

**CORPUS CHRISTI METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO)  
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC) MEETING MINUTES  
Thursday, August 15, 2019**

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

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

TAC Members Present:

Brian DeLatte, P.E., City of Portland	Jeff Pollack, AICP, Port of Corpus Christi
Gordon Robinson, PMP, CCRTA (left at 9:34 a.m.)	Paula Sales-Evans, P.E., TxDOT-CRP
Dan McGinn, City of Corpus Christi	Howard Gillespie, San Patricio County (left at 9:45 a.m.)
Richard Bullock, Coastal Bend Council of Government (joined at 9:02 a.m.)	

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

**2. Introduction of visiting agency officials**

Ms. Georgi Jasenovec, Freight Operations and International Border, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)

**3. Public Comments for Items not on the agenda**

Mr. DeLatte asked for public comments for items not on the agenda. None offered.

**4. Approval of July 18, 2019, TAC meeting minutes**

Mr. Pollack commented on the July 19, 2019, TAC meeting minutes regarding the summation of discussion on the Regional Parkway and requested to correct the sentence that did not accurately capture what he stated. In the minutes, his comment was written as “the Regional Parkway project’s segments should be separated and considered as a single construction project by these segments” but what he said was “The Regional Parkway project segments should be separated and considered as individual construction projects. Further, the NEPA process for each segment should be listed individually and independently from construction.”

Mr. Pollack made a motion to approve the July 18, 2019, TAC Meeting Minutes with the correction. Ms. Sales-Evans seconded; motion passed unanimously.

**5. Information Only**

**A. 2020-2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) DRAFT Fiscally Constrained Project List for MPO Funding**

Mr. MacDonald provided TAC members with the revised 2020-2045 MTP DRAFT Summary Funding Table reflecting input from TxDOT-CRP. The revised table separates Category 4 funding into Statewide Urban Connectivity (4U) and Regional Connectivity Corridor (4R) since only 4U funds are available for projects within the MPO boundary. Also, the amount for 4U is adjusted based on the state’s current Draft FY 2020 Unified Transportation Plan (UTP), due to the project specific selection at a statewide level. Categories 11 and 12 are also removed from the projected funding since both funding Categories are unpredictable beyond current UTP. Mr. MacDonald distributed the 2020-2045 MTP DRAFT Fiscally Constrained Project List for MPO funding as an information only item. This list is developed by the MPO staff as the starting point for funding allocation discussion. In the DRAFT 2020 UTP, the Corpus Christi MPO will be allocated approximately \$150M for Category 2, \$89M for Category 7, and \$5.8M for Category 9. The estimated funding amount the Corpus Christi MPO will receive for 2020-2045 MTP is approximately \$779M. The projects listed in the draft FY 2020 UTP are highlighted in green and the funding allocation is set for these projects. The Corpus Christi MPO staff applied the remaining Category funds to ranked projects in the 2020-2045 MTP DRAFT Unconstrained Project List for MPO Funding. The rankings used were those developed at the August 2, 2019, TAC workshop. The funding is considered the total amount over the 25-year planning period; for example, although Category 9 funding is an annual allocation through competitive process, in this exercise, the focus is on utilizing all of the Category 9 funding by allocating money to currently listed Category 9 projects. This goal of this initial process is to help facilitate the discussions of project priorities in the 2020-2045 MTP Fiscally Constrained Project List by modifying and applying the Corpus Christi MPO’s methodology to allocate the funding. Mr. MacDonald

requested TAC members' thoughts and comments related to the initial methodology. Mr. Pollack suggested to set Category 9 funds aside in each year and note the competitive project selection. Mr. MacDonald thanked Mr. Pollack for the suggestion and proposed to create a Category 9 funding pool for 25-year planning period. Projects selected from the future competitive selection process would then be allocated Category 9 funds. Ms. Sales-Evans pointed out that the North Staples Street extension project is not eligible for Category 2 funding and suggested to revisit the anticipated funding categories in the project ranking list. The 2020-2045 MTP Fiscally Constrained Project List will be developed through the subsequent discussion in TAC meetings and workshops with consideration of multiple factors such as project scope, estimated cost, project readiness, and TAC members' professional judgement; the finalized draft 2020-2045 MTP Fiscally Constrained Project List will be submitted to the Transportation Policy Committee (TPC).

## **6. Discussion and Possible Action**

### **A. 2020- 2045 MTP DRAFT Unconstrained Project List for MPO Funding with Initial Project Ranking**

The 2020-2045 MTP Draft Unconstrained Project List for MPO Funding with Initial Project Ranking shows the preliminary ranking based on the discussion in August 2, 2019, TAC Workshop. Mr. MacDonald reminded the TAC members that the rankings may be changed with further discussion, however; the prioritization of project list is needed for the funding allocation and the Corpus Christi MPO is hoping to submit the 2020-2045 MTP DRAFT Unconstrained Project List for MPO Funding with Initial Project Rankings to the September TPC meeting to move forward.

Ms. Sales-Evans expressed her concern to recommend the current ranking list to TPC and proposed further discussion in a workshop to review the list for project scope, funding categories, and other factors, and hold a special TAC meeting to finalize the 2020-2045 MTP DRAFT Unconstrained Project List for MPO Funding before the September TPC.

Mr. DeLatte proposed to hold a workshop and special TAC meeting on August 28, 2019.

Mr. Gillespie made a motion to table the 2020-2045 MTP DRAFT Unconstrained Project List for MPO Funding with Initial Project Ranking and hold a workshop and special TAC meeting on August 28, 2019. The workshop starts at 11:00 a.m., and the special TAC meeting starts at 1:00 p.m. Ms. Sales-Evans seconded; motion passed unanimously.

## **7. 2020-2045 MTP Development Working Schedule Monthly Update**

Mr. MacDonald provided the updated 2020-2045 MTP Development Working Schedule to the TAC members. The Corpus Christi MPO is planning to hold workshops and public meetings in the coming month. The TAC workshop and special TAC meeting will be added to this schedule.

## **8. Freight Topics**

### **A. Union Pacific Operations and Projects in the Coastal Bend Region**

Mr. MacDonald provided general freight data by rail for the Corpus Christi area. The map shows the three railroad companies, Union Pacific Railroad, Corpus Christi Terminal Railroad, and Kansas City Southern Railroad in the region. There was a meeting held by the Union Pacific Railroad (UP) to discuss their operations and projects in the Coastal Bend Region on July 31, 2019, and Mr. MacDonald shared the agenda and the UP profile provided by the UP. The Corpus Christi MPO is planning to share the same information of other railroad companies.

Mr. McGinn inquired if he could reach out to UP regarding the railroad crossing on North Staples Street.

## **9. Member Agency Project Updates**

Mr. Pollack informed TAC members the Texas Innovation Alliance's Texas Mobility Summit will be held on November 16, 2019 and the registration will be open soon. He will send the registration information when it becomes available. The CCRTA's autonomous shuttle on Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi campus is considered as the regional showcase presented in the summit.

**10. Upcoming Meetings:**

- A. TAC MTP Workshop: August 28, 2019
- B. TPC Regular Meeting: September 5, 2019 at Portland City Hall
- C. TAC Regular Meeting: September 19, 2019

**11. TAC Member Comments**

None offered.

**12. Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.