



CHAPTER 2

OUTREACH AND COORDINATION

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METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

CHAPTER 2

The 2050 MTP formally documents the continuing, comprehensive, and cooperative (3C) transportation planning process. This chapter describes:

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

The required planning framework changed significantly due to the enactment of the most recent Transportation Law, the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act/Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (IIJA/BIL). Additionally with the new federal administration taking office in 2025, the issuance of new Executive Orders and rescinding of prior Executive Orders changed the focus of transportation planning for MPOs. Strong emphasis is now given on bridges, infrastructure and freight, safety, while the performance-based planning that uses gathered system information compared against adopted goals and specific targets to make policy and investment decisions remains as a core requirement in the transportation planning process. The Corpus Christi MPO fulfills performance-based planning requirements by selecting projects for both the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (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 Plan (PPP), to address public participation and consultation requirements. The Corpus Christi MPO adopted the latest update to the PPP on November 17, 2025. The current PPP is included in this 2050 MTP as Appendix A.

FEDERAL PLANNING REQUIREMENTS

23 CFR § 450.306 Scope of the metropolitan transportation planning process.

- (a) To accomplish the objectives in § 450.300 and § 450.306(b), metropolitan planning organizations designated under § 450.310, in cooperation with the State and public transportation operators, shall develop long-range transportation plans and TIPs through a performance-driven, outcome-based approach to planning for metropolitan areas of the State.
- (b) The metropolitan transportation planning process shall be continuous, cooperative, and comprehensive, and provide for consideration and implementation of projects, strategies, and services that will address the following factors:
- (c) Support the economic vitality of the metropolitan area, especially by enabling global competitiveness, productivity, and efficiency;
- (d) Increase the safety of the transportation system for motorized and non-motorized users;
- (e) Increase the security of the transportation system for motorized and non-motorized users;

- (f) Increase accessibility and mobility of people and freight;
- (g) Protect and enhance the environment, promote energy conservation, improve the quality of life, and promote consistency between transportation improvements and State and local planned growth and economic development patterns;
- (h) Enhance the integration and connectivity of the transportation system, across and between modes, for people and freight;
- (i) Promote efficient system management and operation;
- (j) Emphasize the preservation of the existing transportation system;
- (k) Improve the resiliency and reliability of the transportation system and reduce or mitigate stormwater impacts of surface transportation; and
- (l) Enhance travel and tourism.

23 CFR §450.324 provides the guideline of the development and content of the MTP.

Requirements for developing an MTP:

- The MTP shall consider factors listed in 23 CFR §450.306 related to a minimum 20-year forecast period;
- The MTP shall include both long-range and short-range strategies and actions for an integrated multimodal transportation system;
- The MTP shall be reviewed and updated every four years (air quality nonattainment/maintenance MPOs) or five years (attainment MPOs);
- The MTP shall be submitted to the Governor for information purposes, and updated/revised MTP shall be submitted to the FHWA and the FTA;
- The cooperation among the State DOT, the public transportation operator and the MPO for the development of MTP.

Requirements for contents included in an MTP:

- Current and projected transportation demands in the region;
- Existing and proposed transportation facilities (including multimodal, intermodal, non-motorized facilities);
- Performance measures and targets;
- A system performance report that evaluates the progress toward the performance targets;
- Operational and management strategies to improve the performance of existing transportation facilities to reduce congestion;
- The results of the congestion management process;
- Assessment of capital investment and other strategies to preserve the existing and projected future transportation infrastructure;
- Transportation and transit enhancement activities for reducing congestion, pollution, and energy consumption;
- Design concept and scope of all existing and proposed transportation facilities;
- Potential environmental mitigation activities;
- A financial plan that the MTP can be implemented;
- Pedestrian walkway and bicycle transportation facilities.

The MTP is also required to integrate the priorities, goals, countermeasures, strategies, and projects contained in the Highway Safety Improvement Plan (HSIP), including the Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP) required under 23 U.S.C. 148, and the Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan required

under 49 CFR Part 659.

FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR PUBLIC OUTREACH

As described in the adopted Public Participation Plan, Appendix A, the Corpus Christi MPO provides reasonable opportunities to receive meaningful public comment throughout the regional transportation planning process, including but not limited to existing needs, desired projects, Performance Measures, and priorities for funding, and the contents of the planning documents including the MTP. Also, the MTP is provided in electronically accessible formats and is posted on the Corpus Christi MPO website as required under 23 CFR §450.324.

The Corpus Christi MPO is currently using social media and online survey tools such as Facebook, Twitter/X, SurveyMonkey, Social Pinpoint as well as online comment form on the Corpus Christi MPO website and exploring the successful public involvement resources to adhere to the additional provisions for the use of social media and other web-based tools to further encourage public participation and to solicit public feedback in the transportation planning process under IIJA/BIL.

CORPUS CHRISTI MPO PUBLIC OUTREACH

The Corpus Christi MPO updated the Public Participation Plan (PPP) in 2025 that incorporates the most recent federal requirements and guidance. The PPP describes the goals and policies of the Corpus Christi MPO's Public Involvement, and strategies and actions on how to achieve these goals. Also, the Corpus Christi MPO worked with the consultants and developed the Communication & Survey Plan as an extended effort to involve the public in the transportation decision-making process.

Outreach Phases

Corpus Christi MPO staff divided the outreach process into four phases corresponding to the needs of the MTP. The phases included:

1. Partner Agencies – Corpus Christi MPO staff communicates with state and local agencies concerning the development of the 2050 MTP.
2. Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) – Corpus Christi MPO staff presents technical/administrative information, data analysis, and recommendation to the TAC at each phase of the development process.
3. Transportation Policy Committee (TPC) – Transportation Policy Committee reviews the plan information from a policy perspective and provided comments and input to the Corpus Christi MPO staff and the Technical Advisory Committee.
4. Plan Development – Corpus Christi MPO staff engages the public for community concerns, needs, and issues with the regional transportation system. Activities included an online survey, website comment capability, public meetings, and public events.
5. Public Review – The public provides feedback as the Corpus Christi MPO staff completed draft chapters of the 2050 MTP. Activities include releasing chapters as part of the Transportation Policy Committee (TPC)

and the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting packets, which are posted on the Corpus Christi MPO website. Additional information is announced and made available at the public meetings located at different locations of the Corpus Christi MPO region to allow citizens from all parts of the region to participate in the plan review.

6. 2050 MTP Adoption—After a final month-long public comment period for the 2050 MTP, the document will be adopted by the Transportation Policy Committee. Dates of these TPC meetings will be 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 will be documented with responses in Appendix B. Additionally, the public notices in the local newspapers are included in Appendix C.

Public Involvement Strategies are outlined in the adopted 2025 PPP. The public is notified of and involved in the development of the Plan through:

- Posting on the Corpus Christi MPO’s website, Twitter/X, and Facebook;
- Attendance and presentations at local meetings and events throughout the region.
- Publication of events, dates, and updates on the constantly updated 2050 MTP schedule document posted with the public meeting announcements of the TPC and TAC meetings each month.
- Creation of the links to the new 2050 MTP Chapters on the Corpus Christi MPO and MPO Social Pinpoint websites.
- Events and meetings will be posted as they are scheduled and are posted on the MPO’s Social Pinpoint website (<https://connect.corpuschristi-mpo.org/metropolitan-transportation-plan>), Facebook ([https://www.facebook.com/Corpus-Christi-MPO- 176681309008](https://www.facebook.com/Corpus-Christi-MPO-176681309008)), and tweeted on the Corpus Christi MPO’s X account (<https://x.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.
- Public Notice of Comment Opportunities are published in the local newspaper, and the notice is sent to the regional media/communication companies.

Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update Outreach Meetings

The Corpus Christi MPO held the following public meetings in 2025, 2026 and 2027:

- On Tuesday October 21, 2025 from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Del Mar College Center for Economic Development
- On Thursday October 23, 2025 from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Deaf & Hard of Hearing Center
- On DAY, MONTH XX, 2026 from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at LOCATION
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Public Participation Website

At the start of the planning process, Corpus Christi MPO staff created an interactive website for the 2050 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 2050 MTP related committees and corresponding membership, hosted a survey, listed links to related plans and studies, information about Corpus Christi MPO, and included the plan documents for download and review.

