

2020-2045 MTP - Appendix B: Public Comments

The 53rd Annual Nueces County Medical Society Health Fair at the American Bank Center, July 13, 2019 (Public Comments)

- *Unsafe to ride a bike on the street; go to Texas A&M University Corpus Christi campus weekly for riding a bike since it's secluded from the traffic*
- *Current constructions on multiple streets cause traffic jam (city-wide)*
- *Hike & Bike trails are nice (Yorktown – Saratoga)*
- *Want a walkable downtown area, need to connect missing sidewalks*
- *New HAWK system traffic signal is confusing (at Cole Park)*
- *Need to fix cracked sidewalk (city-wide)*
- *Need shades at bus stops*
- *Need sidewalk maintenance (city-wide)*
- *Want a sidewalk/bike path between Nueces County Park and Manor Street*
- *Walk around ABC center from Mathis, the Shoreline is nice and walkable*
- *Bike and Walk around house, not safe, the traffic speed discourages the biking and walking (Up River Road – Leopard Street)*
- *Riding a bike around the house, no issues (Calallen area)*
- *Riding bike around Bill Witt Park, Oso Parkway, Weber, TAMU-CC, NAS-CC*
- *Commuting from Taft, no issues*
- *Commuting from Beeville, no issues*
- *Need street maintenance, fix potholes (city-wide)*
- *Need shades in the trail system*
- *Riding a bike or walk around the Travis Elementary School, no issues*
- *Riding a bike in residential area, avoiding streets (safety concern)*
- *Unsafe to ride a bike in the town*
- *Corpus Christi is not a bike-friendly*
- *Riding a bike along Ocean Drive*
- *ADA access*
- *Prefer to use concrete surface for the streets*

Public Meeting #1, August 29, 2019, 4:30 – 7:00 p.m. at CCRTA 2nd floor Board Meeting Room

- No comments were offered.

Public Meeting #2, October 24, 2019, 4:30 – 7:00 p.m., at City of Portland City Hall (Citizens' Questions and Corpus Christi MPO responses)

- *How were the population and employment forecasts derived?*
 - Response: Texas Demographic Center, local government review of data at the small geographic level (Traffic Analysis Zones (TAZs))
- *Where are the local bike trails going to be built?*
 - Response: Referred to City of Portland Bicycle map for overview and Corpus Christi MPO's Strategic Plan for Active Mobility document for specific location near the citizens' neighborhood in the Portland area.
- *What can be done about the wave/wake caused by ships in the channel that impact the shoreline of residents?*
 - Response: The MPO will pass along the concern to the Port of Corpus Christi Authority.
- *How will local growth be identified?*
 - Response: The MPO referred the citizen to the City of Portland's Plan Portland 2040: Comprehensive Plan Update process and the "Land Use Assumptions and Capital Improvement

Plan” that the City staff and the City’s Capital Improvements Advisory Committee is discussing regarding future land use.

- *Did we take into account the approved industrial developments?*
- Response: Yes, the MPO spoke with local governments to obtain their feedback on where growth would be.
- *Who decided on these MPO chosen projects?*
- Response: The projects are submitted from partner agencies and local governments. Then these projects are reviewed and discussed the MPO’s Technical Advisory Committee, and the Technical Advisory Committee’s recommendation is submitted to the Transportation Policy Committee that comprises San Patricio and Nueces County Judges, Portland and Corpus Christi Mayors, the Port of Corpus Christi Authority Chairperson, the Corpus Christi Regional Transportation Agency Board Chairperson, Texas Department of Transportation Corpus Christi District Engineer, and the Coastal Bend Council of Government. The Transportation Policy Committee is the committee who makes the official decisions on transportation projects in the MPO area.
- *What does freight include?*
- Response: Information regarding freight transportation will be included in the chapter that discusses freight movements that includes freight network, trucking, railroad, and the Port of Corpus Christi freight data.
- *How will environmental issues be addressed?*
- Response: In accordance with federal law, projects using federal funds must meet environmental standards. The MTP includes the Air Quality Analysis chapter that shows the regional collaboration efforts to keep the air quality attainment status. The MTP is required to have a section outlining mitigation efforts that addresses environmental impacts.

