

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

**July 11, 2019**

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

Judge Krebs called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m. at the Nueces County Courthouse Commissioners Courtroom.

TPC Members Present:

Judge David Krebs, Chair, San Patricio County  
Charles Zahn, Vice-Chair, Port of Corpus Christi  
Authority (PCCA)

Mr. John Buckner, Coastal Bend Council of  
Government

Mayor Joe McComb, City of Corpus Christi  
Mayor Cathy Skurow, City of Portland

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

**2. Introduction of Visiting Agency Officials**

Ms. Melissa Vela, Assistant Chief of Administration, Nueces County serving as the MPO Attorney.

Others in attendance included:

Ms. Sylvia Ramirez, Chief of Staff for State Senator Juan “Chuy” Hinojosa

Mr. Tom Niskala, Corpus Christi Regional Transportation Authority (CCRTA), Administration & Finance  
Committee Chair

Mr. Gil Hernandez, City of Corpus Christi Council Member, District 5

Dr. Guy Watts, Southside Leadership Council Co-chair

**3. Public Comments for items not on the Agenda**

Judge Krebs called for public comments for items not on the agenda; None were offered.

**4. Approval of the June 6, 2019 TPC Meeting Minutes**

Mr. Zahn made a motion to approve the June 6, 2019, TPC Meeting Minutes. Mayor McComb seconded; motion passed unanimously.

**5. Discussion and Possible Action**

**A. 2020 – 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) Chapter 1: Introduction**

The 2020 – 2045 MTP DRAFT Chapter 1: Introduction was provided to TPC members in June 6, 2019 TPC meeting for the initial review of its format and design. Based on the comment from TPC members, the MPO boundary map has been modified and the updated DRAFT Chapter 1 was reviewed and discussed in the June 14, 2019 Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting. TAC recommended to submit the 2020 –2045 MTP DRAFT Chapter 1: Introduction with the recommended modifications to the TPC for an approval.

Mayor McComb brought up the previous June 6, 2019 TPC meeting discussion about the process for changing the MPO boundary. He suggested that further research into the process be put on hold until a later time. It was noted that MPO boundaries are in part derived from the U.S. Census process. Other TPC members agreed and the boundary will be revisited after the U.S. Census results becomes available.

Mayor Skurow made a motion to approve the 2020 – 2045 MTP Chapter 1: Introduction and Mr. Zahn seconded; motion passed unanimously.

## 6. Information Only

### A. 2020 – 2045 MTP DRAFT Unconstrained Project List

The 2020 – 2045 MTP DRAFT Unconstrained Project List has been modified since its first introduction to the TPC in June 6, 2019 meeting. With the result of discussion during June 12, 2019 TAC MTP Workshop, the Corpus Christi MPO has been collecting additional projects from partner agencies and all projects are included in the list as presented this meeting. The list will be finalized and presented at the July 18, 2019 TAC meeting and projects will be subsequently ranked and prioritized for the MTP using the approved Project Prioritization Methodology and Performance Measures.

Mayor McComb inquired about the Harbor Bridge Hike and Bike Connectivity project in the list. Mr. MacDonald answered that this project list will be finalized by adding new projects, removing already committed projects, and verifying the project description including the Harbor Bridge Hike and Bike Connectivity project during TAC meeting and workshop. Eventually, the list will return to the TPC with a recommendation for approval.

### B. 2020 – 2045 MTP Development Working Schedule

Mr. MacDonald provided the TPC members the 2020 – 2045 MTP development working schedule leading to the December 2019 FHWA MTP approval deadline. The schedule and estimated dates are subject to change depending on progress made for the various MTP tasks. The Corpus Christi MPO will update the TPC members on the development schedule each month.

### C. 2020 – 2045 MTP DRAFT Air Quality Conformity Chapter

The 2020 – 2045 MTP DRAFT Air Quality Conformity Chapter was provided to the TPC members for their initial review. The DRAFT was also provided to the TAC members in June 20, 2019 meeting for their comments. This chapter will be finalized after the review by the Corpus Christi Air Quality Group Chair Ms. Gretchen Arnold and presented to TPC in August 1, 2019 meeting.

Mayor Skurow suggested if the Texas Committee on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) could review the chapter. Mr. MacDonald answered that the Corpus Christi MPO will reach out to TCEQ and request the review.

### D. FY 2019 – 2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Administrative Amendment #1 – CCRTA Projects

Mr. MacDonald informed of the CCRTA request to make administrative amendments to the MPO's FY 2019 – 2022 TIP. The amendments were aligning FTA Section 5307 fund apportionment year and these changes were made by TxDOT Transportation Planning and Programming (TPP) Division on June 10, 2019.

## 7. Upcoming Meetings:

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| A. Technical Advisory Committee:    | Regular Meeting: July 18, 2019, 2:00 p.m.  |
| B. Transportation Policy Committee: | Regular Meeting: August 1, 2019, 2:00 p.m. |
| C. Technical Advisory Committee:    | MTP Projects Workshop: August TBD, 2019    |

## 8. TPC Member Comments

There were none.

## 9. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 2:26 p.m.