



## HIDALGO COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE EVALUATION AND APPROVAL FORM

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ROW CSJ:0865-01-111

Highway: Veterans Road Blvd

Parcel No.: 31

Owner's Name: Mary Alice Garza, America Garza,  
Melenda Margot Garza, & Angel Edgar Garza

Approved Offer: \$43,065.00

Owner's Counteroffer: \$45,746.00

County: Hidalgo

Project Limits: From Abram Road to La Homa Road

Date Offer Sent: 3/18/2021

Date Counteroffer Received: 9/14/2021

### Factors considered in evaluation:

1. Valuation Issues

- a.  Reconciliation of all available appraisals, including Owner's.
- b.  Other: Improvements Undervalued

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: 10/31/2021  
Projected possession date, if settled is: 10/31/2021  
Projected possession date, if condemned is: 3/31/2022  
Letting date: 12/2021
- b.  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Other Issues

\_\_\_\_\_

\*\* 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 31 being a 2,304 square feet or 0.0529 of one acre tract of land situated in Lot 1 and Lot 2, Akin Development Subdivision, as recorded in Volume 20, Page 176, of the Map Records, Hidalgo County, Texas, said Akin Development Subdivision being a re-subdivision of Lot 1, Texas Produce Co' S. Subdivision, Hidalgo County, Texas. An initial offer was made on March 19, 2021 in the amount of \$43,065.00 to Mary Alica Garza, America Garza, Melenda Garza & Angel Edgar Garza (Property Owners). The Property Owners rejected the initial offer of \$43,064.00 and submitted a counteroffer of \$45,746.00. The Property Owners have been very open and willing to work with us and Hidalgo County. Due to the increase of cost to the materials needed to replace the gate and the missed improvements (Oleandrs and San Pedro tree). We recommend to accept the counteroffer of \$45,746.00, based on the appraisal report, the history of the eminent domain proceddings being in favor of the property owners. Furthermore, accepting the counter offer would result in a cost savings to the County by avoiding the eminent domain process and avoiding any further delays to the project.

This administrative settlement of \$ 45,746.00 is / is not recommended for approval as being reasonable, justified, prudent and in the public interest.

**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

*H. [Signature]*  
Project Engineer/ROW Administrator

9/21/21  
Date

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**COUNTY APPROVAL:**

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**TABULATION OF VALUES**

Parcel: 31 Highway: Veterans Blvd. (SH 495) ROW CSJ: 0865-01-111  
 Taking Type: Partial District: Pharr  
 Size of Remainder: 0.5383 Acres County: Hidalgo  
 Type of Property: Improved/Residential Federal Project: N/A  
 Contract Fencing: N/A  
 Appraised by Leonel Garza III  
 Date Appraised: 9/14/2020

Access will be  provided or  denied to the new facility. If access will be partially provided or denied, explain in comments.

Agency	Participating Percentage	Expense Description
State of Texas	80.00 %	ROW Acquisition Expenses
Hidalgo County Precinct No. 3	20.00 %	ROW Acquisition Expenses

Interest Owner	Acquisition Interest	Land Area	Value	Lease (Y/N)
Mary Alicia Garza, America Garza, Melinda Garza, and Angel Garza	Fee Simple	0.0529 Acres/ 2,304 sf.	\$14,976.00	No

**I. Appraised Values**

Land Value	Improvement Value	Sign Value	Damages/Enhancements	Total Value
\$14,976.00	\$6,073.00	\$0.00	\$22,016.00	\$43,065.00

**II. Improvements**

Item No.	Improvement Type	Type Construction	Improvement Value	Retention Value	Bisection Category
A.	Drive	Concrete	\$2,959.00	\$1.00	N/A
B.	Fence	Chain Link	1,364.00	1.00	N/A
C.	Landscaping	Oak and Palm Trees (2)	1,000.00	1.00	N/A
D.	Gates (2)	Chain Link	750.00	1.00	N/A

Item No.	Improvement Type	Type Construction	Improvement Value	Retention Value	Bisection Category
		<b>Total</b>	\$6,073.00		

**TABULATION OF VALUES (continued)**

Parcel: 31

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**III. Damages and Enhancements**

Total Non-Exempt Damages	Enhancements	Exempt Damages	Net Damages
\$0.00	\$0.00	\$22,016.00	\$22,016.00

