

**RIO GRANDE VALLEY
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (RGVMPO)**

**Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee
Wednesday, May 6, 2020 AT 11:00 A.M.**

AGENDA
VIA - WebEX

- I. CALL TO ORDER**
- II. ROLL CALL**
- III. CITIZENS INPUT**
- IV. PRESENTATION, ACTION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS**
 - A. Consideration and Action to Approve Citizens / Advisory Applications as Submitted
 - B. Consideration and Action to Approve the Minutes of April 1, 2020
 - C. Consideration and Action to Approve BPAC Bylaws
 - D. Discussion on TASA Workshop
 - E. Discussion on “Feedback Tool” presented by Alliance Transportation Group (ATG)
 - F. Presentation on CaraCara Trails
- V. NEW OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
- VI. ADJOURNMENT**

RGV MPO BPAC Meeting

May 6 2020 - 11:00 AM

ROLL CALL

ENTITY	PRINT NAME	
Bicycle/Ped/Health Adovacate	Rose Gowen, (City of Brownsville) Chairperson	
Citizen At-Large	Michael McNew (Citizen) Vice Chairman	
City of Brownsville	Cody Baczewski (Designee)	
	Antonio Zubieta	
City of Edinburg	Larry Ayala (Designee)	
City of Harlingen	Andy Vigstol (Designee)	
	Javier Mendez (Alternate)	
City of McAllen	Marlen Garza (Designee)	
	Martina Mejia (Alternate)	
City of Pharr	Maria Rangel	
Santa Ana National Wildlife Refuge (Federal)	Gisela Chapa (Designee)	
Texas Parks/Wildlife Department – Estero Llano Grande State Park	Javier De Leon (Designee)	
TxDOT	Joseph E. Leal (Designee)	
	Evan Roberts (Alternate)	
Valley Metro - B- Cycle	Juan Macias (Designee)	
Bicycle World RGV	Ana Adame (Designee)	
Citizen At-Large	Eudenia “Eudy” Carrillo (Designee)	
Bicycle / Pedestrian Citizen At-Large	Richard Cavin	
Bicycle / Pedestrian Citizen At-Large	Michael Padgett	
NON-VOTING MEMBERS		
RGVMPO	Crystal Gonzalez	
RGVMPO	Rudy Zamora	
RGVMPO	Gloria Banda-Gonzales	
EX- OFFICAL MEMBER		
Cara Cara Trails Project Manager	Eva Garcia	

Meeting of the Rio Grande Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) Meeting

Wednesday, April 1, 2020

At
11:00 AM

WebEx MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) meeting was held VIA WebEx and called to order by Chairperson Rose Gowen, at 11:01 AM.

II. ROLL CALL

RGVBPAC Representatives in attendance were as follows:

Members Present:	
Entity	Individual
Bicycle / Ped Health Advocate	Rose Gowen (Chairperson)
Citizen At-Large	Michael McNew – Vice Chairman
City of Brownsville	Antonio Zubieta (Alternate)
City of Edinburg	Larry Ayala (Designee)
City of McAllen	Martina Mejia (Designee)
City of McAllen	Marlen Garza (Alternate)
Santa Ana National Wildlife Refuge	Gisela Chapa (Designee)
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Bicycle / Pedestrian Citizen At-Large	Michael Padgett (Designee)
Ex-Officio	
Rails -To-Trails Conservancy	Eva Lizette Garcia
STAFF	
RGVMPO	Crystal Gonzalez
RGVMPO	Rudy Zamora
RGVMPO	Luis Diaz
RGVMPO	Miguel Arispe
RGVMPO	Gloria Banda-Gonzales

III. CITIZENS INPUT
NONE

IV. PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION, AND ACTION ITEMS

A. Consideration and Action to Approve the Minutes of March 4, 2020

Crystal Gonzalez asked if there were any corrections to the Minutes of March 4, 2020 as presented by staff. No corrections were noted to the minutes of March 4, 2020, Michael McNew (Vice Chairman) made a motion to approve the minutes of March 4, 2020 as presented by staff. The motion was seconded by TxDOT; and upon a vote, the motion passed unanimously.

B. Consideration and Action to Approve Nomination and Selection of Chairperson and Vice Chairman

Crystal Gonzalez noted that at the last BPAC meeting the following two individuals were nominated as follows: Rose Gowen for Chairperson and Michael McNew to Vice Chairman. Both Mrs. Gowen and Mr. McNew gave a brief introduction of themselves.

No further discussion took place on this item, Evan Roberts (TxDOT) made a motion to appoint Rose Gowen as Chairperson and Michael McNew as Vice Chairman as recommended in the previous BPAC Meeting. The motion was seconded by Richard Cavin (Bicycle / Pedestrian Citizen At-Large), and upon a vote; the motion passed unanimously.

C. Consideration and Action to Approve Citizens/Advisory Application as Submitted

Crystal Gonzalez provided the following list of applications that were submitted by the following respective individuals/entities:

APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED	
Bicycle / Ped Health Advocate	Rose Gowen (Designee)
Citizen At-Large	Michael McNew (Designee)
City of Brownsville	Antonio Zubieta (Alternate)
City of Brownsville	Cody Baczewski (Designee)
City of Edinburg	Larry Ayala (Designee)
City of McAllen	Martina Mejia (Designee)
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Bicycle / Pedestrian Citizen At-Large	Richard Cavin (Designee)
	Juan Macias (Designee)
Ex-Officio	
Rails -To-Trails Conservancy	Eva Lizette Garcia

Discussion was held on applications submitted, and Staff noted that there are several other applications that are still in transit and will be presented at the next BPAC meeting scheduled in May for consideration and approval. **Report only, no action taken.**

D. Consideration and Action to Approve Revised TASA Application, Scoring Criteria, and Timeline

Rudy Zamora provided the final and updated TASA Application and Scoring criteria for the upcoming FY2021-2022 which contain revisions in red-colored text for identifications as recommended by BPAC members at their previous meeting. These documents, along with the Project Call Timeline will be presented to TAC and Policy Board members for their final approval at the April 2020 meetings.

After some discussion on the TASA Application, Evan Roberts (TxDOT) made a motion to recommended approval of the Revised TASA Application, Scoring Criteria, and Timeline as presented by staff to the TAC and Policy Committees. The motion was seconded by Richard Cavin (Bicycle / Pedestrian Citizen At-Large), and upon a vote; the motion passed unanimously.

E Discussion on the BPAC Bylaws (Changes and Deletions)

Crystal Gonzales provided to BPAC members present the updated BPAC Bylaws for review and discussion. Staff noted that several additions / deletions were noted and highlighted in "RED" or CROSS OUT" from the document as follows:

- 1) **RGVMPO** has been replaced throughout the whole document as needed
- 2) A total of eight (8) positions shall be open to appointed public agency staffs from any of the following:
The cities of Alamo, Alton, **Bayview, Brownsville, Combes**, Donna, Edcouch, Edinburg, Elsa, Granjeno, **Harlingen**, Hidalgo, **Indian Lake, La Feria**, La Joya, La Villa, **Los Fresnos, Los Indios**, McAllen, Mercedes, Mission, **Palmvalley**, Palmhurst, Palmview, Peñitas, Pharr, **Port Isabel, Primera**, Progreso, Progreso Lakes, Rancho Viejo, **Rio Hondo, San Benito**, San Juan, Santa Rosa, **South Padre Island**, Sullivan City, and Weslaco.
Hidalgo County **Cameron County**
Law Enforcement from any of the **38** cities mentioned above
Texas Department of Transportation – Pharr District
Transit Providers: Metro McAllen, Valley Metro, **SPI Metro**
- 3) **BPAC shall select applicants from the following:**
Parks, Trails, and Greenways **(1) State – (1) Federal**
- 4) **Executive Committee**
Position removed: ~~The Secretary shall be nominated and appointed by the RGVMPO-BPAC for a two-year term and shall succeed the Vice Chair in the event of a vacancy.~~
- 5) The RGVMPO-BPAC shall meet monthly on the **first Wednesday** of the month

After some discussion on the revised BPAC Bylaws, staff notified BPAC members that this item will be presented at the next BPAC meeting scheduled in May for consideration and approval. *Report only, no action taken.*

F. Discussion regarding Community Members Duties/ Responsibilities

Discussion was held amongst the BPAC members which briefly described the purpose and goals of the established BPAC. Purpose and goals discussed: planning events, establish TAP criteria, allocating TAP funding, and providing ideas or direction for bicycle pedestrian projects and studies. *Report only, no action taken.*

G. Discussion regarding upcoming / postponed visit with Alliance Transportation Group (ATG)

As discussed in our previous meeting, Crystal Gonzalez informed BPAC members that she spoke with Jory Dillie with Alliance Transportation Group (ATG) regarding hosting a virtual workshop to communicate and coordinate on the RGVMPO Active Transportation Plans Goals, Objectives, Desired Outcomes and provide a Preview on the Online Feedback Tool.

After some discussion on this item, it was the consensus of the BPAC Members to move forward with holding a WebEx with ATG on April 15, 2020 at 11:00 A.M. Staff noted that a registration link will be emailed to all BPAC members and participation is highly encouraged. Report only, no action taken.

v. NEW OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Other items discussed under New or Unfinished Business were: COVID19 the impact it has had over the past few months on Businesses, Employees, State and County Wide. Trails/ Parks, individuals out and about, walking, running, cycling, less traffic and less pollution, due to not so many cars on the road.

VI. There being no further business to come before the BPAC Committee, Vice Chairman Michael McNew adjourn meeting at 1:16 PM. The motion was seconded by Richard Cavin (Bicycle / Pedestrian Citizen At-Large), and upon a vote; the motion passed unanimously.



