1. CALL TO ORDER AND QUORUM DETERMINATION

Meeting called to order by Mr. Sullivan at 9:02 a.m.

Quorum: Nueces County: Glen Sullivan
         Port of Corpus Christi Authority: Greg Brubeck
         City of Corpus Christi: Pete Anaya
         City of Portland: Brian DeLatte
         Regional Transportation Authority: Carl Weckenmann
         TxDOT – Corpus Christi District: Paula Sales-Evans

2. INTRODUCTION OF VISITING AGENCY OFFICIALS

- Coastal Bend COG: Richard Bullock
- TxDOT South Regional Support Center: Raymond Sanchez
- Port of Corpus Christi Authority: David Krams
- City of Corpus Christi: Charlie Cardenas
- Olivarri and Associates: Leah Olivarri, Elvia Aguilar
- HDR, Inc.: Sam Saldivar
- Maverick Engineering: Michelle Patton, Alberto Guevara

3. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND ACTION:

A. Discussion of the FM 2444 (Staples Street) Project

The FM 2444 project from Oso Parkway to SH 286 will be discussed. A design configuration of the median has tentatively been agreed to and TxDOT Corpus Christi District will provide an update.

- The FM 2444 project was selected for the allocated Proposition 12 (Prop 12) funding to the Corpus Christi MPO (MPO). This project is for the access management and safety improvements anticipated by constructing additional travel lanes with median. Prop 12 funding requires projects be under contract by July 2013.

- Ms. Sales-Evans reported that TxDOT, the City of Corpus Christi, and MPO have been discussing the final design configuration of the medians. TxDOT has started the environmental work, will hold public meetings in July or August 2012, and acquire the Right-of-Way near CR 41. The location of median openings will be based on the realignment of South Oso Parkway. Because South Oso Parkway is classified as an urban boulevard, neither TxDOT nor MPO may use funds to perform the realignment. Construction is estimated to begin after the realignment is completed by the City of Corpus Christi.

- Mr. Anaya explained the realignment of South Oso Parkway was one of the projects submitted to City Council for consideration regarding excess 2008 Bond money; however, this project was not selected.
Ms. Sales-Evans added that it would be necessary to plan the connectivity of this project with the existing ARRA median project on FM 2444 (Staples Street). The intersection at Oso Parkway where the ARRA median project ends needs some kind of safety improvement. The Oso Creek Bridge’s width may not be applicable for the full size boulevard classification, but consideration should be given for future bicycle and pedestrian use as a potential Category 7 project.

B. Discussion and recommendation of a resolution in support of the Air Quality Group.

The development of a new agreement with the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) utilizing the new Ozone Advance Program will be discussed and possibly recommended to the Transportation Policy Committee (TPC).

- A draft resolution supporting the Corpus Christi Air Quality Group’s (CCAQG) Ozone Advance Agreement was presented. The resolution supports CCAQG, a local group of stakeholders that plan and implement voluntary action to improve the air quality in the community. The Ozone Advance Agreement will replace the existing 8 Hour O³ Flex program that will expire in 2013.

- Mr. Niskala asked for discussion and recommendation on the resolution. Motion to recommend the resolution to the Transportation Policy Committee (TPC) was made by Mr. Anaya and seconded by Mr. Weckenmann. The motion passed unanimously. The resolution will be presented to the TPC on August 2, 2012.

C. Discussion of the TxDOT reduction to FY2012 – 2013 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) funds.

TxDOT has notified the MPO that the Highway Bill continuing resolutions and the implication of revised population numbers will result in a reduction in funds available for the FY2012 – 2013 UPWP.

- As a result of the 2010 Census, there will be three additional transportation management areas (TMAs) and additional MPOs in Texas. The three new TMAs are Brownsville, Killeen-Temple, and Laredo. This will impact the allocation of funding to existing Texas MPOs. The MPO was notified by TxDOT that our reduction in funding was due to our relatively slow population growth. The MPO is awaiting the last funding allocation at the end of June 2012 to determine how FY2012 UPWP will be affected. A reduction of approximately $86,000 is anticipated in the FY2013 UPWP.

- The MPO has adjusted to a possible FY2012 reduced budget and is holding all activities programmed for the rest of the fiscal year. An amendment to the FY2013 UPWP is expected in response to the new budget. The MPO, regional agencies, and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) will continue to discuss this matter further. If FY2013 UPWP requires amendment, it will be discussed at the July Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting and MPO will submit the amended UPWP to the TPC in the August meeting.

