Corpus Christi Metropolitan Planning Organization

To: Technical Advisory Committee

From: Tom Niskala, Transportation Planning Director

Date: Oct. 29, 2009

Re: FY2008 – 2011 TIP and 2007 – 2030 MTP Revisions

(A) There are three revisions for the current FY2008-2011 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and corresponding changes to the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) as follows:

1. SH 286 (from SH 358/S.P.I.D to SH 357/Saratoga Boulevard: Construction cost estimate has been changed from an initial $1.5 million to $3 million. Since the change in construction cost is more than 50%, Corpus Christi MPO is required to formally revise the TIP. The revision was submitted to TxDOT on October 19th, 2009.

   Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) notified the MPO that they would accept no major TIP revisions except for American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) projects for the scheduled November TIP revision. This action is proceeding locally and will be submitted as soon as FHWA allows us to do so.

2. IH 37 (from 0.25 mile east of Carbon Plant Road to McKinzie Road): The funding source has been changed from Category 2 to ARRA. Since a funding source change is considered a minor revision, it was submitted to TxDOT on October 19th, 2009 as an administrative amendment. This project is moved to ARRA project from Category 2 project in the Corpus Christi Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP).

3. SH 286 (from SH 358 to 1 mile south of FM 43): The project description has been modified from "Upgrade to 8-lane freeway by adding additional lane in each direction as a tolled facility" to "Complete freeway section" because Proposition 14 has changed to no longer require toll elements in a project. Since the altered project description is considered a minor revision, the revision was also submitted to TxDOT on October 19th, 2009 as an administrative amendment.

(B) Harbor Bridge Replacement Projects are added in TIP and MTP.

1. The Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) portion of preliminary engineering work for the Harbor Bridge Replacement project is scheduled in FY2010, funded with Category 2. Corpus Christi MPO adds this project in both TIP and MTP.

2. The final design for the Harbor Bridge Replacement project is added to MTP as a long-range, unfunded project.

3. The construction of the Harbor Bridge Replacement project is added to MTP as a long-range, unfunded project.