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Construction of new road in Precinct 4 will stimulate trade and growth

MCALLEN – On Thursday, Feb. 8, dozens of county, state and local officials, as well as hundreds members of the community, gathered for the groundbreaking ceremony of the 10th Street Expansion Project in McAllen. Construction on this 2.69 mile road project will extend 10th Street from University Drive to Monte Cristo Road creating a five lane road that will include a turning lane, emergency lanes and sidewalks. Hidalgo County Precinct 4 Commissioner Joseph Palacios took lead on this critical project for Hidalgo County.

The project is a partnership between Hidalgo County Precinct 4, the Hidalgo County Metropolitan Planning Organization, Texas Department of Transportation, the City of Edinburg, and the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council.

This expansion will allow Hidalgo County residents to travel continuously from the McAllen airport to the future Tres Lagos community in North McAllen, as well as the future site of the new Texas A&M Campus. This will alleviate traffic congestion, increase safety, and create economic development.

“The opening of this new corridor will facilitate safer mobility for a booming population, and create economic development opportunities,” said Palacios. “I would like to thank all the partners in this project, because without their support, this project would not have come to fruition.”

Echoing Palacios’ words, State Senator Juan “Chuy” Hinojosa and State Representative Terry Canales both congratulated the Commissioner on leading the charge of creating the necessary partnerships to fund the project.

Out of the \$16 million needed to fund the project, the county received \$13.18 million from the Hidalgo County Metropolitan Planning Organization and \$600,000 from the City of Edinburg. The rest is being funded by the precinct.

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Picture 1 – Commissioner Joseph Palacios (center), county, state and local officials, and community members break ground on 10th Street Expansion Project.

Picture 2 - Commissioner Joseph Palacios discusses the economic development of the project.

Picture 3 – (l to r) McAllen Mayor Jim Darling, State Rep. Terry Canales, Commissioner Joseph Palacios and community members celebrate groundbreaking.

Hidalgo County is home to one of the fastest growing regions in the nation. We provide health and justice to the over 800,000 residents of our county. We strive to be accessible and responsive to our citizens by providing excellent public service through the values of leadership, transparency, fairness, collaboration, respect and fiscal responsibility.