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## Two Back-To-Back Storm Events Drop Almost 10 Inches of Rain on Aransas Pass

On May 16th and again on May 18th, Aransas Pass received a total of just about 10 inches of rain within a short period of time. Our area has been receiving an unusually large number of exceptionally heavy rains during the past few years. For an explanation of the City's storm drainage system, see the locally produced video on the Aransas Pass Webpage. Access "Our Community" at the top of the homepage. Then click on "Informational Videos". Finally, access "How our Storm Drainage System works".

In this latest rain storm, the City's drainage system generally worked well, however, it also presented problems that must and will be corrected. For example, Euclid Street got too much water. Although, in both rain events, Euclid was completely drained by the next morning, it drained much too slowly and the water got too high. It must be kept in mind that in large rain events such as these, it is sometimes nearly impossible for the pumps to keep up with an exceptionally heavy deluge. Staff met with Mayor Gomez and Mayor Pro-Tem Scruggs the morning after the first storm to review the drainage weaknesses and strengths and began taking steps to address the problem areas. Storm drainage has been a problem in AP since the City began, however, steps can and are being taken to continue solving the challenges as they come up.

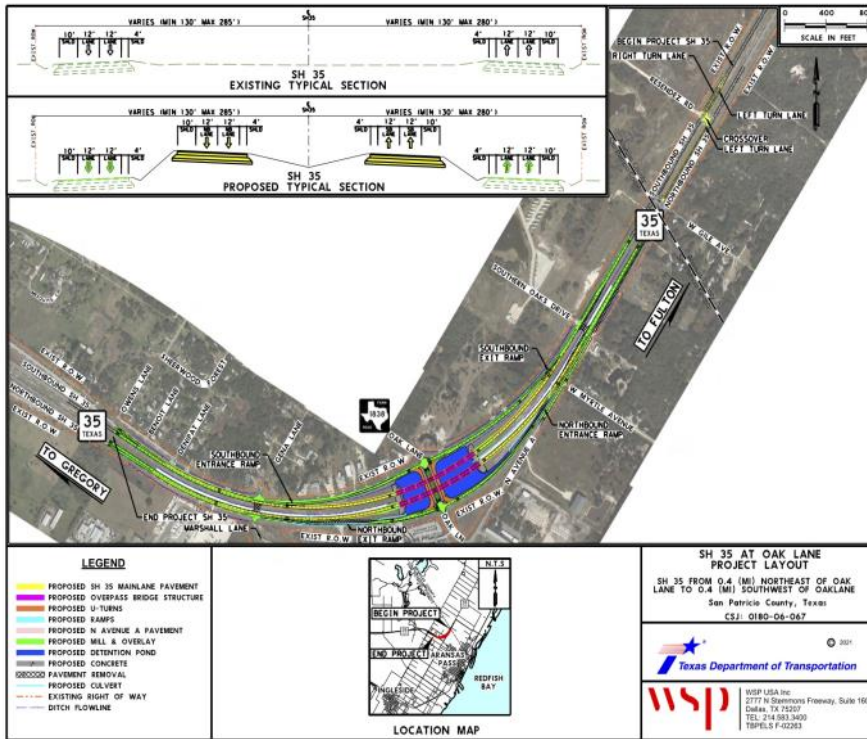
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*During large rain events like we had on May 16th and 18th, it is important not to take the caps off your sewer clean-outs (located in in your yard) in order to drain your property. This will only flood out and possibly send sewer water to your neighbor.*

*- Fernando Quintanilla, Public Works Director*

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**FACT SHEET**  
**SH 35 Overpasses**  
 Corpus Christi Street and Oak Lane

**Description:**

- Construct overpasses within the existing grassy median.
- Existing roadways would become frontage roads.
- No additional right-of-way (ROW) required.