(Citizen Comments)

- *Wow, that’s a lot of people and jobs.*
- *“Those planned bike lanes are whack. No way you would build one over/along that ditch.”*
- Response: The MPO advised the citizen that the current bicycle plan will be revised in the next few years.
- *Citizens provided information about future development projects they knew about.*

(Citizen Requests)

- *A citizen who was unable to attend the Public Meeting requested the displays and plan materials.*
- Response: The MPO sent the following:
 1. Citizen who was unable to attend the meeting requested to see the plan. We sent Portland Bicycle Network Map: http://www.corpuschristi-mpo.org/01_mtp/2020-2045/publicmeeting_2/Portland_Bicycle-Network-Map.pdf
 2. Portland Area Project List: http://www.corpuschristi-mpo.org/01_mtp/2020-2045/publicmeeting_2/Portland_Area-Project-List.pdf
 3. Industrial Growth in San Patricio County Map: http://www.corpuschristi-mpo.org/01_mtp/2020-2045/publicmeeting_2/Industrial_%20Growth-in-San-Patricio-County.pdf
 4. 2020-2045 MTP Project Map and Project List: http://www.corpuschristi-mpo.org/01_mtp/2020-2045/publicmeeting_2/2020-2045_MTP-Project-Map-Project-List.pdf
 5. 2020-3045 MTP Population Forecasting Map: http://www.corpuschristi-mpo.org/01_mtp/2020-2045/publicmeeting_2/2020-2045_MTP_Population-Forecasting-Map.pdf

6. 2020-2045 MTP Employment Forecasting Map: http://www.corpuschristi-mpo.org/01_mtp/2020-2045/publicmeeting_2/2020-2045_MTP_Employment-Forecasting-Map.pdf
 7. 2020-2045 MTP Fiscally Constrained Project List http://www.corpuschristi-mpo.org/01_mtp/2020-2045/publicmeeting_2/2020-2045_MTP-Fiscally-Constrained-Project-List_102519.pdf
 8. 2020-2045 MTP Illustrative Needs Project List: http://www.corpuschristi-mpo.org/01_mtp/2020-2045/publicmeeting_2/2020-2045_MTP_Illustrative-Needs-Project-List_102519.pdf
 9. CCRTA Projected 5-Yr Financial Plan Table: http://www.corpuschristi-mpo.org/01_mtp/2020-2045/publicmeeting_2/CCRTA_Protected_5-Yr-Financial-Plan-List.pdf
 10. CCRTA System Map: https://www.ccrta.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/CCRTA_System_MapSept2019_w93flex_updated.pdf
- A citizen who attend the Public Meeting requested PDFs and TxDOT contact information.
 - Response: The MPO emailed the following:
 1. 2020-2045 MTP Illustrative Needs Project List
 2. 2020-2045 MTP Fiscally Constrained Project List
 3. TxDOT-CRP District Public Information Officer Point of Contact – Rickey Dailey (361) 808-2544, Rickey.Dailey@txdot.gov.

Public Comments received on November 9, 2019

Chapter 2: Planning Requirements, Public Outreach and Agency Coordination, Chapter 4: Demographics and Forecasting, Chapter 6: Financial Plan, Chapter 7: Implementation Plan:

- *Suggested correction of typos (all chapters).*
- Response: Completed.
- *Question: Does the Corpus Christi MPO achieve the objectives for Limited English Proficiency (LEP) population?*
- Response: The Corpus Christi MPO has the Public Participation Plan (PPP) that addresses the LEP population. The MPO reviews meeting attendance and performance of the PPP. This review is used to update the outreach plan to a more comprehensive process and resources.
- *Additional names suggested to the Table of Contacted Agencies in Chapter 2.*
- Response: The MPO researched and added some contact names and agencies.
- *Praise for the Exhibit 4-9. Map of 2020-2045 Population Forecast and a request for the data source.*
- Response: Data source provided.
- *Add City of Corpus Christi’s Airport Master Plan in the Possible Future Development Projects of Interest in the Region in Chapter 4.*
- Response: Airport Master Plan referenced
- *Tunnel maintenance is required by Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) but there is no tunnel in the Corpus Christi MPO boundary – remove “Tunnel” from the System Maintenance and Preservation section in Chapter 6 to avoid confusion.*
- Response: Completed.
- *Verify the exhibit numbers (all chapters).*
- Response: Verified and updated.
- *Add “millions” in Table of MPO Financial Plan Summary by Mode and Entity in Chapter 6.*
- Response: Completed.