**RIO GRANDE VALLEY METROPOLITAN PLANNING
ORGANIZATION (RGVMPO)
BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN Advisory Committee (BPAC)
BYLAWS
REVISED APRIL 1, 2020**

1. Purpose:

The purpose of the Rio Grande Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization's (RGVMPO) Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) is to support continuous and consistent infrastructure improvements to encourage cyclist and pedestrian activity and mobility. The RGVMPO-BPAC will provide technical and community input to the RGVMPO Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and the Transportation Policy Board (TPB) to help develop an efficient, sustainable and active transportation system that includes walking and bicycling facilities which support the livability and economic vibrancy of our communities and the safety and health of all members of the community.

The BPAC will:

- Consider all technical and public outreach issues related to bicycle and pedestrian mobility, including but not limited to urban design, construction standards, design standards, maintenance, access management, connectivity and safety.
- Participate in all regional transportation planning activities
- Recommend funding options and opportunities for bicycle and pedestrian related projects
- Participate in the promotion and implementation of the Regional Bike and Pedestrian Plans
- Recommend bicycle and pedestrian related planning studies to be conducted
- Promote and participate in the Annual Walk N Rolla events
- Communicate and educate cyclists, pedestrians, and motorists on each of their rights and responsibilities on the road
- Communicate with and educate the public and elected officials on the importance of bicycling and walking through a speaker's bureau as well as periodic articles and opinion pieces to appropriate agency and mass media.

2. Membership:

The RGVMPO-BPAC shall consist of a maximum of 21 voting members. These members define the "voting membership" and shall be appointed by their respective agencies or from a pool of applicants. All members must be active representatives of their respective agencies for the entire term of their service. Each member is entitled to one vote on each item submitted to a vote of the members.

- A total of eight (8) positions shall be open to appointed public agency staffs from any of the following:
 - The cities of Alamo, Alton, Bayview, Brownsville, Combes, Donna, Edcouch, Edinburg, Elsa, Granjeno, Harlingen, Hidalgo, Indian Lake, La Feria, La Joya, La Villa, Los Fresnos, Los Indios, McAllen, Mercedes, Mission, Palmvalley, Palmhurst, Palmview, Peñitas, Pharr, Port Isabel, Primera, Progreso, Progreso Lakes, Rancho Viejo, Rio Hondo, San Benito, San Juan, Santa Rosa, South Padre Island, Sullivan City, and Weslaco.
 - Hidalgo County
 - Cameron County
 - Law Enforcement from any of the 38 cities mentioned above
 - Texas Department of Transportation – Pharr District
 - Transit Providers: Metro McAllen, Valley Metro, SPI Metro

These members shall serve a two-year term to allow for other public agency staff from other entities a chance to participate. No entity shall have more than two positions on the BPAC. No member shall serve consecutive terms unless other entities do not wish to participate.

- One (1) position shall be open to a Chamber of Commerce / Economic Development organization at-large. These members will be selected by BPAC from a pool of applicants to serve based on their knowledge and experience in bicycling and pedestrian issues, respectively.
- Two (2) positions shall be open to individuals representing bicycle-oriented organizations at-large. These members will be selected by BPAC from a pool of applicants to serve based on their knowledge and experience in bicycling and pedestrian issues, respectively.
- Two (2) positions shall be open to individuals representing pedestrian-oriented organizations at-large. These members will be selected by BPAC from a pool of applicants to serve based on their knowledge and experience in bicycling and pedestrian issues, respectively.
- A total of four (4) positions shall be open to other individuals representing organizations with an interest and an expertise in transportation and bicycle/pedestrian issues at-large. There shall not be more than one position awarded to one particular advocate category. BPAC shall select applicants from the following:
 - Parks, Trails, and Greenways (1) State – (1) Federal
 - Low-Income Advocates
 - Colonia Resident Advocates
 - Senior/ Elderly Advocates
 - Disabled Community
 - Community College/University
 - Health/Fitness Community
- A total of four (4) positions shall be open to citizens to represent bicycle/pedestrian interest at-large. Citizens will be selected by BPAC from a pool of applicants to serve based on their knowledge and experience in bicycling and pedestrian issues, respectively.

These members shall be selected to serve a one-year or two-year term on the RGVMPPO-BPAC because of their knowledge and experience in bicycling and pedestrian issues. Members wishing to serve after their term expires shall resubmit an application for selection. Applications for the at-large positions will be mailed and/or emailed to the MPO's standard mailing/emailing list and will be available on the MPO's website. Applicants will be selected to serve on the BPAC by existing BPAC members based on knowledge and experience in bicycle and pedestrian issues.

All members will each nominate an alternate with full voting privileges in their absence to be approved by the RGVMPPO-BPAC. Members shall reside within the RGVMPPO's study area; with the exception of public agency staff who must represent an entity within the MPO study area.

3. Executive Committee

- The Chair shall be nominated and appointed by the RGVMPPO-BPAC for a two-year term
- The Vice-Chair shall be nominated and appointed by the RGVMPPO-BPAC for a two-year term and shall succeed the Chair in the event of a vacancy.

4. Maintaining Membership

- Voting members will be in ex-officio status after missing three (3) consecutive meetings. Members with ex-officio status wishing to regain voting privileges must attend (3) meetings before voting privileges are reinstated for the remainder of their term.
- Members wishing to resign their positions may be replaced by their alternative for the remainder of their term or allow for the BPAC to select from a pool of applicant for a new one-year or two-year term.

5. Ex-Officio Membership:

- The RGVMPPO's Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee may appoint ex-officio members as appropriate. The ex-officio members are not voting members but will receive all meeting materials and are encouraged to actively participate in all RGVMPPO-BPAC discussions.

6. Procedures:

- The RGVMPPO-BPAC shall meet monthly on the first-Wednesday of the month with the exception of November and December, unless otherwise agreed upon by the RGVMPPO-BPAC, but no less than quarterly.
- The RGVMPPO as the lead agency will be responsible for coordinating the meeting's date, time and place, and will provide an agenda, packet, minutes and other attachments electronically to all the members of the RGVMPPO-BPAC no later than a week before the meeting.
- Meeting minutes shall be made of each meeting and will be posted on the MPO's website following approval by the RGVMPPO-BPAC.
- Each agenda will include a "Citizens' Input" item. Participation by interested citizens in attendance is encouraged.
 - A meeting quorum shall be defined as one-half plus one of the existing voting memberships. Vacancies shall not count against quorum. A quorum shall be present for all actions taken by the RGVMPPO-BPAC. The quorum shall continue until adjournment regardless of the departure of any members.
- Bylaws can be expanded or modified as agreed upon by the RGVMPPO-BPAC.
- Following Robert's Rules of Order, meetings will proceed in an orderly fashion, giving all members an opportunity to speak.

**FY 2021- 2022
TRANSPORTATION
ALTERNATIVES SET-ASIDE
(TASA) PROGRAM
VIA- WEBEX WORKSHOP**

**MAY 7, 2020
10AM -11:30AM**

- FUNDING FOR FY 2021-2022 PROJECT CALL
- PROJECT EVALUATION AND SELECTION PROCESS
- REVIEW OF PROJECT APPLICATION
- DEADLINES AND DATES TO REMEMBER

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FY 2021-2022 Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program (TASA) Timeline

(Draft)

March 2020 – Review and adoption of TAP Application & Scoring Criteria

March 4th – Bicycle-Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) Meeting (Discuss Revisions)

March 12th – Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting (Discuss Revisions)

March 25th – Transportation Policy Board (TPB) Meeting (Discuss Revisions)

April BPAC, TAC & TPB Meetings – Presentation of Final Draft of Documents for Approval

May 2020 – RGVMPO will host a TASA Overview Workshop on May 7th from 10:00 – 11:30 AM for interested applicants.

The workshop will be held at the:

RGVMPO Office Conference Area

510 S. Pleasantview Dr.

Weslaco, TX 78596

June 2020 – July 2020 - Call for Projects will open on June 1st and applications will be accepted until the deadline of July 31st at 5:00 PM.

August 2020 – September 2020 - An evaluation by selected BPAC and TAC members will **review, and score submitted projects**. TAC and TPB will **approve** selected projects and MPO staff will prepare for public involvement.

December 2020 – January 2021 - Selected projects will go through a **30-day public involvement** period in preparation for the February 2021 STIP Revisions.

- TAC and TPB will formally approve the February 2021 Revisions, including the 2021-2022 selected TAP projects.

February 2021 – Selected TAP projects will be part of the amendments submitted to TXDOT for the February 2021 STIP Revisions

**BPAC Comments
as of 5/5/20**

Opportunity:
Public Land,
destination and
potential trail
head.

