

CHAPTER 2

PLANNING REQUIREMENTS, PUBLIC OUTREACH AND AGENCY COORDINATION

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The 2020-2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) formally documents the comprehensive, coordinated, and continuing transportation planning process. This chapter describes:

- Federal requirements for the planning process.
- Adopted Public Participation Program.
- Public participation methodology.
- Agency coordination and consultation.

The required planning framework changed significantly between the 2015-2040 MTP and the 2020-2045 MTP, becoming a performance-based planning and programming system. Performance-based planning is an approach that uses gathered system information compared against adopted goals and specific targets to make policy and investment decisions. Performance-based planning is codified into federal law through the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21) Act and the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act. The Corpus Christi MPO fulfills performance-based planning requirements by selecting projects for both the Metropolitan Transportation Plans (MTP) and Transportation Improvement Programs (TIP) using the adopted goals and performance measures.

The Corpus Christi MPO emphasizes community involvement in all activities and maintains public involvement procedures, the Public Participation Program (PPP), to address public participation and consultation requirements. The Corpus Christi MPO adopted the latest update to the PPP on April 5, 2018. The current PPP is included in this 2020-2045 MTP as Appendix A.

FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS

The Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21) Act and the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act move performance measurement to the center of the transportation planning process. Performance measures were established through federal rulemakings as were the required schedules and deadlines to adopt associated targets. States set targets based on observed data and trends. Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) can either establish their own targets or support the State's targets, but all must be based on observed data and trends. For the 2020-2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan, the Corpus Christi MPO supports the adopted TxDOT targets. Performance measures and targets are described in further detail in the Goals, Objectives, Performance Measures, and Targets section. The most recent authorization bill, the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST), builds upon MAP-21, and adds requirements for MPOs to address.

The following is a list of key provisions that the MTP must address:

- Emphasize the preservation of the existing transportation system.
- Increase the safety of the transportation system.
- Enhance the integration and connectivity of the transportation system, across and between modes, for people and freight.
- Support the economic vitality of the metropolitan area, especially by enabling global competitiveness, productivity, and efficiency.
- Increase accessibility and mobility of people and freight.
- Promote efficient system management and operation.
- Protect and enhance the environment and promote energy conservation.
- Improve quality of life.
- Promote consistency between transportation improvements and state and local planned growth and economic development.
- Increase the security of the transportation system.
- Implement a public participation program (PPP) developed "in consultation with all interested parties" that provides "explicit procedures, strategies, and desired outcomes" for reasonable opportunities for interested parties to comment on the Regional Transportation Plan and Transportation Improvement Program".
- Actively seek the full and fair participation of low-income and minority communities in the transportation decision-making process.
- Prevent the denial of, reduction in or significant delay in the receipt of benefits by minority and low-income populations.
- Identify and list intercity bus providers, intercity bus routes, intercity bus facilities, and commuter van pool providers in regional transportation plans. Identify public transportation facilities and providers in regional transportation plans.
- Consult with local planning officials during the planning process, including tourism and natural disaster preparedness planners.
- Expand the scope of the regional transportation plan to add improving the transportation system resiliency and reliability; reducing or mitigating the storm water impacts of surface transportation, and enhancing travel and tourism.
- Develop strategies to reduce the vulnerability of existing transportation infrastructure to natural disasters.
- Consider the role that intercity buses may play in reducing congestion, pollution, and energy consumption in a cost-effective manner; and strategies and investments that preserve and enhance both public and privately owned and operated intercity bus systems.
- Ensure that public ports and private providers of transportation, including intercity bus operators and employers with commuting programs be given reasonable opportunity to comment on the MTP.

CORPUS CHRISTI MPO PUBLIC OUTREACH

The Corpus Christi MPO's Public Participation Plan (PPP) was developed in consultation with interested parties; and the MPO provided all interested parties with reasonable opportunities to comment on the contents of the MTP and TIP updates and major revisions.

