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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### CORPUS CHRISTI MPO AWARDS \$6.3 MILLION FOR SAFETY AND MOBILITY PROJECTS

Projects to provide safety and mobility for pedestrians and bike riders

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The Corpus Christi Metropolitan Planning Organization’s Transportation Policy Committee approved and awarded seven projects at their May 12, 2022 meeting. The projects are for more mobility and safety of bike riders and walkers and use 80 percent federal funds as well as at least 20 percent of local funds to design and build the projects. The projects are:

SPONSOR AGENCY	PROJECT NAME	FEDERAL FUND REQUESTED
City of Corpus Christi	Leopard St. and Oak Park Ave. Pedestrian Safety Improvements	\$651,076
	Ocean Drive Pedestrian Crossing Improvements	\$367,570
	Mary Carroll Ditch Hike and Bike Trail Improvements	\$1,027,933
	Encantada Ave Pedestrian Safety Improvements	\$786,931
	Brooke Rd./Master Channel 27 Hike and Bike Trail Improvements	\$1,090,703
	<b>City of Corpus Christi Total</b>	<b>\$3,924,213</b>
City of Portland	Sunset Lake Hike and Bike Trail	\$2,000,000
	Memorial Parkway Hike and Bike Project Phase II	\$363,538
	<b>City of Portland Total</b>	<b>\$2,363,538</b>
<b>TOTAL STBG-SA/CAT 9 FEDERAL FUNDS REQUESTED</b>		<b>\$6,287,751</b>

**ABOUT THE CORPUS CHRISTI MPO:** Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) were formed to give local communities a stronger voice in achieving their transportation goals and improving regional transportation planning while avoiding duplication of planning efforts. MPOs exist throughout the United States in all urbanized areas of more than 50,000 people and have the authority to plan, prioritize, and program federal funding for transportation projects in urban/metropolitan areas. The Corpus Christi MPO Transportation Policy Committee (TPC) is the designated forum for municipalities, counties, transit agencies, tribal governments, state and private agencies to address regional transportation issues. The U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) has established policy guidelines to improve regional transportation planning and give local communities a stronger voice in achieving their transportation goals while avoiding duplication of planning efforts. As the designated metropolitan planning organization Corpus Christi MPO is responsible for carrying out the:

