



Harbor Bridge Livability Plan Subcommittee Meeting Notes

December 6, 2018 – Oveal Williams Senior Center

Introductions

The Community Advisory Board (CAB) Chair, Pastor Adam Carrington, opened the meeting by thanking everyone for attending. Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Liaison to the CAB, Christopher Amy, introduced himself and the project team and partner agencies City of Corpus Christi and Port of Corpus Christi Authority, also introduced themselves.

Review of handouts

Christopher Amy introduced two handouts related to the Livability Plan and explained they would help put the plan into context.

- Preamble to Livability Plan. The preamble introduces the vision behind the Livability Plan, parties involved, the type of input from the neighborhood, an overview of short and long-term priorities in the plan, as well as any future plans the City might have.
- Livability Plan Fact Sheet. The fact sheet is a living document that contains an overview of the goals and vision of the Livability Plan, what has been done to date with the community, and expectations of finished product.

He stated the goal is to present the Draft Livability Plan to the neighborhood by June 2019. Livability Plan Subcommittee Meetings would be held every other month. The next CAB meeting will be January 10, 2019. The CAB was asked to provide feedback on the Resources Guide that was distributed at the past few meetings.

Update from Del Richardson & Associates (DRA)

200 parcels have been acquired to date.

Update from the Port of Corpus Christi Authority

A representative from the Port gave an update on demolitions. He reported several homes on Stillman Avenue, Van Loan Avenue, John Street, Lexington Avenue, Martin Luther King Drive, and Coke Street had been demolished or were being prepared for demolition. He also noted the Port had put up signs with contact information in the neighborhood, for anyone who has questions.

A CAB member voiced their concern over rodents and pests continuing to be a problem in the neighborhood. It was noted that DRA is responsible for pest control prior to demolitions and the Port is responsible for pest control after the demolitions occur.

The Port stated they would like to push for demolition packages of 20 homes at a time rather than seven. 100 homes are ready to be demolished.

Livability Plan Discussion

The group discussed three topic areas in the Livability Plan table – (Pollution, Transportation and Employment) and their associated action items and resources. The community provided feedback on



what was missing, what should be added, and asked questions. The following is a summary of main points of discussion.

1. Pollution

The group began a discussion on the topic of pollution. Several questions and comments were brought up during the discussion.

- Several CAB members asked about noise pollution and voiced their concerns about noise pollution being an issue in the neighborhood due to nearby construction. It was noted that it falls under city code.
- A presentation on ambient air monitoring solutions was given by Susan Clewis, Regional Director for the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ). The diverse types of monitors were discussed, as well as the locations.
 - There are monitors at HJ Williams Park, on Palm Drive, and the Hillcrest monitor on Nueces Bay Boulevard.
 - These monitor air toxins and meteorological activity.
 - There are no future plans to relocate the monitoring stations.
 - A TCEQ monitoring plan will open up for public comment in May 2019.
 - A CAB member asked if there had been any issues of concern from 2016 to now. The TCEQ representative stated there had been nothing of concern. She also stated that TCEQ puts out an annual toxicology monitoring report and offered to provide last year's report. She also noted that if the community requested it, she could have a TCEQ toxicologist come down from Austin to speak to the neighborhood group.
 - A CAB member asked where to find more information online. The TCEQ representative gave www.tceq.texas.gov as the website and said she would share a list of useful links and provide a link later to where the community can comment on the monitoring plan.
 - A CAB member asked what the "triggers are", i.e., criteria that generates a public alert. TCEQ stated that something like a release or stack flaring would generate a public notification. TCEQ indicated they were aware of two notification events since 2016.
 - A CAB member noted that she gets alerts that state no community action is required. The concern was that if something is being burned off in a flare, and it can fall on the ground, who or what will be the receivers of that? Another CAB member was skeptical as to why no action would be needed in a case like that. The TCEQ representative stated each company quantifies emissions and reports it to TCEQ, who evaluates it. The company maintains records as part of their requirements under their air permit.
 - A CAB member asked what the long-term effects of emissions activity were. TCEQ stated a soil sampling study was done in Hillcrest. Staff went out with handheld monitors and worked in cooperation with refineries and a third-party contractor. The Refinery Terminal Fire Company is conducting neighborhood monitoring to make sure there is no impact to the neighborhood.

