

Resolution to recommend a preferred alternative route for the replacement of the Harbor Bridge.

WHEREAS, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has proposed replacing the existing Corpus Christi Harbor Bridge and improving the approach roadways along US 181 and SH 286;

WHEREAS, the existing Harbor Bridge is functionally obsolete, increasingly expensive to maintain and represents an obstacle to navigation for ships with an air draft greater than 138 feet;

WHEREAS, four alternative routes are currently under review -- they are commonly described as the Green, Orange, Red and West Routes;

WHEREAS, the City of Corpus Christi as well as the Corpus Christi Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) has reviewed the four current alternatives for their effectiveness in providing connectivity to the existing transportation network;

WHEREAS, the City of Corpus Christi has reviewed each alternative as to how they would serve access to the uptown and downtown areas;

WHEREAS, the City of Corpus Christi has reviewed each alternative for their ability to maximize transportation safety by eliminating curves and streamlining connectivity;

WHEREAS, the City of Corpus Christi has reviewed each alternative to determine their impact on minimizing the adverse impact on the livability of neighborhoods directly affected by the bridge relocation;

WHEREAS, the City of Corpus Christi is working with the MPO and TxDOT to develop plans for a multimodal system within the urbanized area;

WHEREAS, the Transportation Policy Committee (TPC), the governing body of the MPO, comprised primarily of local elected officials, has been and continues to be a forum for cooperative decisions on transportation;

WHEREAS, the City of Corpus Christi is represented on both the MPO-TPC and the MPO-TAC;

WHEREAS, the MPO adopted a resolution on June 11, 2013 recommending a preferred alternative route;

WHEREAS, the City Council supports the MPO's adopted resolution;

WHEREAS, the City Council has conferred with the MPO and city staff to assist them in making a determination and recommendation;

WHEREAS, the FHWA/TxDOT planning process would benefit from input and expressions of preference for a preferred alternative from interested public agencies and the general public;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS:

Section 1. The City of Corpus Christi recommends the commonly referred to “Red Route” as the preferred alternative for the replacement of the Harbor Bridge.

Section 2. This resolution takes effect immediately upon adoption.

ATTEST:

THE CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

Armando Chapa
City Secretary

Nelda Martinez
Mayor

Corpus Christi, Texas

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The above resolution was passed by the following vote:

Nelda Martinez _____

Kelley Allen _____

Rudy Garza _____

Priscilla Leal _____

David Loeb _____

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