

**CORPUS CHRISTI METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION  
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC) REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**March 19, 2026**

**1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, AND QUORUM DETERMINATION**

Mr. DeLatte called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

TAC Members Present:

Mr. Brian DeLatte, P.E., City of Portland, Chairperson  
Mr. Jeff Pollack, AICP, Port of Corpus Christi, Vice Chairperson  
Mr. Jason Alvarez, P.E. City of Corpus Christi  
Ms. Paula Sales-Evans, P.E. Texas Department of Transportation-Corpus Christi District  
Mr. Tom Yardley, San Patricio County Commissioner  
Mr. Juan Pimentel, P.E. Nueces County  
Ms. Liann Alfaro, Corpus Christi Regional Transportation Authority

MPO Staff Present:

Rob MacDonald, P.E., Keren Costanzo, AICP, Jafet Flores, Harry Horak, Victor Mendieta, and Carissa Tamez

**2. NON-AGENDA ITEMS PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None were made or offered.

**3. APPROVAL OF THE TAC FEBRUARY 19, 2026, REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

Mr. Alvarez made a motion to approve the TAC FEBRUARY 19, 2026, Regular Meeting minutes.

Ms. Alfaro seconded; the motion passed with six yeas, zero nays, and one recusal by Mr. Yardley.

- Mr. Yardley recused himself from the vote on the approval of the regular meeting minutes, as he was not in attendance at the previous meeting.

**4. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS**

**A. DRAFT 2025 Congestion Management Process (CMP)**

Mr. MacDonald presented this item.

Congestion management is the application of strategies to improve transportation system performance and reliability by reducing the adverse impacts of congestion on the movement of people and goods. A congestion management process (CMP) is a systematic and regionally accepted approach for managing recurring and nonrecurring congestion. This includes providing accurate, up-to-date information on travel times, location of construction or crashes, and strategies for congestion reduction that meet state and local needs. The CMP is intended to move these congestion management strategies into the funding and implementation stages. The CMP, as defined in federal regulation, is a systematic process that provides safe and effective management and operation of the multimodal transportation system.

**Discussion:**

- Ms. Sales-Evans recommended a few changes to the CMP that addressed removing typos, minor grammatical errors, adding chart labels, and the verification of the correct STRAHNET layer being referenced in the map.
- Ms. Sales Evans further noted that a future initiative to investigate possible capacity issues during emergency evacuation, peak tourism season, and similar high-traffic events in the future, though not necessary for the adoption of this current CMP document.

- Mr. MacDonald responded that staff can research how other areas, like Houston, address these types of special conditions such as hurricane evacuation.

**Motion:**

Ms. Sales-Evans made a motion to move to recommend the TPC approve the DRAFT 2025 Congestion Management Process (CMP) with the incorporation of the requested corrections and subject to any additional public comment that may come in.

Mr. Yardley seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

**B. DRAFT 2025 Program for Addressing Discrimination (PAD)**

Mr. Flores presented this item.

As discussed earlier in 2025, the Corpus Christi MPO Title VI policy document is due for an update. The updated DRAFT 2025 Program for Addressing Discrimination (PAD) was provided as a web link in the agenda packet. The TAC received an earlier version of this document in July 2025. As reported by FHWA, and discussed in previous meetings, several executive actions have impacted environmental justice (EJ) considerations within metropolitan transportation planning regulations. The actions collectively reduce the emphasis on environmental justice and equity considerations in metropolitan transportation planning and related federal infrastructure initiatives.

**Discussion:**

None

**Motion:**

Mr. Pollack made a motion to recommend the TPC approve the DRAFT 2025 Program for Addressing Discrimination (PAD), through Resolution 26-03.