Outreach Phases

Corpus Christi MPO staff divided the outreach process into four phases corresponding to the needs of the plan. As the 2020-2045 MTP was developed, the outreach methods evolved. The phases included:

1. Partner Agencies – staff communicated with state and local agencies concerning the development of the long-range transportation plan.
2. Technical Advisors – staff presented technical analysis to the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) at each phase of the process.
3. Policy Makers – this group of elected officials reviewed the plan information from a policy perspective and provided comments and input to staff and the technical committee.
4. Plan Development – staff engaged the public for community concerns, needs, and issues with the existing transportation system. Activities included an online survey, website comment capability, public meetings, and public events.
5. Public Review – The public provided feedback as staff completed draft chapters of the 2020-2045 MTP. Activities included releasing chapters as part of the Transportation Policy Committee (TPC) and the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) packets, which is posted on the Corpus Christi MPO website. Additional information was announced and made available at three public meetings located at three different locations of the MPO region to allow for citizens from all parts of the region to participate in the plan review.
6. MTP Adoption– After a 30-day public comment period for the Plan, the 2020-2045 MTP was adopted by the Transportation Policy Committee. Dates of these TPC meetings were posted on the Corpus Christi MPO's social media sites and website.

Public comments received in-person at public meetings, through emails, phone calls or during the Corpus Christi MPO's TPC and TAC meetings were documented with responses in Appendix B. Additionally, the public notices in the local newspapers are included in Appendix C.

Public Involvement Strategies were outlined in the adopted 2018 PPP, the public was notified of and involved in the development of the Plan through:

- Posting on the Corpus Christi MPO's website, Twitter, and Facebook;
- Attendance and presentations at local meetings and events throughout the region.
- Publication of events, dates, and updates on the constantly updated 2020-2045 MTP schedule document posted with the public meeting announcements of the TPC and TAC meetings each month.
- Creation of the links to the new 2020-2045 MTP Chapters on the Corpus Christi MPO website.
- Events and meetings were posted as they were scheduled and were posted on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/Corpus-Christi-MPO-176681309008>) and tweeted on the Corpus Christi MPO's Twitter account (<https://twitter.com/CCTXMPO>).

- The Corpus Christi MPO posted draft chapters, meeting schedules, and contact information on its website. The website was updated often to ensure the most current information was available.

Metropolitan Plan Outreach Meetings

The Corpus Christi MPO held four public meetings in 2019. They were:

- On Thursday August 29th from 4:30 pm until 7 pm at the Corpus Christi Regional Transportation Authority (CCRTA) building
- On Thursday October 24th from 4:30 pm until 7 pm at the City of Portland City Council Chambers.
- On Wednesday November 13th from 4:30 pm until 7 pm at the Anita & W.T. Neyland Public Library.
- On Thursday December 12th from 4:30 pm until 7 pm at CCRTA building

The Corpus Christi MPO participated in the annual Nueces County Medical Society Health Fair on July 13th 2019.

Public Participation Website

At the start of the planning process, Corpus Christi MPO staff created an interactive website for the MTP to increase public participation and interest in the planning process. The MTP website, http://www.corpuschristi-mpo.org/01_mtp.html, provided process updates, descriptions of the plan development process, a listing of MTP related boards and committees and corresponding membership, hosted a survey, listed links to related plans and studies, information about Corpus Christi MPO, and included the plan for download and review.

Public Comments

Comments received from the public are included in Appendix B. The Draft Metropolitan Transportation Plan was reviewed by the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) as chapters were finished, with the entire document reviewed and recommended for release for public comment by the TAC on December 12th 2019. The Transportation Policy Board reviewed and released the MTP for public comment on December 12th 2019. The month long Public Comment period ended on January 9th 2020. The TAC reviewed both the public and agency comments and the responses and recommended MTP Adoption on January 9th 2020.

BACKGROUND

A 1994 Presidential Executive Order directed every Federal agency to make Environmental Justice part of its mission by identifying and addressing the effects of all programs, policies, and activities on "minority populations and low-income populations." The MPO's Environmental Justice initiatives will strive to accomplish this by involving the potentially affected public through a Citizens Outreach Program. This program consists of MPO staff activities designed to develop partnerships with, and enhance the participation in the transportation planning process, by groups and individuals of "traditionally underserved" communities.

These communities include minorities, transit dependent citizens, low income, the elderly, and persons with disabilities. Staff activities may include nontraditional outreach and involvement strategies such as: web-based sessions, attendance and participation in existing group meetings and coalitions serving these communities. The Corpus Christi MPO targets communications with local media outlets, conducts meetings in a manner most suitable for the audience being addressed, hosts meetings at times and locations that are accessible to transit dependent or non-driving individuals when possible, and we publish MPO documents in non-technical, web-based or other easily accessible formats as necessary and appropriate for purposes of obtaining input and comment into the short- and long-range transportation planning process.

