing the separate, but equally important, community college mission and four-year university mission in Brownsville. We hope you continue to share our excitement and passion for building a high-quality four-year university for Brownsville, South Texas, and the state as a whole.

As we indicated at the meeting, the U. T. System is willing to explore with you a variety of models for separation, leveraging off two basic concepts: (1) two wholly separate institutions with contractual arrangements for use of resources, but no shared governance, and (2) a single institution whereby the community college becomes an important part of The University of Texas at Brownsville. With regard to concept (2), The University of Texas at Brownsville would either receive Texas Southmost College's assets as a gift or lease Texas Southmost College's assets on a no-cost basis, and the local taxing district would be phased out. While the transition teams can explore both options, we believe it would increase the productivity of our work if Texas Southmost College could reach some consensus on which route it desires to take, such that I can consult with the U. T. System Board of Regents to best define next steps in the most efficient and effective manner.

Our transition team is in place and ready to engage the Texas Southmost College transition team as soon as possible. As reiteration, the U. T. System team comprises:

Dr. David Prior – academic expertise  
Barry Burgdorf – legal and strategy  
Philip Aldridge – financial  
Randy Wallace – budget and accounting  
Dr. Martha Ellis – community college relations

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The University of Texas at Brownsville  
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The University of Texas at El Paso  
The University of Texas – Pan American  
The University of Texas  
of the Permian Basin  
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Mr. Francisco G. Rendon  
January 21, 2011  
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From our meeting, we understand that Texas Southmost College can and will, in the next three weeks, assemble a team of like expertise, hiring consultants as appropriate. With the Texas Southmost College team in place, we would very much like to hold an initial transition team meeting in February; mindful that, if we need or desire any legislative action, we must prepare a request in advance of March 15, less than eight weeks from now. I believe we agreed that there is a sense of urgency to this transition, and that the community will not endure years of uncertainty about the future of our two institutions.

To aid in the formation of your transition team, both parties agreed that the U. T. System will provide a preliminary financial analysis, as well as a list of consultants not affiliated with U. T. that you may desire to use when rounding out your transition team. Lastly, I suggest our institutions enter into a short letter of intent so that the transition teams can confidentially share proprietary information.

We look forward to hearing from you very soon.

With great respect,

  
Francisco G. Cigarroa, Ph.D.  
Chancellor

FGC/jbp

cc: U. T. System Transition Team Members:  
Executive Vice Chancellor David B. Prior  
Vice Chancellor and General Counsel Barry Burgdorf  
Vice Chancellor Philip Aldridge  
Associate Vice Chancellor Martha Ellis  
Associate Vice Chancellor Randy Wallace  
President Juliet Garcia

JAN 24 2011

# Cigarroa visits for partnership talks

Alejandra González  
THE COLLEGIAN

The Texas Southmost College board of trustees met with UT System Chancellor Francisco Cigarroa last week to discuss options regarding the future of the partnership between TSC and the system. On Friday morning, Dr. Roberto Robles, a TSC trustee, told *The Collegian* UT System officials want to come up with

a final decision before March 15 because that is the last day to submit requests or proposals to the Texas Legislature.

Trustee Trey Mendez said he did not know of any deadlines. "I mean, the legislative session obviously already started, so it would be wishful thinking to think that anything can get done this session."

Robles said one option discussed at last Wednesday's meeting with the chancellor

is to separate both institutions and come to some type of contractual agreement on the use of buildings, which would result in costs rising for TSC and UT-Brownsville.

"The cost will rise to maintain and operate on both sides, including the possibility that we will have to increase our taxes, the district taxes, but if that's what the majority of the board wants, then that's what we'll have," Robles said.

Asked if the district's tax rate will

increase if the institutions separate, Mendez replied. "At this time there is really no way for us to know until we do some projections."

The other option is for the University of Texas System to take over the entire maintenance and operation of the Texas Southmost College. UT System would maintain an open admissions policy, try to

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reduce tuition for the community-college students and eliminate district taxes.

"[UT System] would shoulder the entire cost," Robles said. "They would run and operate the entire community college. The only thing they can't should — They can't take over the bond debt."

He said it takes about \$10 million to \$15 million a year to maintain and operate the college, and to add the bond debt cost to the operations would not be financially feasible for UT System to do.

However, if the UT System takes over, the taxpayers would get immediate tax relief and "after the bond is paid off, there would be no more taxes incurred in the district," Robles said.