Public Comments received on November 12, 2019 to Corpus Christi MPO E-mail

- *State Senator Judith Zaffirini should be added in the contact list in Chapter 2.*
 - Response: Completed.
- *Some chapters are not available for review (as of November 12, 2019).*
 - Response: Not all chapters were available at that time. All Chapters and Appendices were made available after the January 9, 2020 TPC meeting.
- *Verify the total Household table numbers.*
 - Response: Reviewed and completed.
- *The data provided in Chapter 4 is MPO boundary only or both San Patricio, Nueces Counties?*
 - Response: The data provided is both Nueces and San Patricio counties.
- *Need an explanatory sentence for the Traffic Demand Model on Average Median Income.*
 - Response: Agree and added.
- *Need to mention a potential impact of current industrial development on future demographics.*
 - Response: Industrial components were incorporated at the time of model development.
- *Is there any projection of potential air quality impact by the industrial development, population increase, and vehicles in use?*
 - Response: Not at this time for the regional air quality analysis requirement.

Public Meeting #3, November 13, 2019, 4:30 – 7:00 p.m., at Anita & W. T. Neyland Public Library (Citizen Comments)

- *Regional Parkway could lower traffic jams on SPID but would have a negative impact on the Laguna Madre water quality and habitat, also concerns the impact of the encroachment of development near Padre Island National Seashore.*
- *Encourage the suburban sprawl by increasing access to the far edges of town.*

(Citizen Questions and Corpus Christi MPO Responses)

- *When will the Rodd Field Extension project get started? Who is the responsible entity?*
 - Response: The Rodd Field Extension project is programmed in the 10-year plan range in the 2020-2045 MTP, and the sponsor entity is the City of Corpus Christi.
- *When will the project of Rodd Field Road across Yorktown onward South through open land, across Oso Creek into King Ranch start?*
 - Response: The project depends on funding and further planning and design processes.
- *When does the construction of the bridge over the creek start?*
 - Response: The timing of this projects depends on future planning and design by the City of Corpus Christi or developers.
- *Was the development into King Ranch discussed?*
 - Response: Yes. It is included in our socioeconomic forecast.

(Citizen Requests)

- *Request for support from the Corpus Christi MPO to the North Beach Development Plan: Canal/drainage system, improvement the roads coming off the new Harbor Bridge near Beach Avenue.*
- *Elevating and re-sloping the east-west road.*
- *Request for the 2020-2045 MTP Project Map and Fiscally Constrained Project List.*
- *Request for the scope of FM 624 (Northwest Boulevard) project.*
- *Request for URLs of the Public Meeting #3 displays.*

- *Request for URL of the Regional Parkway Feasibility Study.*
- Response: Delivered the requested information via email. Public meeting materials made available on the MPO website.

Public Comment on Chapter 6 received on November 27, 2019 to Corpus Christi MPO e-mail

- *Corpus Christi Regional Transportation Authority (CCRTA)'s sales tax sources are only Cities of Gregory and Old San Patricio.*
- Response: Corrected text in MTP.

Public Comment on MTP received on December 11, 2019 to Corpus Christi MPO e-mail

- *Request to address rural transportation, specifically for establishing a reliable transportation system with consistent time schedule and flexible for the riders' needs.*
- Response: Delivered the request to the CCRTA.

Public Meeting #4, December 12, 2019, at Flour Bluff Junior High School Cafeteria, 4:30 – 7:00 p.m. (Citizen Comments)

- *Lighting and sidewalk improvements are needed*

(Citizen Questions and Corpus Christi MPO Responses)

- *Who is responsible for Lighting and sidewalk improvements?*
- Response: Each project's sponsor entity will consider and include these improvements.
- *Questions regarding the projects in Flour Bluff Area – What projects are programmed in the 2020-2045 MTP?*
- Response: The Corpus Christi MPO Staff showed the 2020-2045 MTP Project List and pointed out Flour Bluff Drive project is programmed in 10-year plan, and some are approved as City of Corpus Christi's Bond projects.
- *Questions regarding the Laguna Shores Road – are there any sidewalks/bike lanes?*
- Response: Corpus Christi MPO will contact the City of Corpus Christi and get back to the citizen.