D. Discussion on the status of current projects and funding issues including “Walkability Audit.”
The City of Corpus Christi conducted a Walkability Audit in the downtown SEA (science, entertainment, and arts) area from a pedestrian's perspective. Notable issues are deteriorated markings, lack of signage, sidewalk quality, and ADA accessibility. Additional information and maps are available by calling (361) 884-0687 or e-mail us at ccmpo@cctxmpo.us.

Status of current TxDOT projects:
1. Harbor Bridge Project: TxDOT will hold a Technical Advisory Committee on June 21, from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Oveal Williams Activity Center.
2. Saratoga Boulevard Median Project: Final inspection stage. The MPO plans a comparison of incident rates before and after the implementation of the median.
3. SH 286 (Crosstown Expressway) Project: The extension of SH 286 from SH 357 (Saratoga Boulevard) to FM 43 (Weber Road) will go to bid around June 2013.
4. FM 43 (Weber Road) Project: Construction of additional lanes from SH 286 (Crosstown Expressway) to Yorktown Boulevard is on time and estimated bid will be around April 2013.

Status of current City of Corpus Christi projects:
1. Staples Street Improvement Project: Construction progressing as planned. The intersection at Williams Drive is now open.
2. Holly Road Project (from SH 286 to Greenwood Drive): Completed the design work and ready to move forward to the construction phase.
3. Traffic Signalization: Install traffic lights at Yorktown Boulevard/FM 43 (Weber Road) intersection, SH 357 (Saratoga Boulevard)/Patti Drive intersection, and Tiger Lane/Weber Road intersection. These traffic signalizations include audio for the visually impaired. Also, Bond 2004 and 2008 citywide traffic signalization installation has been completed in high traffic locations.
4. Yorktown Boulevard Enhancement Project (from Staples Street to Cimarron Boulevard): landscaping project is almost complete.
5. Airline Road (from Saratoga Boulevard to Rodd Field Road): This project is under construction as scheduled.
6. Williams Drive (from Rodd Field Road to Nile Drive and from Nile Drive to Airline Road): Under design, progressing as planned. Another project on Williams Drive from Airline Road to S. Staples Street is programmed in FY2014.
7. Yorktown Boulevard Project (from Cimarron Boulevard to Rodd Field Road): City Council approved to carry out this project including the realignment of the intersection at Rodd Field Road and Yorktown Boulevard with Bond 2008 money available.
8. New schools: The City of Corpus Christi, Corpus Christi Independent School District (CCISD), and the architect firm have been discussing the traffic around new schools. The elementary school on Slough Road is planned to have the traffic light and right-turn lane to accommodate traffic. The new high school on Cimarron Boulevard and Lipes Boulevard is still under discussion.
9. Bond 2012: The City of Corpus Christi is preparing for the project list for Bond 2012 and may be ready July 2012. MPO expressed the importance of the Rodd Field Road project from Saratoga Boulevard to Yorktown Boulevard as a critical link to the first segment of Regional Parkway. Again, because this location is off
the State system, it will not be eligible for the Category 7 funding. Therefore, consideration of this project as a Bond 2012 project is needed and requested.

10. County 52 Project: This joint project between the City of Corpus Christi and Nueces County is completed.

- Status of current City of Portland projects:
  1. Working on their five year development plan that includes bike trails.

- Status of current Port of Corpus Christi Authority projects:
  1. Will apply for the 4th Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant opportunity with the Nueces Railroad Yard project
  2. No announcements from RTA on current projects.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS:

- None.

5. STAFF REPORT:

A. The July 5th – Transportation Policy Committee meeting has been cancelled.
   - Next TPC meeting will be held on August 2, 2012.

6. TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE COMMENTS AND CONCERNS:

A. Mr. Bruback introduced Mr. David Krams, the incoming Director of Engineering Services at the Port of Corpus Christi Authority and new TAC representative for the Port.

B. The Texas Transportation Commission will hold their next meeting in Corpus Christi on July 26, 2012 at the Solomon P. Ortiz Center. Information including the agenda will be provided as soon as it becomes available.

C. The City of Corpus Christi officially named Mr. Dan Biles, P.E., their Director of Engineering Services.

7. ADJOURN – The meeting adjourned at 9:46 a.m.