Public Comments

Comments received from the public are included in Appendix B. The 2050 MTP 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 March 21st, 2027. The Transportation Policy Board reviewed and released the MTP for public comment on March 7th, 2027. The month-long Public Comment period ended on April 4th, 2027. The TAC reviewed both the public and agency comments and the responses and recommended that the TPC adopt the 2050 MTP on April 4th, 2027.

BACKGROUND

The U.S. Department of Transportation (Department or DOT) distributes substantial Federal financial assistance for thousands of projects, programs, and activities operated or initiated by diverse entities, including but not limited to State and local governments. DOT administers this Federal financial assistance to support the development and maintenance of the Nation’s transportation infrastructure, pursuant to statutory authority and in accordance with binding contractual agreements in the form of Federal financial assistance agreements, usually grants, cooperative agreements, and loans.

As part of President Trump’s agenda to end illegal discrimination, inefficient climate change policies, and other harmful initiatives in Federal programs, the President has issued several Executive Orders (E.O.) including those titled as follows: E.O. 14170, Reforming The Federal Hiring Process And Restoring Merit To Government Service; E.O. 14151, Ending Radical And Wasteful Government DEI Programs And Preferencing ; E.O. 14168, Defending Women From Gender Ide ology Extremism And Restoring Biological Truth To The Federal Government ; E.O. 14149, Re storing Freedom of Speech and Ending Federal Censorship; E.O. 14173, Ending Illegal Discrimination and Restoring Merit-Based Opportunity ; and E.O. 14154, Unleashing American Energy.

These E.O.s direct Federal agencies, where and as consistent with law, to identify and eliminate all orders, directives, rules, regulations, notices, guidance documents, funding agreements, programs, and policy statements, or portions thereof, which were authorized, adopted, or approved between noon on January 20, 2021 and noon on January 20, 2025, and which reference or relate in any way to climate change, “greenhouse gas”

emissions, racial equity, gender identity, “diversity, equity, and inclusion” goals, environmental justice, or the Justice 40 Initiative.

Between noon on January 20, 2021, and noon on January 20, 2025, DOT incorporated these types of policies into the terms, schedules, exhibits, and attachments of the Department’s Federal financial assistance agreements.

Accordingly, the Secretary of Transportation wrote to clarify that the Department will no longer enforce these policies, or any other requirements incorporated into its Federal financial assistance agreements that are inconsistent with the policy objectives of this Administration and current DOT leadership. More specifically, the Department considers any policies or requirements not based in statute or regulation relating or referring to climate change, “greenhouse gas” emissions, racial equity, gender identity, “diversity, equity, and inclusion” goals, environmental justice, and the Justice 40 Initiative that were incorporated into the terms, schedules, exhibits, and attachments of its Federal financial assistance agreements to be null and void and of no effect.

Recipients of DOT Federal financial assistance are hereby released of their obligations to comply with these policies and requirements effective immediately.

This letter does not impose new conditions or requirements but instead serves merely to provide notice that DOT will not enforce or require adherence to any of the aforementioned policy requirements the prior administration incorporated into the Department’s Federal financial assistance agreements. The Department has removed those requirements from its Federal financial assistance agreements, and inserted language that requires compliance with already existing legal requirements, as applicable based on existing court decisions-including, among others, existing legal requirements related to immigration enforcement and the prohibition of discrimination not the type of new sweeping policy requirements imposed by the prior administration.

As a reminder, the Department offers technical guidance and support for all recipients of DOT Federal financial assistance through its program offices. Should you require clarification regarding your obligations, you are encouraged to contact your designated DOT representative.

The Department remains committed to advancing a transportation system that serves the public interest efficiently and unleashes economic prosperity and a superior quality of life for American families and supports our partnership to achieve these goals.