Mr. Yardley seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

**Post-Motion Discussion:**

- Ms. Sales-Evans mentioned a Title VI complaint regarding project selection for certain demographic groups.
- Mr. MacDonald responded that a public comment was submitted during a previous Transportation Improvement Program regarding how projects were selected for certain areas in the region. The comment was addressed by staff in the public comment section of the TIP document. The comment was also shared with the Civil Rights Division of TxDOT in Austin for their review and analysis and he has not heard back from the TxDOT Civil Rights Division.
- Ms. Sales-Evans responded that the complaint was further escalated to FHWA civil rights as well and clarified that her comment is intended to help further discussion on areas of the public involvement process, whether the PAD or the PPP, to try to address the underlying concerns.
- Mr. MacDonald stated that the PPP and PAD both address the underlying concerns by ensuring staff conducts outreach to all groups impacted by conducting the proper demographic analyses. He further noted that some MPOs have modified that work, but the Corpus Christi MPO and TAC is recommending that we continue to look at demographics as part of the public involvement and outreach process.

**C. Surface Transportation Block Grant Set-Aside (STBG-SA) CAT 9 Call for Projects Revised Awards**

Ms. Costanzo presented this item. An updated memorandum was handed to the TAC members with the added request from the City of Portland for an additional \$770,241 of federal funds for the Sunset Lake Hike and Bike Trail, for a revised award total of \$2,770,241.

In May 2022, the Corpus Christi MPO completed the competitive evaluation process for the Federal Surface Transportation Block Grant Set-Aside program (STBG-SA). The STBG-SA program corresponds to the TxDOT Category 9 funding program and was continued in the newly approved Infrastructure

Investment and Jobs Act/Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (IIJA/BIL). There were seven projects submitted for federal funding, and all seven projects were awarded, totaling \$6,287,751. The Cities of Portland and Corpus Christi have requested amendments to project awards that do not alter the total allocation of funds from 2022.

#### Discussion:

- Ms. Sales-Evans raised concerns about the Sunset Lake 2022 project complying with federal requirements and wanted to make sure all rules and proper processes were being followed, and ensure Advanced Funding Agreements are revised for the increased awards if approved.
- Mr. MacDonald stated that staff does not believe there is any issue with the Sunset Lake project since there is an AFA completed and federal partners have approved an FPAA. Four years ago the call for projects guidelines did not specifically address eligibility of recreational projects. That will be updated in the upcoming call for projects guidance this summer.
- Mr. Pollack emphasized the importance of ensuring regional funding does not lapse and take that into consideration for the following call for projects, noting that the cancellation of a project four years after funding approval is concerning and impacts the ability to expend funds in a timely manner.
- Mr. DeLatte addressed the City of Portland's ability to over match and deliver projects that fulfill the Strategic Plan for Active Mobility.
- Ms. Sales Evans noted that regarding the Brooke Road Project, there was some back-and-forth on the AFA between the City of Corpus Christi and TxDOT and there were improvements that had already been made to Brooke Road that resulted in that particular project not being necessary any longer. She further recommended some language in the future call-for-projects guidelines that included expectations regarding notification of awards, process guidance if there are desired changes to an awarded project, potential new federal requirements related to widths and other design considerations for hike and bike trails that need to be met, and how to request a project award be cancelled.
- Mr. Pollack indicated that the MPO used to send individual letters to award recipients that outlines many of the items Ms. Sales-Evans noted and those can be incorporated in the contract language or initial solicitation. He also indicated an interest in regular project updates, quarterly or semi-annually.
- Mr. MacDonald pointed out that many of the items TAC members have requested in the future guidance are included in the guidance document from the previous call-for-projects, which is posted to the MPO website. The TAC will have an opportunity to review the guidance document and make recommendations prior to the next call-for-projects.

#### Motion:

Mr. Pimentel made a motion to recommend the TPC:

- Delete the City of Corpus Christi Brooke Road Project (\$1,090,703),
- Award an additional amount of funds (\$320,462) for a revised award total of \$684,000 of federal funds to the City of Portland's Memorial Parkway Hike and Bike Phase II Project,
- Award an additional amount of funds (\$770,241) for a revised award total of \$2,770,241 of federal funds to the City of Portland for the Sunset Lake Hike and Bike Trail.

