



## HARBOR BRIDGE PROJECT COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

November 14, 2024

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### **Opening**

Kim Amy, TxDOT liaison to the CAB, opened the meeting and welcomed attendees. She informed the group that CAB chair Lamont Taylor was unable to attend, and Reverend Henry Williams would act in his stead. Reverend Henry Williams led a moment of prayer. The meeting was held in person at the Oveal Williams Senior Center. Kim Amy provided an overview of the meeting agenda and what to expect.

### **Questions from the CAB:**

A CAB member, needing to leave the meeting early, was permitted to ask their questions before departing.

- The CAB member expressed concern regarding traffic and signage when exiting I-37 onto Martin Luther King Dr. (I-37 access road) near the Oveal Williams Senior Center. The CAB member expressed concerns that large trucks are driving through the neighborhood and that there is insufficient lighting within the neighborhood.

### **Flatiron/Dragados LLC Construction Update**

Lynn Allison, Public Information Officer (PIO) at Flatiron/Dragados LLC (FDLLC), provided an update on project construction activities.

- Paving along the frontage roads is nearing completion.
- Main lane paving of the final surface layer of IH37 and extending on to 286 around the South Interchange will begin in December.
- Final finishes, including curbs and traffic lights, are ongoing along the South Interchange.
- Excavating and widening of the salt flat channel is ongoing.
- The barricade for the Broadway Street closure will remain in place. Broadway Street will stay closed to both traffic and pedestrians as a safety precaution; please avoid the area.
- Painting of project structures, including retaining walls and connecting bridges, is currently underway.
- The loop ramp will be closed Monday through Thursday next week after 9 PM for overhead painting operations.
- Lane reductions will occur on Leopard Street for the final painting of the connectors over Leopard Street.
- Final finishes, including draining installation, curb pouring, and installing the pedestrian railing on the approach bridges, are in progress.
- Construction of the shared-use path is progressing, with finishing work underway.
- All upper tower lifts on the South Pylon have been completed since the last meeting, and the towers are now topped out at approximately 540 feet.



- The 17th set of cables is scheduled for installation this week, and all bridge deck support cables are expected to be completed by late December.
- The casting of all segments in Robstown has been completed, and the hauling of the segments is expected to be finished by December.
- Once the segments have been hauled down Port Avenue, roadwork can begin in this area.
- Early in the new year, the final segment will be placed, completing the center span closure.

#### **Questions from the CAB:**

- CAB member inquired whether the esthetic trellis arches from the pedestrian Alameda Street Bridge would be reinstalled.
  - Lynn Allison – The arches cannot accommodate both sidewalks in the new design and are currently in storage. I will have to take a look at the landscaping plan and see where they will be incorporated and get back to you.
- CAB member asked whether the arches are included in the current statement of work and if it is actively being addressed, or if it is only now being considered since it was brought up.
  - Lynn Allison – The arches were disassembled with the understanding that it would be reassembled, though not in its original overhead configuration. Instead, it will be incorporated into the landscaping design for the trailheads.
- CAB member noted that the temporary signs on the curve from 286 to I-37 and the Nueces Bay exit are unclear and positioned too close to the curb to be easily seen.
  - Lynn Allison – Permanent sign installation is still ongoing and not yet complete. I will check if this particular sign is permanent and whether adjustments can be made.

#### **City of Corpus Christi Parks and Pool Update**

Mai-Theresa Bernal, Major Projects Engineer with The City of Corpus Christi Engineering Services, provided an update on project construction activities.

- Mai-Theresa Bernal opened the discussion by presenting an updated pool rendering and timeline that incorporated feedback from the City's Design Review Meeting and Bill Witt Park walkthrough and outlined the City's proposed plan moving forward.
- CAB member inquired whether the restrooms and shower area are wheelchair accessible.
  - Mai-Theresa Bernal – Yes, it is ADA compliant. The pool itself also features handrails and a chair lift for the lap area.
- CAB member asked if there will be a lifeguard on duty.
  - Mai-Theresa Bernal – Yes.

