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Port of Corpus Christi Expresses Support for I-14 Corridor Inclusion In Federal Bipartisan Infrastructure Package

Corpus Christi, TX, USA – The Port of Corpus Christi is expressing full support for an amendment by the U.S. Senate to the Bipartisan Infrastructure Package, which expands congressional designation of Interstate 14 on a corridor across Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and Georgia.

The I-14 corridor would connect strategic military installations across those five states and enhance roadway capacity parallel to Interstates 10 and 20 for freight movement and coastal evacuation. Additionally, the move will provide greater access to military strategic seaports – such as the Port of Corpus Christi – across each of the five states. The expanded I-14 corridor primarily would follow and upgrade existing highways along its more than 1,300-mile route, with new additions subject to environmental clearance and engineering processes.

“The Port of Corpus Christi is thankful for the leadership of Senators Ted Cruz and Raphael Warnock for their action on this infrastructure project, which is critical for our nation’s future,” said **Sean Strawbridge, Chief Executive Officer for the Port of Corpus Christi**. “As a vital military strategic seaport for the United States, the Port recognizes the value this amendment will add to our nation’s military installations, while also providing increased efficiency and safety for freight mobility.”

The amendment to the Bipartisan Infrastructure Package is the first step in a protracted process to build out I-14. Subsequently, the focus will shift to seeking funding for planning and construction of projects on the corridor—an initiative long supported by the Port of Corpus Christi.

In 2015, Congress designated the Central Texas Corridor as future I-14, with the first 25-mile section added to the Interstate Highway System in 2017. That portion of the Interstate 14 highway connects Fort Hood and Killeen to Interstate 35 at Belton.

“Infrastructure projects of this scale, while taking years and decades to fully construct, lay the foundation for the success of future generations,” said **Charles W. Zahn Jr., Chairman of the Port of Corpus Christi Commission**. “This amendment from our congressional leadership will go a long way to ensuring that economic growth, the safety of freight mobility and supporting the mission of our nation’s military will remain protected priorities for years to come.”

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 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.” www.portofcc.com

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