

**CORPUS CHRISTI METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO)
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC) MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, June 18, 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

Paula Sales-Evans, P.E., TxDOT – CRP

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

Jeff Pollack, AICP, Port of Corpus Christi Authority

Dan McGinn, AICP, City of Corpus Christi (Alternate TAC Member for the City of Corpus Christi)

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

2. Public Comments for Items not on the agenda

Public Comments opportunities were given via e-mail, phone, and mail until June 18, 2020 9:05 A.M. due to COVID-19; none were offered.

3. Approval of May 21, 2020 TAC Meeting Minutes.

Mr. Pollack made a motion to approve the May 21, 2020 TAC Meeting Minutes. Ms. Sales-Evans seconded; motion passed unanimously.

4. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

A. DRAFT FY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

The Corpus Christi MPO staff presented the DRAFT FY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to the TAC for review, comment, and recommendation to the Transportation Policy Committee (TPC) for approving the document at the July 2 TPC Regular meeting.

Based on the previous TAC members' comments, the following changes were made:

- Include the Harbor Bridge Park Improvement Project (MPO-009) in FY 2021-2024 TIP Project Table
- Create a separate table for the Harbor Bridge Project (TxDOT-001)
- Remove IH-37 (TxDOT-002), SH 35 (TxDOT-003), and US 77 (TxDOT-004, 005 and 006)
- Verify the project cost of US 181 Harbor Bridge Voluntary Relocation Program (MPO-008)
- Make all tables included in the FY 2021-2024 TIP consistent
- Add "phases" into the two projects, PR 22 (MPO-016) and SH 35 (MPO-018) identified as Congestion Management Corridors
- Correct the amount of Category 12 from \$82.9 million to \$33 million in Table 1 Category Funding
- Reassess Exhibit 2-6 legend classifications
- Verify the color coding of Exhibits

The DRAFT FY 2021-2024 TIP was submitted to the TPC for review and approval for the 30-day public comment period on June 4, 2020. The Corpus Christi MPO received the following comments:

- Rodd Field Road Extension project should be given a high priority due to the rapid development in the Southside are, especially the construction of the Del Mar College South Campus and its projected traffic
- Use the Census Block Number in lieu of city names

Since the prioritization of projects by local criteria had been extensively discussed by the TAC and approved by the TPC, there is no action taken for the Rodd Field Road Extension project unless additional funding becomes available or other projects in the current FY 2021-2024 TIP project list are replaced through the public involvement process.

Exhibits 2-6 in the FY 2021-2024 TIP, the name of cities was removed based on the comment.

Mr. MacDonald informed the TAC that the Corpus Christi MPO held a public meeting/open house for the DRAFT FY 2021-2024 TIP on June 10, 2020; no public comment was offered.

The public comments received were listed in Appendix G in the DRAFT FY 2021-2024 TIP and will be updated whenever the Corpus Christi MPO receives any additional public comments.

Mr. Pollack suggested establishing a procedure for public comments that provides some closure; Mr. DeLatta agreed and suggested providing a response to each comment. Mr. MacDonald would make the suggested changes in Appendix G: Public Comments.

Mr. MacDonald informed the TAC that the Table 13b has been updated with the City of Portland’s two bicycle lane projects, Portland Bicycle Lanes and Portland Memorial Parkway Hike & Bike Trail, as Roll Forward projects that are expected to go to bid in 2021.

Ms. Sales-Evans stated that the Harbor Bridge Voluntary Relocation Program (MPO-008) in Table 13a. FY 2021-2024 TIP DRAFT Fiscally Constrained Project List should be updated with the numbers provided by Mr. Esquivel, Director of Real Estate Services, the Port of Corpus Christi Authority, during June 4, 2020 TPC meeting, and the 20% inflation rate is not applicable for this project due to the nature of this program. The suggested revised numbers are as follows:

	Current Amount	Revised Amount
Construction Cost	\$71 million	\$57.3 million
Category 7 Funding	\$31 million	\$17.3 million
Local Funding	\$20 million	\$20 million
Prior Funding	\$20 million	\$20 million
Total Project Cost	*\$92.15 million	\$57.3 million

*Prior Total Project Cost included 20% inflation.

