

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

June 4, 2020

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

TPC Chair Judge Krebs called the meeting to order at 2:02 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

Mr. Eddie Martinez, Corpus Christi Regional Transportation Authority

Mayor Cathy Skurow, City of Portland

Mayor Joe McComb, City of Corpus Christi

Judge Barbara Canales, Nueces County (2:50 p.m.)

Mr. Valente Olivarez, Jr., P.E., Texas Department of Transportation, Corpus Christi District (via phone)

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

Due to COVID-19, no in-person comment was allowed. No comments were received by the Corpus Christi MPO via e-mail, phone, or physical mail as of June 4, 2020 at 2:05 p.m.

3. Approval of the March 5, 2020 TPC Regular Meeting Minutes

Mr. Zahn made a motion to approve the March 5, 2020 TPC Meeting Minutes. Mayor Skurow seconded; motion passed unanimously.

4. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:

A. DRAFT FY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Mr. MacDonald presented the DRAFT FY 2021-2024 TIP, the fiscally constrained 4-year transportation plan. The DRAFT FY 2021-2024 TIP was reviewed and discussed at the May 21, 2020 TAC meeting. The following suggestions were offered during the meeting: (1) Include the Harbor Bridge Park Improvement Project (MPO-009); this is one of the Harbor Bridge mitigation projects which needs to be in FY 2021-2024 TIP, (2) Create a separate table for roll-over projects that are already financially obligated, on-going, federally funded projects such as the Harbor Bridge Project, (3) Remove TxDOT projects outside of the MPO boundary, (4) Revise the text of two identified Congestion Management Corridors, PR-22 and SH 35, (5) Correct Category 12 amount from \$82.9 million to \$33 million in Table 1 Category Funding, (6) Reassess demographic data Exhibits legend classifications and color coding, (7) Verify the Harbor Bridge Voluntary Relocation.

The TAC recommended release of the DRAFT FY 2021-2024 TIP to the public for the 30-day public comment period after these suggestions are made. The Corpus Christi MPO will hold a public meeting on June 10, 2020, obtain the recommendation from TAC on June 18, 2020, and officially adopt the FY 2021-2024 TIP at the July TPC meeting.

Mayor Skurow suggested to (1) identify the source of the demographic data, (2) use Census Block numbers and remove the names of cities on these Exhibits to avoid misleading information.

Mayor Skurow inquired of Mr. Olivarez if the Governor's 5% budget cut on State agencies would affect funding and require changes on the transportation plan. Mr. Olivarez answered that currently no change orders are issued. If there are funding changes, the FY 2021-2024 TIP and FY 2020-2045 MTP will need to be amended accordingly.

TPC APPROVED MINUTES

Mr. Zahn made a motion to approve the release of the DRAFT FY 2021-2024 TIP to the public for 30-day comment period with the changes Mayor Skurow suggested. Mr. Martinez seconded; motion passed unanimously.

5. PRESENTATION: Harbor Bridge Voluntary Relocation Program Update by the Port of Corpus Christi Authority

Mr. Sam Esquivel, Director of Real Estate Services provided a presentation of Projected Cost of Hillcrest Voluntary Neighborhood Acquisition & Relocation Program – Update.

This program started in 2016; the last offer was presented in May 2020 and the last acquisition will occur in September 2020. Demolition of structures will be completed by December 2020. This program is funded partially by the Port of Corpus Christi \$20 million local contribution, the Corpus Christi MPO Category 7 funds to cover amounts beyond the Port’s \$20 million allocation, and TxDOT previously budgeted dollars for this project. With 296 acquisitions, the current project cost estimate is \$53,254,476 and the Corpus Christi MPO Category 7 funding estimate is now \$33,254,476. With 306 acquisitions, the projected total program cost is now \$57,299,353 and the Corpus Christi MPO Category 7 funding estimate is revised to \$37,299,353. The lack of comparable housing and the *Housing of Last Resort* program component are the driving forces of the higher costs of this program.

The final estimated cost impacting the Corpus Christi MPO’s Category 7 funds will be verified and the FY 2021-2024 TIP and 2020-2045 MTP will be amended accordingly.

6. INFORMATION ONLY ITEM:

A. TxDOT 2021 UTP Category 2 and Category 4U Funding Levels and Candidate Project Identification

Mr. Casper informed the TPC on the available Category 2, Category 4U and Category 7 funds based on the TxDOT’s 2021 Unified Transportation Program (UTP) process. The expected newly available amounts are: Category 2 (\$38.2 million) and Category 4U (\$12.5 million). The Category 7 funding amount will be based on the final cost of Harbor Bridge Voluntary Relocation program and is to be verified.

These available funds may enable some projects to move forward from the FY 2020-2045 MTP. The PR 22 project, Northwest Boulevard (FM 624) project, and FM 43 (Weber Road) project are identified as potential projects. This item will be discussed by the TAC and the recommendation will be brought to the TPC.

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

Judge Canales informed that the Nueces County will make a resolution for Mr. Gary Bushell for his contributions for the region. She suggested the TPC also propose a resolution for his contribution to the I-69 Alliance.

8. Executive Session: Annual 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 the annual evaluation of the MPO Transportation Planning Director and will return to open session. The Committee went into Executive Session at 2:38 p.m. The Committee returned from Executive Session at 2:48 p.m., and reconvened 2:49 p.m.

The Committee stated that they have been very pleased with Mr. MacDonald’s professional expertise and the results he delivered since he took over the Corpus Christi MPO’s Transportation Planning Director position. Mayor McComb made a motion to adjust Mr. MacDonald’s salary based on his great performance. Mr. Zahn seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

9. Upcoming Meetings:

A. DRAFT FY 2021-2024 TIP One-on-One Local Government Meetings:	Various Dates
B. DRAFT FY 2021-2024 TIP	Public Meeting/Open-House: June 10, 2020
C. Technical Advisory Committee:	Regular Meeting: June 18, 2020
D. Transportation Policy Committee:	Regular Meeting: July 2, 2020

10. Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 2:57 p.m.