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## Traffic counts significantly reduced due to Stay at Home order *Vehicle volume comparison study conducted by McAllen Traffic Operations*

On March 25, Hidalgo County Judge Richard Cortez extended the measures of the emergency order to include a stay at home order for the entire county. The intent of the stay at home stipulation is to mitigate the spread of the novel COVID-19 by encouraging residents to continue to practice social distancing and limit gatherings.

In an effort to gauge whether the stay at home order was being adhered to, the City of McAllen Traffic Operations department conducted vehicle counts for the first weekend of the stay at home order. Traffic counters were set up at major roadways in various locations around McAllen.

Along 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, near the intersection of Nolana Avenue, the study showed a decrease of about 69 percent of traffic for the weekend of March 28 and March 29, when compared to a weekend in 2019.

Along Ware Road, near the intersection of Nolana Avenue, the study also showed a decrease of about 69 percent when compared to a weekend in 2018.

McAllen Traffic Operations will continue to collect data throughout the remainder of the week.

City of McAllen officials advise residents to continue to follow the order and stay home to stop the spread of COVID-19. For the most up to date information, follow the City of McAllen on social media and [www.mcallen.net](http://www.mcallen.net).

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