**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**

<b>Date:</b>	12/7/2020			<b>Recommended Value</b>
<b>Appraiser's Name:</b>	Leonel Garza III			
<b>Value of Whole Property</b>	\$344,955.00			\$344,955.00
<b>Parcel Area: 2,304 sf.</b>				
<b>VALUE FOR PARCEL</b>				
<b>Land: per sf. 6.50</b>	\$14,976.00			\$14,976.00
<b>Easement</b>	\$0.00			\$0.00
<b>Improvements</b>	\$6,073.00			\$6,073.00
<b>Net Damages or (Enhancements)</b>	\$22,016.00			\$22,016.00
<b>OAS Value(s)</b>	\$0.00			\$0.00
<b>TOTAL COMPENSATION</b>	\$43,065.00			\$43,065.00

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

**TABULATION OF VALUES (continued)**

Parcel: 31 Highway: Veterans Blvd. (SH495) ROW CSJ: 0865-01-111

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

**Appraiser: Leonel Garza III**  
**Effective Date of Report: September 14, 2020**  
**Report Dated: November 30, 2020**  
**Review Appraiser: Harvey L. Heerssen**  
**Effective Date of Review: December 5, 2020**

Parcel 31 is a partial taking of 0.0529 acres (2,304 sf.) situated in Lots 1 & 2, Akin Development Subdivision, as recorded in Volume 20, Page 176, of the Map Records, Hidalgo County, Texas, and Akin Subdivision being a re-subdivision of Lot 1, Texas Produce Co.'s Subdivision, Hidalgo County, Texas, as recorded in Volume 9, Page 1, of the Map Records of Hidalgo County, Texas, said Lots 1 and 2, Akin Subdivision conveyed by a Special Warranty Deed by Executrix of Estate, dated June 24, 2003, from America Garza, Independent Executrix of the estate of Estefana Garza, deceased to Mary Alice Garza, et al. as recorded in Document Number 1214903, of the Official Records of Hidalgo County, Texas.

This parcel is located at the southeast corner of Veterans Boulevard and Goodwin Road, Hidalgo County, Texas and is currently improved with a single family residence and related site improvements. The highest and best use is for residential purposes. The existing residence is not impacted by the proposed right of way line.

Three (3) recent sales are utilized to value the whole property at \$6.50 per sf. The part taken is valued as a pro-rata part of the whole property unit value. There are no market damages to the remainder land. Cost to cure is necessary to compensate for the improvements that were depreciated within the acquisition to replace these items on the remainder to retain the same utility. Cost to cure is also necessary to demolish the circular drive as it will lose its functional utility due to the proposed acquisition. The drive will have to be re-configured to the west side.

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 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' opinion and conclusions appear to be well supported by information contained within this appraisal report. It is recommended that the total value of \$43,065.00 be approved for negotiations and acquisition.**

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

Retentions of \$1.00 have been is applied to the improvements on this parcel 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

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
12/7/2020

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**X. Approval of Values**

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
County/City Representative

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

APPROVED BY  
COMMISSIONER  
ON:  11/9/21 ms

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

Address of Property: 1203 West Veterans Boulevard, Palmview, Texas      District: Pharr  
 Property Owner: Mary Alicia Garza, America Garza, Melinda Garza, and Angel Garza      Parcel: 31  
 Address of Property Owner: 1203 West Veterans Boulevard, Palmview, Texas      ROW CSJ: 0865-01-111  
 Occupant's Name: Mary Alicia, America, Melinda, and Angel Garza      Federal Project No: N/A  
 Whole:       Partial:       Acquisition      Highway: Veterans Boulevard      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 \$43,065.00 as of September 14, 2020, based upon my independent appraisal and the exercise of my professional judgment;

That on February 21, 2019 and September 14, 2020, I personally inspected in the field the property herein appraised; that I afforded Mary Alicia Garza, America Garza, Melinda Garza, and Angel Garza, 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 September 14, 2020 (date)(s);

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 Texas Department of Transportation, 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? N/A (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.

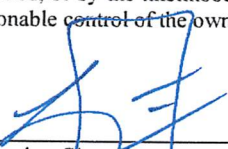
I certify to the best of my knowledge and belief:

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

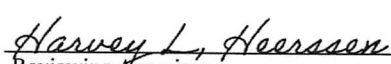
That the reported analysis, opinions and conclusions are limited only by the reported assumptions and limiting conditions, and are my personal, unbiased professional analysis, opinions, and conclusions;

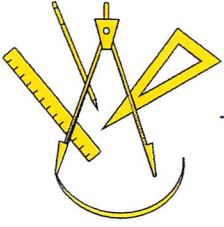
That I have no present or prospective interest in the property that is the subject of this report, and I have no personal interest or bias with respect to the parties involved;

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.

