



## HIDALGO COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE EVALUATION AND APPROVAL FORM

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ROW CSJ:0865-01-111

Highway: Liberty Rd. II

Parcel No.:13

Owner's Name: Ricardo Saucedo and Idalia Saucedo

Approved Offer: \$47,763.00

Owner's Counteroffer: \$60,263.00

County: Hidalgo

Project Limits: from Mile 3 to SH 107

Date Offer Sent: 8/19/2020

Date Counteroffer Received: 10/8/2020

### Factors considered in evaluation:

#### 1. Valuation Issues

- a.  Reconciliation of all available appraisals, including Owner's.
- b.  Other: Property Owner feels they should be compensated more on the damages for their garage.

#### 2. Legal Issues

- a.  Analysis of recent court awards on similar properties or projects.
- b.  Analysis of recent court decisions which may affect the outcome of a condemnation action.
- c.  Analysis of previously unlitigated issues.
- d.  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

#### 3. Cost Savings

- a.  Approximate cost to litigate through Special Commissioners' Hearing \$12,000.00
- b.  Approximate additional cost to litigate through jury trial \$15,000.00
- c.  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

#### 4. Timing Issues

- a.  Maintain project schedule: \_\_\_\_\_  
Possession of this property is needed by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Projected possession date, if settled is: \_\_\_\_\_  
Projected possession date, if condemned is: \_\_\_\_\_  
Letting date: \_\_\_\_\_
- b.  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

#### 5. Other Issues

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\*\* The following documents have been considered and are incorporated by reference: appraisals, appraisal review form, owner's counteroffer and supporting documentation, negotiator's log, and \_\_\_\_\_

**Analysis and Conclusion:**

Our approval/ disapproval recommendation is based on the items checked above and has been evaluated as follows: (attach additional sheets as necessary)

Parcel 13 Purchase of 1,441 square foot or 0.0331 of an acre tract of land situated in the Pedro Flores Survey, Abstract 577, Porcion 77, and being out of Lot 124, North Ridge Acres II Subdivision in Hidalgo County, Texas. An initial offer was made on August 19, 2020 for the amount of \$47,763.00.00 to Mr. and Mrs Saucedo. Mr. and Mrs. Saucedo have submitted a counteroffer of \$60,263.00 for the reasons being as follows: They feel as if the compensation wasn't enough for their garage. They had a lot of concerns on the valuation of compensation towards the garage. They felt that an extra \$12,500.00 would be fair and justice to compensate them for damages for their garage reconfiguration. Therefore, our recommendation is to accept the counteroffer based on the information from the property owner and consultation with the administrative settlement team.

This administrative settlement of \$ 60,263.00 is / is not recommended for approval as being reasonable, justified, prudent and in the public interest.

**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

*H. ...*  
Project Engineer/ROW Administrator

10/12/20  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
RPIC/Authorized Pct. Representative

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**COUNTY APPROVAL:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
County Judge

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date





**TABULATION OF VALUES (continued)**

Parcel: 13 Update

Highway: Liberty Road-Phase II

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**III. Damages and Enhancements**

Total Non-Exempt Damages	Enhancements	Exempt Damages	Net Damages
\$11,348.00	\$0.00	\$30,705.00	\$42,053.00

**IV. Sign Values**

Item No.	Sign Owner	Type Construction	Improvement Value	Retention Value	Bisect. Cat.
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Total</b>			\$0.00	\$0.00	

**V. Recapitulation**

Date:	7/29/2020 Updated Appraisal	5/5/2020 Original Appraisal		Recommended Value
Appraiser's Name:	Leonel Garza III	Leonel Garza III		
Value of Whole Property	\$244,979.00	\$234,979.00		\$244,979.00
Parcel Area: 1,441 sf.				
<b>VALUE FOR PARCEL</b>				
Land: per sf. \$2.30	3,315.00	\$3,315.00		3,315.00
Easement	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00
Improvements	2,395.00	\$2,095.00		2,395.00
Net Damages or (Enhancements)	\$42,053.00	\$18,553.00		\$42,053.00
OAS Value(s)	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00
<b>TOTAL COMPENSATION</b>	<b>\$47,763.00</b>	<b>\$23,963.00</b>		<b>\$47,763.00</b>

Calculations for Net Damages or (Enhancements) considers Direct Access Denial damages.