- The CAB chair noted the ambient air monitors check only for air quality and asked how ground and water is being monitored. TCEQ noted drinking water is provided by the City of Corpus Christi. There is an area plan for groundwater monitoring. Monthly sampling is carried out and companies are party to this monitoring. It was stated the groundwater monitoring plan would be shared with the group. TCEQ also stated, if requested, they could get someone from the remediation group to present at a future neighborhood meeting. TCEQ monitors spills to make sure they are cleaned up and remediated.
- A CAB member asked if there was any type of monitor they could buy to conduct air or ground monitoring themselves. TCEQ said yes, but the equipment is pricey. You can take soil samples to the lab, but you have to let them know what you want to test for. The air monitors TCEQ uses cost around \$2,000. TCEQ also has a special camera that shows emissions the naked eye can't see. TCEQ uses these cameras periodically to monitor industry emission stacks for unauthorized emissions.
- A CAB member noted the pile driving during construction moves dirt that could be toxic and asked how that is monitored. TxDOT noted the contractor, Flatiron Dragados, LLC has a pollution abatement plan. They test the soil before they move it. If they encounter contaminated soil, they contain it and have a waste contractor on call to dispose of it properly. TxDOT clarified that excavated material that is contaminated cannot be stored on site. They have 48 hours to put it in a container and move it out.
- A CAB member asked which company did the most flaring. TCEQ indicated that in the event of flaring and random monitoring, TCEQ makes visits to the industrial complex and when there are contaminant levels outside the parameters of their permit they show video footage of the emissions to companies that day and get a timeline for correction.
- The question was asked about how the neighborhood was doing in terms of contamination. TCEQ stated they do not get many calls with complaints from the Hillcrest neighborhood. Alerts are sent through the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC). Refineries send alert information to them first. They also noted that during Hurricane Harvey all the facilities called TCEQ to let them know their shut down procedures and schedule as to prevent any hiccups.
- A CAB member noted that when flaring is occurring a white film is left on people's cars. She asked if that could be taken to be tested. TCEQ noted that because cars travel, it could mean the film could come from anywhere, so they suggested using a house window (or anything stationary) instead. Clean it, document it, and call TCEQ to come test it.
- A CAB member asked what time of year the toxicology report comes out.
- A member of the HNTB consultant team suggested it would be good for the neighborhood to have access to information that shows what's normal, what the parameters are for establishing background levels, and how to get information on the alerts system. TCEQ stated they would send a link to the information



requested. They also offered to ask Joanne Salge, with the LEPC, to explain how the alert system works to the group.

- TCEQ representatives left a brochure containing information on how to report a complaint and a business card with contact information.

2. Transportation

The group began a discussion on the topic of transportation. Several questions and comments were brought up during the discussion.

- The Corpus Christi Regional Transportation Authority will continue to provide service. The Winnebago Street routes will be moved to Lake Street.
- A CAB member asked that transportation be provided for seniors to get to the next meeting on the Westside Development Plan. The City of Corpus Christi Planning Department staff mentioned there would likely be several meetings at different times of the day and they would look into providing public transportation for seniors to the meetings.
- A CAB member asked about having more information about bike and pedestrian access as it relates to closures and detours. It was suggested that FDLLC provide an update on access points for pedestrians and cyclists. Currently hard copies of information (for those without internet or email) about closures and detours is not being distributed in the community. Attendees suggested distributing information at churches or on changeable message signs assigned to a specific spot. It noted the latter had been tried previously along Winnebago Street at the corner of H.J. Williams Park and it worked great.
- The CAB thanked the project team for placing the stops signs with flashing lights.
- The COCC Planning Department discussed conceptual plan renderings showing the area.
 - A traffic study is being conducted to reconnect downtown streets under the bridge.
 - The COCC is looking at other segments between Water Street and Shoreline Avenue for two-way streets.
 - Construction is occurring off the exit ramp off I-37 near Waco Street.
- Parks will be constructed by the time the project has completed construction. The COCC has a consultant on board. They are discussing next steps and getting the community involved. The community's comments about park features are being shared with the Federal Highway Administration.
- A question was asked about what the City's plans are for the former DN Leathers property. TxDOT explained it is a laydown yard currently. FDLLC is required to build a community plaza and almost six acres of green space. A splash pad and pavilion were other features requested by the community.
- A CAB member asked if they were going to fix flooding in the area. Chris explained salt flats ditch is being expanded to capture the local drainage. The new design is under review with Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and will accommodate future projected storm events. The Developer will continue to work with FEMA on revising floodplain mapping and drainage models around the project area. Future drainage will be directed into large ponded areas before flowing into the ship channel further



downstream. A CAB member noted that there is water standing on both sides of Martin Luther King Drive and they had never had flooding in the area until construction began. Flooding in the 286/181 area was also observed around Brownlee.

