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COUNTY JUDGE

The Honorable J.D. Salinas
County Judge, Hidalgo County
P.O. Box 1356
Edinburg, Texas 78540


RE: Conversion of I Rd, from Hidalgo County Limits south to the proposed Border Safety Inspection Facility, to an on-system roadway

Dear Judge Salinas:

The Texas Department of Transportation, Pharr District, previously submitted a request for a resolution to take "I" Rd on system on November 29, 2007. The request for the resolution was a result of the Pharr District pursuing the development and implementation of a permanent Border Safety Inspection Facility (BSIF) at the Pharr-Reynosa International Bridge port of entry. A revised location map and a sample resolution are attached for your reference.

To provide for an on-system connection to US 281 from the BSIF, we propose the conversion of a segment of "I" Rd, between Hidalgo County Limits and the proposed BSIF, from the County to the State for addition to the state highway system. This segment length is approximately 0.18 miles.

We request consideration of this proposal by Hidalgo County Commissioner's Court and the passage of a supporting resolution. Please forward the supporting resolution to our office at your earliest convenience. Thank you for your assistance and if you have any questions, feel free to contact me or our Director of Transportation Planning and Development, Jody Ellington at (956) 702-6242.

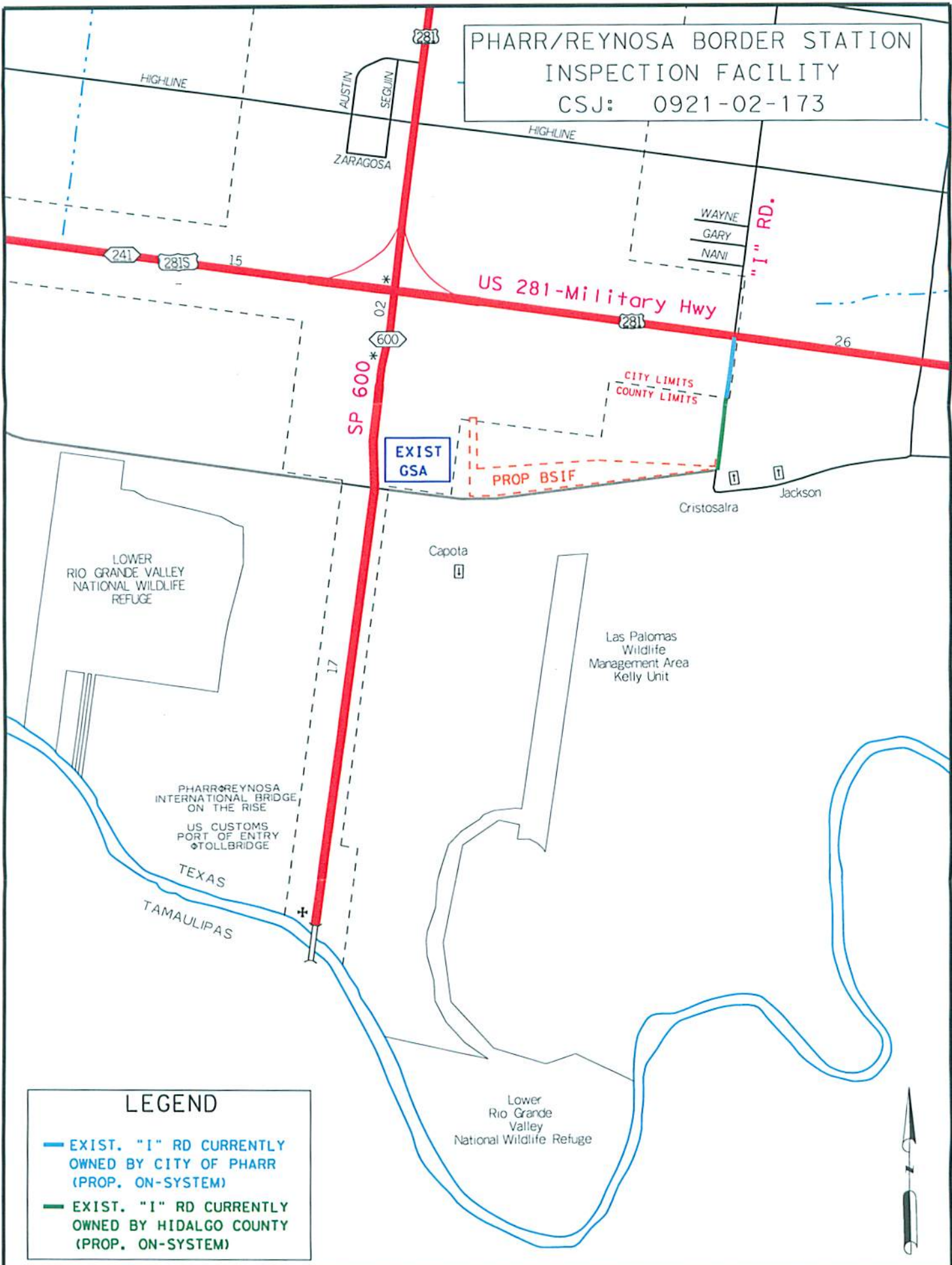
Sincerely,

Mario R. Jorge, P.E.
District Engineer

Attachments
MRJ/mrs

cc: Hidalgo County Commissioner Hector "Tito" Palacios, Pct 2
Jody Ellington, P.E., Transportation Planning & Development Director
Hector P. Gonzalez, Jr., P.E., San Benito Area Engineer

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LEGEND

- EXIST. "I" RD CURRENTLY OWNED BY CITY OF PHARR (PROP. ON-SYSTEM)
- EXIST. "I" RD CURRENTLY OWNED BY HIDALGO COUNTY (PROP. ON-SYSTEM)

RESOLUTION

**Conversion of a segment of
"I" Rd
to an On-System Roadway**

Whereas, Border Safety Inspection Facilities (BSIF) are required to ensure that commercial motor vehicles entering the United States through Texas are in safe operating condition; and

Whereas, the Texas Department of Transportation and the Department of Public Safety have provided for a temporary BSIF at the Pharr-Reynosa port of entry in Pharr, Texas; and

Whereas, the Texas Department of Transportation is pursuing the development and implementation of a permanent BSIF at the Pharr-Reynosa port of entry; and

Whereas, the Texas Department of Transportation desires an on-system connection between the BSIF and the state highway system; and

Whereas, the Texas Department of Transportation has proposed that "I" Rd. between US 281-Military Hwy and the Pharr City Limits, which is currently a city road, become an on-system roadway to provide the desired on-system connection; and

Whereas, the Texas Department of Transportation has proposed that "I" Rd. between Hidalgo County Limits and the proposed BSIF, which is currently a county road, become an on-system roadway to provide the desired on-system connection;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the County of Hidalgo hereby expresses its support of "I" Rd. between Hidalgo County Limits and the proposed BSIF, a distance of approximately 0.18 miles, being transferred to the state highway system.

Passed and signed the ____ day of _____, 20 ____.

ATTEST:

J.D. Salinas, County Judge

Sylvia Handy, Pct. 1

Hector "Tito" Palacios, Pct. 2

Joe Flores, Pct. 3

Oscar Garza, Pct. 4