

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PROCESS

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 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 dialog 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 Dept. of Environmental Engineering have entered into a partnership to quantify the impact of congestion on air quality and with the Pollution Prevention Partnership 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

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 dialog 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 Technical 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
 - Mayors Committee on the Disabled
 - Transportation Advisory Committee
 - Town Hall Meetings
 - Bicycle and Pedestrian Sub-Committee
- City of Portland
- City of Gregory
- Port of Corpus Christi
- Corpus Christi Regional Transportation Authority
 - RTA Advisory Committee
- Coastal Bend Council of Governments
 - Transportation Coordination Network

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
- Texas A&M University - Corpus Christi / Del Mar College - BoldFuture

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 four Senior Centers 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 website based questionnaire produced three times 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 on regions 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 Road at SH 358 (SPID) followed by Staples Street at SH 358 (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 City of Corpus Christi 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.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The **Corpus Christi Metropolitan Planning Organization** (MPO) will seek public input and comments on Thursday, April 1, 2010 at the 1:30 p.m. meeting of the Transportation Policy Committee (TPC) at the Corpus Christi City Hall located at 1201 Leopard in Corpus Christi, TX 78401 and again on Thursday, April 15, 2010 at the 9:00 a.m. meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) of the MPO at the Administrative Offices of the Regional Transportation Authority located at 5658 Bear Lane in Corpus Christi.

The TPC and the TAC will receive public input, hold discussion, and possibly take action to request an amendment of the **2010-2035 Metropolitan Transportation Plan** (MTP) and the **2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program** (TIP) of the MPO. The amendments being discussed address changes to these plans regarding project priorities and funding that can be reasonably anticipated to expedite projects in the Metropolitan Planning Organization project area.

For additional information, or a copy of the amendments, contact the MPO at (361) 884-0687 or view the amendments at www.corpuschristi-mpo.org and at the MPO offices at 5151 Flynn Pkwy. #404, Corpus Christi, TX 78411.

Possible action to modify or adopt the amendments based on public input received will take place during the TPC Meeting on May 6, 2010 at 1:30 p.m. at Corpus Christi City Hall located at 1201 Leopard in Corpus Christi, TX 78401.

This public notice of “public involvement activities” and time established for public review and comment on the MTP and TIP will satisfy the program-of-projects requirements of the Urbanized Area Formula Program (Section 5307) of the Federal Transit Administration.

**CORPUS CHRISTI METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES**

APRIL 1, 2010

1. CALL TO ORDER AND QUORUM DETERMINATION:

Judge Simpson called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. at the City Hall Council Chambers.

Ms. Brown, Mr. Carrell, Mayor Adame, Ms. Lyons, Judge Simpson, Mayor Krebs, Judge Neal, and Commissioner Longoria were present.

2. INTRODUCTION OF VISITING AGENCY OFFICIALS:

The Committee welcomed Ms. Julie Brown, Interim Director, TxDOT-Corpus Christi District, and all the Technical Advisory Committee Members, TxDOT and City Staff.

3. APPROVAL OF THE February 4, 2010 TPC MEETING MINUTES:

Judge Simpson called for approval of the minutes of the regular Transportation Policy Committee meeting of February 4, 2010. A motion was made and passed to approve the minutes as presented.

4. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

- A. Discussion on the proposed funding levels for the 10-year Unified Transportation Program (UTP) and projects recommended for Category 2 funding.

Category 2 projects are in the urbanized area on the State's system and they provide a level of connectivity for regional mobility.

These projects have to be on highways that carry the Interstate shield, the US shield, or State or FM shield in the urbanized area which includes Corpus Christi, Portland, and Gregory.

Category 2 projects have been submitted to TxDOT-Austin and will be included in the draft UTP. The projects that are listed in the draft UTP can be found on TxDOT's webpage.

A memo showing Category 2 allocations for years 2010 – 2020 has a total of \$120,470,616 and a draft summary of the funding information sheet was provided to the Committee members. No money is available for Category 2 in years 2010 and 2011.

- B. Discussion and recommendations on the proposed funding levels for the 10-year UTP and projects for Category 7 funding.

The UTP is a 10-year funding projection that TxDOT puts out and it is in draft form.

Category 7 projects are the Metropolitan Mobility Funds that are projects selected by the MPO in consultation with TxDOT, but can be both on and off of the State's system.