These communities include minorities, transit dependent citizens, low income, the elderly, and persons with disabilities. Staff activities may include non-traditional 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

Corpus Christi MPO Document	Length of Comment Period	Minimum Notification of Opportunity
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) • Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) • Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) • Congestion Management Process (CMP) 	One Month	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MPO website and social media announcement • Known media outlets
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Participation Plan (PPP) 	45 Days [23 CFR 450.316 (a)]	

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 publishes 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 Corpus Christi MPO's Outreach Program (PPP) 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 Corpus Christi 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:

- Holding public meetings at convenient and accessible locations and times (including a virtual option);
- Being sensitive in the use of industry terms and language;
- Employing stronger visualization techniques to describe short- and long-range transportation information;
- Providing a brief written summary of the meeting's highlights along with providing information offered at meetings via online access for citizens unable to attend, and
- 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 all 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 2050 MTP;
- Give public notice of public participation activities and allow time for public review and comment on 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 users of 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 one month;
- Coordinate the Public Participation Process with statewide Public Participation Processes wherever possible.

PERFORMANCE-BASED PLANNING REQUIREMENTS

Performance-based planning and programming refers to the application of performance management to achieve desired performance outcomes for the multimodal transportation system. The objective is to ensure transportation

investment decisions are made based on their ability to meet established goals. The cornerstone of Congress' 2021 legislation IJJA/BIL, was the transition to a performance and outcome-based program. States and MPO's must invest resources in projects to achieve individual targets that collectively will make progress toward national goals. Specific quantitative criteria published by the Secretary of Transportation measure whether these goals have been achieved.

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 used:

Policy 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 Corpus Christi 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 Corpus Christi 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 Corpus Christi 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 Corpus Christi MPO shall maintain up to date

contact information for the following:

- Coast Guard;
- Homeland Security;
- National Parks Service (Department of Interior);
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service;
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency;
- U.S. 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 Corpus Christi 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 Corpus Christi 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.

Policy 2

The Corpus Christi MPO shall keep the public informed of ongoing transportation related activities on a continuous basis.

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

Policy 2.2: The Corpus Christi 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 Corpus Christi MPO shall maintain an internet website that will be compliant with Section 508 of the Americans with Disabilities Act for individuals with disabilities.

Policy 2.3.1: The Corpus Christi MPO's website shall be updated and maintained to provide the most current and accurate transportation planning information available.

Policy 3

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

Policy 3.1: Target audiences shall be identified by the MPO including individuals with disabilities, minority households, and residents with a different

nation of origin who reside within the metropolitan area.

Policy 3.2: The Corpus Christi 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.

Policy 4

The Corpus Christi MPO shall strive to continuously improve public participation.

Policy 4.1: The Corpus Christi 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 prior to every Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update, in an effort to improve the effectiveness of public involvement.

Policy 5

The Corpus Christi 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 because of, or otherwise be subjected to, discrimination under any agency programs or activities. These prohibitions extend from the Corpus Christi 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 VI requirements.

Policy 5.1: The Corpus Christi 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 Corpus Christi MPO.

Policy 5.2: Any person who believes the Corpus Christi 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 Corpus Christi 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.

AGENCY CONSULTATION

23 U.S.C §134 requires 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 agencies with the opportunity to comment on the DRAFT 2050 MTP. Each agency was contacted by email and included instructions on how to access the document or contact the Corpus Christi MPO staff with comments or questions.

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 2050 in the Traffic Analysis Zones (TAZs) of the travel demand model. The 635 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 were key to the reasonable determination of the expected level of and location of growth in the Corpus Christi MPO region for the 2050 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 Corporation, San Patricio County Economic Development Corporation, and the Coastal Bend Council of Government (CBCOG) for the economic development in the region. The Corpus Christi Regional Economic Development Corporation’s annual reports, the 2021-2026 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) developed by the CBCOG, and the development of San Patricio County’s Industrial Growth Plan of August 2025 provide the economic trends

and insight in the region and identify key items 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 GLO Resiliency Plan, TxDOT Resiliency Plan, 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 2022-2032 Texas’ Statewide Preservation Plan (SWP) (<https://thc.texas.gov/about/get-involved/texas-statewide-preservation-plan>) 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 Multi-Jurisdictional 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 2050 MTP. Key items that were investigated include Hurricane and flood inundation zones and expansive/contracting soils. The Corpus Christi MPO also participated in the annual Hurricane Conference and participated in the transportation infrastructure focus group for the regional disaster planning event.