

2024

End of Year Report



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Dear Friends,

As we begin a new year, I want to take a moment and reflect on everything that we've accomplished as a community.

As a senior member of the Appropriations Committee, I'm proud to say that we secured billions to improve South Texas infrastructure, education, and health care. I appreciate the opportunity to represent you, and I will continue to listen, advocate, and work across the aisle to address our community's concerns.

Here's to another year of success and great progress for South Texas.



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Legislative Update

118th Congress



11

Bills Introduced

by Rep. Cuellar this Congress



254

Bills Cosponsored

by Rep. Cuellar this Congress



1200+

Votes Taken

by Rep. Cuellar on legislation

Bill Highlights

TX-28

**Legislation Championed by Rep. Cuellar and
Signed into Law**

Social Security Fairness Act of 2023

This bill restores full social security benefits for our public service workers.

Eliminates the government pension offset

Eliminates the windfall elimination provision

Has been signed into law

Bill to Rename Del Mar Post Office After Local Military Heroes



IN HONOR OF

Lance Corporal David Lee Espinoza
Lance Corporal Juan Rodrigo Rodriguez
Sergeant Roberto Arizola, Jr.

This bill will rename the Del Mar Post Office in Laredo to honor the legacy of local heroes and commemorate their sacrifice.

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Starr-Camargo Bridge Expansion Act

Allows for an expansion of the Starr-Camargo Bridge in Rio Grande City, which acts as a vital trade link between Texas and Mexico.



The Starr-Camargo Bridge facilitates **hundreds of millions** of dollars of cross-border trade and serves as a crucial connector between South Texas and Mexico.

This project will help:

- Ease congestion
- Reduce truck idling
- Increase diverse trade
- Alleviate supply chain issues

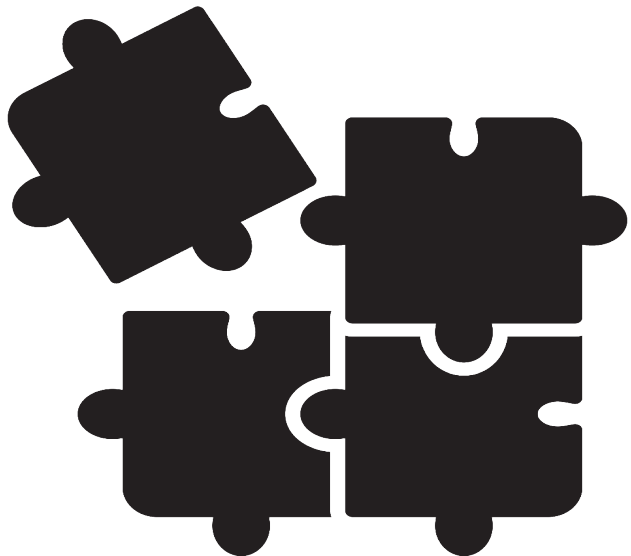
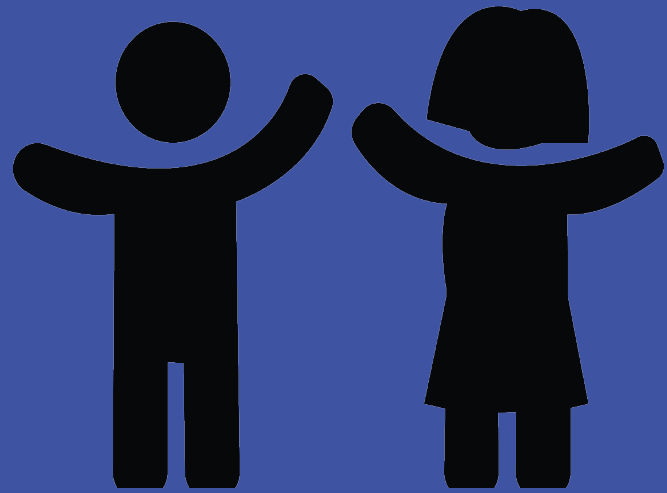


Bill Highlights

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Congressman Cuellar Helped Pass The Autism CARES Act of 2024

Co-chair of the Congressional Autism Caucus, Congressman Cuellar helped pass the 2024 Autism CARES Act, reauthorizing vital autism education, research, and support programs.



“Through this bill, we continue vital work in understanding the causes of autism and the most effective treatments.”

- Congressman Henry Cuellar

Bill Highlights

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Water Resources Development Act of 2024

Prioritizes the improvement of water infrastructure across South Texas, including Webb, Zapata, Bexar, and Guadalupe Counties.

Congressman Cuellar helped secure **millions in authorized funding** and support for environmental infrastructure projects.



