



TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE (TPC) MEETING AGENDA

**2:00 P.M., Thursday, December 3, 2020
Corpus Christi City Hall Council Chambers,
1201 Leopard Street, Corpus Christi, TX 78401**

1. Call to Order and Quorum Determination

2. Public Comments for Items not on the Agenda:

THE CORPUS CHRISTI MPO WELCOMES THE PUBLIC FOR THE MEETING. INDIVIDUALS ATTENDING THE MEETING ARE REQUIRED TO WEAR FACIAL COVERINGS PER GOVERNOR ABBOTT'S STATE MANDATE AND SOCIAL DISTANCING IS ENCOURAGED. FACIAL COVERINGS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE MEETING.

This agenda item is an opportunity for public comments for any items not on the Agenda and within the TPC's jurisdiction (except in matters related to pending litigation).

Public Comments may also be provided in writing, limited to 1,000 characters, by emailing ccmpo@cctxmpo.us or by regular mail or hand-delivery to the Corpus Christi MPO offices at 602 N. Staples St., Suite 300, Corpus Christi, TX 78401, and MUST be submitted no later than 5 minutes after the start of a meeting in order to be provided for consideration and review at the meeting. All Public Comments submitted shall be placed into the record of the meeting.

3. Approval of the September 3, 2020, TPC Regular Meeting Minutes ☒

4. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

A. Process Debrief for the 2045 MTP, FY 2021-2024 TIP, and CMP Survey ☒
Action: Review, Discuss and Approve

5. INFORMATION ONLY ITEM

A. TxDOT Update on 2022 Unified Transportation Program (UTP) ☒

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

7. UPCOMING MEETINGS:

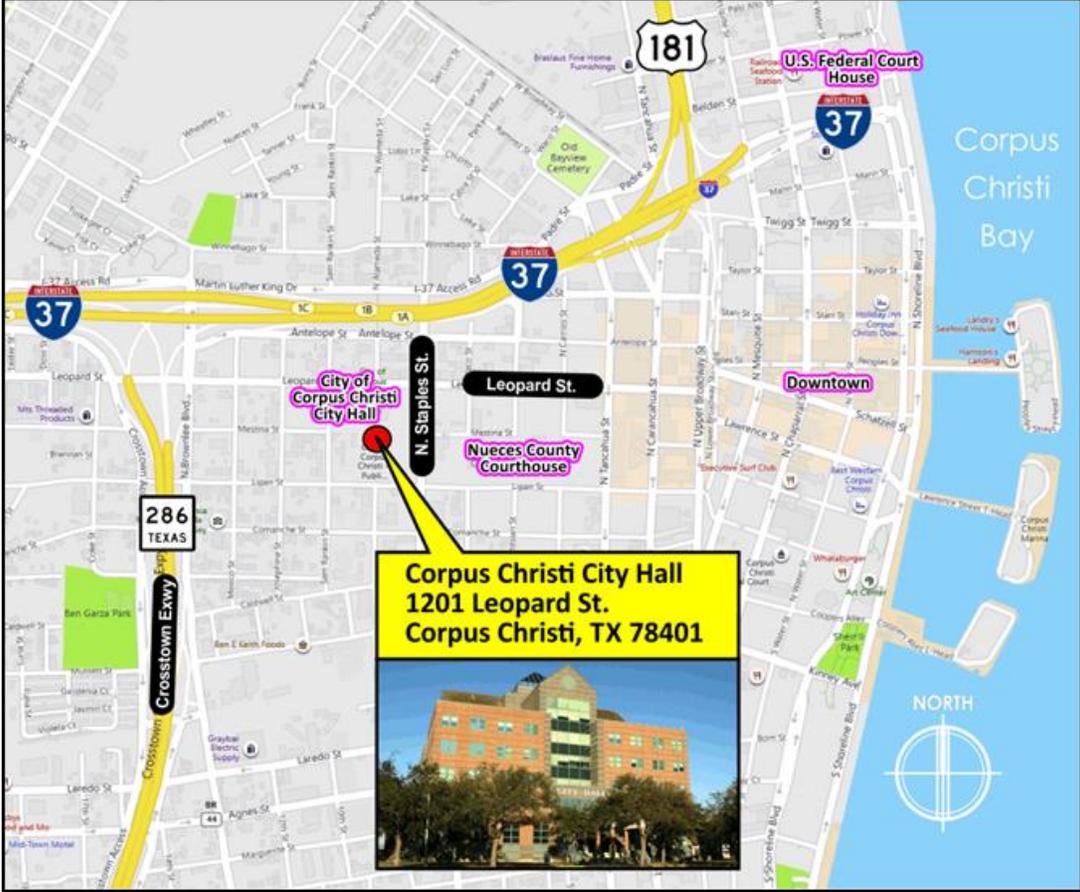
A. Technical Advisory Committee:	Regular Meeting:	December 17, 2020
B. Transportation Policy Committee:	Regular Meeting:	January 7, 2021

Adjourn

☒ - Indicates attachment(s) for the agenda item.

