

Hidalgo County

*Resolution in support of funding request from President Joe Biden's
American Jobs Plan (Infrastructure Bill) by Hidalgo County for upgrades to the Hidalgo
County Master Drainage System*

Whereas chronic flooding in Hidalgo County Drainage District No. 1 ("HCCDD1") has affected the economy, health, and safety of citizens of Hidalgo County, the State of Texas, and the United States; and

Whereas Hidalgo County is the seventh largest county by population in the State of Texas, with a population of approximately one million citizens; and

Whereas Hidalgo County provides a critical component in the economic wellbeing of the United States due to its multiple international bridges and transportation infrastructure which directly and indirectly support millions of jobs in both the State of Texas and the United States; and

Whereas over the last five years, Hidalgo County has suffered significant catastrophic flood events that have resulted in six major disaster declarations (FEMA-4223-DR, FEMA-4245-DR, FEMA-4272-DR, FEMA-4377-DR, FEMA-4454-DR, and FEMA-3530-EMD); and

Whereas Hidalgo County is seeking funding from President Joe Biden's American Jobs Plan to fund upgrades to the Hidalgo County Master Drainage System; and

Whereas during flood events, the transportation of billions of dollars in goods and produce in Hidalgo County come to a complete halt, affecting the jobs and economy of the United States; and

Whereas the proposed expansion project will help bring the Hidalgo County Master Drainage System up to date in order to prevent flooding and foster economic growth on a yearly basis; and

Whereas drainage infrastructure projects are critical in providing community and economic resilience as well as in safeguarding the health and safety of citizens; and

Whereas President Joe Biden's American Jobs Plan will appropriate funding for critical infrastructure with the end goal of making the infrastructure in our country more resilient; and

Whereas one of the American Jobs Plan's intent is to safeguard critical infrastructure and services, and to defend vulnerable communities much like Hidalgo County, which is one of the poorest and most vulnerable counties in the United States; and

Whereas the funding for the updates to Hidalgo County Master Drainage System will have an immediate and measurable effect in reducing flooding and creating economic

Now therefore, be it resolved that the Board of Hidalgo County Drainage District No. 1 supports the allocation of funding from President Biden's American Jobs Plan for the expansion of the Hidalgo County Master Drainage System.

Approved this 13th day of April, 2021.

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County Judge


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Attest: 
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County Clerk

