

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

April 6, 2023

1. Call to Order, Roll Call, and Quorum Determination

TPC Chair Judge Krebs called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

TPC Members Present:

Judge David Krebs, San Patricio County

Mr. Charlie Zahn, Port of Corpus Christi

Mayor Cathy Skurow, City of Portland

Mr. Valente Olivarez, Jr., P.E., TxDOT Corpus Christi District

Ms. Mary Esther-Guerra, Nueces County Assistant Attorney

MPO Staff Present: Rob MacDonald, P.E.; Craig Casper, AICP; Victor Mendieta; and Yoshiko Boulan

2. Public Comments for items not on the Agenda

None were made or offered.

3. Approval of the February 2, 2023, Transportation Policy Committee meeting minutes

Mr. Zahn made a motion to approve the February 2, 2023, TPC Meeting Minutes. Mr. Olivarez Jr. seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

4. ACTION ITEMS FOR REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

A. Adoption of 2023 Pavement and Bridge Condition (PM2) and System Performance and Freight (PM3) Performance Measures and Targets

Mr. Casper briefed on the Federal Requirements to adopt Safety (PM1), Pavement and Bridge Condition (PM2), and System Performance and Freight (PM3) for achieving the seven national goals in the transportation planning process.

The Transportation Policy Committee (TPC) adopted Safety (PM1) Performance Measures and Targets during their February TPC meeting. The other two, Pavement and Bridge Condition (PM2) and System Performance and Freight (PM3), are presented this month. PM2 is for infrastructure conditions and PM3 is for mobility performance. MPOs are required to either (1) establish their own measures and targets or (2) support and adopt the State Department of Transportation (State DOT)'s Performance Measures and Targets. Every MPO in Texas has been supporting and adopting TxDOT's Performance Measures and Targets and the Corpus Christi MPO has followed suit. TxDOT's Performance Measures and Targets for PM2 and PM3 are shown in the memo for Item 4A, with the background information.

The PM2 and PM3 Performance Measures and Targets were discussed during the March Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and the Corpus Christi MPO staff and the TAC recommended the TPC to support and adopt the TxDOT's Performance Measures and Targets.

Mr. Olivarez explained that there are a lot of factors considered for the TxDOT's Performance Measures and Targets, but minimizing impacts that cause the poor conditions on roadways is the priority.

Mr. Zahn made a motion to adopt the 2023 Pavement and Bridge Condition (PM2) and System Performance and Freight (PM3) Performance Measures and Targets Resolution. Mayor Skurow seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

B. Adoption of Transit Asset Management (TAM) Plan and Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP) Performance Measures and Targets

Mr. MacDonald provided the information regarding public transportation agencies that are also required to set their Performance Measures and Targets for both the Transit Asset Management (TAM) and Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP). The Corpus Christi Regional Transportation

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Authority (CCRТА) went through the necessary steps required by Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and adopted their TAM Plan and PTASP Performance Measures and Targets.

As a transportation planning partner, the Corpus Christi MPO staff is seeking the TPC's action to adopt the CCRТА's TAM Plan and PTASP as the regional Performance Measures and Targets.

Mr. Zahn made a motion to adopt the CCRТА's TAM Plan and PTASP Performance Measures and Targets Resolution. Mr. Olivarez seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

5. INFORMATION ITEMS FOR REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND COMMENTS

A. New Harbor Bridge Presentation and Update

Ms. Lynn Allison, Public Information Officer at Flatiron/Dragados, LLC, presented the New Harbor Bridge Project Update. Construction at the North Approach, North Beach roadworks and utilities, South Approach, and South roadworks are all in progress. The work of the South Interchange at IH-37 West and IH-37 East are completed, and Nueces Bay Intersection and Lake Street will be completed soon. Signages of businesses and roadways are installed for minimizing adverse impacts on traffic and local businesses. Flatiron/Dragados, LLC is committed to supporting the local economy and hiring local workforce specifically focusing on the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise, Small Business Enterprise, and Women In Construction. The Flatiron/Dragados, LLC is also committed to safety. The North and South Pylon erection will be continued with the planned sequences. The newest information on New Harbor Bridge Project is available at <https://harborbridgeproject.com> and Ms. Allison encouraged the TPC members and the public to go and check the website.

