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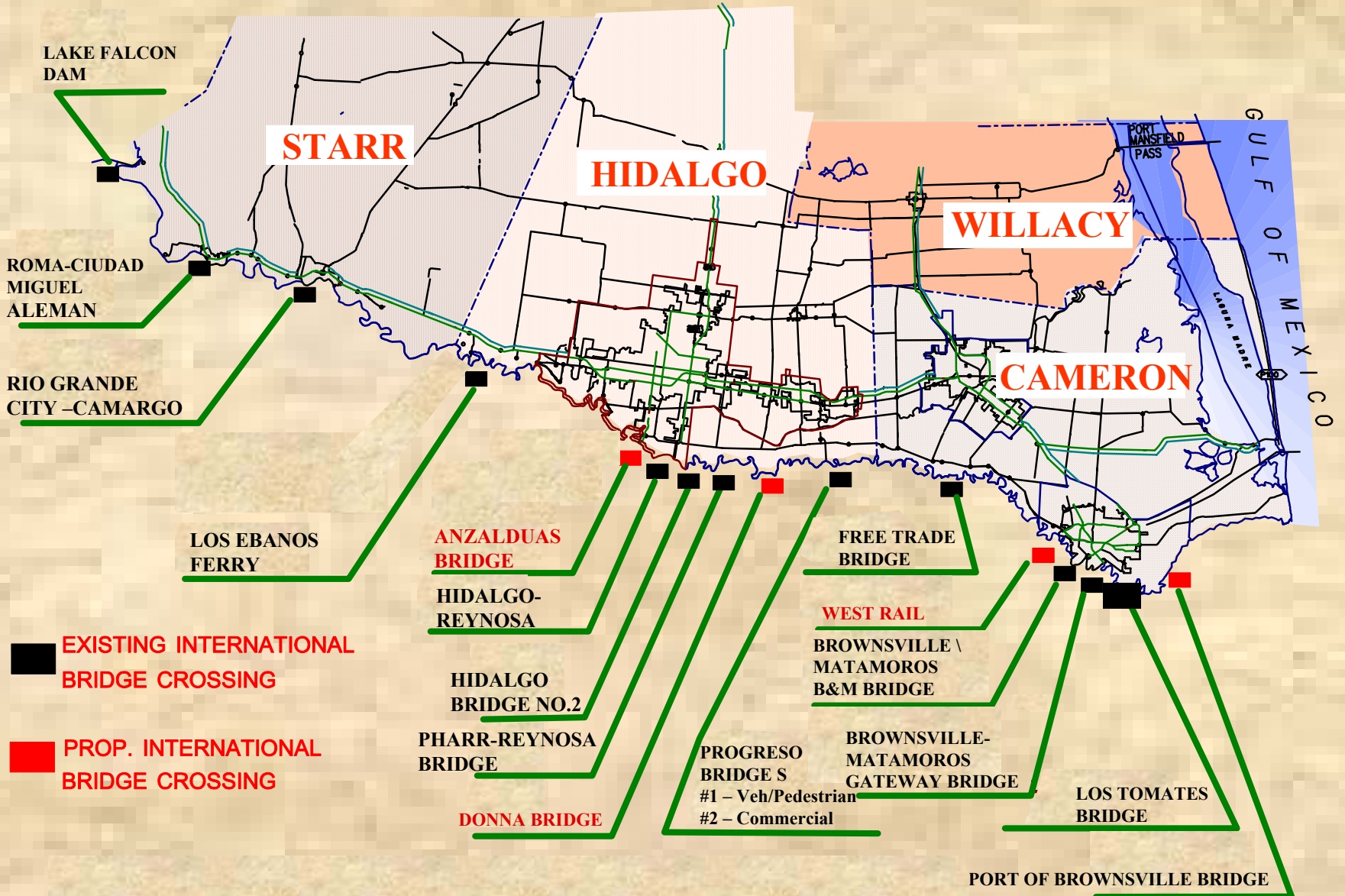
NARC Freight and Goods Movement Summit

Border Crossings

December 5th 2006



International Bridge Crossings



Cameron County International Toll Bridge System

- Gateway International Bridge (April 14, 1962)
- Free Trade Bridge at Los Indios (Nov. 2, 1992)
- Veterans International Bridge at Los Tomates (April 30, 1999)



Gateway International Bridge Brownsville, Texas – Matamoros, Tamaulipas



Crossings & Revenues

- *Gateway*

- Pedestrian traffic (local traffic, maquiladora employees, tourists)
- Attracts Spring Break visitors
- The bridge operates 24 hours a day.
- Approximately \$6.8 million annually.



Free Trade Bridge

Los Indios, Texas – Lucio Blanco, Tamaulipas



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(Shown is entry into the U.S. Mexico is toward the lower left of the photo.)



Crossings & Revenues

- *Free Trade Bridge at Los Indios*

- Primarily attracts tourists (Monterrey) and international commercial traffic
- Foreign Trade Zone Area
 - The Free Trade Commerce Area
 - Penske, Universal Technologies, and Panasonic
 - Only designated crossing in South Texas for transmigrante traffic headed to Central America
- Approximately \$2.2 million annually

Veterans International Bridge at Los Tomates Brownsville, Texas – Matamoros, Tamaulipas



**Veterans International Bridge at Los Tomates
Brownsville, Texas – Matamoros, Tamaulipas**

(Shown is the entry into the U.S. Mexico is toward the lower left in the photo.)

