

**CORPUS CHRISTI METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION  
TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE (TPC) MINUTES**

**June 1, 2017**

**1. Call to Order and Quorum determination**

The honorable Judge Terry Simpson called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m. at the City of Corpus Christi Council Chambers.

Present: Judge Terry Simpson, San Patricio County, Chairperson; Mayor Joe McComb, City of Corpus Christi; Mayor David Krebs, City of Portland; Chris Caron, P.E., TxDOT-Corpus Christi District; Curtis Rock, Corpus Christi Regional Transportation Authority; Judge Lloyd Neal, Nueces County (time of arrival 2:15).

Staff Present: Jeff Pollack, Victor Mendieta, Daniel Carrizales and Elena Buentello.

**2. Introduction of visiting agency officials**

Judge Simpson welcomed all in attendance.

**3. Approval of the April 6, 2017 TPC Meeting Minutes**

Judge Simpson called for approval of the minutes of the regular TPC meeting of April 6, 2017. Mayor Krebs made a motion to approve; Mr. Caron seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**4. Discussion and Possible Action:**

**A. Draft FY 2018 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)**

Mr. Pollack stated that the UPWP describes transportation planning priorities and related activities to be performed during the fiscal year (Oct 1, 2017 to Sept 30, 2018) by the MPO and partner entities and identifies who will perform the work, the schedule for completing it, and the expected products. It also serves as the operating budget for the MPO. He referenced the enclosed agenda memo and draft UPWP, reminding TPC members that they had seen both in April.

Mr. Pollack stated that the UPWP is relatively consistent from year to year because around 70% of the MPO's annual planning budget is typically devoted to supporting staff. He pointed out that the FY 2018 UPWP includes a budget line item to update the regional Travel Speed and Delay Study (last performed in 2010) to inform several of the MPO's key data points and performance metrics for performance-based project prioritization. He commented that the document also reflects federally mandated planning factors as well as prioritizing planning emphasis areas identified by the Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration as well as feedback received during the Federal Certification Review.

Mayor Krebs made a motion to approve the Draft FY 2018 UPWP for submittal to TxDOT; Mr. Rock seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**B. FY 2017 Proposition (Prop 1) Project Update**

Mr. Pollack reminded the TPC that after several months of dialogue and evaluation by the MPO's Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), all members of the TPC agreed in June of 2015 that the US 181 overpass at La Quinta Road (now Kay Bailey Hutchison Road (KBH)) was the priority for the MPO's Prop 1 funds for FY 2016 and FY 2017.

Mr. Pollack explained that, per the attached memo, changes in the Port's strategic vision—namely the decision not to pursue a container facility and associated rail project at the La Quinta Terminal—may change overall traffic patterns along US 181 such that alternative operational improvements within the same project location may be more timely than the grade separation (overpass) project.

Mr. Pollack emphasized that revision of the scope of the Prop 1 project is time sensitive in order to obligate funds in FY 2018 and avoid a lapse of funds, and he stated that TAC had unanimously recommended that TPC direct staff to update the scope of the Prop 1 project.

Judge Simpson inquired as to the type of operational improvements proposed.

Mr. Carron stated that operational improvements will include turnarounds and frontage road access improvements.

Mayor Krebs made a motion to direct staff to update the scope of the Prop 1 project per the TAC's recommendation; Mr. Rock seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

## **5. Staff Briefing:**

### **A. 2015-2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and FY 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendments**

Mr. Pollack explained that MPO and District staff have been working in earnest with the TAC since early April on the content of the forthcoming August Amendment to the MTP and TIP. The public notice regarding the amendment will be published Tuesday (June 6<sup>th</sup>). The proposed amendment package will go before the TAC for action later this month and before the TPC for approval at the July 6 meeting.

### **B. Federal Certification Review Status**

Mr. Pollack thanked the TPC for their participation in the Federal Certification Review in mid-April. He commented that the reviewers have been extremely complimentary of the MPO's work in active mobility planning and in preparing for the update of the Travel Demand Model. Preliminary feedback received during the review had also informed the forthcoming MTP/TIP amendment.

### **C. FY 2018-19 Transportation Alternatives Grant Program**

Mr. Pollack informed the TPC that the call for projects for the FY 2019 and FY 2020 Transportation Alternatives Set Aside Program (TA) would open in September. During discussion at the May meeting, the TAC had indicated that they prefer that staff proceed in implementing the process defined and approved in FY 2016 for the last Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) call for projects, including upholding the previously approved scoring criteria.

### **D. Metropolitan Transportation Planning Contract**

Mr. Pollack informed the TPC that the existing planning contract between the MPO and TxDOT expires at the end of the fiscal year (Sept 30, 2017) and the MPO is awaiting the proposed contract—which is expected in July—from the state. The Planning Contract will thus likely be before TPC for action in early fall.

### **E. HAZMAT Origin/destination Data Collection**

Mr. Pollack stated MPO staff continue to coordinate with Port staff with the hope of establishing non-disclosure agreements with industry partners to facilitate the delivery of freight origin/destination data at the June meeting of the Optimization Committee.

### **F. National Recognition – Strategic Plan for Active Mobility (Bicycle Plan)**

Mr. Pollack informed that TPC that he and Dan McGinn from the City of Corpus Christi's Planning section had been selected to co-present the MPO's (and now the City's) Bicycle Mobility Plan at the American Planning Association's National Planning Conference in New York in early May. The Plan had also been selected as a national case study by the national non-profit Transportation for America, and Mr. Pollack co-presented a two-hour national webinar (along with the City of Portland, OR.) in mid-May. A publication highlighting the plan as a national best practice is forthcoming this summer.

## **6. TPC Members' Comments and Concerns**

There were none.

**7. Future Agenda Items**

Judge Neal asked Mr. Pollack for a summary of the State legislative session. Mr. Pollack suggested that staff bring that item forth for a more thorough discussion at next month's TPC meeting.

**8. Public Comments on Agenda Items**

There were none.

**9. Adjourn.**

There being no further business, Judge Simpson adjourned the meeting at 2:27 p.m.