Opportunity:
State Land,
opportunity for
connectivity

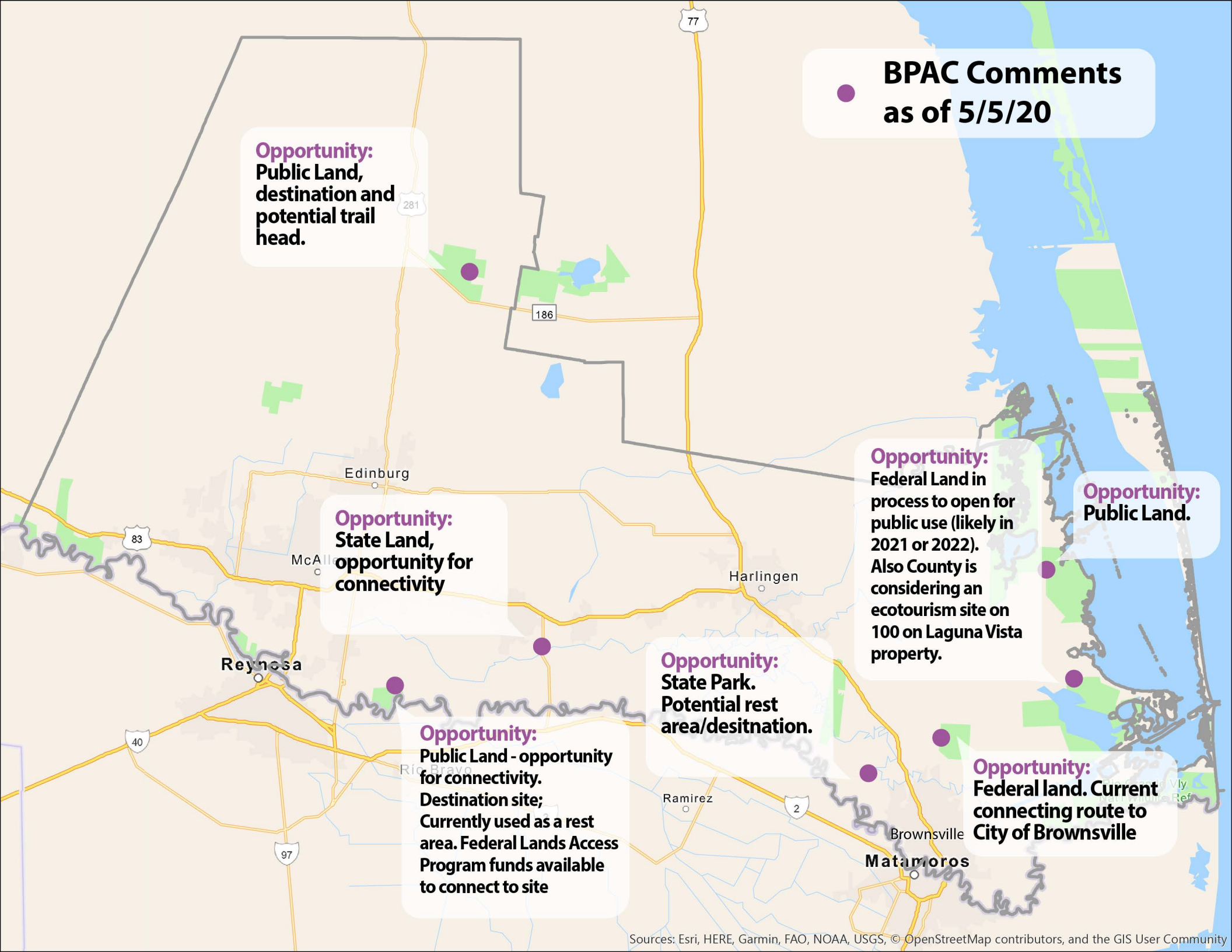
Opportunity:
Public Land - opportunity
for connectivity.
Destination site;
Currently used as a rest
area. Federal Lands Access
Program funds available
to connect to site

Opportunity:
State Park.
Potential rest
area/desitnation.

Opportunity:
Federal Land in
process to open for
public use (likely in
2021 or 2022).
Also County is
considering an
ecotourism site on
100 on Laguna Vista
property.

Opportunity:
Public Land.

Opportunity:
Federal land. Current
connecting route to
City of Brownsville





E X P E R I E N C E T H E
CARACARASM
T R A I L S

RIO GRANDE VALLEY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MAY 6, 2020 MEETING



BACKGROUND

THE LRGV ACTIVE PLAN



HEALTH DISPARITIES

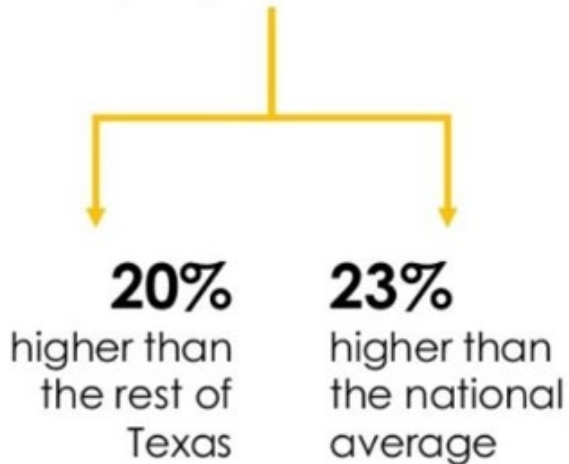


either obese
or overweight

1/3 of
Americans will
be diabetic
In 2050



1 in 3 people are diabetic



Higher rates of morbidity
and mortality than state
and nation

↑ disability from chronic
disease (RGV has high
amputation rates)

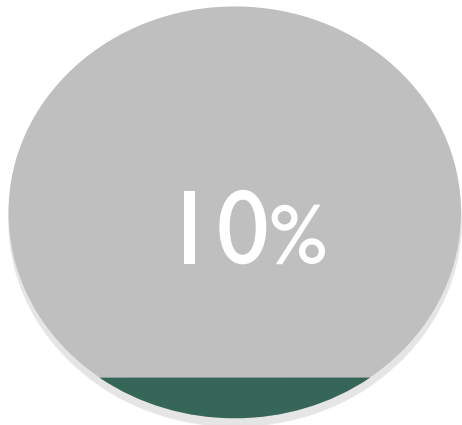
Higher rates of
cardiovascular disease,
cancer, liver, kidney and
infectious diseases

Over 60% of adult
population is uninsured

Health care infrastructure
lacking: no public hospitals,
median schools

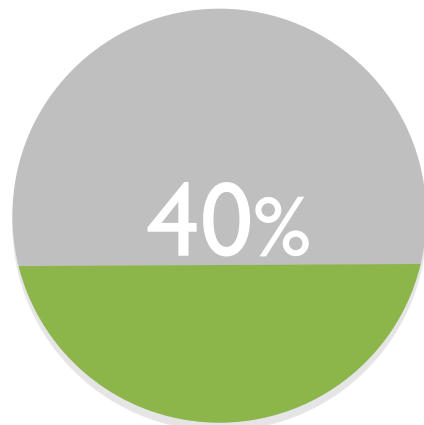
SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH

