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July 17, 2026

The Honorable Webb County Judge Tano Tijerina

Webb County Courthouse

1000 Houston St.

Laredo, TX 78040

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR CONCURRENCE ON A *DE MINIMIS* IMPACT FINDING UNDER SECTION 4(f) OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ACT OF 1966

District: Laredo

County: Webb

Control-Section-Job (CSJ): 0086-14-086

Highway: US 59

Project Limits: 0.28 miles South of Jacaman Blvd. to Business 59

Section 4(f) Property: Lake Casa Blanca International State Park

Dear Judge Tijerina:

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) proposes to acquire 9.23 acres of new ROW from Casa Blanca Golf Course for the expansion of US 59 Loop from four 12-ft. wide main lanes to six 12-ft. wide main lanes divided by a concrete traffic barrier and the construction of a new overpass at the US 59 / E. Corridor Rd. intersection. The construction of this project will require the redesign of several of the golf course holes, fare ways, water features and the relocation of the golf course maintenance building. It is anticipated that Federal funds will be used for this project, and therefore this project is subject to Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation

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Act of 1966 (23 United States Code (U.S.C.) 138) and the Federal Highway Administration's (FHWA's) implementing regulations at 23 CFR 774.3(b). Additional information about Section 4(f) requirements can be found on FHWA's website:

FHWA Section 4(f) Guidance

TxDOT believes that the above-described use will not adversely affect the features, attributes, or activities qualifying the Casa Blanca Golf Course for protection under Section 4(f) and therefore intends to make a *de minimis* impact determination under 23 CFR 774.3(b). Casa Blanca Golf Course is 18-hole golf course that is approximately 139 acres in size. The reduction of 9.23 acres will not affect the functionality of this recreational area. Webb County staff have indicated the affected greens, fare ways and water features can be redesigned without reducing the number of golf course holes. The relocation of the golf course maintenance building will follow Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970.

The Casa Blanca Golf Course will continue to serve as 18-hole golf course after the project is complete. The relatively minor changes needed to accommodate the transportation project would not adversely affect the features, attributes, or activities that make this property an 18-hole golf course.

TxDOT has provided public notice and an opportunity to comment on this proposed *de minimis* use of Casa Blanca Golf Course. On March 3, 2017, a Chapter 26 public meeting was held for this project. This public hearing discussed acquiring 15.7 acres of ROW from the golf course; however, project redesign has been able to reduce these impacts to approximately 9.23 acres. This hearing was attended by 42 individuals including Webb County staff. No written comments were received from the public.

Under FHWA's regulations, the official with jurisdiction's concurrence is required before TxDOT can make a final *de minimis* determination. For the Casa Blanca Golf Course, Webb County is the official with jurisdiction. If Webb County concurs that the above-described use would not adversely affect the features, attributes, or activities qualifying the Casa Blanca Golf Course for protection under Section 4(f), then please endorse this letter below and return it to us by August 17, 2026. This concurrence is limited to the required concurrence for a *de minimis*

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determination under Section 4(f). It does not constitute approval of the above-described project and does not represent the position of Webb County on any other aspect of the project other than the *de minimis* determination. This *de minimis* determination is just one aspect of TxDOT's environmental review process under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

Thank you for your assistance with our environmental review process. If you need further information, please contact Chris Kloss – TxDOT Laredo District Environmental Coordinator by phone at 956-712-7445 or by email at chris.kloss@txdot.gov.

The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried-out by TxDOT pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated July 17, 2025, and executed by FHWA and TxDOT.

Sincerely,

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Denisse Garcia, P.E.

TxDOT Laredo District

Director of Transportation Planning and Development

CONCURRENCE WITH TXDOT'S PROPOSED SECTION 4(F) *DE MINIMIS* DETERMINATION FOR TXDOT'S PROPOSED USE OF Casa Blanca International State Park

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Print Title of Official with Jurisdiction: _____

Date: _____