

Ordinance designating the new Park Road 22 Bridge as the Don Patricio Bridge

WHEREAS, Chapter 311 of the Texas Transportation Code grants municipalities control over streets located within the City limits, including the ability to assign names to highway facilities within its jurisdiction;

WHEREAS, the Municipal Maintenance Agreement between Texas Department of Transportation (“TXDOT”) and the City of Corpus Christi (“City”) provides that on Non-controlled Access Highways, the City is responsible for installing and maintaining special guide signs when agreed to in writing by the State;

WHEREAS, TXDOT and City entered into an Advanced Funding Agreement on November 9, 2011, for construction of the Park Road 22 Bridge;

WHEREAS, City now desires to name the bridge in conjunction with the completion of construction of the new bridge;

WHEREAS, former District 4 Councilperson, Greg Smith, was an advocate for the construction of the Park Road 22 Bridge;

WHEREAS, Greg Smith’s great-grandfather was Patrick F. Dunn, who owned the majority of Padre Island from 1879 to 1926, and operated the El Rancho de Don Patricio;

WHEREAS, the first causeway connecting Padre Island to the mainland was named the Don Patricio Causeway. The Don Patricio Causeway opened in July 1927 and was swept away by a hurricane in September 1933.

WHEREAS, staff recommends naming the Park Road 22 Bridge the Don Patricio Bridge.

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

SECTION 1. The new Park Road 22 Bridge is hereby named the Don Patricio Bridge. A copy of this ordinance shall be provided to the TXDOT District Office.

Introduced and voted on the _____ day of _____, 2023.

PASSED and APPROVED on the _____ day of _____, 2023.

ATTEST:

Paulette Guajardo, Mayor

Rebecca Huerta, City Secretary