



NOTICE OF A PUBLIC MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF BROWNSVILLE

Pursuant to Chapter 551, Title 5 of the Texas Government Code, the Texas Open Meetings Act, notice is hereby given that the City Commission of the City of Brownsville, Texas, in accordance with Article V, Section 12, of the Charter of said City, will convene a **Regular Meeting**, on **September 05, 2023**, at **5:00 p.m.**, at the **City Commission Chambers**, located on the **Second Floor** of the **Brownsville City Hall-Old Federal Building**, located at **1001 East Elizabeth Street**, Brownsville, Cameron County, Texas, 78520. Pursuant to Section 551.127, Texas Government Code, one or more Commissioners or employees may attend this meeting remotely using videoconferencing technology. The video and audio feed of the videoconferencing equipment can be viewed and heard by the public at the address posted above as the location of the meeting.

Members of the Public, Employees, and the City Commission may join via the Webex Teleconference Meeting by logging on at:

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CALL TO ORDER

A) ROLL CALL

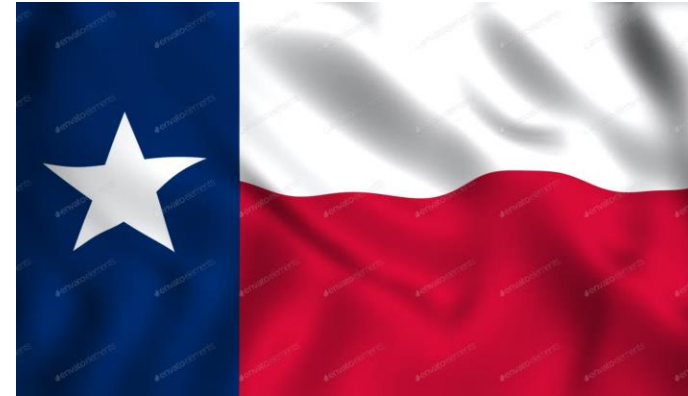
B) INVOCATION

Pledge of Allegiance to United States



I pledge allegiance to the flag
of the United States of
America and to the Republic
for which it stands, one Nation
under God, indivisible, with
liberty and justice for all.

Texas Pledge



Honor the Texas flag, I pledge
allegiance to thee, Texas, one
state under God, one and
indivisible.

PROCLAMATION(S)

Recognizing Jesus Garcia a Revival of Cultural Arts (ROCA) Scholar

Commissioner B. L. Martinez / Commissioner R. De los Santos

Recognizing World Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia (CLL) Day

Commissioner R. De los Santos / Commissioner B. L. Martinez

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Public Comment Period

Section 2-26. Meetings and agendas.

(f) Public *input during meetings.*

(1) *Conduct.*

a. Conversations between or among audience members should be conducted outside the meeting room.

Attendees should refrain from conversations while commission is in session.

b. Cell phones. Attendees must refrain from the operation and use of cellular telephones, pagers, etc., or any mechanical devices that may disrupt city commission proceedings.

c. Placards, banners, or signs are not be permitted in the commission chambers or in any other room in which the city commission conducts a meeting. Included in this prohibition are various hats, caps, visors, and t-shirts, which may represent sentiments as alluded to, regarding placards, banners and/or signs.

d. Exhibits, displays, and visual aids used in connection with presentations to the city commission, are permitted.

e. Only city commission members and city staff may approach the dais. If report, letter, etc., is to be presented to the commission, it should be given to the city secretary, (or staff) who will make the distribution. It is preferable that the item to be distributed be given to the city secretary prior to meeting time. A copy of the item should be made available for the city secretary's official record.

f. All comments shall be made to the mayor and city commission as a whole, and not to individual commission members.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEM(S):

The following are considered to be routine by the City Commission and will be approved by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a City Commissioner so requests, in which event the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in its normal sequence on the Agenda.

Consent Agenda Items

- 1) Approval of the Minutes:
 - a) Minutes of August 15, 2023, Regular City Commission Meeting
- 2) Consideration and ACTION to approve the 2024 City Commission Meeting Schedule. (Office of the City Secretary)
- 3) Consideration and ACTION to approve the holiday schedule for Fiscal Year 2024. (Organizational Development & Human Resources Department)
- 4) APPROVAL on SECOND and FINAL READING on Ordinance Number 235-2023-018-S, to request a Specific Use Permit to allow a used car lot in Traditional Neighborhood-Corridor for Lot 3, Block 66, Enrique Subdivision, Cameron County, Texas, located at 1416 Filmore Street, Brownsville, Texas 78520, as shown in Exhibit "A". (District 1) (Planning & Redevelopment Department)
- 5) Consideration and ACTION to approve the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) MOU between the City of Brownsville and the RGVMPO, including a local match of \$7,500, for the City's inclusion in the Regional Comprehensive Safety Action Plan. (Multimodal Transportation Department)
- 6) Consideration and ACTION for the award of a three-year contract with Garver, LLC and Jviation, A Woolpert Company, for Professional Architect/Engineering Consulting Services for the Brownsville South Padre Island International Airport. RFQ # PES-63-0523. (Department of Aviation)
- 7) Consideration and ACTION to approve the second one-year extension of term contract FMS-59-0919 for floormats and dustmop services city-wide. (Internal Services Department)
- 8) Consideration and ACTION on Resolution Number 2023-112 in supporting the submission of the FY 2024 Operation Lone Star Grant Program Application #4915801 through the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office and accept the terms and conditions of said grant for the City of Brownsville Police Department, as budgeted. (Brownsville Police Department)
- 9) Consideration and ACTION to execute an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Brownsville and Cameron County regarding the Fiscal Year 2023 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program Application #GRANT13939013 in the amount of \$79,621.00, as budgeted. (Brownsville Police Department)
- 10) Consideration and ACTION to approve the cooperative purchase of an Articulated Dump Truck, in the amount of \$421,517.00, as part of the Fiscal Year 2023 Heavy Equipment Replacement Plan, as budgeted. (Internal Services Department)
- 11) Consideration and ACTION to RESCIND an award of a contract, BSI-74-0523, with EnGo Planet in the amount of \$335,703.60 for the 30 Bus Shelter Improvement Project. (Multimodal Transportation Department)
- 12) Consideration and ACTION to enter into a cooperative contract with Galls, LLC for the purchase of uniforms for the Brownsville Police Department in an amount not to exceed \$85,000 annually, as budgeted. #UPA-88-0623. (Brownsville Police Department)
- 13) Consideration and ACTION to approve the FIRST RENEWAL for the Contract Agreement with ATELIER 956 LLC for Video Streaming Services (VSS-76-0722) for the City of Brownsville in the amount of \$6,900 per month, as budgeted. (Communications & Marketing Department)
- 14) Consideration and ACTION on resolution number 2023-113 to amend the By-Laws for the Transit Advisory Committee. (Multimodal Transportation Department)
- 15) APPROVAL on SECOND and FINAL READING of Ordinance Number 2023-1729 to approve a budget amendment for Fiscal Year 2023. (Multimodal Transportation Department/Finance Department)
- 16) APPROVAL on SECOND and FINAL READING on Ordinance Number 2023-1725 of the City of Brownsville, Texas, to adopt the Fiscal Year 2024 Annual Budget. (Financial Services Department)
- 17) APPROVAL on SECOND and FINAL READING of Ordinance Number 2023-1726 to ratify the Fiscal Year 2024 budget that will raise more total property taxes than last year's budget. (Financial Services Department)
- 18) APPROVAL on SECOND and FINAL READING of Ordinance Number 2023-1728 levying ad valorem taxes for the Tax Year 2023 for the use and support of the Municipal Government of the City of Brownsville, Texas, for the Fiscal Year 2024, providing interest and sinking fund for the Fiscal Year 2024 City of Brownsville, Texas, General Obligation Bonds. (Financial Services Department)
- 19) Consideration and ACTION to award a contract to SpawGlass Contractors Inc. for the cleanup and ceiling demolition of the Capital Theater in the amount of \$125,492.00, as budgeted. (Internal Services Department)

MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

I MOVE TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS, INCLUDING MOVING THAT THE PROPERTY TAX RATE BE INCREASED BY THE ADOPTION OF A TAX RATE OF \$0.607987, WHICH IS EFFECTIVELY A 10.7% INCREASE IN THE TAX RATE.