Public Comment on MTP received on December 19, 2019 to Corpus Christi MPO e-mail

Chapter 5: Transportation Network:

- *Clarify and provide the data basis for the decline of overall regional crashes (page 5-2).*
- *Clarify and provide the data basis for the region's dedication to preservation (page 5-3).*
- *Duplication of the paragraph regarding the PCCA Strategic Plan 2023 (page 5-15 and 5-16).*
- *Revise the writing under "Looking Ahead" for a complete sentence (page 5-16).*
- *Additional information available for the Joe Fulton International Trade Corridor (page 5-19).*
- *Exhibit 5-34 is out of date. The PCCA would try to get an updated content (page 5-19).*
- Response: corrected and updated text with available data. Added information on the JFITC. (CMP/Chapter 8).
- *Identify nexus between Port-owned Joe Fulton International Trade Corridor and US 181 as a priority consideration by sharing the data collected by the Port of Corpus Christi.*
- *Address the land use and growth story's influence the high rates of off-peak congestion.*
- *Include signal timing coordination and access management.*
- *Reduce LOS reference to minimum acceptable level to FHWA in favor of more telling metrics with more practical temporal or experiential dimension.*
- Response: Reviewed comments and modified some text. Noted some comments for future updates to the CMP with additional study and conversations with local agency partners.

Chapter 11: Security & Resiliency:

- *Change “land Subsidence” to “Sea level rise/land subsidence” in table of natural hazards.*
- Response: Completed
- *Remove “Expansive Soils” from the natural hazards table as it is not commensurate with other items in terms of intensity/severity.*
- *Expansive soils is listed as a natural hazard at the state and local level. It also directly impacts the longevity of transportation infrastructure and increases their maintenance and construction costs, requiring additional planning.*
- *CCMPO Security and Resilience Policy section’s last paragraph “Uncertainties in frequency of occurrence of extreme events has resulted in the development of risk-based methods for facility design. These methods incorporate a design focus that moves away from traditional criteria-based design methods applied today and instead assess the long-term implications of climate change in terms of the implications of change over time and what implications those changes may have on transportation facilities and the customers that utilize them” needs more explanation (page 11-8).*
- *Replaced with “Uncertainties in how often extreme events will occur, with frequencies seeming to increase, has resulted in more facilities being designed with added consideration to how critical an individual piece of infrastructure is in an emergency rather than to a standard criteria such as above the 100-year flood plain. This increases resiliency and safety, while also increasing costs to build, operate, and maintain the infrastructure.”*
- *Replace “Redesign drainage systems to handle larger flows” with “integrate engineering and ecological principles to better manage stormwater quantity and quality in the face of more erratic and intense storm activity” (page 11-9).*
- Response: Agreed, but changed erratic to extreme and intense to frequent.
- *Replace “harden/armor” with “Explore various strategies to protect key infrastructure, including a combination of green and grey infrastructure” (page 11-9).*
- Response: The planning documents of our partner agencies use the terms harden and armor, to show collaboration we will maintain these. We changed it to read “...harden/armor key infrastructure using a combination of green and grey infrastructure...”
- *Delete “Restore, enhance and expand an existing wetland in the Corpus Christi Beach area by excavating an upland area and creating a hydrologic connection between the wetlands and Corpus Christi Bay” bullet due to the sentence is questionable hydrologically/ecologically.*
- Response: The Nueces County All Hazards Plan for Unincorporated Areas Action # 23 states this as the approach.

Additional response to these comments: Reviewed comments and modified some text. Noted some comments for future updates to the MTP Chapters and corresponding work products for the 2050 MTP with additional study and conversations with local agency partners.

Public Meeting/Open-House #5, January 14, 2020, CCRTA Staples Street Center, 4:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

- *Rodd Field Extension Project is in urgent need and should be in the short-range plan.*
- Response: Local municipality representatives have not identified which projects would be delayed in order to fund this project.

Technical Advisory Committee/Public Comments

May 16, 2019 Regular TAC meeting

2020-2045 MTP Project Prioritization Methodology and Performance Measures:

- *Need to define the point given to “stewardship”, project positively or negatively affects the underserved community. See response A below.*
- *Stewardship is unique performance measures.*
- *Align the Performance Measures language to the FHWA’s and TxDOT’s.*

- Response: If this is the definition, then it should be written clearly for local readers to understand. If it is the actual measure, then it should be the measure that the TPC wants to adopt.
- *Add point to Hurricane Evacuation Route*
- Response: This criteria was included in the methodology.
- *Question: What are the deviated categories and how much are the deviations in the MPO's performance measures compared to TxDOT's Decision Lens?*
- Response: Safety is the most closely correlated PM. While TxDOT gives System Liability 60% weight, the Corpus Christi MPO gives 40%. Also, TxDOT gives 10% for Environmental Effect, while the Corpus Christi MPO gives 30% for multimodal and stewardship
- *Funding categories are important factor to prioritize the projects*
- *Create the MTP development schedule with milestones to meet the deadline.*
- Response: Developed a schedule and used throughout the MTP process.

