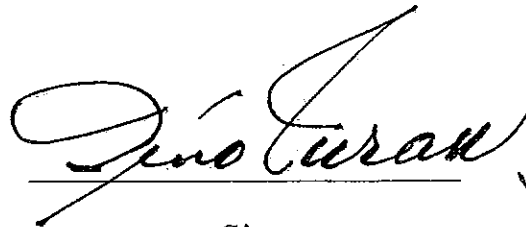


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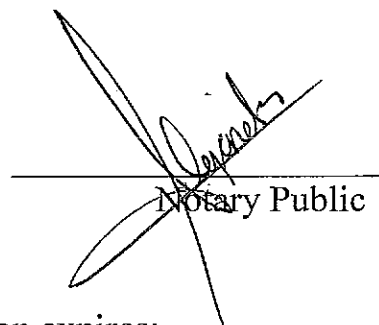
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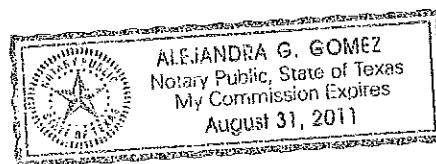


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El Alamo Regional Mobility Authority (Alamo RMA) realizará una reunión pública relacionada a la preparación de una Exclusión de Categorías (CE) para los avances propuestos de la construcción de los cuatro conectores del lado sur del intercambio de la U.S. 281 North/Loop 1604 ("El Proyecto"). El Proyecto incluirá todas las modificaciones necesarias para que las líneas principales y las vías de acceso a la U.S. 281 Norte y al Loop 1604 tengan una entrada y salida segura para conectar el tráfico hacia y desde esos caminos. Los límites para el proyecto se extienden aproximadamente de Bitters a Redland Road sobre el Loop 1604 (Aproximadamente 6 millas) y de Bitters al Loop 1604 sobre el U.S. 281 Norte (Aproximadamente 3 millas). El Proyecto será pagado por la Ley de 2009 de Recuperación y Reinversión de América (El Programa Federal de Estímulo) y con fondos del Departamento de Transportación de Texas. "Propuesta 14" del Programa de Inversiones.

Un documento de Exclusión de Categorías ha sido preparado para este Proyecto con un reporte biológico que espera la aprobación del Servicio de Pesca y Vida Salvaje de los Estados Unidos, la coordinación de esta documentación está bajo la supervisión del Departamento de Parques y Vida Salvaje de Texas.

Información referente al Proyecto incluyendo una copia de CE puede ser vista en www.AlamoRMA.org. Una copia del CE está disponible para verla en la Biblioteca Ronald Reagan localizada en 19000 Ronald Reagan, San Antonio, Texas 78258.

La reunión pública será en:

Lunes 11 de enero de 2010
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Las puertas abrirán a las 5:30 p.m. para todos los asistentes, la presentación formal iniciará a las 7:00 p.m. seguida de comentarios del público que iniciarán a las 7:30 p.m.