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

PUBLIC HEARING #1

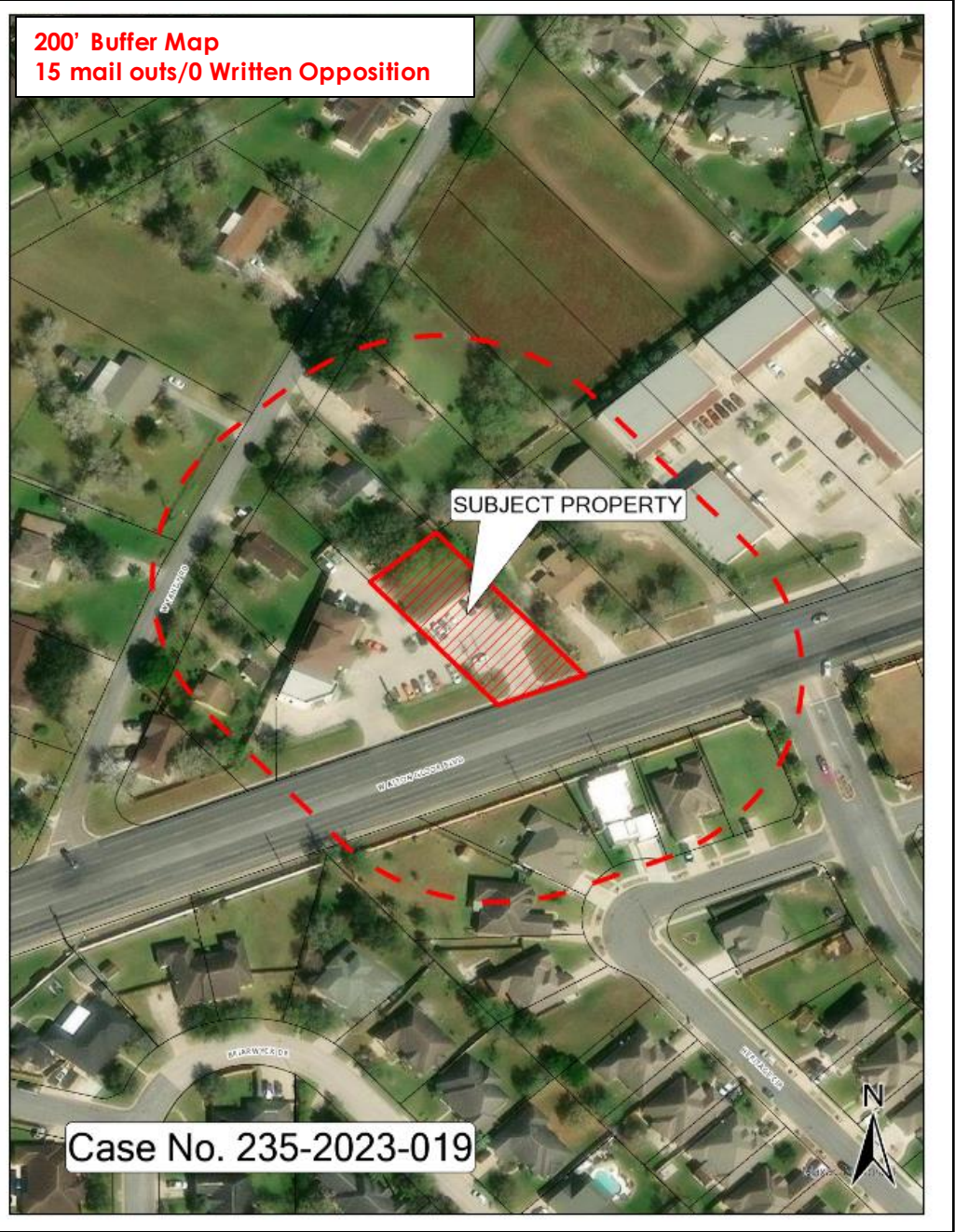
Public Hearing and **ACTION** on **FIRST READING** on **Ordinance Number 235-2023-019**, to rezone from Residential Estate (RE) to Commercial Corridor (CC) to allow the expansion of an existing medical office for Lot 12, Jose Almaraz Subdivision, Cameron County, Texas, located at 3125 West Alton Gloor Boulevard, Brownsville, Texas 78520, as shown in Exhibit "A". (District 4)
(Tabled 08-15-2023)

Planning & Redevelopment Department

Case 235-2023-019

- ▶ Request to rezone to **Commercial Corridor (CC)**
- ▶ **Current Zoning:** Residential Estate (RE)
- ▶ **Proposed Use:** Expansion of Existing Medical Office
- ▶ Property is fronting West Alton Gloor Boulevard

200' Buffer Map
15 mail outs/0 Written Opposition



Case No. 235-2023-019



City of Brownsville Zoning Map

Zoning Districts

-  AG - Agricultural
-  RE - Residential Estate
-  R-1 - Residential Single Family
-  R-2 - Residential Suburban
-  R-3 - Residential Transition
-  TN - Traditional Neighborhood
-  TN-MU - Traditional Neighborhood Mixed Use
-  TN-C - Traditional Neighborhood Corridor
-  DE - Downtown Edge
-  DG - Downtown General
-  DC - Downtown Core
-  CC - Corridor Commercial
-  RC - Reginal Center
-  LI - Light Industrial
-  HI - Heavy Industrial

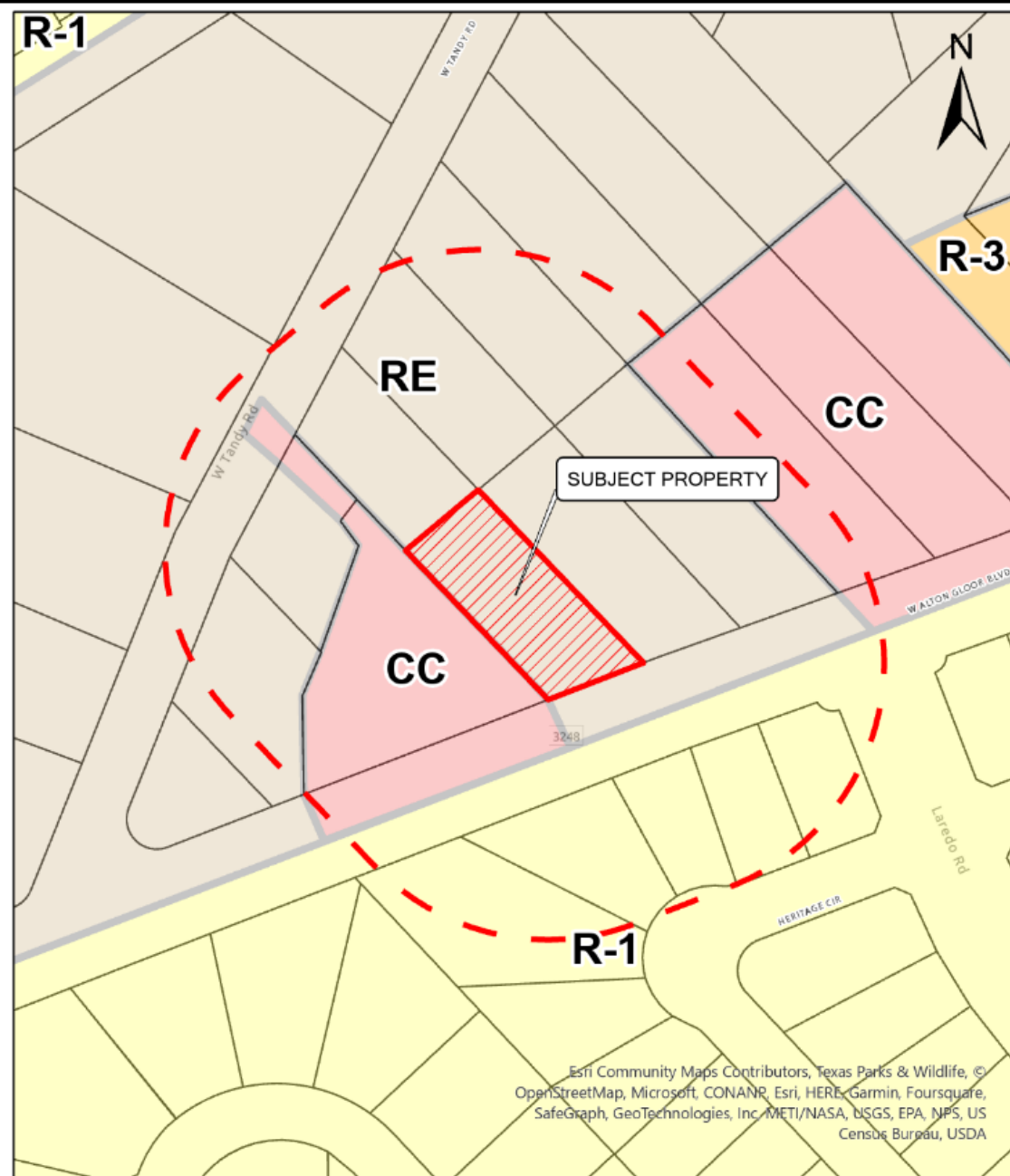
EXHIBIT "A"

Rezoning request:
Case # 235-2023-019

Current Zoning:
RE, Residential Estate

Proposed Zoning:
CC, Commercial Corridor

Brownsville Electoral District #4





Planning & Zoning Commission Recommendation

- ▶ The request is **consistent** with the Comprehensive Plan and Future Land Use Plan.
- ▶ P&Z recommends **approval** to rezone from **Residential Estate (RE)** to **Commercial Corridor (CC)**.