June 20, 2019 Regular TAC meeting

2020-2045 MTP Draft Chapter 1: Introduction:

- *Question: If the City of Corpus Christi's annexation of San Patricio County land would affect the MPO boundary?*
- Response: No.

2020-2045 MTP Freight Truck Stop Parking Map:

- *Classify the truck stops by the stops' characteristics and amenities.*
- *Indicate the future freight network roadways.*
- Response: Completed.

July 18, 2019 Regular TAC meeting

2020-2045 MTP DRAFT Air Quality Conformity Chapter:

- *Insert the regional efforts to support the air quality activities to maintain the Air Quality standards.*

2020-2045 MTP DRAFT Unconstrained Project List for MPO Funding:

- *Add San Patricio County Drainage District Project in 2020-2045 MTP as "US 181 additional drainage crossing".*
- Response: Added.
- *Separate the Regional Parkway segments and considered as individual construction projects.*
- Response: Done.
- *City of Corpus Christi considered Regional Parkway project as high priority and move this project forward within 5 years.*
- Response: Considered by the TAC and TPC.
- *The Rodd Field extension project should be given a high priority due to the Del Mar Southside Campus at Rodd Field Road and Yorktown Boulevard is expected to bring considerable traffic increase, also the Rodd Field Road is a part of Regional Parkway.*
- Response: Considered and listed in priority.

August 28, 2019 Special TAC meeting

2020-2045 MTP Draft Fiscally Constrained Project List for MPO:

- *Projects in the 2020 UTP are ranked as regional priority.*
- *Harbor Bridge Mitigation projects are ranked as regional priority.*

- *Transportation Set-Aside Program projects are awarded funding projects that must be delivered within 3 years, thus ranked in short-range.*
- *Holly Road Travel Lanes project used federal funds for its feasibility study and is expected to be delivered within 10 years, thus programmed in mid-range.*
- *Category 2 and 4U funding allocation needs further discussion.*

September 19, 2019 Regular TAC meeting

2020-2045 MTP Fiscally Constrained Projects for MPO Funding:

- *Include FY 2019-2022 TIP projects in the 2020-2045 MTP*
- *Show the ranking order in the 2020-2045 MTP Fiscally Constrained Projects for MPO Funding*
- *Separate short-range (TIP/STIP) and 10-year and identify programs with each category.*
- Response: Completed.

September 26, 2019 Special TAC meeting

2020-2045 MTP Fiscally Constrained Projects for MPO Funding:

- *City of Corpus Christi recommends SS 544 (Agnes Street/Laredo Street) and the NEPA study for Regional Parkway Segment B in short-range (TIP/STIP) period.*
- Response: Considered and funded by the TAC and TPC.
- *Concern for projects funded by Category 7 is programmed in short-range due to the fact Category 7 funding is tied to the new Harbor Bridge relocation program.*
- Response: Noted.

November 21, 2019, Regular TAC meeting

Chapter 2: Planning Requirements, Public Outreach and Agency Coordination:

- *Inclusion of the data analytics, especially the public outreach efforts.*
- Response: Provided in Appendix B.
- *Engage individuals with disabilities in the transportation planning process to address the accessibility, multi-transportation modes, and the overall transportation matters.*
- Response: Public outreach was for broadest audience.
- *The Coastal Bend Center for Independent Living, City of Corpus Christi Transportation Advisory Committee would review and provide the comments.*

Chapter 3: Planning Framework:

- *Verify the number of crashes in the table.*
- *Consider using “good” and “better” pavement/bridge conditions instead of “good” and “poor”.*
- *Add the freight delay data for the freight network performance measures.*
- *Add “delay” in the “Corpus Christi MPO per Commuter Hours”.*
- *Provide a simple explanatory sentence to the traffic delay.*
- *Remove the word “companion” from Harbor Bridge Project in page 3-4.*
- Response: Reviewed, considered, completed and verified the above listed comments.

