



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

for the City Council Meeting of November 20, 2012

DATE: October 17, 2012
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UPDATE TO CITY COUNCIL

Annual Status Report from the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) on Harbor Bridge Improvements/Replacement and other construction, maintenance and administrative issues.

STAFF PRESENTERS):

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Title/Position</u>	<u>Department</u>
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OUTSIDE PRESENTER(S)

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Title/Position</u>	<u>Organization</u>
1.	Lonnie Gregorcyk,	P.E., District Engineer,	Texas Department of Transportation
2.	Chris Caron,	P.E., Deputy District Engineer,	Texas Department of Transportation

BACKGROUND :

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Corpus Christi District includes 10 Coastal Bend counties - Aransas, Bee, Goliad, Jim Wells, Karnes, Kleberg, Live Oak, Nueces, Refugio and San Patricio. Lonnie Gregorcyk became the permanent District Engineer for the Corpus Christi District on August 1, 2012, after serving as the interim District Engineer since June 2012. Chris Caron started as the Deputy District Engineer on October 1, 2012.

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Harbor Bridge replacement project. TxDOT and the

Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) have narrowed down the potential alignments where a potential replacement for the Bridge might be located from six to four options.

The two primary needs for the project are defined as follows:

1. Maintaining the long-term operation of a US 181 crossing of the Corpus Christi Ship Channel.
2. Safety risks caused by design deficiencies.

In addition, the project includes two objectives:

1. Provide the transportation infrastructure to expand the economic opportunities in the area; and
2. Consider the connectivity of US 181 to the local roadway system and its effect on adjacent neighborhoods.

In FY 2011, the TxDOT Corpus Christi District spent more than \$98.4 million in Nueces County on construction and maintenance of state-maintained highways and bridges. There are more than 1,516 lane miles of state-maintained highways in Nueces County. More than 276,000 vehicles are registered in Nueces County.

Corpus Christi does not have any roadways listed among the top 100 congested segments of roadways in the state.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

N/A