PUBLIC HEARING #2

Public Hearing and **ACTION** to authorize the City of Brownsville Police Department to apply for the Fiscal Year 2023 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program Application #GRANT13939013 in the amount of \$79,621.00, as budgeted.

Brownsville Police Department

Edward Byrne Memorial JAG Grant

– Fiscal 2023

Fact Sheet

- ▶ Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG)
- ▶ Established – 2005
- ▶ Total Grant Amount - \$79,621.00
- ▶ Brownsville PD / Cameron County
- ▶ Equipment and Safety Vests

Allocated Grant Amounts

- ▶ Brownsville PD - \$61,820.00
- Cameron County - \$17,801.00

Public Hearing

► QUESTIONS

**ITEMS FOR
INDIVIDUAL
CONSIDERATION(S)**

ACTION ITEM #1

Consideration and **ACTION** for the acceptance of the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) Flood Infrastructure Fund (FIF) Category 1 Project 40024 – Brownsville to Port Isabel Hydrologic Unit Code (HUC)_10 Watershed Study, as presented, with allowance for any insubstantial edits requested by TWDB during the finalization process.

Engineering & Public Works Department



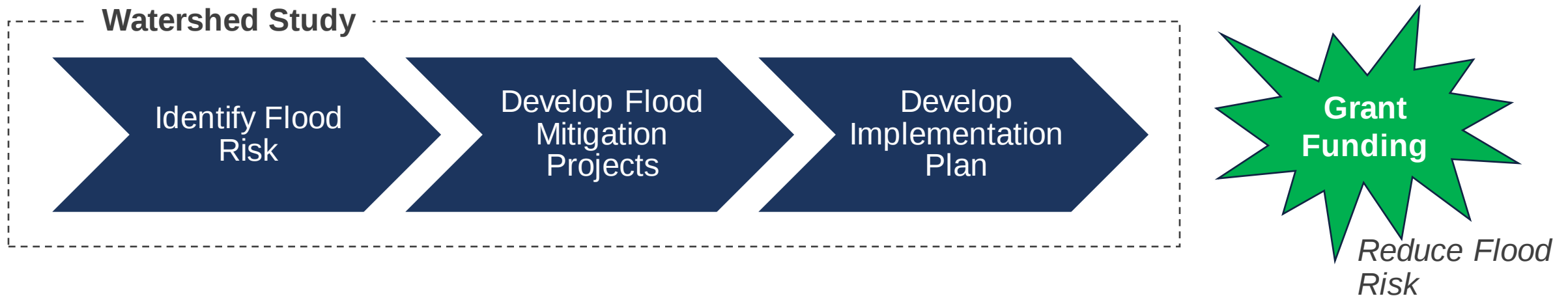
Brownsville to Port Isabel HUC-10 Watershed Study

City of Brownsville Commission Meeting

September 5, 2023

STUDY OVERVIEW – REASONS FOR A WATERSHED STUDY

- A watershed study provides a better **understanding of flood risk** in the region
- A watershed study develops a **plan** that will act as a roadmap for the region to effectively address flood issues
- A watershed study helps the region be prepared to apply for **flood mitigation grants** when they become available



TYPICAL GRANT APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

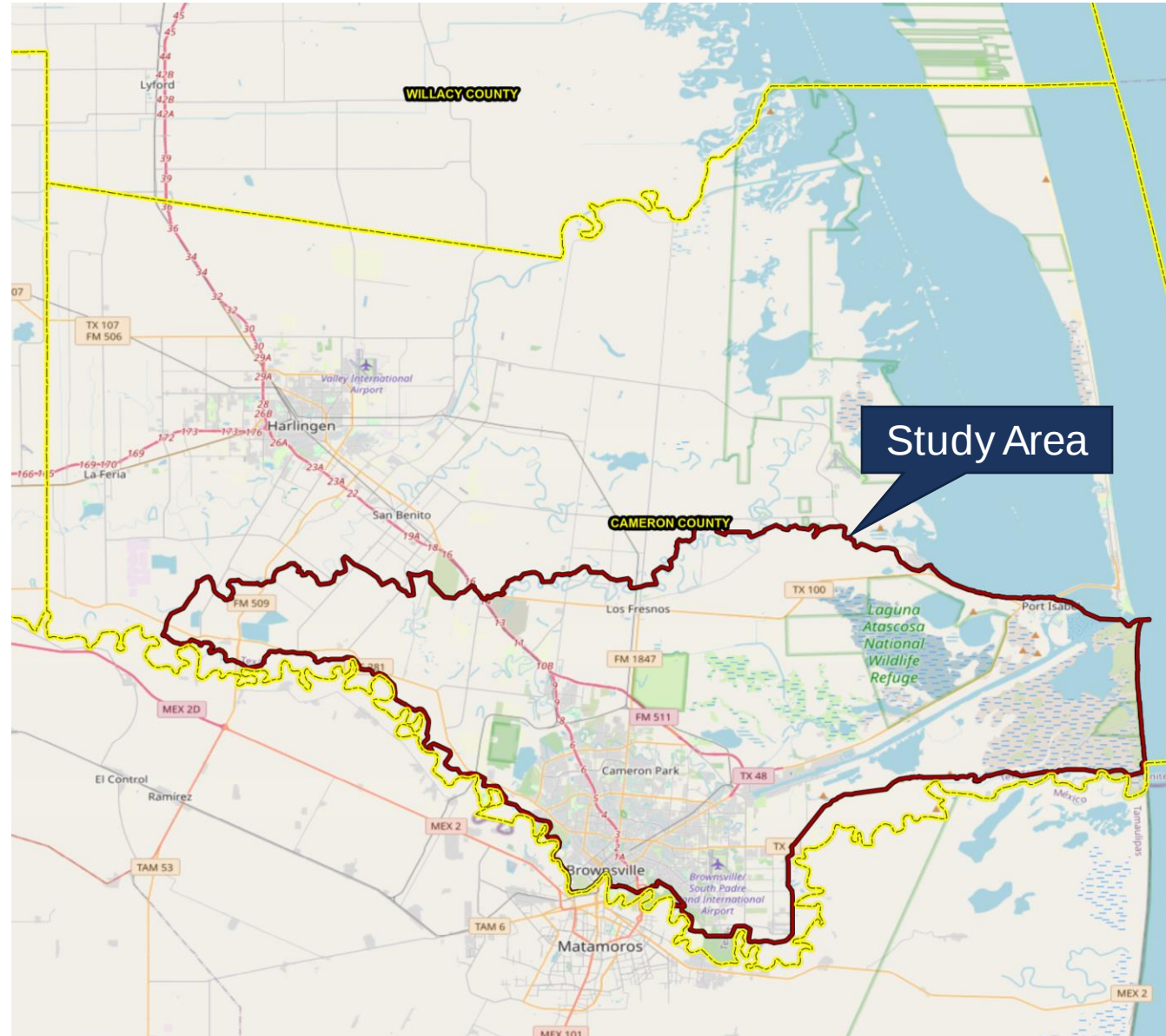
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| ■ Project description & type | ■ Project impacts |
| ■ Project cost | ■ Drainage master planning |
| ■ Project benefits | ■ Benefitted population and census data |