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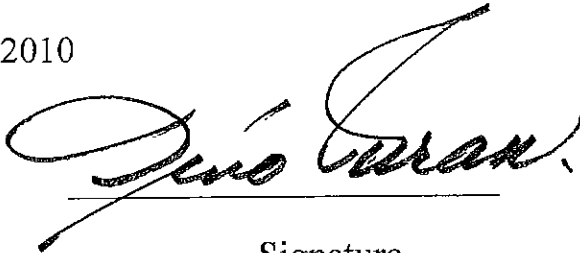
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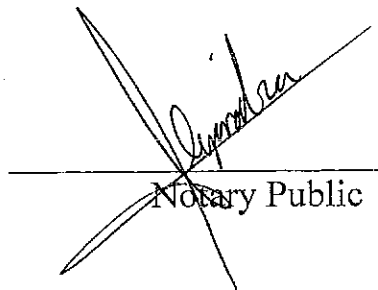
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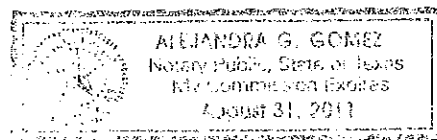
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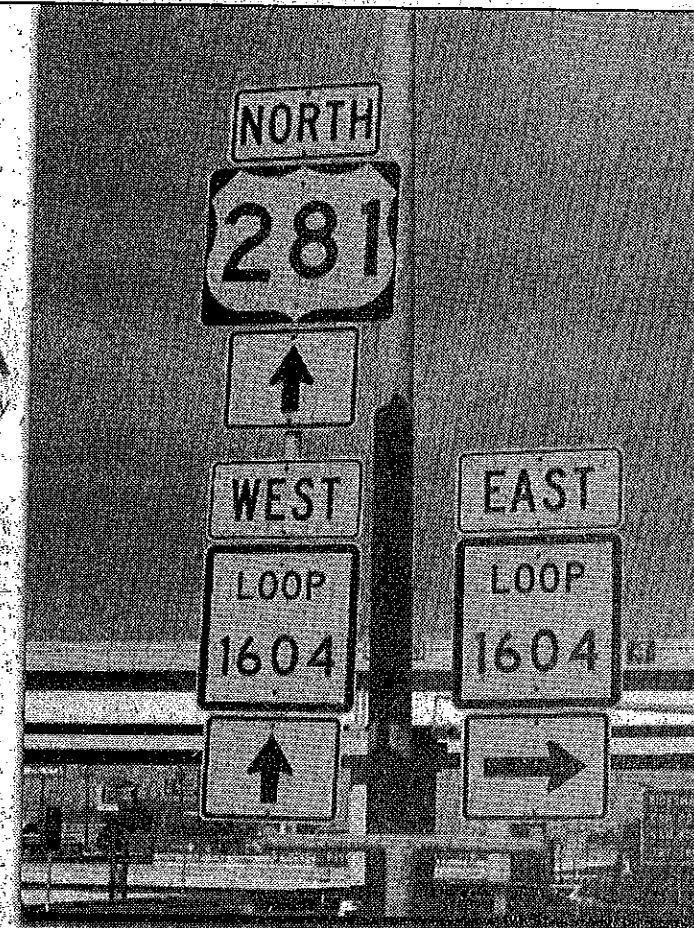




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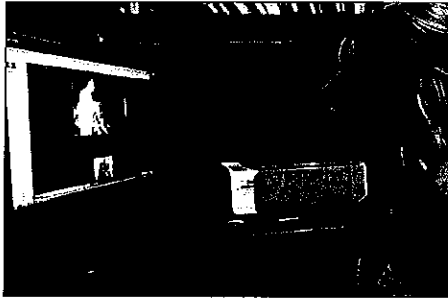
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Lanessa Howard talks with her husband, Air Force Capt. Matt Howard, after their online marriage ceremony on New Year's Eve.

With this Skype, I thee wed

Romance bloomed via computer

BY SIG CHRISTENSEN
Staff

BAGRAM AIR FIELD, Afghanistan — You could call it love at first sight. But it's not the kind that happens from a chance encounter.

Air Force Capt. Matt Howard and Lanessa Lawrence fell in love through Skype videoconferencing. Coincidentally they lived 35 miles apart before he flew to Afghanistan — Howard, 45, in San Antonio and Lawrence, 35, in New Braunfels.

"I've never held her hand," he said. "I've never kissed her. I've never been in the same room with her."

Not that it matters. In a brief ceremony on New Year's Eve, the two tied the knot in an online wedding — the groom surrounded by friends from his unit at Bagram, the bride in her home.

The chaplain, Air Force Capt. Jonathan Runnels, noted the unusual circumstances.

"Nonetheless, it is holy and acceptable before



Lanessa Lawrence holds a star from a U.S. flag before her wedding to Air Force Capt. Matt Howard. The blue background was her "something blue" in her wedding.

God," he said.

And legal. Lawrence had gone to the Comal County Courthouse and declared Howard an absentee applicant on the marriage license. As a deployed service member, he qualified.

So though they're continents apart, Lawrence was able to say, "I do."

