

**CORPUS CHRISTI METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO)
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC) MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, November 19, 2020**

1. Call to Order, Roll Call, and Quorum Determination

Mr. Brian DeLatte called the meeting to order at 9:02 A.M.

TAC Members Present:

Brian DeLatte, P.E., City of Portland
Paula Sales-Evans, P.E., TxDOT – Corpus Christi District
Jeff Pollack, AICP, Port of Corpus Christi Authority
Juan Pimentel, P.E., Nueces County
Dan McGinn, AICP, City of Corpus Christi

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

2. Public Comments for Items not on the Agenda

None were offered.

3. APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 15, 2020 TAC REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Ms. Sales-Evans made a motion to approve the October 15, 2020 TAC Meeting Minutes. Mr. Pollack seconded; motion passed unanimously.

4. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

A. Process Debrief for the 2045 MTP, FY 2021-2024 TIP and CMP Survey

Mr. Casper followed up on the 2045 MTP, FY 2021-2024 TIP and CMP Survey for revisiting and reexamining planning processes. The survey was distributed to the TAC members last week. He reported that not everyone has completed the survey and asked those that hadn't to please finish it. Mr. Casper asked the TAC members if the questions cover all necessary topics and aspects of these planning document development and if there are any questions or suggestions on overall survey structure.

The TAC members suggested that the scale/range answer format should be included with free space for comments.

Mr. Casper stated that he will modify the survey format and send the revised one to the TAC members. He requested the TAC members to review, comment, and fill it out and submit.

5. INFORMATION ONLY ITEM

A. TxDOT Update on 2022 Unified Transportation Program (UTP) Development

Ms. Sales-Evans, TxDOT Corpus Christi District, briefed the TAC members on the development of the 2022 UTP. She reported two issues are at work to reduce funds available for projects. Due to the current economic circumstances associated with COVID-19 pandemic, tax revenues are reduced. This requires the TxDOT Districts and the Texas MPOs to adjust the FY 2021-2024 S/TIP accordingly. The second is that the 2022 UTP must include additional costs such as inflation, contingencies, etc., for more accurate funding estimate for project delivery. As a result of these two issues, it is very unlikely that any projects will be added to the 2022 UTP. It may also be necessary to adjust project funding in the 2022 UTP to account for this reduction in funds. Mr. Casper clarified the difference between project phasing and project segmenting. Current phases are Environmental, Design, Right-of-Way, and Construction. Segments are changes in the project termini.

The 2022 UTP call for projects has been open since October 23, 2020 and anticipated to be closed in January 2021. The Corpus Christi MPO needs to revisit and confirm the priority of projects and update the estimated project costs with the additional inflationary, contingency and current estimated construction costs.

The TAC members stated that the projects priorities were thoroughly discussed when the Corpus Christi MPO developed the 2045 MTP and FY 2021-2024 TIP, and suggested to discuss the order with the new estimated project costs and make the program fiscally constrained with scope changes, segmentation, and so forth.

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The Corpus Christi MPO will set up the workshop/meeting and inform the TAC members.

B. Member Agency Project Updates

Mr. MacDonald requested the partner agency representatives provide the current status of projects as discussed in October TAC meeting. The 2045 MTP and FY 2021-2024 TIP should include all regionally significant transportation projects regardless of the funding source and the Corpus Christi MPO is striving to cover all regionally significant transportation projects including those at the Port Authority, CCRTA, CCIA, Corpus Christi’s Bond projects, City of Portland CIP projects and so forth. The agenda packet included an all-projects list and each sponsor agency is requested to update their listed projects before or after the TAC meeting. This will be a routine opportunity provided to the TAC at each of their monthly meetings. The Corpus Christi MPO appreciated the cooperation of partner agencies and also requested TAC members to submit the transportation projects not currently included in the MTP, TIP and CMP lists.

6. REGIONAL FREIGHT TOPIC

A. 2022-2023 Texas Port Mission Plan

The TAC serves as a Freight Advisory Committee and various freight topics are discussed every month. Mr. MacDonald provided the link of 2022-2023 Texas Port Mission Plan as an information item for TAC members.

A. TxDOT Freight Strategic Planning Workshop

A TxDOT Freight Strategic Planning Workshop was conducted on November 17, 2020 and this information was provided for the TAC members as an opportunity to participate in that virtual meeting.

7. Member Agency Statements for Items of Community Interest: Upcoming events, holidays, or acknowledgements

Mr. McGinn provided updated information on the City of Corpus Christi’s projects including the Northwest Boulevard Corridor.

Mr. DeLatte updated on the City of Portland’s Capital Improvement Projects.

Mr. MacDonald mentioned the MPO team will look at hosting the December meeting remotely.

8. Upcoming Meetings:

A. Transportation Policy Committee:	Regular Meeting:	December 3, 2020
B. Technical Advisory Committee:	Regular Meeting:	December 17, 2020

9. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 10:13 A.M.