

**CORPUS CHRISTI METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (CORPUS CHRISTI MPO)
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC) MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, January 19, 2023**

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

Chairperson Brian DeLatte called the meeting to order at 9:00 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)

Jeff Pollack, AICP, Port of Corpus Christi Authority

Dan McGinn, AICP, City of Corpus Christi

MPO Staff Present: Rob MacDonald, P.E., Craig Casper, AICP, Daniel Carrizales, Victor Mendieta, and Yoshiko Boulan

2. Election of Officers for the Technical Advisory Committee

In accordance with the Corpus Christi MPO Bylaws, the Technical Advisory Committee shall elect a Chairperson and a Vice Chairperson from among its voting members during the first meeting of each calendar year.

Ms. Sales-Evans made a motion to re-elect Chairperson DeLatte for Chairperson and re-elect Vice Chairperson Robinson for Vice Chairperson. Mr. Pollack seconded; the motion passed unanimously. Chairperson DeLatte and Vice Chairperson Robinson are re-elected for the TAC Chairperson and Vice Chairperson for Calendar Year 2023.

3. Public Comments for Items not on the Agenda

None were made or offered.

4. Approval of the November 17, 2022, TAC Regular Meeting Minutes

Ms. Sales-Evans made a motion to approve the November 17, 2022, TAC Regular Meeting Minutes. Mr. Pollack seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

5. Discussion and Possible Action Items

A. Safety Performance Measures and Targets (PM1)

The Corpus Christi MPO is required to adopt Safety (PM1) Performance Measures and Targets annually. The PM1 Targets aim to reduce the number and rate of traffic fatalities and serious injuries. The Corpus Christi MPO can either (1) support the State Safety Performance Measures and Targets or (2) establish its own Safety Performance Measures and Targets. The Corpus Christi MPO has been supporting the State Safety Performance Measures and Targets and Corpus Christi MPO staff recommends adopting the State Safety Measures and Targets for 2023 as well.

The Item 5A memo provided the TxDOT's 2023 Safety (PM1) Performance Measures and Targets that would be adopted upon the Transportation Policy Committee (TPC)'s approval, and regionally relevant Performance Measures and Targets for illustration purposes. A draft Resolution is attached.

Ms. Sales-Evans made a motion to recommend to the Transportation Policy Committee the Safety Performance Measures and Targets as presented by the Corpus Christi MPO staff. Mr. Gordon seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

6. Information Items

A. Census Designated Urban Area Update

Mr. Casper provided the TAC with the Census Designated Urban Area Update. The Corpus Christi Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA) is reviewed after the decennial US Census Urban Area is updated and the Adjusted Urban Area completed, if necessary. The designation of urban areas by the US Census is the basis

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of the MPA and as a result, determines the TPC membership and federal funding levels and eligibilities for the Corpus Christi MPO. As previously reported, the release of urban areas originally scheduled in March 2022 has been delayed. The map of the 2020 Census Designated Urban Area was just released on January 12, 2023 and was attached as Attachment 1. The difference between the 2010 Census and the 2020 Census is provided as a handout, a notable change is Port Aransas is now part of the Ingleside-Aransas Pass urban area.

After the release of the designation of Urban Areas, the Corpus Christi MPO staff, TxDOT Corpus Christi District, Corpus Christi Regional Transportation Authority, local governments, and planning partners will discuss and adjust the boundaries using the 9 considerations listed in Section 6 of FHWA's Functional Classification manual. It would take approximately six months to a year to complete.

The Corpus Christi MPO has formed the Small Area Forecast Task Force that comprises diverse entities such as local governments, economic development organizations, and Independent School Districts. The Small Area Forecast Task Force will start meeting monthly.

B. Member Agency Project and Program Updates

Mr. MacDonald explained the purpose of this information item is for sharing the member agencies' projects and programs. For example, the Corpus Christi Regional Transportation Authority (CCRTA) just adopted their Long-Range System Plan, also the City of Portland holds an Open House for their PLAN 2040 Comprehensive Plan on January 19, 2023, City of Corpus Christi's Area Development Plans and Bond projects, the Port of Corpus Christi's projects listed in 2024-2025 Texas Port Mission Plan; these are the great items to share and discuss during the TAC as regionally significant projects. Mr. MacDonald requested the TAC members to share their projects or programs by using this platform.

7. Regional Freight Topic

A. 2024-2025 Port Mission Plan Executive Summary

Mr. MacDonald represents all Texas MPOs (TEMPO) on the Texas Freight Advisory Committee. The 2024-2025 Port Mission Plan is a part of the Texas Freight Plan, Texas Delivers 2050 that will be adopted by the Texas Transportation Committee in January. Mr. MacDonald provided the Executive Summary to the TAC. As mentioned in Item 6B, the Port of Corpus Christi has three Capital Investment Projects, one Ship Channel Improvement, and twelve Port Connectivity Projects in the 2024-2025 Port Mission Plan. The Port of Corpus Christi received \$157.3 million for the Ship Channel Improvement Project's final phase in December 2022. These projects should, as a best practice, be included in the Corpus Christi MPO's long and short-range transportation plans as regionally significant projects. For example, one of the listed projects, Elevate Nueces Bay Causeway (US 181) for improved ship passage and flood risk mitigation estimated project cost is \$340M. Mr. MacDonald asked Mr. Pollack to provide information on these projects so that these projects can be included in the 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) as appropriate.

8. Regional Grant Coordination Topic

A. Corpus Christi MPO Regional Coordination Group for Federal Transportation Grants

Mr. MacDonald reminded the TAC members, who also act as the Regional Coordination Group for Federal Transportation Grants, of the many opportunities for them to apply for grants through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. The 2023 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant Notice of Funding Opportunity was released in December 2022 and the deadline is February 28, 2023. Mr. MacDonald requested that any entities interested in applying for the 2023 RAISE grant or other grants that need coordination with other entities to notify the Grant Coordination Group and the Corpus Christi MPO staff.

Mr. Pollack said that the Port of Corpus Christi is planning to apply for funds for stormwater infrastructure, bulk terminal improvements, the port infrastructure improvements, and the US Department of Energy's Hydrogen Hub under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act/Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (IIJA/BIL).

9. TAC Member Statements on Local Agency Activities or Items of Interest

Mr. MacDonald provided the Corpus Christi MPO Strategic Reserve Fund (SRF) Contribution letter. Every calendar year, the Corpus Christi MPO requests \$10,000 from participating entities for the SRF that is used for special studies and activities ineligible for federal funds. The amount was determined and approved by the TPC. The letter and invoice will also be sent electronically to the participating TAC members.

10. Upcoming Meetings/Events:

A. Transportation Policy Committee:	Regular Meeting	February 2, 2023
B. Regional Traffic Safety Task Force:	Regular Meeting	February 2, 2023
C. Technical Advisory Committee:	Regular Meeting	February 16, 2023

11. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 9:24 a.m.