3. Employment

The group began a discussion on the topic of employment. Several questions and comments were brought up during the discussion.

- The group discussed the possibility of holding a meeting at the Workforce Solutions on Staples Street.
- The group requested having job fairs in several locations (in Hillcrest or at the Oval Williams Senior Center).
- The group noted specific job training such as vocational/craft training and technology training would be helpful to the community.
- A suggested action item was to identify resources to get access to training. Suggestions included libraries, the City of Corpus Christi, or colleges and universities. Another suggested getting computer terminals from HIALCO.
- Veterans programs was asked to be added to the Livability Plan table under Employment.

Adjournment

The CAB Chair and TxDOT stated the next CAB meeting would be held the second week in January, on January 10. The meeting was adjourned.

Pollution		
Topic	Action Item	Community Input
Receive updates regarding evacuation plan, notification system and other safety communications; establish liaison	contact Local Emergency Planning Committee - LEPC (managed by the fire dept.)	
Engage Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to identify monitoring locations, be educated on health risks (contamination/pollution) and receive community updates; establish liaison	contact TCEQ	
<i>Noise pollution</i> <i>Vibration - damage to hms</i>	<i>Toxicologist to CAB</i> <i>TCEQ " "</i>	

Transportation		
Topic	Action Item	Community Input
Info/schedule related to bus route detours/closures due to construction		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SMALL RTA BUS NEEDS TO SLOW DOWN - ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS
Info/schedule related to bike/pedestrian detours/closures due to construction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - HOW TO GET FROM HILLCREST TO OTHER AREAS DURING CONST.? 	
Info/schedule related to roadway detours/closures due to construction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CONTINUE UPDATES from LIRETTE (FDUC) AND MEDIA - ASK CHURCHES TO PUT COMMUNITY IMPACTS IN AN AREA THAT'S HARD COPY. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - IMPROVE DIRECTIONS AT NUECES BAY AT PORT IN ALL DIRECTIONS
Planning discussion for the community park and trail network	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ADD CHANGEPAGE MESSAGE SIGNS - ON-GOING COMMUNICATION 	
FLOODING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - FIX IT. (PART OF CONST.) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ENSURE NO FLOODING DUE TO CONST.

Employment		
Topic	Action Item	Community Input
Workforce Solutions progress reporting	Continued updates from Workforce Solutions rep.	
Libraries: technical assistance applying to jobs / interviewing	Job fairs to be held in Hillcrest or at WS location on Leopard	Job training (craft / vocational)
HiAlco: assistance in getting terminals		Add to Resource guide (technical training contacts)
Technical training information	Points of contact	
Updates at CAB mtgs on job fairs	Contact w/ individuals subcontract work	



Save the Date!

Livability Plan Subcommittee Meeting

6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

When: Thursday, December 6, 2018
Where: Oveal Williams Senior Center
1414 Martin Luther King Drive
Corpus Christi, TX 78401

The purpose of this meeting will be to review the Livability Plan short-term priorities of transportation, pollution, and employment, and receive feedback from the community.





¡Guarde la fecha!

Reunión del Subcomité del Plan de Habitabilidad

6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Las puertas abren a las 5:30 p.m.

Cuándo: jueves, 06 de diciembre del 2018

Donde: Oveal Williams Senior Center

1414 Martin Luther King Drive

Corpus Christi, TX 78401

El propósito de esta reunión es revisar las prioridades de corto plazo de transporte, contaminación y empleo en el Plan de Habitabilidad y recibir comentarios de la comunidad.