Watershed Study

STUDY OVERVIEW – STUDY AREA

- ❑ Encompasses 366 square miles of Cameron County's southern region
- ❑ Sponsor:
 - ❑ City of Brownsville
- ❑ Major Stakeholders:
 - ❑ Brownsville
 - ❑ Cameron County DD # 1
 - ❑ VMUD #2
 - ❑ Los Fresnos
 - ❑ Rancho Viejo
 - ❑ Olmito
 - ❑ Port Isabel
 - ❑ Laguna Vista



MODEL EXAMPLE

Selected: 'Depth'

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Town Resaca

Boca Chica Blvd

North Main Drain

I-69E

International Blvd

Riverine

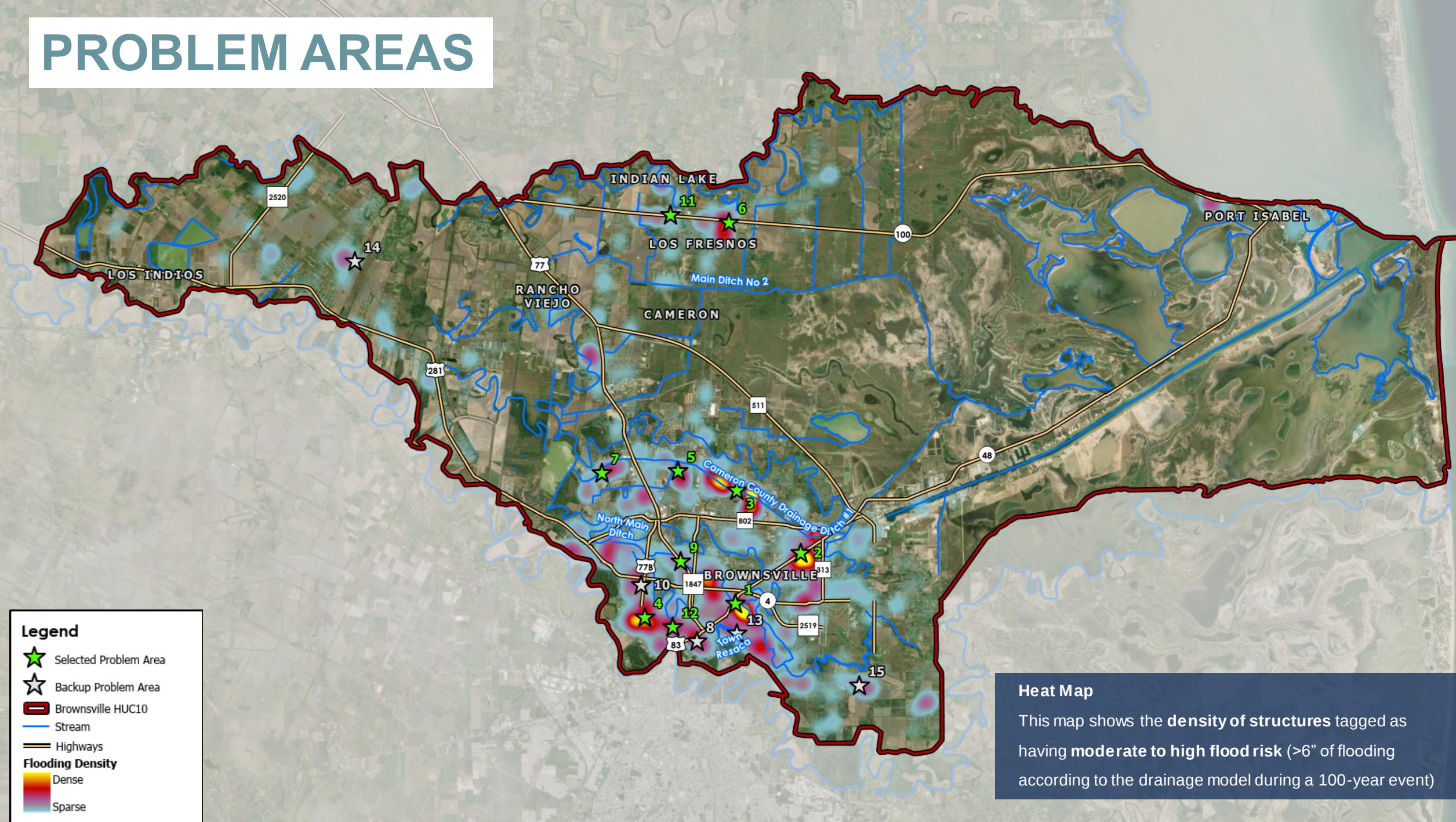
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Depth of Flooding

This video shows the modeled depth of flooding for the May 2022 event that was used for calibration

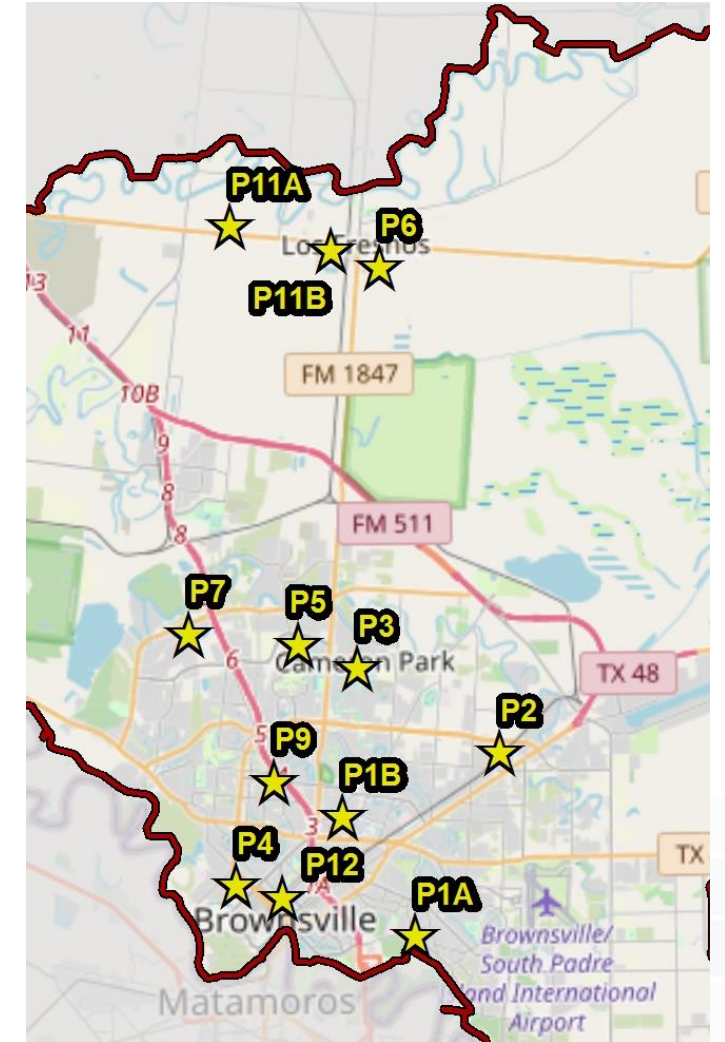


PROBLEM AREAS



FLOOD MITIGATION PROJECTS

Project ID	Project Name	Capital Cost (\$M)	Structures Removed from 100-Year	Structures w/ Reduced 100-Year	Estimated Population Removed from 100-Year
P1A	North Main Drain and Impala Ditch	46.9	131	176	450
P1B	North Main Drain and Four Corners	33.3	83	417	289
P2	Cameron County Ditch 1 at Confluence	99.3	281	834	1036
P3	Cameron County Ditch 1 at Cameron Park	1.6	130	149	655
P4	Town Resaca at West 5 th Street	34.1	71	469	220
P5	Cameron County Ditch 1 at Golf Center	45.5	399	214	1038
P6	Los Fresnos at East 10 th St.	4.4	92	100	240
P7	Cameron County Ditch 1 at Hwy 69E	7.7	191	152	883
P9	North Main Drain and Hwy 69E	32.5	84	465	753
P11A	Los Fresnos West Ocean Blvd	29.3	60	53	149
P11B	Los Fresnos West Ocean Blvd	17.0	17	22	122
P12	Town Resaca at Washington Park	8.7	48	144	627



