



MEMORANDUM

To: Galveston County Commissioners' Court
From: Betsy Thomas, Grants Administrator
Court Date: February 17, 2025
RE: County Engineering – San Louis Bridge Replacement Project
PROTECT Grant Application - us Department of Transportation

BACKGROUND

The 2024-2026 Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-Saving Transportation (PROTECT) grant program from the US Department of Transportation provides funding to strengthen surface transportation to be more resilient to natural hazards, including climate change, sea level rise, heat waves, flooding, extreme weather events, and other natural disasters through support of planning activities, resilience improvements, community resilience and evacuation routes, and at-risk coastal infrastructure.

There are four types of PROTECT grants:

1. Planning
2. Resilience Improvement
3. Community Resilience and Evacuation Route
4. At-Risk Coastal Infrastructure

SUMMARY

A project to plan, design and replace the San Luis Pass bridge qualifies for all four types of PROTECT grants. Application for all 4 is recommended to increase the likelihood of award. Planning grants may be fully funded by the grant with the remaining grant types requiring a local match. The PROTECT grant program's local match requirement is an 80/20 funding split with 80% being provided by the federal government and 20% funded through local funds. The bridge replacement project has a total estimated cost of \$104,600,000. Based on these requirements the proposed funding split is as follows; Federal grant funded split \$83,880,000, local Galveston County match \$20,720,000.

The San Luis Pass Bridge is a 1.3-mile toll bridge connecting Follett's Island to the south in Brazoria County with Galveston Island to the north in Galveston County. San Luis pass bridge serves as an important connection in the Bluewater Highway – San Luis Pass Road corridor for local traffic, tourism and hurricane evacuation. Without the bridge traffic would be forced to detour to the mainland to reach the other side of the bridge, a significant increase in distance



and travel time. The bridge was completed in 1966 as the replacement to a causeway destroyed by Hurricane Carla in 1961. During the last bridge inspection in December 2023 the superstructure was rated in poor condition. Given the age of the structure, the superstructure rating of poor and the likelihood of future coastal storms impacting the area, a replacement modern bridge is needed.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

VOCA Grant Request	\$83,880,000.00
County Match (20%)	<u>\$20,720,000.00</u>
TOTAL	\$104,600,000.00

RECOMMENDATIONS

Professional Services requests the Court to consider approval to submit the FY 2024-2026 Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-Saving Transportation (PROTECT) grant application to the US Department of Transportation and authorize the County Judge to sign required documents.

ATTACHMENTS FOR WET SIGNATURE

- ☐ Sf424 – Application for Federal Assistance
- ☐ Assurances – Construction Programs
- ☐ Certification Regarding Lobbying
- ☐ Disclosure of Lobbying Activities

CERTIFICATION REGARDING LOBBYING

Certification for Contracts, Grants, Loans, and Cooperative Agreements

The undersigned certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

(1) No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of an agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.

(2) If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure of Lobbying Activities," in accordance with its instructions.

(3) The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly. This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

Statement for Loan Guarantees and Loan Insurance

The undersigned states, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

If any funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this commitment providing for the United States to insure or guarantee a loan, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure of Lobbying Activities," in accordance with its instructions. Submission of this statement is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required statement shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

* APPLICANT'S ORGANIZATION	
Galveston County, Texas	
* PRINTED NAME AND TITLE OF AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE	
Prefix:	* First Name: Mark Middle Name:
* Last Name: Henry	Suffix:
* Title: County Judge	
* SIGNATURE:	* DATE: 02/17/2025

This Workspace form is one of the forms you need to complete prior to submitting your Application Package. This form can be completed in its entirety offline using Adobe Reader. You can save your form by clicking the "Save" button and see any errors by clicking the "Check For Errors" button. In-progress and completed forms can be uploaded at any time to Grants.gov using the Workspace feature.

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OPPORTUNITY & PACKAGE DETAILS:

Opportunity Number:	693JJ325NF00008
Opportunity Title:	Fiscal Years 2024-2026 Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-Saving Transportation (PROTECT) Program
Opportunity Package ID:	PKG00288801
Assistance Listing Number:	20.205
Assistance Listing Title:	Highway Planning and Construction
Competition ID:	693JJ325NF00008
Competition Title:	FYs 24 - 26 PROTECT Program
Opening Date:	
Closing Date:	02/24/2025
Agency:	DOT Federal Highway Administration
Contact Information:	Ryan J Buck Agreement Officer E-mail: PROTECTdiscretionary@dot.gov

APPLICANT & WORKSPACE DETAILS:


Workspace ID:	WS01480430
Application Filing Name:	San Luis Pass Bridge Replacement Project
UEI:	DRP9KU1PVJN4
Organization:	COUNTY OF GALVESTON
Form Name:	Disclosure of Lobbying Activities (SF-LLL)
Form Version:	2.0
Requirement:	Mandatory
Download Date/Time:	Feb 06, 2025 05:53:19 PM EST
Form State:	No Errors

FORM ACTIONS:

DISCLOSURE OF LOBBYING ACTIVITIES

Complete this form to disclose lobbying activities pursuant to 31 U.S.C.1352

OMB Number: 4040-0013
Expiration Date: 02/28/2025

1. * Type of Federal Action: <input type="checkbox"/> a. contract <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> b. grant <input type="checkbox"/> c. cooperative agreement <input type="checkbox"/> d. loan <input type="checkbox"/> e. loan guarantee <input type="checkbox"/> f. loan insurance	2. * Status of Federal Action: <input type="checkbox"/> a. bid/offer/application <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> b. initial award <input type="checkbox"/> c. post-award	3. * Report Type: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> a. initial filing <input type="checkbox"/> b. material change
4. Name and Address of Reporting Entity: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prime <input type="checkbox"/> SubAwardee * Name <input type="text" value="Galveston County, Texas"/> * Street 1 <input type="text" value="722 Moody"/> Street 2 <input type="text"/> * City <input type="text" value="Galveston"/> State <input type="text" value="TX: Texas"/> Zip <input type="text" value="77550-2317"/> Congressional District, if known: <input type="text" value="14"/>		
5. If Reporting Entity in No.4 is Subawardee, Enter Name and Address of Prime: 		
6. * Federal Department/Agency: <input type="text" value="US Department of Transportation"/>	7. * Federal Program Name/Description: <input type="text"/> Assistance Listing Number, if applicable: <input type="text"/>	
8. Federal Action Number, if known: <input type="text"/>	9. Award Amount, if known: \$ <input type="text"/>	
10. a. Name and Address of Lobbying Registrant: Prefix <input type="text"/> * First Name <input type="text" value="NA"/> Middle Name <input type="text"/> * Last Name <input type="text"/> Suffix <input type="text"/> * Street 1 <input type="text"/> Street 2 <input type="text"/> * City <input type="text"/> State <input type="text"/> Zip <input type="text"/>		
b. Individual Performing Services (including address if different from No. 10a) Prefix <input type="text"/> * First Name <input type="text" value="NA"/> Middle Name <input type="text"/> * Last Name <input type="text"/> Suffix <input type="text"/> * Street 1 <input type="text"/> Street 2 <input type="text"/> * City <input type="text"/> State <input type="text"/> Zip <input type="text"/>		
11. Information requested through this form is authorized by title 31 U.S.C. section 1352. This disclosure of lobbying activities is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed by the tier above when the transaction was made or entered into. This disclosure is required pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1352. This information will be reported to the Congress semi-annually and will be available for public inspection. Any person who fails to file the required disclosure shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure. * Signature:  * Name: Prefix <input type="text"/> * First Name <input type="text" value="Mark"/> Middle Name <input type="text"/> * Last Name <input type="text" value="Henry"/> Suffix <input type="text"/> Title: <input type="text" value="County Judge"/> Telephone No.: <input type="text" value="409-766-2244"/> Date: <input type="text" value="02/17/2025"/>		
Federal Use Only:		Authorized for Local Reproduction Standard Form - LLL (Rev. 7-97)

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Organization:	COUNTY OF GALVESTON
Form Name:	Application for Federal Assistance (SF-424)
Form Version:	4.0
Requirement:	Mandatory
Download Date/Time:	Feb 06, 2025 05:48:33 PM EST
Form State:	No Errors

FORM ACTIONS:

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

* 1. Type of Submission:

- ☐ Preapplication
☒ Application
☐ Changed/Corrected Application

* 2. Type of Application:

- ☒ New
☐ Continuation
☐ Revision

* If Revision, select appropriate letter(s):

* Other (Specify):

* 3. Date Received:

Completed by Grants.gov upon submission.