Harbor Bridge Livability Plan Subcommittee Meeting #6

Thursday, December 6, 2018 from 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Oveal Williams Senior Center
1414 Martin Luther King Drive
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Barbara Major				
Rose Cornelius				
Henry Williams				





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AGENDA

Community Advisory Board - Livability Plan Subcommittee Meeting

Thursday, December 6, 2018 - 6:00 -7:30 PM

Oveal Williams Senior Center, 1414 Martin Luther King Drive

1. Welcome and Introductions (5 min)
2. Review Meeting Agenda (5 min)
3. Brief explanation of handouts (5 min)
 - a. Preamble to Livability Plan
 - b. Livability Plan Fact Sheet
4. Break out into groups to discuss Livability Plan Action Items (30 min)
 - a. Transportation
 - b. Pollution
 - c. Employment
5. Groups report back and discuss ideas (25 min)
6. Next steps for subcommittee and partner agencies (5 min)

Northside Neighborhoods Livability Plan Overview

What is the purpose of the Livability Plan?

Using the community's input, establishes a vision for the neighborhood, identifies community needs, and helps determine what actions can be taken and what resources are available to make Northside a better place to live.

The plan will include resource guides, and cover topics such as housing, environmental concerns, code enforcement/maintenance, mobility/infrastructure, economic development, crime/safety, education/job training, youth/elderly services, and general community services.

What has been done to date?

- **Feb 2015** – Livability Plan Workshop. Definition of Livability Plan, sustainability planning process, partnering agencies, proposed neighborhood mitigation, identify community needs and issues, and discuss next steps.
- **June 2017** – Community Advisory Board Meeting. Presentation of the Northside History Project.
- **Aug 2017** – Livability Meeting. Grouped neighborhood needs into short, mid, long-term goals.
- **Nov 2017** – Livability/Parks Meeting. FEIS conceptual park plans for HJ Williams, TC Ayers, and Washington Coles parks shared. Participants asked to comment on the mitigation proposed.
- **Jan 2018** – Livability/Parks Meeting. Recommendations made for changes to park mitigation to HJ Williams and TC Ayers parks.
- **April 2018** – Parks Walk. Tour of HJ Williams Park, TC Ayers Park, and Washington Park. Community reviewed concept maps with proposed improvements and provided input on park mitigation plans.
- **July 2018** – Livability/Parks Meeting. Results of the Parks Questionnaire reviewed, proposed improvements were discussed, decided on recommendations to present to TxDOT and FHWA.
- **Oct 2018** – Livability Meeting. Discussed Crime/Safety, Maintenance/Code Compliance, City Planning.
- **Nov 2018** – Community Advisory Board Meeting. Continued discussion about Crime/Safety, Maintenance/Code Compliance, City Planning.

Where are we in the process?



What's next?

The final Livability Plan will be delivered to the Community Advisory Board and the Hillcrest Residents' Association at the end of the Voluntary Acquisition and Relocation Program. It will be a living document that the community will own and maintain after the bridge is open to the public.

