



Notice of Availability: Final Environmental Impact Statement (Final EIS) Harbor Bridge, Nueces County, Texas

Pursuant to Texas Administrative Code, Title 43, §2.108, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is advising the public of the availability of the Final EIS for the proposed construction of the US Highway 181 (US 181) Harbor Bridge Project improvements in Nueces County, Texas. The project limits extend both north-south along US 181 and the Crosstown Expressway and east-west along I-37 in Nueces County, and include: US 181 at Beach Avenue on the north; Crosstown Expressway at Morgan Avenue on the south; I-37 and Up River Road on the west; and I-37 and Shoreline Boulevard on the east.

The project would replace the existing Harbor Bridge and reconstruct portions of US 181, I-37 and the Crosstown Expressway. The purpose of the project is to maximize the long-term highway operability of the US 181 crossing of the Corpus Christi Ship Channel and to improve safety for the traveling public, including during hurricane evacuations. The social, economic, and environmental impacts of the project have been analyzed in the Final EIS.

The Final EIS further studies the four build alternatives proposed in the Draft EIS and the no-build alternative, and identifies one of the build alternatives (the "Red Alternative") as the recommended alternative. The recommended alternative is investigated at a higher level of detail in the Final EIS to facilitate the development of mitigation measures and to comply with other federal agency requirements.

The recommended alternative would consist of a controlled-access facility and would include six lanes within a right-of-way width that varies between 200-430 feet, three 12-foot lanes in each direction with a median barrier and 12-foot inside and 10-foot outside shoulders. The alternative includes a 10-foot bicycle and pedestrian shared-use path on the main span of the bridge and on the bridge approaches.

Copies of the Final EIS may be viewed at the www.ccharborbridgeproject.com or at any of the following locations:

1. La Retama Central Library, 805 Comanche Street, Corpus Christi, TX 78401;
2. Oveal Williams Senior Center, 1414 Martin Luther King Drive, Corpus Christi, TX 78401; and
3. Texas Department of Transportation Office, 1701 South Padre Island Drive, Corpus Christi, TX 78416.

Requests for hard copies of the Final EIS and further information about the project may be obtained from the Texas Department of Transportation, Christopher Amy, 1701 S. Padre Island Drive, Corpus Christi, Texas 78416 or call (361)739-6960. Paper copies may be obtained at the requestor's expense.

You may submit written comments concerning the Final EIS to the department, Attention: Christopher Amy, Texas Department of Transportation, 1701 S. Padre Island Drive, Corpus Christi, Texas 78416, or you may submit comments by email to HarborBridgeFEIS@urs.com and at the project website at <http://www.ccharborbridgeproject.com>.

Any comments must be submitted no later than January 5, 2015.