The goal of the MPO's Outreach Program is to ensure that all citizens regardless of race, color, religion, income status, national origin, age, gender, disability, marital status, or political affiliation, have an equal opportunity to participate in the MPO's decision-making process. In carrying out the public participation plan, the Corpus Christi MPO will cultivate a culture of early and responsive outreach by welcoming the public's involvement and input by:

1. holding public meetings at convenient and accessible locations and times;
2. being sensitive in the use of industry terms and language;
3. employing stronger visualization techniques to describe short- and long-range transportation information;
4. providing a brief written summary of the meeting's highlights along with providing information offered meetings via online access for citizen's unable to attend, and
5. offering an electronically accessible response mechanism for two-way communication with the public when submitting a comment and receiving an acknowledgment of the receipt of information.

The Corpus Christi MPO's PPP lists activities designed to develop partnerships with, and enhance the participation by, groups and individuals of "traditionally underserved" communities. These communities include minorities, transit dependent citizens, low-income, the elderly, and persons with disabilities. The Corpus Christi MPO will use nontraditional outreach and involvement strategies such as: web-based sessions, attendance and participation in existing group meetings and coalitions serving these communities. The desired outcomes for public involvement are:

- Provide timely information about transportation issues and processes.
- Provide public access to technical and policy information used in the development of the MTP.
- Give public notice of public participation activities and allow time for public review and comment at key decision points.
- Respond in writing, when applicable, to public input and post online a brief assessment of meetings hosted and attended.
- Solicit the needs of those underserved by existing transportation systems, including - but not limited to - the transportation disadvantaged, minorities, elderly, persons with disabilities, and low-income households.
- Provide a public comment period of not less than 30 calendar days.
- Coordinate the Public Participation Process with statewide Public Participation Processes wherever possible.

ADOPTED OUTREACH GOALS, OBJECTIVES, AND POLICIES

In order to provide the public with thorough information on transportation planning services and project development in a convenient and timely manner the following shall be utilized:

Objective 1

The MPO shall actively engage the public in the transportation planning process according to State and Federal law and the policies outlined in this plan.

Policy 1.1 - Informing Interested Parties: The MPO shall make a good faith effort to inform those who are interested in or affected by transportation decisions about reasonable opportunities to provide input on the metropolitan planning process. To accomplish this, the MPO shall maintain up to date contact information for the following:

- Citizens expressing an interest in transportation planning activities
- Elected officials
- Local government staff
- Transportation agencies (public ports, airports, transit, etc.)
- Local media (TV, radio, print, etc.)
- Homeowners associations
- Civic groups
- Special interest groups (other interested parties)
- Libraries (for public display)
- Native American Tribal Council
- Faith-based organizations
- Private freight shippers
- Representatives of public transportation employees
- Providers of freight transportation services
- Representatives of users of public transportation
- Representatives of users of pedestrian walkways and bicycle transportation facilities
- Representatives of individuals with disabilities
- Economic development organizations
- Private providers of transportation including intercity bus operators and employer-based community programs (such as carpools, vanpools, shuttle, transit benefits, parking cash-out, or telework programs)

Policy 1.2 - Consultation with Agencies and Officials: The MPO shall make a good faith effort to consult with agencies responsible for other planning activities that are affected by transportation as well officials responsible for other planning activities. This shall include Federal, State and local agencies responsible for land use management, natural resources, conservation and historic preservation, emergency response, tourism, natural disaster risk reduction, environmental protection and other environmental issues. To accomplish this, the MPO shall maintain up to date contact information for the following:

- Coast Guard
- Homeland Security

Policy 1.2 - Consultation with Agencies and Officials (continued)

- National Parks Service (Department of Interior)
- US Fish and Wildlife Service
- US Environmental Protection Agency
- US Geological Survey
- Bureau of Indian Affairs
- Bureau of Land Management
- Forest Service (US Department of Agriculture)
- National Marine Fisheries
- Texas Parks and Wildlife
- Texas Historical Commission
- General Land Office
- Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
- Local Emergency Planning Committee (Corpus Christi)
- Corpus Christi Convention & Visitors Bureau

Policy 1.3 - Coordination with Agencies and Officials: The MPO shall make a good faith effort to coordinate its metropolitan transportation planning process with other planning activities affected by transportation including:

- Statewide transportation planning, public involvement, and consultation activities.
- Any other planning activities affected by transportation.