NEXT STEPS

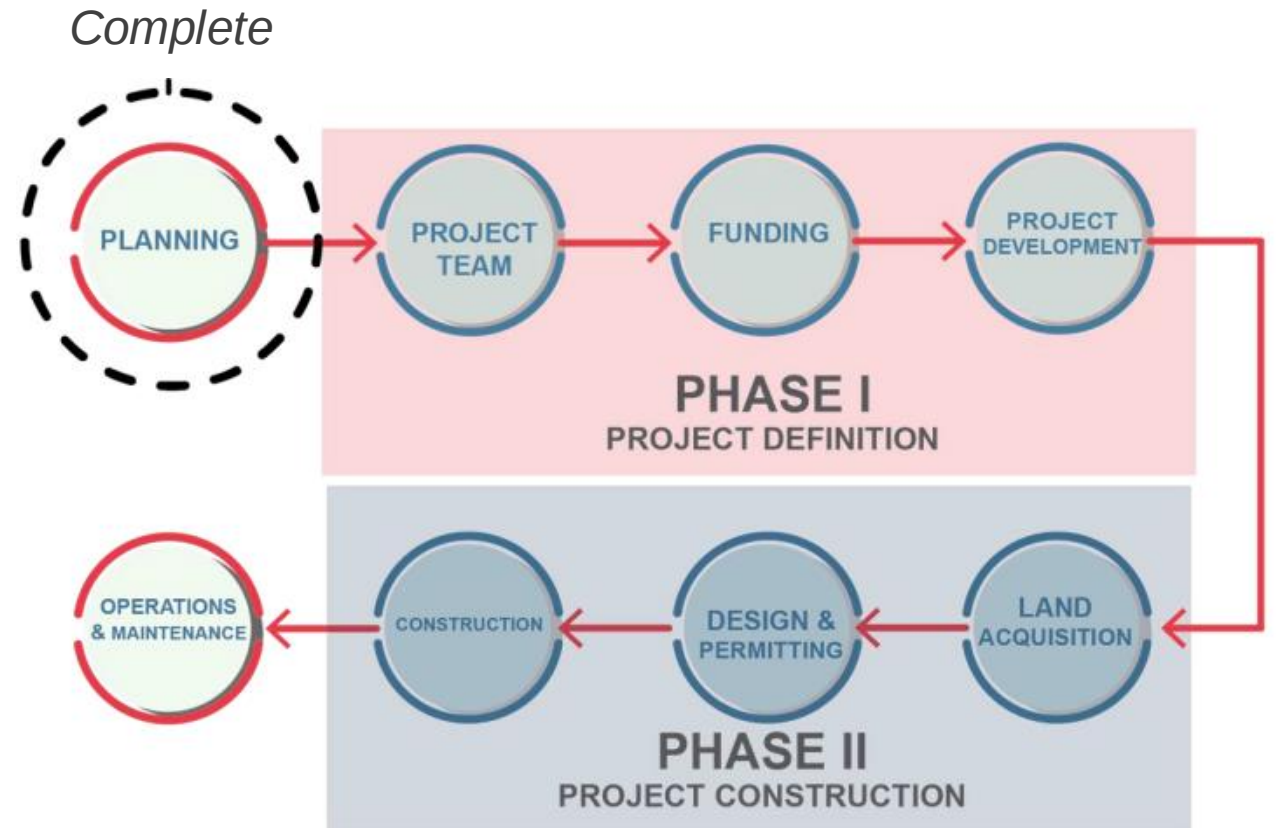
Short Term Actions

- Right-of-Way Dedication
- Funding Opportunities
- Buyout Strategy
- Flood Gauges
- Drainage Criteria

Long Term Actions

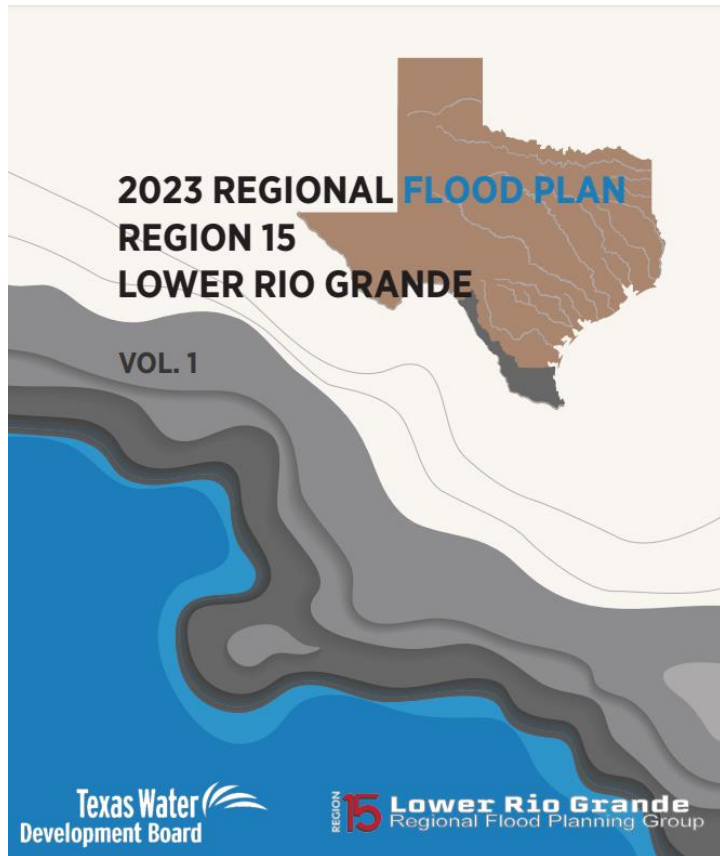
- Project Development
- Construction
- Maintenance

Drainage Project Life Cycle

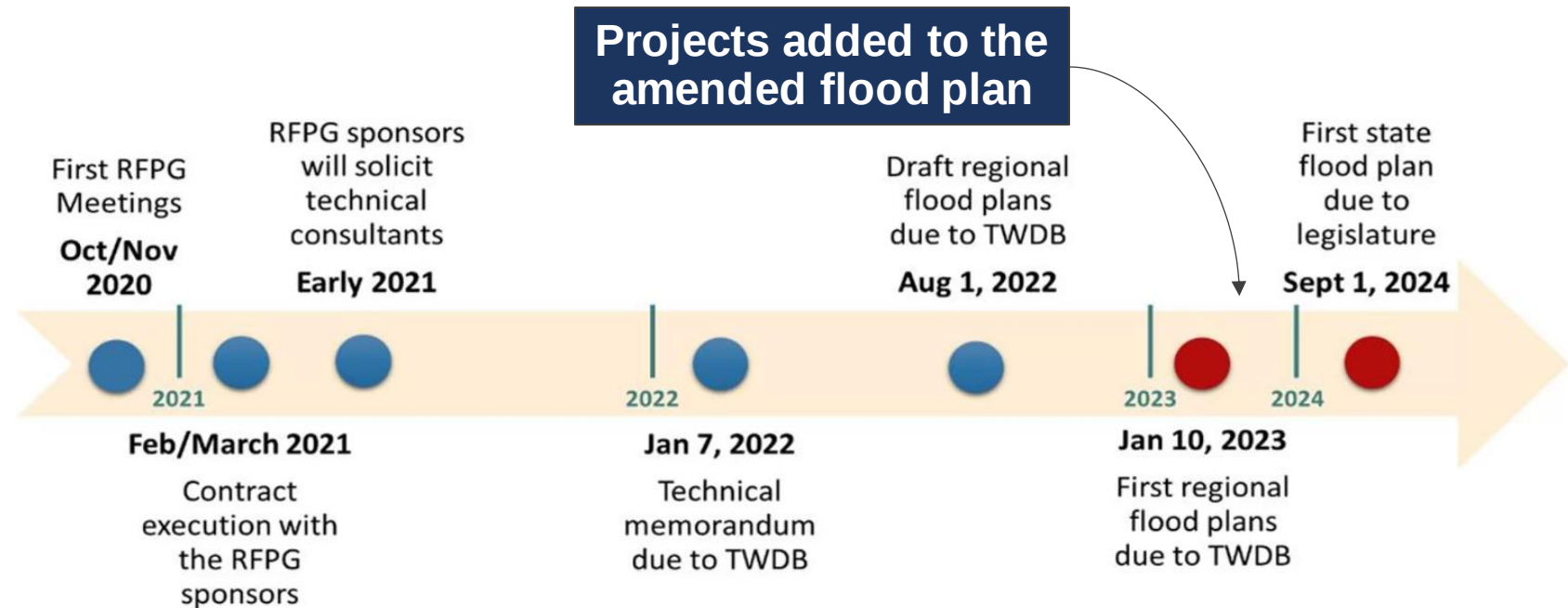


STATE FLOOD PLAN

region15lrg.org



- Texas' first State Flood Plan will be completed in 2024
- This study is located within Region 15 – Lower Rio Grande Regional Flood Planning Group
- It is vital for a stakeholder's flood mitigation and management needs to be included in the plan in order to receive **future grant funding**
- The projects developed as part of this study are included in the amended flood plan



QUESTIONS?

