

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

September 3, 2026

1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, AND QUORUM DETERMINATION

Judge Scott called the meeting to order at 2:11 p.m.

TPC Members Present:

Judge Connie Scott, Nueces County –Chairperson

Mayor John Green, City of Portland

Mayor Estella Boyes, City of Gregory

Mr. Gabe Guerra, Port of Corpus Christi—Arrived at 2:18 p.m.

Mr. Mike Walsh, P.E., Texas Department of Transportation-Corpus Christi District

Mr. Art Granado, Corpus Christi Regional Transportation Authority

Ms. Emily Martinez, Coastal Bend Council of Governments (non-voting member)

Mr. Chad Magill, District 27 Liaison (non-voting member)

Mr. Todd Hunter, Texas House Representative District 32 (non-voting member)

Ms. Denise Villalobos, Texas House Representative District 24 (non-voting member)

Mr. Adam Hinojosa, Texas State Senator District 27 (non-voting member)

Mr. Alex Meade, Texas Transportation Commissioner (non-voting member)

MPO Staff Present:

Rob MacDonald, P.E., Keren Costanzo AICP, Jafet Flores, Harry Horak, Victor Mendieta, and Carissa Tamez

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None were made or offered for items not on the agenda.

3. APPROVAL OF THE TPC July 9, 2026, REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Granado made a motion to approve the TPC **July 9, 2026** Regular Meeting minutes.

Mr. Walsh seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

Judge Scott moved **Agenda Item 6A. SH 361 Project Overview and MPO Process** up in the agenda to accommodate state delegation attendees' schedules.

6. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. SH 361 Project Overview and MPO Process

Mr. MacDonald presented this item.

In the last few weeks, there have been a few media reports and meetings concerning State Highway (SH) 361 on North Padre Island and Mustang Island, specifically related to safety and the recent fatalities on the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) roadway. The Corpus Christi Metropolitan Planning Organization (Corpus Christi MPO) was asked to add an information item for the September 3, 2026, Transportation Policy Committee (TPC) agenda to discuss this roadway.

Discussion:

Public comments were made by Texas State Senator Hinojosa, Representative Hunter, Representative Villalobos, and Texas Transportation Commissioner Meade regarding SH 361 and the need for immediate safety improvements. Senator Hinojosa, Representative Hunter, and Representative Villalobos signed a letter of support requesting immediate safety improvements along SH 361.

- Mr. Walsh assured the committee that TxDOT staff is working to include this item as an MTP Amendment for the next TAC meeting and to present it as an action item at the next TPC meeting.

Mr. Granado requested clarification on whether the TPC has the authority to bypass the TAC Committee's recommendation process in order to move this item forward expeditiously.

- MPO Staff responded that the TPC can act without a recommendation from the TAC, however, the one-month public comment period is still required for action items related to the MTP.

4. SPECIAL PRESENTATION – MPO OVERVIEW BY TEXAS TRANSPORTATION INSTITUTE

Mr. Robert Hazlett, from Texas A&M's Texas Transportation Institute (TTI) presented this item.

Discussion:

None. TPC members thanked Mr. Hazlett for the presentation.

5. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS

A. DRAFT FY 2027-2030 TIP with Amendment 1 and DRAFT 2045 MTP Update with Amendment 3

Mr. Flores introduced this item and Mr. Robert Saldaña from the CCRTA presented the requested CCRTA amendments.

The Corpus Christi Regional Transportation Authority (CCRTA) requested amendments to the Corpus Christi MPO's FY 2027-2030 TIP and 2045 MTP Update planning documents for review by the TAC, TPC, and the public.

Discussion:

None

Motion:

Mr. Walsh made a motion to release the DRAFT FY 2027-2030 Transportation Improvement Program with Amendment 1 and DRAFT 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update with Amendment 3 for a one-month public comment period.

Mr. Granado seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

B. Small Area Forecast Task Force Population and Employment Allocation for the 2050 MTP

Ms. Costanzo presented this item.

The Corpus Christi MPO Small Area Forecast (SAF) Task Force developed population and employment allocations for the year 2050. These estimates are vital components of transportation planning and a critical initial step in developing the 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). Forecasts of the amounts and locations of population and employment changes for the time frame of the plan (years 2025-2050) are used to identify locations, types, and severity of transportation needs.

Discussion:

Committee members questioned whether tourism during peak seasons was taken into consideration, including the additional population associated with second homes, vacation homes, and short-term rentals where multiple families may stay at one location. Members also questioned whether the seasonal increase in population along SH 361 was accounted for.

- MPO Staff responded that the peak seasonal and typical populations and related traffic counts are used by project sponsors like TxDOT in the analysis of future roadway conditions to be used in the design of facilities like SH 361. MPO Staff also noted that in the Small Area Forecast, short-term rental permits had been obtained through the City of Corpus Christi the new residential construction figures obtained for all three counties to estimate the small area

allocations of population projections incorporate all residential units, regardless of occupancy, including short term rentals and second homes.

Motion:

Mr. Walsh made a motion to approve:

1. The high growth scenario control totals for population and employment based on the Texas State Demographic Center, and
2. The population and employment forecasts for 2050 in Nueces, San Patricio and Aransas Counties' TAZs as recommended by the Small Area Forecast Task Force.

Mr. Guerra seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

6. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS

B. Corpus Christi MPO Regional Coordination Group for Federal Transportation Grants Update

Ms. Costanzo presented this item.

The Corpus Christi MPO staff presents grant-related information on an ongoing basis to serve as a focus area for the Regional Coordination Group, which is the monthly Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting. MPO Staff also provides monthly updates to the Transportation Policy Committee (TPC). In addition to the grants listed in Attachment 1, a handout on the PROTECT federal grant was provided to TPC members.

Discussion:

None.

7. TPC MEMBER STATEMENTS ON LOCAL AGENCY ACTIVITIES OR ITEMS OF INTEREST

Mr. Walsh announced that TxDOT is tentatively planning an open house meeting at the Island in the Sun Church regarding SH 361. The meeting will provide an opportunity for public engagement and input on concepts, ideas, and short-term safety improvement projects. The tentative meeting date is September 21, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. These efforts are intended to provide short-term safety improvements in the interim, while the project is being added to the MTP and funding is being secured for the project.

Mr. Granado announced that the CCRTA applied for a grant for funding for 7 buses to help replace the older buses. He also stated that the CCRTA will start construction on the maintenance facility on September 8th, and completion is estimated August 2028.

8. UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS

A. 2050 MTP Public Outreach Event	Hooks Baseball Final Home Game	September 6, 2026
B. 2050 MTP Public Meeting	CCRTA Board Room 2 nd FL	September 9, 2026
C. 2050 MTP Public Outreach Event	Ice Rays Opening Weekend	September 11-12, 2026
D. Technical Advisory Committee	Regular Meeting and Workshop	September 17, 2026
E. 2050 MTP Public Meeting	Neyland Public Library	September 23, 2026
F. Transportation Policy Committee	Regular Meeting	October 1, 2026

9. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.