  
 Appraiser Signature  
 Leonel Garza III  
 Certification Number  
 TX 1328375 - G  
 Date: November 30, 2020

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

      12/7/2020  
 Reviewing Appraiser      Date



# L&G Engineering

Transportation Consultants

March 12, 2021

**Via Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested No.  
7020 0090 0002 0417 6088**

County: Hidalgo  
Federal Project No.: N/A  
Highway: Veterans Blvd. (SH 495)

ROW CSJ: 0865-01-111  
Parcel: 31  
From: Abram Road  
To: La Homa Road

Mary Alice Garza, America Garza, Melinda Garza and Angel Garza  
1203 W. Veterans Blvd.  
Palmview, Texas 78572

Dear Sir/Madam

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 Veterans Boulevard (SH 495), 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 **\$43,065.00** for your property, which includes **\$ 14,976.00** for the property to be purchased and **\$ 22,016.00** 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	\$ 1.00
B.	Landscaping	\$ 1.00
C.	Drive	\$1.00
D.	Landscaping	\$1.00
E.	Gates (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,



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Fernando "Fred" Herrera  
Right of Way Manager or other signatory

ENCLOSURES:

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

September 14, 2021

County: Hidalgo  
CSJ: 0865-01-111  
Highway: Veterans Boulevard  
From: Abram Road  
To: La Homa Road

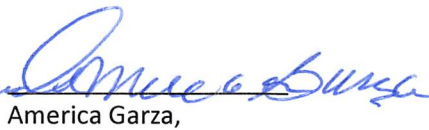
Re: Veterans Blvd. Parcel No.: 31

Dear Mr. Casarez:

We are aware that the state is requesting a right of way on the North side of our property. Although the current offer is greatly appreciated, my family members and I feel that the current offer is a little low. Therefore requesting an increase on the current offer from \$43,065.00 to \$45,746.00 a difference of \$2,681.00. The additional funds is for the actual cost of replacing the fence & gate, plus the appraiser missed the Oleanders and the San Pedro tree (approx. 4 + 1 tree). In addition, we are also requesting to approve the counter offer due to a safety issue because we will now be affected with this new roadway. It will increase the traffic and bring traffic even closer to our home. Keep in mind that this is something that we will not be able to change and something that we will have to live with. Another thing that we are considering is the fact that the trees that will be destroyed, are trees that our late father placed there. This is something that has a great deal of sentimental value to us. I understand that this is progress in the right direction for business and the traveling public, but for us this is our home. This home is all that we have left from our parents and it's all that we'll ever have from them. So please understand that this whole situation is a great deal to consider. With that in mind, my family and I feel that our counter offer of \$45,746.00 would be more reasonable and would agree on and transfer of ownership of said parcel to the County of Hidalgo. We don't think that this is unreasonable, and we feel that this amount will be justified and prevent any delays moving forward.

Respectfully,

  
Mary Alice Garza

  
America Garza,

  
Melenda Margot Garza

  
Angel Edgar Garza

Attn: R. Casarez Quote



**Pérez Fence Inc.**  
 "Fence for your Protection"  
 Phone: (956) 585-7254  
 406 Miller Ave • Mission, TX 78572  
 Specializing in Chain Link Fences  
 Full Stock of All Materials

DATE:	August 26, 2021
Quote	18531

America Garza  
 1203 W. Veterans Blvd  
 Palmview, Texas  
 (956) 207-7620

DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY	RATE	AMOUNT
Estimate to remove 225 ft of fence and gates and install 225 ft of 6' chain link fence with two (2) rolling gates (using customers frames and changing the fabric only)			
Material to be used:			
6' 12.5ga GAW fabric			
1 3/8" 047 Top Rail			
2" 047 Line Posts			
2 3/8" Corner/end/gate posts			
Residential Rolling Gate Kits			
<b>MATERIAL AND LABOR</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>\$4,195.00</b>	<b>4,195.00</b>
<b>NOTE: Will use existing gate frames, replacing fabric only</b>			
<b>NOTE: Material that will be removed will be left at site.</b>			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Check Box if Tax Exempt			<b>4,195.00</b>
<b>OVER 30 YEARS IN BUSINESS</b> <b>Price Good for Ten (10) Days</b>			<b>8.25%</b>
<b>SALES TAX</b>			<b>0.00</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>4,195.00</b>