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news release

DE LA GARZA ANNOUNCES CONVENING OF CONGRESSIONAL FIELD HEARING IN PHARR ON BORDER TRANSPORTATION ISSUES

For Immediate Release: August 5, 1996

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Congressman Kika de la Garza today announced that he will host a congressional field hearing to discuss border transportation and infrastructure issues in Pharr on August 9, 1996. The hearing, conducted by the House Transportation Committee's Subcommittee on Surface Transportation, will include a discussion of NAFTA-related issues as they impact on transportation.

Several Members of Congress, including Subcommittee Chairman Thomas E. Petri, have confirmed their participation in the hearing. Among those who plan to attend are: Rep. Nick J. Rahall, Rep. Robert A. Borski, Rep. Pete Geren, and Rep. Solomon P. Ortiz.

De la Garza, throughout his thirty-two years in Congress, has successfully worked to achieve transportation improvements for the Valley. It is largely through his efforts that Congress authorized and appropriated funds to undertake, over a six-year period, critical improvements to U.S. 281, a vital U.S.-Mexico transportation link. The 1995 designation by Congress of U S Highways 281, 77 and 83 as a part of the new National Highway System further enhanced these efforts.

Earlier in the year, Rep. de la Garza contacted Chairman Petri to urge that his Subcommittee consider holding a hearing in the Lower Rio Grande Valley.

"I want to express my appreciation to Chairman Petri and other Members of the Congressional Delegation for convening this important hearing in the Valley," de la Garza said. "This will provide my colleagues in Washington with a first-hand look at transborder transportation concerns unique to our area in the conduct of trade with Mexico."

All interested members of the media and the general public are invited to attend the hearing scheduled for August 9, 1996 at 9:00 a.m. at the PHARR/REYNOSA International Bridge, 9900 South Cage in Pharr.

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