During Wednesday's meeting, Cigarroa clarified that UT System is in a neutral position, that it was not here to choose one or the other option, according to Robles, and if the board members want to separate the institutions, that it would be OK with their decision.

But, Cigarroa also told TSC trustees to "be aware that costs to maintain and operate in a separate way will go up," Robles said.

If trustees choose the first option, they will not share in the governance of TSC because UT System is shouldering the cost except for the bond debt, he said. The college would have a community advisory board, but the day-to-day operations would be on UT System's shoulders.

"*Les está costando a ellos*," Robles told *The Collegian*, referring to the UT System if the first option is chosen. "They are the ones that are paying everybody. They are paying staff, administration, faculty, maintenance and operations of all the buildings and then they also work at doing away with the district tax over time. We have to weave that into the equation."

Robles said those trustees in favor of separation have requesting a financial analysis to see if it's feasible.

"If the costs are prohibitive, then they; the trustees that are in favor of separation, are going to rethink their position or maybe a different model," he said.

TSC board Chairman Francisco "Kiko" Rendon said that during Wednesday's meeting, officials noted UT-Brownsville's need to keep growing and continue to contribute to the needs of the area, but they also said the college's mission is important, too.

"They've established a transition team that is going to decide how we are going to transition from the relationship we are in right now to the relationship that we will be in the future," Rendon said. "There will be some kind of relationship ... because we have the facilities and they have some things that we are interested in, so we have to figure out how it's going to transition. But, we will have some kind of working relationship going forward, and that's what we will be having our transition teams working on."

Rendon explained that how this is shared governance and in the future there won't be shared governance but "it will be a partnership moving forward."

"I would like for the needs of our junior college role and mission to be met and I'm hoping also to work towards a model that would help us make our junior college more affordable," he said. "We are actually going to hire some consultants that are going to do the analysis and projections for us so we can make our decision based on the information that we get from them."

Asked about a deadline for the decision, Rendon responded: "There is no deadline, but both sides are interested in defining our new relationship as soon as possible so our students and the faculty and everybody that's associated, the community, everybody who's concerned, understands what's happening going forward, so there's not the uncertainty that we have right now and that is the sense of urgency that we have. The sooner that we define that, the better off the community is."

Asked how the trustees are going to inform the community about the current negotiations, Mendez replied: "Right now they have to stay private for certain reasons because we don't want any of the information to get out, but if we feel that something like that would be necessary, to go public, then we obviously look forward to doing that."

On Thursday the board met to hear a proposal on leasing space to an IDEA Academy Campus at the International Technology, Education and Commerce Center.

The trustees also met in executive session to discuss the educational partnership agreement with the University of Texas System board of regents, candidates for appointment to the transition team and candidates for the executive director position, but no action was taken.

Trustee David Oliveira reported that the Physical Facilities Committee had not been able to meet Wednesday to make its recommendation on the IDEA Academy proposal.

However, officials from IDEA Public Schools gave a presentation on the plan.

Matthew Randazzo, chief growth officer, said the mission of IDEA is to "prepare students from underserved communities for success in college and citizenship."

David Merrill, a member of the IDEA Public Schools board, said the TSC/IDEA partnership proposal "will have a steady stream of college-ready applicants. ... Students will benefit from dual enrollment opportunities and the cultural/social opportunity provided by TSC."

The mission synergy between the two organizations are profound and "together we will strengthen our community," Merrill said.

IDEA Academy in Donna was founded in August 2000 and graduated its first class in 2007. In 2010, more than 6,800 students enrolled in 16 IDEA schools in eight communities across the Rio Grande Valley.

JoAnn Gama, co-founder and chief operating officer for IDEA Public Schools, said the proposal calls for the school to be located in the former JC Penney store site at ITECC, which was once a shopping mall. The area is 78,000 square feet. A portion of the parking lot will be designated for intramural fields.

Funding for the charter schools comes from state and federal grants and such philanthropic organizations as the Gates Foundation and the Michael and Susan Dell Foundation.

In other business, the board tabled action on entering a contract with a certified public accountant to conduct a financial analysis for the district.

### Legal counsel addition

During its Dec. 8 meeting, the board authorized hiring attorney Horacio Barrera to join the legal counsel to the transitional team handling separation of the University of Texas at Brownsville and Texas Southmost College.

The motion to retain Barrera, made by Trustee Trey Mendez and seconded by David Oliveira, came after the UT System announced the dissolution of the partnership with Texas Southmost College last November.

In other business, the board tabled the approval of a budget amendment for the transition team.

