

**CORPUS CHRISTI METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (CORPUS CHRISTI MPO)
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC) VIRTUAL MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, MAY 25, 2022**

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

Chairperson Brian DeLatte virtually called the meeting to order at 2:35 P.M.

TAC Members Present:

Chairperson Brian DeLatte, P.E., City of Portland
Howard Gillespie, San Patricio County Commissioner
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)
Stephanie Christina, TxDOT

MPO Staff Present: Robert MacDonald, P.E.; 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 Items

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

During the May 19 Regular TAC meeting, the Corpus Christi MPO staff was informed that the FY 2023 – 2026 Transportation Improvement Program was required to use the 2022 Unified Transportation Program (UTP) funding levels, not the 2023 UTP funding levels. The 2022 UTP funding estimate is \$48 million less than the 2023 UTP funding estimate and it impacts the Corpus Christi MPO’s fiscally constrained project list for FY 2023 – 2026 TIP. The Corpus Christi MPO staff needs to develop another fiscally constrained project list with the 2022 UTP funding level.

The Corpus Christi MPO staff proposed the following for Category 9 and Category 7:

1. Adjust the Category 9 funding amount from the 2023 UTP funding estimate of \$8,530,000 to the 2022 UTP funding level of \$3,540,000. The Category 9 project is treated as a grouped project in the TIP and no need to identify individual projects. The Corpus Christi MPO will amend the FY 2023 – 2026 TIP with the 2023 UTP funding levels as soon as the 2023 UTP is approved by the Texas Transportation Commission in August. All seven awarded projects are encouraged to start the Advanced Funding Agreement (AFA) process, since the process takes time.
2. Scenario 1: Fully fund the City of Corpus Christi’s Yorktown Blvd. project (MPO-024) with \$39,410,000 and adjust the Regional Traffic Operations improvements and Safety Countermeasures project (MPO-068) from \$20,390,000 to \$4,639,000.

Scenario 2: Fund the Yorktown Blvd. project with \$23,660,000 as phase 1, keep the Regional Traffic Operations improvements and Safety Countermeasures project (MPO-068) funded with the originally allocated \$20,390,000.

Ms. Sales-Evans commented that the first scenario of Category 7 fund is more reasonable because the Yorktown Blvd. project is more specific and the project scope is identified while the Regional Traffic Operations improvements and Safety Countermeasures project is more flexible and the project scope is not identified in detail.

Mr. McGinn agreed, and the City of Corpus Christi would like to fund the Yorktown Blvd. with \$39 million as proposed in scenario 1. He inquired if Category 7 funding can be amended as Category 9 funding is amended after the 2023 UTP is approved.

Mr. MacDonald explained that the TIP amendment occurs quarterly or on an as needed-basis and the first opportunity will be the November revision. Based on the TxDOT’s tentative schedule, the amendment needs to be submitted by October 25, 2022. Thus, the Corpus Christi MPO staff will work on the amendment as

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soon as the Texas Transportation Commission approves the 2023 UTP in August, then get TAC recommendation in September, and get TPC approval in October.

Ms. Sales-Evans made a motion to recommend the DRAFT FY 2023 – 2026 TIP with the Fiscally Constrained Project List (table 15) with the scenario 1 option. Mr. McGinn seconded; the motion passed unanimously. The Corpus Christi MPO will update the DRAFT FY 2023 - 2026 TIP and submit to the TPC on June 2, 2022.

Mr. McGinn asked about the traffic count status. Ms. Longoria would contact the TxDOT Transportation Planning and Programming (TPP) Division and let the Corpus Christi MPO staff know.

4. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 2:53 P.M.