

The City Council of the City of Seabrook met in special session on Tuesday, May 11, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in Seabrook City Hall, 1700 First Street, Seabrook, Texas, with a teleconference session available to attendees not wishing to attend the meeting in person, to discuss, consider and if appropriate, take action on the items listed below.

THOSE PRESENT WERE:

THOM KOLUPSKI	MAYOR
ED KLEIN – Ex. Abs.	COUNCIL PLACE NO. 1
LAURA DAVIS	COUNCIL PLACE NO. 2
JEFF LARSON	COUNCIL PLACE NO. 3
NATALIE PICHA	MAYOR PRO TEM
	COUNCIL PLACE NO. 4
BUDDY HAMMANN	COUNCIL PLACE NO. 5
JOE MACHOL	COUNCIL PLACE NO. 6
GAYLE COOK	CITY MANAGER
SEAN LANDIS	DEPUTY CITY MANAGER
STEVE WEATHERED	CITY ATTORNEY
ROBIN LENIO	CITY SECRETARY

Mayor Kolupski called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and conducted roll call to establish a quorum of City Council members.

1. PRESENTATIONS

1.1 Presentation of a Proclamation to recognize May 9-15, 2021 as Hurricane Preparedness Week, Economic Development Week, and National Police Week. *Thom Kolupski, Mayor*

Mayor Kolupski read the proclamation aloud and proclaimed May 9-15, 2021 as Hurricane Preparedness Week, Economic Development Week, and National Police Week in the City of Seabrook. He thanked all of the City staff who work tirelessly to keep the community safe and help foster economic growth and stability.

1.2 Presentation of a Proclamation to recognize May 16-22, 2021 as National Emergency Services Week and Public Works Week. *Thom Kolupski, Mayor*

Mayor Kolupski read the proclamation aloud and recognized May 16-22, 2021 as National Emergency Services Week and Public Works Week in the City of Seabrook. He thanked all of the City staff who use their training, skills, and knowledge to keep services to citizens running smoothly, even when under difficult circumstances.

1.3 Presentation of Appreciation to City staff members Amanda Carlisle, Donna Cunningham, Cristina Duran, Yesenia Garza, Stephanie Guerrero, Pat Patel, and Kathryn Shannahan for

volunteering to work during Early Voting and to Deputy City Secretary, Alun Thomas, for working so hard and so diligently during the May 1, 2021 General Election. *Thom Kolupski, Mayor*

City Secretary Robin Lenio and Mayor Kolupski recognized City staff members Amanda Carlisle, Donna Cunningham, Cristina Duran, Yesenia Garza, Stephanie Guerrero, Pat Patel, and Kathryn Shannahan for volunteering to work during Early Voting and gave special thanks to Deputy City Secretary Alun Thomas for working so diligently during all parts of the election.

1.4 Presentation honoring outgoing Councilmembers Laura Davis and Natalie Picha for their hard work, loyalty, and contributions to the City Council and the City of Seabrook. *Thom Kolupski, Mayor*

Mayor Kolupski, City Manager Gayle Cook, and members of City Council thanked Ms. Davis and Ms. Picha for their hard work, loyalty, innovations, opinions, and contributions to the City Council, to the City of Seabrook, and to the community during their tenures not only on the City Council, but also on various boards and commissions. The City Council further honored Councilmembers Davis and Picha with plaques to commemorate their time on City Council and with gifts of appreciation.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no comments or announcements from the public.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

3.1 Approve the minutes of the May 4, 2021 regular City Council meeting. *Robin Lenio, City Secretary*

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Picha and seconded by Councilmember Machol

To approve all of the items on the Consent Agenda.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

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85 **4. NEW BUSINESS**

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87 **4.1** Consider and take all appropriate action on proposed Resolution 2021-08, "Canvass of the
88 City of Seabrook General Election held on May 1, 2021". *City Council*

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90 A RESOLUTION AND ORDER CANVASSING THE RETURNS AND DECLARING THE
91 RESULTS OF THE CITY OFFICERS' REGULAR ELECTION HELD ON MAY 1, 2021

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93 *Motion was made by Councilmember Davis and seconded by Councilmember Hammann*

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95 *To approve the Resolution 2021-08, "Canvass of the City of Seabrook General Election held on*
96 *May 1, 2021"*

