

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUPPORT FOR THE HIDALGO COUNTY PRECINCT 2 REGIONAL HIKE AND BIKE TRAIL PROJECT UNDER THE HIDALGO COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION'S FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016 TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, the Hidalgo County Metropolitan Planning Organization (HCMPO) has requested Projects within Hidalgo County be submitted for potential reimbursable federal funding under the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP); and

WHEREAS, the HCMPO has stated that approximately \$4.6 million is anticipated to be available to fund TAP projects to expand alternative modes of transportation in the Hidalgo County planning area for fiscal year 2015 and 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Hidalgo County Precinct 2 Regional Hike & Bike Trail Project is being proposed to provide enhanced connectivity for pedestrian traffic between the Cities of San Juan, Pharr and McAllen within the Rio Grande Valley (limits from South San Antonio Ave. in San Juan, Texas to South 2<sup>nd</sup> Street in McAllen, Texas); and

WHEREAS, the proposed Regional Hike & Bike Trail will provide connection to the existing Hike & Bike trail infrastructure at 2<sup>nd</sup> Street in McAllen, Texas, in turn providing an extension of the overall pedestrian facility footprint in the Rio Grande Valley; and

WHEREAS, the County of Hidalgo would like to promote within its community recreational activities, exercise and a healthy life style; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Regional Hike & Bike Trail will assist the County in promoting safety of its citizens in terms of pedestrian traffic through providing a dedicated and separated Hike & Bike Trail; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Regional Hike & Bike Trail will assist the County in promoting alternative modes of transportation as it relates to access to schools, public recreational facilities, businesses and professional service industries;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court hereby supports the Precinct 2 Regional Bike and Hike Bike Trail Project.

Dated this 14<sup>th</sup>, day of April 2015.

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RAMON GARCIA  
County Judge

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A.C. CUELLAR, JR.  
County Commissioner, Pct. 1

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EDUARDO "EDDIE" CANTU  
County Commissioner, Pct. 2

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JOE M. FLORES  
County Commissioner, Pct.3

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JOSEPH PALACIOS  
County Commissioner, Pct. 4

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Attest: ARTURO GUAJARDO, JR.  
County Clerk