US 181 HARBOR BRIDGE PROJECT

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South Texas Invited to Rally Behind the US 181 Harbor Bridge Project in America's Transportation Awards "People's Choice" Competition.

The public may vote daily through November 15.

On September 9, the Texas Department of Transportation's iconic US 181 Harbor Bridge Project was named one of the Top 12 Finalists in the 2026 America's Transportation Awards, placing South Texas on the national stage and inviting the community to help secure a prestigious People's Choice Award through public voting.

We invite the public to vote daily with a simple click on the following link:

https://americastransportationawards.org/2026/07/20/texas-department-of-transportations-us-181-harbor-bridge-project/

Selected from 127 project nominations submitted by 45 state transportation departments nationwide, the HBP was recognized among the country's most innovative and impactful transportation investments. The Top 12 finalists advanced from four regional competitions and represent the nation's best in transportation excellence.

The Harbor Bridge is more than a transportation project. It symbolizes Coastal Bend's growth, resilience, and future. As one of the tallest and most recognizable structures in Texas, the bridge has become an enduring beacon of pride for residents and a defining feature of the Corpus Christi skyline.

Beyond its striking architecture, the new Harbor Bridge delivers significant long-term benefits:

* Strengthening Economic Opportunity by supporting one of the nation's most important international trade gateways and improving freight movement to and from the Port of Corpus Christi.

* Enhancing Regional Connectivity for residents, businesses, and visitors traveling across the Coastal Bend.

* Improving Safety with modern design standards, upgraded roadway features, and enhanced travel conditions for motorists.

* Expanding Mobility Options through dedicated shared-use pathways that provide safer accommodations for pedestrians and cyclists.

* Supporting Community Growth by fostering future development, tourism, and investment throughout the region.

The America's Transportation Awards highlight projects that improve quality of life, demonstrate operational excellence, advance innovation, and promote safety in communities across the United States. The US 181 Harbor Bridge Project stands proudly among this year's national finalists.

This national recognition belongs to the entire Coastal Bend as a testament to community pride and support for safer transportation networks, a stronger regional economy, and a brighter future for South Texas.

Community members, regional stakeholders, business leaders, and transportation supporters are encouraged to cast their vote and help bring national recognition home to South Texas. Public voting for the People's Choice Award is open now through November 15, 2026

VOTE TODAY

Join us in celebrating this once-in-a-generation project and showing the nation why the US 181 Harbor Bridge is a source of pride for Corpus Christi, the Coastal Bend, and the State of Texas.

Click on the following link to watch the HBP highlight video:

https://aashtojournal.transportation.org/top-12-americas-transportation-awards-finalists-revealed/