Mr. Olivarez, TxDOT Corpus Christi District Engineer, provided additional information on the new Harbor Bridge Construction. He explained there were five major safety concerns: (1) Inadequate capacity of the pylon shafts, (2) Deficiencies in footing caps related to the proximity of pylons to the edge of caps, (3) Delta frame design defects, (4) Uplift at intermediate piers, and (5) Excessive torsion and other stresses related to crane placement during construction. TxDOT and the Flatiron/Dragados, LLC have been discussing these deficiencies and now all deficiencies were believed to be solved. Mr. Olivarez mentioned that this information would be posted on the TxDOT Corpus Christi District webpage: <https://www.txdot.gov/about/districts/corpus-christi-district/cchb-update-04-06-23.html>.

Mayor Skurow commented that she receives many questions from citizens regarding the Harbor Bridge and this is the information she was looking for and thanked Mr. Olivarez.

B. Regional Traffic Safety Task Force Update

Mr. Casper provided a preview of the Regional Traffic Safety Task Force (RTSTF) meeting held on April 6, 2023, that is immediately after this TPC meeting. The agenda was provided as a reference for topics. The RTSTF will receive information about the scope of the Regional Safety Action Plan consultant work and various TxDOT's statewide safety campaigns, along with a demonstration of the Vision Zero Suite at six major locations in the Corpus Christi MPO planning area for crash analyses and diagnostics.

The next RTSTF meeting is planned for May 4, 2023.

C. Corpus Christi MPO Regional Coordination Group for Federal Transportation Grants Update

Mr. MacDonald briefed the TPC on the Regional Coordination Group for Federal Transportation Grants updates.

The Reconnecting Communities Pilot Grant Program's 45 awarded projects were announced. The City of Austin and the City of Houston are the only awardees of this grant in Texas. These project descriptions were attached. The City of Corpus Christi applied but was not awarded this type of grant.

The Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART) Grant's awardees were also announced and Harris County and TxDOT were selected and awarded for this grant as stated in the Item 5C memo.

The Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Discretionary Grant Program was announced and the NOFO was attached for reference. The closing date for this grant is May 30, 2023.

The CCRTA informed the Corpus Christi MPO staff and TAC that they would apply for the Low/Zero Emission Bus Program, and the Port of Corpus Christi stated that they would apply for the Port Infrastructure Development Grant.

6. Proposed Executive Session

Judge Krebs announced that the Committee will go into Executive Session under Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code to discuss the annual evaluation of the Corpus Christi MPO Transportation Planning Director and will return to open session upon the conclusion of the Executive Session. The TPC meeting recessed at 2:46 p.m. The TPC went into Executive Session at 2:46 p.m. The TPC returned from Executive Session at 3:10 p.m. and reconvened at 3:11 p.m.

7. Possible Actions to Amend the Employment Contract of the Transportation Planning Director

Judge Krebs stated that the Committee needed more information to discuss Mr. MacDonald's annual evaluation. The Assistant County Attorney would contact Mr. MacDonald regarding the needed documentation.

Mr. Zahn made a motion to table the annual evaluation of the Corpus Christi MPO Transportation Planning Director until needed documentation is gathered. Mayor Skurow seconded; the motion passed unanimously. The Committee proceeded to agenda item 8: Member Agency Statements for Items of Community Interest without any action.

8. Member Agency Statements for Items of Community Interest: Upcoming events or holidays and acknowledgement.

Mr. Olivarez informed the TPC and the public that April is the National Work Zone Awareness Month and April 17 to April 21, 2023, is TxDOT's Work Zone Awareness Week. He requests motorists to be cautious when passing through the active work zones.

Judge Krebs mentioned that there would be the Hurricane Conference on May 3rd and 4th, and there is a schedule conflict with the May TPC. Mr. MacDonald would reschedule the May TPC after discussing availability with the TPC members.

9. Upcoming Meetings:

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| A. Regional Traffic Safety Task Force Meeting: | April 6, 2023 |
| B. Technical Advisory Committee Regular Meeting Workshop: | April 20, 2023 |
| C. Regional Small Area Forecast Task Force Kick-off Meeting: | April 20, 2023 |
| D. Transportation Policy Committee Regular Meeting: | May 4, 2023 (TBD) |
| E. Regional Traffic Safety Task Force Virtual Meeting: | May 4, 2023 |

10. Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 3:14 p.m.