



# US 181 HARBOR BRIDGE PROJECT

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Technical Advisory Committee

January 9, 2014



# Today's Agenda

- Welcome and introductions
- Summary of key findings of Draft EIS
- Discussion of preferred alternative
- Discussion of proposed park improvements
- Discussion of proposed Environmental Justice mitigation
- Overview of upcoming project activities and design/build process
- Discussion of upcoming public involvement activities
- Adjourn

# Key Findings of Draft EIS

- Four reasonable alternatives plus no-build alternative evaluated
- Impacts on environment and community assessed
- Substantial input received from public regarding four alternatives
- Although avoidance of impact on local parks, recreational areas, wildlife refuges, and historic properties was the goal, all alternatives would have some impact.
- Draft EIS identifies a preferred alternative.
  - Best meets purpose and need of project
  - Has least impact to environment
  - Has greatest potential for lessening the effects of that impact
  - Maximizes engineering considerations

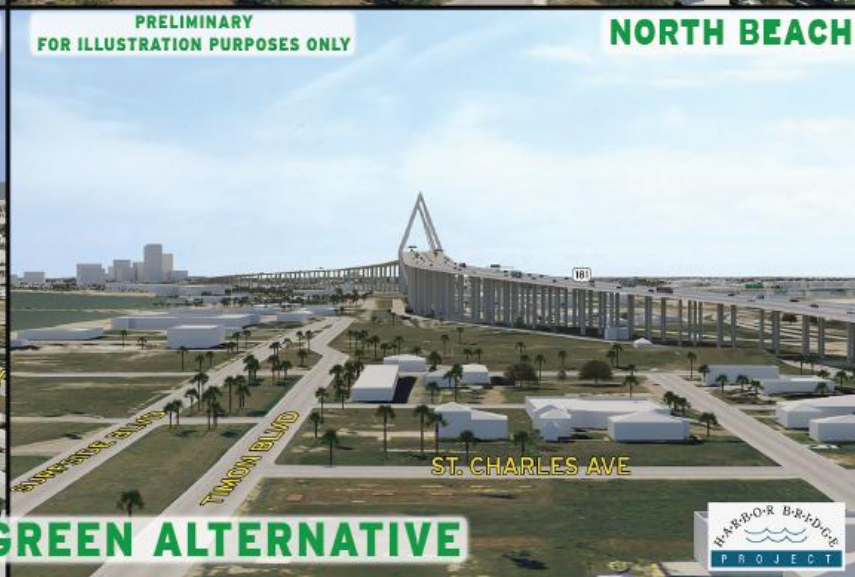
# Why the Red Alternative

- Best meets Need and Purpose for project (safety, long-term operation)
  - Would remove US 181 barrier from downtown
  - Would improve mobility and access into and out of SEA District and downtown
  - Supports City's planning efforts for long-term sustainability
- Preserves much of existing connectivity between bridge and surrounding neighborhoods
  - Includes bicycle and pedestrian access
- Maximizes engineering considerations and accommodates navigational transportation needs of the Port of Corpus Christi
- Endorsed by Corpus Christi MPO, City of Corpus Christi, Port of Corpus Christi

