

Rio Grande Valley
 **Partnership**
Rio Grande Valley Chamber of Commerce

August 3, 2011

Office of Hidalgo County Judge Ramon Garcia
Attn: Jaime Longoria
1615 S. Closner, Ste. J
Edinburg, TX 78539

Dear Mr. Longoria:

In the early 1990s, several different groups from the Rio Grande Valley presented independent projects and funding needs to the Texas Department of Transportation. The Texas Transportation Commission urged the Rio Grande Valley to join together and present a unified plan for the region. As a result, the RGV Mobility Task Force was formed as a standing committee of the Rio Grande Valley Partnership to document the transportation needs of the region. This task force consists of city and county elected officials working together to get HWY 281 and 77 designated as Interstate I-69. The county's \$7,500 contribution is necessary to continue to advance the I-69 designation through the Federal Transportation Reauthorization Bill in Washington and to gather support of our state leaders and legislators. This future designation is very important to Hidalgo County and the Rio Grande Valley as it will serve as a major national and international freight corridor, create jobs and economic growth, and improve interregional connectivity.

We have confirmation from our CPA; Salinas, Allen & Schmidt; that no money from the dues collected will be used for lobbying purposes.

Please call me at 956-968-3141 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Linda McKenna
President/CEO