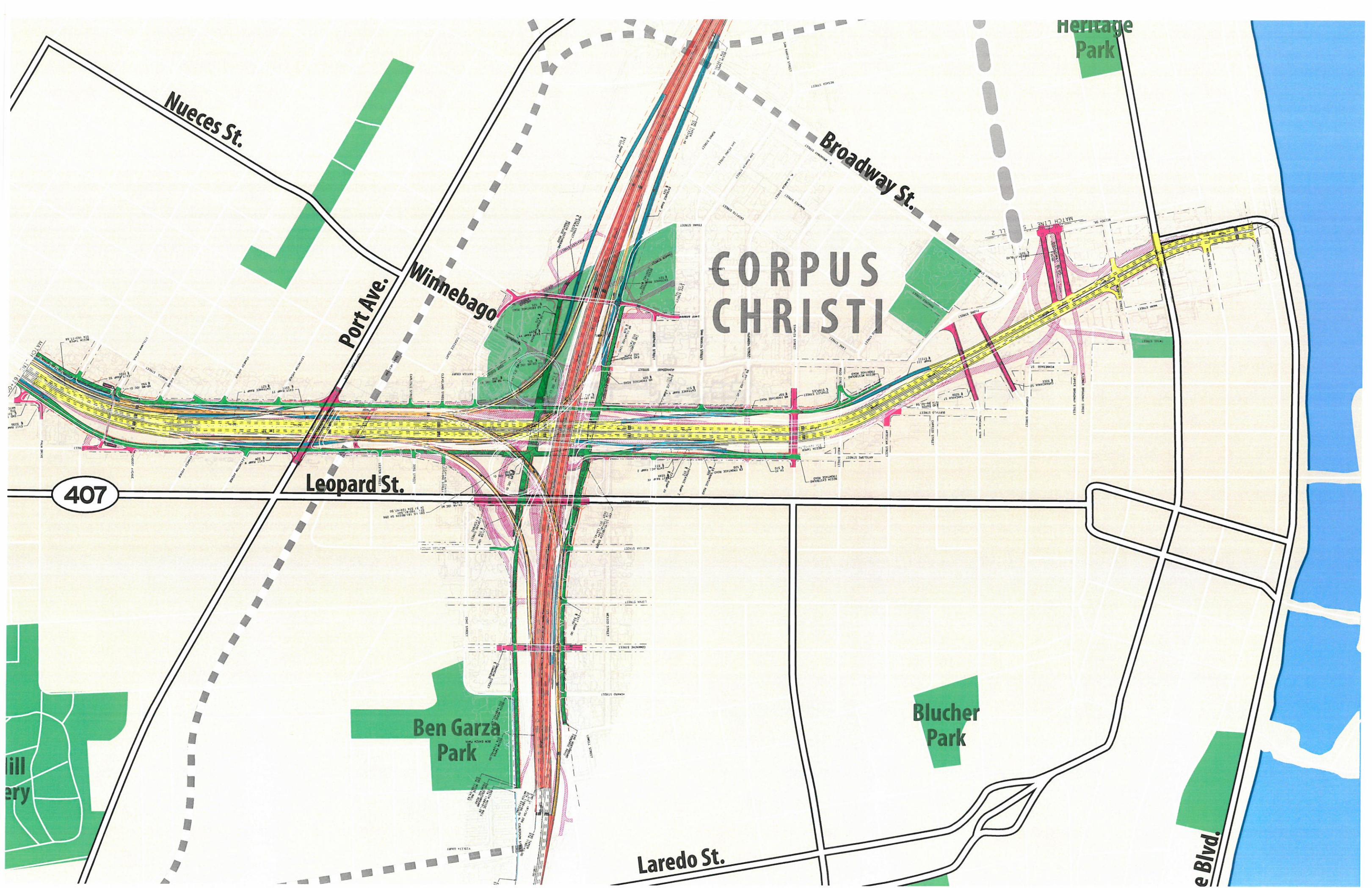
Preamble to Northside Neighborhoods Livability Plan

The goal of the Northside Neighborhoods Livability Plan is to identify strategies that can address the desire of current residents who expect to remain in their homes for the foreseeable future, to have a viable community that is safe, includes fundamental public and private services and access to those services, and restores a positive sense of place. At the same time, this plan recognizes: (1) that there are residents who wish to leave the neighborhood and to have greater financial ability to do so than at present; (2) that the City of Corpus Christi is developing a long-term plan for this area. The interests of those who wish to stay, those who wish to leave, and the City of Corpus Christi, although seemingly disparate, are not mutually exclusive when viewed over a likely timeframe. Improvement to the quality of life in the Northside Neighborhoods may attract individual, governmental, and corporate buyers; this can lead to greater opportunity for potential sellers and thus benefit those exiting the neighborhoods. Meeting the immediate livability needs of current residents involves short-term strategies. Implementation of the City's vision for the area will evolve over a longer time horizon. Clarity of the City's intentions for this area can help ensure that near-term actions taken to enhance the livability of the area are compatible with the City's long-term plan and lead to mid-term actions and investments that can transition the area in keeping with the City's vision.

Short-term strategies that have been identified as a result of information-gathering about community needs, during the Northside Neighborhoods Livability Plan meetings include:

- Clean-up of the neighborhoods by:
 - Enforcement of existing City codes
 - Engagement of the police in removing transients who are not renters or owners in the area and responding to residents' calls regarding disturbances
 - Engagement of community volunteers in trash pickup and weed clearance
 - Removal of structures that are unsafe or "attractive nuisances"
- Provision of public and private services that support a community
 - Encouragement of private investment in local businesses such as grocery stores, pharmacies, coffee shops, etc.
 - Provision of mobile services, such as weekly food trucks that sell fresh food; book mobiles; mobile medical services, etc.
 - Consolidated and disseminated information about available services
 - Service fairs or temporary mobile offices at convenient locations where representatives of private, non-profit, and public services can provide information on what is available and how to access those services and programs
 - Use of volunteers and service groups (Americorps? Is there a local college/university social work program that has internships?) to distribute information about services and programs to residents and canvass residents regarding individual needs

