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US 181 Harbor Bridge Replacement Project

The proposed US 181 Harbor Bridge Replacement Project (Project) is needed to reduce safety risks associated with the old Harbor Bridge caused by design deficiencies, and to maximize the long-term operation of a US 181 crossing of the Corpus Christi Ship Channel.

Safety improvements associated with replacing the Harbor Bridge with a new structure and improving the connecting roadways SH 286 and I-37 include improved hurricane evacuation routes, improving ramp lengths, addition of shoulders, and increased sight distances. In addition the proposed structure would include a 10-foot bicycle and pedestrian shared-use path on the main span of the bridge and on the bridge approaches.

Project Improvements

The new bridge will have three lanes in each direction and will re-align portions of US Highway 181 (US 181), Interstate Highway 37 (I-37), Crosstown Expressway (SH 286), the connection of Upper and Lower Broadway Street to I-37. The project also involves the demolition of the existing Harbor Bridge once the new bridge is complete.

The Project limits extend both north-south along US 181 and the Crosstown Expressway and east-west along I-37 and include: US 181 at Beach Avenue on the north; Crosstown Expressway at Laredo Street on the south; I-37 and Nueces Bay Boulevard on the west; and I-37 and Mesquite Street on the east side with a total length of 6.44 miles.

Schedule (subject to change)

- Final RFP issued October 2, 2014
- Contract conditionally awarded April 30, 2015
- Contract executed on September 28, 2015
- NTP1 anticipated Spring 2016 (contingent on environmental approval)
- Construction to begin Summer 2016 (contingent on environmental approval)
- Construction expected to be substantially complete by Spring 2021
- Final design and construction may only begin upon completion of the NEPA process

Related Links

- [Executed Comprehensive Development Agreement](#)
- [Request for Proposals \(RFP\)](#)
- [Request for Qualifications \(RFQ\)](#)
- [US181 Harbor Bridge Project Information](#)
- [US181 Harbor Bridge Final EIS](#)

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