

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

Jeff Pollack, AICP, Port of Corpus Christi Authority

Paula Sales-Evans, P.E., TxDOT – Corpus Christi District (CRP)

Annika G. Yankee, AICP, City of Corpus Christi

Ms. Cristina Perez, Corpus Christi Regional Transportation Authority

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 SEPTEMBER 16, 2021 TAC REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Pollack made a motion to approve the September 16, 2021, TAC Meeting Minutes. Ms. Yankee seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

4. ACTION ITEMS

A. FY 2021-2024 TIP Amendment 4 – Inclusion of Additional Transit Projects

Ms. Perez requested TAC's recommendation to the Transportation Policy Committee (TPC) for releasing the FY 2021-2024 TIP Amendment 4 for a month for public comment. There are four additional projects: two projects for the Rural Economic Assistance League (REAL) and two projects for the Coastal Bend Center for Independent Living (CBCIL) through FTA 5310 Funds. Also, CCRTA requested to list three additional available funding: FTA 5310 (total \$592,575 apportioned in 2019 and 2020), Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021 (\$52,135), and American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (\$52,135).

Ms. Yankee made a motion to recommend the TPC to release the FY 2021-2024 TIP Amendment 4 for a month-long public comment period. Mr. Pollack seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

5. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Review DRAFT Surface Transportation Block Grant Set-Aside (STBG-SA) Category 9 Funding Project Application Form

The DRAFT STBG-SA Category 9 Funding Project Application Form has been distributed to the TAC for their review and comment.

Ms. Sales-Evans inquired if the scoring weight (%) is incorporated into the application form. Mr. Casper answered that the scoring weight has not yet been determined due to the cancellation of the October TPC meeting. After the review and comment of pair-wise comparison and Draft STBG-SA Guidance and Procedure including the Application Form by the TPC in November, the Corpus Christi MPO will bring the final draft STBG-SA Guidance and Procedure and the application form for the November TAC meeting.

The TAC is requested to review and provide comments or feedback to Mr. Casper.

B. Member Agency Project and Program Updates

Mr. DeLatte informed that the US 181 Widening and Ramp Reversal projects have started and are expected to be completed within 16 months.

Ms. Sales-Evans informed that the development of TxDOT's 2023 Unified Transportation Program (UTP) is coming up. Corpus Christi MPO needs to verify the projects listed in the 10-year and long-range plan for the

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priority, cost, and readiness as potential candidate projects for 2023 UTP. The unofficial project nomination and evaluation process usually start around November to December timeframe, and she expects the TAC would discuss the project prioritization in coming meetings. The projects need to be eligible for receiving the federal funds and the sponsor agencies are required to comply with the federal rules and regulations. She estimated about \$100 million Category 7 funding would be available for the Corpus Christi MPO in 10-years.

Mr. MacDonald told the TAC that he has been contacting both TxDOT CRP and Austin for the Category 7 funding amount available for the Corpus Christi MPO after the final payment of Harbor Bridge Voluntary Relocation Project is processed. Once the amount is verified, the Corpus Christi MPO is planning to issue a call for projects for fundings the Corpus Christi MPO for Category 2, Category 4, Category 7 and Category 9.

Mr. Casper informed the TAC that President Biden’s Executive Actions “Justice40” requires federal projects including the transportation to route 40% of the benefits of climate and environment spending to disadvantaged communities such as low-income and racial minorities. He would provide more information when it becomes available.

Mr. Pollack informed that the Port of Corpus Christi has entered a Memorandum of Understanding with Autonomy Institute Inc., to develop and deploy intelligent and autonomous projects along the Joe Fulton International Trade Corridor. Mr. Pollack said that this partnership for the deployment of emerging technologies such as Public Infrastructure Network Nodes, Next G wireless, ITS and so forth would be a useful ITS case study for the region.

Ms. Yankee informed that the City of Corpus Christi is near completion of the 2nd phase of Westside Area Development Plan and will move forward to the 3rd phase. In 2022, the Bayside Area Development Plan from Morgan Avenue to the Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi and Ocean Drive to South Padre Island Drive will also start. The Wayfinding project with the Corpus Christi Convention & Visitors Bureau and the Downtown Management District is moving forward.

Mr. Gordon informed that the Corpus Christi Regional Transportation Authority has issued a Request for Proposal for their Long-Range System Plan that is an overall evaluation of the CCRTA’s finance, capital, and service that covers five to ten years. The CCRTA will work closely with the Corpus Christi MPO for this project. The Port/Ayers Station reconstruction and Del Mar South Campus service will start soon.

6. REGIONAL FREIGHT TOPIC

A. 2023 Texas Freight Mobility Plan Workshops

Mr. MacDonald informed the TAC that the TxDOT will hold six 2023 Texas Freight Mobility Plan Workshops and encouraged the TAC members to participate. The Corpus Christi MPO is planning to participate in the Gulf Coast Regional Workshop, Urban Areas Workshop, and Rural Areas Workshop.

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

Mr. DeLatte informed that the City of Portland’s Development Service Director position has been vacated and the job announcement would be posted soon.

Mr. MacDonald informed the TAC that the Federal Certification Review would be held from October 26 to October 28.

7. Upcoming Meetings:

A. Transportation Policy Committee:	Regular Meeting:	November 4, 2021
B. Technical Advisory Committee:	Regular Meeting:	November 18, 2021

Mr. MacDonald informed the TAC members that the Corpus Christi MPO is planning the CAT 9 Call for Projects workshops right after the regular TAC meetings in November and December. Once this is determined, he would notify the TAC members.

8. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 A.M.