Crossings & Revenues

- *Veterans Bridge*

- Attracts Pedestrian Vehicle and Commercial Traffic
 - Average 15,000 vehicles daily
 - Average 2,000 trucks daily
- Connects directly to US 77/83 (Future I-69)
- Designated SENTRI and FAST Lanes
- Approximately \$9 million annually

Partnerships

- Free Trade Bridge – Cameron County owns and operates
Cities of Harlingen and San Benito each receive 25 ½ of net revenues
- Veterans Bridge – Cameron County owns and operates.
City of Brownsville receives 50 % of net revenues

Upcoming Projects

- West Rail Relocation
- Veterans Bridge Expansion

Cameron County

Brownsville/Matamoros West Rail Relocation Plan



Governmental/Private Agencies



- **United States**
 - Cameron County**
 - City of Brownsville**
 - Cameron County RMA**
 - Texas DOT/ US DOT**
 - Union Pacific Railroad**
 - B & M Bridge Co.**



- **Mexico**
 - Municipio de Matamoros**
 - Gobierno del Estado de Tamaulipas**
 - S.C.T.**
 - KCSM**



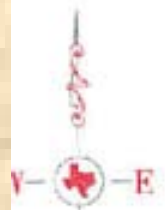


Proposed West Rail Bypass

BND North Loop & Olmito Yard

BND Railroad Relocation

Matamoros West Rail Bypass



CAMERON COUNTY AND CITY OF BROWNSVILLE
BROWNSVILLE - MATAMOROS WEST RAIL BYPASS PLAN
JWH & Associates, Inc.

Progress Past Year-2005/06

- **Engineering Design 85% Complete**
- **Appraisals for 21 Land Acquisitions**
- **Receipt of 21 Surveys and Parcel Descriptions**
- **Negotiations with Property Owners**
- **Progress Review of Engineering Design**
- **Federal Funding- \$6.63 million**
- **TxDOT Funding- \$13 million**
- **Coordination with Mexican Agencies**

U. S. Funding Status

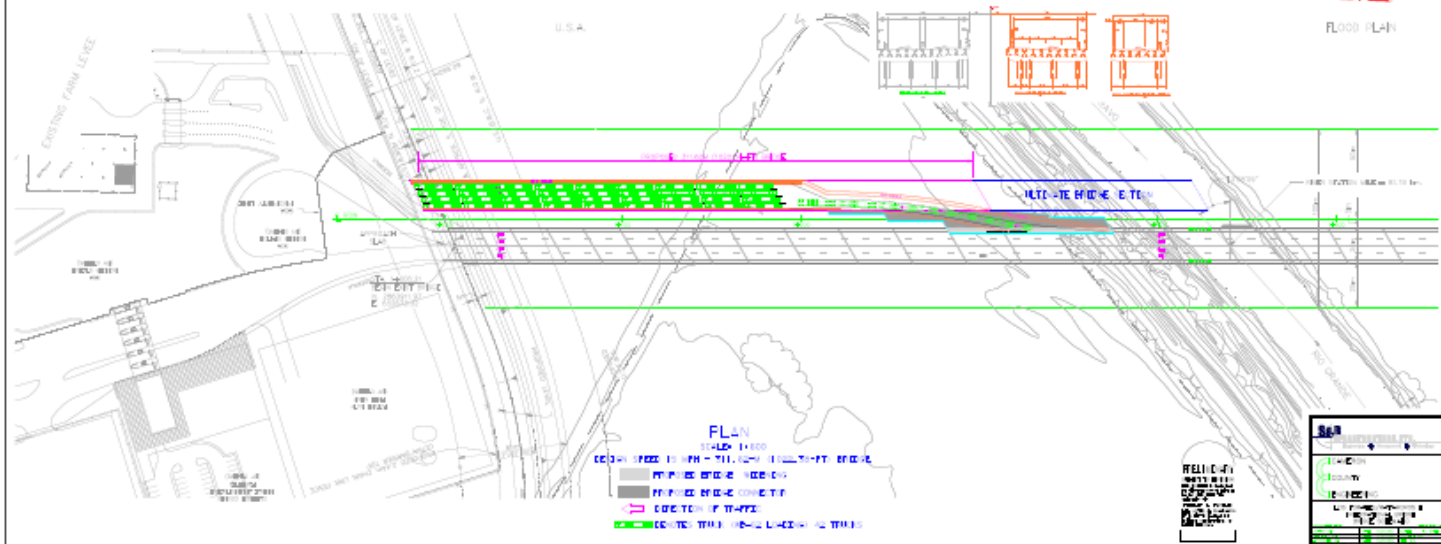
- **Commitment from UPRR- \$3.5- \$4.5 million**
- **Federal Funds approved- \$6.635 million**
- **City of Brownsville Bond Funds- \$1 million**
- **Cameron County Funds- \$1 million**
- **Texas DOT Railroad Grade Separation Funds- \$13 million**

**Veterans International Bridge
At
Los Tomates
“Bridge Expansion”**

Photos of Bridge



VETERANS INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE
CAMERON COUNTY



Proposed Funding

- **TXDOT – 80%**
- **Cameron County – 10 %**
- **City of Brownsville – 10%**

- **Estimated construction cost - \$6 million**