**TABULATION OF VALUES (continued)**

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**VI. Comments and Conclusions on Values in the Appraisal Report**

**Appraiser: Leonel Garza III**  
**Effective Date of Updated Report: July 29, 2020**  
**Updated Report Dated: July 29, 2020**  
**Review Appraiser: Harvey L. Heerssen**  
**Effective Date of Updated Review: July 30, 2020**

Parcel 13 has been updated after another inspection of the property, meeting with the owner and a re-consideration of the proximity of the proposed right of way line. After the taking, the owner will not have adequate maneuvering room for his vehicle to the existing garage door location. Therefore, the appraiser has calculated damages to relocate the driveway to the south side of the residence along with relocating the garage door. The original appraised value of \$23,963 has increased to \$47,763 in this update.

Parcel 13 is a partial taking of 0.0331 acres (1,441 sf.) situated in the Pedro Flores Survey, Abstract 577, Porcion 77, out of Lot 124, North Ridge Acres II Subdivision as recorded in Volume 44, Page 181, of the Map Records, Hidalgo County, Texas, conveyed by Special Warranty Deed with Vendor's Lien, dated January 7, 2008, to Ricardo Saucedo and Idalia Saucedo as described in Document No. 1843278, of the Official Records, Hidalgo County, Texas.

The whole property of 0.7909 acres is located the southeast side of Liberty Road just north of Fir Avenue, Pecos, Texas. The whole property is improved with a single family residence with concrete driveway and cedar fence. The residence is impacted by the proposed acquisition as the appraiser damages the residence by 5% due to loss of parking and proximity.

The appraiser Leonel Garza III has selected three (3) recent sales to value the whole tract at \$2.30 per sf. The highest and best use is for residential purposes. The part taken is properly appraised as a pro-rata part of the whole unit value. There are no market damages to the remainder land. Cost to cure is indicated to compensate for the items that were depreciated within the acquisition to replace these items on the remainder to retain the same utility.

The appraiser has considered access damages in accordance with Section 21.042(d) of the Texas Property Code, as amended by SB18 of the Texas 82nd Regular Legislative Session. The result of the findings is that there is no denial of direct access nor material impairment of direct access on or off the remaining property that affects the market value of the remaining property. Therefore, there are no access damages to the remainder property.

The updated report prepared by the appraiser Leonel Garza III is an Appraisal Report presented on TxDOT form ROW-A-5 and appears to comply with USPAP and the Texas Department of Transportation's Appraisal and Review Manual. The appraisers' updated opinion and conclusions appear to be well supported by information contained within this updated appraisal report. It is recommended that the total updated value of \$47,763.00 be approved for continued negotiations and acquisition.

**VII. Justification and Explanation for Credit if Retained.**

Retentions of \$1.00 are applied to each site improvement to encourage retention and removal.

TABULATION OF VALUES (continued)

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VIII. Conditions

Values for signs, if any, are applicable only if sign owner has compensable interest.

Fencing is applicable only to actual cost or lump sum fencing on 90-10 Right of Way projects and State cost participation in fences to be in accordance with State's Right of Way Manual.

The values indicated hereon have been approved on the basis that all improvements within the taking will be acquired in the name of the State through negotiation.

