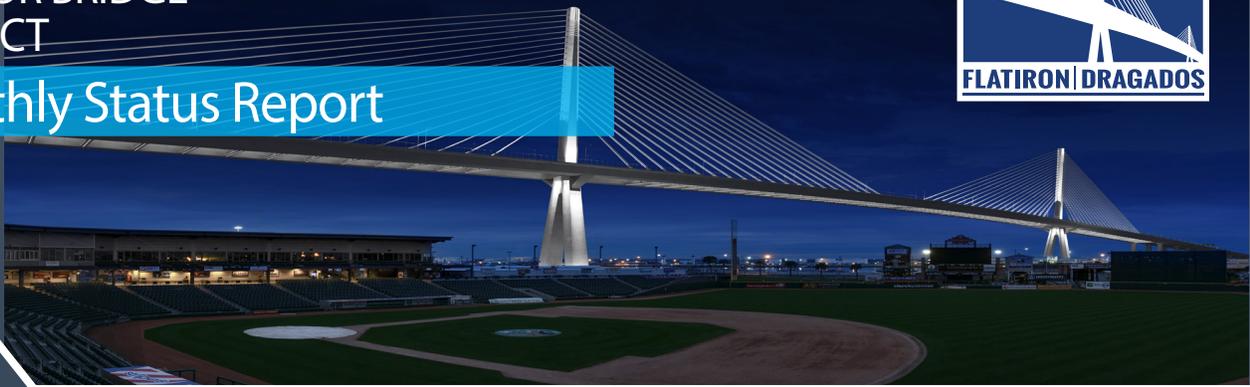




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### **Harbor Bridge Project (HBP) Obtains PLATINUM Status in Sustainability Program**

INVEST (Infrastructure Voluntary Evaluation Sustainability Tool) is a program created by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) for transportation projects utilized to evaluate and compare the sustainability initiatives of the Harbor Bridge Project. The standards ensure that the Project is built in the most responsible, environmentally friendly, and community-enriching manner possible. This program is a self-evaluation tool comprised of voluntary sustainability best practices that cover the entire lifecycle of transportation services, from planning to design and construction and continuing through operations and maintenance. INVEST focuses on exceptional sustainability efforts and aims to continually 'raise the bar' in the field of transportation and mobility. INVEST helps make the nation's transportation systems more economically, socially, and environmentally viable.

INVEST sustainability is measured by assessing the performance of social, environmental, and economic principles. INVEST is based on a collection of best practices called 'criteria.' Each criterion describes a best practice and assigns it a point value (or weight) based on its relative impact on transportation sustainability. A total score is assessed once the points associated with the criteria are achieved and tallied. The fundamental basis for weighing the criteria is based on both the triple bottom line principles and related benefits of sustainability. Measuring sustainability assists with tracking and assessing progress, encouraging participation by stakeholders, evaluating sustainability trade-offs, meeting or anticipating new requirements, rewarding excellence, and communicating benefits and goals.

In June, the HBP team proudly announced achieving the PLATINUM level, or the highest program status. We are excited to share this fantastic accomplishment with the Coastal Bend Community. Highlights in attaining platinum INVEST include the following and much more: Education Outreach \* Habitat Restoration \* Reduce, Reuse, and Repurpose Materials \* Construction Waste Management \* Reduced Traffic Noise \* Plans for Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities \* Reduced Energy Emissions in Materials and Equipment.