POPULATION HEALTH



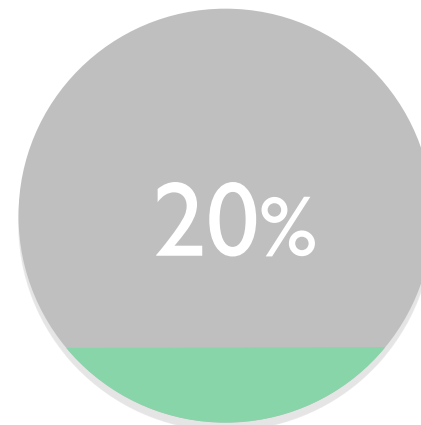
Physical Environment

Environmental quality
Built environment



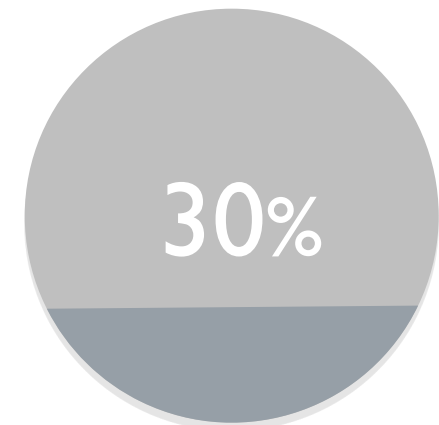
Socio-Economic Factors

Education
Employment
Income
Family-social support
Community safety



Health Care

Access to care
Quality of care



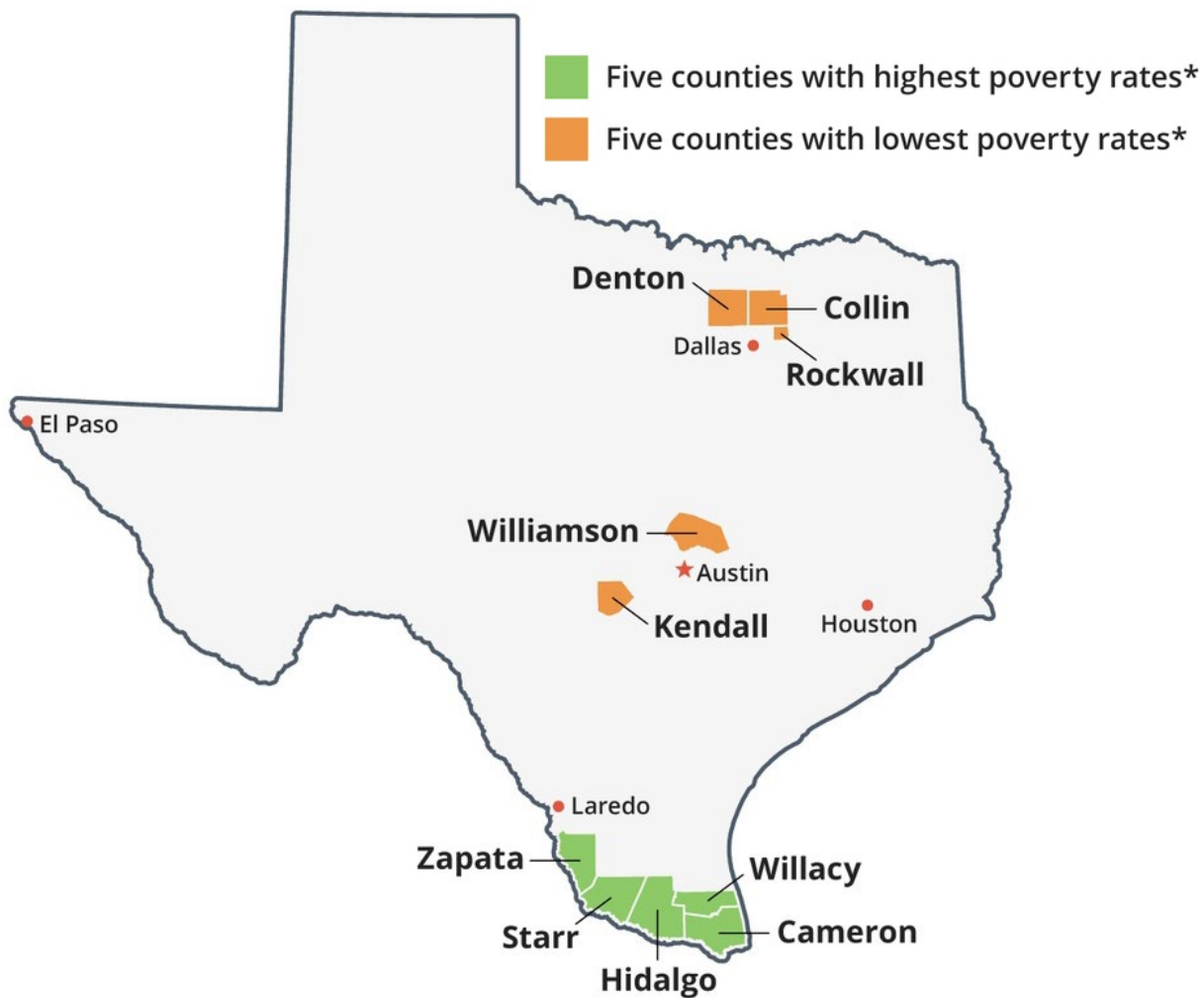
Health Behaviors

Tobacco use
Diet & exercise
Alcohol use
Unsafe sex



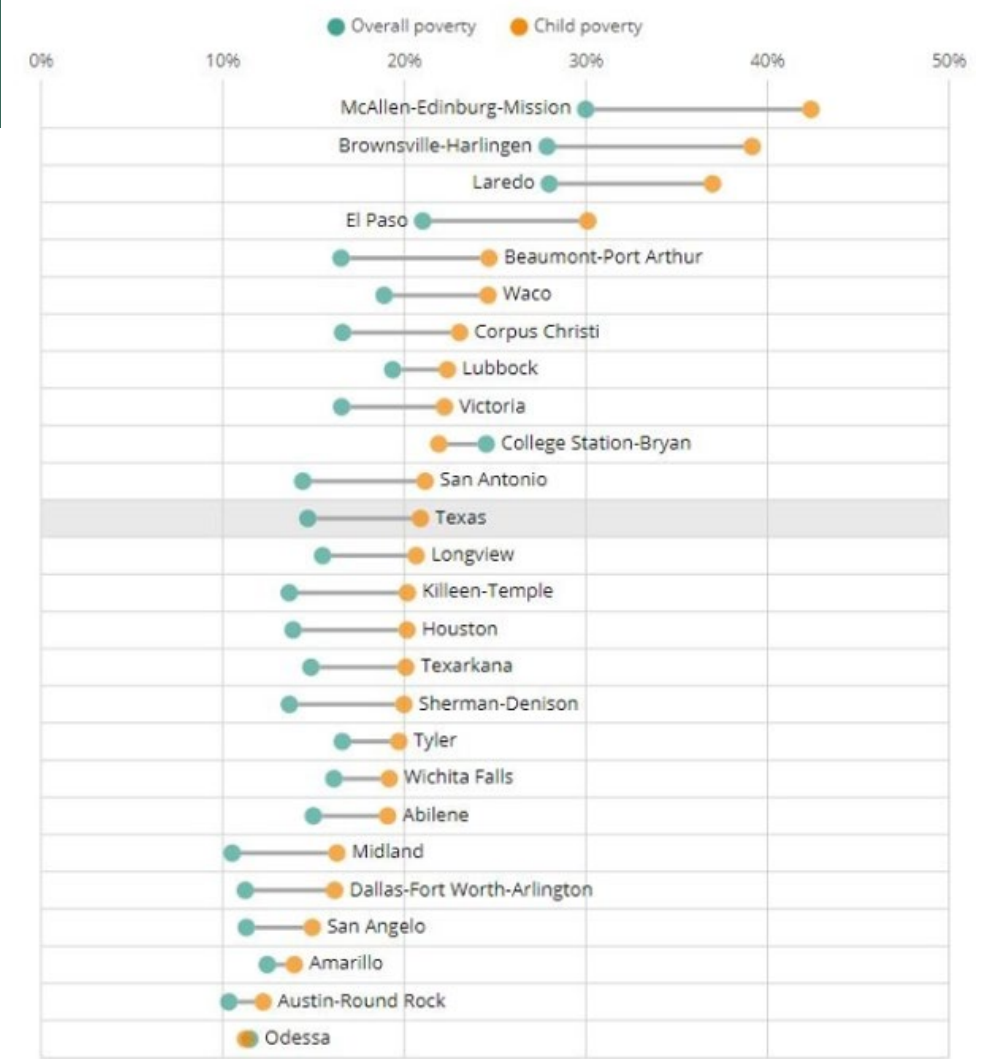
SOCIO-ECONOMIC FACTORS

SOCIAL DETERMINANT OF HEALTH = 40%



Border cities among poorest in Texas

Poverty continued to drop in 2017, but predominantly Hispanic communities along the border — and especially families with children — continue to struggle.



Source: Texas Tribune

Source: U.S. Census Bureau
Credit: Elbert Wang

*Among counties with populations of 10,000 or more

U.S. CENSUS BUREAU	Cameron County, TX	Texas	United States
Population estimates, July 1, 2018	423, 908	28,701,845	327,167,434
Hispanic or Latino %	89.7%	39.4%	18.1%
Persons under 18 years, %	30.8%	26%	22.6%
Language other than English spoken at home, % of persons age 5 yrs +, 2013-2017	73.4%	35.3%	21.3%
High school graduate or higher, % of persons age 25 yrs+, 2013-2017	66.2%	82.8%	87.3%
Bachelor's degree or higher, % of persons age 25 yrs+, 2013-2017	17.2%	28.7%	30.9%
Households with a broadband internet subscription, %, 2013-2017	53%	76.8%	78.1%
Median household income (in 2017 dollars), 2013-2017	\$36,095	\$57,051	\$57,652
Per capita income in past 12 month (in 2017 dollars), 2013-2017	\$16,085	\$28,985	\$31,177
Persons in poverty , %	27.7%	14.7%	12.3%

REGIONAL PLANNING



- Local Municipalities
- Health Organizations
- Regional Public Authorities
- State and Federal Partners
- Economic Development Organizations
- Regional Transportation Organizations

REGIONAL GOALS

- GENERATE NEW ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES THROUGHOUT CAMERON COUNTY.
- DIVERSIFY THE LOCAL TOURISM MARKET.
- LINK CAMERON COUNTY COMMUNITIES.
- CREATE A REGIONAL BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN NETWORK.
- PROMOTE HEALTHY LIFESTYLES.



DESTINATIONS



SCENIC ASSETS



CORRIDORS

- Highways
- Railroad corridors
- Shorelines
- Rivers/Arroyos
- Irrigation canals
- Drainage ditches





THE ACTIVE PLAN

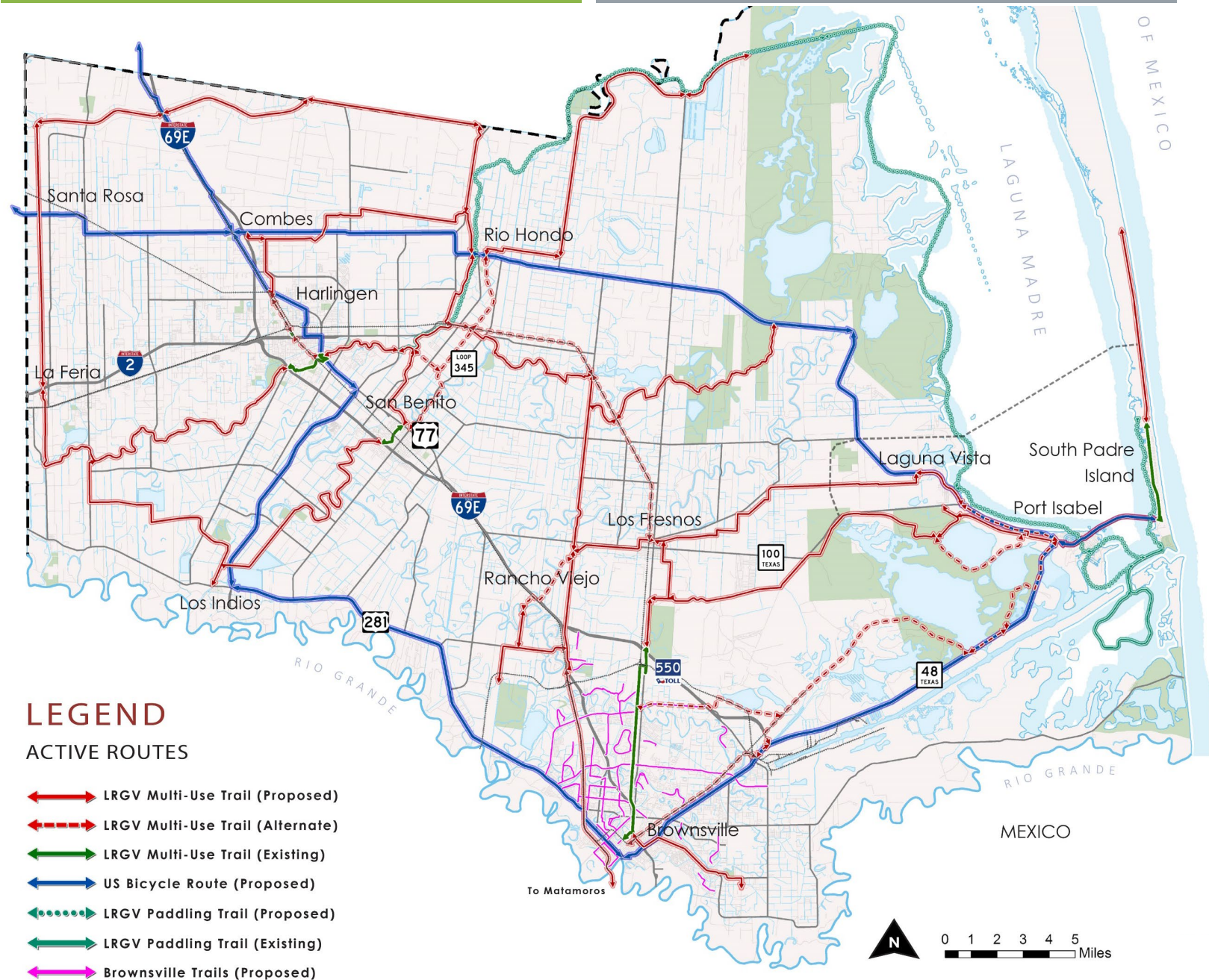
LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY | ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION AND TOURISM PLAN

