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Flight Boarding and Runway Improvements Coming to Corpus Christi International Airport

New "Jet" Bridges Will Enhance Traveler Experience

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CORPUS CHRISTI, TX – At today's regularly scheduled City Council meeting, Corpus Christi Mayor Paulette M. Guajardo and members of the City Council authorized a \$4.4 million construction contract that will bring new boarding bridges to the terminal at Corpus Christi International Airport (CCIA). The project is being 100% funded by federal grant dollars made available due to the pandemic. Boarding bridges are the long hallway-like structures that connect the aircraft to the terminal gate so that passengers can walk directly onto the plane.

Once the new boarding bridges are installed, customers will notice better temperature control when entering the walkways. New technology will make the bridges more efficient to operate for the airlines.

"Our airport is successfully moving projects funded by federal grant monies that will redefine our future. Improvements to the airport are critical to growing our economy and providing opportunities for our residents," Mayor Paulette M. Guajardo said.

Runway and Taxiway Improvements

The Mayor and Council also gave initial approval for a construction contract for work on an airport runway and various taxiways. The \$2.6 million projects will extend the life of Runway 13-31 by removing rubber from the surface, applying crack sealant and coal tar, and applying new pavement markings critical to the safe navigation of aircraft at CCIA. The project will also include the milling of some taxiways to be followed by overlay applications.

This project would normally require a 10% local match. However, because of the pandemic, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is funding the project at 100%. The contract is expected to receive final approval next week, with work beginning in late October.