

April 14, 2015

Honorable Richard H. Garcia
Mayor, City of Edinburg
415 W. University Dr.
P.O. Box 1079
Edinburg, Texas 78540

RE: City of Edinburg -Transportation Alternatives Program Grant Application
Jackson Rd. Hike & Bike Trail Project Phase II

Dear Mayor Garcia:

Please let this letter serve as support for the City of Edinburg Jackson Road Hike & Bike Trail Project Phase II grant application for the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) to be submitted to the Hidalgo County Metropolitan Planning Organization (HCMPO).

The project will consist of the trail connecting to the current Jackson Rd. Hike and Bike Phase I Project. The trail will proceed west along Canton Rd. to McColl Rd. and ultimately connect to the City of McAllen's 2nd St. Hike and Bike Trail and one Elementary School. The proposed trail will have parking and seating areas with canopies along the route.

The Proposed Hike & Bike Trail will move bicyclists off of Canton Rd., which currently has no designated bicycle lane, and is considered unsafe for bicyclists of all ages by the City of Edinburg. The trail will be crossing the City's Right of Way on McColl Rd.

This Project is part of the City's overall Hike & Bike Master Plan which will enhance pedestrian mobility, safety, and connectivity between the City of McAllen and Edinburg to key points of interest. I fully support the efforts of the City of Edinburg and recommend their grant application be full funded.

We look forward on continuing to work with the City on this project and future projects, and should you need any additional assistance please feel free to contact me or Mr. Roberto Villarreal, Economic Development Director at 956-318-2600.

Sincerely,

Ramon Garcia
County Judge