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98 **MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT**

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100 **4.2** Administer the Oaths of Office, present Certificates of Election, and hear remarks by Newly
101 Elected Council Members. **Immediately following, Council will adjourn the meeting for a**
102 **brief reception to honor the outgoing and welcome the incoming Council Members.** *Judge*
103 *Dick Gregg, III, Presiding Municipal Court Judge*

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105 Presiding Municipal Court Judge, Dick H. Gregg, III, administered the oaths of office to
106 the newly-elected mayor, Kolupski, and to each of the three newly-elected councilmembers,
107 Hefner, Giangrosso, and Machol. At 7:29 p.m. and immediately following the oaths of office,
108 Mayor Kolupski adjourned the meeting for a brief reception to honor the outgoing and welcome
109 the incoming councilmembers.

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111 At 7:50 p.m., Mayor Kolupski resumed the meeting, with the newly-elected members of
112 Council now seated at the dais.

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114 **4.3** Consider and take all appropriate action on the reappointment of Dick H. Gregg, III, as the
115 Presiding Judge of the Seabrook Municipal Court of Record, for a four year term to expire on June
116 7, 2025. *City Council*

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118 *Motion was made by Councilmember Machol and seconded by Councilmember Hammann*

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120 *To reappoint Dick H. Gregg, III, as the Presiding Judge of the Seabrook Municipal Court of*
121 *Record, for a four year term to expire on June 7, 2025.*

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123 **MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT**

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129 **4.4** Consider and take all appropriate action on the 2021 Celebration Seabrook budget to fund
130 event expenditures that exceed the amount of revenue generated by the event, in an amount not to
131 exceed \$55,000.00 from the FY2020/21 Hotel Occupancy Tax fund. *LeaAnn Petersen, Director*
132 *of Community & Visitor Relations*
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134 City Manager Gayle Cook introduced the item, and explained that Staff would like the City
135 Council to authorize a hold being placed on \$55,000.00 from the 2020-2021 fiscal year Hotel
136 Occupancy Tax fund for expenditures that will mostly take place at the start of the 2021-2022
137 fiscal year. She reminded Council that Hotel Occupancy Tax revenue can only be spent on certain
138 types of expenditures, noting that between revenue generated through sponsorships and the
139 \$55,000 from the Hotel Occupancy Tax fund, the event is expected to be sufficiently funded.
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141 Councilmember Machol asked if the celebration of Seabrook's 60th anniversary would be
142 included in the 2021 Celebration Seabrook event. Ms. Cook replied that staff will present a plan
143 for recognizing the anniversary during the June 1, 2021 regular Council meeting.
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145 *Motion was made by Councilmember Giangrosso and seconded by Councilmember Machol*
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147 *To fund 2021 Celebration Seabrook event expenditures that exceed the amount of revenue*
148 *generated by the event, in an amount not to exceed \$55,000.00, from the FY2020/21 Hotel*
149 *Occupancy Tax fund.*
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151 **5. ROUTINE BUSINESS**

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153 **5.1** Update and report on various items that require no action, including SH 146 Expansion
154 Project, City of Seabrook CIP Projects, City of Seabrook Grant Administration, and 2021 State
155 Legislative Session. *Gayle Cook, City Manager and Robin Lenio, City Secretary*
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157 City Manager Gayle Cook gave a report to City Council on the SH 146 Expansion Project,
158 City of Seabrook CIP Projects, City of Seabrook Grant Administration, and the 2021 State
159 Legislative Session, as shown in Attachment A.
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161 **5.2** Update and discuss report by City Manager on COVID related issues. *Gayle Cook, City*
162 *Manager and Brad Goudie, Director of Emergency Services*
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164 City Manager Gayle Cook gave the report as included in Attachment A.
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166 **5.3** Establish future meeting dates and agenda items. *City Council*
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168 The next regular City Council meeting will be held in person on June 1, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.
169 at the City Hall Council Chambers.
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171 City Manager Gayle Cook said that she would like Council to meet for a full day in a
172 strategic planning session. After a brief discussion, it was the consensus of Council to meet for the
173 planning session on Friday, June 25, 2021 from 8:00 a.m. through 5:00 p.m. Ms. Cook will secure

the venue for the meeting. Deputy City Manager Sean Landis and Director of Economic Development Paul Chavez will work with the City's other boards and commissions so that they may attend the Council's planning session for a couple of hours that day.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, Mayor Kolupski adjourned the meeting at 8:14 p.m.

