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Infrastructure Improvements Underway in North McAllen *Expanded Drainage and New Trail Enhance Safety and Connectivity*

The City of McAllen is advancing a major infrastructure initiative designed to strengthen flood protection and improve pedestrian and bicycle connectivity in north McAllen.

The Lateral Channel Improvements Project will enhance a key section of the City's drainage system between the Morris and Northeast Regional Stormwater Detention Facilities. The work will increase conveyance and storage capabilities while modernizing infrastructure that supports surrounding neighborhoods.

Improvements and New Construction include:

- Expanding drainage ditch by excavating nearly 150,000-cubic yards of earth.
- Replacing single-span bridge at N. 2nd Street
- Installation of approximately 2,000 feet of new storm drainage pipe and 10,000 square yards of concrete erosion protection.
- Construction of Hike & Bike trail to provide connectivity along N. 10th Street and N. 2nd Street and construction of two (2) below grade road crossings

The total cost of the project is \$5,689,125.11 and is being funded by the Drainage Fee Fund. The engineer for the project is Cruz-Hogan Consultants, Inc. and the contractor for the project is E-CON Group, LLC. Construction timeline is approximately 18 months, from December 2025 through May 2027.

This transformative initiative strengthens McAllen's infrastructure and neighborhoods. When complete, it will reduce flooding risks while creating new opportunities for walking, biking, and enjoying the outdoors, resulting in safer streets and a more connected community for all residents.

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About the City of McAllen

Founded in 1904 and incorporated in 1911, the City of McAllen has grown from a small agricultural community into one of the most vibrant and fastest growing cities along the U.S.-Mexico border. Known as the City of Palms, McAllen serves as a hub for international trade, retail, tourism, and culture in the Rio Grande Valley.

Today, the city employs more than 2,600 public servants across 41 departments, delivering essential services to a community of more than 150,000 residents. City leadership remains committed to transparent governance, fiscal responsibility and enhancing quality of life through innovation, infrastructure, and community engagement. For more information, visit www.mcallen.net