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MEETING LOCATION MAP



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

September 3, 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
Judge Barbara Canales, Nueces County
Mr. Valente Olivarez, Jr., 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

Due to COVID-19, no in-person comment was allowed. Mr. MacDonald informed the TPC and the public there were no public comments submitted for items on the Agenda nor not on the Agenda as of September 3, 2020 at 2:05 p.m.

3. Approval of the July 2, 2020 TPC Regular Meeting Minutes

Mr. Zahn made a motion to approve the August 6, 2020 TPC Meeting Minutes. Mr. Olivarez, Jr., seconded; motion passed unanimously.

4. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:

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

Mr. MacDonald briefed the TPC that the Corpus Christi MPO's two major federally required planning documents, the 2020-2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and the FY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) were approved by TPC in February and July respectively. This FY 2021 – FY 2022 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) is another major document the Corpus Christi MPO is required to develop and approve. The DRAFT FY 2021 – FY 2022 UPWP has completed all public involvement requirements, the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) has reviewed, discussed and recommended that the TPC adopt the FY 2021 – FY 2022 UPWP.

Mr. Casper explained the UPWP is a single document that serves three major purposes: as the list of the Corpus Christi MPO's previously accomplished work before FY 2021 and expected work during FY 2021 and FY 2022. The Corpus Christi MPO's 2-year budget is based on the consolidated grant funding, and includes all local, regional and state transportation planning activities in the MPO area that fulfill the Continuing, Comprehensive and Cooperative (3C) planning process with the regional coordination efforts. The expected 2-year budget is approximately \$2.5 million with the previous year's carryover. The Corpus Christi MPO is expected to work on data collection and traffic model development for the next long-range plan, the 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan as the starting point of the 5-year planning cycle. The City of Corpus Christi and the Port of Corpus Christi Authority submitted additional planning activities, and these are included in SECTION VIII: PARTNER AGENCY PLANNING STUDY COORDINATION in the DRAFT FY2021 – FY 2022 UPWP.

Mayor McComb inquired if there were no public comments received. Mr. Casper answered that all comments the Corpus Christi MPO received are listed in the APPENDIX G: PUBLIC COMMENTS except for the grammatical corrections.

Mayor Skurow commented that the FY 2021 – FY 2022 UPWP is well-written and a great plan, and Judge Krebs agreed.

Mayor Skurow made a motion to approve the DRAFT FY 2021 – FY 2022 UPWP. Mayor McComb seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. MacDonald appreciated the TPC for reviewing, commenting, and approving the FY 2021 – FY 2022 UPWP.

B. National Highway System (NHS) Modifications

Mr. MacDonald explained to the TPC that the National Highway System (NHS) Modifications are a recurring review of the NHS by Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), and the MPOs. This is important because a National Highway System designation provides access to additional federal funding, the National Highway Performance Program. The meeting among FHWA, TxDOT, and the Corpus Christi MPO and regional representatives was held a year and half ago. The members reached a consensus on recommendations and TxDOT requested the TPC's approval.

Mr. Casper provided the detail of NHS modification recommendations with a map as follows:

- Add SH 357 (Saratoga Boulevard) from Ayers Street to SH 286 (0.20 miles) to NHS designation
- Add FM 2444 (South Staples Street) from SH 286 to Oso Parkway (3.5 miles) to NHS designation
- Remove Ayers Street between SH 358 and SH 286 (2.7 miles) from the NHS designation

Mr. Casper explained that there will be no change in which agency is responsible for maintaining these roadways, however; the designation of NHS is important for the performance-based transportation planning, especially for the congestion goal. The next NHS review will occur after the Census Bureau completes designation of the Urbanized Area, likely in the spring of 2022. The resolution for this NHS modification was prepared and attached for review and approval.

Mr. Zahn made a motion to approve the recommendations to NHS modifications. Judge Canales seconded; motion passed unanimously.

5. INFORMATION ONLY ITEM:

A. Various Updates from the August 3, 2020, TEMPO Virtual Meeting

Mr. MacDonald explained that this item is sharing the information of what the association of Texas MPOs discussed during the August 3rd virtual meeting.