MADE POSSIBLE BY A GRANT FROM THE VALLEY BAPTIST LEGACY FOUNDATION



The LRGV Active Plan proposed over 428 miles of active transportation infrastructure:

- ~230 miles of multi-use trail network
- ~78 miles of paddling trails system
- ~120 miles of USBR on-street system















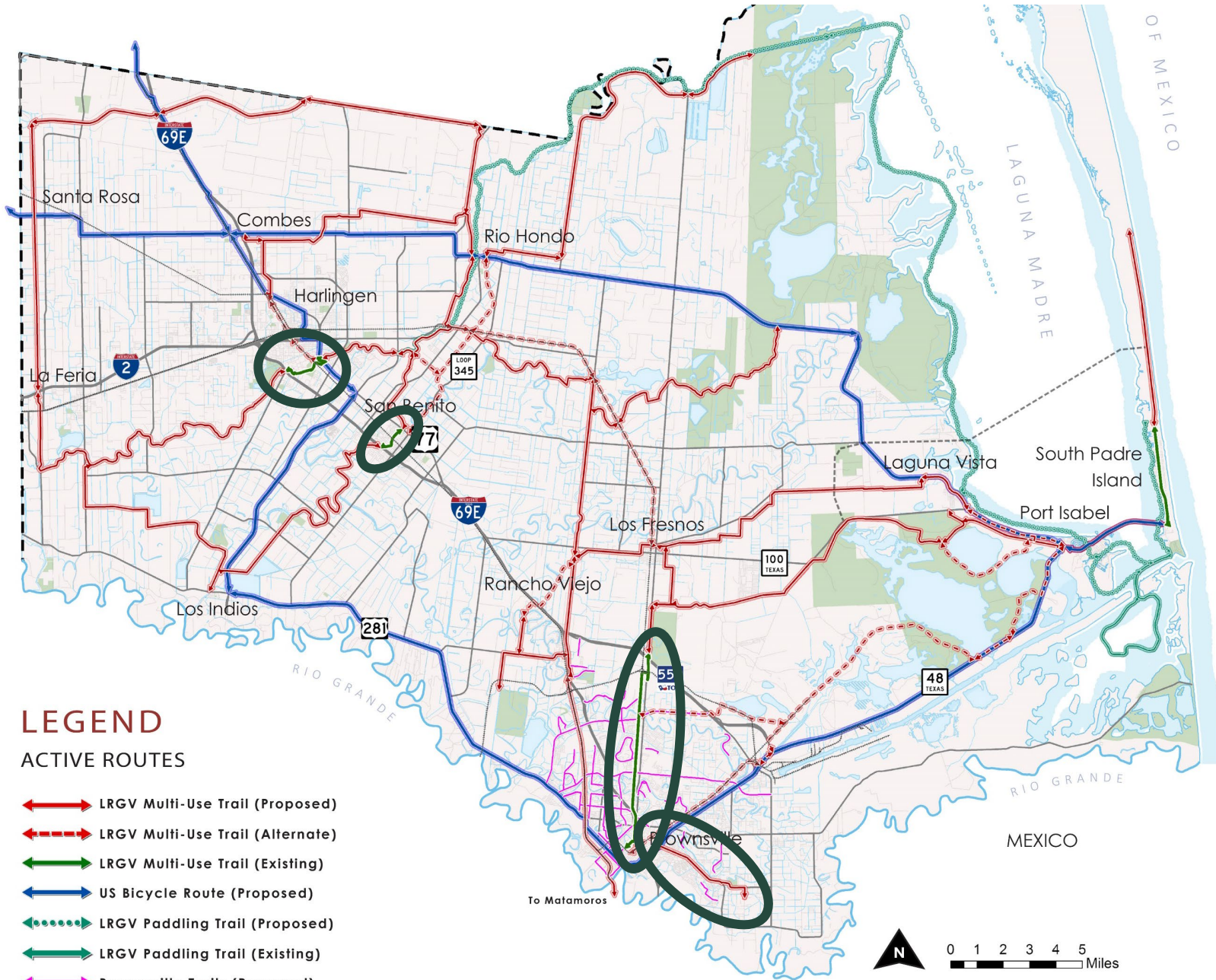




EXISTING NETWORK

CAMERON COUNTY





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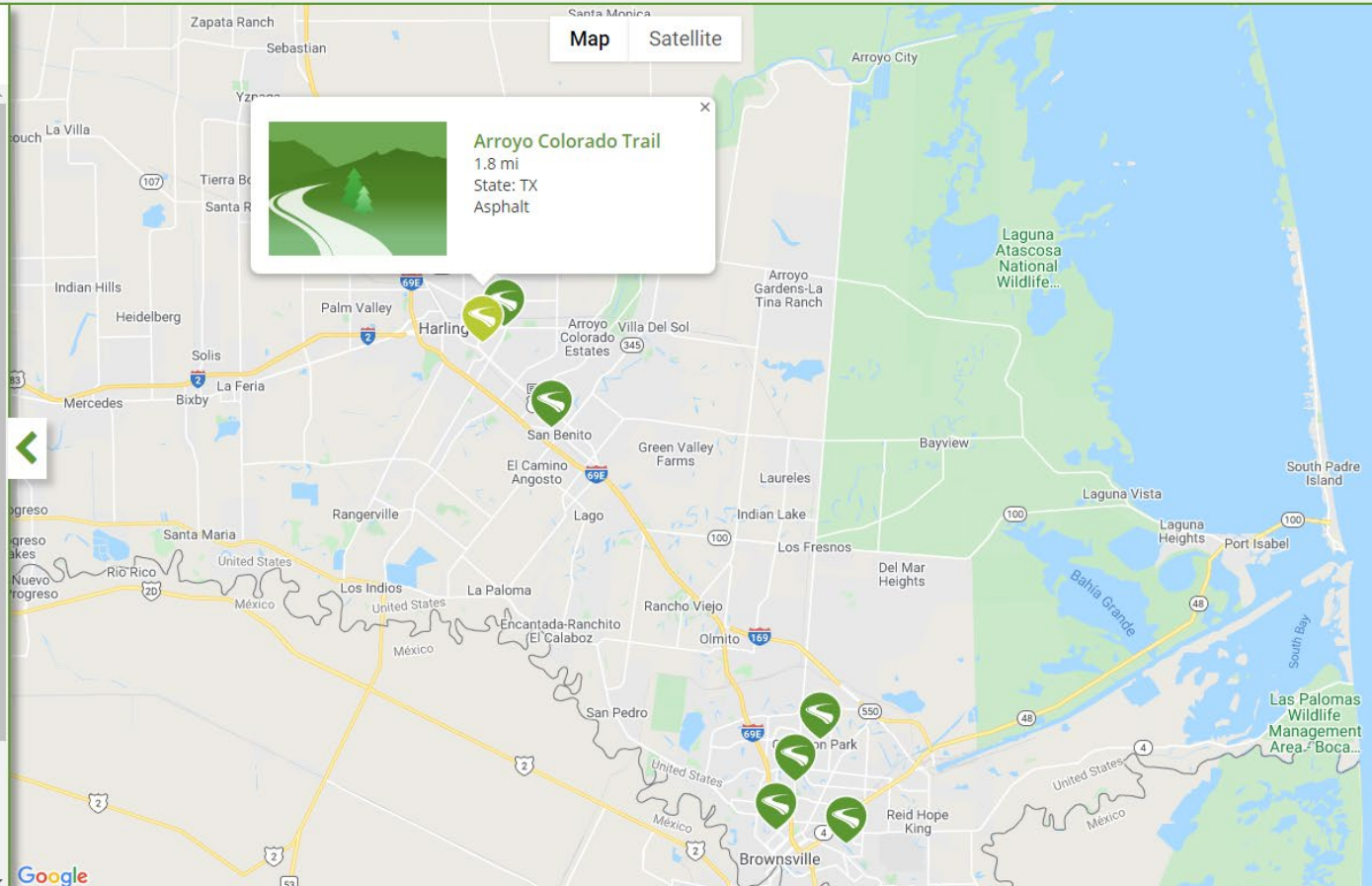
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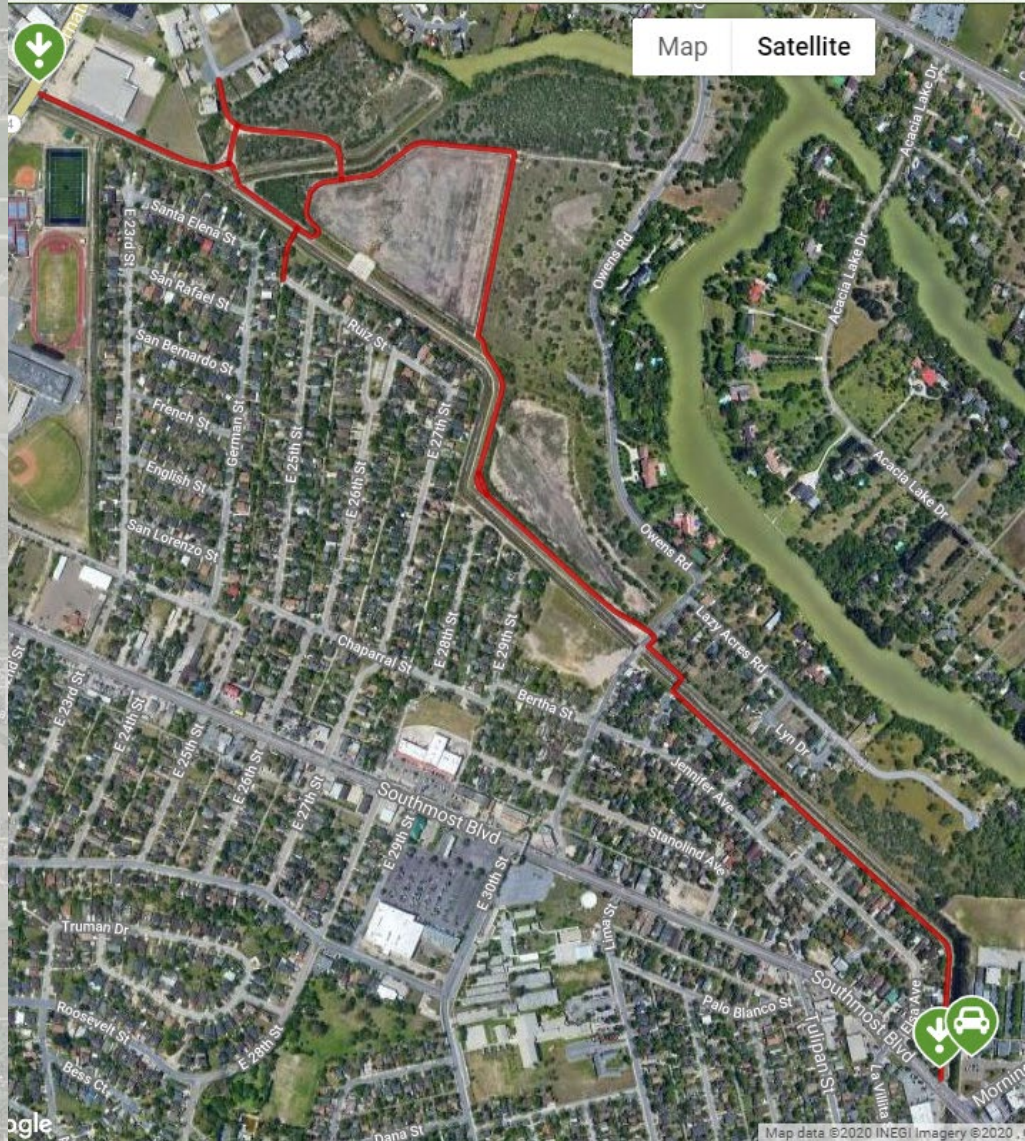
