

APPENDICES

APPENDIX I
DOCUMENTATION OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

SUMMARY OF PUBLIC INPUT

Written Comments:

None submitted

Environmental Mitigation Outreach: Communication was established with environmental interests that include:

- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Ecological Services Field Office
- U.S. Army – Corps of Engineers
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration
- Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
- Texas General Land Office
- Texas A&M Kingsville - Department of Environmental Engineering
- Texas A&M Corpus Christi – Pollution Prevention Partnership

Given that this was an initial outreach initiative - guidance was sought from each of the agencies on identifying a specific contact initially by electronic communication. Each of the agencies responded with an individual to utilize as a contact and were interested in opening a line of communication. These individuals will be used to solicit input on project priorities and asked for ideas on potential mitigation. Discussions with Pat Clements of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Ecological Services Field Office included using their office as a liaison on future communication with other environmental agencies on our planning process. Since they act as the point of contact on TxDOT related issues they are familiar with FHWA and FTA regulations and agreed to be available to the MPO. We had further discussion on the long-range projects on Mustang Island, the extension of SH 286 and the Southside Mobility Corridor. A dialogue was established which will explore potential environmental mitigation efforts and identification of environmentally sensitive areas that may be impacted by proposed projects. The MPO and the TAMUK Department of Environmental Engineering have entered into a partnership to quantify the impact of congestion on air quality and with the Pollution Prevention Partnership TAMU-CC to evaluate the impact on air quality of major regional projects that are in development or being planned in the two county study area.

Tribal: Communication was established with tribal leaders that include:

- Apache Tribe of Oklahoma
- Comanche Nation of Oklahoma
- Kiowa Indian Tribe of Oklahoma
- Mescalero Apache Tribe
- Tonkawa Tribe of Indians
- BIA – Anadarko

Given that this was an initial outreach initiative - guidance was sought from each of the agencies on identifying a specific contact initially by electronic communication and then in written form. None of the agencies responded with an individual to utilize as a contact or with expressions of interest.

Local Governments:

Ongoing dialogue about the planning process has been occurring as part of the public participation effort with the following agencies and their respective committees or individual participation on the Transportation Advisory Committee and the Transportation Policy Committee:

- Nueces County
- San Patricio County
- City of Corpus Christi
 - City Planning Commission
 - Air Quality Committee
 - Shared Access Working Group
 - Mayor's Committee for Person with Disabilities
 - Transportation Advisory Committee
 - Bicycle and Pedestrian Sub-Committee
 - Town Hall Meetings
- City of Portland
- City of Gregory
- Port of Corpus Christi
- Regional Transportation Authority
 - Committee on Accessible Transportation (RCAT)

Community Outreach:

The MPO seeks opportunities to provide presentations to civic and community organizations to familiarize them with the planning process and to seek their input on project needs and priorities. These opportunities have included presentations to the:

- Port Industries of Corpus Christi
- Sunrise Rotary
- Southside Rotary
- Southside Kiwanis
- Padre Island Business Association
- Friday Morning Group
- Corpus Christi Chamber of Commerce – Infrastructure Committee
- Corpus Christi Chamber of Commerce – Transportation Committee
- Corpus Christi Hispanic Chamber – Embajadores
- Corpus Christi Regional Economic Development Corporation
- Corpus Christi Transportation Advisory Committee

Publicly Posted Meetings and Public Input:

Of particular concern to the MPO was the input of those under-served by the transportation network particularly the economically disadvantaged, minorities, elderly and low-income individuals. The MPO distributed and made publicly available the draft Metropolitan Transportation Plan to multiple public locations in the study area for public review. The MPO advertised scheduled informal Public Input Opportunities at various Senior Centers, Health Fairs and public meetings to improve the quality and quantity of public interaction. This process increased the number of contacts and provided an opportunity for one on one discussion about transportation needs.

General Summary of Questionnaire Responses:

The outreach effort has included the distribution of questionnaires and the creation of a web based questionnaire to increase input. The web based questionnaire produced three time the responses as questionnaires that were distributed at Community Outreach activities. The general findings include:

- Most people have access to automobile based transportation.
- The majority responded that they do not have travel problems.
- Congestion was considered the region's most important transportation issue.
- The lack of transportation choices (e.g. public transit or walking) was cited as the next most important issue.
- The worst intersection was Everhart Rd. and SPID (SH 358) followed by Staples St. and SPID.
- The most important method of improving traffic conditions was the use of traffic management techniques.
- The next most important method was to maintain and improve existing streets.
- The vast majority indicated that they would always prefer to drive their own car than to use public transportation.

The findings were relayed to the Transportation Advisory Committee and the Transportation Policy Committee and in part, influenced them to identify as a priority in project selection those projects that would reduce congestion and use traffic management techniques.