Mr. Casper provided the TPC seven discussion topics with brief summaries:

Texas Travel Time Reliability Targets – this is related to one of the national performance measures – congestion management. The score for travel time reliability is based on the consistency, and if the roadway is congested all day long, it scores high but if the roadway is congested due to some event such as an accident or a storm, it scores poorly. Texas MPOs all adopted the State target as the regional target, thus TxDOT suggested to loosen the target because the less reliable travel trend on Texas roads.

Texas Transportation Institute (TTI) on-call Service – TxDOT has a contract with TTI and the Texas MPOs can use their service for transportation-related assistance and guidance. Since only limited number of MPOs use this service, TxDOT created an easy request form and encourages the MPOs to take advantage of this great opportunity.

UPWP formats discussion and review committee – TxDOT Transportation Planning & Programming (TPP) Division is reviewing the UPWP format for more consistency. They requested the MPOs to volunteer for the review committee. The Corpus Christi MPO is participating, and the first call-in meeting was held last week.

Census 2020 – Census 2020 initial results will be submitted to the House of Representative in December this year. However, approximately 40% of Texans have not responded to the Census 2020 and due to the lack of funding and manpower, it is likely unable to collect accurate census information. This would negatively affect the State of Texas; for example, Texas could have three or more House of Representatives seats if the correct Census information is collected. Also, the census results affects the federal funding allocation; a 1% undercount is a loss of nearly \$300 million annually in federal funds to Texas. In terms of MPO boundary designation, the Census Urbanized Area (UZA) will be released in 2022. Based on the past Census criteria, Ingleside and Aransas Pass will possibly be included in the Corpus Christi UZA after 2022.

Planning emphasis areas and MPO’s Public Participation Plan requirement – the current transportation bill will expire at the end of this month. There is no replacement bill available, so it is uncertain what planning emphasis areas should be included in the UPWP. FHWA reminded everyone that the PPP must include the concept of virtual meetings if the MPO wishes to conduct meetings online. Due to the current pandemic circumstance there are several MPOs that are using online meetings but have not included it in their Public Participation Plan. Please update your PPPs.

Draft 2021 Unified Transportation Program (UTP) and Texas Comptrollers Report on transportation revenue sources – UTP is TxDOT’s 10-year transportation plan and the 2021 UTP was adopted by the Texas Transportation Commission during the August 27th Commission meeting. Based on the Texas Comptrollers Report, there was an \$8 Billion change in available revenue and the State of Texas now has a \$5 billion deficit. These changes will be reflected in the 2022 UTP. Thus, Texas MPOs are asked to manage the expectations of local entities about the timing of projects that are currently in the TIP.

Call for Research and Problem Statement – TxDOT calls for research or problem needed to be addressed.

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

Mayor McComb informed the TPC members that Senator Cruz told the Chamber of Commerce there would likely be no new Transportation Bill until the election is over.

7. Upcoming Meetings:

A. Technical Advisory Committee:	Regular Meeting:	September 17, 2020
B. Transportation Policy Committee:	Regular Meeting:	October 1, 2020

Mr. MacDonald informed the TPC that the September TAC meeting and October TPC meeting may be cancelled if there are no action items. He would notify both committees if these meetings are determined to be cancelled.

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



Date: November 25, 2020
To: Transportation Policy Committee (TPC)
From: Craig Casper, Senior Transportation Planner
Through: Robert MacDonald, Transportation Planning Director
Subject: Item 4A: Debrief for the 2045 MTP, FY 2021-2024 TIP, and CMP Survey
Action: Review, Discuss and Approve Release

This month we are asking the TPC members to discuss their experience using the online survey instrument. The survey will be distributed by a separate email on Tuesday, December 1st after final comments are received from the TAC members. This survey was designed to aid creation of an After-Action Report for the 2020-2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (2045 MTP), the FY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the Congestion Management Process (CMP). Specifically, we are hoping to identify any shortcomings in the questions that can be adjusted to improve both the experience of the users of the survey and participants in the debrief process.

The purpose of the survey is identifying different perspectives on issues and strengths from the processes used to develop the MTP, TIP, and CMP. The MPO Team will compare the comments and suggestions against best practices and produce recommendations for process enhancements. The After-Action Report will present the identified strengths and issues and suggest alterations to both the 2050 MTP, the 2023-2026 TIP and CMP processes.

Attachment

The survey will be distributed Tuesday afternoon after review by the TAC members.