Policy 1.4 - Visualization Techniques: The MPO shall employ visualization and communication techniques that depict transportation plans. Examples may include: charts, graphs, photo interpretation, maps, use of GIS systems, artist renderings, physical models, and/or computer simulation.

Objective 2

The MPO shall keep the public informed of on-going transportation related activities on a continuous basis.

Policy 2.1: The MPO shall make all publications and work products available electronically to the public via the internet at the MPO's web homepage and in hardcopy at the MPO offices.

Policy 2.2: MPO staff shall be available to provide general and project-specific information at a central location during normal business hours and after hours at the request of community interest group with reasonable notice.

Policy 2.3: The MPO shall maintain an internet web site that will be compliant with Section 508 of the Americans with Disabilities Act for individuals with disabilities.

Policy 2.3.1: The web site shall be updated and maintained to provide the most current and accurate transportation planning information available.

Objective 3

The MPO shall encourage the involvement of all area citizens in the transportation planning process.

Policy 3.1: Target audiences shall be identified for each planning study conducted by the MPO including residents, traditionally underserved/underrepresented populations, i.e. but not limited to low-income, individuals with disabilities and minority households and business/property owners within the study area.

Policy 3.2: The MPO shall make a good faith effort to hold public meetings at a site convenient to potentially affected citizens.

Policy 3.3: The MPO shall make a good faith effort to attend and participate in existing group meetings and coalitions serving these communities.

Objective 4

The MPO shall strive to continuously improve public participation.

Policy 4.1: The MPO shall continuously evaluate and retool the public involvement strategies and techniques to better engage the public.

Policy 4.2: The Public Participation Plan shall be reviewed and adopted with appropriate revisions at least every three (3) years in an effort to improve the effectiveness of public involvement.

Objective 5

The MPO as a recipient of federal assistance and under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, shall ensure that no person, on the grounds of race, religion, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination under any agency programs or activities. These prohibitions extend from the MPO to its sub-recipients (i.e., contractors, consultants, local governments, colleges, universities, etc.). All programs funded in whole or in part from federal financial assistance are subject to Title requirements:

Policy 5.1: The MPO shall establish a procedure under which complaints alleging discrimination in MPO provisions, service or MPO activities can be made by persons who are not employees of the MPO.

Policy 5.2: Any person who believes the MPO, or any entity who receives federal financial assistance from or through the MPO, has subjected them or any specific class of individuals to unlawful discrimination may file a complaint of discrimination.

Policy 5.3: The MPO shall follow timelines set forth in guidance from the Department of Transportation, the Federal Highway Administration, Federal Transit Administration and the Department of Justice for processing Title VI discrimination complaints.

LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY (LEP) PLAN

Limited English Proficiency Plan has been prepared to clarify the responsibilities of recipients of federal financial assistance and assist them in fulfilling their responsibilities to Limited English Proficient (LEP) persons, pursuant to Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and its implementing regulations.

Executive Order 13166, titled *Improving Access to Services for Persons with Limited English Proficiency*, indicates that differing treatment based upon a person's inability to speak, read, write or understand English is a type of national origin discrimination. It directs each agency to publish guidance for its respective recipients clarifying their obligation to ensure that such discrimination does not take place. This order applies to all state and local agencies which receive federal funds, including the Corpus Christi Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO).

1. The number or proportion of LEP persons in the study area who may be impacted by the MPO.
2. The frequency with which LEP persons come in contact with MPO activities or programs.
3. The nature and importance of activities or programs provided by the MPO to the LEP population.
4. The resources available to the MPO and overall cost to provide LEP assistance.

The greater the number or proportion of eligible LEP persons; the greater the frequency with which they have contact with a program, activity, or service; and the greater the importance of that program, activity, or service, the more likely enhanced language services will be needed.

The intent of DOT's guidance is to suggest a balance that ensures meaningful access by LEP persons to critical services while not imposing undue burdens on small organizations and local governments.

Smaller recipients with more limited budgets are typically not expected to provide the same level of language service as larger recipients with larger budgets. The DOT guidance is modeled after the Department of Justice's guidance and requires recipients and subrecipients to take steps to ensure meaningful access to their programs and activities to LEP persons. A summary of the results of the four-factor analysis is below.

