



## AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Future Item for the City Council Meeting of February 25, 2014

Action Item for the City Council Meeting of March 18, 2014

**DATE:** February 11, 2014

**TO:** Ronald L. Olson, City Manager

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**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING  
THE REGIONAL/URBAN DESIGN ASSISTANCE TEAM PROJECT  
Harbor Bridge**

**CAPTION:**

Resolution to provide support to the Regional/Urban Design Assistance Team Project.

**PURPOSE:**

This resolution provides support to the Regional/Urban Design Assistance Team (RUDAT) Project which will study and provide recommendations for redevelopment of the area affected by the Harbor Bridge Relocation. The area encompassed in the study will be bounded by North Port Avenue, Interstate 37, Corpus Christi Bay, Nueces Bay, and the Rincon Channel.

**BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:**

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), Corpus Christi District, is determining whether the Harbor Bridge, which spans the Corpus Christi Ship Channel at U.S. 181, should be replaced. A Feasibility Study completed by TxDOT in 2003 concluded that U.S. 181 and the Harbor Bridge must be improved to maintain a safe and efficient transportation corridor.

The new bridge will require redevelopment to respond to the configuration of new connecting roads and revised approaches. Though the process that TxDOT is following provides ample opportunity for public input to the new bridge impact at a fairly granular level, it does not create a broader vision for how the affected areas could capitalize on the opportunities created by the new alignment.

Objectives which will be anticipated if awarded the grant for the RUDAT redevelopment study are:

1. Recommendations on land use and zoning optimized for:
  - a. Preservation and restoration of historic North Side and Washington-Coles neighborhoods.
  - b. North Beach commercial, entertainment, recreational and residential development.
  - c. SEA District use development.
  - d. Integration with industrial and port activities.
  - e. Improved parking density and efficiency.

2. Development concepts in the public domain for existing bridge corridor, both sides of the channel.
3. Pedestrian and transit concepts to unify and connect SEA District amenities.
4. Concepts for making North Beach more accessible.
5. Establish concepts for ambience, particularly with respect to streetscaping, lighting, signage and way-finding to unify and enhance the destination quality of the area.
6. Within the larger context of the report, provide 4-5 actionable projects that could be implemented within a 10-year timeframe.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Approve support to Regional/Urban Design Assistance Team Project. (recommended)
2. Do not approve support to Regional/Urban Design Assistance Team Project. (not recommended)

**OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:**

Not applicable.

**CONFORMITY TO CITY POLICY:**

This Resolution conforms to the City's Charter.

**EMERGENCY / NON-EMERGENCY:**

Non-Emergency.

**DEPARTMENTAL CLEARANCES:**

Not applicable.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

Operating       Revenue       Capital       Not applicable

<b>Fiscal Year 2013-2014</b>	<b>Project to Date Expenditures (CIP only)</b>	<b>Current Year</b>	<b>Future Years</b>	<b>TOTALS</b>
Line Item Budget				
Encumbered / Expended Amount				
This item				
BALANCE				

Fund(s): Not applicable.

**Comments:** Not applicable.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Approval of the resolution as proposed, which would allow staff to provide support to the Regional/Urban Design Assistance Team Project.

**LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:**

Resolution  
Location Map