

**CORPUS CHRISTI METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO)
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC) MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, June 20, 2019**

1. Call to Order, Roll Call, and Quorum determination

Mr. Brian DeLatte called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

TAC Members Present:

Brian DeLatte, P.E., City of Portland

Sarah Munoz, P.E., City of Corpus Christi

Gordon Robinson, PMP, CCRTA

Juan Pimentel, P.E., Nueces County

Jeff Pollack, AICP, Port of Corpus Christi

Howard Gillespie, San Patricio County

Paula Sales-Evans, P.E., TxDOT-CRP

MPO Staff Present: Rob MacDonald, P.E.; Daniel Carrizales; Victor Mendieta; and Yoshiko Boulan

2. Introduction of visiting agency officials

Ms. Sales-Evans introduced Ms. Sara Garza, Transportation Planning and Programming Division, TxDOT and Mr. Victor Vourcos, P. E., TxDOT-CRP.

3. Public Comments for Items not on the agenda

Mr. DeLatte asked for public comments for items not on the agenda; no public comments were offered.

4. Approval of May 16, 2019 TAC meeting minutes

Mr. Pollack made a motion to approve the May 16, 2019 TAC Meeting Minutes. Ms. Munoz seconded; motion passed unanimously.

5. Discussion and Possible Action

A. 2020 – 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) DRAFT Chapter 1: Introduction

The 2020 – 2045 MTP DRAFT Chapter 1: Introduction was distributed to TAC members on June 14, 2019 for review. If TAC members agree to recommend it to Transportation Policy Committee (TPC), it will be submitted on July 11, 2019 TPC meeting for an approval.

There was no comment from the TAC regarding the overall content of Chapter 1: Introduction, but the following comments were provided on Figure 1-1. Corpus Christi MPO Metropolitan Planning Area map:

- Reflect the new City of Portland's city limit on the map
- Separate Interstate Highway and US Highway

The above requests will be reflected in the Corpus Christi MPO Metropolitan Planning Area map.

Ms. Gillespie asked if the City of Corpus Christi's annexation in San Patricio County will affect the MPO Planning boundary. Mr. MacDonald answered that the annexation would not change the MPO boundary. Mr. MacDonald also mentioned that there was an inquiry at the June TPC meetings as to whether Port Aransas should be included in the MPO boundary since Port Aransas is part of Nueces County. Mr. MacDonald informed the TAC members that the Corpus Christi MPO is collecting information regarding the MPO boundary change and its process and will provide the findings to TPC, and the report will be provided to the TAC members prior to submitting to the TPC.

Mr. Gillespie made a motion to recommend the 2020 – 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) DRAFT Chapter 1: Introduction with the suggested changes. Ms. Munoz seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. MacDonald thanked TAC members for the comments. The Corpus Christi MPO will submit the modified Chapter 1: Introduction to TPC on July 11, 2019 TPC meeting for an approval.

6. Review and Discussion

A. 2020 – 2045 MTP DRAFT Unconstrained Project List

The 2020 – 2045 MTP DRAFT Unconstrained Project List was distributed to TAC members on June 14, 2019 for review. The list was created after the May 16, 2019 TAC meeting as the 2020 – 2045 MTP projects list, then modified with the result of discussions during the June 12, 2019 TAC workshop. The list will be finalized after collecting all projects in the 25-year planning period and projects will be ranked and prioritized for the MTP using the approved Project Prioritization Methodology and Performance Measures. TAC members are requested to submit their projects by close of business on July 1, 2019. The Corpus Christi MPO is expecting to present the list for the July 18, 2019 TAC meeting.

B. 2020 – 2045 MTP Draft Development Working Schedule

Mr. MacDonald explained that the deadline to submit the 2020 – 2045 MTP is December 2019, and the Corpus Christi MPO has set the working schedule to develop the MTP to meet this deadline. This is a working schedule and the estimated dates are subject to change depending on progress made for the various MTP tasks.

Ms. Sales-Evans inquired as to how many workshops the Corpus Christi MPO is planning to hold. Mr. MacDonald answered that the number of workshops is not definitely determined but possibly one more workshop for the project prioritization, and a couple more for the funding allocation and fiscally constrained MTP project list.