She had something old (her grandmother's ring); something new (a gold neck pendant); something borrowed (a pearl bracelet); and something blue — a single white star and blue background Howard had cut from a discarded U.S. flag and sent her.

"I now present to you Mr. and Mrs. Matthew and Lanessa Howard," Runnels said.

In Afghanistan, where

it was nighttime, the groom and friends celebrated with beer. His bride in Texas, at mid-morning, opened a bottle of Champagne with two of her new in-laws, Howard's younger brother and his wife, Mark and Tamé Howard of Bryant, Ark.

They can remember the day they met — Sept. 24. They since have logged 600 hours on Skype.

"I literally one day I was checking my e-mail and I got this random e-mail from Match.com, an advertisement," Howard said. "So I was kind of bored, so I just put a profile on there... and when I came across her profile, she was the one."

He just knew. "I liked her eyes and I liked her smile and you could tell it was genuine."

Howard, the father of four children from a previous marriage, has about two months left in his tour.

Lawrence is a University of Phoenix education liaison. She has two kids.

The two have logged onto Skype for hours at a time. They've talked of a full-fledged wedding on April 10, but haven't made any firm plans.

Staff writer Scott Huddleston contributed to this report from New Braunfels.

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S.A. housing market shows signs of recovery

Builders forecast increase in 2010 starts

San Antonio home builders fell from the rooftops a few years ago and smacked the ground in 2009.

But builders are dusting themselves off and could start 6,000 homes this year.

The 12 percent projected increase would be a foot back on the ladder, but one placed there cautiously according to the Greater San Antonio Builders Association's San Antonio Housing Forecast, held Monday on the Valero Energy Corp. campus.

"We are beginning to see a recovery," Jack Inselmann, vice president of the U.S. Central Division of housing research company Metrostudy, told the crowd of more than 500 builders, bankers and others associated with real estate.

San Antonio builders hit what likely was the bottom in 2009, starting just 7,132 homes. That was an 18 percent decline from 2008 and 63 percent off of the market high in 2006.

"You know what I'm most happy about?" Inselmann asked. "That 2009 is over."

Most builders in recent years have laid off workers and offered deep incentives to home buyers. To drum up sales, they've offered real estate agents who bring in clients everything from cash bonuses to participation in drawings for a new Mercedes.

As a result, San Antonio home builders have shed inventory since 2006. Now they have just 1,536 new homes for sale, Inselmann said.

Builders also are counting on finding new customers in the administrative, research and civilian personnel expected to come in San Antonio's military bases.

Mark Frye, a senior fellow with government consulting agency LMI, said that 4,000 families could ultimately land in San Antonio under consolidation by the Defense Base Realignment and Closure Commission, commonly known as BRAC.

A report from Grubb & Ellis Co. indicates that commercial real estate will decline again in 2010, starting to recover in 2011. In San Antonio, sales volume could increase 20 to 30 percent, with multi-family properties making up the majority of sales. Medical office, student housing and free-standing drug stores also will be popular, according to the company.

—Jennifer Hillier/Staff

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San Antonio's Home Page

Volunteers gauge where the rain falls

Network sharpens picture of precipitation patterns.

BY YANHA DAVILA
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Some people look back with nostalgia on birthday parties and childhood summer vacations. But Victor Gonzalez fondly recalls his first hurricane.

He was a 15-year-old from California, visiting family in the Rio Grande Valley when Hurricane Allen struck in 1980. His family spent three days in a makeshift shelter inside a high school gymnasium, huddled around a radio listening for weather updates. Outside, the wind howled. Gonzalez wasn't scared. The self-proclaimed weather junkie was, quite simply, excited.

Years later, Gonzalez, 44, a father of two, finally put his love for all things weather to good use.

Gonzalez is a CoCoRaHS volunteer in San Antonio — that is, a volunteer for the Community Collaborative Rain, Hail and Snow Network.

Volunteers pay \$30 (plus shipping) for a CoCoRaHS rain gauge. They set up the gauge and then take daily precipitation measurements that they feed to the National Weather Service, helping the organization to better track weather activity.

