

**CORPUS CHRISTI METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO)  
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE NOTES (TAC) – August 18, 2016**

**1. Call to Order and Quorum determination**

Meeting called to order by Mr. Sullivan at 9:03 a.m.

Present: Nueces County: Glen Sullivan, P.E., Chair; City of Corpus Christi: Dr. Raymond Chong, P.E.; City of Portland: Bryan DeLatte, P.E.; Corpus Christi RTA: Gordon Robinson, PMP; Port of Corpus Christi Authority: David Krams, P.E.; TxDOT: Paula Sales-Evans, P.E.; Council of Governments: Richard Bullock.

MPO Staff: Jeffrey Pollack: Transportation Planning Director; Brigida Gonzalez: Assistant Transportation Planning Director; Daniel Carrizales: System Administrator; Vilma Jasso: Executive Secretary; Elena Buentello: Transportation Planner.

**2. Introduction of visiting agency officials**

Chairman Sullivan welcomed all in attendance, including Sara Garza from TxDOT Transportation Planning and Programming and David Millikan, Director of TxDOT Local Projects.

**3. Discussion and Possible Action:**

**A. MPO Title VI Policies and Plan Update - 2016.**

Mr. Pollack requested tabling of this item until the next meeting.

Mr. Sullivan made a motion to table this item until the next meeting. Commissioner Nardini seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**4. Presentation:**

**A. Non-radioactive Hazardous Materials (NRHM) and Commodity Flow Study – via WebEx.**

Dr. David Bierling of Texas A&M Transportation Institute presented preliminary results from the ongoing hazardous materials commodity flow study (CFS) in the Corpus Christi Ship Channel area, which is funded by a Division of Emergency Management grant to the City of Corpus Christi/Nueces County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC). Dr. Bierling reviewed the project activity and data collection locations and compared preliminary results with data from a 2010 study. The data suggest there may be an increase in truck activity, both overall and hazmat specific, on I-37 since 2010; the data presented had not yet been normalized to account for different data collection methodologies in the 2010 and 2016 studies.

Dr. Bierling also described data requests made through the Port Industries Association, which have been unsuccessful to date, to major industrial facilities for truck traffic associated with their operations, and he reviewed information from publicly available 2012 US DOT Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS) Commodity Flow Survey Microdata. The data show that the resolution of the publicly available BTS data is insufficient to evaluate local contributions to truck traffic flows in Corpus Christi for the purposes of the 2016 CFS update project, thus reinforcing the importance of acquiring information directly from facilities about their hazmat truck traffic origins and destinations.

Mr. Pollack added that the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) announced a new grant opportunity for 2017-2018 making \$4.2M available to help LEPCs to establish, maintain, and/or improve their implementation of Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Act. No local match will be required. Dr. Bierling outlined proposed tasks for this supplemental grant and explained that it presents a unique opportunity to augment the commodity flows data collected to date while yielding information that would contribute directly to a formal NRHM routing process.

Mr. Krams inquired as to how trucks bearing multiple hazmat placards are classified.

Mr. Pollack remarked that Mr. Kram's question specifically underscores the need to augment available BTS Microdata with direct input from the industrial facilities and highlights the value of the opportunity to extend the current data collection by way of the TCEQ grant.

Dr. Bierling's next steps through the current grant efforts include finishing the 2016 CFS data analysis, presenting the findings to the TPC, and refining the scope of the TCEQ application.

**5. Staff Briefing:**

**A. Workshop: David Millikan TxDOT Update on Risk Assessment for Advanced Funding Agreement (AFA) Process**

Mr. Pollack reminded TAC members of the workshop about new Risk Assessment requirements for AFAs to be held immediately after the TAC meeting.

Mr. Pollack stated that, in the interest of time, Staff Update items B-E would be addressed at the next TAC meeting.

**6. Future Agenda Items.**

There were no future agenda items presented.

**7. Public Comments on Agenda Items.**

There were no public comments.

**8. Adjourn.**

The meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

**Workshop: David Millikan TxDOT Update on Risk Assessment for Advanced Funding Agreement (AFA) Process**

Mr. Millikan presented information about TxDOT's new risk assessment procedures for Local Government (LG) projects. The definition of a LG project is as follows:

1. At least one phase of project development (environmental, design, right of way, utility relocation or construction) or the program is managed by a LG agency for which it is being reimbursed with federal (Federal Highway Administration) and/or state (TxDOT) funding, or
2. The project is totally local-funded, managed by the LG on the State Highway System.

Mr. Millikan stated that all pass-through entities must evaluate each sub recipient's risk of noncompliance with Federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of the sub award for purposes of determining the appropriate sub recipient monitoring. In determining its approval or disapproval of LG request to manage one or more elements of performance and management of a project, the Department will evaluate the following criteria:

- Previous LG experience performing proposed type of work
- LG capability to perform or manage work following rules
- Need for accelerated project delivery
- Available Department resources
- Cost-effectiveness of LG versus TxDOT performing work
- Other considerations benefiting State, public, or Department

Mr. Millikan directed all present to the TxDOT website for a guidance document (<http://www.tceq.texas.gov/assets/public/permitting/tier2/GrantProgramApplication.pdf>).