

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF
STATE HIGHWAY 68 IN HIDALGO COUNTY**

A Resolution Supporting State Highway 68, a north-south rural divided highway with future main lanes, overpasses, and interchanges on the east side of Hidalgo County.

WHEREAS, the need for the State Highway 68 project is based on Hidalgo County's lack of sufficient north-south mobility, lack of additional emergency evacuation routes, which stem from historical and continuing growth in the region's population as well as continued growth of traffic in the region; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of State Highway 68 is to improve north-south mobility, increase travel capacity for local and regional traffic, and provide an alternate north-south evacuation route during emergency events; and

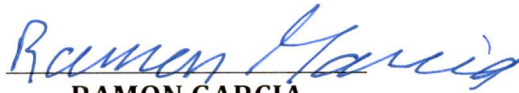
WHEREAS, an estimated 51,000 average daily traffic will benefit the local transportation network in the long run; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Department of Transportation's Pharr District has conducted environmental studies in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act; and

WHEREAS, extensive public outreach has occurred, alternative corridors have been evaluated, and an environmental assessment study (EA) has identified one preferred route.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court recognizes the need and regional importance of the State Highway 68 project.

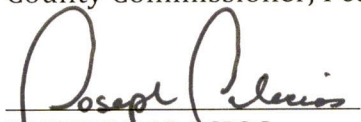
Approved this 8th day of May 2018.

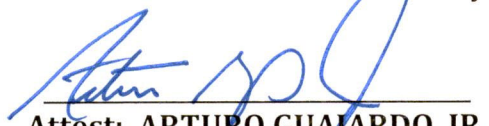

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