**MPO Scheduled Public Participation Activities Relevant to the
Metropolitan Transportation Plan (representative not inclusive)**

Date	Public Outreach Activities
Jan 06, 2009	Chamber Infrastructure Issue Manager Group Meeting
Jan 08, 2009	TPCO America Corporation Texas Mill Public Meeting
Jan 13, 2009	Nueces County Rural Rail Transportation District Meeting
Jan 14, 2009	World Affairs Council of South Texas
Jan 15, 2009	BoldFuture Community Visioning Initiative for Coastal Bend
Jan 27, 2009	Transportation Coordination Network Meeting
Feb 04, 2009	San Patricio Industrial Development Transportation Plan Meeting
Feb 10, 2009	Nueces County Rural Rail Transportation District Meeting
Feb 13 -14, 2009	Future of Freight Conference
Feb 26, 2009	Corpus Christi LINC Networking Session
Mar 03, 2009	Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, State of the County presentation
Mar 04, 2009	Nueces County Commissioners Court Meeting
Mar 25, 2009	Nueces County Commissioners Court Meeting
Apr 07, 2009	Chamber Infrastructure Issue Manager Group Meeting
Apr 13, 2009	I-69 Corridor Committee Meeting
Apr 14, 2009	Corpus Christi - Yoakum Regional Freight Mobility Study Meeting
Apr 15, 2009	Corpus Christi MPO starts Federal Certification Process Blog on website
Apr 23, 2009	CAMPO Interagency Meeting – Long Range Plan List Meeting
Apr 28, 2009	The Port Commission Meeting
May 05, 2009	Chamber Infrastructure Issue Manager Group Meeting
May 12, 2009	North Port Ave. Improvement Project Open House
May 27, 2009	The Alliance for I-69 Texas Meeting
Jun 15, 2009	San Patricio Rural Rail District Meeting
Jun 17, 2009	Transportation Coordination Network Meeting
Jun 30, 2009	Nueces County Rural Rail Transportation District Meeting
Jul 20, 2009	City of Gregory Council Meeting
Aug 24, 2009	City of Corpus Christi, Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting
Aug 26, 2009	ACIT South Texas – Legislative Session Presentation
Sep 10, 2009	BoldFuture – Training and Q & A session
Sep 14, 2009	Corpus Christi MPO creates Facebook webpage
Sep 14, 2009	Chairman of BoldFuture “Well Planned Region” Workgroup / six sessions Sept 14 – Nov. 23
Sep 22, 2009	US 181 Harbor Bridge/SH 286 Project Briefing
Sep 24, 2009	Freight Movement and Transportation Needs Workshop

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Date	Public Outreach Activities (continue)
Nov 10, 2009	Northwest Senior Center - Corpus Christi
Nov 10, 2009	Portland City Senior Center - Portland
Nov 14, 2009	AARP Diabetesity Fair
Nov 18,2009	Oveal Williams Senior Center - Corpus Christi
Nov 19,2009	Regional Transportation Authority - RCAT meeting

PUBLIC NOTICE

**Corpus Christi Metropolitan Planning Organization
Metropolitan Transportation Plan**

The Corpus Christi Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is preparing a long-range plan for the development of the urbanized area transportation network. The FY 2010-2035 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) requires public review and comment. We are particularly seeking input from interested parties such as freight shippers, private providers, representatives of the disabled and agencies impacted by transportation projects.

The draft plan is currently available on the MPO website at: www.corpuschristi-mpo.org and at the following locations as of November 1, 2009 for your review and comment:

- 1.) Office of the Metropolitan Planning Organization -- 5151 Flynn Parkway, Suite 404 Corpus Christi, 78411
- 2.) The City Secretary's Office, City of Corpus Christi
- 3.) The City Secretary's Office, City of Portland
- 4.) The County Clerk's Office, Nueces County Courthouse
- 5.) The County Clerk's Office, San Patricio County Courthouse
- 6.) The Regional Transportation Authority Administrative Office -- Receptionist
- 7.) The Front Desk of the Offices of the Corpus Christi Port Authority
- 8.) The Office of Corpus Christi District Engineer, Texas Department of Transportation
- 9.) The Corpus Christi Central, Greenwood, Janet F. Harte, Northwest, Anita & W.T. Neyland Public Libraries, and the Portland Library
- 10.) The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Ecological Services Field Office at TAMU-CC

Please take time to review this document and call (361) 884-0687, fax (361) 884-8529 or e-mail ccmpo@swbell.net your comments to the MPO on or before December 6, 2009.

Opportunities for public comment will also be provided:

- 1.) at the November 19, 2009 meeting of the MPO Technical Advisory Committee which meets at the Regional Transportation Authority Board Room at 9 a.m.
- 2.) at the November 5, 2009 and December 3, 2009 meeting of the MPO Transportation Policy Committee which meets at the Corpus Christi City Hall Council Chambers at 1:30 p.m.

The Transportation Policy Committee will be asked to approve the final 2010-2035 MTP, which will be SAFETEA-LU compliant, at its meeting on December 3, 2009.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Opportunity for Public Participation

WHO: The Corpus Christi Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)

WHAT: The Corpus Christi MPO will be hosting Public Input Opportunities at different locations listed below. These meetings are being held in order to inform the public about the MPO planning process and to get input from the 20-year planning document called the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). The MPO Staff looks forward to receiving any comments of interest you may have regarding the transportation system in our area, including roadways, railroads, transit (bus), bikeways and walkways.

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WHEN:** **Opportunities for public comment will be provided:**

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The MPO will also be available to receive comments at the following locations:

- 1) Northwest Senior Center located at 9725 Up River Road, November 10, 2009 at 10:30 a.m.
- 2) Portland City Senior Center located at 601 Wildcat, November 10, 2009 at 12 noon.
- 3) Diabesity Fair sponsored by AARP at 4601 Corona Drive, November 14, 2009 at 11:00 a.m.
- 4) Oveal Williams Senior Center located at 1414 Martin Luther King, November 18, 2009 at 10:00 a.m.
- 5) RTA's Committee on Accessible Transportation (RCAT) monthly meeting at 5856 Bear Land, November 19, 2009 at 3:00 p.m.
- 6) Information on the MTP was also provided to the City of Corpus Christi Mayor's Committee for Persons with Disabilities.

For additional information visit our website at www.corpuschristi-mpo.org or call our office at 884-0687.