

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

**November 7, 2019**

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

TPC Vice Chair Mr. Charles Zahn called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. at the City of Corpus Christi Council Chambers.

TPC Members Present:

Mr. Charles Zahn, Vice Chair, Port of Corpus Christi Authority  
Mayor Cathy Skurow, City of Portland  
Mayor Joe McComb, City of Corpus Christi  
Mr. Eddie Martinez, Corpus Christi Regional Transportation Authority  
Ms. Melissa Vera, Assistant 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**

Mayor Skurow introduced Ms. Kathleen Weisenberger, Assistant City Manager of City of Portland.

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

Mr. Zahn called for public comments for items not on the agenda; None were offered.

**4. Approval of the October 3, 2019 TPC Regular Meeting Minutes**

Mayor Skurow made a motion to approve the October 3, 2019 TPC Meeting Minutes. Mayor McComb seconded; motion passed unanimously.

**5. Discussion and Possible Action**

**A. 2020-2045 MTP Chapter 2: Planning Requirements Agency Coordination and Public Outreach**

**B. 2020-2045 MTP Chapter 3: Planning Framework**

**C. 2020-2045 MTP Chapter 4: Demographics and Forecasting**

**D. 2020-2045 MTP Chapter 6: Financial Plan**

**E. 2020-2045 MTP Chapter 7: Implementation Plan**

**F. 2020-2045 MTP Chapter 1: Introduction (Minor Revisions)**

**G. 2020-2045 MTP Chapter 14: Air Quality Analysis (Minor Revisions)**

**H. Public Comment Opportunity for 2020-2045 MTP**

Mr. MacDonald explained that these chapters were distributed for review and comments from both the TPC and the public. The Corpus Christi MPO issued a Public Notice, as required by Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA), to provide the public sufficient opportunities to review and comment on components of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan. Currently, the November 7<sup>th</sup> and December 5<sup>th</sup> TPC meetings are designated as public comment opportunities for the available chapters of the DRAFT 2020-2045 MTP.

Mr. MacDonald first requested the TPC table Item 5-B. 2020-2045 MTP Chapter 3: Planning Framework, due to it still being under development and not ready for review and comment.

Mr. Martinez made a motion to table the action Item 5-B. 2020 2045 MTP Chapter 3: Planning Framework. Mayor Skurow seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. MacDonald proceeded to Action Item 5-F. 2020-2045 MTP Chapter 1: Introduction and 5-G. 2020-2045 MTP Chapter 14: Air Quality Analysis and explained these chapters were already reviewed and

approved by TPC in June TPC meeting and August TPC meeting respectively. Mr. MacDonald requested the TPC's approval on the minor revisions such as corrections of typos for these two chapters.

Mayor McComb made a motion to approve the minor revisions on these two chapters. Mayor Skurow seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. MacDonald asked the TPC if there are any questions on Action Item 5-A. 2020-2045 MTP Chapter 2: Planning Requirements Agency Coordination and Public Outreach, 5-C. 2020-2045 MTP Chapter 4: Demographics and Forecasting, 5-D. 2020-2045 MTP Chapter 6: Financial Plan, 5-E. 2020-2045 MTP Chapter 7: Implementation Plan. Mr. MacDonald briefed the TPC on Chapter 7: Implementation Plan that included all transportation-related projects in the region, not only the Corpus Christi MPO's projects but also the projects for the partner agencies such as the City of Corpus Christi, the City of Portland, the Port of Corpus Christi, and the Corpus Christi Regional Transportation Authority, as required by FHWA and FTA. These projects were based on the information available on each entity's website and published documents. The project list was separated into the MPO project list that was approved by the TPC and the regional transportation-related project list that are comprised by each entity's projects. The Corpus Christi MPO would eventually develop links on its website to the local agencies websites so that citizens could access the most up-to-date information regarding transportation projects and programs being implemented by the local governments.

Mayor Skurow stated that she submitted her questions and comments for the 2020-2045 MTP, but she specifically made a comment on the Chapter 7: Implementation Plan that mentioned the railroad grade separation and the cost of its implementation but no studies on rail infrastructure and its mechanisms was available. She said since the rail infrastructure is needed in this region, especially in San Patricio County, the needs should be recognized and discussed more. Mr. Zahn agreed that Nueces County was also looking at the railroad connection to the westside and that rail infrastructure would be an important transportation element. Mr. MacDonald replied that the Chapter 5, Regional Transportation System, has more information on the rail infrastructure. Mayor Skurow also requested that the Chapter should be referred to the relevant agencies as was the case for the Air Quality Analysis Chapter which was reviewed by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ). Therefore, the rail infrastructure chapter should be referred to agencies such as the County Rail Districts and Economic Development Corporations for review.

Mr. Martinez made a motion to approve the release for public comments, the various chapters of the DRAFT 2020-2045 MTP, specifically, chapters 2, 4, 6, 7. Mayor McComb seconded: motion passed unanimously. Mr. Zahn called for public comments for 2020-2045 MTP chapters 2, 4, 6, 7; None were offered.

## **6. Information Only**

### **A. 2020-2045 MTP Development Working Schedule Monthly Update**

Mr. Casper briefed the TPC on the 2020-2045 MTP Development Working Schedule. The Corpus Christi MPO had intended to submit the entire Draft 2020-2045 MTP to the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) in November and the TPC in December, collecting public input in these meetings and in other public meetings and get the approval from TPC in the January meeting. Since the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday in January 2020 is January 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Corpus Christi MPO would like to reschedule the TPC meeting from January 2<sup>nd</sup> to January 9<sup>th</sup>.

### **B. TxDOT 2021 Unified Transportation Program (UTP): Project Scoring and Recommendation Process**

Mr. Casper provided the TPC with the TxDOT's 2021 Unified Transportation Program (UTP): Project Scoring and Recommendation Process presentation. The presentation explained factors such as rules, performance measures and targets, project scoring, and funding allocation. TxDOT is asking for input

on project selection for Category 2, 4, and 12 funding. The Corpus Christi MPO would closely work with the TxDOT and TAC to reflect the regional priorities.

Mr. Zahn inquired about other funding sources such as Proposition 1 and 7. Mr. Casper answered that he would get information on these funding and report in the next TPC meeting.

**7. Upcoming Meetings:**

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| <b>A. 2020-2045 MTP Public Meeting #3:</b> | November 13, 2019                  |
| <b>B. Technical Advisory Committee:</b>    | Regular Meeting: November 21, 2019 |
| <b>C. Transportation Policy Committee:</b> | Regular Meeting: December 5, 2019  |
| <b>D. 2020-2045 MTP Public Meeting #4:</b> | December 12, 2019                  |

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

None offered.

**9. Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.