



OFFICE OF THE COUNTY JUDGE
County Of Hidalgo

RAMON GARCIA
County Judge

September 11, 2018

Pedro R. Alvarez, P.E., Pharr District Engineer
Pharr District, Texas Department of Transportation
600 East Expressway 83
Pharr, Texas 78577

Re: Extension to the Third Call Texas Department of Transportation Border Colonia
Access Program Funding Agreement.

Mr. Alvarez,

The TXDOT funding agreement with County of Hidalgo for the Border Colonia Access Program currently has an expiration date of December 31, 2018. Hidalgo County is requesting approval to extend the Agreement an additional ten months to October 31, 2019. As per the Agreement, the terms can be amended if it is in writing and mutually agreed upon by both parties.

I have been in discussion with your staff regarding the possibility of extending the Agreement as the County will not be able to complete construction of some remaining projects as well as the completion of all necessary financial reviews and close outs. The County had anticipated completion and closeouts of all remaining 3rd call projects by the current deadline; however, due to Hidalgo County's recent significant rainy weather and severe flooding, the County will not be able to meet the deadline. The County presently has seven projects that are on-going or near construction phase. Five of these projects will not be completed or closed-out by the deadline. These 3rd Call Colonia Projects are: Barboza Lopez #3-CSJ: 1080-839; El Flaco Chiquito- CSJ: 1080-242; Green Valley Development- CSJ: 1080-296; Val Verde North-CSJ: 1080-770 and Ware Country- CSJ: 1080-794.

To restate, the recent significant rains and flooding impacted Hidalgo County in the most severe way. Many areas of Hidalgo County are currently in recovery stage. Drainage issues around the impacted areas were noted and a plan of action to address these areas is still being addressed. Due to this issue, the decision by County to utilize force account on various BCAP Projects is now delayed causing projects to not fulfill completion within the current deadline.

The County is anticipating the completion and financial close-outs of the above-mentioned projects possibly within the next twelve to fourteen months and if the extension is granted all remaining BCAP Projects will be completed by the County.

If you require additional information, please let me know.

Respectfully,

Ramon Garcia
Hidalgo County Judge

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