A memo showing Category 7 allocations for years 2010 – 2020 showing a total of \$47,170,232 and a draft summary of the funding information sheet was provided to the Committee members.

Public Notice has been placed to receive public comments and final recommendations and comments will be included in the May Committee meeting for final action.

The Southside Corridor is hinged in terms of becoming a current project on the execution of the comprehensive development between Zachary and TxDOT. They are waiting for release of the Attorney General's opinion to see if that is going to move forward.

A serious discussion including Nueces County and the City of Corpus Christi would need to take place in order to work together in order for the ramp reversal project to move forward.

TxDOT has procured a consultant that is prepared to work on this corridor. It is important for this corridor to provide for the needs in this area and everyone needs to take a strong role in the development of this study.

Judge Simpson indicated that Segment Committee I-69 meeting will be held in Sinton, Texas either on May 10th or 14th. The Sinton Committee members will invite businesses and the public to attend in order to listen to their comments and get the public involved.

The Governor put a group together to look at mitigating issues that could get some funding from FEMA. Harbor Bridge was included as a mitigation issue.

The new TIPs are due in Austin by June 1st so that is why our May meeting is critical for adoption. If more time is needed, the May meeting can be postponed.

Should a need for an alternate plan arise, it would consist of finding other ways to spend money such as for the signalization possibilities or the surfacing possibilities so that a final determination can.

C. Opportunity for Public Comment.

There were no public comments.

D. Update on the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) projects, Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) applications and discussion of federal transportation legislation.

The MPO had three projects that were funded with ARRA funds. All of the MPO projects were fully obligated and additional stimulus funding that was received by the district for the work at the Carbon Plant I-37 improvements which included the entrance and the exit off of the Interstate.

E. Update on the Harbor Bridge.

The contract for the repairs and painting of the bridge has been let and the contractor is ready to start this month.

5. STAFF REPORT:

A. Legislative update.

The Safe Accountable Flexible Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU), which is the authorizing legislation for highway funding was extended through December 31st.

Chairman Puckett of the House has appointed a couple of subcommittees and one of them has been asked to look at MPOs. As soon as the hearings are scheduled, we will make an effort to attend.

B. Joint Regional Transportation Authority (RTA)/City Monthly Meeting.

Ms. Jaime Pyle has been the Staff Coordinator who brings the City, TxDOT, RTA, the MPO, and the Mayor's Committee on the Disabled to discuss a number of the projects related to the City's ADA transition plan. It has been very productive.

C. The Transportation Policy Committee (TPC) meeting will be held on May 6, 2010.

The next TPC meeting will be held on May 6, 2010 at 1:30 p.m., unless we have to reschedule based on some of the discussions we had in reference to the Southside Corridor.

If there is a change in time or place of the TPC, the MPO will inform the Committee and public.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mr. Abel Alonzo congratulated Judge Simpson and Ms. Lyons for being elected as Chairpersons for the MPO. He said that the City, TxDOT, MPO, and the RTA are now working together and it is a big accomplishment under the ADA Transitional Plan. He thanked everyone who is involved.

7. ITEMS OF GENERAL INTEREST:

The TPC welcomed and looks forward to working with Ms. Julie Brown, who is the Interim District Engineer for the Corpus Christi TxDOT District.

TxDOT is going through its long range plan development. Every agency needs to have a well thought out plan anytime federal funds are used. Stakeholder meetings will be held and the MPO will be participating.

A public meeting will also be held in Corpus Christi at the TxDOT Office Complex on May 6th from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

The MPO sends out a quarterly newsletter and welcomes comments.

Anyone wanting to donate their time for the Sail South Texas Issues would need to contact the Buccaneer Commission.

The Committee wished everyone a safe and Happy Easter and Judge Simpson informed everyone that there will be an Easter Festival held at the Sinton Fairgrounds.

8. ADJOURN:

There being no further business, Judge Simpson adjourned the TPC meeting at 2:30 p.m.

**CORPUS CHRISTI METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES**

MAY 6, 2010

1. CALL TO ORDER AND QUORUM DETERMINATION:

Judge Simpson called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m. at the City Hall Council Chambers.

Ms. Brown, Mr. Carrell, Mayor Adame, Ms. Lyons, Judge Simpson, and Judge Neal were present.