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ACTION ITEM #2

Consideration and **ACTION** to authorize the City Manager to execute documents to purchase real property located at 1526 and 1534 E. Jackson St. for Phase II of the Jackson Street Neighborhood Stabilization and Project in the amount of \$150,000, as budgeted.

Planning and Redevelopment Services

Jackson Street

Objective: Create affordable housing,
Historic Preservation, Neighborhood
Stabilization, Gentrification Mitigation, In-fill
Housing, Removal of Slum & Blight

PHASE I – CDCB 2022 Project

Historical Significance - Shears family
20th Century Farming in Brownsville

Property owner planned to demolish and
create office and parking lot.

Affordable housing provider Come Dream
Come Build (CDCB) agrees to purchase
and rehabilitate the deteriorated homes for
affordable housing.

City of Brownsville agrees to cover the costs
of historic preservation rehabilitation tasks.



Before – Case Study



After –
Case
Study



Comparison of Taxable Value Pre and Post Rehabilitation

Project Impact on Appraised Values

	(2021)	(2022)	Increase
Land	\$90,000	\$135,000	50%
Buildings	\$88,780	\$208,175	134.48%

PHASE II – COB PROJECT

- Purchase 1526 & 1534 E. Jackson Street
- City of Brownsville obtained appraisals.
- Property owner agrees to terms.
- Engage Come Dream Come Build (CDCB) to perform rehabilitation, project and property management.



Existing homes

1526 E. Jackson St.



1534 E. Jackson St.



Questions

ACTION ITEM #3

Consideration and **ACTION** to approve the Brownsville Community Improvement Corporation (BCIC) Fiscal Year 2024 budget.

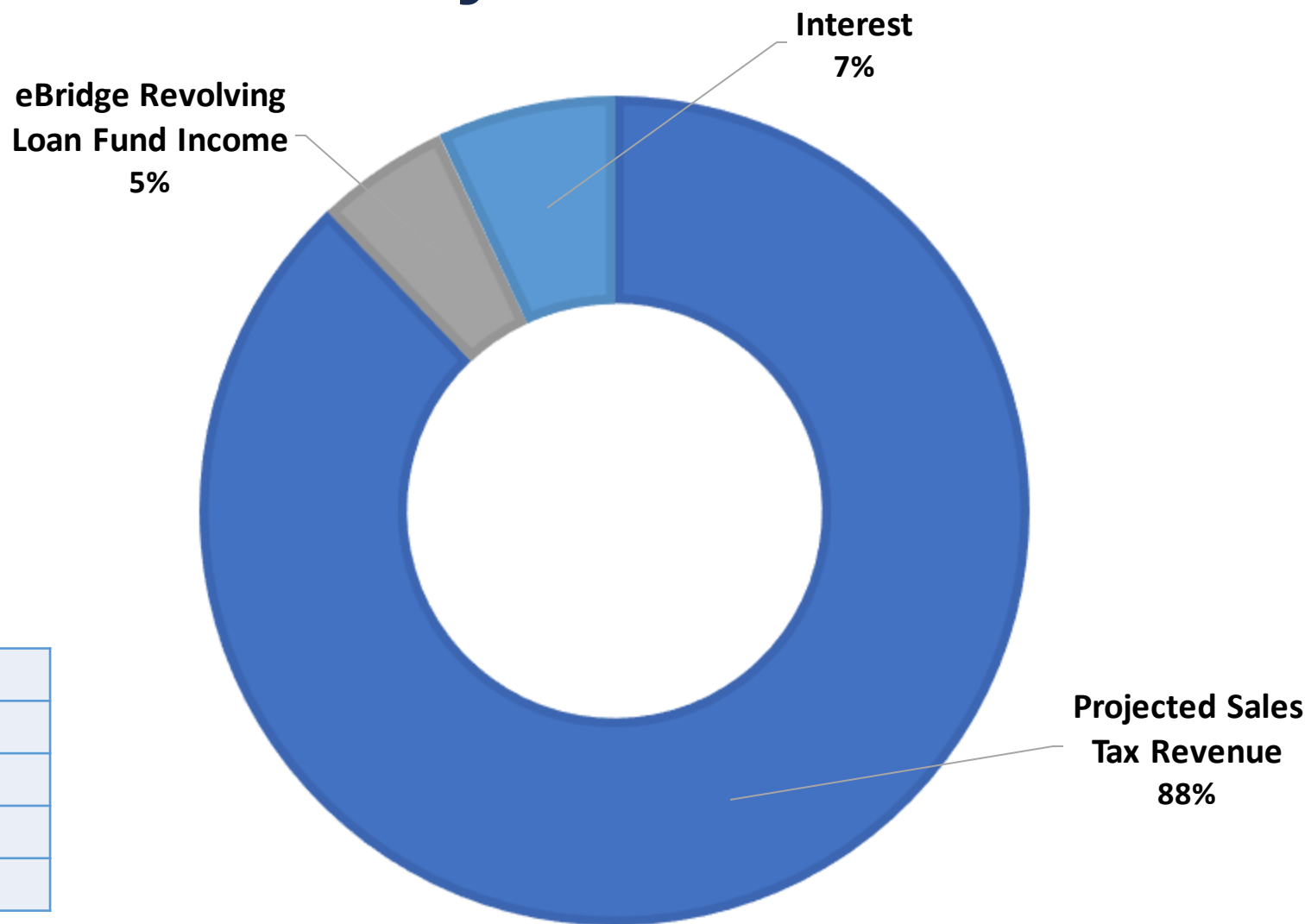
Brownsville Community Improvement Corporation (BCIC)

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FY 2024
BUDGET
(PROPOSED)