Mr. Yardley seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

#### D. **DRAFT FY 2027-2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**

Mr. Flores presented this item.

The DRAFT FY 2027–2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) was provided to the TAC for review and comment. The MPO staff proposed that the TAC recommend the Transportation Policy Committee (TPC) release the document for the required one-month public comment period. The proposed action by TAC and TPC in the next two months coincides with the TxDOT statewide schedule

for adoption of the FY 2027–2030 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). TxDOT Headquarters must receive the final, approved TIPs from all MPOs no later than May 29, 2026.

**Discussion:**

None.

**Motion:**

Ms. Alfaro made a motion to recommend the TPC release the DRAFT FY 2027-2030 TIP for the one-month public comment period.

Mr. Pimentel seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

**E. DRAFT FY 2025 and FY 2026 UPWP with Amendment 2**

Mr. MacDonald presented this item.

This item requested the TAC to recommend that the TPC release Amendment 2 to the FY 2025 and FY 2026 Unified Planning Work Program for a one-month public comment period. All changes are shown through track changes.

The primary changes in the document are:

- Reallocation of staff time and the corresponding funding changes to various Subtasks in the UPWP. The focus of the staff time has shifted to the development of the new 2050 MTP. The original FY 2026 UPWP did not contain appropriate staff time to these activities in Task 4.0. Funds were reallocated from other subtasks that were completed earlier by staff or by consultants.
- Updated text changes to identify Amendment 2 in the cover page, footers and throughout the document.
- Updated the TAC And TPC Membership in Appendix A to reflect current members.

**Discussion:**

- Mr. DeLatte recommended addressing the formatting of the Track Changes to improve clarity of the proposed table edits prior to the public comment period.
- Mr. MacDonald acknowledged the formatting issue and indicated staff would make the necessary edits to improve legibility of figures in the table.

**Motion:**

Mr. Yardley made a motion to recommend the TPC release the DRAFT FY 2025 and FY 2026 UPWP with Amendment 2 for a one-month public comment period.

Mr. Pimentel seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

**F. Corpus Christi MPO Boundary Change Process**

Mr. MacDonald presented this item.

The Corpus Christi MPO Planning Area Boundary Change process continues with updated information provided for the TAC. The MPO Staff provided the TPC with the current updated information at their March 5, 2026, meeting. The goal is to narrow the discussion topics and develop a proposed MPA Boundary for TAC to recommend to the TPC. The MPA Boundary is one component of the future Boundary Change Package required by TxDOT.

**Discussion:**

- Ms. Sales-Evans noted communications between TXDOT and Robstown representatives.
- Mr. Yardley shared that he would reach out to the City of Gregory to touch base regarding representing the City of Gregory for the MPO.

**Motion:**

Mr. Yardley made a motion to recommend the TPC approve the proposed DRAFT new MPA Boundary as part of the future MPA Boundary Change packet.

Ms. Sales-Evans seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

**5. INFORMATION ITEMS**

**A. Project Prioritization & Community Impact Assessments Tool Presentation by Consultant Team**

Ms. Brittany Gernhard, from High Street Consulting, presented this item.

**Discussion:**

- Ms. Sales-Evans posed several questions to the consultant, including how transit improvements were defined, which Ms. Gernhard addressed.

**6. TAC MEMBER STATEMENTS ON LOCAL AGENCY ACTIVITIES OR ITEMS OF INTEREST**

- Ms. Alfaro mentioned the CCRTA Maintenance Facility groundbreaking will be held on March 23, 2026.

**7. UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS**

<b>A. Transportation Policy Committee:</b>	<b>Regular Meeting</b>	<b>April 2, 2026</b>
<b>B. Technical Advisory Committee:</b>	<b>Regular Meeting</b>	<b>April 16, 2025</b>

**8. ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.