

Harbor Bridge Contract Changes

Change Order No. 027 – City of Corpus Christi Utility Adjustments – Caldwell St. Gas Line

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The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is publishing this summary to update the general public about changes to TxDOT's US 181 Harbor Bridge Replacement Project in Corpus Christi. TxDOT executed a change order for the project that does not provide for the expenditure of appropriated funds. A comprehensive development agreement (CDA) was executed for the project in September 2015.

All contract documents cited in this request, and this summary, may be found at this link:

<https://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/projects/studies/corpus-christi/harbor-bridge/executed-version.html>

Background and Project Description

The project includes the replacement of the existing Harbor Bridge and reconstruction of portions of US 181, I-37, and the Crosstown Expressway in the Corpus Christi District. The project includes the development, design, construction, and maintenance of 6.44 miles of bridge and connecting roadway. The bridge will include six-lane sections of US 181, three lanes in each direction with a median barrier, shoulders, and a bicycle and pedestrian shared-use path. Additionally, the project includes the reconstruction of approximately 1.6 miles of I-37, reconstruction of approximately one mile of the Crosstown Expressway, and demolition of the existing Harbor Bridge. Phase 1 of the project is anticipated to be substantially complete in summer 2025, with the demolition of the existing bridge in 2026.

A comprehensive development agreement, at a minimum, provides for the design and construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, expansion, or improvement of a project and may also provide for the financing, acquisition, maintenance, or operation of a project, as authorized in Texas Transportation Code, Chapter 223, Subchapter E. Such projects may be developed under a concession agreement, in which the developer funds the project in exchange for the right to some or all the project revenue as provided in the agreement, or a project may be developed as a Design-Build project that does not include private financing. The US 181 Harbor Bridge Replacement Project was developed under Transportation Code, Chapter 223, Subchapter E, as a Design-Build project. There are no tolls and there is no private funding.

Summary of Requested Change

Change Order No. 27 (CO-27) increases the D&C Price to compensate the Developer for the costs associated with the adjustment of City of Corpus Christi owned utilities in conflict with the Project improvements. Section 3.13 of the CDA provides that the Developer "shall be entitled to a Change Order increasing the Price for performing Utility Adjustment Work for Utilities owned by the City of Corpus Christi..." Change Orders No. 2, 9, 13, 16, 18, 20, and 24 were previously executed to compensate the Developer for all work associated with the design and construction of City of Corpus Christi-owned utility adjustments. However, during performance of the work the Developer encountered additional conflicts that were not included in the previous change orders. The additional conflicts could not have been reasonably avoided by the Developer.

The scope of work for CO-27 includes the relocation and tie-in of 2", 6", 8", and 10" gas lines at the intersection of Caldwell St and SH 286 North Bound Frontage Road (Brownlee St) to deconflict utility alignments with wastewater utilities at this location. The cost of the Utility Adjustment Work is being funded with local funds, and not appropriated funds. CO-27 resulted in a negotiated lump sum amount increasing the D&C Price by \$340,560.00. There is no change to the O&M Price or the Completion Deadlines as a result of this change order.

Map of the US 181 Harbor Bridge Replacement Project

