

**CORPUS CHRISTI METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (CORPUS CHRISTI MPO)  
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC) MEETING MINUTES  
Thursday, May 19, 2022**

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

Chairperson Brian DeLatte called the meeting to order at 9:03 A.M.

TAC Members Present:

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

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

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

Dan McGinn, AICP, City of Corpus Christi

MPO Staff Present: 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. Approval of the April 21, 2022, TAC Regular Meeting Minutes and the May 6, 2022 TAC Special Virtual Meeting Minutes**

Ms. Sales-Evans provided a few minor corrections on the SH 358 Ramp Reversal Project and FM 624 Project status in the April 21, 2022 Meeting Minutes, Item 5B, Member Agency Project and Program Updates.

Ms. Sales-Evans made a motion to approve the April 21, 2022 TAC Regular Meeting Minutes with the corrections and the May 6, 2022 TAC Special Virtual Meeting Minutes as is. Mr. McGinn seconded; the motion passed unanimously. The Corpus Christi MPO will revise the April 21, 2022 TAC Regular Meeting Minutes with these corrections.

**4. Discussion and Possible Action Item**

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

The FY 2023-2026 TIP has been discussed for months and the TAC held a special meeting on May 6, 2022 for making the project selection recommendation before the May 12, 2022 Transportation Policy Committee (TPC) meeting. The TPC approved a release of DRAFT FY 2023-2026 TIP for a one month public comment period. The Corpus Christi MPO was expecting the TAC recommendation of FY 2023-2026 TIP at this May 19, 2022 meeting, the TPC approval on June 2, 2022, and the FY 2023-2026 TIP could be submitted to TxDOT by the deadline, June 10, 2022.

Ms. Sales-Evans informed the Corpus Christi MPO and the TAC members that TxDOT Head Quarters notified the TxDOT Corpus Christi District (TxDOT-CRP) that the funding forecast for FY 2023-2026 TIP must be from the 2022 Unified Transportation Program (UTP). The Corpus Christi MPO has been using the most current funding forecast, the 2023 UTP and roll over money, for the FY 2023-2026 TIP development per Federal Highway Administration's guidance "using the most current funding forecast for developing transportation plans and programs."

Mr. DeLatte inquired if other MPOs are using the 2022 UTP numbers. The TxDOT Head Quarter's TIP development guidance (attachment 1) stated all Districts, Divisions, and MPOs (in Texas) develop the FY 2023-2026 TIP by using 2022 UTP numbers. Ms. Sales-Evans explained that this is a State-wide practice. The FY 2023-2026 State Transportation Improvement Program (S/TIP) fiscal constraint is based on the officially approved 2022 UTP funding allocation numbers. The 2023 UTP funding allocation has not yet been approved by the Texas Transportation Commission, thus, the FY 2023-2026 S/TIP fiscal constraint would be impacted if the Corpus Christi MPO uses 2023 UTP numbers. Ms. Sales-Evans expressed her concern to recommend the DRAFT FY 2023-2026 TIP to TPC without resolving this issue. It is uncertain if there is any significant impact on the projects listed in the Corpus Christi MPO FY 2023-2026 Fiscally Constrained Project List, but these projects may need to be revisited with the 2022 UTP numbers and verified if these are fiscally constrained.

Due to the absence of Mr. MacDonald, the Corpus Christi MPO Transportation Planning Director, who is in Florida for the Association of MPO (AMPO) Symposium, Ms. Sales-Evans proposed a special TAC meeting before the June 2<sup>nd</sup> TPC meeting. The TAC members checked their schedule, and they are all available on May 25, 2022, 2:30 p.m.

Ms. Sales-Evans made a motion to convene a special TAC meeting virtually on May 25, 2022, 2:30 p.m. Mr. McGinn seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

The Corpus Christi MPO will discuss with TxDOT regarding the funding forecast and prepare for the 2022 UTP and 2023 UTP comparison by the May 25, 2022 TAC Special meeting.

## **5. Information Items**

### **A. Member Agency Project and Program Update**

Mr. DeLatte informed the public and TAC members that the City of Portland's Memorial Parkway Hike and Bike Trail Project Phase I is near completion.

Mr. Casper informed that the Corpus Christi MPO is working with TxDOT for the Advanced Funding Agreement (AFA) of \$2 million STBG/Category 7 fund to obtain necessary transportation planning tools and data.

## **6. Regional Freight Topics**

Mr. Casper informed the TAC that there will be regional workshops for Texas Freight Plan, *Texas Delivers 2050*. The link for the information and registration is provided and TAC members are encouraged to register.

## **7. TAC Member Statements on Local Agency Activities or Items of Interest**

Ms. Sales-Evans reported the 2022 Texas Planning Conference was informative, and many topics related to safety such as safety design were useful.

Mr. Casper informed that there is a discretionary grant opportunity, Safe Street for All Users (SS4A) and the information was sent to the TAC members electronically. This grant requires using the new safe system approach.

## **8. Upcoming Meetings/Events:**

<b>A. Transportation Policy Committee:</b>	<b>Regular Meeting</b>	<b>June 2, 2022</b>
<b>B. Regional Traffic Safety Task Force:</b>	<b>Regular Meeting</b>	<b>June 2, 2022</b>
<b>C. Technical Advisory Committee:</b>	<b>Regular Meeting</b>	<b>June 16, 2022</b>
<b>D. Regional Traffic Safety Task Force Work Group:</b>	<b>Regular Meeting</b>	<b>June 16, 2022</b>

Mr. DeLatte includes the Special Virtual TAC meeting on May 25, 2022 in the scheduled meeting.

Ms. Sales-Evans inquired what the difference between Regional Traffic Task Force meeting and Regional Traffic Safety Task Force Work Group meeting. Mr. Casper explained that the Corpus Christi MPO envisions to form work groups for specific safety issues, and if this is approved by the Regional Traffic Safety Task Force members, the meeting is planned to be held after the TAC meeting. Mr. Sales-Evans asked if there is an option to hold the meeting virtually. She thought if the meeting is held virtually, more people may participate in the discussion. Mr. Casper said the option will be considered and discussed.

## **9. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:33 a.m.