

**CORPUS CHRISTI METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO)
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC) MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, May 20, 2021**

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 Virtually:

Brian DeLatte, P.E., City of Portland
Jeff Pollack, AICP, Port of Corpus Christi Authority
Paula Sales-Evans, P.E., TxDOT – Corpus Christi District (CRP)
Sarah Munoz, P. E., City of Corpus Christi
Howard Gillespie, San Patricio County
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. Public Comments for Items not on the Agenda

None were offered.

3. APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 15, 2021 TAC REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Ms. Munoz made a motion to approve the April 15, 2021, TAC Meeting Minutes. Mr. Gillespie seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

4. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

A. Corpus Christi MPO FY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendments #3

Mr. MacDonald explained the proposed Corpus Christi MPO FY 2021-2024 TIP Amendment #3 per the ongoing discussions with Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and TxDOT for clarifications and some minor administrative corrections:

- Add Transportation Policy Committee (TPC) approved dates of Amendment #1 and #3 on the coversheet
- Correct Appendix to Appendices in the Table of Contents
- Update Table 13a and 13b on pages 34-35 with TxDOT FY 2021-2024 State TIP (STIP) information and remove “DRAFT”
- Insert Table 16 TxDOT FY 2021-2024 STIP Corpus Christi MPO – Transit Projects on pages 42-52
- Insert Table 17 TxDOT TIP Transit Financial Summary – Year of Expenditure Cost on page 53
- Remove the sentence “although the Corpus Christi MPO is only using this option for the Bicycle and Pedestrian category at this time” from the TxDOT Definition of Grouped Projects for Use on pages 54-55
- Remove yellow highlights and change red font to black font from FY 2021-2024 Transit Project List on pages 57-58
- Insert Public Notices #21-1 and #21-2 as Appendix C on pages 69-74
- Insert the TPC March 4, 2021, and April 1, 2021 meeting minutes as Appendix D on pages 79-84
- Attach an e-mail sent to FHWA/FTA regarding the Corpus Christi MPO’s PM 1, PM 2, and PM 3 targets with the February 26, 2021, TPC memo for PM 1 Resolution, Resolution 21-02, November 1, 2018 PM 2 and PM 3 Resolution for clarification: (1) the Corpus Christi MPO’s PM 1 targets are proportionately estimated for the MPO area to achieve the State targets, (2) PM 2 and PM 3 targets were initially approved by TPC on November 1, 2018, and these targets were readopted as part of the 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) on February 6, 2020, then these targets

were again reaffirmed on April 1, 2021, as part of FY 2021-2024 TIP adoption. PM2 and PM 3 targets are also intended to support the State targets.

- Correct the Table 9. Operational Performance and Congestion Targets Travel Time Reliability Index column headers from “2020 Measured” and “2022 Measured” to “2020 Targets” and “2022 Targets” respectively.

These technical corrections and clarifications as well as previously approved Amendments #1 and #2 would be incorporated into the Corpus Christi MPO FY 2021-2024 TIP when the TxDOT adopts FY 2021-2024 STIP in August. TxDOT Corpus Christi District provided project updates for TxDOT sponsored projects and these updates will be reflected in Table 13a.

Ms. Sales-Evans inquired (1) the Table 13a and 13b still seem like the main document, if this is following the FHWA’s guidance, (2) if the Corpus Christi MPO would do the TIP amendments whenever there are project phase updates, and (3) if these tables should just show the construction cost for each project or the total project cost. Mr. MacDonald clarified (1) the Corpus Christi MPO would like to keep the Table 13a and 13b format as supplemental information because it is more readable and the Corpus Christi MPO can provide the most current status to the general public, the FY 2021-2024 TIP included TxDOT format project tables as the official documents, (2) the project updates, unless they are major changes defined by TxDOT to require an official amendment, are considered as technical or administrative amendments. However, since the Corpus Christi MPO will submit the TIP amendment #3 that is a part of FY 2021-2024 STIP adoption in August, the Table 13a and 13b should have the most current information, (3) there are both “Construction Cost” and “Total Project Cost” columns in Table 13a and 13b.

Ms. Sales-Evans suggested renaming the “Project Phase” column in Table 13a and 13b to “Project Phase/Status” and adding some word or note to Table 13a and 13b to indicate these tables are supplemental. Mr. MacDonald agreed to modify the column and add “illustrative” or “information only” to Table 13a and 13b.

Mr. MacDonald requested that the TAC members review and recommend the TPC release FY 2021-2024 TIP with Amendment #3 for the 30-day public comment period.

Ms. Sales-Evans made a motion to recommend TPC release FY 2021-2024 TIP with Amendment #3 for the 30-day public comment period with the suggested changes. Mr. Pollack seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

B. DRAFT Corpus Christi MPO Program for Addressing Discrimination

In the April TAC meeting, the Corpus Christi MPO provided DRAFT Public Participation Plan (PPP) 2021. This month, the Corpus Christi MPO provided DRAFT Corpus Christi MPO Program for Addressing Discrimination. As a recipient of federal funds, the Corpus Christi MPO has been required to prevent discrimination in any forms in its activities and programs by the Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, and Executive Orders 12898, 13166, and 13175. Most recently, the Biden Administration has issued another Executive Order 13985 “Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities Through the Federal Government” that addresses Racial Equity issues with four Executive Actions in January 2021. The DRAFT Corpus Christi MPO Program for Addressing Discrimination describes the Title VI, Racial Equity, Environmental Justice, and Limited English Proficiency requirements and lays out the Corpus Christi MPO’s strategies and procedures that assure the full and fair participation by all potentially affected communities in the transportation decision-making process.