4. Applicant Identifier:

DRP9KU1PVJN4

5a. Federal Entity Identifier:

74-6000908

5b. Federal Award Identifier:

74-6000908

State Use Only:

6. Date Received by State:

7. State Application Identifier:

TX

8. APPLICANT INFORMATION:

* a. Legal Name:

Galveston County, Texas

* b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN):

74-6000908

* c. UEI:

DRP9KU1PVJN4

d. Address:

* Street1:

722 Moody Avenue

Street2:

2nd Floor

* City:

Galveston

County/Parish:

Galveston

* State:

TX: Texas

Province:

* Country:

USA: UNITED STATES

* Zip / Postal Code:

77550-2317

e. Organizational Unit:

Department Name:

Professional Services

Division Name:

Grants Administration

f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:

Prefix:

* First Name:

Betsy

Middle Name:

Anne

* Last Name:

Thomas

Suffix:

Title: Grants Administration Manager

Organizational Affiliation:

Employee

* Telephone Number: 409-770-5355

Fax Number:

* Email: elizabeth.thomas@co.galveston.tx.us

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

* 9. Type of Applicant 1: Select Applicant Type:

B: County Government

Type of Applicant 2: Select Applicant Type:

Type of Applicant 3: Select Applicant Type:

* Other (specify):

* 10. Name of Federal Agency:

DOT Federal Highway Administration

11. Assistance Listing Number:

20.205

Assistance Listing Title:

Highway Planning and Construction

* 12. Funding Opportunity Number:

693JJ325NF00008

* Title:

Fiscal Years 2024-2026 Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-Saving Transportation (PROTECT) Program

13. Competition Identification Number:

693JJ325NF00008

Title:

FYs 24 - 26 PROTECT Program

14. Areas Affected by Project (Cities, Counties, States, etc.):

Add Attachment

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* 15. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project:

The San Luis Pass Bridge Replacement Project in Galveston County, Texas

Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions.

Add Attachments

Delete Attachments

View Attachments

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424**16. Congressional Districts Of:*** a. Applicant * b. Program/Project

Attach an additional list of Program/Project Congressional Districts if needed.

17. Proposed Project:* a. Start Date: * b. End Date: **18. Estimated Funding (\$):**

* a. Federal	<input type="text" value="83,880,000.00"/>
* b. Applicant	<input type="text" value="20,720,000.00"/>
* c. State	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
* d. Local	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
* e. Other	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
* f. Program Income	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
* g. TOTAL	<input type="text" value="104,600,000.00"/>

*** 19. Is Application Subject to Review By State Under Executive Order 12372 Process?**

- ☐ a. This application was made available to the State under the Executive Order 12372 Process for review on
- ☒ b. Program is subject to E.O. 12372 but has not been selected by the State for review.
- ☐ c. Program is not covered by E.O. 12372.

*** 20. Is the Applicant Delinquent On Any Federal Debt? (If "Yes," provide explanation in attachment.)**☐ Yes ☒ No

If "Yes", provide explanation and attach

21. *By signing this application, I certify (1) to the statements contained in the list of certifications and (2) that the statements herein are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also provide the required assurances** and agree to comply with any resulting terms if I accept an award. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties. (U.S. Code, Title 18, Section 1001)**

☒ ** I AGREE

** The list of certifications and assurances, or an internet site where you may obtain this list, is contained in the announcement or agency specific instructions.

Authorized Representative:

Prefix: * First Name:

Middle Name:

* Last Name:

Suffix:

* Title: * Telephone Number: Fax Number: * Email: * Signature of Authorized Representative: * Date Signed:

ASSURANCES - CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMS

OMB Number: 4040-0009
Expiration Date: 02/28/2025

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NOTE: Certain of these assurances may not be applicable to your project or program. If you have questions, please contact the Awarding Agency. Further, certain Federal assistance awarding agencies may require applicants to certify to additional assurances. If such is the case, you will be notified.

As the duly authorized representative of the applicant, I certify that the applicant:

1. Has the legal authority to apply for Federal assistance, and the institutional, managerial and financial capability (including funds sufficient to pay the non-Federal share of project costs) to ensure proper planning, management and completion of project described in this application.
2. Will give the awarding agency, the Comptroller General of the United States and, if appropriate, the State, the right to examine all records, books, papers, or documents related to the assistance; and will establish a proper accounting system in accordance with generally accepted accounting standards or agency directives.
3. Will not dispose of, modify the use of, or change the terms of the real property title or other interest in the site and facilities without permission and instructions from the awarding agency. Will record the Federal interest in the title of real property in accordance with awarding agency directives and will include a covenant in the title of real property acquired in whole or in part with Federal assistance funds to assure nondiscrimination during the useful life of the project.
4. Will comply with the requirements of the assistance awarding agency with regard to the drafting, review and approval of construction plans and specifications.
5. Will provide and maintain competent and adequate engineering supervision at the construction site to ensure that the complete work conforms with the approved plans and specifications and will furnish progressive reports and such other information as may be required by the assistance awarding agency or State.
6. Will initiate and complete the work within the applicable time frame after receipt of approval of the awarding agency.
7. Will establish safeguards to prohibit employees from using their positions for a purpose that constitutes or presents the appearance of personal or organizational conflict of interest, or personal gain.
8. Will comply with the Intergovernmental Personnel Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C. §§4728-4763) relating to prescribed standards of merit systems for programs funded under one of the 19 statutes or regulations specified in Appendix A of OPM's Standards for a Merit System of Personnel Administration (5 C.F.R. 900, Subpart F).
9. Will comply with the Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act (42 U.S.C. §§4801 et seq.) which prohibits the use of lead-based paint in construction or rehabilitation of residence structures.
10. Will comply with all Federal statutes relating to non-discrimination. These include but are not limited to: (a) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (P.L. 88-352) which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin; (b) Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended (20 U.S.C. §§1681 1683, and 1685-1686), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex; (c) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. §794), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of handicaps; (d) the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§6101-6107), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age; (e) the Drug Abuse Office and Treatment Act of 1972 (P.L. 92-255), as amended relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of drug abuse; (f) the Comprehensive Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-616), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of alcohol abuse or alcoholism; (g) §§523 and 527 of the Public Health Service Act of 1912 (42 U.S.C. §§290 dd-3 and 290 ee 3), as amended, relating to confidentiality of alcohol and drug abuse patient records; (h) Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. §§3601 et seq.), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination in the sale, rental or financing of housing; (i) any other nondiscrimination provisions in the specific statute(s) under which application for Federal assistance is being made; and (j) the requirements of any other nondiscrimination statute(s) which may apply to the application.

11. Will comply, or has already complied, with the requirements of Titles II and III of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-646) which provide for fair and equitable treatment of persons displaced or whose property is acquired as a result of Federal and federally-assisted programs. These requirements apply to all interests in real property acquired for project purposes regardless of Federal participation in purchases.
12. Will comply with the provisions of the Hatch Act (5 U.S.C. §§1501-1508 and 7324-7328) which limit the political activities of employees whose principal employment activities are funded in whole or in part with Federal funds.
13. Will comply, as applicable, with the provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. §§276a to 276a-7), the Copeland Act (40 U.S.C. §276c and 18 U.S.C. §874), and the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. §§327-333) regarding labor standards for federally-assisted construction subagreements.
14. Will comply with flood insurance purchase requirements of Section 102(a) of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (P.L. 93-234) which requires recipients in a special flood hazard area to participate in the program and to purchase flood insurance if the total cost of insurable construction and acquisition is \$10,000 or more.
15. Will comply with environmental standards which may be prescribed pursuant to the following: (a) institution of environmental quality control measures under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91-190) and Executive Order (EO) 11514; (b) notification of violating facilities pursuant to EO 11738; (c) protection of wetlands pursuant to EO 11990; (d) evaluation of flood hazards in floodplains in accordance with EO 11988; (e) assurance of project consistency with the approved State management program developed under the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. §§1451 et seq.); (f) conformity of Federal actions to State (Clean Air) implementation Plans under Section 176(c) of the Clean Air Act of 1955, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§7401 et seq.); (g) protection of underground sources of drinking water under the Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, as amended (P.L. 93-523); and, (h) protection of endangered species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (P.L. 93-205).
16. Will comply with the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968 (16 U.S.C. §§1271 et seq.) related to protecting components or potential components of the national wild and scenic rivers system.
17. Will assist the awarding agency in assuring compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. §470), EO 11593 (identification and protection of historic properties), and the Archaeological and Historic Preservation Act of 1974 (16 U.S.C. §§469a-1 et seq.).
18. Will cause to be performed the required financial and compliance audits in accordance with the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996 and OMB Circular No. A-133, "Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations."
19. Will comply with all applicable requirements of all other Federal laws, executive orders, regulations, and policies governing this program.
20. Will comply with the requirements of Section 106(g) of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA) of 2000, as amended (22 U.S.C. 7104) which prohibits grant award recipients or a sub-recipient from (1) Engaging in severe forms of trafficking in persons during the period of time that the award is in effect (2) Procuring a commercial sex act during the period of time that the award is in effect or (3) Using forced labor in the performance of the award or subawards under the award.

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED CERTIFYING OFFICIAL	TITLE
Mark Henry 	COUNTY JUDGE
APPLICANT ORGANIZATION	DATE SUBMITTED
GALVESTON COUNTY, TEXAS	02 / 17 / 2025