There are no monetary incentives. The volunteers wake up, check their rain gauges and type in a reading — it can be zero inches one day, 8 inches of rain the next — into an online database used by the weather service.

For Gonzalez, who once chased storms outside his native San Diego, Calif., the program is just one more way to be part of the action.

"I just feel like I'm involved," said Gonzalez, who once dreamed of becoming a meteorologist but now works in insurance. "I can't go storm-chasing because I've got to work. So I just do this."

Officially, the National Weather Service monitors rainfall amounts at airports and also uses rainfall reports from organizations such as the Edwards Aquifer and San Antonio River authorities.

But storm events are often large and varied. Clear skies on the North Side could still mean rain on the South Side.

"Just because the rain gauge a mile away picked up an 'X' amount of rainfall does not mean that a mile away that's the same amount of rainfall you got," said Troy Kimmel, the Texas CoCoRaHS coordinator.

These kinds of variations in rainfall activity are what prompted the idea for CoCoRaHS in 1998, after heavy floods killed five people in Fort Collins, Colo.

"If you increase the number of observers in an area, it's like increasing the pixels on a camera," said Henry Reges, CoCoRaHS national coordinator. "This kind of gives us a fine-mesh look at how much rain is falling."

Nationally, there are more than 14,000 observers, Reges said.

In October, there were 187 volunteers in Bexar County, the highest number of volunteers in any single county in Texas. The majority are clustered on the northern half of the county, with fewer

If you increase the number of observers in an area, it's like increasing the pixels on a camera."

HENRY REGES
National coordinator

volunteers working in the south.

"I think it's a very important tool that we have, especially in our part of the country where we are so flash-flood-prone," Kimmel said.

In emergencies, volunteers can enter special online reports that automatically feed to the CoCoRaHS main database in Colorado and then back to

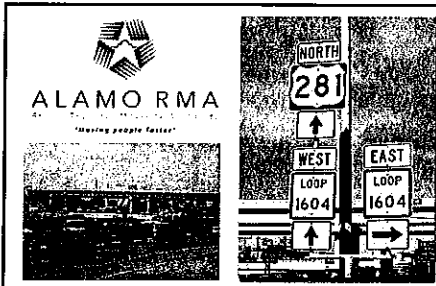


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Victor Gonzalez, a volunteer with CoCoRaHS, the Community Collaborative Rain, Hail and Snow Network, puts his rain gauge back in place after emptying it at his home in San Antonio recently. He says: "I can't go storm-chasing because I've got to work. So I just do this."

their home weather service location. Gonzalez is always on the lookout for another good downpour.

"It is exciting when you get a thunderstorm, and the winds are blowing, and it does get my adrenaline rushing," he said.



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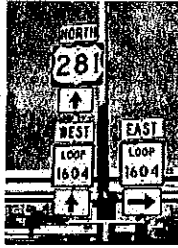
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7. its 7 p.m. - formal presentation has started - glad to see people in the audience! 5:02 PM Jan 11th from [HootSuite](#)
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8. quarter till 7 - still time to show up for the formal presentation on the proposed Interchange - Parkhills Baptist Church - www.alamorma.org 4:46 PM Jan 11th from [HootSuite](#)
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9. it's 5:30 p.m. - the doors are open - people are coming in to find out how the proposed interchange will work - come join us at Parkhills! 3:31 PM Jan 11th from [HootSuite](#)
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10. it's 3 p.m. - 2 and a half hours till the public meeting open house starts for the US 281 / Loop 1604 interchange - see you

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is getting ready for the US 281 / Loop 1604 interchange public meeting - tonight @ 7 p.m. Parkhills Baptist Church - see you there! [9:06 AM Jan 11th from HootSuite](#)

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In case you missed it this morning - Alamo RMA staff appeared on KENS 5 to talk about the US 281 Super Street -... [http://bit.ly/8FxTQW 1:38 PM Jan 10th from Facebook](#)

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just created a fan page on Facebook for the US 281 Super Street - construction bids are due January 8 2010 at 12:00 p.m.! Relief is coming! [12:01 PM Jan 7th from HootSuite](#)