The Corpus Christi MPO is required to do the following in order to meet federal certification requirements:

- Evaluate and improve the public involvement processes to eliminate participation barriers and engage disadvantaged populations in transportation decision-making,
- Identify the residential and employment locations and transportation needs of disadvantaged communities,

- Determine if the needs of the disadvantaged communities are addressed equitably and that the benefits and burdens of transportation investments are fairly distributed,
- Perform analyses that ensure that the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) comply with federal discrimination laws and regulations.

The DRAFT Corpus Christi MPO Program for Addressing Discrimination is still in the development phase and any comments or feedback are welcomed. The Corpus Christi MPO is expecting the TAC recommendation of the DRAFT Corpus Christi MPO Program for Addressing Discrimination in June and the TPC approval in July jointly with the Corpus Christi MPO PPP 2021.

Ms. Sales-Evans made a motion to recommend the release of the DRAFT Update Corpus Christi MPO Program for Addressing Discrimination by the TPC for the 30-day Public Comment Period. Mr. Pollack seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

5. INFORMATION ONLY ITEM

A. DRAFT Corpus Christi MPO Public Participation Plan (PPP) 2021

The DRAFT Corpus Christi MPO Public Participation Plan (PPP) 2021 has been released for the 45-day Public Comment Period on May 6, 2021, with the TPC approval.

Mr. Casper informed the TAC that the Corpus Christi MPO has received the following comments so far:

1. Remove the last column of the International Association of Public Participation table on page 3,
2. Add annual reports to page 19 as one of the documents released to the public,
3. Include a roadmap of future key decision-points where the public can participate in the decision process,
4. Change the Goal Statements to Policies on pages 13-14.

Mr. MacDonald stated that the public comment period is open until July 1st, 2021. The Corpus Christi MPO is expecting the adoption of the Corpus Christi MPO PPP 2021 and the Corpus Christi MPO Program for Addressing Discrimination by the TPC in the July TPC meeting.

B. TAC Member Updates to their FY 2021-2024 TIP Projects in Tables 13a and 13b

This information item was discussed in junction with Item 4A. Corpus Christi MPO FY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

TxDOT Corpus Christi District gave updates for the following four TxDOT Sponsored projects:

1. SH 358 (SPID) Ramp Reversal (MPO-001) – detailed plans, specification and estimate are being designed,
2. I-37 (MPO-002) – the project was bid to construction this month,
3. US 181 (MPO-003 & 004) – under construction,
4. FM 893 (MPO-006) – project design is on hold until additional details of the new drainage structure become available, so keep the design as the project phase.

6. REGIONAL FREIGHT TOPIC

A. TxDOT-Corpus Christi District ITS Plan: System Components and Signals Map

Mr. Casper provided two attachments for this item: (1) TxDOT ITS Inventory in Corpus Christi District which shows the ITS equipment such as CCTV Camera, Dynamic Message Sign, Permanent Count Stations and so forth installed in Corpus Christi, and (2) a map of Scorecard Signals that indicates the level of service (traffic delay) by INRIX.

ITS is one of the major components in the 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and the Corpus Christi MPO is excited to work collaboratively with the partner agencies for the regional ITS architecture plan. The Corpus Christi MPO has started sharing these ITS related data and information for further discussions and solicit feedback or comments.

Mr. Pollack expressed his interest to participate in the future ITS discussion.

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

Ms. Sales-Evans introduced Ms. Stephanie Christina, Traffic Safety Specialist at TxDOT Corpus Christi District. Ms. Christina is responsible for planning and implementing traffic safety projects, identifying traffic safety problem areas, and implementing programs that promote traffic safety for the region. She is also assisting potential grant applications, providing safety educations for the community, and addressing vulnerable groups such as pedestrians, bikers, and motorcyclists. She is excited to work with local law enforcement, agencies, and the community.

Mr. Casper informed the TAC about the Transportation Alternative Set-Aside (TASA) Program. The updated list will be sent by TxDOT soon.

Mr. DeLatte informed that the hike and bike projects with Category 9 fund in Portland are well-received and the citizens are excited to see the bicycle lanes that connect residential areas, parks, schools, community facilities.

8. Upcoming Meetings:

A. Transportation Policy Committee:	Regular Meeting:	June 3, 2021
B. Technical Advisory Committee:	Regular Meeting:	June 17, 2021

Mr. MacDonald asked the TAC members about going back to in-person TAC meetings since the COVID-19 virus seems under control now, and Corpus Christi RTA no longer limits the number of people entering the Boardroom. This will be discussed and determined before the June 17 TAC meeting.

9. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 10:03 A.M.