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SECTION 1. Section 623.363(a), Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

- (a) The commission may authorize a regional mobility authority to issue permits for the movement of oversize or overweight vehicles carrying cargo in Hidalgo County on:
- (1) the following roads:
    - (A) U.S. Highway 281 between its intersection with the Pharr-Reynosa International Bridge and its intersection with State Highway 336;
    - (B) State Highway 336 between its intersection with U.S. Highway 281 and its intersection with Farm-to-Market Road 1016;
    - (C) Farm-to-Market Road 1016 between its intersection with State Highway 336 and its intersection with Trinity Road;
    - (D) Trinity Road between its intersection with Farm-to-Market Road 1016 and its intersection with Farm-to-Market Road 396;
    - (E) Farm-to-Market Road 396 between its intersection with Trinity Road and its intersection with the Anzalduas International Bridge;
    - (F) Farm-to-Market Road 2061 between its intersection with Farm-to-Market Road 3072 and its intersection with U.S. Highway 281;
    - (G) U.S. Highway 281 between its intersection with the Pharr-Reynosa International Bridge and its intersection with Spur 29;
    - (H) Spur 29 between its intersection with U.S. Highway 281 and its intersection with West Doffing [~~Doffin Canal~~] Road;
    - (I) Doffin Canal Road between its intersection with the Pharr-Reynosa International Bridge and its intersection with Spur

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SECTION 1. Section 623.363, Transportation Code, is amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsections (a-1) and (c) to read as follows:

- (a) The commission may authorize a regional mobility authority to issue permits for the movement of oversize or overweight vehicles carrying cargo in Hidalgo County on:
- (1) ~~the following roads:~~
    - ~~[(A)]~~ U.S. Highway 281 between its intersection with the Pharr-Reynosa International Bridge and its intersection with State Highway 336;
    - ~~(2) [(B)]~~ State Highway 336 between its intersection with U.S. Highway 281 and its intersection with Farm-to-Market Road 1016;
    - ~~(3) [(C)]~~ Farm-to-Market Road 1016 between its intersection with State Highway 336 and its intersection with Trinity Road;
    - ~~(4) [(D)]~~ Trinity Road between its intersection with Farm-to-Market Road 1016 and its intersection with Farm-to-Market Road 396;
    - ~~(5) [(E)]~~ Farm-to-Market Road 396 between its intersection with Trinity Road and its intersection with the Anzalduas International Bridge;
    - ~~(6) [(F)]~~ Farm-to-Market Road 2061 between its intersection with Farm-to-Market Road 3072 and its intersection with U.S. Highway 281;
    - ~~(7) [(G)]~~ U.S. Highway 281 between its intersection with the Pharr-Reynosa International Bridge and its intersection with Spur 29;
    - ~~(8) [(H)]~~ Spur 29 between its intersection with U.S. Highway 281 and its intersection with West Doffing [~~Doffin Canal~~] Road;

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(I-1) West Doffing Road between its intersection with Spur 29 and its eastern intersection with Doffin Canal Road;

(J) Farm-to-Market Road 1015 between its intersection with U.S. Highway 281 and its intersection with U.S. Highway 83 Business;

(K) U.S. Highway 83 Business between its intersection with Farm-to-Market Road 1015 and its intersection with South Pleasantview Drive;

(L) Farm-to-Market Road 1015 between its intersection with U.S. Highway 83 Business and its intersection with Mile 9 Road North; ~~and~~

(M) Mile 9 Road North between its intersection with Farm-to-Market Road 1015 and its intersection with Joe Stephens Avenue; ~~and~~

(N) State Highway 365 between its intersection with Farm-to-Market Road 396 and its intersection with West Military Highway at San Juan Road; or

(2) another route designated by the commission in consultation with the authority, including any designated off-system overweight corridor route the authority agrees to maintain or pay to maintain in a maintenance agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation.

(9) West Doffing Road between its intersection with Spur 29 and its eastern intersection with Doffin Canal Road ~~[(4) Doffin Canal Road between its intersection with the Pharr-Reynosa International Bridge and its intersection with Spur 29];~~

(10) ~~[(J)]~~ Farm-to-Market Road 1015 between its intersection with U.S. Highway 281 and its intersection with U.S. Highway 83 Business;

(11) ~~[(K)]~~ U.S. Highway 83 Business between its intersection with Farm-to-Market Road 1015 and its intersection with South Pleasantview Drive;

(12) ~~[(L)]~~ Farm-to-Market Road 1015 between its intersection with U.S. Highway 83 Business and its intersection with Mile 9 Road North; ~~and~~

(13) ~~[(M)]~~ Mile 9 Road North between its intersection with Farm-to-Market Road 1015 and its intersection with Joe Stephens Avenue; or

(14) 365 Tollway between its intersection with Farm-to-Market Road 396 and its intersection with West Military Highway at San Juan Road ~~[(2) another route designated by the commission in consultation with the authority].~~

(a-1) The authority authorized under this section shall pay from fees collected by the authority under Section 623.364 all costs to maintain the route designated under Subsection (a)(9), and any off-system road designated after September 1, 2025. [FA1(1)]

(c) The authority authorized under this section may not issue

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a permit under this section for an oversize or overweight vehicle that:

(1) is transporting in a cargo tank hazardous material in a quantity requiring placarding by a regulation issued under the Hazardous Materials Transportation Act (49 U.S.C. Section 5101 et seq.); or

(2) has a gross weight that exceeds the lesser of:

(A) 120,000 pounds for a vehicle or combination of vehicles; or

(B) the applicable combined axle weight restriction listed in 43 T.A.C. Section 28.105. [FA1(2)]

No equivalent provision.