FY 2024 Revenue Summary

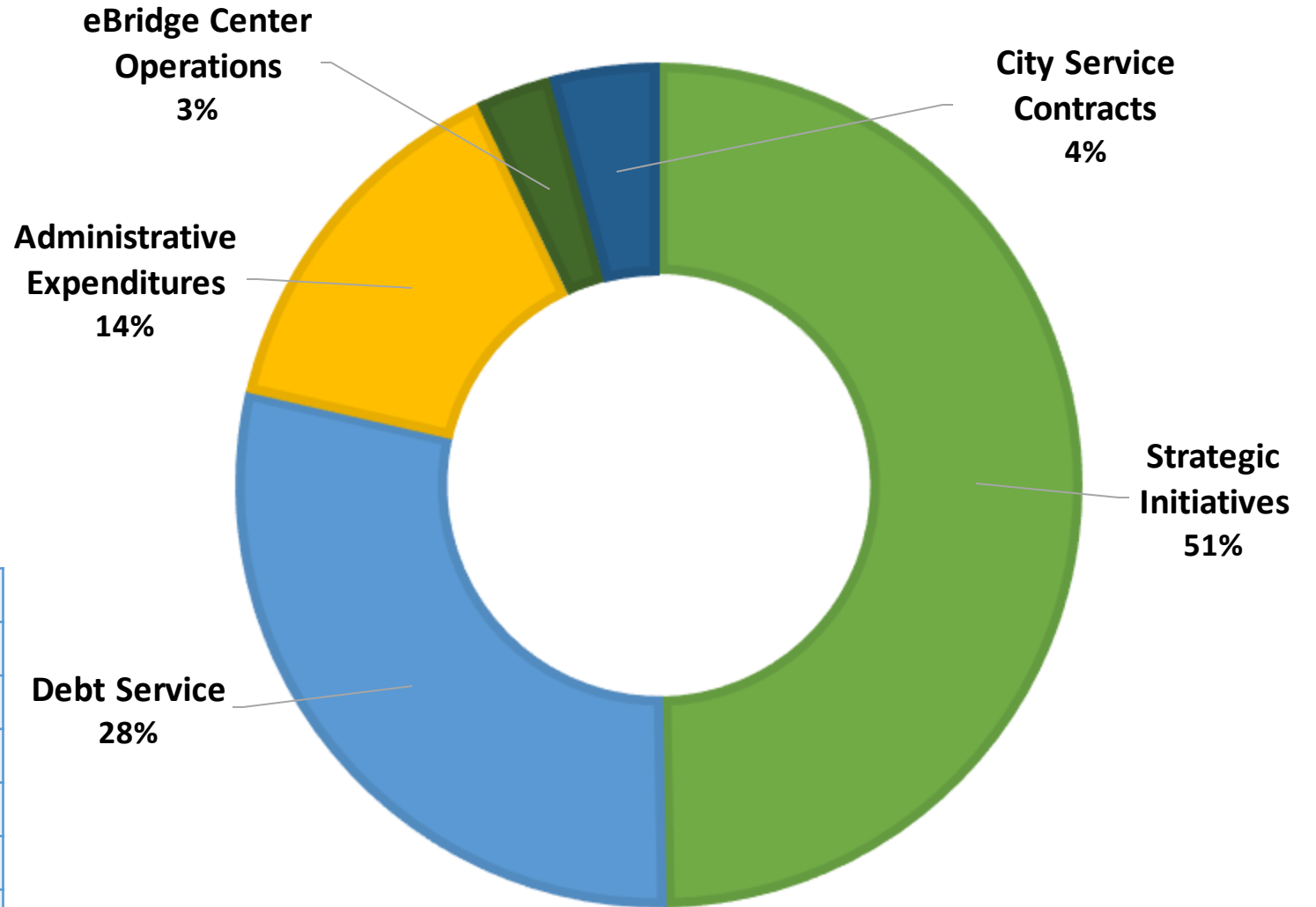


FY 2024 Revenues	Totals
Projected Sales Tax Revenue	\$ 5,925,668
eBridge Revolving Loan Fund Income	\$ 350,000
Interest	\$ 468,500
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 6,704,168

FY 2024 REVENUES



FY 2024 Expense Summary



FY 2024 Expenses	Totals
Strategic Initiatives	\$6,314,000
Debt Service	\$3,665,000
Administrative Expenditures	\$1,826,1011
eBridge Operations	\$370,000
City Service Contracts	\$524,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$13,049,101

FY 2024 EXPENSES



Brownsville Community **Improvement** Programs & Investments

BCIC Operations

- Staff
- eBridge Center for Business & Commercialization
- Marketing & Communications

Community Development Programs

- Quality of Life Projects
- BIG Grants
- Events, Initiatives, Community Pride Support
- Brownsville Sports Park

Entrepreneurial & Innovation Programs

- StartUp Texas Cohorts & Demo Days
- Border & Sea Marketing
- Kauffman Cohorts
- Insights Unplugged
- Workshops & Training

Finance Programs

- eBridge Fund – Revolving Loan Fund
- Small Business Recovery Fund to assist low –to– moderate income business owners





2024 Strategic Goals

BCIC OPERATIONS



- Seek an RFP to develop a 5-year strategic plan that will guide the organization on our community's growth and prioritize funding opportunities ~ *Discretionary-Planning: \$100k budget*
- Develop a marketing campaign to attract international investors to Brownsville and to downtown ~ *Sponsorship/Marketing: \$100k budget*
- Host "Open to the Community" and Stakeholder presentations at eBridge to highlight & impact of BCIC programs ~ *BCIC Admin*
- Add additional staff to accommodate all the programs and operations needs ~ *BCIC Admin*
- Work collaboratively with GBIC & City in participating in marketplaces industries' conventions and summits to showcase BTX to investors – focus on strategic sites to attract activation in downtown, greenfields, and shopping centers ~ *Discretionary: \$50k budget*
- Pursue other funding sources including grant opportunities to expand BCIC finance programs, eBridge Center services, and quality of life projects ~ *Discretionary: \$500k grant match*



2024 Strategic Goals



OPERATIONS

- Host events, workshops, and programming at eBridge to provide resources and support to our community, and drive more foot traffic/visitation to downtown ~ *Training/Workshops/Speaker: \$65k*
- Recruit memberships & leasing of the second-floor office spaces ~ *Revenue generating*
- Pending eBridge phase II: BluePrint Lab – R/D Prototype Lab and Tier 1 Data Center ~ *seeking grants to subsidize the equipment and programming.*
- Seek partnerships with organizations, higher educations, and k-12 schools to support, enhance and create programs utilizing the center to supporting innovation and entrepreneurial skills. Operation and Maintenance of the facility ~ *eBridge Center Operations: \$370k*



2024 Strategic Goals

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS



- Meet with stakeholders, organizations and community to discover and partner on quality-of-life projects/initiatives opportunities and strengthen our P3 model to attract private investment~ *Quality of Life/Economic Impact Grants: \$2M budget*



The Business Improvement & Growth (BIG) Program is a nationally recognized, award-winning program that provides financial incentives for the rehabilitation and adaptive reuse of commercial downtown properties.

- Enhance the BIG program to include extensive rehabilitation projects that will create a well-developed downtown with a diverse business mix of that is attractive to both the community and visitors alike ~ *Business Improvement & Growth Grants: \$1M budget*
- Working with the City to proactively resolve in reducing the maintenance and operations budget at Brownsville Sports Park and find solutions to generate more revenue ~ *BSP M&O: \$500K budget*
- Earmark funds to pay off the debt service before 2027. BENEFITS: Removes all restrictions to allow BCIC to develop the undeveloped parcels ~ *BSP Debt Service: \$3.3M budget*
- Seek proposals for a mixed-use study and developers' solicitation to complete a highest and best use market demand and financial feasibility study for undeveloped parcels surrounding Brownsville Sports Park ~ *Discretionary-Planning: \$200k budget*





2024 Strategic Goals

ENTREPRENEURIAL AND INNOVATION PROGRAMS



startup**texas**

- Partnership with Texas A&M TEES and subgrant recipient of \$330,000 over the next 3 years to create a Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) Program to encourage local entrepreneurs to engage in federal research and development with the potential for commercialization ~ *Subgrant Recipient*
- Host our inaugural RGV StartUp Week in conjunction with Charro Days. 5 Days packed with keynote speakers, workshops, panelists, and events ~ *RGV Startup: \$50k budget*
- Graduate 90 Kauffman participants and pilot one cohort at Southmost Library ~ *Kauffman: \$48k budget*
- Host a total of 5 Startup Texas Accelerators Cohorts and Demo Days events ~ *Discretionary-Planning: \$620k budget*

border
& sea

- Shop Local Campaign: Revamped to add a website, blog posts, data analytics to quantify the assistance to businesses and the promotion of shopping local ~ *Border & Sea: \$30k budget*



2024 Strategic Goals

FINANCE PROGRAMS



- Add additional funding to the eBridge Fund to continue the program's effectiveness ~ *eBridge Fund: \$700k budget*
To Date: eBridge Fund has assisted 13 businesses with loans that have resulted in \$1,18M in private investment and created/retained 519 jobs.
- Create an additional small business microlending /startup financing programs ~ *Grant Match: \$500k budget*
- Pursue a Community Development Financial Institute (CDFI) Certification: a designation given by the CDFI Fund to specialized organizations that provide financial services in low-income communities and to people who lack access to financing. Certification provides additional training resources for BCIC and an opportunity to access more funding opportunities ~ *no cost*
- Small Business Recovery Fund (2nd grant from CDBG) to support at least 30 businesses that lost revenue during Covid ~ *Small Business Recovery Fund: \$500k budget*

**Brownsville Small Business
Recovery Fund**

A ReOpen for Business Assistance Program



FY 2024 REVENUE AND EXPENSES SUMMARY

FY 2024 REVENUES

TOTALS

Sales Tax Revenue	\$5,925,668
eBridge Revolving Loan Fund Income	\$350,000
Interest	\$428,500
Total FY 2024 Revenues	\$6,704,168

5.5% Increase of 2023 Budget Sales Tax

FY 2024 EXPENDITURES

BCIC Administrative	\$1,826,101
Community Development Programs	\$3,100,000
Entrepreneurial & Innovation Programs	\$914,000
Finance Programs	\$1,200,000
Discretionary Programs	\$1,450,000
eBridge Operations	\$370,000
City Service Contracts	\$524,000
BCIC Debt Services	\$3,665,000
Total Expenditures	\$13,049,101

Total Revenues Over(Under) Expenditures	(6,344,933)
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Projected Beginning Fund Balance	\$15,200,000
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Projected Ending Fund Balance	\$8,855,067
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FY 2024 Fund Balance Breakdown:

Totals

Projected Unrestricted Fund Balance	\$	5,855,067
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FY 2024 Reserve Balance "Rainy Day"	\$	3,000,000
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Projected Ending Fund Balance	\$	8,855,067
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FY 2024 Expense Details

