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County prioritizes road projects for potential funding

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NEW BRAUNFELS — Comal County Commissioners Court on Thursday agreed to submit nine recommended road projects to the Texas Department of Transportation for their sponsorship and possible funding through the Alamo Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (AAMPO), which allocates state and federal transportation dollars in the San Antonio area.

The list approved by Commissioners Court represents the highest-priority road and mobility projects on state-maintained highways within Comal County, said Precinct 3 Commissioner Kevin Webb, a member of the AAMPO executive committee.

“This is a solid list of projects representing needs from across the county,” Webb said. “This process helps us identify what residents’ mobility needs are and allows us to advocate for the funding to address those needs.”

Every two years, the AAMPO asks its member entities, including Comal County, to submit proposals for the next five-year Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP), a short-term list of approved projects to receive federal transportation money.

The nine projects approved Thursday will be submitted to TxDOT, requesting that they sponsor at least one of them for the 2019-22 TIP. TxDOT typically sponsors only a small number of the various MPO entities’ highest-priority projects because of the program’s limited funding.

After review and scoring by the MPO’s Technical Advisory Committee, the executive committee will allocate funding based on how much money is available, technical scores, public input and other considerations. Previous TIP projects funded in Comal County include expansions of FM 2252 and FM 306.

The submitted projects, in order of priority, are:

1. Overpass construction, Loop 337 at River Road;
2. Intersection improvements, State Highway 46 at FM 3009, FM 311 and South Cranes Mill Road;
3. Highway expansion, FM 306 from roadside visitor center to Cannan Road;

4. Highway expansion, State Highway 46 from FM 3159 to Bentwood Drive, and from Far Hills Drive to Bulverde Road;
5. Highway expansion, FM 1863 from Smithson Valley Road to U.S. Highway 281;
6. Highway expansion, FM 306 from River Chase Way to roadside visitor center;
7. Shoulder improvements, FM 3009
8. Highway expansion, State Highway 46 from Range Road to FM 3159; and
9. Highway expansion, State Highway 46 from Bulverde Road to county line.

The AAMPO will conduct a public meeting on the proposed TIP projects this spring.

“This is a competitive process, and input from Comal County residents will be important in helping these projects receive the funding they need,” Webb said. “We have a good track record of working with our partner entities in the MPO on behalf of county residents, and I’m optimistic that will continue.”

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