Other comments from the TAC on the DRAFT FY 2021-2024 TIP are:

- Remove the local streets lines so that block group classification is more visible in Exhibits 2,3 and 4
- The number ranges in exhibit legends are overlapping and confusing

Mr. MacDonald stated the Corpus Christi MPO staff will discuss these comments and inform the TAC of any actions taken.

Ms. Sales-Evans made a motion to recommend the TPC approve the DRAFT FY 2021-2024 TIP after the recommended changes are incorporated. Mr. Pollack seconded; motion passed unanimously.

B. TxDOT 2021 UTP Category 2 and Category 4U Funding Levels and Candidate Project Selection

This item was presented to the TAC at the May meeting as an information only item. During the 2020 Unified Transportation Program (UTP) development, TxDOT Corpus Christi District set aside some Category 2 and 4U funds for more efficient funding for the projects under these Categories or with the intention of utilizing these funds for projects under the other funding Categories. The Corpus Christi MPO was informed of transportation funding available (Category 2: \$38.2 million, Category 4U: \$12.5 million, and Category 7: \$15.1 million). This will allow more projects to be added under these categories in FY 2021-2024 TIP. The Corpus Christi MPO tentatively identified three potential projects, FM 624 (Northwest Boulevard), FM 43 (Weber Road), and Park Road 22 Intersection improvement and requested the partner agencies’ review for a possible action during this meeting.

Ms. Sales-Evans explained that the UTP, TxDOT’s 10-year transportation plan, is usually adopted by the Texas Transportation Commission in August. The 2021 UTP is under development and the public involvement period will begin soon. Adding Category 2 and Category 4U projects into the 2021 UTP requires Texas Transportation Commission’s approval after the Corpus Christi MPO goes through its own public involvement requirements. Thus, she suggested (1) consider adding Category 2 and Category 4U projects in 2022 UTP and (2) table this item and discuss it next month after more information is available. Category 7 projects can be identified, selected, and amended into the FY 2021-2024 TIP as amendment 1 or 2. This will assure that the Corpus Christi MPO meets the federal requirements for adopting the FY 2021-2024 TIP on time.

Ms. Sales-Evans made a motion to table this item and discuss in the next TAC meeting. Ms. Munoz seconded; motion passed unanimously.

5. INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS

A. DRAFT FY 2021-2022 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

The Corpus Christi MPO provided the TAC the DRAFT FY 2021-2022 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) for their review and comments. The UPWP is one of the federally required documents MPOs develop. It includes the scope of work for the MPO. It is also one of the products that the MPO is required to deliver and includes a list of all of the transportation planning projects in the MPO boundary during fiscal years 2021 and 2022.

Mr. Casper requested that the TAC members closely review the SECTION IX. PARTNER AGENCY PLANNING STUDY COORDINATION and provide their transportation planning project information.

6. Regional Freight Topic:

A. TxDOT 2020 Statewide Truck Parking Study Final Report: <https://www.dot.state.tx.us/move-texas-freight/studies/default.htm>

The TAC serves as a Freight Advisory Committee and various freight topics are discussed every month. Mr. MacDonald provided the link for the TxDOT 2020 Statewide Truck Parking Study Final Report.

B. Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS) Freight Report: [Reduction in April 2020 Freight Movement Largest since 2009 Recession](#)

This information is also provided as a freight-related topic. According to BTS, April 2020 freight movement saw the largest reduction due to the COVID-19.

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

No statement was offered.

8. Upcoming Meetings:

A. FY 2021-2024 TIP One-on-One Local Government Meetings:		Various Dates
B. Transportation Policy Committee:	Regular Meeting:	July 2, 2020
C. Technical Advisory Committee:	Regular Meeting:	July 16, 2020

9. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 10:06 A.M.