

**CORPUS CHRISTI METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO)
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC) MEETING NOTES
Thursday, February 21, 2019**

1. Call to Order and Quorum determination

Mr. Brian DeLatte called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

2. Roll Call by TAC Chair

Present: Brian DeLatte, P.E., City of Portland, Sarah Munoz, P.E., City of Corpus Christi, Jeff Pollack, AICP, Port of Corpus Christi; Howard Gillespie, San Patricio County; Juan Pimental, P.E., Nueces County; Richard Bullock, Coastal Bend Council of Governments.

Staff Present: Daniel Carrizales, Victor Mendieta, and Yoshiko Boulan

3. Introduction of visiting agency officials

Mr. DeLatte welcomed all in attendance.

4. Public Comments on Agenda Items

Mr. DeLatte asked for public comments on agenda items; no public comments were offered.

5. Presentation

A. 2020 Census: What You Should Know and Do Know

Mr. David Gossett, Partnership Specialist, United States Census Bureau will give a presentation on the 2020 Census.

Mr. Gossett briefed on the 2020 Census. A Census is required by the Article 1, Section 2 of the US Constitution. State of Texas gained 4 seats in the apportionment based on the 2010 official results and is expected to gain more after the 2020 Census. Census data must be confidential, and the Census Bureau never shares this information with any other government agencies and violating confidentiality is considered a serious federal crime. Census data is used for distributing more than \$676 billion in federal funds such as transportation, housing, people with disabilities, the elderly, and child programs and so forth. The State of Texas receives over \$43 billion dollars per year, \$1,578 per capita. The major difference between 2020 Census and 2010 Census is the introduction of technology. People can respond online, by phone, or by mail and therefore household visits will be cut down. The Census Bureau has been preparing for the 2020 Census since Spring 2018. The Census Bureau is mobilizing a Complete Count Committee (CCC) in each community to promote and encourage responses to the Census 2020 in cooperation with local elected officials. Also, the Census Bureau created an interactive map called Response Outreach Area Mapper (ROAM) to highlight low response rates (census.gov/roam). Mr. Gossett informed that an estimated 5% of children under age of 5 are not included in the census count and requested our help to close this gap.

Ms. Munoz asked if the CCC is formed, can they receive assistance, and Mr. Gossett stated that the necessary training and assistance would be provided.

6. Discussion

A. Discussion on the development of the 2020 – 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)

The 2020 – 2045 MTP must be submitted to Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) in December 2019. MPO is required to develop the plan with the local entities, transit, TxDOT Corpus Christi District (TxDOT-CRP), and stakeholders in a cooperative, comprehensive, and continuing process.

Mr. Carrizales informed TAC members that staff has been developing the 2020-2045 MTP with technical assistance from Texas A&M Transportation Institute (TTI) and TxDOT MPO coordinator and has made significant progress. He asked member agencies to submit updated narratives to be included into the MTP update, adding he would email previous 2015-2040 MTP narratives as reference material. Mr. Carrizales

also added that he would be sending electronic project nomination forms and request agencies to submit their nominated projects by March 7, 2019, for discussion at the March 21, TAC meeting.

Mr. Pollack stated that there was a discussion to switch the MTP from a 25 year plan to a 20 year plan due to the easier funding prediction based on the TxDOT's 10 years Unified Transportation Plan (UTP).

The TAC members recommended pursuing the 20-year MTP, 2020 – 2040, unless there is a statutory requirement. Mr. Carrizales will contact FHWA and inquire if the statutory requirement exists.

B. Discussion on the development of the Transportation Needs Survey for 2020 – 2045 MTP

The Transportation Needs Survey for the 2020 – 2045 MTP will launch on March 1, 2019.

The MPO staff has been working on the 2020 – 2045 MTP transportation Needs Survey that was attached in the agenda packet sent on February 14, 2019. Mr. Carrizales provided a revised draft survey for 2020 – 2045 MTP with the input from Ms. Tina Geiselbrecht, TTI, specialized in public involvement. The survey contains the previous 2014 survey questions, with additional questions that ask for primary mode of transportation and identifying three most critical transportation issues, and demographic questions with 2 new categories (age and ADA needs). Mr. Carrizales requested TAC members' input on the survey by February 25, 2019 to finalize the survey.

7. Freight Topics

A. The U. S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) the Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) grant opportunity.

US DOT's 2nd round of INFRA grant opportunity is available. The application deadline for this grant is March 4, 2019.

Mr. Pollack informed that the Port Commission authorized to submit an application for small category (\$3 million to \$25 million), a railyard storage in Suntide area on February 19, 2019 Commission meeting.

8. Member Agency Project Update (Project Tracker)

Mr. Mendieta provided the most current project list to TAC members and requested updates if the project status has changed. The MPO's Project Tracker legend has been revised to reflect the changes made to TxDOT's Project Tracker.

Ms. Munoz requested to add a category in the legend to correctly categorize the City's strategic integration model project that will not fit into the current categories. Mr. Mendieta will accommodate the request.

9. Staff Briefing

A. MPO Director recruitment status

Mr. Carrizales informed the TAC that the new director hiring is under negotiation and there are currently no updates. More information may be available on March 7, 2019 Transportation Policy Committee (TPC) meeting.

B. TxDOT National Highway System Review Interagency Meeting

Mr. Carrizales informed that the MPO hosted a workshop with TxDOT Transportation Planning and Programing (TPP) and representatives from Jacob to review their findings from the National Highway System Study for the Corpus Christi MPO area. The MPO will schedule a second workshop with TAC members to review the findings and provide feedback by March 9.

C. Transportation Policy Committee Meeting: March 7, 2019

The next TPC meeting is scheduled for March 7, 2019.

D. Technical Advisory Committee Meeting: March 21, 2019

The next TAC meeting is scheduled for March 21, 2019.

10. TAC Committee Member's Comments and Concern

None.

11. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 9:44 a.m.