Exhibit 2-1. Table of MPO Public Participation Policy

| Program Adoption | Comment Opportunity or Public Meetings | Comment Period | Remarks |
|--|--|----------------|---|
| Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) | Two meetings prior to TPC approval | 30 Days | A summary of comments will be provided to the TPC and made available for public review at MPO offices and on the MPO website. |
| Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) | Two meetings prior to TPC approval | 30 Days | |
| Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) | One meeting prior to TPC approval | 30 Days | |
| Public Participation Plan (PPP) | N/A | 45 Days | Three-year updates of the PPP are recommended |

Exhibit 2-1. Table of Public Participation Policy (continued)

| Program Adoption | Comment Opportunity or Public Meetings | Comment Period | Remarks |
|---|---|----------------|---|
| Other programs adoptions, plans, or studies | Optional: One meeting prior to TPC approval | 30 Days | |
| Program Amendments | | | |
| Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) | Optional: One meeting prior to TPC approval | 30 Days | |
| Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) | Optional: One meeting prior to TPC approval | 30 Days | |
| Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) | Optional: One meeting prior to TPC approval | 30 Days | |
| Public Participation Plan (PPP) | N/A | 45 Days | |
| Open Meetings | | | |
| Transportation Policy Committee (TPC) | Regular meeting on First Thursday of each month | | Agenda posted four days prior to meeting date |
| Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) | Regular meeting on Third Thursday of each month | | Agenda posted four days prior to meeting date |
| Other Committees as Assigned | Determined individually | | |

Meaningful Access: Four-Factor Analysis

Factor 1: The Number or Proportion of LEP Persons

The Census Bureau uses four classifications of how well people speak English: “very well”, “well”, “not well”, and “not at all”.

Exhibit 2-2. Limited English Proficient Persons in MPO Study Area

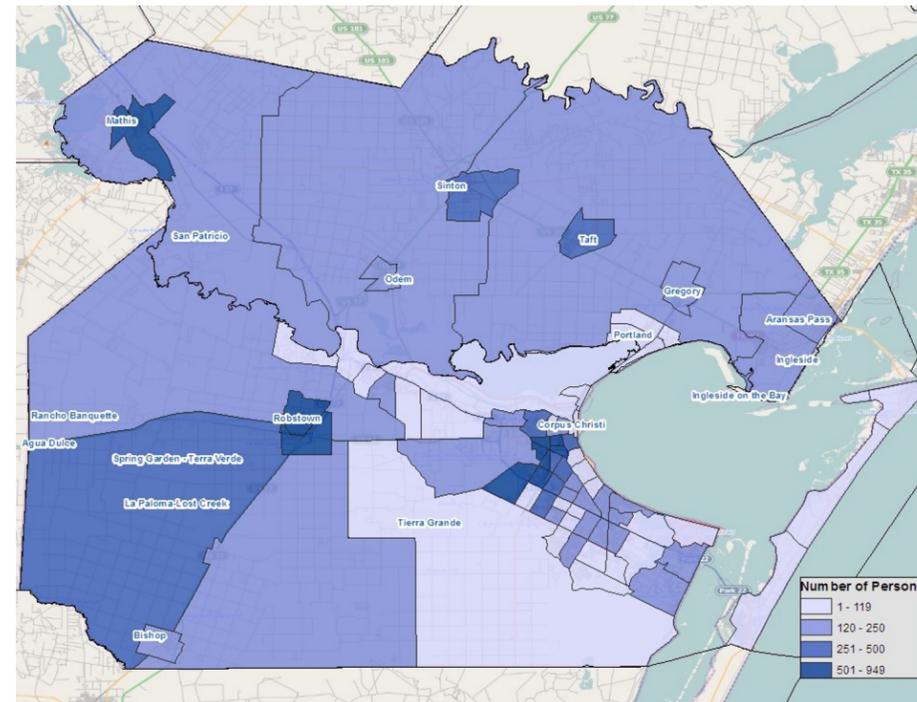
| County | Total Population | Population 5 Yrs old & older | Number of LEP Persons | Total Population % of LEP Persons | |
|---------------|------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|-------|
| NUECES | 313,645 | 289,673 | 14,586 | 4.65% | |
| | | | Other Indo-Euro | 208 | 1.4% |
| | | | Spanish | 14,144 | 97% |
| | | | Asian/Pacific | 221 | 1.5% |
| | | | All Other | 13 | .09% |
| SAN PATRICIO | 67,138 | 61,822 | 3,005 | 4.48% | |
| | | | Other Indo-Euro | 40 | 1.3% |
| | | | Spanish | 2,947 | 98.1% |
| | | | Asian/Pacific | 18 | .60% |
| | | | All Other | 0 | 0% |
| TOTALS | 380,783 | 351,495 | 17,591 | 4.62% | |

Exhibit 2-2 shows the English language skills for persons within the Corpus Christi MPO study area. Corpus Christi MPO staff reviewed 2010 U.S. Census data and

determined that of the total population (380,783 persons) in MPO's study area, 17,591 or 4.62% are LEP. That is, they speak a language other than English. Our table captures that portion of the population that speaks English “not well” or “not at all”.

