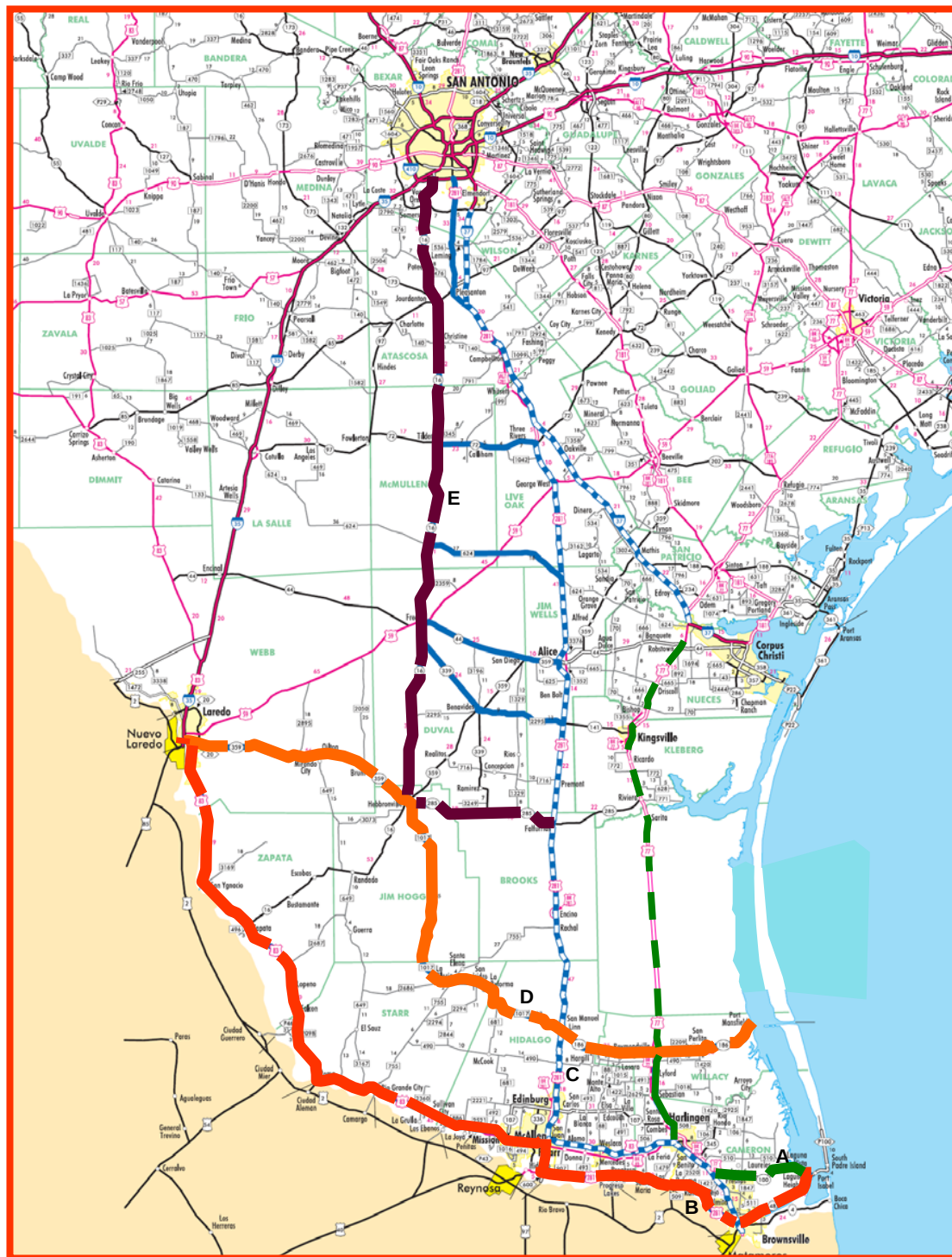




Major Hurricane Evacuation Routes

- Evacuation Route
- - - Potential Contraflow



Alternate Hurricane Evacuation Routes

for Rio Grande Valley

- A.** SH 100 from SPI/Port Isabel travel to US 77/83 northbound, then to US 77 to Raymondville, continue North on US 77 to I-37 in Corpus Christi and continue to San Antonio – **Green Solid & *Dashed Route**
** Available only if Corpus Christi is not evacuating.*
- B.** SH 48 from SPI/Port Isabel west to US 281 (Military Highway) in Brownsville and continue west on US 281. In Hidalgo turn north on US 281 to Pharr then west on US 83 to Laredo – **Red Route**
- C.** CONTRA-FLOW ROUTE- US 77/83 northbound from Brownsville to Harlingen then west on US 83 to the Pharr Interchange then North on US 281 to I-37 to San Antonio– ***Dashed Blue Route**
**Motorists could be re-routed from I-37 to US 281 near San Antonio as traffic demands it.*
- D.** SH 186 from Port Mansfield/Raymondville – travel west to US 281 and continue west on FM 1017 to SH 285 in Hebbronville, then continue west on SH 359 to Laredo or north on SH 16 to San Antonio - **Orange Route**
- E.** SH 285 in Falfurrias travel west to SH 16 in Hebbronville and continue north on SH 16 to San Antonio – **Maroon Route**

Hurricane Evacuees need to consider the travel path of the hurricane and their destination in choosing evacuation routes. Listen to local authorities and emergency broadcasts about weather and highway conditions.

TxDOT will have courtesy patrols

US 281 will not be able to handle all traffic evacuating from the Rio Grande Valley and the surrounding areas. Evacuees should consider alternate routes.

More Information on hurricane preparedness and evacuating safely is available from the following:

Texas Department of Transportation:

www.txdot.gov

Highway Road Conditions: 800-452-9292

TxDOT Pharr District: 800-55-TXDOT
(800-558-9368)

Radio Stations:

Pharr: KURV 710 AM

Corpus Christi: 89.5 FM KLUX

San Antonio: 1200 AM WOAI

Texas Department of Public Safety:

www.txdps.state.tx.us

Governor's Division of Emergency

Management:

www.txdps.state.tx.us/dem

American Red Cross:

1-866-GET HELP (438-4357)

For Emergencies: call 9-1-1

For Evacuation Routes, Shelters and Special Transportation Needs: call 2-1-1

TxDOT's Goals:

Get People to safety

Help in cleanup and recovery

Get people home safely

Important Tips:

Your needs and those of your family should be the primary factors considered when evacuating from a hurricane. All citizens should prepare a plan well in advance of the evacuation.

1. Plan ahead

- Know if you are in a hurricane evacuation zone.
- Pay attention to advisories or directives from local officials regarding evacuation.
- If you live outside of an evacuation zone but do opt to evacuate, leave early so you do not delay those included in a staggered, mandatory evacuation.
- If you do not leave, avoid using roads or highways that are part of the evacuation route system.

2. Evacuation

- Be sure you already know what evacuation route you should take.
- Tune in: Listen to local radio or television for evacuation information.
- Wait your turn to leave. Local officials will try to stagger the evacuation to keep traffic moving.
- Leave as early as you can after receiving an evacuation order.
- Secure your home before leaving. Take your pets with you.
- Take only one vehicle to help lessen congestion and fuel demand.
- Don't trailer boats or campers. If you need to get them away from the coast, leave earlier.
- Don't carry extra fuel. It's dangerous.
- Carry an emergency kit in your car.
- Motorists should turn off their ignition when stopped for a long time in traffic.

3. Fuel

- During hurricane season, coastal residents should never operate their vehicles with less than half a tank of fuel.
- Motorists should fill their tanks before evacuating.
- TxDOT has worked with the private sector (Texas Oil and Gas Association and the Texas Petroleum Marketers and Convenience Store Association) to assure maximum-possible fuel availability during an evacuation.
- Should fuel supplies become low, evacuees should look for TxDOT signs indicating key fuel locations.
- TxDOT will assist stranded motorists along evacuation routes with courtesy vehicles.

4. Re-entry

- Return only after the all-clear is given.
- Do not venture onto roads until you have been advised that they are passable and safe.
- TxDOT will post staggered re-entry maps on TexasOnline.com

Expect travel times to destinations to be significantly longer than normal.



Hurricane Evacuation Routes

Rio Grande Valley Pharr District