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Has created a new twitter feed [@281SuperStreet](#) - follow for all the latest information as we get ready to start construction! [10:14 AM Jan 7th from HootSuite](#)

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just posted a new blog on the Express-News website, New Decade, New Year - Same Traffic - check it out here... [http://bit.ly/5ZtCDX 9:59 AM Jan 4th from Facebook](#)

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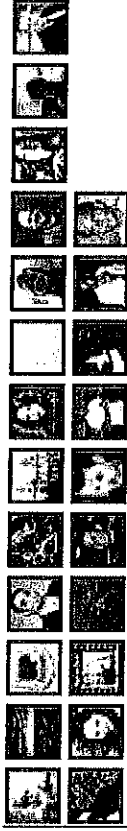
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wants to wish everyone a safe and happy New Year - if you are traveling for New Year's Eve or New Year's Day - be careful out there! [7:57 AM Dec 30th, 2009 from HootSuite](#)

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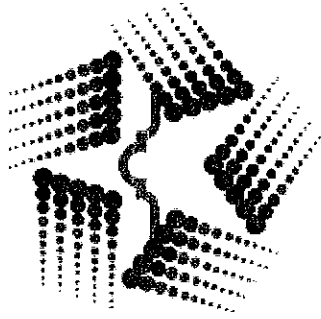
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20. US 281 EIS Public Scoping Meeting #2 tonight! Join in on the discussion & learn about preliminary alternatives
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The Alamo RMA is the local regional mobility authority serving San Antonio and Bexar County, Texas. The Alamo RMA is a public entity and is currently overseeing two environmental impact statements, and approximately \$1.48 Million in non-toll projects.

Information

Location:

1222 N. Main Avenue, Ste 1000
San Antonio, TX, 78212

Phone:

2104955256

Mon - Fri:

8:00 am - 5:00 pm

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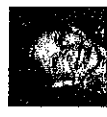
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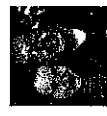
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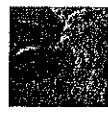
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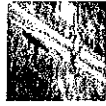
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- Alamo RMA: Alamo Regional Mobility Authority - Moving people faster
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- Interview: Super Street progress essential to unclog 281 North
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- Leroy Alloway
5:59pm Jan 4

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- US 281 / Loop 1604 Interchange...
The Harvest Fellowship Church
Tuesday, August 25 at 6:00pm

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Alamo Regional Mobility Authority the Alamo RMA Board today approved a \$5.2 Million construction contract with Ballenger Construction to build the US 281 Super Street - with a low bid \$1.2 Million under our Engineering Estimate (almost 20% lower) - work should start by Mid March and be done by Mid August - relief is coming to US 281! January 14 at 9:47pm · Comment · Like

Stephanie Chavan likes this.

Write a comment...



Alamo Regional Mobility Authority the Alamo RMA Board of Directors will be considering the award of the US 281 Super Street project today at 1 p.m. at their regular board meeting - 8700 Tesoro Drive - come join us to see who won and by how much! January 14 at 4:08pm · Comment · Like

Stephanie Chavan likes this.

Write a comment...



Alamo Regional Mobility Authority if you missed the public meeting last night on the US 281 / Loop 1604 interchange - still time to comment! visit www.AlamoRMA.org for copies of all hand outs today!



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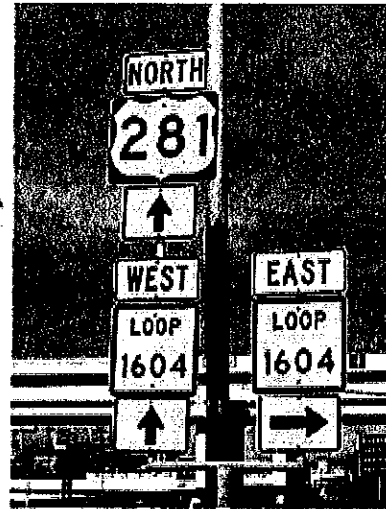
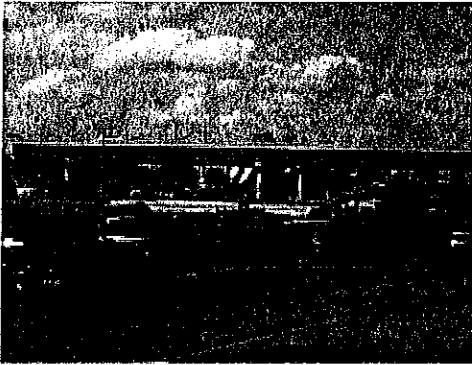


