

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

**March 5, 2020**

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

TPC Vice-Chair Mr. 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

Judge Barbara Canales, Nueces County

Mayor Joe McComb, City of Corpus Christi

Mr. Valente Olivarez, Jr., P.E., Texas Department of Transportation, Corpus Christi District

Ms. Mary Esther Guerra, Assistant County Attorney, Nueces County Attorney's Office

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

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

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

**3. Approval of the February 6, 2020 TPC Regular Meeting Minutes**

Judge Canales made a motion to approve the February 6, 2020 TPC Meeting Minutes. Mr. Olivarez seconded; motion passed unanimously.

**4. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:**

**A. FY 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendments #5: Corpus Christi Regional Transportation Authority (CCRTA) New Projects**

CCRTA's request to release the information on their FY 2019-2022 TIP amendments to add approximately \$29 million in projects for public comment was approved by the TPC during their February meeting. Mr. MacDonald reported to the TPC that there were no comments submitted to CCRTA or the Corpus Christi MPO during the public comment period. Mr. MacDonald requested the TPC's approval to amend the FY 2019-2022 TIP for transit projects based on the MPO staff and Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) recommendation.

Judge Canales made a motion to approve the amendment to the FY 2019-2022 TIP. Mayor McComb seconded; motion passed unanimously.

**B. MPO Director Signature Authority**

Mr. MacDonald requested the TPC table this item due to the on-going discussion with the Nueces County Attorney's Office. He would bring this item to the next TPC meeting in April.

Judge Canales made a motion to table the request of the Corpus Christi MPO Director's signature authority and resolution. Mayor McComb seconded; motion passed unanimously.

**5. INFORMATION ONLY:**

**A. FY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Process Briefing**

Mr. Casper briefed the TPC on the FY 2021-2024 TIP development process and policies listed in the Executive Summary page iv to v regarding project selection, public involvement, amendments process, cooperative TIP development with the Texas Department of Transportation and a transit provider (CCRTA), requirements for the sponsor agencies, "rollover" rules, 4% inflation rate, minimum funding request amount, and so forth. Other sections in the Process for the Transportation Improvement

Program (TIP) Update touched on the detailed processes and steps to comply with these requirements and policies.

Mr. Casper recommended to the TPC that there be no call for projects for Category 7 and Category 9 funding due to the uncertain funding availability; although the proposed TIP Process guidebook's Chapter IV provided the detailed requirements and process. Category 7 funding is currently tied to the Harbor Bridge Volunteer Relocation program, and Category 9 funding will expire in September of this year. Category 9 funding is not included in the proposed President's Budget. Thus, the Corpus Christi MPO staff recommends no call for projects for either Category until the funding amount becomes available. Mr. Casper said he would start holding one-on-one meetings with project sponsor agencies soon. This is the information only item and the TAC would start discussing the new TIP during their March meeting, with the draft document coming to the TPC in April for public release and final TPC approval in June.

Mr. Olivarez inquired if the Port of Corpus Christi provides the update on the status of the Harbor Bridge relocation program, would there be a possible change to the Category 7 funding forecast. Mr. MacDonald answered that the Port presentation is expected in the April TPC meeting.

Judge Canales asked the reason why the Category 9 funding was cut from the proposed President's budget. Mr. Casper answered that the possible reason might be that bike and pedestrian projects are not a priority transportation program under the current administration.

**B. FY 2021-2022 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Development**

Mr. Casper briefed the TPC on the FY 2021-2022 UPWP development. A UPWP is a document listing the expected transportation planning activities and products in the region either federally funded or privately funded for the next 2 years. The Corpus Christi MPO will work with the partner agencies and develop the FY 2021-2022 UPWP. The FY 2021-2022 UPWP needs to be adopted by August 1, 2020 to be effective on October 1, 2020, the start of new federal fiscal year. The format was developed by the Texas Metropolitan Planning Organizations (TEMPO) and TxDOT and the Corpus Christi MPO uses the standard format. The current FY 2019-2020 UPWP is attached for TPC members' reference. The new UPWP will provide more detailed information on the Corpus Christi MPO budget including staff salaries and fringe benefits.

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

No announcement.

**7. Upcoming Meetings:**

<b>A. Technical Advisory Committee:</b>	<b>Regular Meeting:</b>	<b>March 19, 2020</b>
<b>B. Transportation Policy Committee:</b>	<b>Regular Meeting:</b>	<b>April 2, 2020</b>

**8. Adjourn:** The meeting adjourned at 2:19 p.m.