Approved this 1st day of June, 2021.

Robin Lenio

Robin Lenio, TRMC
City Secretary

Thomas G. Kolupski

Thomas G. Kolupski
Mayor



ATTACHMENT A

Time to Update

CITY COUNCIL UPDATE

May 11, 2021



A wide-angle photograph of a construction site for the SH 146 Expansion. In the foreground, a body of water, possibly a canal or river, flows through the site. To the left, several tall, lattice-structured electrical transmission towers stand against a clear sky. The middle ground features a long, low concrete structure under construction, with multiple vertical columns supporting a horizontal beam. The ground is uneven, with patches of dirt, grass, and some debris. In the background, more construction equipment and structures are visible, along with a distant horizon line. A yellow sign on a wooden post is partially submerged in the water in the lower left. A red hose or pipe runs along the water's edge in the lower right.

SH 146 Expansion

Phase 1

Widen existing NB Clear Creek Bridge
and build new NB Frontage Road

Phase 2

Widen existing SB Clear Creek Bridge,
build new SB Frontage Road, and
build majority of new Express Bridge

Phase 3

Reconstruct and elevate existing SH
146 mainlanes and build new NB
Frontage in Kemah

Phase 4

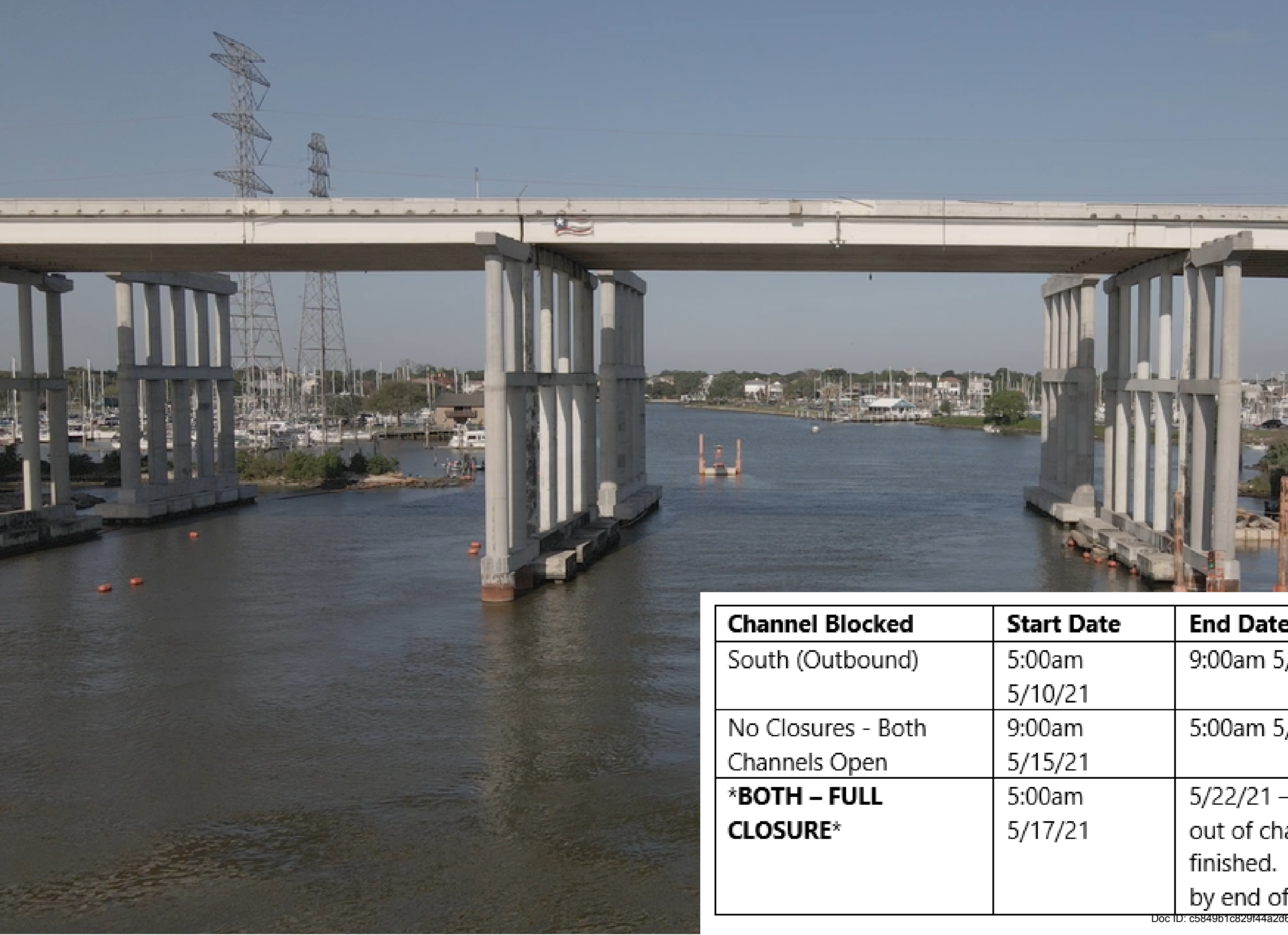
Build north and south ends of Express
Bridge, finish SB Frontage Road in
Kemah





