

**ORDER SUPPORTING
A METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION MERGER**

WHEREAS, 23 U.S.C. § 134 requires that a Metropolitan Planning Organization (“MPO”) be designated for each urbanized area; and

WHEREAS, Hidalgo County is currently a part of the Hidalgo County MPO; and

WHEREAS, a proposed Rio Grande Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization (the “Valley MPO”) would include the consolidation of the Hidalgo County MPO, Harlingen-San Benito MPO, and Brownsville MPO; and

WHEREAS, a Re-Designation Agreement is required by federal law to effectuate the consolidation of MPO’s; and -Hidalgo County is a required party to any Re-Designation Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the best interests of Hidalgo County and the Rio Grande Valley region are best served by creating a single metropolitan planning organization to facilitate increased funding and long term infrastructure planning;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED that the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court hereby supports the merger of the Hidalgo County Metropolitan Organization, the Brownsville Metropolitan Planning Organization and the Harlingen-San Benito Metropolitan Planning Organization in to the proposed Rio Grande Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization (the “Valley MPO”); and

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court hereby authorizes the Hidalgo County Judge to execute the re-designation agreement prepared by the Texas Department of Transportation provided such agreement contains substantially similar terms as those contained in “Exhibit A” attached hereto

PASSED, APPROVED, ADOPTED AND ORDERED THIS 23rd day of April 2019.

RICHARD F. CORTEZ
County Judge

DAVID L. FUENTES
County Commissioner, Pct. 1

EDUARDO “EDDIE” CANTU
County Commissioner, Pct. 2

JOE M. FLORES
County Commissioner, Pct. 3

ELLIE TORRES
County Commissioner, Pct. 4

Attest: ARTURO GUAJARDO, JR.
County Clerk