

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

January 9, 2020

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

TPC Chair Judge Krebs called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m. at the City of Corpus Christi Council Chambers.

TPC Members Present:

Judge David Krebs, Chair, San Patricio County
Mr. Charles Zahn, Vice Chair, Port of Corpus Christi Authority
Mayor Cathy Skurow, City of Portland
Mayor Joe McComb, City of Corpus Christi
Judge Barbara Canales, Nueces County

Ms. Melissa Vela, Chief of Litigation, Nueces County Attorney's Office
Ms. Mary Esther Guerra, Assistant County Attorney, Nueces County Attorney's Office

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

2. Election of Officers for the Transportation Policy Committee

In accordance with the MPO Bylaws, the Transportation Policy Committee shall elect a Chairperson and a Vice Chairperson from among its voting members during the first meeting of each calendar year.

Mr. Zahn motioned to re-elect Judge Krebs for Chairperson, Mayor Skurow seconded. Mayor Skurow motioned to re-elect Mr. Zahn for Vice Chairperson, Judge Krebs seconded. Both motions passed unanimously.

3. Public Comments for items not on the Agenda

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

4. Approval of the December 5, 2019 TPC Regular Meeting Minutes

Mr. Zahn made a motion to approve the December 5, 2019 TPC Meeting Minutes. Judge Canales seconded; motion passed unanimously.

5. Discussion and Possible Action: DRAFT 2020-2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)

A. DRAFT 2020-2045 MTP

Mr. MacDonald reported that all fourteen draft chapters of the 2020-2045 MTP are ready for release to request final public comments. Each draft chapter was released for review and comment as it was developed, and additional draft chapters were completed. There is one substantial change in Chapter 7: Implementation Plan due to the additional projects submitted by the Corpus Christi Regional Transportation Authority (CCRTA). Upon TPC's approval, all draft chapters will become available for public review; comments are accepted until February 6, 2020.

Mr. MacDonald told the TPC that the Executive Summary is under development and will be ready for the January 14, 2020 Public Meeting/Open House and the January 16, 2020 Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting. The Executive Summary is not new material, but a collection of important elements from the 14 chapters.

Mayor McComb inquired if the public comment period is less than 30 days. Mr. MacDonald explained that the comment period is a month, between January TPC and February TPC meeting, and it satisfies federal requirements.

Mayor Skurow inquired about the deadline for public comments. Mr. MacDonald explained that the February 6, 2020 TPC meeting is the final public hearing opportunity and February 6, 2020 is the cut-off date for the public comments before the TPC's official adoption of the 2020-2045 MTP. Comments collected during the February 6, 2020 TPC meeting will be reflected in the 2020-2045 MTP. Mayor Skurow asked if the TPC is required to table the adoption of 2020-2045 MTP due to the public comments. Mr. MacDonald answered that the TPC is allowed to adopt the 2020-2045 MTP by approving "subject to public comments" unless the public comments require a substantial change in the 2020-2045 MTP. The 2015-2040 MTP has been expired and currently no long-range transportation plan is in place. The adoption of 2020-2045 is an urgent necessity to keep transportation projects moving forward in this region.

Judge Canales made a motion to approve the release of the DRAFT 2020-2045 MTP to the public for review and comment. Mayor Skurow seconded; motion passed unanimously.

B. DRAFT 2020-2045 MTP Appendices

Mr. MacDonald explained most of the appendices are relevant documents published by partner agencies and entities to support the chapter contents. Appendix B: Public Comments and Appendix C: Public Notices are still under development. Public Comments opportunities are given until February 6, 2020 and all comments submitted by and on February 6, 2020 will be included in Appendix B: Public Comments. The MPO issued a Public Notice on Caller-Times for the final Public Meeting/Open House event on January 5, 2020 and the proof will be included in Appendix C: Public Notices.

Mayor Skurow inquired if the 2020-2045 MTP Chapters and Appendices are one document or separated. Mr. MacDonald showed the MPO website that each chapter of 2020-2045 MTP and each appendix of 2020-2045 MTP are independently presented.

Mr. Zahn made a motion to approve the release of DRAFT 2020-2045 MTP Appendices to the public for review and comment. Judge Canales seconded; motion passed unanimously.

C. Public Comment Opportunity for DRAFT 2020-2045 MTP

This is a public comment opportunity for the 2020-2045 MTP Chapters and Appendices already available to the public for review and comment.

Mayor Skurow inquired which chapters have been already released to the public. Currently Chapter 1: Introduction, Chapter 2: Planning Requirements Agency Coordination and Public Outreach, Chapter 3: Planning Framework, Chapter 4: Demographics and Forecasting, Chapter 6: Financial Plan, Chapter 7: Implementation Plan, and Chapter 14: Air Quality Analysis completed the public comment period and were approved by the TPC. Chapter 12: Strategic Plan for Active Mobility Phase 1: Bicycle Mobility Plan was released for the public on December 5, 2019 and completed its public comment period.

Judge Krebs called for public comments. None offered.

D. DRAFT Congestion Management Process (CMP)

Mr. MacDonald explained that the CMP is one of the federally required elements in a long-range transportation plan to address congestion. As reported before, the MPO is required to submit a revised CMP by the end of November due to the 2017 Federal Certification Review. The DRAFT CMP was submitted to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) on November 29, 2019.

Mr. MacDonald requested the TPC release the DRAFT CMP to the public for review and comments.

Judge Canales made a motion to approve the release the DRAFT CMP for public comments. Mayor Skurow seconded: motion passed unanimously.

Judge Canales suggested sending the DRAFT 2020-2045 MTP and the DRAFT CMP to the legislature/delegation and hold a meeting with them for comments, as it is difficult to reach out for

comments. Mr. MacDonald answered that the MPO sent the information and available links to the agencies, entities, and stakeholders listed in Chapter 2, and will follow up with them.

6. Information Only

A. 2020-2045 MTP Development Working Schedule Monthly Update

Mr. MacDonald confirmed (1) the final Public Meeting/Open House event will be held on January 14, 2020 at CCRTA Staples Center starting at 4:30 p.m., (2) two public hearing opportunities are given on January 16, 2020 at the TAC meeting, and February 6, 2020 at the TPC meeting, and if the TPC approves the DRAFT 2020-2045 MTP on February 6, 2020, it will be the official adoption of 2020-2045 MTP and it will be submitted to FHWA.

7. Member Agency Statements for Items of Community Interest: Upcoming events or holidays and acknowledgements

None offered.

8. Upcoming Meetings:

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| A. DRAFT 2020-2045 MTP Public Meeting/Open House: | January 14, 2020 |
| B. Technical Advisory Committee: | Regular Meeting: January 16, 2020 |
| C. Transportation Policy Committee: | Regular Meeting: February 6, 2020 |

9. Proposed Executive Session: Initial Evaluation of the MPO's Transportation Planning Director

Judge Krebs announced that the Committee will go into Executive Session under Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code to discuss initial evaluation of the MPO Transportation Planning Director and will return to open session. The Committee went into Executive Session at 2:27 p.m. The Committee returned from Executive Session at 2:49 p.m., and reconvened at 2:51 p.m.

10. Possible Modification to the Employment Contract between the MPO and Mr. MacDonald as the MPO Director

Judge Krebs stated that the TPC members have been pleased by the Mr. MacDonald's excellent job as the MPO Director, and they will hold another evaluation on the one-year anniversary. No action is proposed for this item based on the discussions within the executive session.

11. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 2:52 p.m.