

**Rio Grande Valley
Partnership**
Rio Grande Valley Chamber of Commerce
“One Region, One Voice”

November 20, 2012

Michael Leo
County of Hidalgo
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Dear Mr. Leo:

The Transportation Planning Partners, which include three MPOs, two RMAs, Starr County EDC, LRGVDC, TXDoT, and the Rio Grande Valley Partnership, have begun work on a new Regional Mobility Plan for the upcoming legislative session. Successfully working as a unified group over the past twenty years has enabled us to secure substantial funding for our local transportation projects. The Regional Mobility Plan Update would:

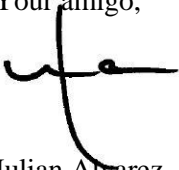
- provide a single plan covering the entire region
- focus on regional needs
- be needs based (not financially constrained)
- document Valley-wide support of regional priorities
- support local delegations in pursuing additional funding
- build on previous success.

The purpose of this is to update the 2003 Regional Mobility Plan. To do this, the aforementioned Transportation Planning Partners solicited the information from the local four counties, the cities within the counties, and the TXDoT District Office. The primary objectives of this plan includes identify priority transportation, infrastructure needs throughout the Valley, developing action plans and advocating for project funding.

In order for this to be successful and to help us seek funding for transportation projects in the Rio Grande Valley, again we seek your assistance. Contribution levels are based on the population size of the municipality or county, and not based on infrastructure needs. Therefore, we are asking that you budget **\$40,000.00** for the 2013 Regional Mobility Study. Work has already begun, so we hope to receive contributions no later than January 4, 2013.

Please make checks payable to the Rio Grande Valley Chamber of Commerce, Inc. and send to P.O. Box 1499, Weslaco, Texas 78599-1499. If you are unable to make a contribution, please let us know at your earliest convenience so that we can make necessary budgeting adjustments. If you have questions or need additional information, we can be reached at **956-968-3141** or via email at febe@valleychamber.com. A link to the full report containing needs, demographics, and next steps for this RGV Regional Mobility Plan Update can be found on our website at www.valleychamber.com. We thank you for your continued support and look forward to hearing from you.

Your amigo,



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