



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Future Item for the City Council Meeting of August 27, 2013
Action Item for the City Council Meeting of September 10, 2013

DATE: August 8, 2013
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Resolution Concerning Harbor Bridge Replacement Route

CAPTION:

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

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this Agenda Item is to adopt a Resolution recommending a preferred alternative route for the replacement of the existing Corpus Christi Harbor Bridge.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

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. The proposed improvements both to US 181/SH 286 and the Harbor Bridge will address structural deficiencies and navigational restrictions of the current bridge, and improve safety, connectivity, and level of service in the study area. The purpose of the project is to correct these established needs and to promote, enhance and spur economic development in the area. As part of the planning process, four alternative routes are currently under review. On June 11, 2013, the Corpus Christi Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) adopted a resolution recommending the "red route" as the preferred alternative route. On August 20, 2013, TxDOT made a presentation to the City Council on the four alternate routes under consideration.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Adopt a Resolution in support of the MPO's decision to recommend the Red Route as the preferred route.
2. Adopt a Resolution in support of another preferred route.
3. Do not approve a Resolution in support of any route.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

The MPO has asked the City to adopt a Resolution in support of the Red Route as the preferred alternative route.

CONFORMITY TO CITY POLICY:

This item conforms to requests for City Council-supported Resolutions.

EMERGENCY / NON-EMERGENCY:

Non-emergency

DEPARTMENTAL CLEARANCES:

None at this time.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Operating Revenue Capital Not applicable

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

Comments: No expenditure of funds is required at this time.

RECOMMENDATION:

City Staff recommends the Council approve a Resolution in support of the Red Route as the preferred alternative route for the new Harbor Bridge.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Resolution