Traffic Shift to New Frontage Road

August 2021 (approx)



Channel Closure(s)

Channel Blocked	Start Date	End Date
South (Outbound)	5:00am 5/10/21	9:00am 5/15/21
No Closures - Both Channels Open	9:00am 5/15/21	5:00am 5/17/21
BOTH – FULL CLOSURE	5:00am 5/17/21	5/22/21 – equipment will begin moving out of channels after work is finished. Both channels will be fully open by end of day.



NORTHBOUND EXISTING BRIDGE

Bridge Deck
scheduled for
June - July 2021

Red Bluff Expansion

TXDOT AND HARRIS COUNTY PROJECT



UPCOMING

- Deck pouring on new bridge for the next 1 1/2 months
- Traffic Shift within next 2 months
- Sound Wall construction near Kirby
- Completion September - October 2021

Capital Improvement Projects

PINE GULLY WASTEWATER
PLANT \$35,946,438

HMGP Grant to retrofit the wastewater
plant to the Public Works site on Red
Bluff

SH 146 CITY UTILITY RELOCATES
\$3,694,358

Due to SH 1456 expansion city
infrastructure was required to relocate
out of state right of way

SMART METERS \$3,000,000

Certificates of Obligation were issued in
2020 to replace all the water meters with
new technology and real time tracking to
customers

SEASCAPE AND BAYBROOK
SUBDIVISION \$2,238,000

Two drainage improvement projects in
partnership with a grant from Harris
County

Grants Update

Texas Parks and Wildlife Grant (TPWG) 4,500 linear feet of decomposed granite and two bridge crossings over Pine Gully for a hike and bike trail

Livable Centers Program (HGAC) – Stakeholder Meeting May 18, 2021
Website www.oldseabrookdistrict.com

HMGP GRANT Phase 2 of the Wastewater Treatment Plant Retrofit - Construction

CDBG-MIT GRANT Cost sharing match from the city for 25% through this program \$8.8 million for Wastewater Treatment Plant Retrofit

Harris County – Partnership Grants Hike and Bike Trail Approved on Meyer from SH 146 to N. Meyer

