

CHAPTER 8 RECOMMENDED NRHM ROUTE

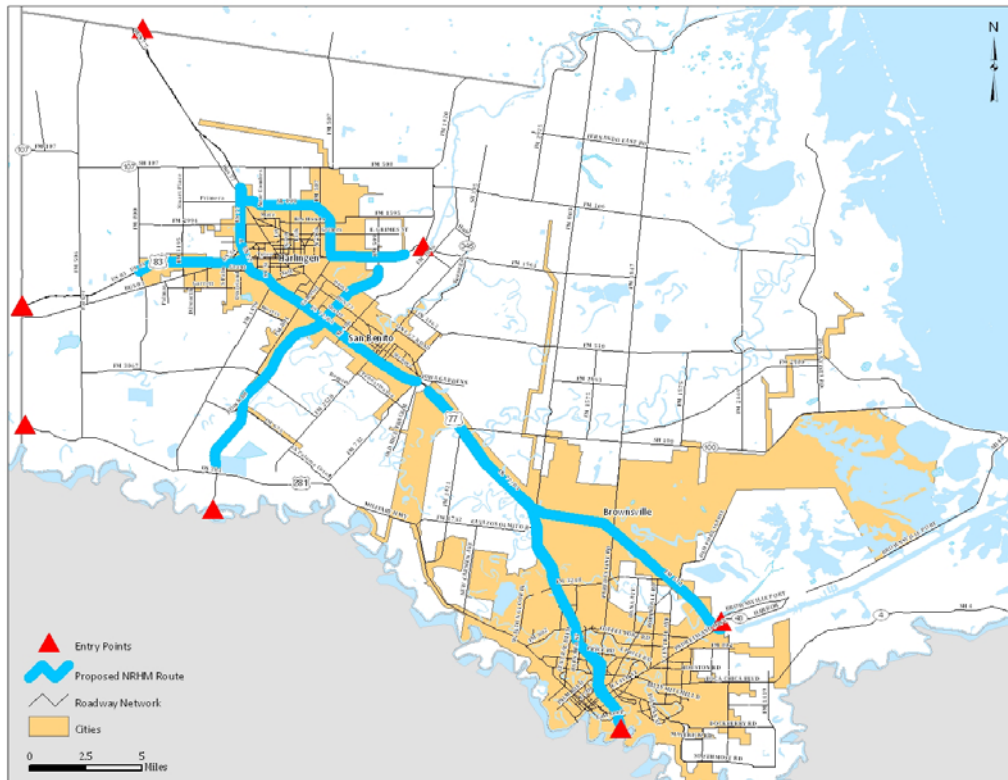
The work carried out collaboratively with the advisory committee to identify objectives, define and analyze factors and criteria, conduct the risk analysis, through routing, and other analyses was compiled, and alternative scenarios were presented to the public at two widely publicized public hearings. This publicity was carried out through outreach mechanisms which included: email listserv distribution; paid notices in local and state print media; and press releases to print media, and electronic media throughout the study area. The alternative NRHM Route Scenarios were also presented to and discussed with a broad range of stakeholders through the consultation process.

The input from the Advisory Committee meetings, public hearings and stakeholder consultations were taken into consideration along with the technical analysis of the routes to formulate a final recommendation for recommendation to the Brownsville MPO and Harlingen-San Benito MPO Transportation Policy Committees. The recommended route consists of the following roadways:

Recommended Route Description: The recommended route contains both travel directions of the following roadways: US Hwy 77 from Harlingen's northwestern city limits to the southeastern city limits of San Benito; SL 499 from US Hwy 77 to FM 106; FM 106 from SL 499 to the central-east city limits of Harlingen; US Hwy 83 from Harlingen's central-west city limits to US Hwy 77; FM 509 from the southwestern city limits of Harlingen to FM 106; Bus. Hwy 77 from FM 509 to the southeastern city limits of San Benito (at US Hwy 77/83); US Hwy 77/83 from the Brownsville northwest city limits to the Veterans International Bridge at Los Tomates; and SH 550 (FM 511) from US Hwy 77/83 to the Port of Brownsville.

Map 16 below depicts the recommended route. The findings of this study and the recommended route were accepted by the Brownsville MPO and Harlingen-San Benito MPO Transportation Policy Committees at their respective board meetings on May 12, 2010. The next step in the process is to forward the Cameron County Non-Radioactive Hazardous Materials Plan to TxDOT for review and further public comment.

Map 16: Recommended NRHM Route for Cameron County



PRELIMINARY CONCEPTUAL SIGNING PLAN

Map 17 contains a conceptual signing plan for the recommended Cameron County Non-Radioactive Hazardous Material Route. This conceptual signing plan provides a preliminary overview of the character, content, and anticipated locations of signs along the proposed NRHM Route. The locations of signs are intended to provide information about the recommended NRHM route at key decision points and jurisdictional boundaries, as well as occasional pathfinder signs to provided a basis for discussion about the signing strategy and cost of implementation. The actual site selection and installation of signs should be based on a detailed engineering evaluation of specific locations in terms of vehicle speed spacing and movement in traffic, as well as sight lines and other factors.

May 17: Cameron County Conceptual NRHM Signing Plan

