

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

January 8, 2021

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
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. Jenny P. Dorsey, Nueces County Attorney, Nueces County Attorney's Office
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. Election of Officers for the Transportation Policy Committee

In accordance with the Corpus Christi 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 made a motion to re-elect Judge Krebs for Chairperson, Judge Canales seconded. Judge Canales made a motion to re-elect Mr. Zahn for Vice Chairperson, Mayor Skurow seconded. Both motions passed unanimously; Judge Krebs is re-elected for the TPC Chairperson and Mr. Zahn is re-elected for the TPC Vice Chairperson for calendar year 2021.

3. Public Comments for items not on the Agenda

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 January 8, 2021 at 2:05 p.m.

4. Resolution of Appreciation for City of Corpus Christi Mayor Joe McComb

A resolution was proposed to appreciate the efforts of Mayor McComb, who has demonstrated statesmanship, leadership, and professionalism in guiding the Corpus Christi MPO in regional transportation planning as a TPC member since June 1, 2017. Mayor Skurow made the motion to approve the resolution for Mayor McComb. Mr. Olivarez seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Judge Canales thanked Mayor McComb for his demonstration of true leadership for the region during his tenure, specifically during this unprecedented crisis with COVID-19, and stated that it was a great pleasure to work with him.

Mayor Skurow commented that it was a great opportunity and a pleasure working with Mayor McComb as Mayor of the City of Portland. She appreciated Mayor McComb's willingness to extend his support whenever both cities needed to work together.

Mr. Zahn said that he has known Mayor McComb not only as a Mayor of the City of Corpus Christi, but as a close friend for 40 years. Mr. Zahn stated that Mayor McComb is a great public servant who serves for the community and its citizens. Mr. Zahn appreciated Mayor McComb's dedication as a public servant and his friendship as a friend.

Mr. Olivarez thanked Mayor McComb for his leadership during this challenging time and his willingness to work cooperatively with partner agencies for his community and citizens.

Judge Krebs stated that he has been working closely with Mayor McComb for years as a former Mayor of the City of Portland, and he thanked Mayor McComb for being there for the City of Portland, Nueces

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County, and the Coastal Bend as well as being ready to lend his hand whenever issues arose. Judge Krebs wished Mayor McComb's future endeavors to be successful.

Mayor McComb appreciated the TPC members' comments and the resolution. He stated that serving the Nueces County and the City of Corpus Christi had been a great pleasure, and he was thankful for the opportunity of serving on the Corpus Christi MPO Policy Committee with elected officials and partner agencies in the Coastal Bend Region.

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

Mr. MacDonald explained that there are corrections made on the September 3, 2020 TPC regular meeting minutes regarding the inflation rate applied for the project in the first year: there is no inflation rate applied for the first year, 4% is applied for the second year, 8% for the third year, and 12% for the fourth and beyond years. The revised minutes with highlighted yellow text was provided.

Mr. Zahn made a motion to approve the September 3, 2020 TPC Meeting Minutes as corrected. Mayor Skurow seconded; motion passed unanimously.

6. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:

A. TxDOT 2022 Unified Transportation Program (UTP) Development and Possible FY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment

As presented by TxDOT Corpus Christi District at the December TPC meeting, due to the statewide funding discussions for the 2022 UTP, it is necessary to revisit the FY 2021-2024 TIP and reprioritize Category 2 and Category 4U projects for the expected shortage in funding.

The Corpus Christi MPO held a virtual workshop with the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) on December 17, 2020 and discussed options for projects. The attachment shows Project Readiness in 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) adopted February 6, 2020 and the draft ranking discussed by TAC at the December 17, 2020 workshop.

Currently no updated funding information is available, but the TxDOT Finance Division is expected to provide the information in February. The Corpus Christi MPO staff will work closely with the TxDOT Corpus Christi District staff and continue the discussion with the TAC including if it is possible to leverage other funding toward the additional costs such as the contingency and inflation based on new funding information and bring their recommendation to TPC meeting for further guidance. The final approval is expected at the March TPC meeting.

B. Process Debrief for the 2045 MTP, FY 2021-2024 TIP, and CMP Survey

Mr. Casper followed up on the 2045 MTP, FY 2021-2024 TIP, and CMP Survey. He thanked the TPC members for their 100% participation rate. The overall responses, 6.9 out of a 9-point scale, indicated the development process was acceptable: the strongest was for the Financial Resource Forecasting (7.8) and the lowest rating was for Identifying the location and needs (6.1). Also, the need for improving the Corpus Christi MPO's outreach efforts was identified. The Corpus Christi MPO will address this issue in the upcoming Public Participation Plan (PPP) updates. The survey results will be reflected in the After-Action Reports for these 2045 MTP, FY 2021-2024 TIP, and CMP.

Judge Canales commented that it is a challenge to reach out to the community and suggested exploring other means.

Mr. Casper stated that the Corpus Christi MPO staff is considering participating in other agencies' meetings as one of the means to reach out to the community.

Mr. Zahn made a motion to approve the 2045 MTP, FY 2021-2024 TIP, and CMP Survey results. Mayor McComb seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. MacDonald stated his appreciation to the TPC for participating the 2045 MTP, FY 2021- 2024 TIP, and CMP Survey.

C. Consultant Services Proposals and Future Contracts

Mr. Casper informed the TPC that the Corpus Christi MPO issued a Request for Proposal for the expected work identified in the 2021-2022 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) and received four responses. The Corpus Christi MPO formed an evaluation committee with the partner agency representatives and is currently reviewing the qualifications. The Corpus Christi MPO will work closely with the evaluation committee, TAC, and the fiscal agent, Nueces County, for selecting the consultant. The selection is expected to be made in March and the contract will hopefully start in April.

Judge Canales made a motion to approve the MPO staff’s negotiations for Consultant Services and future contracts. Mr. Olivarez seconded; motion passed unanimously.

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

Mr. Olivarez informed the TPC members that the 2021 Texas Transportation Forum will be held on February 9 and 10, 2021. Mr. MacDonald will send the information to the TAC and TPC members.

8. Upcoming Meetings:

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| A. Technical Advisory Committee: | Regular Meeting: | January 21, 2021 |
| B. Transportation Policy Committee: | Regular Meeting: | February 4, 2021 |

Judge Krebs informed Mr. MacDonald and the TPC members that he will not be available on February 4, 2021. The February TPC meeting needs to be either proceeded by Vice Chair Mr. Zahn or rescheduled. Mr. MacDonald will coordinate with TPC members.

9. Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 2:44 p.m.