

# City of Weslaco

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### Weslaco to Receive \$2 Million from TxDOT for Westgate Drive

Weslaco—The City of Weslaco will receive \$2.0 million for improvements to Westgate Drive according to the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and the Hidalgo County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO).

"This is great news for growing Weslaco," said Mayor Miguel D. Wise. "We have new subdivisions, commercial development, and school campuses along North Westgate Drive. This road expansion project will allow safer, easier passage for more traffic to that entire side of town."

The City plans to expand the existing two-lane road to five lanes, including one dedicated left-turn lane, from U.S. Expressway 83 to Mile 9 North/Sugarcane Drive.

"Since early March, County Com. A.C. Cuellar and I have been working with the MPO, TxDOT and our City Manager, Leo Olivares to find the needed funds," said Mayor Pro-Tem Johnny Cuellar, the City's delegate to the Hidalgo County MPO. "This will also allow our County Commissioner to better use limited county dollars for other needed road projects in Precinct 1."

"Of course, the state will benefit from this road expansion, too," added Mayor Wise, since that stretch of road will serve as an auxiliary access for the new state Department of Public Safety (DPS) complex being constructed in Weslaco. "Certainly, there is a collective benefit, just as there was a collaborative effort."

The City has recently secured the right-of-way and is working on relocating utility lines along Westgate. Road improvements are scheduled to begin in December.

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[Suggested Cutline:] Mario Jorge, TxDOT district engineer, reviews Westgate Drive project plans with Weslaco Mayor Miguel Wise and Precinct One County Commissioner A.C. Cuellar.



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