



**Rio Grande Valley Mobility Task Force**  
 An Ad Hoc Committee of the Rio Grande Valley Partnership  
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# Invoice

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Bill To
Judge Richard Cortez Hidalgo County Judge's Office 302 W. University Dr. Edinburg, TX 78539

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2021 Alliance for I-69 Texas Annual Dues	8,620.00
<p>Rio Grande Valley Mobility Task Force            An Ad Hoc Committee of the Rio Grande Valley Partnership</p> <p>INVOICE RECEIVED BY: <u>MM</u> ON <u>5/17/21</u>            GOODS/SERVICES RECEIVED BY: <u>MONCK</u> ON <u>Jan-Dec. 2021</u></p> <p>1-1100-413-30-125-004-0-810</p>	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$8,620.00</b>

Please make check payable to the Rio Grande Valley Mobility Task Force.

If you have any questions regarding this invoice, please call the office at 956-968-3141 or via email at [Finance@rgvpartnership.com](mailto:Finance@rgvpartnership.com)

Payments/Credits	\$0.00
<b>Balance Due</b>	<b>\$8,620.00</b>



May 11, 2021

❑ **I-69 VIRTUAL FLY-IN SET JUNE 14-16** – Because of concerns about travel and continuing DC building restrictions, the Alliance will again stage a Virtual DC Fly-In for 2021. The Fly-In will be via a series of Zoom meetings Monday-Wednesday, June 14-16. Our similar virtual event last September proved very productive. We will conduct small group meetings with Members of Congress, Hill staffers and key agency officials. Please try to be flexible on those dates. Details will be provided as scheduling is confirmed.

❑ **GOOD STATE REVENUE NEWS** – Comptroller Glenn Hegar put out a revised forecast of state revenues last week and it was more good news. Deficits projected a year ago have turned into a slight surplus for the 2020-21 biennium. And revised estimates for the 2022-23 biennium are up \$3 billion since January. The result has been that we've seen no threats to highway funding from legislators needing to fill gaps. The new estimates indicate that TxDOT's share of oil and gas production taxes under Prop 1 will be about \$1.67 billion per year in 2022-23, up about 23% from January's estimates.

❑ **TEXAS LEGISLATIVE SESSION** - Lawmakers have begun the sprint toward May 31– the day the 140-day 2021 regular session of the Legislature comes to a close. Upcoming deadlines mean many bills will not make it this session.

SB 1, the must-pass budget bill, is in a conference committee which is at work hammering out the relatively minor differences between the House and Senate versions. There are several bills related to highway funding that are supported by the Alliance and are still alive as of today. Among them is HB 2219 by **Chairman Canales** that would utilize the full potential of the Texas Mobility Fund and provide as much as \$3 billion in needed highway project funding. SB 1728 by **Sens. Schwertner and Nichols** has passed the Senate and is up for a committee vote in the House. It would seek to establish "fair share" support for highways by establishing annual registration fees on electric and hybrid vehicles roughly comparable to fuel taxes paid by gas and diesel vehicles. HJR 99 by Canales proposes a constitutional amendment allowing a county to create a Transportation Reinvestment Zone to finance transportation projects, something cities can already do. It is up for a House vote this week.

❑ **WASHINGTON UPDATE** - Infrastructure is again the talk of Washington. Renewal of the 5-year transportation authorization bill that funds highways (FAST Act) could be passed as a stand alone bill or part of a much larger package

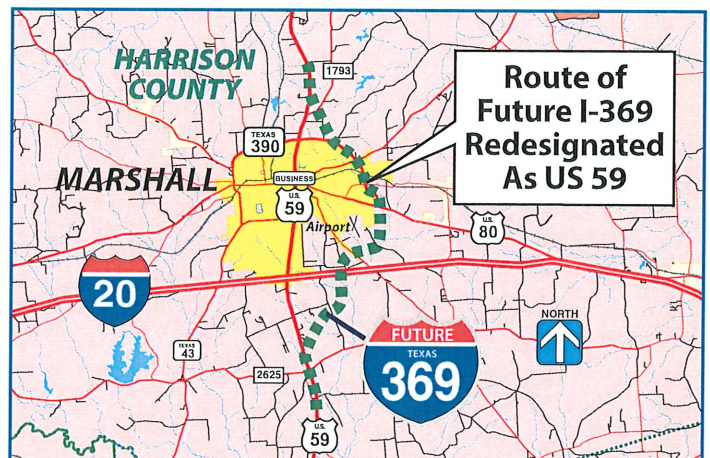
proposed by the Biden Administration. It is very hard to predict how things will go and it may well be the end of the year before it settles out. Both the Administration proposal and a GOP counter proposal include about \$440 billion for traditional transportation over 5 years. The Alliance hopes to have several policy additions to the ultimate bill including broadening eligibility of Future Interstates for federal freight funding. Plus language to encourage the signage of highway miles already completed to interstate standards.

❑ **MEMBERS COMING TO TEXAS** - Key members of congressional committees make visits to Texas from time to time. Please let Jennifer Shepard know if one is scheduled in your community and what I-69 information we can provide to support you.

❑ **I-69E PUBLIC MEETING** – TxDOT will hold a public meeting May 26th to present a proposed project that will reconstruct and widen to 3 lanes in each direction the 12-mile section of already signed I-69 East from Harlingen to Sebastian.

❑ **NEW ALLIANCE BOARD MEMBER** - **Mark Loffgren** has joined the board representing the City of Victoria, taking the seat previously held by **Mayor Rawley McCoy** who passed away recently. Mr. Loffgren is a City Council member and retired H-E-B store director.

❑ **MARSHALL RELIEF ROUTE** – The Transportation Commission has changed highway names in Harrison County to make way for the future I-369 Marshall Relief Route. US 59 through the center of Marshall becomes "Business 59" while sections of Loop 390 and new location extensions of the loop are now designated as a US 59 controlled access facility. This lays the foundation for a future interstate designation on the new US 59 footprint. The current 10-year UTP includes an \$220 million allocation for construction of the relief route section north of I-20. The entire route has been environmentally cleared.



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**TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR  
AFFIDAVIT FOR PAYMENT OF MEMBERSHIP DUES  
TO ASSOCIATIONS OTHER THAN THE TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES**

**THE STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF HIDALGO**

I, Richard F. Cortez, do hereby state that membership in the RGV MOBILITY TASK FORCE, and dues to be paid to the association, serve to accomplish one or more of the following County purposes:

To obtain statutorily required continuing professional education.

To obtain continuing education necessary to maintain a license or certification.

To access the association or organization's programs, services, and activities in order to strengthen professional skills and keep up-to-date on developments related to the Department's primary business activities:

- Publications
- Periodicals
- Training
- Annual Conference
- Award Programs
- Representation
- Technical Inquiry Services

**FOR STATEWIDE ASSOCIATIONS ONLY**

I further state that \_\_\_\_\_ is a statewide association with a minimum membership of at least 25 percent of eligible political subdivisions.

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE: County Judge

Before me Monica Salinas, a Notary Public, appeared Richard F. Cortez, and on his/her oath deposed and stated that the facts as set forth in the above affidavit to be true and correct in every respect.

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NOTARY PUBLIC IN AND FOR  
THE STATE OF TEXAS

AUTHORITY TO OBTAIN AFFIDAVIT: LGC § 113.064(b)  
AUTHORITY TO PAY MEMBERSHIP DUES: GC § 305.026

COUNTY AUDITOR'S FORM: RE-CA-041B  
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