

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

October 3, 2019

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

TPC Chair Judge Krebs called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m. at the City of Corpus Christi Council Chambers.

TPC Members Present:

Judge David Krebs, Chair, San Patricio County

Judge Barbara Canales, Nueces County

Mayor Cathy Skurow, City of Portland

Mayor Joe McComb, City of Corpus Christi

Mr. Valente Olivarez, Jr., TxDOT – CRP

Mr. Eddie Martinez, Corpus Christi Regional Transportation Authority (2:05 p.m.)

Ms. Belinda Hinojosa-Persohn, Chief of Administration, Nueces County

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

2. Introduction of Visiting Agency Officials

Mr. MacDonald introduced Mr. Craig Casper, the Corpus Christi MPO's new Senior Transportation Planner who has extensive experience in transportation planning. Mr. Casper is the former Planning Director of Greater Nashville Regional Council in Tennessee and he previously worked for the Pikes Peak Area Council of Government in Colorado as a Transportation Director.

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 September 5, 2019 TPC Regular Meeting Minutes

Judge Canales made a motion to approve the September 5, 2019, TPC Meeting Minutes. Mayor Skurow seconded; motion passed unanimously.

5. Discussion and Possible Action

A. 2020-2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) DRAFT Fiscally Constrained Project List for MPO Funding

Mr. MacDonald presented the enhanced 2020-2045 MTP DRAFT Fiscally Constrained Project List for MPO Funding. Mr. MacDonald first informed the TPC members that the Dr Hector P Garcia Park Hike & Bike Trail: Phase II project's limit was from Garcia on Trojan Drive to Horne Road. Then he explained that (1) the list includes the project ranking, (2) all projects are categorized either TIP/STIP, 10-year Plan, or Long-Range, (3) the Total Project Cost includes an additional 20% for non-construction cost and the Total Project Cost of programs in the TIP/STIP planning period are inflated 4% per year for two years, but projects in the 10-year Plan and Long-Range period are not inflated, (4) two Transportation Alternatives Program projects (TAP: Category 9) from previous Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) were added to TIP/STIP planning period, (5) funding for these two TAP projects was deducted from Category 9 funding pool, (6) the City of Corpus Christi requested to categorize SS 544 (Agnes Street/Laredo Street) and the NEPA study for the Regional Parkway Segment B as TIP/STIP however; since the MPO's Category 7 funding is currently pledged to the Harbor Bridge Relocation Program and the final funding amount is not yet available, these two projects are categorized as 10-year plan until

the available Category 7 funding is determined, and (7) the project list is in the planning period order based on the September 19th TAC regular and 26th TAC Special Meeting recommendation.

Mayor McComb inquired on the status of the crosswalk on Schanen Ditch Hike & Bike Trails at Saratoga Boulevard. Ms. Munoz, Assistant Director of Street Operations answered that the City of Corpus Christi was currently working on a crosswalk design and would provide a presentation once a design was determined.

Mayor McComb made a motion to approve the 2020-2045 MTP DRAFT Fiscally Constrained Project List for MPO Funding. Mr. Olivarez, Jr., seconded: motion passed unanimously.

B. FY 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment

Mr. MacDonald informed TPC members that the Portland Bicycle Lanes project was programmed in FY 2017 in the FY 2017-2019 TIP. This project is ready to be let and needs to be included in current FY 2019-2022 TIP to receive the federal funding.

Judge Canales made a motion to approve amending the FY 2019-2022 TIP by adding the Portland Bicycle Lanes project. Mr. Martinez seconded; motion passed unanimously.

C. 2020-2045 MTP Appendix #: TxDOT 2020 Unified Transportation Program (UTP)

Mr. MacDonald submitted the TAC recommendation to include TxDOT 2020 UTP Corpus Christi District pages in 2020-2045 MTP as an appendix.

Mr. Martinez made a motion to approve to include TxDOT's 2020 UTP as an appendix in the 2020-2045 MTP. Judge Canales seconded; motion passed unanimously.

D. 2020-2045 MTP Appendix #: Strategic Plan for Active Mobility: Phase 1: Bicycle Mobility Plan

Mr. MacDonald submitted the TAC recommendation to include the Strategic Plan for Active Mobility as appendix in the 2020-2045 MTP. The Plan was adopted by the City of Corpus Christi in 2016 but not officially included in the 2015-2040 MTP. The MPO is planning to start redeveloping a new comprehensive mobility plan next year.

Judge Canales thanked the efforts of the MPO, City of Corpus Christi, and City of Portland in collaboratively promoting active mobility and wellness for the people in the community, and that Nueces County will join the effort.

Mr. MacDonald stated that the MPO will work closely with partner agencies to develop the new mobility plan that includes all modes and infrastructure, such as bicycle, pedestrian, ADA and so forth.

Mayor Skurow made a motion to approve to include Strategic Plan for Active Mobility as an appendix in 2020-2045 MTP. 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 Corpus Christi MPO will hold a second public meeting on October 24th at Portland City Hall Council Chambers, and the third public meeting on November 13th at the Anita & W. T. Neyland Public Library. The entire DRAFT 2020-2045 MTP is expected to be presented to the TAC in November and to the TPC in December for an approval.

7. Upcoming Meetings:

A. Technical Advisory Committee: Regular Meeting: October 17, 2019

B. Transportation Policy Committee: Regular Meeting: November 7, 2019

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

Judge Canales suggested community interest topics for the future TPC discussion; (1) the Right-of-Way after the Harbor Bridge Construction, and (2) University of North Texas Arlington's UNESCO Grant for Human Settlement. Judge Canales will share the details of these topics with the TPC members.

9. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 2:28 p.m.