

Resolution in support of the Texas Department of Transportation's project to replace the Harbor Bridge and the Corpus Christi Metropolitan Planning Organization's commitment to provide certain project funding.

WHEREAS, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) has determined that the Harbor Bridge, which spans the Corpus Christi Ship Channel at U.S. 181, must be improved to maintain a safe and efficient transportation corridor;

WHEREAS, 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;

WHEREAS, TxDOT has determined that the Harbor Bridge has safety issues associated with the lack of shoulders, steep grade, a reverse curve, and an accident rate that is higher than the statewide average;

WHEREAS, the Harbor Bridge also has high maintenance costs;

WHEREAS, the Harbor Bridge provides no acceptable access for those on foot or on bicycles;

WHEREAS, the Harbor Bridge's 138 feet of navigational clearance, which met World War II standards when it was built, makes it difficult for the City of Corpus Christi and the Port of Corpus Christi to compete with other Gulf Coast deep water ports because of larger ship sizes today;

WHEREAS, a new bridge would improve safety, thereby reducing accident rates, provide better opportunities for moving people and goods (including military equipment and Port of Corpus Christi assets) throughout the region, provide adequate capacity to meet future traffic demand, and provide greater economic development opportunities for the City of Corpus Christi;

WHEREAS, the Corpus Christi Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is authorized by law to commit future projected transportation project funding allocated to the urbanized area;

WHEREAS, the MPO's Transportation Policy Committee (TPC), comprised primarily of local elected officials and tasked with developing plans for a multimodal system within the urbanized area, provides a forum authorized to make cooperative decisions on transportation on behalf of the MPO;

WHEREAS, on May 2, 2013, the MPO and its TPC adopted a resolution (attached as Exhibit "A") to provide funding for the replacement of the Harbor Bridge, and committed future projected transportation project funding allocated to the urbanized area;

WHEREAS, the City of Corpus Christi supports the MPO's adopted resolution,

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

Section 1. The City of Corpus Christi supports the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) in its efforts to replace the Harbor Bridge and improve U.S. 181 in order to maintain a safe and efficient transportation corridor for the Corpus Christi Bay Area.

Section 2. The City of Corpus Christi supports the Corpus Christi Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) in its commitment to provide Category 2 and Category 7 funding over Fiscal Years 2017 – 2019 totaling \$31,890,000 million for the replacement of the Harbor Bridge, as described in the Resolution adopted by the MPO's Transportation Policy Committee on May 2, 2013 (attached as Exhibit "A").

Section 3. The City of Corpus Christi intends to participate, to the maximum extent possible, in TxDOT's efforts to replace the Harbor Bridge.

Section 4. The City of Corpus Christi intends to work with TxDOT to replace the Harbor Bridge as soon as possible.

Section 5. This resolution becomes effective immediately upon its adoption.

ATTEST:

THE CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

Armando Chapa
City Secretary

Nelda Martinez
Mayor

Corpus Christi, Texas

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The above resolution was passed by the following vote:

Nelda Martinez _____

Kelley Allen _____

Rudy Garza _____

Priscilla Leal _____

David Loeb _____

Chad Magill _____

Colleen McIntyre _____

Lillian Riojas _____

Mark Scott _____