**Project Purpose:**

- Improve safety

## Virtual Public Meeting on the SH 35 Overpass At Oak Lane in A.P.

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is proposing to construct an overpass at Oak Lane in Aransas Pass. See above map above and information sheet to the right. A virtual public meeting presentation will be made available on Thursday, May 27, 2021 beginning at 6 PM. To log onto the meeting, go to the following web address at the meeting date and time : [www.TxDOT.gov](http://www.TxDOT.gov) Keyword search "SH 35 Overpass". The proposed project would construct an overpass within the existing SH35 grassy median. Following construction of the overpass, the existing northbound and southbound roadways would become frontage roads. The projects would take place within the existing TxDOT right-of-way. Along SH 35. The Overpass would include two 12 foot lanes in each direction with 10 foot outside shoulders and 4 ft to 8 ft inside shoulders. The existing crossover at Southern Oaks Drive would be removed and a new crossover would be constructed at Resendez Road.

### PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS

#### Corpus Christi Street Overpass

- Overpass with two 12-foot-wide lanes in each direction, 12-foot-wide outside shoulders, and 4-foot-wide inside shoulders.
- 12-foot-wide outside shoulders designated and striped as an evacuation lane.
- Direct access across SH 35 at Griffith Street would be removed.

#### Oak Lane Overpass

- Overpass with two 12-ft lanes in each direction, 10-ft outside shoulders and 4-ft to 8-ft inside shoulders.
- Existing crossover at Southern Oaks Drive would be removed and a new crossover would be constructed at Resendez Road.

#### Anticipated Timeline:

Project Letting	April 2023
Construction Begin	Summer 2023
Construction End	Spring 2025
Estimated construction cost: approx. \$15 million.	

#### Anticipated Timeline:

Project Letting	August 2021
Construction Begin	Fall 2021
Construction End	Fall 2022
Estimated construction cost: approx. \$23 million.	

### TxDOT Wants to Hear From You!

Comments on these projects can be provided:

by mail to TxDOT Environmental Coordinator, 1701 S. Padre Island Drive, Corpus Christi, TX 78416  
 email to [Kimberly.amy@txdot.gov](mailto:Kimberly.amy@txdot.gov), or by calling (361) 808-2509.

For more information, visit [www.txdot.gov](http://www.txdot.gov), keyword search "SH 35 Overpass"

The environmental review, consultation and other actions required by applicable federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried out by TxDOT pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated Dec. 9, 2019, and executed by FHWA and TxDOT.

## Tire Takeback Event Re-scheduled

The tire take back event is now set for June 5th from 8 am to 1 pm or until the trailer is full. The hauler is Liberty Tire of San Antonio. Car and Pick-up sized tires are the only ones that will be allowed. If residents need assistance they may contact Code Enforcement and will be placed on a list to have crews stop by and pick up the tires. The deadline for requesting assistance is June 4th. The following businesses have donated to the pick-up: The Aransas Pass Fire Dept. Chris' Marine—CM Lanes; Port of Corpus Christi; The Aransas Pass Walmart.