Chapter 4: Demographics and Forecasting:

- *There seems a gap between the datasets provided in the Chapter 4 and the project prioritization results.*
- *Provide a general sentence that describe the industrial development in the region and its impact on the demographics and transportation planning process.*
- *Link the emergency planning and demographics.*
- Response: Reviewed, adjusted and provided language.

Chapter 6: Financial Plan:

- *Add the date of the functional classification*
- *Put more weight on the color of Exhibit 6-1*
- *Specify the TxDOT 2020 UTP funding is a state-wide total amount.*
- Response: Reviewed and completed.

Chapter 7: Implementation Plan:

- *Verify the location and project ID in Exhibit 7-1.*
- *Use a dot instead of line for the interchange improvement feasibility study in Exhibit 7-1*
- Response: Verified and considered.

Chapter 9: Freight:

- *Add some sentence to explain the pipeline effects – such as how pipelines reduce the number of trucks from the freight system.*
- *Consider a cross-regional pipeline network map that shows the movement from other regions to Corpus Christi area.*
- *Exhibit 9-10, 9-12, 9-14 are blurry and need to be replaced.*
- *Table YTD Airport Operations on page 9-5 is missing the unit of measure.*
- *Include the Marine Coastal Highway and I-69 in Freight Chapter since these are considered as a part of important freight network.*
- Response: Updated graphics, adjusted language and added maps.

Chapter 10: Safety:

- *Include or at least refer to the emergency elements such as hurricane evacuation in the Chapter and link it to the Chapter 11: Security and Resiliency.*

Chapter 12: Strategic Plan for Active Mobility Phase 1: Bicycle Mobility Plan:

- *Great to include the Bicycle Mobility Plan in the 2020-2045 MTP.*
- *City of Corpus Christi Transportation Advisory Committee will work with all partner agencies to implement the Bicycle Mobility Plan.*
- *Will the other mobility elements (pedestrian, ADA accessibility, etc.,) be addressed?*
- Response: These aspects of mobility planning will be addressed in the update to the Mobility Plan.

December 19, 2019 Regular TAC meeting

Chapter 8: Congestion Management Process (CMP):

- *Add more land use policy, development codes dimension to the CMP.*
- Response: Local agencies control land uses. To date, no specific suggestions have come forth from them for the TAC or TPC to review.
- *Minimize or exclude the Level of Service (LOS) reference from CMP, because more important elements are captured by the metrics the Corpus Christi MPO developed and the numbers provide a comprehensive view on each corridor.*
- Response: Level of Service is an international standard for measuring road congestion. Additional measurements to provide a broader examination of travel characteristics along each Congestion Management Corridor will be explored during the next several years, as part of the normal 3C transportation planning process.
- *If LOS is required by FHWA to address in CMP, make the discussion of LOS more robust and relevant to the region.*

- Response: The discussion will become more robust and relevant to the region as additional data and details of each corridor are gathered. This will occur as part of the normal year to year congestion management planning process.

Transportation Policy Committee/Public Comments - June 6, 2019 Regular TPC meeting

2020-2045 MTP Draft Unconstrained Project List:

- *Question: If the old Harbor Bridge reversionary land is referenced in the list?*
- Response: Possibly included in the Future Land Use section in 2020-2045 MTP, not as a transportation project since the use of the land is not yet determined.

2020-2045 MTP Chapter 1 Distribution:

- *Question: Why Port Aransas is not included in the Corpus Christi MPO's boundary?*
- Response: The MPO boundary is determined by the Governor based on the U.S. Census Bureau and currently parts of Nueces and San Patricio Counties, City of Corpus Christi, City of Portland, and City of Gregory are designated as the MPO boundary.

July 11, 2019 Rescheduled TPC meeting

2020-2045 MTP Chapter 1: Introduction:

- *The discussion regarding the MPO boundary at the June TPC meeting is put on hold until further data becomes available after 2020 Census.*

2020-2045 MTP DRAFT Unconstrained Project List:

- *Question: If the Harbor Bridge Hike & Trail project is included in the list?*
- Response: The list is still under discussion by Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and all projects in the list will be verified by the sponsored entities, then submitted to the TPC for approval.

2020-2045 MTP DRAFT Air Quality Conformity Chapter:

- Suggested to ask Texas Committee on Environmental Quality (TCEQ)'s review and input.
- Response: TCEQ provided review and comments for Chapter 14.