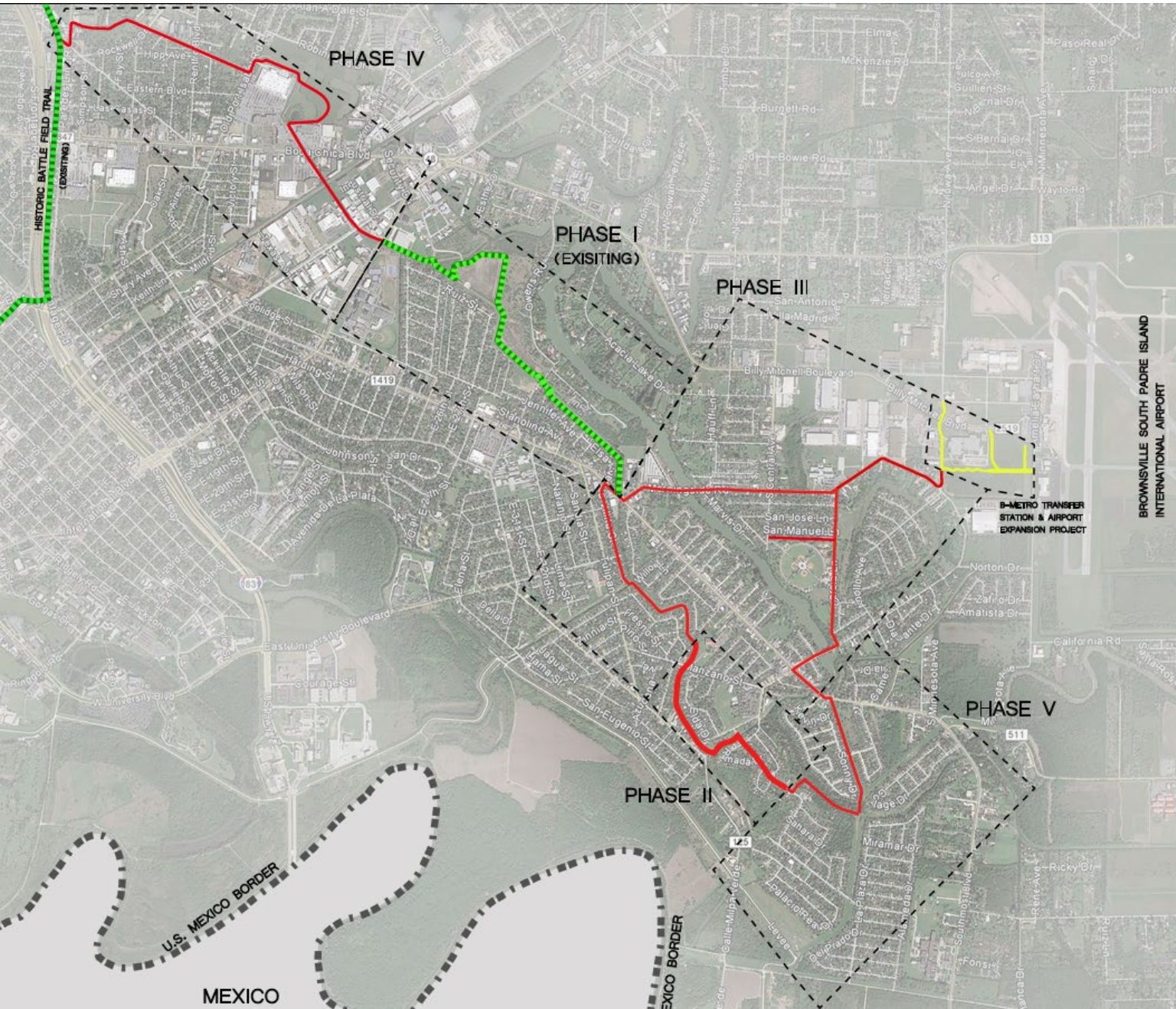
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Map Search

Map View Sort by Filter

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Asphalt
-  **Arroyo Colorado Trail**
1.8 mi
State: TX
Asphalt
-  **Belden Trail**
1 mi
State: TX
Concrete
-  **Heavin Resaca Trail**
2.6 mi
State: TX
Asphalt
-  **Historic Battlefield Trail**
8.5 mi ★★★★★
State: TX
Asphalt
-  **Paseo de la Resaca Community Trail**
7 mi ★★★★★
State: TX
Asphalt