Date: November 25, 2020
To: Transportation Policy Committee (TPC)
From: Robert MacDonald, Transportation Planning Director
Subject: Item 5A: TxDOT 2022 Unified Transportation Program (UTP) Briefing
Action: Review and Discuss

Summary

TxDOT has started their initial process to develop the 2022 Unified Transportation Program (UTP) for projects and programs to be delivered between 2022 and 2031. TxDOT Corpus Christi District will provide an overview and timeline of the development process. Specific information is identified in attachment 1, the overview slides. There are 2 key points:

- 1) TxDOT can no longer front load projects into the early years of the UTP.
- 2) The combination of cost increases and reduced funds have created a notable funding gap.

The TPC members are requested to review the attachments and discuss the next steps in the 2022 UTP development process. The MPO staff will facilitate future workshops or meetings as necessary within the TxDOT 2022 UTP development process.

Attachment

TxDOT Overview Slides

Key Updates to 2022 UTP Development Process

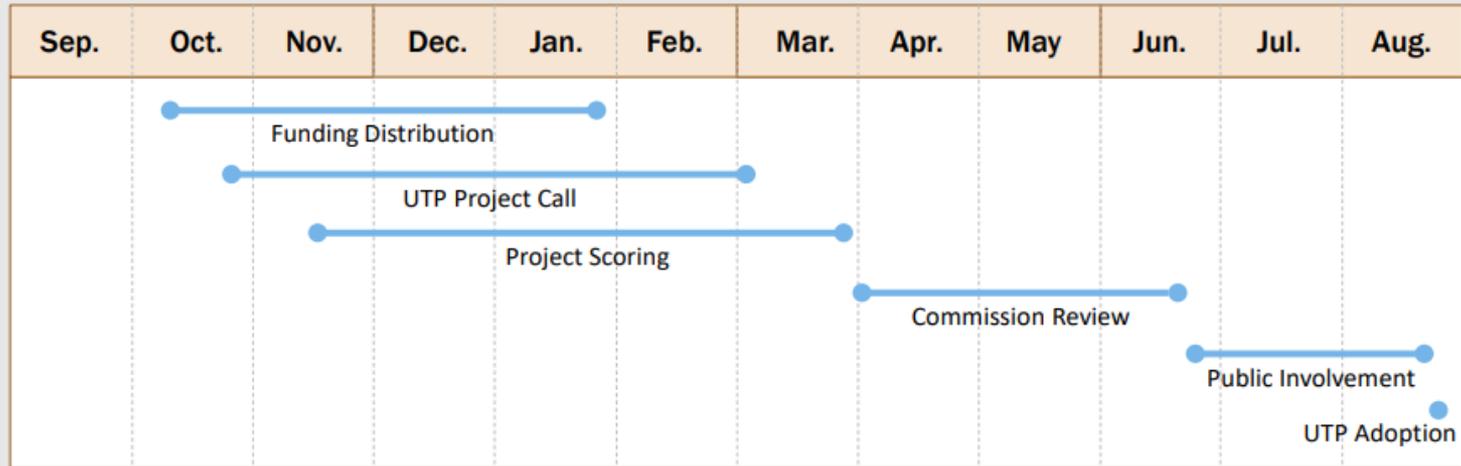
- The 2022 UTP Project Call opened on October 23, 2020
- Planning cash forecast is down for the 2022 UTP
- Fiscal constraint for UTP and STIP must be maintained
 - No longer able to front load the early years of the UTP, which means some projects will need to be delayed to outer years
 - Construction estimate increases (new funding gaps)
- Impact of new 2022 UTP estimating/programming process on CRP MPO projects (Categories 2M and 4U)
 - Previous UTPs have only used the base construction cost estimate in today's dollars as their Programmed Funding and did not include inflation, contingencies, or allowances
 - 2022 UTP will take into account the additional cost associated with inflation, contingencies, including potential change order, and allowances thus increasing Programmed Funding needed to deliver the project

Agenda Item 5A - Attachment

2022 UTP Timeline

Key Milestones

FY 21 Calendar



UTP Project Call Deadlines

- **January 11, 2021 deadline:** ideally, the MPOs would have approved the project list and would understand the revised cost estimates and programming methodology
- **February 2021:** District and MPOs would be advised of the planning targets, which may not cause any changes or could cause the need to shuffle a few project priorities depending on the allocations that are provided. Ideally, these adjustments would not be too much of a surprise if the projects are in priority order; the district/MPO would just need to go up or down on the list based on the planning target that is provided

Agenda Item 5A - Attachment