

**CORPUS CHRISTI METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE NOTES (TAC) – April 21, 2016**

1. CALL TO ORDER AND QUORUM DETERMINATION

Meeting called to order by Mr. Sullivan at 9:00 a.m.

Present: Nueces County: Glen Sullivan, P.E., Chair; City of Corpus Christi: Dr. Raymond Chong, P.E.; City of Portland: Jamie Pyle, P.E.; Corpus Christi RTA: Gordon Robinson; Port of Corpus Christi Authority: David Krams, P.E.; TxDOT-CC: Paula Sales-Evans, P.E.; San Patricio County: Commissioner Fred Nardini; Council of Governments: Richard Bullock.

2. INTRODUCTION OF VISITING AGENCY OFFICIALS

Chairman Sullivan welcomed all in attendance.

3. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:

A. Draft FY 2017 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP).

Mr. Pollack reminded the TAC that, as discussed at the March TAC meeting, staff had been preparing the FY 2017 UPWP, which serves as the operating budget for the MPO. Mr. Pollack referred to the summary memo in the agenda packet and explained that the draft UPWP had been updated to reflect the foci of the new FAST Act but that there had not been substantive changes in the budget allocation.

Mr. Krams made a motion to approve the Draft FY 2017 UPWP. Commissioner Nardini seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

B. FY 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) update / 2015-2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) Amendment.

Mr. Pollack reminded TAC that MPO staff have been working with the TAC since the beginning of the calendar year to re-evaluate project prioritization and project scopes on the MPO's long-range plan, the MTP, to inform project prioritization on the updated TIP. Mr. Pollack referenced the memo and summary tables in the agenda packet to illustrate that the proposed FY 2017-2020 TIP update and corresponding 2015-2040 MTP Amendment reflected all of the feedback provided by TAC to date.

Ms. Evans reminded the TAC that the MPO was part of a multiparty agreement, under which the MPO would furnish financial resources in the event that there is a shortfall of resources available to support the voluntary relocation program for the Harbor Bridge project. Ms. Evans pointed out that the updated FY 2017-2020 TIP did not include funds programmed for this purpose.

Mr. Pollack stated that while staff is very mindful of this obligation, the need for such a contribution from the MPO—and the magnitude of any such contribution—are undetermined at this point. Mr. Pollack stated that any such need will be much more clear at the time of the next TIP update in 2018, at which time programming for FY 2019 and 2020 could be modified to accommodate such need. Ms. Evans agreed that the MPO will be in a better position to know if this will be necessary when the next TIP update is done in two years. She added that Category 7 would likely be the source of any funding for this obligation, if necessary.

Ms. Evans also reminded the TAC of the quarterly amendment opportunities to revise the TIP if necessary.

Ms. Gonzalez informed the TAC that the MPO is in the middle of the public comment period for the FY 2017 UPWP and the FY 2017-2020 TIP update; she stated that there is an opportunity to review and comment on both documents through May 1st.

Ms. Evans noted the lack of mention of Port Authority's projects on the MTP list and asked about the Port's projects on the Joe Fulton Corridor.

Mr. Pollack commented that no Port projects had been removed from the MTP list during the course of the update, but there was certainly still opportunity to add one or more if it was the will of the Port and the TAC.

Mr. Krams stated that he would confer with Port staff and would provide the necessary information about any projects that they wished to include.

Ms. Pyle inquired about the listed project limits for the US 181 project from FM 3296 (Buddy Ganem Dr.) to FM 2986 (Wildcat Dr.)

Mr. Vourcos stated that he would verify the limits and inform Mr. Pollack.

Ms. Evans suggested adding north of Gregory in parenthesis to help clarify.

Ms. Pyle proposed the addition of a project to the MTP for Moore Avenue. The project would include widening of the street, which currently stops at Stark Lane. Mr. Pyle stated that Portland ISD has expressed concerns about future traffic increases..

Mr. Vourcos stated that the TxDOT District would be the sponsor for this project and the district would fine-tune the project details with the MPO.

Mr. Pollack stated that staff would follow up with Ms. Pyle and the district to confirm the details of the proposed additions.

Dr. Chong made a motion to approve the FY 2017-2020 TIP update / 2015-2040 MTP Amendment and Mr. Robinson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

4. TAC MEMBERS' COMMENTS AND CONCERNS.

Ms. Evans informed the TAC that Mr. Ismael Soto, P.E., TxDOT Director of Transportation Operations – Corpus Christi District, would be retiring at the end of the month.

Dr. Chong informed the Committee that Engineering Services selected a consultant to perform the Island Mobility and Access Management Study.

5. STAFF BRIEFING:

A. Regional Parkway, Planning Environmental Linkage (PEL) Study

Mr. Pollack informed the TAC that the Regional Parkway PEL study is progressing well. The team is wrapping up targeted stakeholder meetings and is moving into broader stakeholder engagement, which will include presenting to or visiting with a number of groups over the next few months. He recapped the public open house that was held at the Botanical Gardens on April 11, and he informed the TAC that the alternatives analysis was also underway. Mr. Pollack indicated that TAC members should expect to hear more about the project in the media during this phase of the work.

B. MPO Title VI Plan Update

Mr. Pollack informed the TAC that staff were wrapping up an significant update of the MPO's Title VI procedures. He stated that Ms. Buentello had lead the effort, which included defining a work program that will allow for annual review and update of Title VI policies and procedures.

C. Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) grant

Mr. Pollack reminded the TAC that staff worked with the Nueces County LEPC to secure Division of Emergency Management funds to support an update of the 2010 Haz Mat Commodity Flows study. The Texas A&M Transportation Institute is under contract to conduct the data collection, which will begin in earnest later this month after a kickoff meeting on April 22nd. The conclusion of this work in early fall will determine whether a formal routing process for Non-radioactive Hazardous Material (NRHM) is merited.

D. Implementation of Strategic Plan for Active Mobility, Phase 1: Bicycle Mobility

Mr. Pollack reported that dissemination and implementation of the Bicycle Mobility Plan is going very well. He recapped some of the dissemination milestones and explained that the plan would be back before Corpus Christi City Council in May for adoption into the City's Unified Transportation Plan.

E. Development of Strategic Plan for Active Mobility, Phase II: Pedestrian Mobility

Mr. Pollack informed the TAC that staff had begun doing some preliminary analyses that would help inform the scoping of Phase II of the Strategic Plan for Active Mobility in June, once the FY 2017 UPWP and FY 2017-2020 TIP update have been submitted and the MPO's move to the new Staples Street Center had been completed.

F. Transportation Policy Committee meeting – May 5, 2016

Mr. Pollack informed TAC members that the next meeting of the TPC would be on May 5th. He reminded them of the two important action items and implored them to communicate with their jurisdictions' TPC delegates as to the degree to which TAC has been involved in the development of these draft documents.

6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS.

Mr. Robinson stated that the RTA would like to demonstrate a new trip planner tool that has been developed with Google Transit.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS.

There were no comments.

8. ADJOURN.

The meeting adjourned at 9:46 a.m.