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

July 1, 2021

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

TPC Vice-Chair Mr. Zahn called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. in the City of Corpus Christi Council Chambers.

TPC Members Present:

Mr. Charles Zahn, Jr. Vice Chair, Port of Corpus Christi Authority

Judge Barbara Canales, Nueces County

Mayor Cathy Skurow, City of Portland

Mayor Paulette M. Guajardo, City of Corpus Christi

Mr. John Buckner, Coastal Bend Council of Government (non-voting member)

Ms. Mary Esther-Guerra, Nueces County Assistant Attorney

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

There were no public comments submitted for non-agenda items as of July 1, 2021, at 2:00 p.m.

3. Approval of the June 3, 2021, Transportation Policy Committee meeting minutes

Mayor Guajardo made a motion to approve the June 3, 2021, TPC Meeting Minutes. Judge Canales seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

4. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:

A. Corpus Christi MPO FY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment 3

Mr. MacDonald requested that the TPC review, discuss, and approve the proposed Corpus Christi MPO FY 2021-2024 TIP Amendment 3. The primary reason for the 3rd Amendment to FY 2021-2024 TIP is for clarification of grouped projects and the prior acceptance of TxDOT Performance Measures (PM) 1, 2, and 3 targets per discussions with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Federal Transit Administration (FTA), and TxDOT as previously explained. Both the MPO staff and the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) recommended the TPC approve Amendment 3 to the FY 2021-2024 TIP. The Corpus Christi MPO has not received any public comments on the proposed amendment as of July 1, 2021.

Judge Canales made a motion to approve the FY 2021-2024 TIP with Amendment 3. Mayor Guajardo seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. MacDonald thanked the TPC members. Amendment #3 will be included in the State TIP (STIP) after adoption either in August or September.

B. DRAFT Corpus Christi MPO 2021 Public Participation Plan (PPP)

Mr. MacDonald requested that the TPC review, discuss, and approve the DRAFT Corpus Christi MPO 2021 PPP. The Corpus Christi MPO first presented the DRAFT 2021 PPP in the April 15 TAC meeting and has been soliciting public comments for 60 days, longer than the required 45 days. The Corpus Christi MPO has not received any comments other than the suggestions made by the TAC during the May 20 TAC meeting and these suggestions are reflected in the final DRAFT 2021 PPP.

Mayor Skurow made a motion to approve the Corpus Christi MPO 2021 PPP with joint Resolution #21-4 for 2021 PPP and 2021 PAD. Mayor Guajardo seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. MacDonald thanked the TPC members. The Corpus Christi MPO will distribute the 2021 PPP to partner agencies, other interested parties, and the general public for their active participation in the transportation decision-making process and he requested the TPC members' cooperation and support to disseminate this information.

C. DRAFT Corpus Christi MPO 2021 Program for Addressing Discrimination (PAD)

Mr. Casper briefed the Chamber members on the DRAFT Corpus Christi MPO Program for Addressing Discrimination (PAD) that addresses the Environmental Justice (EJ), Title VI, Limited English Proficiency (LEP), and newly issued Executive Order, Achieving Racial Equity (ARE) requirements and lays out the Corpus Christi MPO's strategies and procedures that assure the full and fair participation by all potentially affected communities in the transportation decision-making process in detail.

Achieving Racial Equity (ARE) is still new and there is no final guidance available at this time. Once guidance becomes available, the document will be reviewed and updated accordingly.

Mayor Guajardo made a motion to approve the DRAFT Update Corpus Christi MPO 2021 Program for Addressing Discrimination with the joint Resolution #21-4 for 2021 PPP and 2021 PAD. Mayor Skurow seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

5. Proposed Executive Session: Annual Evaluation of the MPO's Transportation Planning Director

Vice-Chair Mr. Zahn proposed to not conduct this proposed Executive Session of the Annual Evaluation of the MPO Transportation Planning Director per discussion with TPC Chair Judge Krebs due to the minimum voting members' presence, also proposed to place this item in the agenda for the next TPC meeting. Mayor Guajardo made a motion to table the Executive Session. Mayor Skurow seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

6. Possible Actions to Amend the Employment Contract of the Transportation Planning Director.

No actions taken at this meeting.

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

None offered.

8. Upcoming Meetings:

A. Technical Advisory Committee: Regular Meeting: July 15, 2021

B. Transportation Policy Committee: Regular Meeting: August 5, 2021

9. Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 2:07 p.m.