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Texas Senator Juan “Chuy” Hinojosa Receives Texas Transit Association Award

MCALLEN, Texas - – State Senator Juan “Chuy” Hinojosa, who represents the 20th District (Corpus Christi-McAllen) of Texas, received a state award from the Texas Transit Association (TTA) today at a press conference and awards announcement in McAllen, Texas.



CCRTA CEO Jorge G. Cruz-Aedo presents the TTA “Friend of Transit” Award to Senator Juan “Chuy” Hinojosa

Senator Hinojosa was presented one of the TTA’s most prestigious individual awards, the TTA’s “Friend of Transit” award. Senator Hinojosa received the award for his many years of service in furthering the transportation industry in the state. Senator Hinojosa was nominated for the award by the Corpus Christi Regional Transportation Authority (CCRTA).

“We are extremely grateful for Senator Hinojosa and his office. CCRTA was awarded more than \$7.23 million dollars in competitive grant funding thanks in part to support from Senator Hinojosa. We appreciate his commitment to public transportation for Corpus Christi area residents and guests,” said Jorge Cruz-Aedo, CCRTA Chief Executive Officer.



(Left to Right) TTA Executive Director Allen Hunter, Metro McAllen Assistant Transit Director Roberto de Leon, Senator Juan “Chuy” Hinojosa, and CCRTA CEO Jorge G. Cruz-Aedo

Senator Hinojosa is an active member on the Senate Committee on Transportation. He has made significant contributions to public transportation throughout his career, including securing nearly \$1 billion for the Corpus Christi Harbor Bridge Replacement Project and \$300 million for the Pharr Interchange Project to address traffic congestion.

Senator Hinojosa advocates strongly for public transit, and works closely with TTA on policy and funding issues of significance. He continues to help preserve, protect and advance initiatives that address service demands for those in need of medical transportation, those living in difficult to serve area, and those who are transit dependent.

Metro McAllen also received the “Outstanding Urban Transit System” award and “Rising Star” award for employee Jon Ray Bocanegra at the press conference and awards announcement.

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