Exhibit 2-3 shows the distribution of LEP individuals in the Corpus Christi MPO study area. A cluster of LEP persons appear in the urban area mostly on the west side of the City of Corpus Christi.

Exhibit 2-3. Map of Limited English Proficient Population by Census Tract



Factor 2: Frequency of Contact with LEP Individuals

Corpus Christi MPO staff reviewed the frequency with which the policy and advisory committees, and staff have or could have, contact with LEP persons. This includes documenting phone inquiries or office visits. To date, Corpus Christi MPO has had no requests for interpreters and no requests for translated program documents. Historically, Corpus Christi MPO has participated and continues to participate in meetings in the census blocks with the highest concentrations of LEP persons. Corpus Christi MPO staff have found that no contact with LEP individuals has occurred at any public involvement meetings, other public presentations or in day to day activity.

Factor 3: The Nature and Importance of Program or Activity to the LEP Community

As the agency responsible for coordinating the regional transportation planning process, the Corpus Christi MPO must make sure that all segments of the

population, including LEP persons, have been involved or have had the opportunity to be involved with the planning process. The impact of proposed transportation investments on underserved and underrepresented population groups is part of the evaluation process. Corpus Christi MPO provides oversight and helps ensure that LEP and other protected classes of persons are not overlooked in the transportation planning process.

Denial or delay of access to services or information provided by MPO would not have life threatening implications on a LEP individual. It is also believed that denial or delay of access to services or information provided by Corpus Christi MPO would not have serious implications on a LEP individual, especially compared to the services, such as health, emergency transportation, water, sewer, fire protection, police protection and other emergency services, provided by Corpus Christi MPO member organizations. The majority of the population (57.7%) 5 years and older speak only English.

Factor 4: The Resources Available to Corpus Christi MPO and Overall Cost

While Corpus Christi MPO does serve few LEP persons and has very limited resources, the LEP section is included in the Public Involvement Plan with the acknowledgement that current demographic trends indicate the number of LEP persons may increase within the Corpus Christi MPO planning area.

Funds available for LEP services would be derived entirely from existing Corpus Christi MPO operating funds and compete with other operational requirements of Corpus Christi MPO. It is deemed that written translations of core documents would be so burdensome as to defeat the legitimate objectives of our programs. It is appropriate for Corpus Christi MPO to precede with oral interpretation options for compliance with LEP regulations.

AGENCY CONSULTATION

Federal statutes require that:

“...Each Metropolitan Planning Organization shall consult with state and local agencies responsible for natural resources, environmental protection, conservation, historic preservation, and land use management concerning the development of the long-range transportation plan. Consultation shall involve, as appropriate, a comparison of transportation plans with state conservation plans or maps and a comparison of the transportation plan against inventories of natural or historic resources. As part of the consultation process, the long-range plan shall include a discussion of types of environmental mitigation activities and areas to carry out these activities that may have the greatest potential to restore and maintain the environmental functions affected by the plan.”

These proposed mitigation activities shall be developed in consultation with federal, state and tribal wildlife, land management, resource agencies and regulatory agencies. The Corpus Christi MPO provided the following agencies with the opportunity to comment on the DRAFT 2020-2045 MTP. Each agency was

contacted by email and included instructions of how to access the document or contact the Corpus Christi MPO staff with comments or questions. The contacted agencies are listed below in Exhibit 2-4.