C. 2020 – 2045 MTP DRAFT Air Quality Conformity Chapter

Mr. MacDonald provided the 2020 – 2045 MTP DRAFT Air Quality Conformity Chapter to the TAC members and requested they review the chapter and provide their comments by the July 18, 2019 TAC meeting. Air Quality Conformity is one of the federal requirements and the new 2020 - 2045 MTP dedicated a whole chapter to this requirement. As the Chart on page 3 indicates, the Corpus Christi region is in attainment for air quality levels since 2002. The chapter will be reviewed by the Corpus Christi Air Quality Group Chair, Ms. Gretchen Arnold, and their annual report will be included as an appendix in the 2020 – 2045 MTP.

7. Freight Topics

A. 2020 – 2045 MTP Freight Truck Stop Parking Map

Mr. MacDonald provided the Freight Truck Stop Parking Map the Corpus Christi MPO is planning to use as part of the 2020 – 2045 MTP Freight chapter. The map indicates the TxDOT's Highway Freight Network and designated truck stops.

Mr. Gillespie asked the definition of truck stops since there are considerable difference between just a truck stop with parking spaces and fueling and a truck stop with amenities such as lodging. Mr. Pollack agreed and suggested to classify the truck stops. Ms. Sales-Evans pointed out the disconnected network on the map and several TAC members suggested to indicate the future freight network roadways.

Mr. MacDonald thanked the TAC members for their comments and the stated that the map would reflect the suggested changes. Finally, he asked TAC members to contact him if they have additional comments and suggestions.

8. Member Agency Project Updates

Ms. Munoz announced that the City of Corpus Christi installed a H.A.W.K. traffic signal on Ocean Drive at Del Mar Boulevard with 2018 Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) funding. The grand opening is scheduled for June 28, 2019 and this event occurs right after the City's Bay Jammin' Music and Movies event and all interested parties are welcome. [This event was subsequently cancelled].

Mr. Robinson informed that the CCRTA's autonomous shuttle in Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi will finalize the routing and achieve a critical milestone for this program. Once this program is finalized and ready to operate, CCRTA will inform Dr. Kristie Chin, of the Texas Innovation Alliance about the program's success for future discussions and opportunities.

Mr. Gillespie informed that the Gulf Coast Growth Ventures received air permits and the construction will start soon. He also mentioned that a part of the US 181 project is complete, subject to confirmation by TxDOT.

Mr. Pollack informed the TAC that the Port of Corpus Christi (PCCA) was awarded a safety improvement and Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) hardware installation on Joe Fulton Trade Corridor by TxDOT's Rider 45 funding. This is one of the ITS projects featured in the last year's Texas Mobility Summit and it will be the region's pilot program for ITS.

Mr. MacDonald inquired if the PCCA's Strategic Plan 2023 has been approved. Mr. Pollack said it was approved on June 18, 2019. Mr. MacDonald requested an update at a future TAC meeting and to possibly include the PCCA's truck queuing system. Mr. Pollack agreed to provide the necessary documents and provide a future presentation.

Mr. DeLatta informed that the City of Portland is currently working on its Strategic Plan 2040 and the coordination with the Corpus Christi MPO, TxDOT, and other agencies are expected to start within 90 days.

Mr. MacDonald thanked the TAC members for their updates and requested all partner agencies continue sharing their current and future programs and plans for the 2020 – 2045 MTP development.

Mr. MacDonald informed the TAC members that the TxDOT TPP Division notified him of the expiring Category 9 (TAP) funding; the Corpus Christi MPO has approximately \$388,000 of expiring funding in September 2019 and he is discussing with TxDOT TPP options to obligate or apply the funds. He will update the TAC members about the status of this funding.

9. Upcoming Meetings:

- A. TPC Rescheduled Regular Meeting: July 11, 2019**
- B. TAC Regular Meeting: July 18, 2019**
- C. Technical Advisory MTP Workshop dates will be determined after July TAC meeting.**

10. TAC Member Comments

None offered.

11. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 9:54 a.m.