



HARBOR BRIDGE PROJECT COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

February 27, 2025

The following notes are the Texas Department of Transportation's (TxDOT) summary of the meeting and are not designed to be an exact representation of proceedings. The Responses to questions posed during the meeting included in this document may be abbreviated and not constitute the full and appropriate responses for individuals' situations. Community Advisory Board (CAB) members and the public should contact the appropriate agency for complete and personalized answers to their questions.

Opening

Kim Amy, TxDOT liaison to the CAB, opened the meeting and welcomed attendees. Reverend Henry Williams led a moment of prayer. The meeting was held in person at the Oveal Williams Senior Center. Kim Amy then provided an overview of the meeting agenda and outlined what to expect.

Flatiron/Dragados LLC Construction Update

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

- The bridge is structurally complete and remains on schedule to open this summer.
- The Port Avenue intersection at the Martin Luther King Drive and Antelope Street frontage roads beneath the IH 37 bridge will be closed from March 4–6 for final surface paving.
- The Port Avenue traffic light will not be activated until the new Harbor Bridge opens to traffic.
- A significant approach bridge opening this fall was the I-37 frontage road, allowing traffic to continue past the Port Avenue intersection and access the Staples Street corridor or cross the new Harbor Bridge.
- The base layer of the newly constructed parking lot near Coke and Lake Street, serving the trail route entrance, has been completed. Final paving will follow, and the lot will provide 37 parking spaces.
- Painting operations will resume on IH 37 and SH 286, please expect delays.
- A long-term traffic switch will be implemented on North Beach for northbound commuters traveling from the Joe Fulton Corridor past W Causeway Boulevard. Motorists will be detoured onto the new E Causeway Blvd frontage road, leading to the Burleson Flyover Bridge for access to northbound US 181 or North Beach attractions via Burleson Street. This detour is necessary to reconfigure the southbound US 181 frontage road (W Causeway Blvd) to one-way traffic as part of the final Harbor Bridge Project traffic plan for North Beach.
- Construction on all bridges is complete, except for one approach bridge on North Beach.
- The Brownlee frontage road along SH 286 near Comanche Street has been realigned, connecting the Agnes and Laredo exits to continue to Comanche Street.
- Looking ahead, there will be a tentative two-month period when both the old and new bridges are open simultaneously. The old bridge will remain open for northbound traffic as it will be the only access to North Beach. Motorists traveling to Portland will use the new bridge, while those heading to North Beach will continue to use the old bridge. All traffic coming back into Corpus Christi will be on the new bridge only.



Questions from the CAB

- CAB member inquired whether the Commanche Street exit will re-open.
 - Lynn Allison – No, that exit is gone and is not included in the final configurations or alignment.
- CAB member asked what the construction surrounding the Frost Bank on Antelope Street involved.
 - Lynn Allison – There is signage and traffic signals being installed.
- CAB member inquired about an opening date.
 - Lynn Allison – Not yet, but I will provide an update as soon as the date is confirmed.
- CAB member asked if access to Broadway Street could be opened soon.
 - Lynn Allison – Not until the completion of the project. That area is currently used for heavy material transport, so it is a commuter safety issue.
- CAB member inquired where the entrance to the pedestrian pathway will be.
 - Lynn Allison – The entrance will be on Sam Rankin Street, near the newly constructed parking lot.
- CAB member asked about the loud noise and vibrations experienced in the evenings over the last two weeks.
 - Lynn Allison – The noise and vibrations are likely from the deconstruction of metal towers, which is part of our project. I will follow up to confirm and get back to you.
- CAB member noted as you head toward US 181 on I-37, the major direct connection splits—the left lane leads to San Antonio, while the right lane leads to Nueces Boulevard. The current signage is unclear.
 - Lynn Allison – I'll check on the status of the final signage installation for that overpass bridge, as much of it has not yet been installed. I will see when it is scheduled to be completed.

CAB members discuss the possible location of the DN Leathers Tile Mural

Kim Amy opened the discussion by providing a background on the DN Leather tile mural. She updated the group, sharing that the tiles are being safely stored by the Corpus Christi Housing Authority until they can be reconstructed at a new location. Although a final location has not been determined, Kim asked the CAB for specific feedback to gather input on potential sites. She then addressed the remaining environmental commitments, noting that the City continues to work on the parks and pool projects and confirming that they continue to progress. They are anticipated to let to construction in May of this year.

- CAB member noted that the City has taken much of the credit for the work on the parks and expressed concern that this does not fairly reflect the collaborative effort among all parties.
- CAB member emphasized the importance of displaying the mural to preserve and share the history of their neighborhoods.
- CAB member requested more information on the canvas or material the mural would be installed on.
- CAB member suggested placing the mural along a walkway in the proposed ballpark.
- CAB member proposed installing the mural at the new aquatic center.
- CAB member requested that suggested locations be provided within the scope of work that can be completed.
- Regarding the aesthetic treatment commitment, a CAB member supported the idea of a painted mural similar to those at the Oveal Williams Senior Center. They recommended a few local artists and suggested gathering input from them.



- CAB member would like it noted that the CAB would like a say in the naming of the park and pool projects.

Concerns from the CAB:

- CAB member requested confirmation on the expected timeline for the pool construction. Mai-Theresa Bernal, Major Projects Engineer with The City of Corpus Christi Engineering Services, confirmed a 1-year timeline.
- The CAB was informed that a mural committee has been formed, which includes participation from the artist, TxDOT, and CAB members.

Public Comments and Questions:

- No questions comments from the public.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned with a closing prayer.

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). Advanced Funding Agreement (AFA) has been executed between TxDOT and the City of Corpus Christi for portions of the hike and bike trail that will be constructed using these funds (CSJ 0916-35-195). Beginning at H.J Williams Park, the shared use path would extend east down Winnabego, 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 Soloman Coles High School.
Improvements to H.J. Williams Park, TC Ayers Park, Washington School Site, & Ben Garza Park	In Progress	City of CC	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. Advanced Funding Agreements (AFAs) have been executed between TxDOT and the City of Corpus Christi for park improvement projects (CSJ 0916-35-196, -265). These projects are anticipated to let to construction by May 2025.
North Trailhead Park	In Progress	TxDOT	The Revision 2 Landscape and Aesthetic Plan are complete.
South Trailhead Park	In Progress	FDLLC	Contingent on City parks plan.