HISTORIC BATTLEFIELD TRAIL

BROWNSVILLE



Historic Battlefield Trail

← Map

Legend

Parking

Trailhead

Tunnel

Restroom

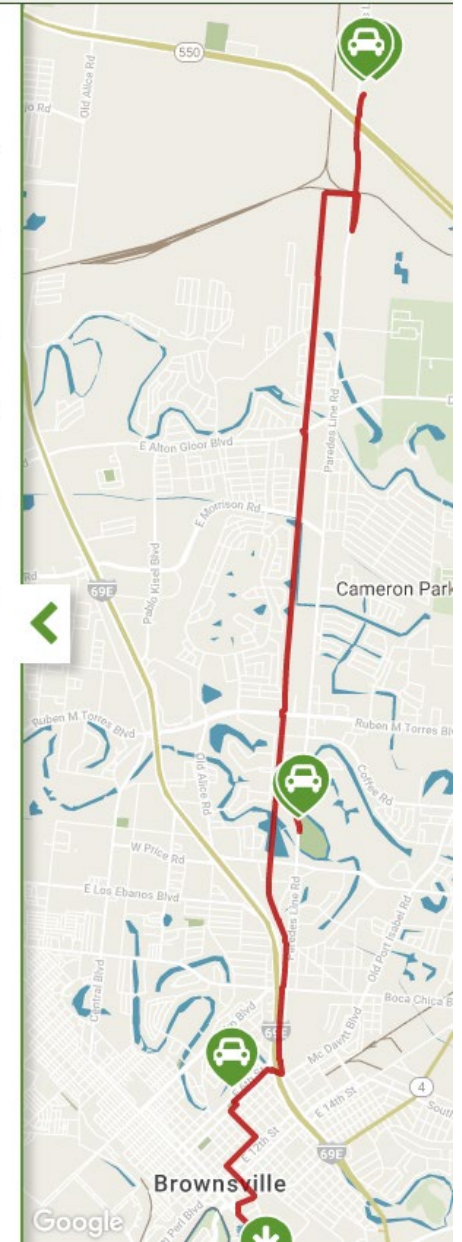
Endpoint

Drinking Fountain

Geocoded Photos

Nearby Trails

Google Bike Map

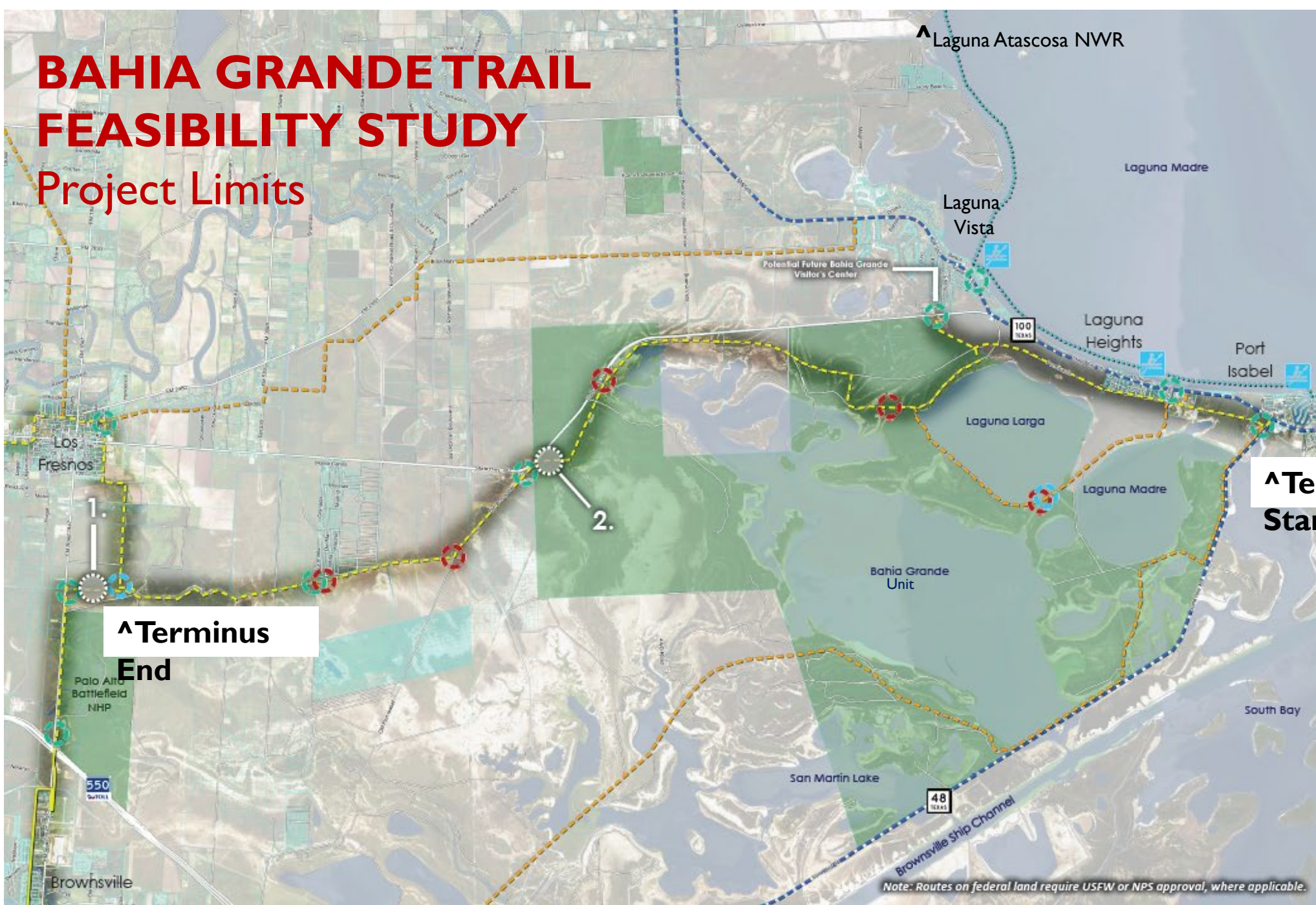


BROWNSVILLE TO LOS FRESNOS CONNECT



BAHIA GRANDE TRAIL FEASIBILITY STUDY

Project Limits



LEGEND

ACTIVE ROUTES

- LRGV Multi-Use Trail (Proposed)
- LRGV Multi-Use Trail (Alternate)
- US Bicycle Route (Proposed)
- Existing Multi-Use Trail
- LRGV Paddling Trail (Proposed)

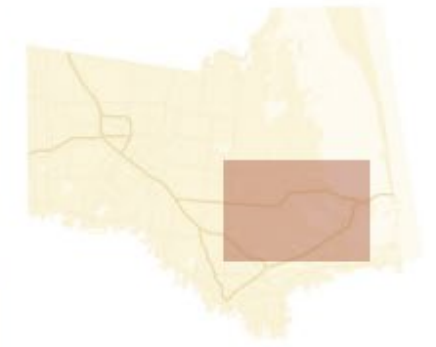
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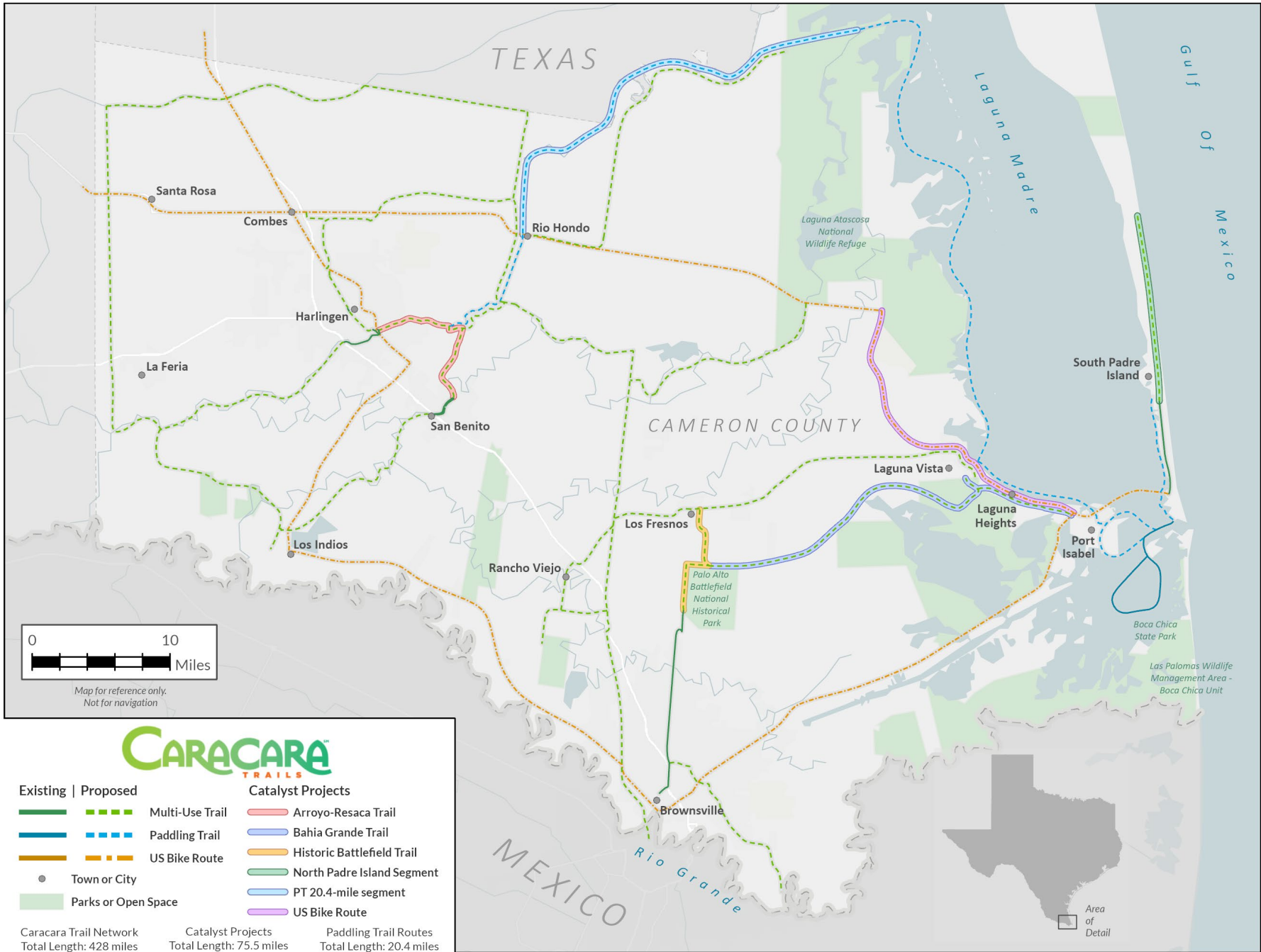
- Trailhead (Proposed)
- Boat Launch (Existing & Proposed)
- Wayside (Proposed)
- Bridge

Terminus
Start

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End

LOCATION MAP





Map for reference only.
Not for navigation

CARACARA TRAILS

Existing | Proposed

- Multi-Use Trail
- Paddling Trail
- US Bike Route
- Town or City
- Parks or Open Space

Catalyst Projects

- Arroyo-Resaca Trail
- Bahia Grande Trail
- Historic Battlefield Trail
- North Padre Island Segment
- PT 20.4-mile segment
- US Bike Route