2. INTRODUCTION OF VISITING AGENCY OFFICIALS:

The Committee welcomed Mr. Kirk Fauver with the Federal Highway Administration and all the Technical Advisory Committee Members, TxDOT and City Staff.

3. APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 1, 2010 TPC MEETING MINUTES:

Judge Simpson called for approval of the minutes of the regular Transportation Policy Committee meeting of April 1, 2010.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve the minutes as presented.

4. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

- A. Presentation and discussion on the proposed Southside Mobility Corridor Feasibility Study.

This is a corridor that has been identified as a big swath around the southside of Corpus Christi coming up into the San Patricio area Interstate 37 over to US 77. The study would be funded with some of the MPO's mobility money which is the Category 7 money. The local share which is 20% would have to come from our local agencies. We have had our discussion with the two County Judges and the Mayor and some of the City Staff about the possibility of the local agencies putting up those resources.

Mr. Leahey, HDR Project Manager, gave a brief presentation on the Southside Mobility Corridor Feasibility Study. Ms. Paula Sales-Evans is the TxDOT Project Manager and with her oversight, they have been working together on the scope of work.

Mr. Leahey informed the Committee that the Corridor planning for Southside Mobility has been talked about and discussed for many years going back to the mid-eighties.

He gave a brief overview as follows:

- Corridor preservation is the key to future land use and infrastructure planning
- Travel demand analysis will take into account existing and proposed traffic projections on existing corridors such as I-37, US 77, SH 358, PR 22, SH 286, SH 44, FM 624, etc.
- Potential to serve as an alternative for SPID
- Connectivity with existing and planned corridors within San Patricio and Nueces counties (I-69 etc.)
- Improved connections between major facilities.

In mid to late nineties, the City of Corpus Christi also did some studies to the Southside Loop, as it was known at the time. The travel demand analysis will include analyzing State Highway 358 or S.P.I.D. as the main focus. Any future planned corridor would serve as an alternative to traffic on South Padre Island Drive. They will also look at connectivity with existing and proposed plan corridors such as I-69.

B. Discussion and recommendations on the FY 2011 – 2014 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Opportunity for Public Comment.

The Southside Mobility Corridor Study will be funded at the 80% level with 20% coming from the local communities. Funding is constrained and we have been reprioritizing projects. A memo and a map were provided to the Committee members.

The Category 2 funds are available to the eight large urban areas in the state. Those eight areas receive allocations by formula and they are projects that are selected by both TxDOT and the MPO, and are in the State's system and must have projects that have significance from a regional connectivity point of view.

The Category 7 metropolitan mobility funds are provided by formula allocation to the eight large MPOs and are projects that are agreed to by TxDOT and the MPO, but can include streets that are off of the state's system.

In terms of previous discussions before this committee as well as discussions at our Technical Advisory Committee, we talked about a list of priorities. One is the need for improvements that have safety significance, the second are projects that have significance from an economic point of view and third, trying leverage funds by possibly using both Category 2 and 7 funds together to fund a project.

Judge Simpson asked if there were any public comments to approve the 2011-2014 TIP as recommended.

There were no public comments.

There has been an opportunity for public comment published in the newspaper and with the committee's action today, it will be posted on the website for further review and comment.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed.

- C. Discussion and possible action to designate a replacement of the MPO representative to the I-69 Segment 5 Committee.

The Committee thanked Mr. Arnold for serving as the representative for the I-69 Segment 5 Committee. Mr. Arnold said that it has been an honor and he thanked the Committee for their comments.

Mr. Arnold recommended Mr. David Ainsworth, Sr. as a possible replacement.

A motion was made and passed to appoint David Ainsworth to the Segment 5 Committee.

- D. Discussion and possible approval of a consultant to conduct the 2010 Regional Travel Speed Study.

In 2004, a regional travel speed study was conducted and again in 2006. The request of the Technical Advisory Committee is that we try to repeat this at least every three or four years, so we have a continuum that shows how travel speeds are either improving or deteriorating our critical arterials and it is part of what is used in our project selection process.

A Request for Proposals was distributed to consultants to conduct the 2010 Regional Travel Speed Study. The TAC and staff reviewed the proposals and unanimously recommends on entering into an agreement with the Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc. to conduct the study. The funding is available in the Unified Planning Work Program. They have done the two previous studies, so they have the database to build on which is going to be helpful.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to accept the recommendation.