End of Year Funding Bill

Secured **\$20 Million** in Federal Funding for Water Infrastructure in Laredo

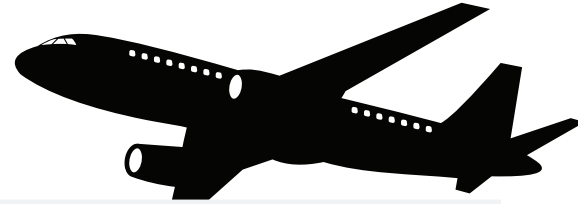
Secured **\$10 billion** in economic assistance for farmers and ranchers.

Secured **\$21 billion** in disaster assistance for farmers and ranchers.

Secured language to provide economic support to farmers who have been negatively impacted by Mexico's failure to deliver water to the United States in accordance with the 1944 Water Treaty.

Wins Secured

New Direct Flight Between DC and San Antonio



“The U.S. Department of Transportation will now allow nonstop flights between San Antonio International Airport and Reagan Washington National Airport in DC. This marks an important step in uniting San Antonio with our nation’s capital. This also benefits our soldiers and veterans who travel regularly between the two cities. I want to thank the San Antonio Congressional Delegation, Senators Cornyn and Cruz, and the City of San Antonio for their bipartisan work on establishing this direct flight. Congratulations!”

Border Security Wins

From FY 24 Homeland Security Appropriations Bill

\$15 million to expand Checkpoint 29 in Laredo, Texas, which will help address congestion during passenger vehicle inspections

\$495 million to fund a record number of 22,000 Border Patrol Agents

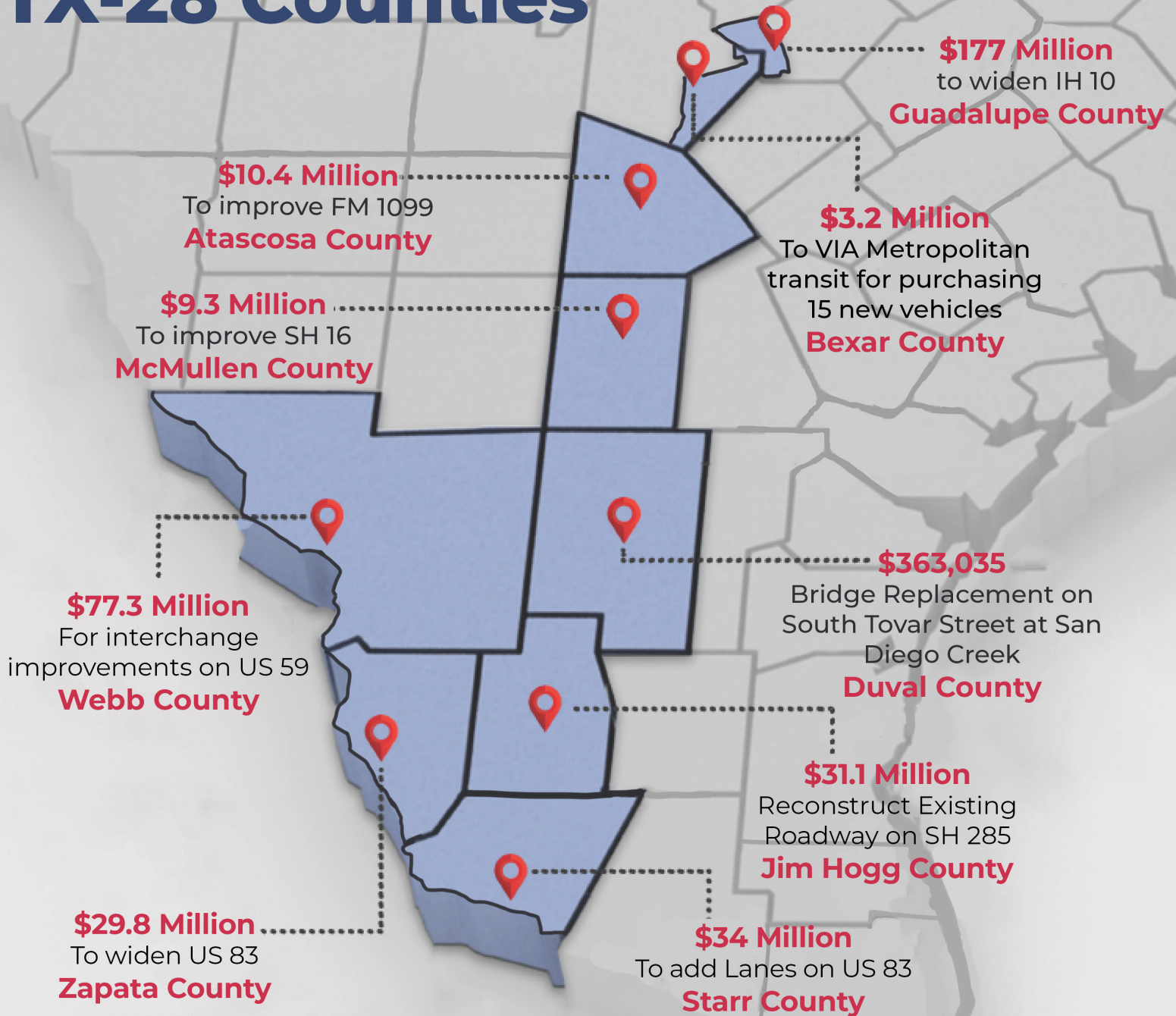
\$125 million for increases to Border Patrol overtime pay authorized by the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA)

