

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

**August 1, 2019**

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

Judge Krebs called the meeting to order at 2:22 p.m. at the City of Corpus Christi Council Chambers.

TPC Members Present:

Judge David Krebs, Chair, San Patricio County

Mayor Cathy Skurow, City of Portland

Mr. Valente Olivarez, Jr., TxDOT – CRP

Mayor Joe McComb, City of Corpus Christi

(2:21 p.m.)

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

**2. Introduction of Visiting Agency Officials**

None.

**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 July 11, 2019 TPC Rescheduled Meeting Minutes**

Mayor Skurow made a motion to approve the July 11, 2019, TPC Meeting Minutes. Mayor McComb seconded; motion passed unanimously.

**5. Discussion and Possible Action**

**A. 2020 – 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) Air Quality Analysis Chapter**

The 2020 – 2045 MTP DRAFT Air Quality Conformity was provided to TPC members at the July 11, 2019 TPC meeting for the initial review of its format and design. Based on the comment from TPC members, the Corpus Christi MPO reached out the Texas Commission of Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for their review of this chapter. Also, the DRAFT Air Quality Conformity Chapter was reviewed and discussed in the July 18, 2019 Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting. TAC recommended to submit the 2020 –2045 MTP DRAFT Air Quality Conformity Chapter to the TPC for an approval. The Corpus Christi MPO received inputs from TCEQ and changed the chapter title and some of the content from Air Quality Conformity to Air Quality Analysis since this region has never been in non-attainment or maintenance for air quality.

Mayor McComb inquired if there is any possible impact on air quality from the proposed Philips 66 offshore terminal project and if the Corpus Christi Air Quality (CCAQ) Group would study or model it. His concern was that in the past, air pollutants from the Houston area affected the Corpus Christi regional air quality during the winter season due to the wind direction. Mr. MacDonald answered that he would verify with the CCAQ, but to his knowledge, the CCAQ is monitoring the overall air quality of this region, and probably not a point source such as an offshore terminal. Mayor Skurow stated that she attended the Phillip 66 offshore terminal public hearing held by U.S. Coast Guard, and there would be an independent environmental impact study with wind direction modeling conducted by a consultant with experience with this type of air quality analysis. The CCAQ and MPO staff will be paying close attention to the study. One of the offshore terminal projects entails an on-land tank storages which also require permits from TCEQ; thus, this project needs to clear all environmental requirements before construction, and we should keep monitoring these studies.

**TPC APPROVED MINUTES**

Judge Krebs made a motion to approve the 2020 – 2045 MTP Air Quality Analysis Chapter. Mr. Olivarez, Jr., seconded: motion passed unanimously.

**B. 2020 – 2045 MTP DRAFT Unconstrained Project List for MPO Funding**

The 2020 – 2045 MTP DRAFT Unconstrained Project List has been modified since its first introduction at the TPC June 6, 2019 meeting. Based on discussions during June 12, 2019 TAC MTP Workshop, the Corpus Christi MPO has modified the Unconstrained Project List to include additional projects from partner agencies. The list will be presented at the August 15, 2019 TAC meeting and projects will be subsequently ranked and prioritized for the MTP using the approved Project Prioritization Methodology and Performance Measures. Mr. MacDonald explained that the approval of this list is for moving forward to further prioritize the projects and eventually allocate funds. TAC members are scheduled to hold a workshop on August 2, 2019 to discuss the prioritization of these projects.

Mr. Olivarez, Jr., inquired if these listed projects reflected current scope and cost estimates. Mr. MacDonald replied that each project's scope and cost estimate would be verified during the workshop and subsequent TAC meetings until the list is finalized.

Mayor Skurow made a motion to approve the 2020 – 2045 MTP DRAFT Unconstrained Project List for MPO Funding. Mr. Olivarez, Jr., seconded; motion passed unanimously.

**6. Information Only**

**A. 2020 – 2045 MTP Development Working Schedule Monthly Update**

Mr. MacDonald provided the TPC members with the updated 2020 – 2045 MTP development working schedule. The schedule identifies the steps leading to the December 2019 approval of the MTP by the TPC as required by the Federal Highway Administration. There will be continuous discussion of the 2020 – 2045 MTP in both the TAC and TPC meetings until the adoption of the 2020 – 2045 MTP in December. The Corpus Christi MPO is planning to have workshops and public meetings in the coming months.

**B. Corpus Christi MPO Official Public Meeting Posting Locations**

Mr. MacDonald provided the TPC members a memorandum regarding the designation of the Corpus Christi MPO's official public meeting posting locations: the Corpus Christi Regional Transportation Authority (CCRTA) building where the Corpus Christi MPO office is located and the Corpus Christi MPO's website. He consulted the Nueces County Attorney's Office and they suggested to have one additional location to post where a time and date stamp can be obtained. This item will be brought to the next TPC meeting for discussion and possible action.

Judge Krebs asked if there is no requirement to post in either San Patricio County or the City of Portland. Ms. Vela, Assistant Chief of Administration of Nueces County answered that there is no statute requires that, but it is up to the Corpus Christi MPO's decision to designate additional official posting locations, since the Corpus Christi MPO serves only two counties which is less than the four counties stated in the statute.

Mayor Skurow expressed her opinion that fewer posting locations is better than having multiple locations to avoid any complication and inquired what is the legality of time/date stamps on the posted agenda. Ms. Vela answered that the additional posting location is a suggestion from the County Attorney for extra protection to show the agenda is posted within 72 hours as required by the Texas Open Meeting laws.

**C. September 5, 2019 TPC Regular Meeting Location Change**

Mr. MacDonald proposed the City of Portland City Hall as the location for the September 5, 2019 TPC meeting. This is necessitated by the fact that the City of Corpus Christi City Hall Council Chambers is not available that day and the Portland City Hall has the technical capability to livestream the meeting

over the internet. TPC members agreed, the next September TPC meeting will be held at the Portland City Hall on September 5, 2019.

**7. Upcoming Meetings:**

- A. Technical Advisory Committee:** MTP Projects Workshop: August 2, 2019
- B. Technical Advisory Committee:** Regular Meeting: August 15, 2019
- C. Transportation Policy Committee:** Regular Meeting: September 5, 2019

**8. TPC Member Comments on Items of Community Interest: Information Only with No Discussion**

Mayor McComb inquired if the final exit to downtown from SH 286 (Crosstown Expressway) toward New Harbor Bridge is Agnes and there will be no exit ramp to downtown from westside of the City of Corpus Christi

Mr. Olivarez, Jr., answered there would be an exit to downtown before the interchange. He would bring a map to show the interchange to the next TPC meeting.

**9. Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 2:52 p.m.