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**PASEO DEL ALAMO – HDRC REVIEW APPLICATION  
SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS**

This application addresses the following building and site improvements:

1. Addition to and renovation of restaurant space in Paseo del Alamo for new welcome center.
2. Removal of existing pavement, water features, stairs, and trees and plantings. Provision of new trees, planting beds, new paving, water features, stairs and elevator for continued access to Losoya St, the upper paseo, and Alamo Plaza.
3. Continuation of interpretive paving installation for Alamo Mission footprint, which was previously reviewed by the HDRC and permitted by the THC and CoSA under the Mission Gate & Lunette project.
4. Installation of a below-grade water capture cistern for irrigation of trees and plantings.

The Paseo del Alamo, located west of Alamo Plaza in the heart of San Antonio, Texas, will reinforce the connection between the historic Alamo and the Riverwalk. New water features, accessible paths, and planted landscapes will strengthen the civic connection to the Riverwalk and reframe the Alamo's historic reliance on the San Antonio River. A new welcome center in the existing commercial space will provide visitors with information about the Alamo district and nearby sites. Sheltered access to a three-stop elevator will provide access to street level and both terrace levels.

The new linear Alamo Fountain will be a planted botanical environment flanked on the south side by a framing of plantings and trees of native species selected for their durability, adaptability, and longevity. The water feature and plantings will be supplied with water collected in the cistern to be located under the paved mid-terrace. Collected water from Alamo Plaza and site drains will be filtered and directed to the underground cistern. The cistern will be installed at current excavated grade levels to minimize further impact on excavation, and then be paved over for to new walking surface grade. Water will be circulated throughout the site from a new pump room to be located within the commercial space.

Paving materials and light fixture types will be consistent with finishes from Alamo Plaza including those previously reviewed by the HDRC and permitted by the THC and CoSA under the Mission Gate & Lunette project. Additional light fixtures will be included in the Alamo Fountain to gently highlight moving water as it cascades between the two terrace levels.

Excavations required for utility adjustments and the raising of manhole access points will be minimized, and vibration monitors will be placed around architectural heritage assets to monitor and minimize disruption.

The descriptions above are intended to serve as a narrative summary of major site modifications that are represented in the accompanying technical drawing set. It is anticipated that any exploratory studies necessary to protect potential subgrade archaeological resources of the Alamo will be addressed as part of the activities within the area following full procedures described by the Alamo Trust, City of San Antonio, and the Texas Historical Commission.