#### **Concerns from the CAB:**

- CAB member noted that the crosswalk at the Stillman Pedestrian Bridge has accumulated significant trash and debris.
  - Lynn Allison responded that this will be addressed this week.
- CAB member reported that the new stoplight on Leopard Street near HEB changes too quickly and needs adjustment.
  - Lynn Allison – I will look into the configuration of this light.
- CAB member reported the frontage road along Antelope Street experiences poor drainage.
  - Lynn Allison explained once the curbs are installed, this should alleviate this issue.

#### **Public Comments and Questions:**

- No questions comments from the public.



**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned with a closing prayer.



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# Northside Aquatics Center

Start Date 9/6/2024

Activity	Start	End	
Notice to Proceed	9/6/2024	9/6/2024	
Finalize Conceptual Design	9/6/2024	9/25/2024	
Kick Team off	9/25/2024	9/25/2024	
60% Design Development Set	9/25/2024	11/20/2024	
Client Review of 60% Design Development	11/20/2024	12/4/2024	
100% Construction Plans	12/4/2024	2/21/2025	
Review of 100% Construction Documents	2/21/2025	2/28/2025	
Advertise for Bid	2/28/2025	4/11/2025	
Pre-Bid Meeting	3/28/2025	3/28/2025	
Receive Bids	2/28/2025	3/28/2025	
Contractor Contract Awards	4/25/2025	4/25/2025	
Begin Construction	5/9/2025	5/9/2025	
Complete Construction	5/9/2025	5/9/2026	

Harbor Bridge Quarterly Update

CAB Concern (TxDOT Actionable Items)	Status	Responsible Party	Explanation
Broadway Street closure	In Progress	FDLLC	Broadway Street continues to have ongoing overhead work on the approach spans and will remain closed due to safety concerns.
Drainage Issues within the neighborhood	In Progress	TxDOT, FDLLC, and City of CC	Final paving on the frontage roads has been completed. Instances of flooding have significantly decreased since last year as final drainage runs were completed in and around the interchange. TxDOT received comments from residents regarding ponding occurring on City streets in September 2024. Residents should continue to reach out to the City directly at their hotline 361-826-CITY(2489) for any recurring issues.
Sidewalks and lighting	In Progress	FDLLC	Sidewalks on I-37 frontage road (including all underpasses and intersections) have been completed with the exception of a few small areas that need to be cast with water valves. FDLLC has ongoing efforts to maintain sidewalks within the Harbor Bridge project area including ensuring sidewalks are clear of debris. Project staff are completing periodic night drives to monitor lighting. Repairs to lighting are completed as issues are identified. FDLLC PIC Coordinator, Lynn Allison is the point of contact (POC) if lighting repairs are needed. City of Corpus Christi lighting on wooden telephone poles and on City streets should also be directed to the City of Corpus Christi at 361-826-CITY(2489).
Pedestrian & bike facilities in Northside Neighborhoods	In Progress	City of CC	A project has been programmed and funding has been identified for these improvements (CSJ 0916-35-195). TxDOT is currently working with the City to complete an Advanced Funding Agreement (AFA) for portions of the hike and bike trail that will be constructed using these funds. Beginning at H.J Williams Park, the shared use path would extend east down Winnabago, then down the new Lake Street, connecting to the new park at the Washington school site and to Oveal Williams Senior Center, and extending east on Winnebago Street to connect to Solomon Coles High School.

## Harbor Bridge Quarterly Update

Improvements to H.J. Williams Park, TC Ayers Park, Washington School Site, & Ben Garza Park	In Progress	City of CC	<p>The City of Corpus Christi held a design review meeting for CAB members to provide input on the preliminary pool plans on September 4, 2024. Members who attended this meeting were invited to a tour of the Bill Witt Aquatic Center on September 30, 2024. TxDOT has committed to providing \$5.5 million for construction of park amenities, including a new pool on the northside. The City's November 2024 bond was passed with \$4.5 million additional funding for the new pool.</p>
North Trailhead Park	In Progress	TxDOT	<p>The Revision 2 Landscape and Aesthetic Plan are complete.</p>
South Trailhead Park	In Progress	FDLLC	<p>Contingent on City parks plan.</p>

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