



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

First Reading for the City Council Meeting of September 19, 2023
Second Reading for the City Council Meeting of October 10, 2023

DATE: September 19, 2023
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**Ordinance designating the new Park Road 22 Bridge as the Don
Patricio Bridge**

CAPTION:

Ordinance designating the new Park Road 22 as the “Don Patricio Bridge”.

SUMMARY:

This ordinance authorizes the designation of the new Park Road 22 Bridge as the “Don Patricio Bridge”.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

On November 9, 2011, the Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) and the City of Corpus Christi entered into an Advanced Funding Agreement (AFA) for the construction of the Park Road 22 Bridge. The bridge is currently under construction and the project is scheduled to complete construction in November 2023.

City staff received a request to name the new bridge as “Don Patricio Bridge” upon its completion. City staff determined that Chapter 311 of the Texas Transportation Code grants municipalities control over highways, streets, and alleys located within the City limits, including the ability to assign names to highway facilities within its jurisdiction.

Being that the bridge would be considered a TxDOT facility, staff felt it prudent to get their formal approval on the proposed designation. The City submitted a letter request to the TXDOT’s Corpus Christi District and received approval to formally designate the new Park Road 22 Bridge as the “Don Patricio Bridge”. Further, staff sought to engage the public for input and took the designation to the Planning Commission on August 23, 2023 where it was unanimously approved.

The Public Works Department will install and maintain signs in accordance with the Municipal Maintenance Agreement (MMA) between TXDOT and the City. As part of the MMA, the City is responsible for the installation and maintenance of special guide signs, when agreed to in writing by the State, on Non-controlled Access Highways such as Park Road 22.

This name has historical reference as the first causeway connecting Padre Island to the mainland. The Don Patricio Causeway opened in July 1927 and was swept away by a hurricane in September 1933. Additionally, the naming has symbolism associated with former District 4 councilman Greg Smith, an advocate for the Park Road 22 bridge, and his great-grandfather Patrick F. Dunn. Mr. Dunn owned the majority of Padre Island from 1879 to 1926 and operated the historic El Rancho de Don Patricio.

ALTERNATIVES:

An alternative is to not approve an official name designation for the new Park Road 22 bridge.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Expenditures will total \$1,458.50 for FY23 for the fabrication of two sign assemblies.

Funding Detail:

Fund:	1041	Streets Fund
Department:	33	Streets
Organization/Activity:	12320	Signs & Markings
Project # (CIP Only):	N/A	
Account:	520130	Maint & Repairs

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of this ordinance in collaboration with TXDOT.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Map
Resolution