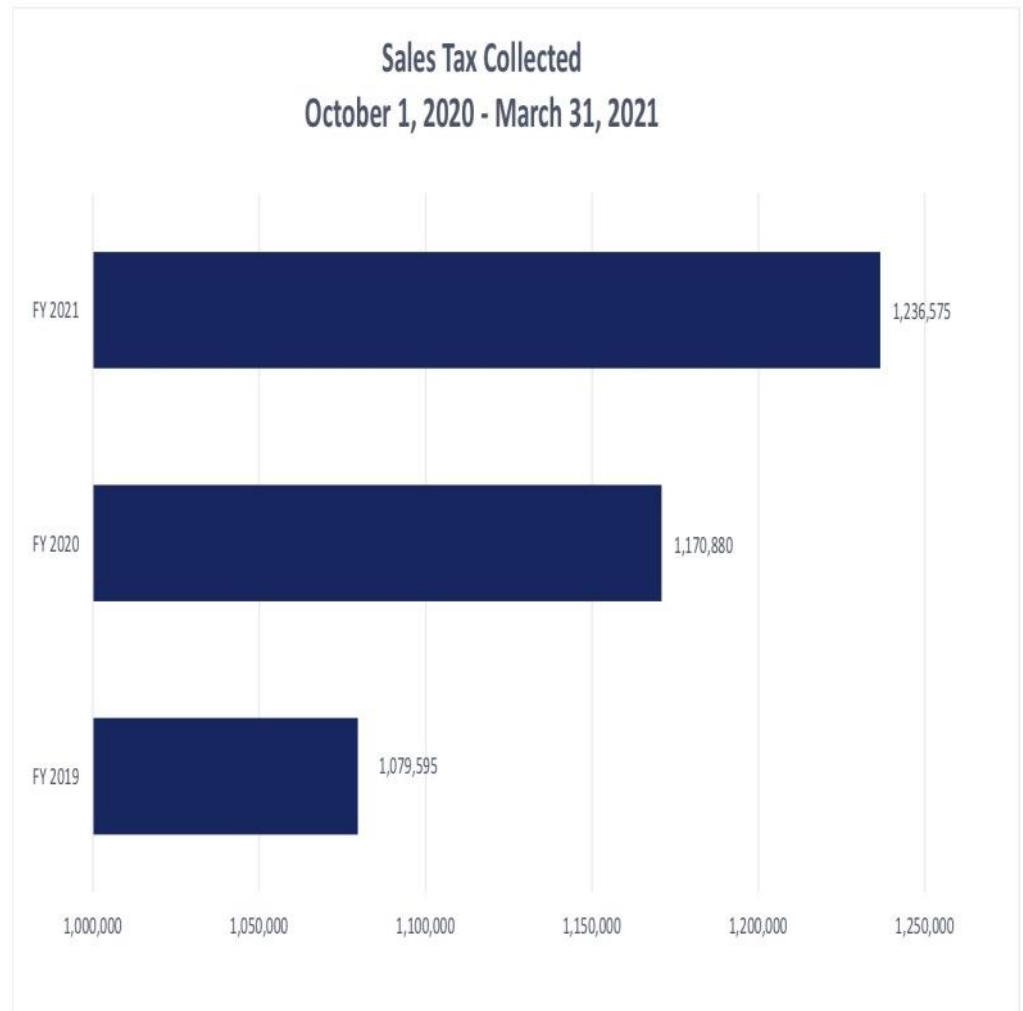
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All of the incumbent City Council candidates retained their seats at the May 1st municipal election. The photo on the left shows Mayor Ram Gomez and Councilwoman Jan Moore being sworn in on May 10th by City Secretary Mary Juarez (left). The picture on the right shows Council woman Carrie Scruggs being sworn-in May 17th by City Secretary Juarez. Scruggs was elected Mayor Pro-Tem on May 17th by the City Council.

## AP Sales Tax Revenue Remains High—Sign Of A Strong Local Economy

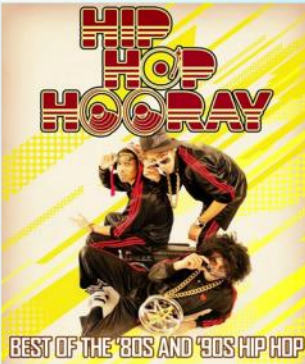




# Aransas Pass SHRIMPOREE

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JUNE 11-13, 2021



David Adam Byrnes



THOMAS J HENRY



Farmers Market \* Carnival \* Craft Vendors \* Pet Pageant \* Parade \* Food Vendors\*  
Zoomagination Exhibit \* Culinary Stage \* Mechanical Bull

200 E. Johnson Ave. @ Aransas Pass Community Park  
3 Day Access Pass \$12

Adults (13 & Up) \$7 Seniors Military & Children (7-12) \$5 (6 & Under Free)

\$5 Admission- Sunday Fun Day (Adults, Military & Children)  
For Tickets 361-758-2750 / Eventbrite: Shrimporee Aransas Pass

For Information call 361758-2750 or email [chamberasst@aransaspass.org](mailto:chamberasst@aransaspass.org)

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