August 1, 2019 Regular TPC meeting

2020-2045 MTP Air Quality Analysis Chapter:

- *Question: If there is any impact on air quality from the proposed offshore terminals?*
- Response: The construction of terminal must go through an independent environmental impact study before the final approval. The Corpus Christi MPO will keep monitoring the progress and result of the study.

2020-2045 MTP DRAFT Unconstrained Project List for MPO:

- *Question: If all projects' scope and cost estimates are up to date?*
- Response: The sponsor entities will verify the scope and cost estimates before finalizing the project list.

September 5, 2019 TPC Regular Meeting

2020-2045 MTP DRAFT Fiscally Constrained Project List for MPO Funding:

- *Question: Are the projects in the list identified with let dates?*
- Response: All projects are aligned with TxDOT's 2020 Unified Transportation Program (UTP) and 25-year funding projections. The TAC will discuss the project priority and ranking in subsequent workshops and meetings.
- *Question: If changing description of the Regional Parkway project impacts the project cost?*
- Response: All projects' scope and cost estimates will be discussed and verified.

October 3, 2019 TPC Regular Meeting

2020-2045 MTP DRAFT Fiscally Constrained Project List for MPO Funding:

- *Question: What is the status of the crosswalk on Schanen Ditch Hike & Bike Trail at Saratoga Boulevard?*
- Response: The City of Corpus Christi is currently working on its design.

2020-2045 MTP Appendix #12: Strategic Plan for Active Mobility: Phase 1: Bicycle Mobility Plan:

- *Thanks extended for the efforts of the Corpus Christi MPO, City of Corpus Christi, and City of Portland's collaboratively promoting active mobility and wellness in the region.*

November 7, 2019 TPC Regular Meeting

2020-2045 MTP Chapter 2: Planning Requirements Agency Coordination and Public Outreach, Chapter 4: Demographics and Forecasting, Chapter 6: Financial Plan, Chapter 7: Implementation Plan:

- *Rail Infrastructure study and mechanism including grade separation should be discussed more in the 2020-2045 MTP and the chapter should be reviewed by the County Rail Districts and Economic Development Corporations.*
- Response: Chapters shared with these groups.

December 5, 2019 TPC Regular Meeting

2020-2045 MTP Chapters Actions:

- *Question: What is the status of Rodd Field Road Extension project?*
- Response: The City of Corpus Christi adopted the project in the Corpus Christi Transportation Plan.
- *Question: What is the status of Park Road 22 project?*
- Response: a feasibility study is programmed in the short-range plan (4-years).
- *The Park Road 22 project needs to be moving forward due to the current traffic and future traffic.*
- Response: The feasibility study related to this project was considered for inclusion in the list of projects.

January 9, 2020 TPC Regular Meeting

- *Send the MTP and CMP documents to the relevant agencies/delegations or have meetings to solicit comments.*
- Response: The Corpus Christi MPO sent the information to the partner agencies and stakeholders listed in Chapter 2 as the MTP Chapters developed and follow-up.

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- *"Having lived in Corpus Christi for 60 years and know the cities history of build and they will come slogan. Leaves much for the residents too ponder in the industrial revolution. We are actually backing ourselves in to a wall of toxins since the area is occupied by petrochemical industry from every angle of the city and the homeowners stuck right Dab in the middle of all of hydrocarbons that the local families are starting to show the effects of these plants. They now have the northern and southern parts of Nueces County so much confusion and construction that the right Livability plan is not even a conservation with the residents. In other words who is handling all of the permits and paperwork? If we plan to leave a little bit of time for our family to live a long and full life we need to have the discussion of when is enough of all of this industrial revolution."*
- Response: The Corpus Christi MPO's 2020-2045 MTP addresses environmental issues as part of chapters 13, 14 and portions of 11. Most permits issued for industrial uses have an air quality impacts/mitigation measures component and are issued by the TCEQ. A future industrial master plan for San Patricio County and possibly Nueces County will be started later this year.

