

**CORPUS CHRISTI METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO)  
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC) NOTES – OCTOBER 20, 2016**

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

Meeting called to order by Mr. Sullivan at 9:00 a.m.

Present: Nueces County: Glen Sullivan, P.E., Chair; City of Corpus Christi: Dr. Raymond Chong, P.E; City of Corpus Christi: Jeffrey Edmunds (arrived 9:10); City of Portland: Brian DeLatte, P.E.; Corpus Christi RTA: Gordon Robinson, PMP; Port of Corpus Christi Authority: David Krams, P.E.; San Patricio County Commissioner Fred Nardini; TxDOT – Corpus Christi District: Paula Sales-Evans, P.E.

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

**2. Introduction of visiting agency officials**

Chairman Sullivan welcomed all in attendance. Mr. DeLatte introduced Troy Frazee, who is the City of Portland’s new Director of Public Works and Development. Paula Sales-Evans introduced Charles Benavides, who is the Sinton Area Office Engineer.

**3. Discussion Only:**

**A. Aligning TxDOT’s 10 year Unified Transportation Plan to MPO Plans.**

Mr. Pollack reminded TAC members that MPO staff has undertaken a reorganization of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), the MPO’s long-range plan, as part of the update of the FY2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), the MPO’s short-range, fiscally constrained plan. Mr. Pollack also stated that staff has identified performance measures for each category as a proactive approach to requirements in Texas House Bill 20 (HB 20).

HB 20 also includes requirements for a 10-year, fiscally constrained plan, which will be temporally aligned with the TIP, and State Unified Transportation Plan (UTP). The UTP is an intermediate programming document linking the planning activities of the Statewide Long-Range Transportation Plan (SLRTP), the MTPs, and Rural Transportation Plan to the detailed programming activities under the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) and TxDOT’s 24-month (2-year) Letting Schedule. MPO staff will update the TAC with preliminary results of project prioritization for the 10-year plan, as state guidance is still under development.

In response to an inquiry from Mr. Sullivan, Mrs. Sales-Evans replied that TxDOT would be required to complete the same process, a 10-year plan, for those areas outside the MPO boundary.

**B. Category 4 Planning Targets**

Mr. Pollack informed the TAC that there is approximately \$71M available in Category 4 for congestion/connectivity corridors between FY2018 - FY2026. The District has an opportunity to inform prioritization of projects at the state-level.

Because of the overlap between the Category 4 and Category 2 candidate project lists, Mrs. Sales-Evans suggested deferring this agenda item for inclusion in the Category 2 planning targets workshop scheduled immediately after the TAC. Mr. Pollack offered to entertain any public comments or objections to deferring this discussion to the Category 2 workshop; the TAC agreed to defer the item as proposed.

#### **4. Discussion and Possible Action:**

##### **A. Title VI Policy Statement**

As a recipient of Federal financial assistance and under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the MPO has revised the Title VI Policy Statement to clarify the organization's commitment to nondiscrimination. MPO staff is seeking recommendation by the TAC for Transportation Policy Committee (TPC) approval of the updated Title VI Policy Statement.

Mr. DeLatte asked about the source of the wording for the Title VI Policy Statement. Ms. Buentello informed the TAC that the language used originates from TxDOT guidance. Mr. Robinson made a motion to recommend the statement for TPC approval with the correction of a minor typographical error. Mr. Krams seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

##### **B. Proposed Prop 1 Project (US 181 overpass at Kay Bailey Hutchison Road) Update**

Mr. Pollack reminded the TAC that critical milestones for implementation of the Prop 1 project (US 181 overpass at Kay Bailey Hutchison Rd.) had been discussed at the September TAC meeting. Mr. Pollack stated that lingering uncertainty about the final location of the Prop 1 project will prevent implementation in FY2017. Mr. Pollack also reminded members that last month, the TAC affirmed definitively that the proposed Prop 1 project, totaling approximately \$24M, remains the priority for Prop 1 funding. As such, the District is working to identify the steps required to allow the project to move forward in FY2018. Doing so may require a formal request to the state to roll aggregated FY2016-2017 Prop 1 funds, totaling approximately \$11M, to FY2018. The District had identified approximately \$14M in Category 1 (Preventative Maintenance and Rehabilitation) funds to augment the available FY2016 and FY2017 Prop 1 funds to deliver the \$24M project. In order to deliver the project in FY2018, the District will pull some FY2018 Cat 1 projects forward to FY2017 in order to free up FY2018 Cat 1 dollars to augment to contribute to the Prop 1 project. Mrs. Sales-Evans noted that the District may not be able to furnish the full \$14M in FY2018 Cat 1 funds. Further, she noted that at least one of the location alternatives under consideration will increase the cost of the project.

Mr. Krams reiterated the importance of the project for the region and made a motion to recommend that TPC direct Mr. Pollack to prepare a written request to TxDOT that aggregated FY2016-2017 Prop 1 funds be moved to FY2018. Mr. Nardini seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Sullivan asked how the project location would be determined. Mr. Krams replied that currently the determination is a planning exercise with three possibilities, including an alignment where the current road exists, an alignment to the south and an alignment to the north.

#### **5. Staff Briefing:**

##### **A. Fiscal Year-end Operating Budget Update**

Mr. Pollack informed the TAC that preliminary projections indicated that the MPO closed out FY2016 having consumed approximately 95% of its operating budget, as detailed in the Unified Planning Work Program, and would thus have a modest carry over moving into FY2017.

##### **B. Regional Parkway Mobility Corridor Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL)**

Mr. Pollack informed the TAC that the consultant was preparing the final memoranda and final report for the project and that staff would bring a summary of findings to TAC once the PEL study is complete.

**C. Transportation Policy Committee (TPC) meeting – Wednesday, November 9, 2016**

Mr. Pollack informed the TAC that the regularly scheduled TPC meeting has been rescheduled for November 9<sup>th</sup>. In addition, the December meeting may shift to the 8<sup>th</sup>.

**6. Future Agenda Items.**

Mr. Pollack informed the TAC the items discussed in the forthcoming workshop regarding project candidate prioritization for Category 4 and Category 2 funds will likely be on the TAC's November agenda for future discussion and possible action.

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

There were no public comments.

**8. Adjourn.**

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.