Exhibit 2-4. Table of Contacted Agencies

| Federal Agencies | State Agencies | Elected Officials & Local Agencies | Regional Agencies | TRIBES / Nations |
|--|--|---|--|---------------------------------------|
| Federal Emergency Management Agency | TCEQ - Air Quality Division | State Senator Juan Chuy Hinojosa, Dist. 20 | Coastal Bend Bays & Estuaries Program | Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas |
| Federal Highway Administration | TCEQ - Water Quality Division | State Senator Judith Zaffirini, Dist. 21 | Coastal Bend Center for Independent Living | Apache Tribe of Oklahoma |
| Federal Transit Administration Region VI | TCEQ Region 14 | State Representative Abel Herrero, Dist. 34 | Coastal Bend Council of Governments | Comanche Nation of Oklahoma |
| National Weather Service Corpus Christi | TxDOT - Corpus Christi District | State Representative Todd Hunter, Dist. 32 | Corpus Christi Air Quality Group | Kiowa Tribe of Oklahoma |
| Naval Air Station Corpus Christi | TxDOT - Transportation Planning and Programming Division | | North Beach Community Association | Mescalero Apache Tribe |
| NOAA National Marine Fisheries Service | | City of Corpus Christi | Nueces County Community Action Agency | Seminole Nation of Oklahoma |
| U.S. Army Corp of Engineers | Texas General Land Office | City of Gregory | Nueces River Authority | Tonkawa Tribe of Oklahoma |
| U.S. Coast Guard | Texas Historical Commission | City of Ingleside | Corpus Christi Housing Authority | |
| U.S. Environmental Protection Agency | Texas Parks & Wildlife Department | City of Portland | Dimmit County Utility & Water Supply Corp. | |
| U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service | Railroad Commission of Texas | Nueces County | Area Agency on Aging of the Coastal Bend | |
| USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service Texas | Texas State Historical Association | San Patricio County | United Corpus Christi Chamber of Commerce | |
| Business/Economic | Civic Groups/Community Clubs | Schools | Transportation Partners | Private Groups |
| San Patricio Economic Development Corporation | Corpus Christi Courthouse Lions Club | Calallen ISD | Port of Corpus Christi Authority | HDR, Inc. |
| Corpus Christi Regional Economic Development Corp. | Corpus Christi Women's Lions Club | Corpus Christi ISD | Corpus Christi Regional Transportation Authority | Arcadis Inc. |
| Corpus Christi Downtown Management District | Lions Clubs Corpus Christi Southside | Corpus Christi ISD Police Service | Union Pacific Railroad | Taylor & Associates |
| Corpus Christi Convention & Visitors Bureau | Lions Club of South Texas | Flour Bluff ISD | Bay Area Bicycles | Terry Arnold Consulting |
| Work Force Solutions of the Coastal Bend | Rotary Club of Corpus Christi | Gregory-Portland ISD | R.E.A.L. Inc. | King Ranch Minerals, Inc |
| United Corpus Christi Chamber of Commerce | Rotary Club of West Corpus Christi | West Oso ISD | Corpus Christi International Airport | Bushell Management, LLC |
| South-West Texas Border SBDC Network | Rotary Club of Southside Corpus Christi | Tuloso-Midway ISD | Valley Transit | Freese and Nichols |
| Coastal Bend Business Innovation Center | Portland Rotary Club | London ISD | | HALFF Associates, Inc. |
| Corpus Christi Black Chamber of Commers | Portland Lions Club | Texas A&M University - Corpus Christi | | Cheniere Energy Inc. |
| Westside Business Association | NAACP | Del Mar College | | Olivarri & Associates, Inc. |
| Flour Bluff Business Association | YWCA | | | Data Transfer Solutions |
| South Texas Economic Development Center | YMCA | | | Quality Counts |
| Portland Chamber of Commerce | | | | |
| News Media | Home Owners Association | Home Owners Association | Senior Centers | Libraries |
| Corpus Christi Business News | Master King's Crossing Association | Portofino Counsel of Co-Owners Inc | Oveal Williams Senior Center | Bell Whittington Public Library |
| Corpus Christi Caller-Times | Tropic Isles Homeowners Association | Rock Creek Townhouses Council of Co-Owners | Greenwood Senior Center | Keach Family Library |
| El Tejano Magazine | Cimarron Lake Estates HOA | South Fork Homeowners Association | Garden Senior Center | La Retama Central Library |
| Island Moon Newspaper | Padre Isles Property Owners | Spectrum Association Management | Broadmoor Park Senior Center | Ben F. McDonald Public Library |
| KIII TV Channel 3 | Brighton Village Neighborhood Association | Tuscan Place Home Owner Association | Ethel Eyerly Senior Center | Dr. Clotilde P. Garcia Public Library |
| KRIS TV Channel 6 | Ocean Dr., Home Owners Association | Twin Dolphins Homeowner Association | Lindale Senior Center | Janet F. Harte Public Library |
| KSCC Corpus Christi Fox 38 | Lakes Master Association | Wood Estates Homeowners Association | Zavala Senior Center | Anita & W. T. Neyland Public Library |
| Texas Shoreline News | Northshore Property Owners | Wood River Community Association | Northwest Senior Citizen Center | Owen R. Hopkins Public Library |
| The News of San Patricio | Bahamas Homeowners Association Inc. | Hillcrest Residents Association | Portland Senior Center | |
| Univision Corpus Christi | CC Lakes Northwest Homeowners Assoc. Inc. | North Beach Community Association | AARP Foundation Senior Services | |
| TAMU-CC Island Waves | Domain Owners Association | | | |
| Wingspan | Executive House | | Planning Partner Agencies | |
| Foghorn News | Las Brisas | | City of Corpus Christi Emergency Management | |
| Nueces County Record Star | Owner's Association of Villa Del Sol, Inc | | Texas Division of Emergency Management | |
| | | | Coastal Bend Regional Advisory Council | |

