

**CORPUS CHRISTI METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE (TPC) MEETING MINUTES**

February 7, 2019

1. Call to Order and Quorum Determination

Judge Krebs called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m. at the City of Corpus Christi Council Chambers.

Present: Judge Krebs, San Patricio County; Mr. Zahn, Port of Corpus Christi (POCC); Mayor Skurow, City of Portland; Mr. Martinez, Corpus Christi Regional Transportation Authority (RTA); Mr. Olivarez, P.E., Texas Department of Transportation – Corpus Christi District (TxDOT-CRP); Mayor McComb, City of Corpus Christi (2:03 p.m.)

Staff present: Daniel Carrizales, Victor Mendieta, and Yoshiko Boulan

2. Introduction of Visiting Agency Officials

Mr. Bill Frawley, Research Scientist, Texas A&M Transportation Institute; Ms. Brittney Gick, Assistant Transportation Researcher, Texas A&M Transportation Institute; Ms. Sara Garza, TxDOT-Transportation Planning and Programming (TPP); Mr. Anthony Jones, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Texas Division; Ms. Melissa Vela, Assistant Chief of Administration, Nueces County

Mr. Jones introduced himself as a new FHWA representative for the Corpus Christi MPO. He offered his resources and assistance to support the MPO. The TPC appreciated his presence.

3. Public Comments

Judge Krebs called for public comment on TPC agenda items.

Mr. Guy Watts, Ph.D., the Chairman of Southside Leadership Council, commented on the need for the Rodd Field Road extension and Oso Creek Bridge that connects Oso Creek and King Ranch due to the rapid expansion of the homes and businesses in City's Southside such as new subdivisions, Veteran's Memorial High School and the new Del Mar College South Campus. Mr. Watts, Ph.D., requested to consider these projects as a priority in the MPO's transportation plan.

Judge Krebs thanked Mr. Watts, Ph.D., and his comment would be given consideration.

4. Approval of the January 18, 2019 TPC Special Meeting Minutes

Mr. Zahn made a motion to approve the January 18, 2019, TPC Special Meeting Minutes. Mayor Skurow seconded; motion passed unanimously.

5. Discussion Only

A. Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) Update

Mr. Bill Frawley, Research Scientist in Urban Analysis with Texas A&M Transportation Institute (TTI) briefed on his role and current status of the MPO's MTP. Mr. Frawley has been working for the research institute for 26 years while helping MPOs, state Department of Transportation, and other agencies in Texas and other states through coaching and mentoring. He has an interagency contract with the TxDOT Transportation Planning and Programming (TPP) to assist MPOs and his team was sent to support the MPO for the MTP development because of the current staff shortage. The main purpose of this visit is providing technical assistance to develop the MPO's 2020-2045 MTP and Congestion Management Process (CMP) with no charge. Mr. Frawley appreciated the TPP for sending his team to the MPO. The MPO staff will provide future updates to the TPC on the MTP Update process.

Judge Krebs thanked Mr. Frawley for his update on the MPO's MTP.

6. Discussion and Possible Action

A. Safety Performance Targets

Mr. Carrizales briefed on the progress to date of the establishment of safety performance targets under Performance Measure Rule 1 (PM 1). All MPOs are required by FHWA to set annual safety targets either by developing their own targets or adopting the State targets. The Technical Advisory Committee recommended to adopt the State targets.

Mr. Martinez asked if the State targets are relevant to the Corpus Christi region. Mr. Frawley clarified that the State targets are State-wide targets and the State-wide targets are applicable.

Mr. Olivarez asked if other MPOs are establishing their own targets or adopting the State targets. Mr. Frawley said there was one small MPO in Texas who established their own Performance Targets, but other MPOs chose to adopt the State targets.

Mayor Skurow asked how do we compare to these statistics statewide. Mr. Mendieta reported that the initial data for 2018 has been requested and should be delivered within in the next few days. Mr. Mendieta explained that crash reports are constantly being logged throughout the year and that the reason for the year or so delay before data is typically downloaded and analyzed is to allow as many reports to be logged as possible. Mr. Mendieta reported that 2018 is estimated to have 35 fatalities within the MPO boundary. Mr. Mendieta noted that the remaining performance measures will be analyzed within the MPO boundary and that the MPO will share the results with TPC members when it becomes available.

Mayor McComb asked what FARS, CRIS, and ARF stand for. Mr. Frawley explained that FARS is National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA)'s Fatality Analysis Reporting System, CRIS is TxDOT's Crash Records Information System, and ARF is NHTSA's Annual Report File. Mr. Frawley explained the number of fatalities is increasing because more people are on the road due to the current trend of population growth in Texas, but the rate of fatalities will hit a plateau and decrease after the strategies are implemented. Mayor McComb stated that the considerable number of people die in car accidents. Mr. Frawley explained that roughly 10 people die daily that is why TxDOT implement several safety strategies such as Click it or Ticket, and driving while intoxicated (DWI) information by using traffic safety grant funds.

Mr. Olivarez made a motion to adopt the safety target and Mr. Martinez seconded; motion passed unanimously.

7. Executive Session to deliberate on personnel matters for the potential Transportation Planning Director candidates with possible action in Open Session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: PUBLIC NOTICE is given that the Transportation Policy Committee may elect to go into an Executive Session anytime during the meeting to discuss matters listed on the Agenda, when authorized by the provisions of the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code. In the event the Transportation Policy Committee elects to go into Executive Session regarding an agenda item, the section or sections of the Open Meetings Act authorizing the Executive Session will be publicly announced by the presiding officer. In accordance with the authority of the Government Code, Vernon's Texas Codes, Sections 551.071, 551.072, 551.073, 551.074, 551.076, 551.086, the Transportation Policy Committee will hold an Executive Session to consult with attorney(s) including matters related to litigation; deliberate regarding real property; prospective gift(s); personnel matters, including termination; security devices; and/or economic development negotiations and other matters that may be discussed in an Executive Session. Upon completion of the Executive Session, the Transportation Policy committee may in an open session take such action as appropriate on items discussed in an Executive Session.

Judge Krebs announced that the Committee will go into Executive Session under Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code to discuss personnel matters for the potential Transportation Planning Director candidate

and will return to open session and reveal results. The Committee went into Executive Session at 2:20 p.m. The Committee returned from Executive Session at 2:45 p.m.

Mr. Zahn made a motion to offer Mr. Robert McDonald the MPO director position in accordance with the Nueces County's Human Resources policy and Mayor Skurow seconded; motion passed unanimously.

8. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 2:49 p.m.