- Access to safety information
 - Provision of accurate information about the status of air, water, and soil quality and information about practices residents should employ for healthy living
 - Education about emergency plans related to the refineries, evacuation plans, and communication channels and protective measures in the event of an incident
- Infrastructure improvements to enhance safety and access
 - Sidewalk improvements to provide continuity and smooth movement
 - Lighting improvements at specific areas to eliminate “dark corners” conducive to dangerous activity and to enhance pedestrian and vehicle mobility
- Transportation mode enhancements
 - Increased knowledge of and access to on-demand services, including volunteer pick-up services
 - Modifications to bus routes to make them congruent with current travel needs
- Aesthetic improvements to create a sense of place and neighborhood value
 - Banners that evoke the area’s unique cultural history
 - Updated signage
 - Programs to encourage property upkeep and enhancement
- Programs to make housing more sustainable
 - Identification of programs that provide loans and grants for home improvement and how to access these
 - Community-developed expectations for home maintenance
 - Volunteer programs to provide repair and maintenance assistance
- Social programs to strengthen community connections and a sense of belonging
 - Engagement of the churches in planning and implementing community events
 - Development of a community calendar of events
 - Youth activity programs that link schools, recreation centers, etc.
- Access to information about plans that may affect the area
 - A conveniently located repository or periodic mobile “library” of City, refinery, TxDOT, and developer plans, with contact information available
 - A communications committee that serves as a conduit of information between the neighborhoods and the City, refinery, TxDOT, and developers



Project Corridor**Existing Corridor****Railroad****PLAN LEGEND****SYMBOLS**

- US 181 MAIN LANES
- IH 37 MAIN LANES
- FRONTRAGE ROADS
- RAMPS
- DIRECT CONNECTOR
- DIRECT CONNECTOR BRIDGE
- BRIDGE
- REFINISH ROAD TOPPING
- LOCAL STREETS
- SHARED USE PATH
- SIDEWALK
- CONCRETE RIPRAP
- SEEDING & FERTILIZER
- EXISTING BRIDGE TO BE REMOVED
- EXISTING RDWY TO BE REMOVED
- EXISTING RDWY TO REMAIN
- EMBANKMENT
- CONTROL OF ACCESS
- PROPOSED ROW
- EXISTING ROW
- ACCESS ROAD
- PLANIMETRIC
- EXISTING LANE INDICATOR
- PROPOSED LANE INDICATOR
- DEPRESSED
- FUTURE
- RETAINING WALL
- STRIPPING
- SOUND WALL
- RIP RAP

**Joe Fulton Int'l Trade Corridor****Navigation Blvd.****SHIP CHANNEL/PORT OF CORPUS CHRISTI****Whataburger Field****Port Ave.****Heritage Park****Bayfront Science Park****CORPUS CHRISTI Bay****Nueces St.****Port Ave.**
Winnebago**Leopard St.****CORPUS CHRISTI****INTERSTATE 37****407****Rose Hill Cemetery****Ben Garza Park****Blucher Park****South Bluff Park****Brownlee Blvd.**
Laredo St.
Agnes St.**Staples St.****Morgan Ave.****Shoreline Blvd.****CHRISTUS Spohn Hospital Corpus Christi****Rincon Rd.****Burleson St.****Kiwanis Park**
Surfside Park

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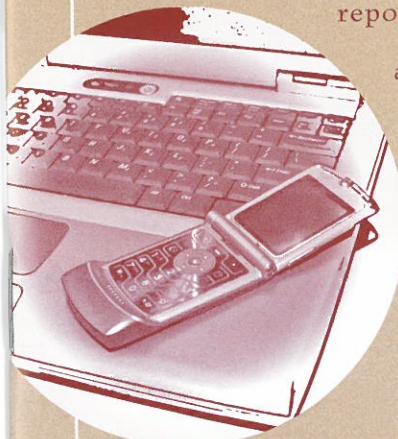
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