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Commissioners Court approves additional 90 HALT sites for flooding concerns

This morning, County Commissioners Court approved an additional 90 Highwater Alert Lifesaving Technology (HALT) sites for construction and installation of High Water Detection Systems as part of the Bexar County Flood Control Program, a 10-year, \$500 million capital improvement program established by Bexar County Commissioners Court in 2007.

The Court's approval of 90 additional sites will include 51 sites to be installed inside the City of San Antonio city limits and 39 within the unincorporated areas of Bexar County. There are currently 52 locations in Bexar County.

The HALT system is a tool to warn drivers when there is too much water over the road to drive through safely. HALT uses a sensor to detect rising water and, once the water reaches a certain depth, the system will warn drivers to turn around with either flashing lights or a combination of flashing lights and gates.

In addition to various levels of warning, Bexar County citizens will also have access to a website with information about the status of all of the County's low water crossings at any given time. The County is working with the City of San Antonio to provide one comprehensive website that will provide accurate, real time information during heavy rain events.

"I have always strongly advocated for the HALT system. My first priority is safety for the constituents of the community. The HALT system saves lives by letting drivers know when there's water on the road and not safe to drive." stated County Commissioner Sergio "Chico" Rodriguez. "I will continue to support and promote any efforts to keep the public safe during flooding events".

Additionally, the Court approved the selection of J3, LLC to provide construction services for the Old Fredericksburg Road Low Water Crossing in Precinct 3. This project will include the replacement of the current low water crossing near Old Fredericksburg Road at Lost Creek Gap Road with concrete box culverts.

This proposed culvert will allow safe, unflooded access for passing motorists and pedestrians during a rainfall event. It is anticipated construction will start in July 2015 and end in January 2016, weather permitting.

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