

**CORPUS CHRISTI METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
(MPO) TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC) MEETING NOTES
Thursday, January 17, 2019**

1. Call to Order and Quorum determination

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

Present: Brian DeLatte, P.E., City of Portland, Sara Munoz, P.E., City of Corpus Christi, Jeff Pollack, AICP, Port of Corpus Christi; Howard Gillespie, San Patricio County; Gordon Robinson, PMP, Corpus Christi RTA; Paula Sales-Evans, P.E., TxDOT- Corpus Christi District;

Staff Present: Daniel Carrizales, Victor Mendieta, and Yoshiko Boulan.

2. Introduction of visiting agency officials

Mr. DeLatte introduced and welcomed Ms. Sarah Munoz, P.E. to the TAC, as the City of Corpus Christi's new representative.

3. Public Comments on Agenda Items

Mr. DeLatte asked for public comments on agenda items; no public comments were offered.

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. Such election shall be done by a majority vote of that voting membership.

Mr. DeLatte submitted a self-nomination for Chairperson, and Mr. Robinson expressed interest in the Vice Chairperson position.

Mr. Pollack made a motion to re-elect Mr. DeLatte as Chairperson and Mr. Gillespie seconded. Mr. Gillespie made a motion to elect Mr. Robinson as Vice Chairperson and Mr. Pollack seconded. Both motions passed unanimously.

B. Safety Performance Targets

The MPO is required to establish safety performance targets for number of fatalities, rate of fatalities per 100 million Vehicle Miles Travels (VMT), number of serious injuries, rate of serious injuries per 100 million VMT, and number of non-motorized fatalities and non-motorized serious injuries annually under Performance Measure Rule 1 (PM1) by Federal Highway Administration (FHWA).

Mr. Mendieta briefed TAC members about the progress of 2018 Safety Targets; the annual targets will be reviewed by FHWA in the following calendar year; the 2018 targets will be reported to FHWA in December 2019 and the official report will be available for the public review around March 2020. The 2019 targets data will be provided by FHWA around March 2021. These data will be incorporated into the National Highway Safety Improvement Program, Highway Safety Plan, and the MPO's Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) report.

Mr. Carrizales explained that the MPO can choose either support the State targets or establish its own targets, however; as previously discussed, the MPO chosen to support the State targets for the first few years, until establishing more regionally focused targets in the MPO boundary.

Mr. DeLatte asked if other MPOs in the State of Texas support the State targets or established their own targets. Currently all Texas MPOs are supporting the State targets until the regional baseline data becomes available.

Ms. Sales-Evans suggested that the MPO should start compiling the baseline data on the safety requirements simultaneously with the time frame when the State actually pulls the data for the State targets as well as collecting its own data for more regionally focused targets.

Mr. Pollack made a motion to recommend the proposed Safety targets, Mr. Gillespie seconded; motion passed unanimously, and this recommendation will be submitted to the Transportation Policy Committee (TPC) on February 7, 2019.

5. Freight Topics

A. TxDOT Regional Freight Plan Scoping

TxDOT notified the MPO that the Corpus Christi region has been selected as one of the three study locations for its Regional Freight Plan and provided its scope and requested the TAC members input

Unfortunately, due to the funding shortage, the freight study has been cancelled.

Mr. Pollack has been working closely with TxDOT for the fruition of this freight study to collect the origin to destination data that will complement with the Permian Basin area study. There is no clear indication that the study will be reinstated in the near future, but hopefully this region remains as the potential study site when the opportunity is available. Or the provided scope can be used for the self-funded freight study for the region.

Mr. DeLatte asked if there is any possibility that the base scope would change or modified later based on the funding. Mr. Pollack answered that he made an inquiry to TxDOT, but no clear answer was given. The original scope provided by TxDOT is fundamental for assessing freight mobility demands and he believes these will not be changed drastically.

Mr. Pollack said one of the most important elements of the tasks and deliverables in the freight study is the stakeholder input provided by the freight industries to identify the freight corridors, demands and issues. The issue is how the input provided by the freight industries can be used, since the region's transportation projects are already developed with US 181, I-35, SH 361 and so forth and it is questionable if the input can be reflected. Ms. Sales-Evans stated the Category 2 and 4 funding tend to be used for regular traffic improvement and Category 7 funding is currently tied with the Harbor Bridge project. However, the MPO needs to program the next projects focusing on the federal requirements such as freight and safety in the 10 years plan.

Mr. Pollack suggested to include the focus on the intelligent transportation system (ITS) and freight network for innovative technologies such as autonomous vehicles should be added.

Mr. DeLatte suggested to keep this study in the radar, and Mr. Pollack stated that he would keep serving as a primary liaison between this region and TxDOT.

6. Member Agency Project Update (Project Tracker)

Mr. Mendieta provided the most current project list to TAC members and requested updates if the project status has changed.

7. Staff Briefing

A. MPO Director recruitment status

Mr. Carrizales informed the TAC that the Transportation Policy Committee is having a special meeting on January 18, at 10 a.m. in the Corpus Christi City Hall Council Chambers. The committee will interview a potential MPO Director candidate.

B. Federal Certification Review

Mr. Carrizales informed that the MPO received the final Federal Certification Review on December 4, 2018. If interested, the review is available.

C. Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Resiliency Grant Peer Exchange: December 13 and 14, 2018

Mr. Carrizales informed the TAC that he attended the Peer Exchange for FHWA Resiliency Grant held in Washington D.C., where he gave a presentation on the status of the MPO's resiliency to extreme weather pilot project on Laguna Shores Rd. He stated the pilot project is on schedule.

D. Fiscal Year (FY) 2019 Member Contributions

Mr. Carrizales kindly reminded TAC members for annual member agency's contribution to the MPO's local fund for FY 2019.

E. Transportation Policy Committee Meeting – February 7, 2019

The regular monthly Transportation Policy Committee meeting will be held on February 7, 2019.

8. TAC Committee Member's Comments and Concern

Commissioner Gillespie asked if there is a TAC meeting in February. Mr. Carrizales said the next TAC meeting will be held on February 21, 2019.

9. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 9:31 a.m.