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Port of Corpus Christi Receives Grant for Joe Fulton Corridor, Rincon Industrial Complex Improvements

Corpus Christi, TX, USA – The Port of Corpus Christi was awarded a grant by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) under the 2019-2020 Port Access Program for safety improvements to the Joe Fulton International Trade Corridor and Rincon Road leading to the Rincon Industrial Complex. The Port Access Program is funded by the Texas Mobility Fund and is designed to improve safety and fluidity of roads around Texas seaports. The Mobility Fund is underwritten through vehicle title fees, driver record fees, drivers license fees and vehicle inspections.

The significant growth in recent years along the Corpus Christi Ship Channel Inner Harbor, including additional rail infrastructure, necessitates a new frontage road south of the rail corridor that parallels the Joe Fulton Corridor to maintain vehicle safety and mobility.

The Rincon Industrial Complex is one of the newest facilities targeting breakbulk cargo such as wind energy components, military cargo and steel pipe. The Port of Corpus Christi has made significant capital investments on Rincon in the past two years, including the construction of 40 acres of flexible cargo storage space and roughly 12,000 linear feet of rail to accommodate liquid transloading and processing of breakbulk cargo. Additional congestion from the construction of the new Harbor Bridge has increased the traffic burden on Rincon Road. The TxDOT-funded improvements will enhance truck mobility, highway connectivity and safety, including the addition of intelligent transportation system (ITS) components.

"The Rincon Road and Joe Fulton Corridor improvements continue to enhance our customers' ability to move their goods to market safely and competitively," said **Sean Strawbridge, Chief Executive Officer for the Port of Corpus Christi**. "We thank the Texas Department of Transportation and the Port Authority Advisory Committee for helping the Port of Corpus Christi in *Moving America's Energy*™."

"The Port of Corpus Christi – as the Energy Port of the Americas – must do all it can to support our customers and the creation of jobs for our communities," said **Charles W. Zahn, Jr., Chairman of the Port of Corpus Christi Commission**. "The projects that will be funded through the Port Access Program will go a long way in doing just that, especially as our nation moves forward with its economic recovery."

About Port Corpus Christi

As a leader in U.S. Crude Oil export ports and a major economic engine of Texas and the nation, Port Corpus Christi is the 3rd largest port in the United States in total revenue tonnage. Strategically located on the western Gulf of Mexico with a 36-mile, soon to be 54-foot (MLLW) deep channel, Port Corpus Christi is a major gateway to international and domestic maritime commerce. The Port has excellent railroad and highway network connectivity via three North American Class-1 railroads and two major interstate highways. With an outstanding staff overseen by its seven-member commission, Port Corpus Christi is "Moving America's Energy." <http://www.portofcc.com/>

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