**Texas Southmost College District  
Board of Trustees**

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Texas Senate – District 27

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## Item #8:

Consideration/Action on a Resolution for  
Cameron County Regional Mobility Authority  
Pass Through Funding Application Support  
for Development of US-77 / I-69



January 14, 2011

Dear Stakeholder:

As many of you know, for many years we have continued to pursue the support and financing of the conversion of the U.S. 77 corridor to interstate standards. With your leadership, we have continued to keep this project at the forefront as we all understand the urgency to keep this project moving forward. The U.S. 77 segment of I-69 from Corpus Christi to Harlingen is under environmental review with a possible record of decision in the summer. Having a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for this segment is one of the greatest accomplishments for this corridor. This milestone will allow us the opportunity to move towards the next steps in this process to finance the construction of the U.S. 77 corridor and get it to interstate standards.

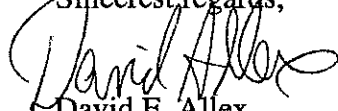
As we get ready for this possibility, the Cameron County Regional Mobility Authority (CCRMA) has taken an aggressive approach to working towards the upgrades on this corridor. For example, in 2010 the Texas Transportation Commission committed \$28 million in construction dollars for an overpass project in Willacy County. The CCRMA in turn agreed to fund the design portion of this project at a cost of approximately \$2.8 million and donate the plans to the Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT). This partnership will enable us to be ready for construction once the FONSI is issued.

Recently, Mr. Mario Jorge and Mr. John Barton of the Texas Department of Transportation, at an I-69 Advisory committee meeting in Austin, indicated that the cost to build out U.S. 77 was now in the range of \$165 to \$185 million. Given this recent development the CCRMA has made a decision to pursue a Pass Through application to up front the costs of the upgrades for the corridor. We believe that this is one of our best opportunities to receive funding from the state and are asking for your support of this application.

I would like to respectfully request a letter of support and/or resolution from your organization for this Pass Through Application to the State of Texas which will help finance a long overdue interstate to the Rio Grande Valley. I have prepared and attached a draft for your review that you can use.

Thanks for your support.

Sincerest regards,

  
David E. Alex  
Chairman

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RESOLUTION NO.

CAMERON COUNTY REGIONAL MOBILITY AUTHORITY PASS THROUGH FUNDING  
APPLICATION SUPPORT FOR DEVELOPMENT OF U.S. 77 / I-69

WHEREAS, the Town of Rancho Viejo has always worked to advocate and seek the support and funding of the I-69 Corridor in Texas to the Lower Rio Grande Valley; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Rancho Viejo recognizes the need to work with federal and state elected officials and transportation agencies to continue the development of I-69; and

WHEREAS, the Lower Rio Grande Valley is one of the few remaining areas of the country with a population its current size that lacks an Interstate corridor; and

WHEREAS, an interstate corridor is vital to the economic prosperity and future vitality of the region; and

WHEREAS, in 2005 Governor Rick Perry instructed the Texas Transportation Commission and the Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) to immediately start to develop a plan to immediately upgrade U.S. 77 to an interstate quality highway to connect the Lower Rio Grande Valley to I-37 south of San Antonio; and

WHEREAS, since then an environmental study has been ongoing with a projected record of decision in mid 2011; and

WHEREAS, the Cameron County Regional Mobility Authority (CCRMA) in partnership with TXDOT is working on a plan to upgrade U.S. 77 to interstate standards, completely from Brownsville to Corpus Christi; and

WHEREAS, the goals and objectives of the Cameron County Regional Mobility Authority as it relates to the upgrades of U.S. 77 to interstate standards continues to remain a priority; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Rancho Viejo strongly supports its partners in the Lower Rio Grande Valley as work continues with TXDOT and private sector firms to plan, finance, and construct projects along the U.S. 77/I-69 route; and

WHEREAS, CCRMA will be submitting a Pass Through application to TXDOT under its current call to fund the remaining improvements along this route.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Town of Rancho Viejo strongly supports this Pass Through application by the CCRMA to the Texas Department of Transportation to fund the construction of the remaining improvements needed on U.S. 77 to the Lower Rio Grande Valley, Texas.

PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED this the 8<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2011.

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ROBERTO MEDRANO, Mayor

ATTEST:

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CHERYL J. KRETZ, Town Secretary

Item #9:

Update on Tax Note, Series 2005

**Item #10:**

**Update on Solid Waste Collection**

Item #11:

Public Comment

Item #12:

Adjourn