

**CORPUS CHRISTI METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO)
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC) MEETING NOTES
Thursday, January 18, 2018**

1. Call to Order and Quorum determination

Mr. Sullivan called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Present: Glen Sullivan, P.E., Nueces County; Gordon Robinson, Corpus Christi RTA, Brian DeLatte, P.E., City of Portland, Howard Gillespie, San Patricio County; Dr. Raymond Chong, P.E., City of Corpus Christi, David Krams, P.E., Port of Corpus Christi Authority; Paula Sales-Evans, P.E., TxDOT- Corpus Christi District.

Staff Present: Jeff Pollack, Brigida Gonzalez, Daniel Carrizales, Victor Mendieta and Elena Buentello.

2. Introduction of visiting agency officials

Mr. Sullivan welcomed all in attendance.

3. Presentation

A. SH 358 Ramp Reversal Project Update

Erin Perkins-Watry (Foresight Planning and Engineering Services, LLC) and Ali Bashi, P.E. (AIA Engineers LTD) updated the TAC on the SH 358 ramp reversal and corridor improvement project.

4. Discussion and Possible Action

A. Discussion and action to elect officials for the Technical Advisory Committee.

The MPO by-laws indicate that the Technical Advisory Committee shall elect a Chairperson and a Vice Chairperson from among its voting members during the first meeting of each calendar year by a majority vote of that voting membership.

Raymond Chong made a motion to nominate Glen Sullivan as chair for calendar year 2018. Paula Sales-Evans seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Glen Sullivan made a motion to nominate Brian DeLatte as Vice Chair for calendar year 2018. Raymond Chong seconded; motion passed unanimously.

B. Reporting of Ranking of Nominations for the 2018 Transportation Alternatives (TA) Set-Aside Program Call for Projects (CFP).

The MPO received three project nominations totaling approximately \$1.2M under the CFP, which closed on December 13, 2017. The program includes \$580K in funding available for each year for both FY 2019 and FY 2020 for a total of \$1.16M available for the 2018 CFP.

Staff presented project rankings per scoring by the selection committee and explained that funding allocation will move down the hierarchy of ranked projects. As such, the top ranked project will be fully funded. The 2nd ranked project will receive the remainder of the funds based on concurrence by the nominating agency of this project (City of Corpus Christi) that the project can be delivered in its entirety as proposed even if provided only partial funding.

Dr. Chong commented in affirmation that the City of Corpus Christi commits to making up the funding shortfall to deliver the full project as proposed despite receiving only partial funding through the TA Set-Aside Program.

Mr. Pollack explained that had the nominating agency declined partial funding, then the remainder of the funds would have be allocated to the 3rd ranked project.

TAC members expressed interest in revisiting the process by which funding is allocated to the nominated projects once the evaluation committee has completed scoring and ranking.

Next steps will include amendment of the Transportation Improvement Program (the MPO's fiscally constrained four-year plan) to include selected projects.

Mr. Krams made a motion to recommend to the Transportation Policy Committee (TPC) to accept the project selection panel's proposed allocation of TASA funds for the 2018 CFP. Brian DeLatte seconded; motion passed unanimously.

5. Staff Briefing

A. Member agency contributions

Mr. Pollack thanked TAC members for their assistance in securing member entities' annual local fund contributions.

B. TxDOT Traffic Safety Grant

Mr. Pollack reported that staff had submitted an application for a TxDOT Traffic Safety Grant to support an Active Mobility Safety Outreach Campaign, including a full-time campaign coordinator and part-time intern to be housed at the MPO. Mr. Pollack thanked TAC members and partners from the cities of Portland and Corpus Christi and from Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi for their commitment of staff time to the campaign as non-federal, in-kind match. Successful applicants will be notified in late spring or early summer and funds would be available at the start of FY2019.

C. TAC spring meeting schedule

(Item addressed prior to agenda item #3 in the event that any TAC members needed to leave before meeting's end). Mr. Pollack explained that the MPO faces several time-sensitive action items over the next several months. To that end, the February and March meetings of the TAC need to be rescheduled to ensure a quorum. Staff will publish the revised meeting schedule once it has been confirmed.

D. Transportation Policy Committee Meeting – February 1, 2018

6. Future Agenda Items

Multiple TAC members expressed interest in revisiting the process by which funding is allocated to the nominated projects once the evaluation committee has completed scoring and ranking.

Dr. Chong requested an update on the work of the TX Innovation Alliance.

7. Public Comments on Agenda Items

There were none.

8. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 10:01 a.m.