\$20 million for an additional 150 CBP Officers to support counter fentanyl efforts

\$283.5 million for new border security technology to secure the border

Bipartisan Infrastructure Law

\$1.9 Billion Secured for TX-28 Counties



Community Project Funds

\$14,815,036 Secured for TX-28 in FY24

Community Development

\$1,000,000 for **Duval County** Community Center Improvements

\$500,000 for **McMullen County** Fairgrounds Improvements

\$1,000,000 for the **Zapata County** 4-H Rodeo Arena

\$1,000,000 for Zacate Creek Restoration in **Laredo**

Education & Workforce Development

\$1,300,000 for Growing **San Antonio** Apprenticeships

\$963,000 for **TAMIU** STEM Connector Program with **Laredo College**

\$1,400,000 for **Laredo College's** Veteran's Center of Excellence

Infrastructure Improvements

\$959,757 for **San Antonio Water System's** generators

\$1,766,279 for **El Cenizo** Street Improvements Projects

\$500,000 for SH 359 Colonias Street Improvements in **Webb County**

\$1,000,000 for the **Roma** Las Americas Logistics and Industrial Park

Law Enforcement & Emergency Response

\$963,000 for the **Starr County** Juvenile Housing and Rehabilitation Center

\$963,000 for Police Cruiser Upgrades in **Guadalupe County**

\$1,000,000 for the **Jim Hogg County** Emergency Response Service Center

\$500,000 for the **Atascosa County** Emergency Medical Service Center

Grant Highlights

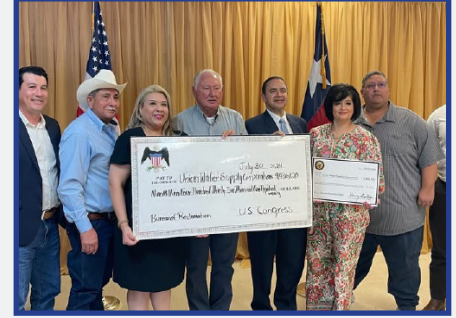
Dr. Cuellar Announced and Secured Over **\$472 Million** for TX-28



Atascosa County
COPS Hiring Program
\$562,500



Bexar County
Enhance Mental Health Support
\$2,690,608



Starr County
Union Water Supply Corporation
\$9,436,120



Duval County
Operation Stonegarden
\$186,293



Webb County
COPS Grant
\$3,125,000



Guadalupe County
Police Cruiser Upgrades
\$963,000



Zapata County
Operation Stonegarden
\$349,299



Jim Hogg County
After-School Programs
\$1,625,600



McMullen County
Operation Stonegarden
Funding for Border Security
\$186,293

TX-28

BY THE NUMBERS



Population

766,987

29,303

Miles Traveled



Money Returned to Constituents

\$818,352

616


Neighborhood Office Hours
Spent with Constituents



Casework

500 Cases Resolved

“One of my primary roles as your Representative is to help you interact with federal agencies and get you the assistance you need. This year, my staff helped **over 500 constituents** with passport/visa issues, Social Security benefits, Veteran’s benefits, and more. If you need assistance, please reach out to one of my district offices.”



Mrs. Kading asked our office if Social Security would first release her lump sum awarded to her amounting to \$53,000 as well as back payments for multiple months this year. We were able to secure her full lump sum as well as all back payments from earlier this year.

“Thank you so very, very much! I truly appreciate your help and assistance.”

- Vanessa L. Kading

Helen had a family emergency to take care of her daughter in law who needed care outside of the country. Our office was able to set up an appointment at the Houston Passport Agency and help her with coordinating rides. After she was able to obtain a passport, she was able to be with her family during this time in their lives.

“Thanks a million. We need more good people like you in this world. May god take care of you and your family”

- Helen Rossini

Traveling TX-28

29,303 miles traveled



Zapata County



Starr County



Atascosa County



Webb County



Bexar County



Jim Hogg County



McMullen County



Guadalupe County



Duval County

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