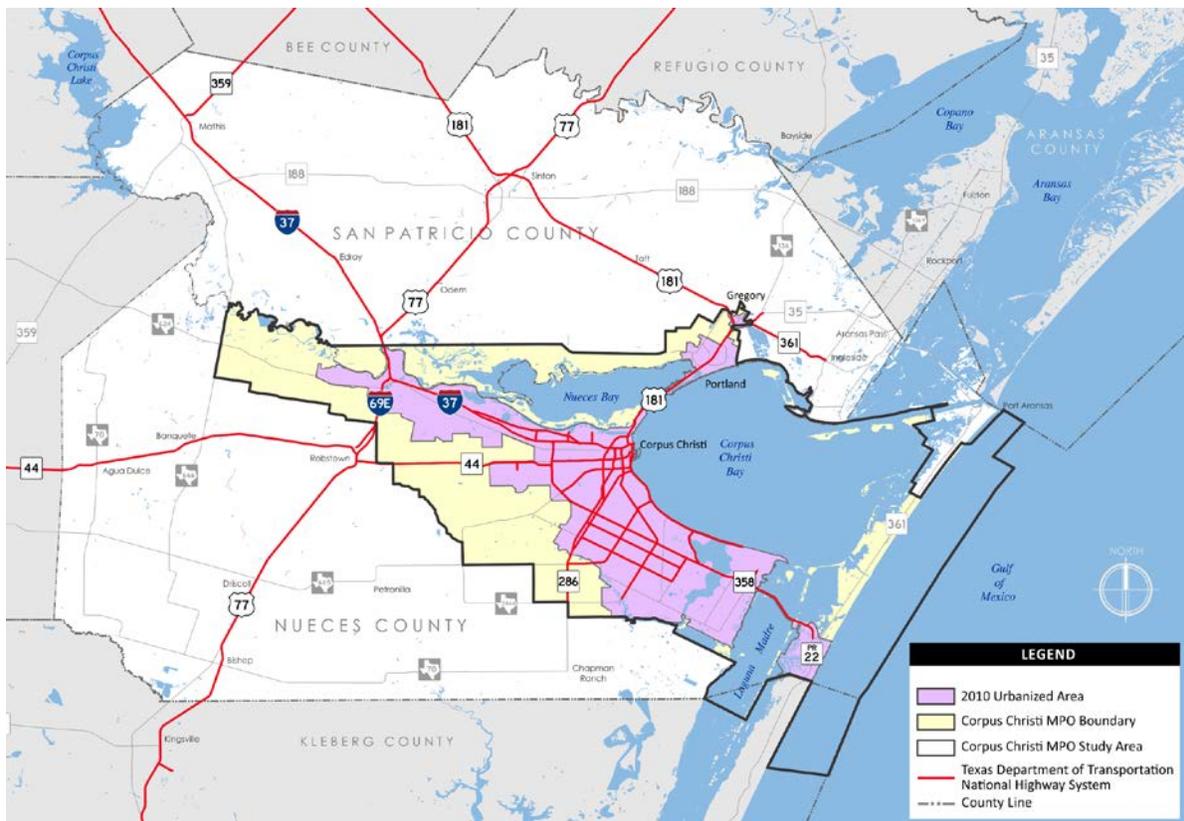
*“...continuing, cooperative and comprehensive multimodal transportation planning process, including the development of a metropolitan transportation plan and a transportation improvement program (TIP), that encourages and promotes the safe and efficient development, management, and operation of surface transportation systems to serve the mobility needs of people and freight (including accessible pedestrian walkways and bicycle transportation facilities) and foster economic growth and development, while minimizing transportation-related fuel consumption and air pollution” (23 CFR 450.300).”*

The Corpus Christi Metropolitan Planning Organization (Corpus Christi MPO) and its Transportation Policy Committee (TPC) have been responsible for conducting the cooperative, comprehensive, and continuing (3C) transportation planning process since 1973. First, as the Corpus Christi Urban Transportation Study, then in Year 2000, as the Corpus Christi Metropolitan Planning Organization. The Corpus Christi MPO Planning Area includes portions of Nueces County and San Patricio County.

The Corpus Christi MPO must also develop and implement a Public Participation Process (PPP) that provides complete information, timely notification, and public access to the planning process. The most recent version of this was adopted July 1, 2021. The PPP is designed to educate and inform the public about transportation and to provide the public with opportunities to contribute their ideas and opinions early and often throughout the planning process. Corpus Christi MPO staff will design activities to develop partnerships with, and enhance the participation in the transportation planning process, by groups and individuals of “traditionally underserved” communities. Thus, creating a transportation planning process that is accessible, inclusive, and proactive.

Federal transportation legislation now requires using performance-based planning and programming processes. These increase accountability and transparency of transportation investments. MPOs are required to establish performance measures for the first six of the seven national goals outlined in U.S.C. 23 Sec 150(b).

1. **Safety** - Achieve a significant reduction in traffic fatalities and serious injuries on all public roads.
2. **Infrastructure condition** - Maintain the highway infrastructure asset system in a state of good repair.
3. **Congestion reduction** - Achieve a significant reduction in congestion on the National Highway System.
4. **System reliability** - Improve the efficiency of the surface transportation system.
5. **Freight movement and economic vitality** - Improve the national freight network, strengthen the ability of rural communities to access national and international trade markets, and support regional economic development.
6. **Environmental sustainability** - Enhance the performance of the transportation system while protecting and enhancing the natural environment.
7. **Reduced project delivery delays** - Reduce project costs, promote jobs and the economy, and expedite the movement of people and goods by accelerating project completion through eliminating delays in the project development and delivery process, including reducing regulatory burdens and improving agencies' work practices.



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