IX. Reviewing Appraisers' Statements

Reviewing Appraiser's Statement

It is my opinion that the appraiser's report for this parcel appears adequately supported and in compliance with all appropriate appraisal standards, laws, and regulations, and I recommend this appraisal for use by the appropriate Agency Official and his/her assigns. I have no direct or indirect present or contemplated future personal interest in such property or in any benefit from the acquisition of the parcel. To the best of my knowledge, the value does not include any items that are not compensable under State law.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Reviewing Appraiser

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Henry L. Johnson  
Contract Reviewing Appraiser (if applicable)

\_\_\_\_\_  
7/31/2020  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Division Reviewing Appraiser (if applicable)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

X. Approval of Values

Richard F. Busby  
County/City Representative

8/13/20  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
ROW Staff Representative

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

APPROVED BY  
COMMISSIONERS' COURT  
ON: 6/9/20

**REAL ESTATE APPRAISAL REPORT - TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

Address of Property: 3706 Liberty Boulevard, Peñitas, Texas 78576      District: 21  
 Property Owner: Ricardo Saucedo & Idalia Saucedo      Parcel: 13  
 Address of Property Owner: P.O. Box 491 Sullivan City, Texas 78595      ROW CSJ: 0921-02-364  
 Occupant's Name: Ricardo Saucedo & Idalia Saucedo      Federal Project No: N/A  
 Whole:       Partial:       Acquisition      Highway: Mile 3 to FM 2221 (Mile 7)      County: Hidalgo

**Purpose of the Appraisal**

The purpose of this appraisal is to estimate the market value of the fee simple title to the real property to be acquired, encumbered by any easements not to be extinguished, less oil, gas and Sulphur. If this acquisition is of less than the whole property, then any special benefits and /or damages to the remainder property must be included in accordance with the laws of Texas.

**Market Value**

Market value is defined as follows: "Market Value is the price which the property would bring when it is offered for sale by one who desires, but is not obliged to sell, and is bought by one who is under no necessity of buying it, taking into consideration all of the uses to which it is reasonably adaptable and for which it either is or in all reasonable probability will become available within the reasonable future."

**Certificate of Appraiser**

I hereby certify:

That it is my opinion the total compensation for the acquisition of the herein described property is \$47,763.00 as of July 29, 2020, based upon my independent appraisal and the exercise of my professional judgment;

That on May 5, 2020 and July 29, 2020, I personally inspected in the field the property herein appraised; that I afforded Ricardo Saucedo & Idalia Saucedo, the property owner or the representative of the property owner, the opportunity to accompany me at the time of the inspection;

That the comparables relied upon in making said appraisal were as represented by the photographs contained in the appraisal report and were inspected on May 3, 2020;

That I have not revealed and will not reveal the findings and results of such appraisal to anyone other than the proper officials of the L & G Engineering, Hidalgo County, and/or their representatives, or officials of the Federal Highway Administration until authorized by State officials to do so, or until I am required to do so by due process of law, or until I am released from this obligation by having publicly testified to such findings;

That my compensation is not contingent upon the reporting of a predetermined value or direction in value that favors the cause of the client, the amount of the value estimate, the attainment of a stipulated result, or the occurrence of a subsequent event.

The appraiser has considered access damages in accordance with Section 21.042(d) of the Texas Property Code, as amended by SB18 of the Texas 82<sup>nd</sup> Regular Legislative Session and finds as follows:

1. Is there a denial of direct access of the parcel? No (yes or no)
2. If so, is the denial of direct access material? No (yes, no, or not applicable)
3. The lack of any access denial or the material impairment of direct access on or off the remaining property affects the market value of the remaining property in the sum of \$ 0.00 .

I certify to the best of my knowledge and belief:

That the statements of fact contained in this report are true and correct;

That the reported analysis, opinions and conclusions are limited only by the reported assumptions and limiting conditions, and are my personal, unbiased professional analysis, opinions, and conclusions;

That I have no present or prospective interest in the property that is the subject of this report, and I have no personal interest or bias with respect to the parties involved;

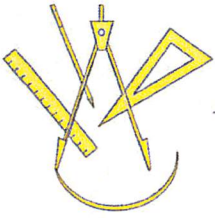
That my analysis, opinions and conclusions were developed, and this report has been prepared in conformity with the appropriate State laws, regulations, and policies and procedures applicable to the appraisal of right-of-way for such purposes, and that to the best of my knowledge no portion of the value assigned to such property consists of items which are non-compensable under the established law of said State, and any decrease or increase in the fair market value of subject real property prior to the date of valuation caused by the public improvement for which such property is to be acquired, or by the likelihood that the property would be acquired for such improvement, other than that due to the physical deterioration within the reasonable control of the owner, has been disregarded in estimating the compensation for the property.

