

**CORPUS CHRISTI METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES**

OCTOBER 1, 2015

1. CALL TO ORDER AND QUORUM DETERMINATION:

Judge Simpson called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. at the City Hall Council Chambers.

Ms. Hawley, Ms. Chapa, Mayor Martinez, Judge Simpson, Mayor Krebs, Judge Neal, & Mr. Hennings were present.

2. INTRODUCTION OF VISITING AGENCY OFFICIALS:

The Committee welcomed members of the community, the Technical Advisory Committee Members, TxDOT and City Staff.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 10, 2015 TPC MEETING MINUTES:

Judge Simpson called for approval of the minutes of the regular TPC meeting of August 10, 2015.

A motion was made by Mayor Krebs and seconded by Ms. Chapa. Motion was passed to approve the minutes as presented.

4. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND ACTION.

A. FY 2017 Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP).

MPO staff sought TPC approval of the FY 2017 TAP implementation process, as recommended by the MPO Technical Advisory Committee (TAC).

Mr. Pollack reminded the TPC that the TAP, authorized under Map-21, provides funding opportunities to expand transportation choices with a focus on non-traditional transportation projects such as bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure and supporting programs. Available funding for FY 2017 is \$470K. With approval from the TPC, the call for projects will open On October 5, 2015 and will close on January 29, 2016 for the FY 2017 TAP.

A motion to approve the FY 2017 Transportation Alternatives Program implementation process was made by Ms. Hawley and was seconded by Judge Neal. Motion passed unanimously.

B. Proposed FY 2016 and FY 2017 Proposition 1 (Prop 1) Project Scope.

Mr. Pollack reminded the TPC that during previous meetings, all members agreed that the the La Quinta (Kay Bailey Hutchison Rd.)/US 181 overpass (estimated \$24M) is the priority for Prop 1 funds. At the last TAC meeting on September 17, 2015, the City of Portland informed the TAC of mounting safety issues and the need for reversal of the US 181 access ramps south of Buddy Ganem Dr. (estimated \$3M) to address primary safety concerns and enhance the efficacy of the Prop 1 project. The TAC recommended coupling the ramp reversals south of Buddy Ganem Dr. with the proposed Prop 1 project, but asked MPO staff to continue to work with the TxDOT District to explore opportunities for funding this supplemental ramp reversal in advance of the Prop 1 overpass project.

Mayor Krebs informed the TPC that the City of Portland is currently looking into alternative funding methods for the ramp reversal south of Buddy Ganem Dr. and now requests that the funding of this supplemental ramp reversal project remain separate from the proposed Prop 1 project.

Mr. Pollack informed the TPC that MPO staff would continue to work with the TxDOT District and the City of Portland to explore funding options for implementing this project in advance of or concurrently with the Prop 1 project.

Mayor Martinez commented on the need for pro-active planning and inquired as to whether a simultaneous engineering design initiative is underway.

Mr. Vourcos, TxDOT, informed the TPC that the TxDOT District is working on advanced design engineering on the project for the entrance to La Quinta terminal (Kay Bailey Hutchison Rd.) US 181 overpass.

5. TPC Members' Comments and Concerns.

There were no comments.

6. Staff Briefing:

A. Strategic Plan for Active Mobility.

Mr. Pollack informed the TPC that the MPO has completed the working preliminary network and is on schedule to complete the plan by the end of the year. MPO staff has spent the last several weeks vetting the preliminary network with key stakeholders. Pending additional input over the next couple of weeks, the planning team will begin the process of identifying exactly what types of infrastructure should be installed on each segment of the network.

Ms. Hawley inquired as to the connection between this planning effort and previous bicycle infrastructure projects that have come before the TPC, such as the Akins Drive multi-use path in Portland and the bike trail along the Joe Fulton Corridor.

In response to Ms. Hawley, Mr. Pollack stated that these two projects were funded through the FY 2015/FY 2016 TAP. The local sponsors for those and the other FY 2015/FY 2016 TAP awardees are working towards execution of advanced funding agreements with TxDOT. The FY 2017 TAP program will support a new round of similar projects, potentially including some of the bike facilities specified in the forthcoming MPO plan.

Ms. Hawley inquired as to whether the FY 2017 TAP might fund the continuation or completion of any of the projects funded under the FY 2015/FY 2016 TAP.

In response to Ms. Hawley, Mr. Pollack stated that in the guidance for the FY 2015/FY 2016 TAP program, applicants were asked to identify the smallest practical and buildable increment to provide staff funding flexibility, and, as such, additional phases of these projects would be very appropriate fodder for the FY 2017 TAP.

B. Transportation Policy Committee meeting – November 5, 2015.

Mr. Pollack informed the TPC that November 5, 2015, is the next meeting.

Mayor Martinez informed the TPC that she would not be available for the November 5th meeting.

7. Future Agenda Items:

There were no comments.

8. Public Comments on Agenda Items:

Judge Simpson asked for public comments. There was none.

9. ADJORN:

There being no further business, Judge Simpson adjourned the TPC meeting at 1:45 p.m.