

**CORPUS CHRISTI METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO)  
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC) MEETING MINUTES  
Thursday, January 16, 2020**

**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
Howard Gillespie, San Patricio County	Juan Pimentel, P.E., Nueces County
Sarah Munoz, P.E., City of Corpus Christi	Paula Sales-Evans, P.E., TxDOT-CRP
Cristina Perez, Corpus Christi Regional Transportation Authority	
Richard Bullock, Coastal Bend Council of Government	

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

**2. Election of Officers for the Technical Advisory Committee**

In accordance with the MPO Bylaws, 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.

Mr. Pollack made a motion to re-elect Mr. DeLatte for Chairperson, Mr. Gillespie seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Ms. DeLatte made a motion to re-elect Mr. Robinson for Vice Chairperson. Mr. Gillespie seconded; motion passed unanimously. Since Mr. Robinson has been working on additional duties for CCRTA, his availability is uncertain. If Mr. Robinson is not available this year, the TAC will discuss accordingly. Ms. Perez will inform Mr. Robinson of the Election Officers decision.

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

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

**4. Approval of December 19, 2019 TAC Special Meeting Minutes.**

Mr. Gillespie made a motion to approve the December 19, 2019 TAC Meeting Minutes. Ms. Sales-Evans seconded; motion passed unanimously.

**5. Discussion and Possible Action**

**A. Public Hearing for the DRAFT 2020-2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)**

Mr. DeLatte opened the Public Hearing for the DRAFT 2020-2045 MTP at 9:04 a.m. There were no public comments on the DRAFT 2020-2045 MTP. The Public Hearing was closed at 9:05 a.m.

**B. DRAFT 2020-2045 MTP**

Mr. MacDonald informed the TAC members that all DRAFT 2020-2045 MTP Chapters and appendices except for Appendix B are available for review and comments until February 6, 2020. Appendix B is a collection of all Public Comments the Corpus Christi MPO received during TAC and TPC meetings as well as Public Meetings/Open-Houses and through the MPO website. The MPO's responses to public comments are also included in Appendix B. The appendix will be continued to be updated up to the official adoption of the 2020-2045 MTP. Appendix C is a collection of issued Public Notices, news articles and interviews. The last public notice was posted in the Caller-Times on January 5, 2020 and the affidavit with the newspaper clipping will be included in Appendix C.

Ms. Sales-Evans made a motion to recommend the TPC approve the DRAFT 2020-2045 MTP. Mr. Gillespie seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. MacDonald thanked the TAC members for their documents and information included in the DRAFT 2020-2045 MTP as references that support the contents of MTP Chapters, especially TxDOT for their performance measures and data collection for State-level and Regional-level information.

### **C. DRAFT Congestion Management Process (CMP)**

Mr. Casper informed the TAC that the DRAFT CMP is finalized, and it is a solid base to be used in the next 2 to 3 years with updated data and information. Mr. Casper inquired whether the TAC members had any questions regarding the DRAFT CMP. The DRAFT CMP has been available for public comments, but none were offered as of January 16, 2020. Mr. Casper requested the TAC to recommend the TPC approve the DRAFT CMP if there are no questions or concerns.

Mr. Gillespie made a motion to recommend the TPC to approve the DRAFT CMP. Ms. Sales-Evans seconded; motion passed unanimously.

### **D. FY 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #5: Corpus Christi Regional Transportation Authority (CCRTA) New Projects**

Mr. MacDonald informed the TAC that CCRTA requested to add \$40 million in projects to the FY 2019-2022 TIP and release the amendment for public review and comments.

Ms. Perez briefed the TAC members that these additional projects are due to the annual budget review and planning. There were no project deletions, but additions and a total project cost increase. The total project cost of Paratransit Fleet Replacement programmed in FY 2019 has been increased from \$1,760,000 to \$3,083,100. Since the difference is more than 10%, Federal Transit Administration (FTA) directed CCRTA to request an amendment to the MPO's TIP.

Mr. Sales-Evans asked how the additional projects will be processed. Mr. MacDonald explained that since TIP projects must be in the MTP, these additional projects were included in Chapter 7: Implementation Plan, 2020-2045 MTP in accordance with the Federal requirement. The FY 2023 projects are included in the Illustrative Project List. Ms. Sales-Evans inquired that these projects will be included in the next FY 2021-2024 TIP that the MPO and Committees start working on right after the 2020-2045 MTP is officially adopted. Mr. MacDonald assured the TAC members that the all projects' status will be verified, and all on-going projects are to be included in the next TIP.

Mr. Gillespie made a motion to recommend the TPC to release the FY 2019-2022 TIP Amendment #5 by CCRTA for public comments. Mr. Pollack seconded; motion passed unanimously.

## **6. Freight Topic: National Freight Strategic Plan – Request for Information**

Mr. MacDonald informed the TAC members that the Department of Transportation (U.S. DOT) is developing a national-level freight plan, and as part of this development effort, U.S. DOT is seeking input from public and private stakeholders, local and state agencies, and others interested in this topic. The comment period will be closed on February 10, 2020. Since a national-level freight plan is currently being developed, it is expected that a state freight plan will be developed as well, and the MPO will follow the suit.

Since the TAC also acts as the MPO's Freight Subcommittee, freight topics will be discussed every month. Mr. MacDonald requested the TAC members to inform the MPO if there are any freight topics, they want to discuss at TAC meeting.

Mr. Pollack stated that the Port of Corpus Christi has a couple of freight topics to share including freight movement and freight infrastructure.

## **7. Member Agency Statements for Items of Interest: Projects, Events, and Activities**

Ms. Sales-Evans reminded that the Texas Transportation Forum will be held in San Antonio in February and registration is still open for people who are interested in.

Mr. Casper informed the TAC members that the MPO will apply for the Federal Safety Grant by noon on January 17, 2020. The grant application is for the development of tools to conduct spot analysis on crashes and identify interventions by using a roadway safety system called DiExSys developed by Dr. Jake Kononov

who has the extensive experience and knowledge in transportation safety. This grant is 100% Federal funds and no match is required; the MPO is requesting approximately \$400,000. The award will be announced by April and the MPO will inform the TAC of the result.

Mr. Pollack informed the TAC members that the Port of Corpus Christi is discussing the scope of the Joe Fulton International Trade Corridor study with the selected service provider. The study will be based on the data collection, modeling projection based on travel demand model and industrial development on the north side of the ship channel in next 3 years. This study is expected to identify priorities of interventions and improvements of freight management and infrastructures. The Port of Corpus Christi will share these findings and data.

**8. Upcoming Meetings:**

<b>A. Transportation Policy Committee:</b>	<b>Regular Meeting:</b>	<b>February 6, 2020</b>
<b>B. Technical Advisory Committee:</b>	<b>Regular Meeting:</b>	<b>February 20, 2020</b>

**9. Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 9:26 a.m.