

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

**MARCH 7, 2024**

**1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, AND QUORUM DETERMINATION**

TPC Chairperson Judge David Krebs called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m.

TPC Members Present:

Judge David Krebs, San Patricio County, Chairperson  
Mayor Paulette M. Guajardo, City of Corpus Christi  
Mayor Cathy Skurow, City of Portland  
Valente Olivarez, Jr., P.E., Texas Department of Transportation

MPO Staff Present: Rob MacDonald, P.E., Craig Casper, AICP, Daniel Carrizales, Victor Mendieta, and Karla Carvajal, MBA

**2. NON AGENDA ITEMS PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

None were made or offered.

**3. APPROVAL OF THE TPC FEBRUARY 1, 2024 MEETING MINUTES**

Mayor Skurow made a motion to approve the February 1st, 2024 TPC Regular Meeting Minutes. Mayor Guajardo seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

**4. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS**

**A. TxDOT 2025 Unified Transportation Program (UTP) Project List Submittal**

Mr. MacDonald delivered an overview of the collaborative process between the MPO and TxDOT for developing the list of projects for the 2025 UTP. TxDOT and the Corpus Christi MPO update the TxDOT 10-year Unified Transportation Program (UTP) each year on a similar schedule as illustrated on the current 2025 UTP process timeline. The approval process contains action milestones for both TxDOT and the Corpus Christi MPO to perform. The 2025 UTP lists projects to be constructed during the 10-years between FY 2025 and FY 2034. He highlighted the distribution of various categories of funds, specifically emphasizing Category (CAT) 7 funds totaling \$63 million. Projects eligible for CAT 7 funding, such as the SH 286 (Crosstown Extension), Northwest Boulevard (FM 624), Gregory interchange, and the Rodd Field Road (SH 357) safety project, were identified for consideration of being funded in the 2025 UTP. A new Texas Transportation Commission policy was recently approved to maximize the ability of TxDOT to secure other unobligated federal funds from other states. The presentation also outlined the process for adopting the 2025 UTP, highlighting the importance of regional input and project prioritization processes.

**Discussion:**

None.

**Motion:**

Mr. Olivarez made a motion to approve the DRAFT TxDOT 2025 Unified Transportation Program (UTP) Project List Submittal. Mayor Skurow seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

**B. Adoption of Revised 2024 Safety (PM1) Performance Measures and Targets**

Mr. Casper clarified that the item under discussion aligns with the targets approved during the previous TPC meeting. The purpose of reintroducing it is to eliminate any potential confusion regarding the Texas target numbers. Mr. Casper explained that last month's table contained two columns: one for one-year data and another displaying a five-year average number. The issue is that individuals might mistakenly interpret the higher five-year average of fatalities as the intended target for 2024, potentially suggesting a higher number of fatalities than in 2023. Therefore, to ensure clarity, they presented a revised table with a single column of targets for support and requested adoption as the official supportive TxDOT's performance measures.

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**Discussion:**

None.

**Motion:**

Mayor Skurow made a motion to approve the adoption of the Revised 2024 Safety (PM1) Performance Measures and Targets through Revised Resolution 24-02. Mr. Olivarez seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

**C. FY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment 2**

Mr. MacDonald provided an update on the FY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) with Amendment 2. Mr. MacDonald noted that amendments to the TIP are infrequent, but recent developments necessitated Amendment 2. He highlighted the addition of new projects, including the **NEVI Charging Station New Project** (electric vehicle charging station) and the **Holly Rd. Train Trestle to Tourism Trail**, both funded through federal dollars. The electric charging station project requires inclusion in the FY 2023-2026 TIP due to its federal funding allocation. The **Holly Rd. Train Trestle to Tourism Trail** project, awarded over \$13 million to the City of Corpus Christi, also necessitates inclusion in the current TIP. He discussed the one-month public comment period and the proposed amendments to the TIP, including updates to the FY 2023-2026 TIP Financial Plan based on the latest adopted numbers from the 2024 UTP. The **Holly Rd. Train Trestle to Tourism Trail** project is receiving 100% federal funding, eliminating the need for a local match.

