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Good morning!
Please see TXDOT announcement below of Valente's retirement.

Thank you.

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Subject: Retirement Announcement for Valente Olivarez, Jr. P.E. - Corpus Christi District Engineer - July 31, 2024

It is with sincere appreciation for more than 25 years of dedicated service to the Texas Department of Transportation that I announce the retirement of Corpus Christi District Engineer, Valente Olivarez, Jr., P.E., effective July 31, 2024.

Valente graduated from Texas A&M University-Kingsville in 1999 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering and became a licensed professional engineer in June 2004. He began his career with TxDOT's Pharr District, where he worked at the Pharr Area Office for 15 years in various capacities ranging from construction inspector, plan designer, project manager, and eventually Area Engineer. Valente's office managed the design, construction, and maintenance of state roadway/bridges in the rapidly developing County of Hidalgo. In 2002 and 2009, Olivarez received Construction Awards from the Association of General Contractors and TxDOT for managing the construction of the State's transportation system connecting to the Pharr International Port of Entry and for the interstate expansion of Expressway US 83 (Interstate 2) in Mercedes, Tx.

In 2014, Valente was hired by TxDOT's Corpus Christi District as the Director of Operations and charged with overseeing construction, maintenance, and traffic operations for the Department's 10-county district. Olivarez was later hired as the Deputy District Engineer in 2015 and in a dual role served as TxDOT's Project Manager for the Harbor Bridge Project, a $1B design build project in Corpus Christi.
In 2018, Olivarez was hired to lead the Corpus Christi District as their District Engineer. Throughout his tenure, Valente worked closely with local, state, and federal partners to deliver regionally significant transportation projects to the Coastal Bend area. He is an ardent believer in fostering a culture of employee growth and development, and is extremely proud to have worked alongside the talented employees in this best-in-class agency.

Valente is a dedicated husband to Kimberly and father to Nathan Ezra and Nicholas Elijah. He is an active member of various ministries within his local church, Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church in Portland. Valente enjoys fishing, kayaking, and spending time with family.

Valente will be missed, please join me in congratulating Valente on his many years of service to TxDOT and the citizens of Texas.

Carl L. Johnson, P.E.
Director Of District Operations

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