Public Comments received on January 14, 2020 to Corpus Christi MPO E-mail

- *Please find attached several documents that I would like to submit as public comment to the MPO regarding its Draft 2020-2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan. My comments address three pages in the 2020-2045 MTP Chapter 5 Regional-Transportation-Network document:*

1. "Page 5-4 Street Map - *This map shows all the arterials and collectors in Corpus Christi but does not show any of North Beach's arterials or collectors, despite the fact that the city plans to spend millions of dollars in the near future to rebuild at least three of those (Beach Avenue, Gulf Spray Ave and a new North Beach Primary Access Road to the north of Beach Ave). I would like to see MPO's map adequately reflect the existence of the major roads on North Beach, including the main thoroughfare, Timon and Surfside Blvds."*

- **Response:** We appreciate the detailed efforts you have accomplished with your review of our MTP. The Corpus Christi MPO works with our federal (FHWA) and state (TxDOT) partners to determine the official functional classification of all roadways in the MPO boundary. The roadways you list are included as part of that process. The results of the technical analysis and criteria was that the roads within North Beach are all classified as local rather than collectors or arterials. As we review the roadways in the future, we and our partners, including the City of Corpus Christi will review the classifications of all the roads with North Beach.

2. "Page 5-14 Truck Parking - *The tourist area of North Beach has an ongoing problem caused by lots of semi trucks coming in and out of the Joe Fulton International Trade Corridor to make deliveries in the Port of CC. These truck drivers drive their big 18 wheelers into our neighborhood looking for a place to park their trucks before or after their deliveries. City ordinance prevents 18 wheelers from driving on our neighborhood streets (unless they are making a delivery) but the police have to catch them in motion in order to issue a citation. The drivers often pull onto vacant private properties and sleep in their trucks. It's very difficult for the police to do anything, yet the trucks put a burden on North Beach residents and businesses by marring the ocean view, tearing up the streets with their heavy trucks, and causing noise pollution, visual pollution and air pollution as they sleep in their trucks. The MPO map on page 5-14 shows two truck stops located on I-37 and on Hwy 44, yet in reality there are no truck stops in either of those places. The one along I-37 and Navigation closed down. The only other business that might service a truck is a Valero Corner Store, but parking is very limited there. In reality, the only trucks stops near the Port are located in Robstown and Sinton, both 20 miles from the Port. To alleviate the problems the trucks cause on North Beach and to better service the truck drivers that make deliveries to the port industries, the MPO should include in its plan that the Port should provide adequate overnight truck parking for the truck drivers who make deliveries to the port a safe place to spend the night in their trucks."*

- **Response:** We appreciate you taking the time to review these maps and the details in our 2020-2045 MTP. The Corpus Christi MPO staff will forward the message to the Port for their review. Our 2020-2045 MTP does not prescribe policies that the local governments nor the local agencies like the Port must implement. We advise them of public comments we receive for their policy consideration.
- For the truck stop locations, we receive the information from the state through TxDOT and will forward the information and your local knowledge you provided to them to review the locations and advise us of the official status of the locations you cite.

3. "Page 5-15 Port Expansion - *Please refer to the attachment here called "Port Map - Rincon West Yard." As a North Beach resident and property owner, I am very concerned about future expansion by the Port of CC towards our neighborhood. I see rebuilding the Nueces Causeway to expand barge traffic servicing the Rincon Canal as detrimental to all of North Beach, but*

especially to the canal front homes in The Harbors development, and now the new La Vista Pointe (\$24 million project), which is literally across the canal from land that the port could lease out for industrial purposes. I would like to see the MPO recognize that user conflict of land in this area and not include expanding barge traffic to the Rincon Canal as a priority. On the contrary, we need the MPO to protect North Beach from further encroachment by the port and its industries to our residential areas. Since the MPO is in charge of planning transportation in our region, it should also be responsible for not expanding roadways and shipping routes in such a way that the growth will negatively impact communities.”

- **Response:** Thank you for your comments. The Corpus Christi MPO will forward your statements and concerns to the Port and the City of Corpus Christi. The two entities are the ones that would consider any policy or land use changes as you suggest. The MPO does not recommend to the local governments nor local agencies policy changes for their land use decisions. That is a core function of those entities for their jurisdictional land areas.

Transportation Thursday at Del Mar College Center for Economic Development on January 23, 2020

Transportation Updates: 2020-2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Executive Summary Presentation by Mr. Robert MacDonald, Corpus Christi MPO Transportation Planning Director:

- *General comments were received.*



MPO Transportation Planning Director Rob MacDonald speaking at the Thursday Transportation event at Del Mar College Center for Economic Development.