**Discussion:**

None.

**Motion:**

Mayor Guajardo made a motion to approve the FY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) with Amendment 2. Mayor Skurow seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

**5. INFORMATION ITEMS**

**A. 2050 MTP Goals and Objectives Discussion**

Mr. Casper addressed TPC, requesting their input on behalf of the MPO and the Technical Advisory Committee regarding the development of the regional vision. He stated while it is not a requirement, it is a common practice. He also provided an overview of the commencement of goal development. Attachments outlining the timeframe, and previous goals were described, emphasizing the need to utilize a performance-based planning approach per federal requirements were presented. The current 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) features eight goals based on federal policy statements of the time. The newest federal legislation has increased this to 11 areas of emphasis. He described the SMART format, emphasizing specificity, measurability, action orientation, reasonableness, and time-bound objectives. National transportation funding goals from the USDOT strategic plan and the Federal Highway Administration were discussed in comparison to regional objectives. Mr. Casper highlighted ongoing subplan development in areas such as safety, congestion management, resiliency, and transit, stressing the importance of aligning MTP goals with broader agency objectives like economic development and environmental protection. He concluded by inviting input on developing the regional transportation plan's vision and goals, acknowledging the flexibility in adopting such practices while emphasizing their significance in performance-based planning.

**Discussion:**

Mayor Skurow and Mr. Olivarez agreed that the MPO should adopt a vision. Mr. Casper stated that MPO Staff would begin creating initial visions with the TAC.

**B. FY 2025–2028 TIP Development**

Mr. MacDonald provided an overview of the FY 2025–2028 TIP development process. He mentioned the upcoming release of a new four-year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), which would resemble the current one. Projects recommended for the 10-year plan known as the DRAFT 2025 UTP

would also be considered for the FY 2025-2028 TIP. He discussed the funding allocation process and highlighted two amendments made to the current FY 2023-2026 TIP, including projects added and deferred. Mr. MacDonald presented the financial overview for FY 2025-2028, stressing the tight timeframe for submission to FHWA for the 2025 fiscal year that starts October 1, 2024. Finally, he informed the TPC of the multi-month process ahead, urging their specific attention and participation in the upcoming discussions.

**Discussion:**

None.

**C. FY 2025 and FY 2026 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Development**

Mr. MacDonald provided an update on the development of the scope of services and budget for FHWA/FTA and TxDOT, indicating an annual allocation of approximately \$900,000. He mentioned the receipt of additional COVID-relief funds totaling around \$3.2 million for augmenting the current two-year work program (UPWP) and the need to plan for the next two years of FY 2025 and FY 2026. The detailed work tasks and financial information are available in the current UPWP provided as a link in the agenda packet. The DRAFT FY 2025 and FY 2026 UPWP will be presented to the Technical Advisory Committee and TxDOT for approval. He emphasized the importance of incorporating local government transportation planning efforts into the MPO's work program.

**Discussion:**

None.

**6. TPC MEMBER STATEMENTS ON LOCAL AGENCY ACTIVITIES OR ITEMS OF INTEREST**

None.

**7. PROPOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The proposed Executive Session has been postponed to the April TPC meeting.

**8. POSSIBLE ACTIONS REGARDING THE EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT OF THE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING DIRECTOR**

No action was taken due to the Executive Session being postponed to the April TPC meeting.

**9. UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS**

A. Technical Advisory Committee	Regular Meeting	March 21, 2024
B. Active Transportation Plan Stakeholder Group	Meeting	March 21, 2024
C. Transportation Policy Committee:	Regular Meeting	April 4, 2024

Judge Krebbs noted that the May and July TPC meetings conflict with the Hurricane Conference and the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday. TPC recommended these meetings be changed to May 9<sup>th</sup> and July 11<sup>th</sup>.

**10. ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:39 PM.