**But, decision not yet final**



# Green Alternative

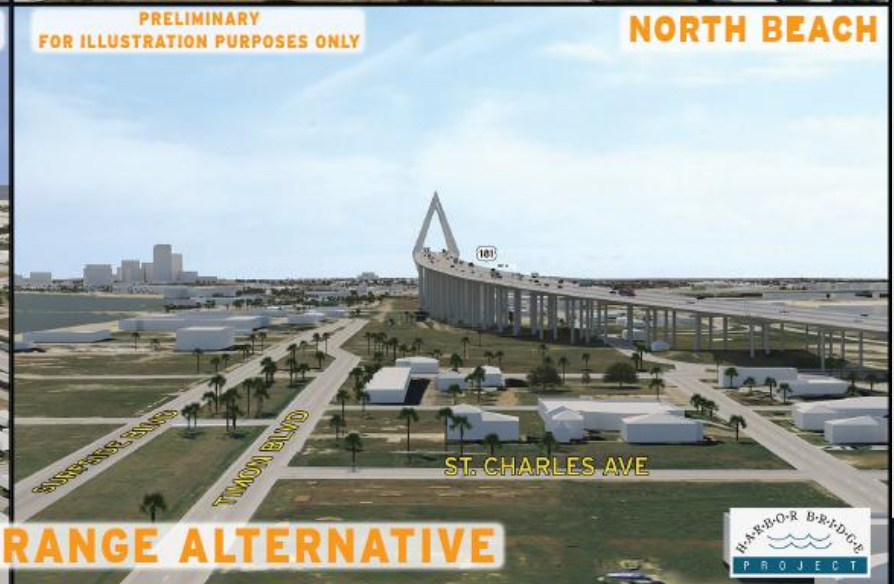


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# Orange Alternative





# West Alternative





# Red Alternative

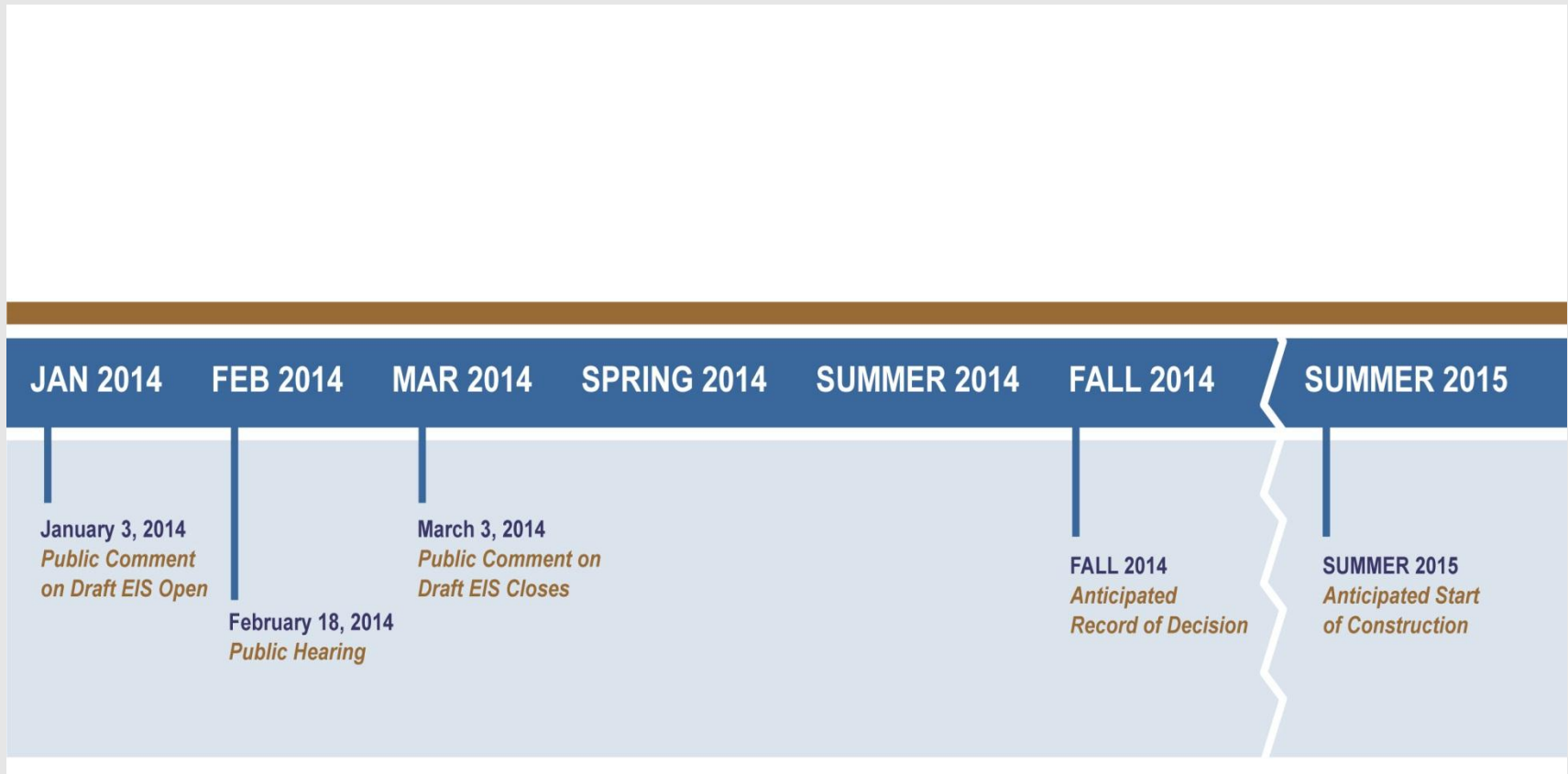




# Proposed Environmental Justice Mitigation

- Workforce support to provide services to those affected by business relocations
- Recreational improvements for neighborhoods
- Opportunities for neighborhood residents to participate in design of areas around bridge/roadways
- Financial support for improving neighborhood streets (including bicycle/pedestrian improvements)
- Identification of additional housing and transportation options, and economic opportunities
- Local Transportation Planning that focuses on minority and low-income communities

# Project Activity Timeline





# Public Involvement in January 2014

- Eight neighborhood open house meetings beginning next week
- “Storefront” meetings with TxDOT project managers every Tuesday and Thursday from Jan 7 to Feb 27:
  - Tuesday, 5-6 pm at La Retama Library
  - Thursday noon – 1 pm at Oveal Williams Senior Center
- TxDOT project managers available to talk about Draft EIS:
  - 8am – 5 pm at TxDOT District Office
- Public Hearing from 5 – 8 pm on Feb 18 at Solomon Ortiz Center

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