Caracara Trail Network
Total Length: 428 miles

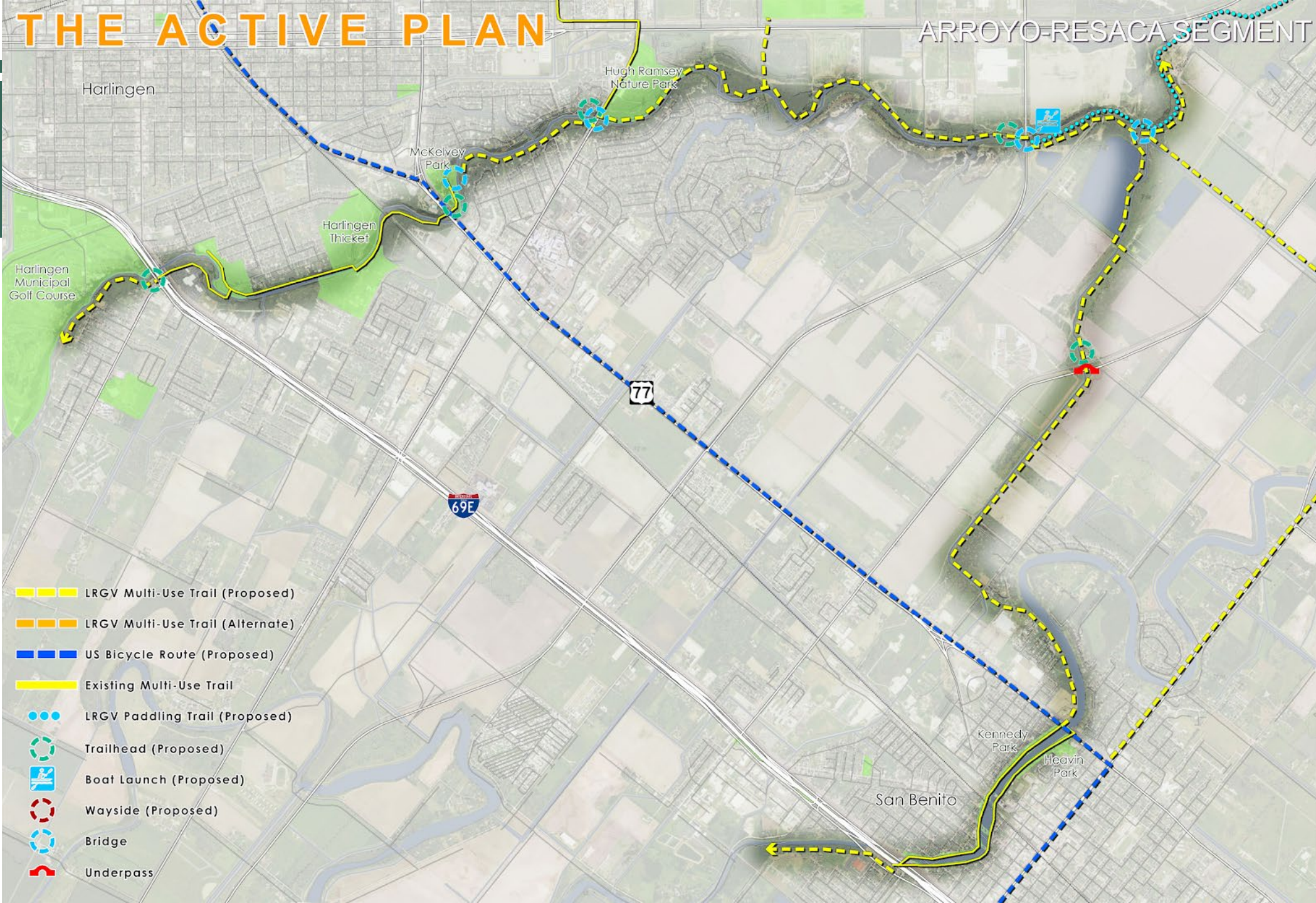
Catalyst Projects
Total Length: 75.5 miles

Paddling Trail Routes
Total Length: 20.4 miles

Area of Detail

THE ACTIVE PLAN

ARROYO-RESACA SEGMENT



- LRGV Multi-Use Trail (Proposed)
- LRGV Multi-Use Trail (Alternate)
- US Bicycle Route (Proposed)
- Existing Multi-Use Trail
- LRGV Paddling Trail (Proposed)
- Trailhead (Proposed)
- Boat Launch (Proposed)
- Wayside (Proposed)
- Bridge
- Underpass

RESACA HEAVIN TRAIL SAN BENITO



Heavin Resaca Trail

← Map

Legend

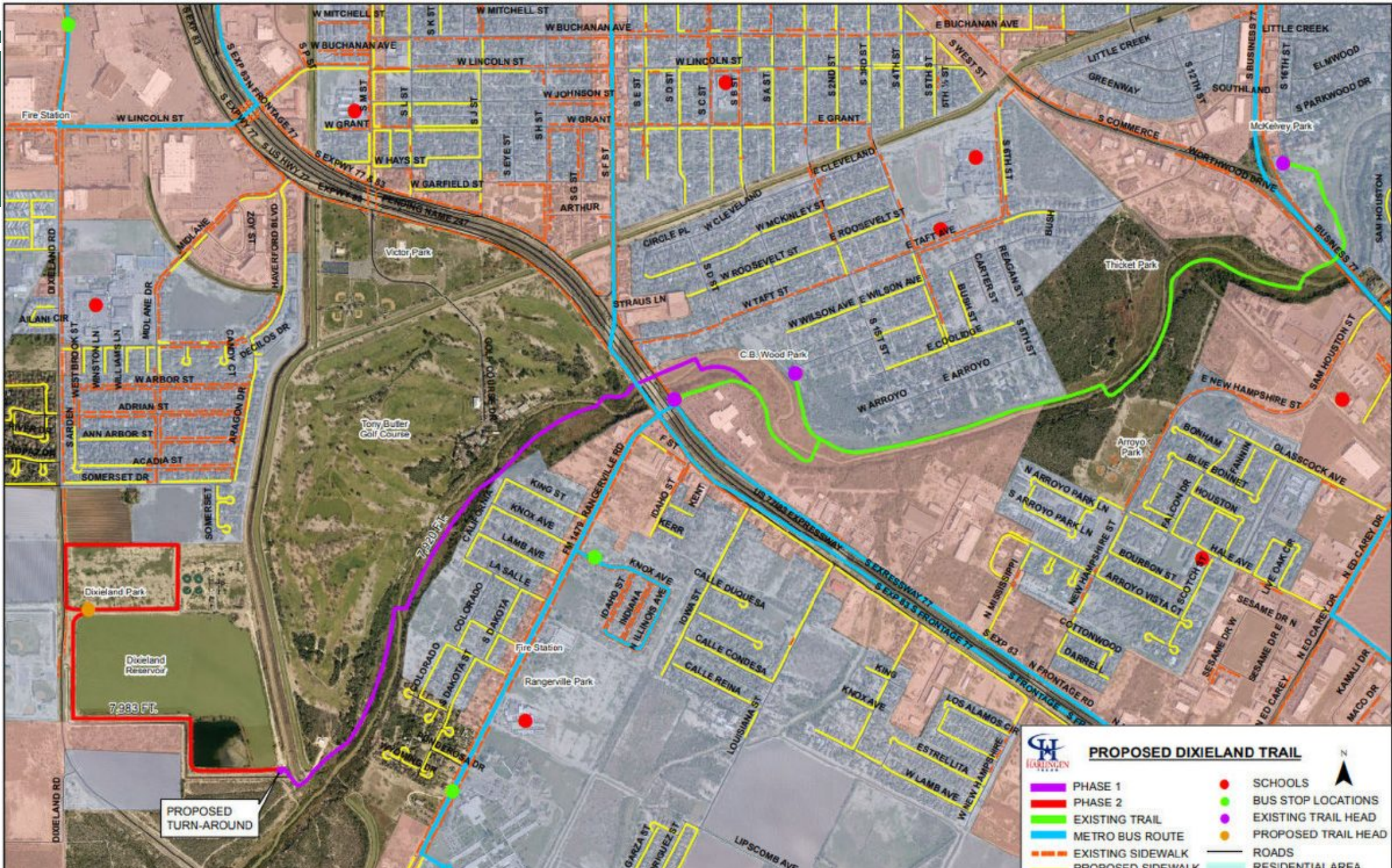
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ARROYO COLORADO TRAIL HARLINGEN










PROPOSED TURN-AROUND



PROPOSED DIXIELAND TRAIL

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|---|-------------------|---|---------------------|
|  | PHASE 1 |  | SCHOOLS |
|  | PHASE 2 |  | BUS STOP LOCATIONS |
|  | EXISTING TRAIL |  | EXISTING TRAIL HEAD |
|  | METRO BUS ROUTE |  | PROPOSED TRAIL HEAD |
|  | EXISTING SIDEWALK |  | ROADS |
|  | PROPOSED SIDEWALK |  | RESIDENTIAL AREA |



CARACARA TRAILS 2020-2021 ACTION PLAN

APPROVED AT JANUARY 28, 2020 CTAC MEETING

I. Caracara Trails Coalition

- A. 50% growth in the Caracara Trails Coalition by January 2022
- B. Advance 1-2 local policies per municipality by January 2022
- C. Submit 5 regional/joint grant applications by January 2022 to diversify funding

II. Develop the Caracara Trails Network

- A. Inventory existing, upcoming, and potential paddling trail launch sites in TXPT Geospatial Database
- B. Solicit TxDOT's and AASHTO's approval to submit USBRS applications for designation of USBR 55 and USBR 255
- C. Determine cost estimates for trail segments and incorporate into Caracara Trails Geospatial Database

III. Encourage Trail Use

- A. Implement trail counters throughout the existing RGV bike/ped network to monitor regional trail use
- B. Develop a Caracara Trails Marketing and Communications Plan
- C. Build online content and integrate public interactive map and advocacy resources



USBRS
U.S. BICYCLE ROUTE SYSTEM



CARACARA TRAILS COALITION MEETING SCHEDULE

	2020										2021	
2020-2021	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR
CTAC	X			X			X			X		
USBR		X			X			X			X	
MARKETING		X			X			X			X	
RESEARCH			X			X			X			X
WEBMAP			X			X			X			X
TXPT				X			X			X		
MULTI-USE TRAILS				X			X			X		





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