

**CORPUS CHRISTI METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (CORPUS CHRISTI MPO)
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC) VIRTUAL MEETING MINUTES
Friday, May 6, 2022**

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

Chairperson Brian DeLatte virtually called the meeting to order at 9:01 A.M.

TAC Members Present:

Chairperson Brian DeLatte, P.E., City of Portland

Vice Chairperson Gordon Robinson, AICP, Corpus Christi Regional Transportation Authority

Howard Gillespie, San Patricio County

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

Dan McGinn, AICP, City of Corpus Christi

Amanda Longoria, P.E., TxDOT – Corpus Christi District (CRP)

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 made or offered.

3. Discussion and Possible Action Item

A. FY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Project Selection

As proposed in the April 21, 2022, TAC meeting, the Corpus Christi MPO convened a special TAC virtual meeting to discuss the FY 2023-2026 TIP Project Selection. This FY 2023-2026 TIP Project Selection is a part of the DRAFT FY 2023-2026 TIP development that is due in June and needs to be released for a one month public comment period by the Transportation Policy Committee in their May 12 meeting.

Mr. MacDonald explained that the funding estimate table in the Item 3A memo and the Corpus Christi MPO DRAFT FY 2023-2026 TIP Fiscally Constrained Project List (attachment 4) were updated with the most current information provided by TxDOT-CRP. The funding estimate now reflects the carryover and carry-under monies, still showing there are enough funds to move forward for the fiscally constrained project selection process. There are fourteen projects in the table and the beginning balance for Category 2, 4, 7, and 9, and remaining funds with proposed allocation are shown at row 17 and 18 in the Corpus Christi MPO DRAFT FY 2023-2026 TIP Fiscally Constrained Project List. The Corpus Christi MPO proposed two additional Category 7 projects; one is for acquiring transportation data and planning tools with \$2 million, and the other is for a region-wide safety and operations program with \$20.39 million in FY 2023-2026 TIP. Based on the proposed allocation, Category 2 has a remaining balance of \$24.5 million, Category 4 has \$7.5 million, and Category 9 has \$2.2 million. All Category 7 funds are allocated and secured. The sponsor entities are expected to update their projects cost estimates, prioritize projects with their own scenarios, and provide comments.

Chairperson Mr. DeLatte asked if there were any comments. Mr. McGinn commented that the City of Corpus Christi has no specific recommendations for the safety and operations projects at this time, but he considers it is important having a clear explanation of how this \$20 million will be spent for the region, as well as the \$2 million.

Mr. MacDonald said that the potential projects would be identified based on the result of crash analysis and through the required processes - TAC discussion and recommendation, public involvement, and TPC approval. Mr. Casper added that this project shows there is a regional effort for safety and operational improvement, and it is listed in the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and TIP. The specific projects will be identified by the Regional Traffic Safety Task Force and the TAC based on acquired data such as crash analysis, INRIX data analysis, and so forth. Safety and operation project is treated as grouped project so there is no need to identify individual projects unless the project involves construction for adding physical capacity.

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Mr. MacDonald stated this action item is recommending the TPC release the DRAFT FY 2023-2026 TIP to the public for the required one month comment period. The TAC can make changes in the next TAC meeting if necessary.

Ms. Sales-Evans asked what is exactly released to the public, and if the exact Corpus Christi MPO DRAFT FY 2023-2026 TIP Fiscally Constrained Project List as Attachment 4 is released. Mr. MacDonald answered that the Corpus Christi MPO staff is requesting the TAC's recommendation to the TPC to release the whole DRAFT FY 2023-2026 TIP that includes the performance measures, highway projects, transit projects, and it includes the Corpus Christi MPO DRAFT FY 2023-2026 TIP Fiscally Constrained Project List. She had a concern that the total cost of all projects listed in the table exceeds the available funding and it may confuse the public without some clarification. Mr. MacDonald explained that the projects not selected for the FY 2023-2026 TIP would be removed from this table in the finalized FY 2023-2026 TIP.

Mr. Casper inquired to the TAC if the map for each project like the STBG-SA/CAT 9 projects attachment would be helpful. Ms. Sales-Evans answered it would help the public to identify the highway names they are not familiar with. But her concern is if projects such as SH 361, SH 35, and Yorktown Boulevard that are regionally important but not ready for the four-year window are included in the project list for FY 2023-2026 TIP, the public would be confused, thus she suggested to provide some clarification.

Mr. MacDonald stated that the projects without funding would be removed from the list. It would make the total number of projects 6 or 7, and a map of each project will be inserted. This version will be provided at the May 12, 2022, TPC meeting.

Mr. McGinn verified that the project list would include only projects funded in the next four years, and Mr. MacDonald confirmed.

Mr. McGinn made a motion to recommend the TPC to release DRAFT FY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for a one month public comment period with the proposed map insertion for the projects funded from FY 2023 through FY 2026. Ms. Sales-Evans seconded.

Chairperson Mr. DeLatte stated that Mr. Robinson's vote needs to be verified and stated in the minutes. Mr. Robinson's votes were counted.

4. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 9:26 A.M.