SECTION 2. Chapter 623, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Subchapter W to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER W. STARR COUNTY PERMITS

Sec. 623.451. OPTIONAL PROCEDURE. This subchapter provides an optional procedure for the issuance of a permit by the City of Roma for the movement of oversize or overweight vehicles carrying cargo on certain roadways located in Starr County.

Sec. 623.452. ISSUANCE OF PERMITS. The commission may authorize the City of Roma to issue permits for the movement of oversize or overweight vehicles carrying cargo in Starr County on the following roadways:

(1) Farm-to-Market Road 650 between its intersection with River Road in Fronton and its intersection with U.S. Highway 83 in the city of Roma;

(2) U.S. Highway 83 between its intersection with Farm-to-Market Road 650 and its intersection with Franklin Avenue in the city of Roma;

(3) Bravo Boulevard in the city of Roma between its

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easternmost intersection with U.S. Highway 83 and the Roma-Ciudad Miguel Aleman International Bridge; and  
(4) Franklin Avenue in the city of Roma between the Roma-Ciudad Miguel Aleman International Bridge and its easternmost intersection with U.S. Highway 83.  
Sec. 623.453. SURETY BOND. The commission may require the City of Roma to execute, at its own expense, a surety bond payable to the Texas Department of Transportation in an amount of not less than \$500,000 for costs of maintenance for the roadways described by Section 623.452.  
Sec. 623.454. PERMIT FEES. (a) The City of Roma may collect a fee for permits issued under this subchapter. Except as otherwise provided by this subsection, the maximum amount of the fee may not exceed \$200 per trip. On September 1 of each year, the city may adjust the maximum fee amount as necessary to reflect the percentage change during the preceding year in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U), U.S. City Average, published monthly by the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics or its successor in function.  
(b) Fees collected under Subsection (a) may be used only for the operation and maintenance of the roadways described by or designated under Section 623.452 and for the City of Roma's administrative costs, which may not exceed 15 percent of the fees collected.  
(c) The distribution of the fees collected under Subsection (a) less the City of Roma's administrative costs must be distributed between the state and the city based on lane mile calculations between on and off system roadways subject to this subchapter. Lane mile calculations must be adjusted on a biannual basis.

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(d) The City of Roma shall send the state's portion of the fees collected under Subsection (a) to the comptroller for deposit to the credit of the state highway fund. Fees deposited in the state highway fund under this section are exempt from the application of Section 403.095, Government Code.

Sec. 623.455. PERMIT REQUIREMENTS. (a) A permit issued under this subchapter must include:

(1) the name of the applicant;

(2) the date of issuance;

(3) the signature of the designated agent for the City of Roma;

(4) a statement of the kind of cargo being transported, the maximum weight and dimensions of the equipment, and the kind and weight of each commodity to be transported;

(5) a statement:

(A) that the gross weight of the vehicle for which a permit is issued may not exceed 125,000 pounds; and

(B) of any other condition on which the permit is issued;

(6) a statement that the cargo may be transported in Starr County only over the roadways described by or designated under Section 623.452;

(7) a statement that the permit does not authorize the transportation of the cargo on an interstate highway; and

(8) the location where the cargo was loaded.

(b) The City of Roma shall report to the Texas Department of Transportation all permits issued under this subchapter.

Sec. 623.456. TIME OF MOVEMENT. A permit issued under this subchapter must specify the time during which movement authorized by the permit is allowed.

Sec. 623.457. SPEED LIMIT. Movement authorized by a permit issued under this subchapter may not exceed the posted speed limit or 55 miles per hour, whichever is less. A

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<p><u>violation of this provision constitutes a moving violation.</u></p> <p><u>Sec. 623.458. ENFORCEMENT. The Department of Public Safety has authority to enforce this subchapter.</u></p> <p><u>Sec. 623.459. PAVEMENT MANAGEMENT PLAN. The Texas Department of Transportation shall create a pavement management plan for the roadways described by Section 623.452.</u></p> <p><u>Sec. 623.460. RULES. The commission may adopt rules necessary to implement this subchapter.</u></p> <p><u>Sec. 623.461. CONTINGENCY. This subchapter is contingent upon:</u></p> <p><u>(1) the termination of designation of U.S. Highway 83 in Starr County as part of the Federal Strategic Highway Network system; or</u></p> <p><u>(2) the authorization of overweight vehicles to operate on the Federal Strategic Highway Network system.</u></p> <p>SECTION 3. The City of Roma may adjust the maximum fee amount as provided by Section 623.454, Transportation Code, as added by this Act, beginning September 1, 2026.</p> <p>No equivalent provision.</p>	<p>No equivalent provision.</p> <p>SECTION 2. Section 623.364(a), Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:</p> <p>(a) The authority may collect a fee for permits issued under this subchapter. Beginning September 1, <u>2025</u> [2017], the maximum amount of the fee may not exceed <u>\$250</u> [\$200] per trip. On September 1 of each subsequent year, the authority may adjust the maximum fee amount as necessary to reflect the percentage change during the preceding year in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U),</p>	

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U.S. City Average, published monthly by the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics or its successor in function.

SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.  
[FA1(3)]