Port of Houston – Community Grant Submitted for Seabrook Wildlife Trail Head

Legislative Update

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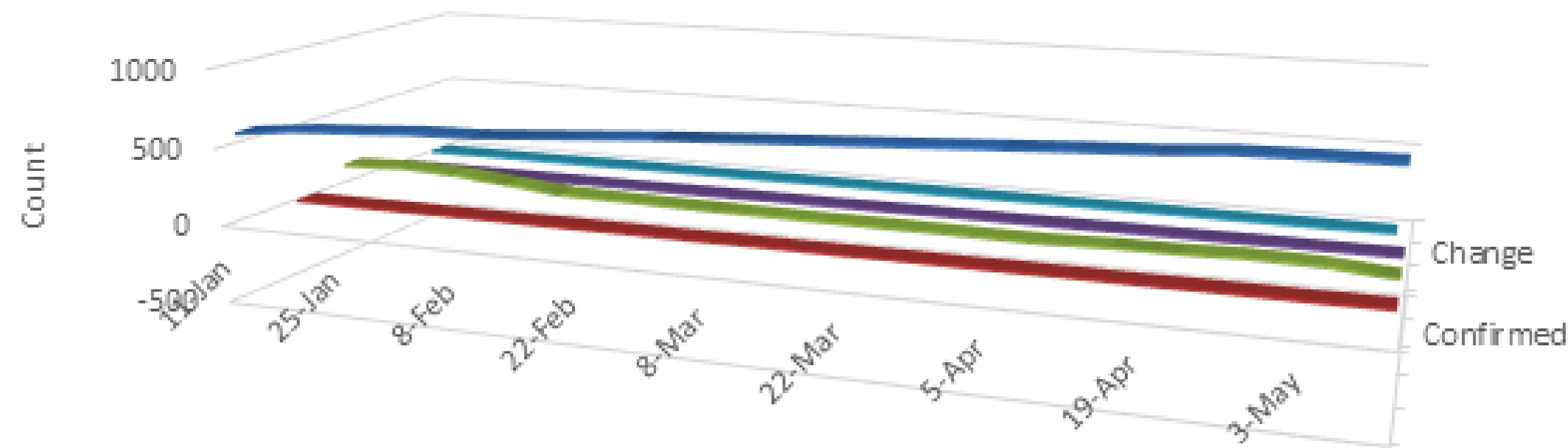
Tuesday, May 11

- **Recall Elections, Ballot Propositions, and Petitions:** H.B. 782 by Swanson would require the Secretary of State review of home rule city ballot language and preempt city charters on petitions. This bill would dramatically expand potential lawsuits against cities over ballot language by creating a new cause of action, waiving governmental immunity, and subjecting cities to attorney's fees, court costs, and legal expenses. Additionally, the bill authorizes a person to file a lawsuit against a city even if the city uses ballot language approved or even drafted by the secretary of state's office under other provisions in the bill. TML submitted this letter in opposition to H.B. 782 in House committee.

Wednesday, May 12

- **Super Preemption:** H.B. 610 by Swanson would prevent cities from regulating occupations that are licensed by state law if the city regulation would have an adverse economic impact on the license holder. The bill opens the door to nearly unlimited litigation against cities regarding the impact of local regulations. TML submitted this letter in opposition to H.B. 610 in House committee.
- **Land Development Applications:** H.B. 4447 by Oliverson would make revisions to 30-day shot clock on land development applications. Among many other things, the bill would apply the 30-day shot clock to "required documents," which include things like drainage studies and traffic impact analyses. TML submitted this letter in opposition to H.B. 4447 in House committee. The American Planning Association Texas Chapter sent this legislative alert to its membership today.

Seabrook COVID Data



	11-Jan	19-Jan	26-Jan	2-Feb	9-Feb	2-Mar	6-Apr	13-Apr	20-Apr	26-Apr	4-May	10-May	11-May
Confirmed	565	611	630	653	660	736	833	853	869	895	904	908	911
Change	0%	8%	3%	4%	1%	12%	13%	2%	2%	3%	1%	0%	0%
Active	128	141	127	92	57	42	33	43	46	54	48	20	18
Change	0%	10%	-10%	-28%	-38%	-26%	-21%	30%	7%	17%	-11%	-58%	-10%
Deaths	2	2	2	2	3	3	3	3	0	0	0	0	

Harris County COVID-19 Risk Level Indicator Summary

Indicator	Status
Hospital Population Trends Negative 14-day trends for COVID-19 hospital population	Indicator Met COVID-19 General Population and ICU 14-day trends are negative
Hospital Usage 14-day average of COVID-19 hospital population below 15%	Indicator Met COVID-19 ICU 14-day average population is 12.4% of capacity
New Cases: Trend 14-day trend for new COVID-19 cases is negative	Indicator Not Met 14-day trend of new cases is increasing by 2 cases per day
New Cases: Total 14-day average of new cases in Harris County below 400	Indicator Met 14-day average of new cases is 362 cases per day
Positivity Rate 14-day average of COVID-19 test positivity rate below 5%	Indicator Not Met 14-day average of COVID-19 test positivity is 9.0%

Thank You

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