The Alamo Regional Mobility Authority is committed to doing our part to help ensure a bright and prosperous future for our community through innovations in financing transportation projects, and the ability ...

January 12 at 9:57pm · Comment · Like · Share

Michelle Martinez

From: Alamo RMA Community Relations
Sent: Friday, January 08, 2010 11:39 AM
To: Alamo RMA Community Relations
Subject: Reminder: You're Invited! US 281 Loop 1604 Interchange Public Meeting, Mon January 11, 2010
Attachments: US 281 North Loop 1604 Interchange Public Meeting.pdf; image001.png



The Alamo Regional Mobility Authority (Alamo RMA) will be hosting a public meeting on the proposed US 281 and Loop 1604 interchange on Monday, January 11, 2010.

Doors will open at 5:30pm for an open house; a formal presentation begins at 7:00pm followed by public comments beginning at 7:30pm.

More information, including a draft of the environmental document, can be found online at www.AlamorMA.org

Monday, January 11, 2010

**Parkhills Baptist Church
17747 San Pedro Avenue
San Antonio, Texas 78232**

Application for Use of State of Texas Right of Way for Temporary Signs for Special Events

Please print or type information

Date: December 28, 2009

To the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT)
c/o Area Engineer San Antonio, Texas

This form must be received at least 7 days prior to proposed use on the right of way.

Applicant Alamo Regional Mobility Authority proposes to place a
sign within the right of way of Highway _____

Location (1) Southbound on US 281 and
Loop 1604 between Interchange &
Thousand Oaks

(2) Northbound on US 281/ Loop 1604 between Interchange and Thousand Oaks (3) On Loop 1604 between 281 &
Blanco

in Bexar County, Texas.

Check here for placement of multiple signs and submit the information requested on the Supplemental Sheet.

The temporary structure/vehicle will be placed 6' feet from the roadway and will have
the following characteristics:

Mounting Height 7' Thickness N/A

Sign Dimensions (Height, Width, Length) H 162" W 79.5" L 190"

Sign Material Metal

Sign Support Dimensions See above

Sign Support Material Steel pipe

Proposed Text 281 1604 INTERCHANGE PUBLIC MEETING / MON JAN 11 5:30PM-8:30PM / PARKHILLS
BAPTIST CHURCH

WWW.ALAMORMA.ORG

Background Color Black Legend Color Amber

The right of way will be used FROM DATE December 31, 2009 TO DATE January 11, 2010

(maximum of 60 days) and the nature of the event is Public meeting concerning the US 281/ Loop 1604
Interchange Project

The sponsor of the event, if applicable, is Alamo Regional Mobility Authority

I will avoid or minimize impacts, and will, at my own expense, restore or repair damage resulting from this event.

I will be responsible for any damages or accidents that may occur during the term of this permit and save TxDOT and
the State of Texas harmless.

I will abide by all applicable federal, state and local environmental laws, regulations, ordinances, and any conditions
or restrictions required by TxDOT to protect natural and cultural resources of the right of way.

If this event causes hazardous traffic conditions to develop, I will cease the activity until corrective measures have
been implemented.

It is expressly understood that TxDOT reserves the right to enforce the terms and conditions that it may deem
necessary for the protection of the transportation facility and safety of the traveling public.

By signing below, I agree to the conditions/provisions included in this application. I am authorized to sign on the
behalf of the organization holding the event.

Alamo Regional Mobility Authority

Applicant
Patrick L. Irwin

By
Dir. of Engineering & Operations

Title

Signature 

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