

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

**July 2, 2020**

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

TPC Chair Judge Krebs called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. at the City of Corpus Christi Council Chambers.

TPC Members Present:

Judge David Krebs, Chair, San Patricio County

Mr. Charles Zahn, Jr. Vice Chair, Port of Corpus Christi Authority (via phone)

Mayor Cathy Skurow, City of Portland

Mayor Joe McComb, City of Corpus Christi

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

Mr. Eddie Martinez, Corpus Christi Regional Transportation Authority (via phone)

Mr. John Buckner, Coastal Bend Council of Governments

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

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

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

Due to COVID-19, no in-person comment was allowed. Mr. MacDonald informed the TPC and the public there was no public comment submitted for items not on the Agenda as of July 2, 2020 at 2:05 p.m.

**3. Approval of the June 4, 2020 TPC Regular Meeting Minutes**

Mr. Zahn made a motion to approve the June 4, 2020 TPC Meeting Minutes. Mr. Olivarez, seconded; motion passed unanimously.

**4. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:**

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

DRAFT FY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) was released for the 30-day public comment period. Mr. MacDonald informed the TPC and the public that the following comments were received during the 30-day public comment period which were documented in the updated FY 2021-2024 TIP, Appendix G: Public Comments:

(1) Technical Advisory Committee (TAC): A suggestion to establish a public comment procedures, to update the total construction cost of Harbor Bridge Relocation Program (MPO-008) based on the number provided by the Port of Corpus Christi Authority, to include CSJ# in the project tables, to remove the local street lines from Exhibits 2, 3, and 4, and to modify the symbology classifications in the legends of the exhibits.

Response: The Corpus Christi MPO made all necessary changes based on the comments provided by the TAC.

(2) Dr. Watts: A formal request for the MPO's positions as to the issue of "Extension of Rodd Field Road across Oso Creek with only 'quality homes' in the across the Creek property."

Response: The Corpus Christi MPO responded to Dr. Watts via e-mail and a letter on his comment.

(3) Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), Transportation Planning & Programming (TPP) Division: Verification of FY 2021-2024 TIP highway projects status and some editorial guidance on the documentation such as formatting.

Response: The Corpus Christi MPO will work closely with TxDOT TPP Division and TxDOT Corpus Christi District and make necessary modifications; however, these changes are considered as administrative/technical corrections and do not alter the FY 2021-2024 TIP document contents. If the

changes are substantial, the Corpus Christi MPO will take the formal amendment process through TAC's recommendation and TPC's approval.

Mr. Olivarez stated these comments submitted by TxDOT TPP Division seem either administrative or technical in nature and he believed that the Corpus Christi MPO staff, TxDOT TPP Division, and TxDOT Corpus Christi District staff can work things out.

Mr. Olivarez made a motion to approve the DRAFT FY 2021-2024 TIP. Mayor Skurow seconded; motion passed unanimously.

**B. Resolution in Recognition of Regional Leadership in Transportation Provided by Gary Bushell**

A resolution to recognize Mr. Bushell who successfully led the state advocacy and local outreach effort in Texas transportation including I-69 Corridor projects was proposed. Mr. Zahn made a motion to approve the resolution for Mr. Bushell. Mayor McComb seconded; motion passed unanimously.

**C. Ratification of the Revised Employment Contract Terms for the Transportation Planning Director**

As discussed and agreed in the Executive Session on June 4, 2020 TPC meeting, the Corpus Christi MPO Transportation Planning Director contract, Section 3: Compensation is revised. Mr. MacDonald will receive an annual salary of \$145,000 with corresponding bi-weekly installments of \$5,577.00.

Mayor McComb motioned to ratify the revised employment contract for Mr. MacDonald. Mr. Olivarez seconded; motion passed unanimously.

**5. INFORMATION ONLY ITEM**

**A. DRAFT FY 2021-FY 2022 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)**

Mr. Casper briefed the TPC on the FY 2021- FY 2022 UPWP. This is one of the federally required documents that identifies the Corpus Christi MPO's budget, expected products per task, and transportation planning activities and projects in the MPO planning area between October 1, 2020 and September 30, 2022. The big difference between the previous UPWP and this DRAFT FY 2021-FY 2022 UPWP is the direct expense is separated and identified as Task 6. Task 1 through 5 are state designated tasks. There were a few typos in the DRAFT FY 2021-FY 2022 UPWP, these typos will be corrected before the DRAFT FY 2021-FY 2022 is finalized.

Mr. MacDonald reminded the TPC there are two more opportunities to review the DRAFT FY 2021-FY 2022 UPWP; before the approval of releasing UPWP to the public for 30-days public comment period, and before the final adoption of UPWP. This information item is an effort to introduce the TPC members and public to the lengthy UPWP document gradually since it is currently 80 pages. The UPWP also goes through the same public involvement process as MTP and TIP; reviewed and discussed by TAC and TPC with the required 30-day public comment period.

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

Mr. Olivarez informed the TPC and the public that the selection of an engineering design firm for the cable-stayed portion of the New Harbor Bridge Project will occur soon. TxDOT will make an announcement once the decision is officially made.

Mayor McComb inquired the expected completion year. Mr. Olivarez stated that it is still uncertain at this time.

**7. Upcoming Meetings:**

<b>A. Technical Advisory Committee:</b>	<b>Regular Meeting:</b>	<b>July 16, 2020</b>
<b>B. Transportation Policy Committee:</b>	<b>Regular Meeting:</b>	<b>August 6, 2020</b>

**8. Adjourn:** The meeting adjourned at 2:21 p.m.