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 Appraiser Signature  
 Leonel Garza III  
 Certification Number  
 TX 1328375 - G  
 Date: July 29, 2020

To the best of my knowledge, the value does not include any items which are not compensable under State law.

Harvey L. Heerssen      7/31/2020  
 Reviewing Appraiser      Date





# L&G Engineering

Transportation Consultants

August 19, 2020

Via Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested No.  
7019 0700 0000 7794 0148

County: Hidalgo  
Federal Project No.: N/A  
Highway: Liberty Road –Section 2

ROW CSJ: 0921-02-364  
Parcel: 13  
From: Mile 3  
To: FM 2221 (Mile 7)

Ricardo & Idalia Saucedo  
P.O. Box 491  
Sullivan City, Texas 78595

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Saucedo:

In acquiring property for the highway system of Texas, the Texas Department of Transportation (the "Department") and Hidalgo County (the "County") follow a definite procedure for appraising the land needed and for handling personal negotiations with each owner. As has been or will be explained by the County's negotiator, Fernando Herrera, Jr., a portion of your property located on Liberty Road, as described in the enclosed property description, is to be acquired for the construction or improvement of the above-referenced highway project.

We believe at this stage of the purchase process it is mutually beneficial to confirm that, based on an appraisal, the County is authorized to offer you \$ 47,763.00 for your property, which includes \$ 5,710.00 for the property to be purchased and \$ 42,053.00 for damages to your remaining property. This amount is the total amount of just compensation for all interests in the portion of your property to be acquired, as determined in accordance with State law, less oil, gas and sulphur, subject to clear title being conveyed to the County. In accordance with State law, it is the policy of the Department/County to negotiate with the fee owner(s) of the real property with the understanding that you will, in turn, negotiate with any lessee or other party who may own any interest in the land or improvements, with the exception of public utility easements, which will be handled separately by the Department/County.

This offer to purchase includes the contributory values of the improvement(s) listed below, which are considered to be part of the real property. Since the improvement(s) must be removed, it is the policy of the Department/County to permit owners who convey voluntarily to the State to thereafter retain the improvement(s), if they wish to do so. The retention values shown below are the estimated amounts the improvement(s) would bring if sold on public bids. If you wish to retain title to any of the following improvement(s) and remove it (them) from the right of way, the amount of the above offer must be reduced by the appropriate retention amount(s). This option to retain the improvement(s) does NOT apply should it become necessary for the County to acquire the real property by eminent domain.

	<u>Improvement</u>	<u>Amount to be Subtracted if Retained</u>
A.	Fence – Cedar	\$ 1.00
B.	Driveway – Concrete	\$ 1.00
C.	Landscaping – Bougainvillea (2)	\$ 1.00

If you wish to accept the offer based upon this appraisal, please contact Fernando Herrera, Jr., as soon as possible at (956) 585-1909, so that the process of issuing your payment may be started. If you are not willing to accept this offer, you may submit a written request for administrative settlement/counteroffer, setting forth a counteroffer amount and the basis for such amount, provided such settlement request is received in writing within 30 days from the date of this letter. *Please note that your opportunity to submit an administrative settlement shall be forfeited if such a settlement request is not received by the Department /County within the 30 day time deadline.* In the event the condition of the property changes for any reason, the County shall have the right to withdraw or modify this offer.

