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County Judge

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**CAMERON COUNTY IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THE AWARDING OF THE
PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT STUDY FOR THE MODERNIZATION AND
EXPANSION OF THE GATEWAY INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE
BY THE U.S. GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION**

Cameron County Judge Eddie Treviño, Jr., is pleased to announce that the General Services Administration (GSA) has awarded the Program Development Study (PDS) for the Gateway International Bridge Land Port of Entry (LPOE) modernization and expansion project.

The Gateway International Bridge in Brownsville, Texas, will receive over \$130 million and is one of twenty-six major construction and modernization projects funded by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law signed by President Joseph R. Biden in 2021. The Gateway International Bridge is one of the busiest pedestrian and non-commercial LPOE's in the region where the existing layout, last modernized during the Eisenhower Administration, processes more vehicles and pedestrian traffic than originally designed to accommodate.

During the project development phase GSA, CBP, and local stakeholders including Cameron County, will determine the scope and specifications of the project, which includes a community plan, project management plan, and conceptual design of the facility and a realistic cost assessment that will deliver the project on time and under budget. Following the PDS, GSA will move to award a design build construction contract to a firm to deliver the Gateway International Bridge modernization. GSA will host a study kickoff meeting with local stakeholders and the selected contractor in early November 2022.

Construction will include replacing the entirety of its structure, including expanding vehicle and pedestrian capacity, improving traffic flow and pedestrian safety, all while accommodating the region's growing population and South Texas's cross-border travelers.

"This is great news, and I am pleased to announce that the program development study and funding for the Gateway International Bridge Land Port of Entry is secured. This momentous announcement includes years of advocacy from the Cameron County Commission, and we were pleased to have been included in the passage of this infrastructure legislation that will not only boost the region's economy, bring local jobs, but will facilitate our area's travel and ensure a safer and secure border," stated Cameron County Judge Eddie Treviño, Jr.

"I am excited that GSA has awarded the program development study and look forward to having this project underway. The improvements will allow CBP to process passenger and pedestrian traffic more efficiently at

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the Gateway Bridge. The modernized Gateway LPOE will provide for a better flow of passenger and pedestrian traffic between downtown Brownsville and Matamoros,” stated Tater Ortiz, CBP Port Director at the Brownsville Port of Entry.

The Gateway International Bridge which is operational 24-hours, along with the Veterans International Bridge and the Free Trade International Bridge, are 100% owned and operated by Cameron County.

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