

**CORPUS CHRISTI METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO)
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC) MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, December 19, 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
Howard Gillespie, San Patricio County

Jeff Pollack, AICP, Port of Corpus Christi
Paula Sales-Evans, P.E., TxDOT-CRP

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

2. Public Comments for Items not on the agenda

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

3. Approval of September 26, 2019 TAC Special Meeting Minutes.

Mr. Pollack pointed out the misspelling of Ms. Judy Telge in the September 26, 2019 TAC minutes.

Mr. Gillespie made a motion to approve the September 26, 2019 TAC Meeting Minutes with the correction of Ms. Judy Telge's last name. Mr. Pollack seconded; motion passed unanimously.

4. Discussion and Possible Action

A. DRAFT 2020-2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)

The Corpus Christi MPO provided links of all DRAFT 2020-2045 MTP Chapters to the TAC members for review and comments. The expected action at today's TAC meeting is the recommendation by the TAC to release the DRAFT 2020-2045 MTP chapters and appendices for public comments until the February 6, 2020, Transportation Policy Committee meeting as required by the Corpus Christi MPO's Public Participation Plan. The 2015-2040 MTP expired on December 3, 2019 and the 2020-2045 MTP needs to be adopted by TPC to enable any future TIP Amendments to be processed by TxDOT and FHWA.

Mr. Pollack inquired if the 2020-2045 MTP chapters will be updated or revised with the comments received including from TAC members' after TAC recommends to release these chapters for the public. Mr. MacDonald said that the comment period for the 2020-2045 MTP will be open until February 6, 2020 and the TAC, TPC and citizen comments will be addressed for the final 2020-2045 MTP. Mr. Pollack suggested to review the chapters individually and submit comments electronically to the Corpus Christi MPO. TAC members agreed to this proposal. Mr. MacDonald requested that the TAC members do not engage in an email conversation regarding the comments, rather, submit the comments to all just once so the other TAC members are aware of the comments being made. Using this one-way communication allows the TAC, to be in compliance with the Texas Open Meeting laws.

B. DRAFT 2020-2045 MTP Appendices

Mr. MacDonald highlighted the list of appendices for the TAC members and public related to the DRAFT 2020-2045 MTP. He explained that Appendix B contains the "Public Comments" that the Corpus Christi MPO has been continuously collecting, and Appendix C is the documentation of the "Public Notices" that the Corpus Christi MPO issued and will issue until the adoption of the 2020-2045 MTP. Appendix L and N are placeholders for possible additional appendices. Other examples of appendices are the Corpus Christi MPO's Public Participation Plan, the Port of Corpus Christi's Strategic Plan, the Corpus Christi Regional Transportation Authority's Capital Improvement Plan and so forth as references and data sources that support the contents of the 2020-2045 MTP chapters.

Mr. MacDonald suggested to use the same strategy for a recommendation for the Appendices; specifically, to individually submit the comments to the Corpus Christi MPO.

C. Public Comment Opportunity for DRAFT 2020-2045 MTP

Mr. DeLatte asked for public comments for the DRAFT 2020-2045 MTP chapters and appendices. None offered.

D. DRAFT Congestion Management Process (CMP)

Mr. MacDonald informed the TAC that the DRAFT CMP was submitted to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) on November 29, 2019. The Corpus Christi MPO has not received any feedback from FHWA as of today. The Corpus Christi MPO requests the TAC to recommend release of the DRAFT CMP for public comment. The CMP is also expected to be approved by the TPC on February 6, 2020.

Mr. Pollack complimented the CMP as well-documented, particularly the graphics to highlight the land use on the corridors that is very nicely done. The numbers in the metric provided for each Corridor of Concern give the comprehensive view of each corridor and distinguish the Corpus Christi MPO from other MPO's CMP. One of his major concerns on the DRAFT CMP is the lack of discussion on the land use and development codes that influence the travel demand and congestion on surface streets. Specifically, on page 38, under Regional Performance Measures, there is a discussion that most of Corpus Christi streets are above average by class in terms of congestion, only the SH 358 is little below than average; this presentation leads to a conclusion that the corridors in this area are well-managed but it overlooks the importance of the land use policy in the community and its role in the congestion management, particularly in the North-South access. Mr. Pollack stated that he would like to see more land use dimension in the CMP. The other concern is the Corpus Christi MPO's definition of congestion is based on the Level of Service (LOS). Mr. Pollack suggested to minimize or exclude the LOS reference, and emphasize the importance of metrics that capture the temporal dimension because the LOS is subjective and has no temporal resolution.

Mr. Sales-Evans asked if the LOS is something FHWA is expecting to be discussed in the CMP; she suggested to make the LOS discussion more robust and relevant to our region.

Mr. MacDonald stated that the CMP is a process and not a plan and continuously updated with new data and new resources. If the TAC members provide any suggestions to add the dimensions, the Corpus Christi MPO will research it.

Mr. Gillespie made a motion to recommend the TPC to release the DRAFT 2020-2045 MTP and Appendices, and the DRAFT CMP for public comments. Mr. Pollack seconded; motion passed unanimously.

5. Information Only

A. DRAFT 2020-2045 MTP Development Working Schedule Update

Mr. MacDonald briefed the TAC members on the current MTP Development Schedule. On January 9, 2020, the DRAFT 2020-2045 MTP and the DRAFT CMP will be released for public comments for one month. The Corpus Christi MPO will hold the final public meeting/open-house on January 14, 2020 (or January 15 – TBD) at CCRTA Building. There are two public hearing opportunities, the TAC meeting on January 16, 2020 and the TPC meeting on February 6, 2020. The Corpus Christi MPO anticipates the adoption of the 2020-2045 MTP and the CMP on February 6, 2020.

6. Member Agency Statements for Items of Interest: Projects, Events, and Activities

Mr. DeLatte informed the TAC members that the City of Portland's Comprehensive Plan, Plan Portland 2040 is currently under development and the City of Portland staff and the Corpus Christi MPO will work together to coordinate some activities.

Mr. Casper requested the partner agencies to inform the Corpus Christi MPO about their transportation-related activities/projects that should be included in FY 2021-2022 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP).

Mr. Pollack informed the TAC members that the Port of Corpus Christi selected a service provider to collect data and traffic counts to do the target modeling by identifying the priorities on the Joe Fulton International Trade Corridor after the reconfiguration of Harbor Bridge exits. It would provide a clue to the potential impact of congestion on the freight network. The Port of Corpus Christi also will conduct a feasibility study to

design on three busiest public oil docks. This will be a full redevelopment of the Port's dock area with a Capital Improvement Plan. The Port of Corpus Christi will share these findings and data.

7. Upcoming Meetings:

A. Transportation Policy Committee:	Regular Meeting:	January 9, 2020
B. MTP Public Meeting/Open House:		January 14, 2020
C. Technical Advisory Committee:	Regular Meeting:	January 16, 2020
D. Transportation Policy Committee:	Regular Meeting:	February 6, 2020

8. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 a.m.