After the date of payment of the purchase price, or the date of deposit in court of funds to satisfy the award of compensation as determined through eminent domain proceedings to acquire real property, you will be reimbursed for any fair and reasonable incidental expenses necessarily incurred in transferring title to the property for use by the Texas Department of



Transportation/Hidalgo County. Expenses eligible for reimbursement may include (1) recording fees, transfer taxes and similar expenses incidental to conveying the real property to the County and (2) penalty costs for prepayment of any preexisting recorded mortgage entered into in good faith encumbering the real property. Voluntary unnecessary expenses or expenses incurred in clearing questionable title will not be eligible for reimbursement. Eligible incidental expenses will be reimbursed upon submission of a claim supported by receipted bills or other evidence of actual expenses incurred. You may file a written request for review if you believe that the Department/County failed to properly determine the eligibility for, or the amount of, incidental expenses to be reimbursed. There is no standard form on which to request a review of a claim; however, the claim must be filed with this office within six months after you are notified of the Department's/County's determination on any claim for reimbursement.

You may be entitled to additional payments and services under the State's Relocation Assistance Program. It is emphasized, however, that any benefits to which you may be entitled under this program will be handled entirely separate from and in addition to this transaction. You will receive a brochure entitled "*Relocation Assistance*" which will inform you of eligibility requirements, payments and services which are available.

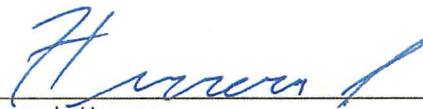
You have the right to discuss with others any offer or agreement regarding the Department's/County's acquisition of the subject property, or you may (but are not required to) keep the offer or agreement confidential from others, subject to the provisions of Chapter 552, Government Code (the Public Records Act) as it may apply.

Attached is a copy of the Texas Department of Transportation brochure entitled "*Right of Way Purchase*" which we trust will give you a better understanding of the procedures followed by the Department/County in purchasing property. We respectfully request the opportunity to meet with you or to otherwise discuss and answer any questions you may have regarding the details of the type of facility to be built, or concerning the County's offer or proposed purchase transaction. Also, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Herrera at the telephone number provided above regarding any question you may have.

Please see the enclosed copy of the "*Texas Landowner Bill of Rights*."

Finally, we enclose copies of all appraisal reports relating to your property being acquired which were prepared in the ten (10) years preceding the date of this offer and produced or acquired by the State/County, including the appraisal on which this offer is based.

Sincerely,



Fernando Herrera,  
Right of Way Manager or other signatory

ENCLOSURES:  
Appraisal Report(s)  
Landowner Bill of Rights  
Brochure ("*Right of Way Purchase*")

Ricardo Saucedo and Idalia Saucedo  
3706 Liberty Blvd  
Penitas, TX 78576

Liberty Ph. 2  
Parcel 13

RE: Counteroffer Letter

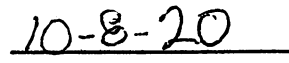
Dear Mr. Salinas (L&G Engineering)

My wife and I have reviewed the Initial Offer sent to us on August 19, 2020 and have to kindly reject the offer of \$47,763.00 and counteroffer \$60,263.00. This is a difference of \$12,500. We feel that this counteroffer is a justifiable amount that we are kindly asking for to help us rebuild our garage not just our garage door entrance. We also feel the road is going to be very close to our home after construction and we plan to build a safer barrier block wall to protect our residence from any accidents in the near future. At this point we don't have any walls or barriers but once this road gets bigger there will be more traffic and more accidents. We also feel that the extra \$12,500.00 we are asking for as a counteroffer will compensate us for what we feel is fair and justice. According to the appraisal report it states that the appraiser is compensating us for damages to reconstruct our garage door entrance only. Not the whole garage. It's apparent that the appraiser felt that the proximity of the road was going to be too close to our garage and was going to be an issue for us and therefore compensated us accordingly. Problem is that we feel that it wasn't enough to rebuild our garage and help us protect our home from future hazard accidents coming into to our home. We humbly ask that the county accept our counteroffer.

  
Ricardo Saucedo

  
Date

  
Idalia Saucedo

  
Date