LAND DEVELOPMENT AND THE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM

The availability of road, rail, air, port and other transportation services and infrastructure help determine the location and distribution of land development. Correspondingly, the location, density, and site design of development has a significant influence on travel demand, the efficiency of public transportation services, and mobility alternatives. Coordinating land development and transportation plans can ensure that transportation corridors and their surroundings are efficiently and effectively designed, developed, and managed as integrated facilities. The closest relationship between land development and transportation is access management. This relationship is discussed in Chapter 8: Transportation System Management and Operations. The Corpus Christi MPO consulted with the City of Corpus Christi, the City of Portland, Nueces County, San Patricio County and the Port of Corpus Christi land development agencies to understand the future developments in those jurisdictions. During the monthly TAC meetings, the local governments were encouraged to share major developments and projects affecting the transportation systems.

The Corpus Christi MPO staff reviewed the land use data forecast to 2045 in the Traffic Analysis Zones (TAZs) of the travel demand model. The 767 TAZs provide a small geographic level of detail for future land uses and subsequent trips to be generated for allocation to the system. The estimates by the local governments and agencies was key to the reasonable determination of the expected level of and location of growth in the Corpus Christi MPO region for the 2020-2045 MTP time period.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND THE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM

The iterative considerations between regional transportation and regional economic growth and efficiency involved:

- Identifying and preserving transportation corridors for the future provision of road, rail, or other transportation infrastructure
- Planning transportation networks in a flexible manner to accommodate new, expanding, and changing industries
- Maximizing funding opportunities
- Ensuring the long-term viability of transportation links to strategic regional infrastructure

The Corpus Christi MPO reviewed materials from the United Corpus Christi Chamber of Commerce, the Corpus Christi Regional Economic Development Corp, and the Coastal Bend COG that develops the CEDS Plan for the region. Key items identified in the CEDS plan and the 2019 Coastal Bend Economic Development Guide are promoting infill development to take advantage of existing infrastructure, improving the resiliency of the transportation system in regard to hazards and disaster, and enhancing both the internal and external connectivity of the transportation system.

Planning and Environmental Linkages

The Federal Highway Administration's Planning and Environment Linkages initiative promotes an approach to transportation decision-making that considers economic, community, and environmental goals early in the planning stage and carries them through project development, design, and construction. This approach encourages internal and external communication and coordination between transportation staff responsible for planning and project development, between transportation and resource agencies, and between agencies and the public. It also enables agencies to take a broader, interregional perspective instead of one that looks only at individual projects.

The Corpus Christi MPO obtained the Texas Conservation Action Plan; Gulf Coast Prairies and Marshes Ecoregion Handbook. This resource lists three primary activities to be mitigated, two of which are surface transportation; construction of new facilities and maintenance of existing facilities. It also identifies the habitats of concern that were used to begin developing the mitigation plan.

Historic Resources and the Transportation System

The Corpus Christi MPO staff accessed the Texas Historical Commission 2011-2020 *Texas' Statewide Preservation Plan* (SWP) and initiated contact with local groups focused on historical resources. The availability of historic data and plans made identifying impacts problematic.

Office of Emergency Management

The Corpus Christi MPO used both the San Patricio Hazard Mitigation Action Plan and the Nueces County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Action Plan to identify critical infrastructure and ensure integration of hazard mitigation strategies into this 2020-2045 MTP. Key items that were investigated include Hurricane and flood inundation zones, and expansive/contracting soils. The MPO also participated in the annual Hurricane Conference and participated in the transportation infrastructure focus group for the regional disaster planning event.