# CORPUS CHRISTI METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO) TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC) SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES Thursday, September 26, 2019

#### 1. Call to Order, Roll Call, and Quorum determination

Mr. Gordon Robinson called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m.

#### **TAC Members Present:**

Gordon Robinson, PMP, CCRTA

Dan McGinn, AICP, City of Corpus Christi

Paula Sales-Evans, P.E., TxDOT-CRP

Juan Pimentel, P.E., Nueces County (1:06 p.m.) Howard Gillespie, San Patricio County (1:16 p.m.)

MPO Staff Present: Rob MacDonald, P.E.; Daniel Carrizales; Victor Mendieta; and Yoshiko Boulan

### 2. Introduction of visiting agency officials

Mr. Anthony Jones, Transportation Planner, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Texas Division

### 3. Public Comments for Items not on the agenda

Mr. Robinson asked for public comments for items not on the agenda. None offered.

#### 4. Discussion and Possible Action

#### A. 2020-2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) Fiscally Constrained Projects for MPO Funding

Mr. MacDonald provided TAC members with a memorandum on the enhanced 2020-2045 MTP DRAFT Fiscally Constrained Project List for MPO Funding. Mr. MacDonald explained the enhancements are based on the September 19<sup>th</sup> TAC discussion including the following items: (1) the Project Ranking column is now shown, (2) all projects are categorized as being in the TIP/STIP, 10-year Plan, or Long-Range planning period, (3) the Total Project Cost includes an additional 20% for non-construction cost and the Total Project Cost of programs in the TIP/STIP planning period are inflated 4% per year for two years, but projects in 10-year Plan and Long-Range period are not inflated, (4) two Transportation Alternatives Program projects (TAP: Category 9) from previous Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) were added to TIP/STIP planning period, and subsequently (5) funding for these two TAP projects was deducted from the Category 9 funding pool. The projects identified as TIP/STIP planning period are either in the current/amended TIP or TxDOT's 2020 Unified Transportation Program (UTP) and are given top priority. The City of Portland Bike Lanes project is in the previous TIP and will be let in FY 2020, thus the project should be in 2020-2045 MTP and FY 2021-2024 TIP. Since the Dr. Hector P. Garcia Park Hike & Bike Trail: Phase II is in FY2019-2022 TIP but not in the MTP, this project was added to the 2020-2045 MTP for consistency.

Mr. Pollack wanted to verify if these two TAP projects would affect the Category 9 funding pool because these projects were awarded funding in the previous/current TIP and this funding should roll forward. Mr. MacDonald proposed to be fiscally conservative and keep the Category 9 funding pool deducted but update the amount when we know exactly how much Category 9 funding is available.

Mr. McGinn stated that the City of Corpus Christi recommends SS 544 (Agnes Street/Laredo Street) and the NEPA study for Regional Parkway Segment B be included in the TIP/STIP planning period.

Ms. Sales-Evans expressed concern to adding TIP/STIP projects with Category 7 funding due to the fact that the MPO's Category 7 funding is tied to the on-going Harbor Bridge Relocation Program. The MTP must be fiscally constrained and the final dollar amount the MPO is responsible for has not yet been determined. Mr. MacDonald suggested to revisit the Category 7 funding amount in the FY 2021-2024 TIP. Mr. McGinn agreed that SS 544 and NEPA study for Regional Parkway Segment B be identified in the 10-year Plan period until the Category 7 funding is determined.

Mr. Pollack and Ms. Sales-Evans suggested to list the projects by plan period, then by rank.

Ms. Sales-Evans made a motion to recommend 2020-2045 MTP Fiscally Constrained Projects for MPO funding in the planning period order. Mr. Gillespie seconded; motion passed unanimously.

## B. 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment

Mr. MacDonald informed TAC members that the Portland Bicycle Lanes project was programmed in FY 2017 in the FY 2017-2020 TIP. This project is ready to be let and needs to be included in the current FY 2019-2022 TIP to receive the funding.

Mr. Pollack made a motion to recommend to TPC to amend the FY 2019-2022 TIP by adding the City of Portland Bicycle Lanes project. Mr. Gillespie seconded; motion passed unanimously.

## 5. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 1:39 p.m.