- E. Discussion of amending the FY 2010 – 2011 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) and Opportunity for Public Comment.

TxDOT has issued a work authorization for FY 2010 for our 2010-2011 UPWP based upon funding in the current continuing resolution. Additional funding is available and the TAC will review and possibly recommend amendments to the UPWP.

With the recent passage of the continuing resolution that carried it through the 2010 fiscal year, TxDOT has released full work authorizations for the UPWP. We are going to be talking about some priorities with the TAC and where we would want to place those planning funds. We posted public notice that this process was taking place because a thirty day time period is required for input.

5. STAFF REPORT:

- A. Reminder: There is a Statewide Long-Range Transportation Plan public meeting today from 4 p.m. – 7 p.m. at Bldg. 2 Training Room at TxDOT District Office. A

number of these meetings are being conducted statewide and it is an opportunity to put in your expression of long range needs particularly for our area.

Ms. Brown welcomes the public because they want to hear everyone's ideas for the long range plans.

B. Discussion of the I-69 Segment 4 & 5 meetings.

There will be a meeting in Sinton on May 14th at the County Health Building located on 313 North Rochelle from 1 to 4 p.m.

Judge Simpson asked the Board Members to invite the business community because the I-69 is going to affect a lot of the movement of product.

C. Notice of the June 3rd TPC meeting.

The next TPC meeting will be held at the City of Corpus Christi Council Chambers at 1:30 p.m. on June 3rd.

Travel surveys will be completed this month and TxDOT will be putting out a press release. It is advised to alert respective law enforcement agencies that this survey is legitimate and that the work is being performed by a contractor that is doing work for TxDOT. The Contractor's name is ETC.

Public Comments: Members of the public will be provided an opportunity to address the Committee during this item on any Agenda Item or any subject within the Committee's jurisdiction except a matter related to pending litigation. Speakers should limit their remarks to five (5) minutes.

There were no public comments.

Member Comments: Receive comments from TPC members on any agenda items for this meeting, MPO activities during preceding month and upcoming MPO events and suggestions for future agenda items.

The Policy Committee thanked Ms. Julie Brown for serving as the Representative for TxDOT.

6. ADJORN:

There being no further business, Judge Simpson adjourned the TPC meeting at 2:17 p.m.

**CORPUS CHRISTI METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES**

JUNE 3, 2010

1. CALL TO ORDER AND QUORUM DETERMINATION:

Judge Simpson called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. at the City Hall Council Chambers.

Ms. Brown, Mr. Carrell, Mayor Adame, Ms. Lyons, Judge Simpson, Mayor Krebs, Judge Neal, and Commissioner Longoria were present.

2. INTRODUCTION OF VISITING AGENCY OFFICIALS:

The Committee welcomed all the Technical Advisory Committee Members, TxDOT and City Staff.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MAY 6, 2010 TPC MEETING MINUTES:

Judge Simpson called for approval of the minutes of the regular Transportation Policy Committee meeting of May 6, 2010.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve the minutes as presented.

4. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

A. Discussion on the proposed Southside Mobility Corridor Feasibility Study.

The last meeting involved the Southside Mobility Corridor and the need to secure the local funding from the two counties and the city to support that study. If that did not happen, we would do the signal improvements that the City has funding for in their bond project that could be supplemented. A meeting was held with the Nueces County Commissioner's Court and they support the idea and took action for the FY 2010 time period, but the FY 2011 time period is subject to the budget being developed for FY 2011. The City Manager has indicated that he has identified a source of funding from the City of Corpus Christi, but we are waiting for the development of an agreement from TxDOT to give to the City Manager before he presents it to City Council for final action.

Mr. Niskala will give a presentation to the San Patricio County Commissioner's Court on Monday. The Southside Mobility Corridor has been included in the proposed FY 2011 – 2014 TIP.

Judge Simpson informed the Committee that the San Patricio Commissioner's Court needs some finer details as to exact amounts of monies. He said that they will be interested in hearing all the details.

Judge Simpson asked if there were any comments.

There were no comments.

B. Discussion and approval of the FY 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Opportunity for Public Comment.

We have had the opportunity for public comment at the last TPC meeting and TAC meeting. The proposed plan that was brought in May is what is recommended for approval.

Judge Simpson asked if there were any public comments.

There were no public comments.

A motion to approve the FY 2011-2014 TIP was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

C. Discussion and approval of the FY 2010 – 2011 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) and Opportunity for Public Comment.

