

**CORPUS CHRISTI METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO)  
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC) MEETING MINUTES  
Thursday, January 21, 2021**

**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  
Gordon Robinson, AICP, Corpus Christi Regional Transportation Authority  
Paula Sales-Evans, P.E., TxDOT – Corpus Christi District  
Jeff Pollack, AICP, Port of Corpus Christi Authority  
Juan Pimentel, P.E., Nueces County  
Howard Gillespie, San Patricio County  
Sara Munoz, P.E., City of Corpus Christi  
Emily Martinez, Coastal Bend Council of Government

MPO Staff Present: Robert 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 Corpus Christi 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. Mr. Gillespie made a motion to re-elect Mr. Robinson for Vice Chairperson, Ms. Munoz seconded. Both motions passed unanimously.

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

None were offered.

**4. APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 19, 2020 TAC REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

Mr. Robinson made a motion to approve the November 19, 2020, TAC Meeting Minutes. Mr. Pimentel seconded; motion passed unanimously.

**5. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

**A. FY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment 1**

Mr. MacDonald provided the information on the proposed amendments to the FY 2021-2024 TIP. These changes are indicated in the current FY 2021-2024 TIP project table 13a and 13b (Agenda Item #5A - Attachment 1).

1. SH 358 Ramp Reversal Project (MPO-001): Fiscal year change from 2021 to 2024. Ms. Sales-Evans confirmed the correct year is 2024.
2. US 181 project (MPO-003) and US 181 Ramp Reversals project (MPO-004): TxDOT recommends to remove these projects due to the fact that these projects have been already let. The Corpus Christi MPO staff wants to keep these projects in FY 2021-2024 TIP for transparency and consistency with the Annual Project Listing (APL) reporting requirement.
3. SH 286 project (MPO-005): Remove and place in the 10-year plan.
4. FM 893 project (MPO-006): Fiscal year change from 2021 to 2023.
5. Harbor Bridge Hike and Bike – Connectivity project (MPO-007): Possible fiscal year change based on the TxDOT and City of Corpus Christi's discussion. No change for now.
6. US 181 Harbor Bridge Voluntary Relocation Program (MPO-008): TxDOT recommends to remove or treat as a grouped project for financial reporting purposes.
7. Harbor Bridge Park Improvements (MPO-009): Fiscal year change from 2021 to 2024.

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8. Region-wide Bike Boulevard Wayfinding Initiative (MPO-012): Possible fiscal year change based on the project status. Ms. Munoz confirmed the project is to remain in 2021.
9. Portland Bicycle Lanes project (MPO-013): Possible fiscal year change based on the project status. Mr. DeLatte confirmed the project is to remain in 2021.
10. PR 22 project (MPO-016): Remove and place in the 10-year plan.
11. SH 361 project (MPO-017): Remove and place in the 10-year plan.
12. SH 35 project (MPO-018): Remove and place in the 10-year plan.
13. IH 37 project (TxDOT-002): Remove. This project is outside of the Corpus Christi MPO's boundary.
14. Portland Memorial Pkwy H/B project (MPO-065): Move from Table 13b. FY 2021-2024 TIP Roll Forward with Prior Funding Project List to Table 13a. FY 2021-2024 TIP Fiscally Constrained Project List.
15. Portland Bicycle Lanes (MPO-013): Duplicate. Remove from Table 13b. FY 2021-2024 TIP Roll Forward with Prior Funding Project List.

These suggested changes are based on the updated financial forecast and are needed to make the FY 2021-2024 TIP fiscally constrained as federally required. Mr. MacDonald reminded the TAC that today's discussion is on whether the TAC is recommending the Transportation Policy Committee (TPC) release the proposed amendment to the FY 2021-2024 TIP for 30-day public comment period. The final recommendation of changes can be made at the February TAC meeting, and the TPC will make the final decision at its March meeting.

Mr. Pollack made a motion to recommend the TPC to release the proposed amendments to the FY 2021-2024 TIP for the 30-day public comment period. Ms. Sales-Evans seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. MacDonald will provide the updated project list based on today's discussion and will continue working closely with the TxDOT Transportation Planning and Programming (TPP) Division.

## 6. INFORMATION ONLY ITEM

**A. MPO offices will be closed Monday, January 18, in observance of Martin Luther King Day.**

## 7. REGIONAL FREIGHT TOPIC

### A. Freight pages of Texas Transportation Plan (TTP) 2050

The TAC serves as a Freight Advisory Committee and various freight topics are discussed every month.

Mr. Casper provided the Freight section from the 2050 Texas Transportation Plan (TTP) for TAC members. Freight movement and Economic Vitality is one of the national goals in Transportation. Texas has an extended multi-modal freight network with highway, rail, waterway, ports, airports, and pipelines. The Corpus Christi MPO will work on its own freight plan. The Port of Corpus Christi, the third-largest port in the nation by tonnage, the Joe Fulton International Trade Corridor, the extensive crude oil pipeline infrastructure, and so forth make this region a critical part of the national freight network. The Corpus Christi MPO will closely work with the Port and other partner agencies for the freight plan.

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

None offered.

## 9. **Upcoming Meetings:**

<b>A. Transportation Policy Committee:</b>	<b>Regular Meeting:</b>	<b>February 4 or 5, 2021</b>
<b>B. Technical Advisory Committee:</b>	<b>Regular Meeting:</b>	<b>February 18, 2021</b>

Mr. MacDonald informed the TAC that the February TPC meeting may be rescheduled for February 5 due to the committee members' schedule, and once the date is determined, he would inform the TAC members.

## 10. **Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 9:54 A.M.