EXPENSES	
ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENDITURES	FY 2024 Budget
BCIC Operations	\$1,826,101
Total BCIC Administrative Expenditures	\$1,826,101
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS <i>(Strategic Initiatives)</i>	FY 2024 Budget
Quality of Life / Economic Impact Grants	\$2,000,000
Business Improvement and Growth (“BIG”) Grants	\$1,000,000
Sponsorships: Cultural Events or Marketing Campaigns	\$100,000
Community Development Program Totals	\$3,100,000
ENTREPRENEURIAL & INNOVATION PROGRAMS <i>(Strategic Initiatives)</i>	FY 2024 Budget
Kauffman Cohorts 3 ENG/3 SP	\$49,000
StartUp Texas Cohorts and Demo Days (5) (\$220,000 in TEES Reimbursement Grant)	\$620,000
Training, Workshops, Speaker Series	\$65,000
Small Business Reimbursement Grants	\$50,000
Alamo Angels Investment Chapter	\$50,000
Border & Sea Success Stories	\$30,000
RGV Startup Week	\$50,000
Entrepreneurial & Innovation Programs Total:	\$914,000
FINANCE PROGRAMS <i>(Strategic Initiatives)</i>	FY 2024 Budget
eBridge Fund (EDA Revolving Loan Fund)	\$700,000
Small Business Recovery Fund (2023 HUD Grant - CDBG - CARES/COVID-19)	\$500,000
Finance Programs Total:	\$1,200,000

FY 2024 Expense Details

eBridge Center	FY 2024 Budget
eBridge Center for Business and Commercialization Operations	\$370,000
eBridge Programs Total:	\$370,000
DISCRETIONARY (Strategic Initiatives)	FY 2024 Budget
Tradeshows	\$50,000
Planning/ Studies and Consultant Support for Programs and Initiatives	\$400,000
Grant Match/ New BCIC Programs	\$500,000
Increase Reserved Funds: Current Balance \$2,500,000	\$500,000
Discretionary Programs Total:	\$1,450,000
CITY SERVICE CONTRACTS	FY 2024 Budget
Brownsville Sports Park Maintenance and Operations Contract	\$500,000
City Services Contract	\$24,000
Total City Service Contracts	\$524,000
DEBT SERVICE	FY 2024 Budget
Sports Park Debt Service	\$3,300,000
Airport Debt Service	\$365,000
BCIC Debt Service Totals:	\$3,665,000
Total FY 2024 Expenditures	\$13,049,101

FY 2024 BCIC Operating Budget

Account No.	FY 2023	FY 2024
601/602/607 - Payroll - All Staff	650,714	800,000
606 - 806 – Benefits, Insurance, FICA, etc.	225,811	363,600
770 - Staff Professional Development	20,000	30,000
770-01 - Board Professional Development	10,000	10,000
779-32 - Internship Program	5,000	5,000
624 - Employee Performance-Based Compensation	59,720	54,000
625 - Employee Supplementary Development Plan	10,500	10,500
Personnel Services and Benefits Totals	981,745	1,273,100
701 - Office Supplies	\$7,000	\$15,000
703 - Meeting Related Expenses	\$8,000	\$15,000
704 - Wearing Apparel and Dry Goods	\$1,400	\$5,000
706 - Minor TI/Equipment/Furniture (Under \$5,000)	\$50,000	\$25,000
707 - Laundry and Janitorial Supplies	\$0	\$1,000
709 - Recreational and Promotional	\$10,000	\$30,000
710 - Books and Periodicals	\$500	\$500
711 - Postage/Shipping Charges	\$500	\$1,500
712 - Video & Photo Equipment/Supply Under \$5,000	\$5,000	\$3,000
Materials and Supplies Totals	\$82,400	\$96,000
741 - Building and Structures	\$0	\$0
748 - Grounds City Property	\$0	\$0
751 - Furniture and Fixtures	\$0	\$0
752 - Machinery and Equipment Maintenance	\$5,000	\$5,000
Maintenance of Buildings and Equipment Totals	\$5,000	\$5,000
761 - Communications - telephones/mobile/cable	\$13,000	\$20,000
763 - Insurance and Bonds	\$10,000	\$7,000
765 - Professional Services	\$95,000	\$155,000
766 - Advertising	\$90,000	\$90,000
767 - Staff Travel Expenses (non-Training)	\$40,000	\$60,000
767-01 - Board Travel Expenses (non-training)	\$10,000	\$10,000
775 - Rental of Buildings and Land	\$1	\$1
776 - Dues and Memberships	\$90,000	\$90,000
779 - Other/ Chamber Support Events	\$10,000	\$20,000
Miscellaneous Services Total	\$358,001	\$452,001
Operating Expenditures Totals	\$1,427,146	\$1,826,101



Questions?
Thank you.

BOARD APPOINTMENT(S)

ACTION #1

Consideration and **ACTION** on **Resolution Number 2023-079-A**,
to reappoint, appoint, or remove members to the
Brownsville Beautification Committee.

Parks and Recreation Department



Brownsville Beautification Committee

PURPOSE

The Brownsville City Charter established Article X. Beautification amending Chapter 26 of the City of Brownsville Code of Ordinances establishing a Beautification Committee, adopted on June 11, 1991; and Ordinance No. 2018-1234-B amended Chapter 344 "Vegetation" Article II "Beautification Committee" Sections 344-26 "Established" 344-27 "Composition and Terms of Office" 344-29 "Organization and Staff" 344-30 "Meetings" 344-31 "Duties", adopted on June 19, 2018; and the Brownsville Beautification Committee shall meet to consider, and recommend programs for the beautification of the City of Brownsville, Texas.

WHEN THEY MEET

Second Monday of every month, at 6:00pm, online until TBA.

WHO THEY ARE

The Board consists of a minimum of seven (7) members and maximum of twelve (12) appointed by the Commission.

Member	District	Term Expiration	Appointed by
Mary Elizabeth Hollmann, 2 nd Term	4	07/18/2025	Mayor Cowen
Belinda Eager, 1 st Term		07/18/2025	At-Large A - Cmr. Villareal
Amanda Dave, 2 nd Term	3	07/18/2025	At-Large B - Cmr. Gowen
Yvonne Barraza, 1 st Term	3	07/18/2025	D1 Cmr. Martinez
Joe Lee Rubio, 1 st Term	4	07/18/2025	D2 Cmr. Macias
<i>Elizabeth Shull, 1st Term</i>	3	07/20/2023	D3 Cmr. De los Santos
Veronica Dimas, Partial Term (remainder of Claudia Dunn)	4	12/14/2023	D4 Cmr. Cardenas
Cmr. Rose Gowen	At – Large B	10/04/2016	At-Large A - Cmr. De Leon
Damaris McGlone	PARD	-	City Liaison, BBC Bylaws

Red = term expired, not eligible for reappointment

italics = term expired, is eligible for reappointment.

Brownsville Beautification Committee: Applicants

Applicant's Name	District
Blanca Campbell	1
Celia Galindo	4
Claudia Lozano	2
Erica Magallanes	4
Juan Pequeno	4
Julio Aranda	4
Kalysta Montoya	2
Kevin Rock	4
Robert Garcia Jr.	1

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Brownsville Beautification Committee: Appointment

Applicant's Name		Commissioner	
MARY ELIZABETH HOLLMAN	MAYOR	COWEN	
BELINDA EAGER	AT-LARGE A	VILLARREAL	
COMMISSIONER GOWEN	AT-LARGE B	GOWEN	
YVONNE BARRAZA	1	MARTINEZ	
JOE LEE RUBIO	2	MACIAS	
	3	DE LOS SANTOS	
VERONICA DIMAS	4	CARDENAS	

EXECUTIVE SESSION(S)

EXECUTIVE SESSION #1

Closed session pursuant to Tex. Gov't Code Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney) and 551.087 (Economic Deliberation) regarding Project Domino.

Office of the City Attorney / Office of the City Manager

EXECUTIVE SESSION #2

Closed session pursuant to Tex. Gov't Code Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney) and 551.087 (Economic Deliberation) regarding Project Explore.

Office of the City Attorney / Office of the City Manager

POSSIBLE ACTION ON ANY ITEM(S) AS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

NOTE: The City Commission of the City of Brownsville reserves the right to discuss any items in Executive Session whenever authorized under the Texas Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.