We received final numbers from TxDOT for the 2010 fiscal year in terms of the funding available for our UPWP. This is our program of projects that the staff takes care of as well as our professional services to deliver special studies to develop the Metropolitan Transportation Plan. The numbers we received indicated that there is \$179,000 in additional funding available for the FY 2010-2011 time period. It can carry over to FY2011. The amended plan has been placed on the website and hard copies are available upon request. The new studies include a rail needs study which would be in support of the Nueces Rural Rail District and the San Patricio Rural Rail District to help them get the information they need to identify the projects that they would like to move forward. One concern is just how much need for rail is out there that we are unaware of, so we are reaching out to some of the bigger businesses particularly along the 44 and 181 Corridors to see what might be out there in the way of needs for rail service. It would be an outreach effort which would be done by the MPO with the assistance of some professional services. Funding was added to the MTP that would allow for a traffic analysis for some of these plan developments that are being talked about with the flexibility that it is not restricted to just these developments, but other things that may come up during the FY 2010-2011 time period. Something similar was done for the City when the Walmart Development was being proposed. We also had the impact analysis that looked at TPCO redevelopment of Ingleside and this would allow for resources to do that.

A question was raised regarding the rail districts.

The MPO would like to have one study and work with both of the rail districts. We have gotten direction out of the Nueces County Rail District, but we have not had a

similar request out of San Patricio, since they have not had a meeting within the last month. We will get together at their next meeting.

There have been communications between the two rail districts, the three counties, and also with the state about the rail issues.

A question was raised on whether the MPO is looking to the rail districts to initiate or to bring forward these needs or demands.

The MPO works together with them because they have expressed a need for improved rail service. If we are going to ask for funding from Commissioner's Court or TxDOT, we will need documentation to show that the request is justified.

Funds for the expansion of the Travel, Time, and Delay Study would add an increment that would allow us to look at seasonal variations. Most of the design work and cross sections are developed from average daily traffic trends. We have big seasonal variations when we look at Park Road 22 and State Highway 361. This would allow us to present documentation to TxDOT to show that we need to look beyond the average daily traffic needs.

We have an agreement with Nueces County to act as our Fiscal Agent and under Federal regulation, they require that the amounts for fiscal agents be reviewed on an annual basis and that requires the development of a Cost Allocation Plan. We do not have one that is current and this would allow us to review the current agreement amount as well as provide funds for a review of that agreement amount in next fiscal year.

Judge Simpson asked if there were any public comments.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

D. Discussion and action to cancel the scheduled July 1, 2010 TPC meeting.

There are no anticipated action items for the July 1, 2010 meeting so the TPC decided to cancel the scheduled meeting.

A motion to cancel the July 1, 2010 meeting was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

The next TPC meeting will be held on August 5, 2010.

5. STAFF REPORT:

- A. Public Comments: Members of the public will be provided an opportunity to address the Committee during this item on any Agenda Item or any subject within the Committee's jurisdiction except a matter related to pending litigation. Speakers should limit their remarks to three (3) minutes.

Judge Simpson asked if there were any public comments.

There were none.

Member Comments: Receive comments from TPC members on any agenda items for this meeting, MPO activities during preceding month and upcoming MPO events and suggestions for future agenda items.

Judge Simpson informed the Committee and the public that on the July 4th weekend, the Tall Ships will be in Ingleside.

Commissioner Longoria wanted to make sure that the MPO is coordinating the dates of construction with the Veteran's Land Board because it is possible that the ground breaking will be held on June 30th.

Mayor Adame was concerned on whether the Board had ever considered a consolidated effort to work together to do a better job of cleaning up our right of ways. He said that some improvements have been made, but we have a long way to go.

Mr. Niskala said that it is an operation and maintenance issue that is part of the planning process. He said that we can schedule a discussion at the next TAC meeting and have an opportunity to discuss that issue.

Ms. Brown informed the Committee that TxDOT is trying to figure out how they can do a better job in cleaning the landscape areas, particularly along S.P.I.D., Airline and Staples area. She said that some of the work will be done by students participating in the Summer Help Program. She said that possibly working through the City, they could have volunteers through the City Pride Program until they come up with a long term fix.

6. ADJORN:

There being no further business, Judge Simpson adjourned the TPC meeting at 1:54 p.m.