ISSUE / BRIEFING TOPIC:

Rio Grande Valley Sector has redefined the requirements for Projects O-1 through O-3 for McAllen and Rio Grande City Stations (Decisional).

DESIRED OUTCOME:

Establish technology and associated infrastructure for the McAllen (MCS) and Rio Grande City (RGC) Stations’ Area of Responsibility (AOR).

BACKGROUND:

- Of the 21 Pedestrian Fence (PF) 225 projects in Rio Grande Valley Sector, two were planned for RGC (O-1 through O-2) and one for MCS (O-3). All three projects amount to approximately of pedestrian fence.
  - Project O-1 was to be placed on both sides of the Roma Port of Entry (POE), and is approximately in length.
  - Project O-2 was to be placed on both sides of the Rio Grande City POE, and is approximately in length.
  - Project O-3 was to be placed on both sides of the Los Ebanos POE, and is approximately in length.
- In June 2012, RGC and MCS station management met with Office of Border Patrol (OBP) representatives to discuss the “Total Mission Concept” approach with a mix of TI and Technology and reduce the length of the fence from to an estimated while including technology and patrol roads along the original fence alignment.
- RGV Sector is now assessing the options and seeks to establish a set of requirement for Projects O-1 through O-3 in the event that a path forward is decided.

CHALLENGES/CONCERNS:

Project O-3 (McAllen):

- The current fence alignment will have to be moved north due to the extensive erosion of the river bank caused by flooding from the runoff of Hurricane Alex.

Project O-1 (Rio Grande City):

- Some of the soil under the current fence alignment has been impacted by flooding from the runoff of Hurricane Alex.
Project O-2 (Rio Grande City):

- The current fence alignment east of the Rio Grande City POE has been impacted due to the erosion of the river bank caused by flooding from the runoff of Hurricane Alex.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. McAllen Station Requirement:
   - (b) (5)

2. Rio Grande City Requirement:
   - (b) (5)

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Projects O-1 through O-3 Overview
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Project O-1 (RGC AOR)
Project O-2 (RGC AOR)
Project O-3 (MCS AOR)