

**CORPUS CHRISTI METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO)
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC) MEETING NOTES
Thursday, February 16, 2017**

1. Call to Order and Quorum determination

Mr. Sullivan called meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

2. Introduction of visiting agency officials

Mr. Sullivan welcomed all in attendance.

3. Discussion Only:

A. TxDOT FY 2017 Unified Transportation Plan (UTP) Briefing to MPOs.

Mr. Pollack reminded the TAC that in January, staff had raised the possibility of the availability of Category 12 (Strategic Projects) support for one or more regional projects. He stated that, since the January TAC meeting, a request had indeed come from Austin to the TxDOT-CRP District to suggest candidate projects for Category 12 support. While the exhibits associated with the updated state UTP are not yet available, preliminary indications are that Category 12 funding will ultimately enable us to create approximately \$6M in freeboard in our Category 2 planning targets for the period of FY2017 – FY2027, which staff propose to program for the upgrade of FM 893 (see attached table). Mr. Pollack commended the TAC on what has proven to be a very effective project prioritization process for Category 2 planning targets, enabling District and MPO staff to respond quickly in the face of supplemental funding.

Mr. Pollack also commented that the inclusion of the US181 ramp reversal project south of Buddy Ganem Dr. on the list of priority Category 2 projects created between \$4M and \$5M in freeboard in Category 7 in FY2020. He reminded the TAC that the SS 544 project, currently listed at the top of the Category 2 alternates table, may not be ideal for Category 2 because its designation on the state system is ambiguous, as it has long been maintained by the City. He inquired as to the City's and TAC's continued interest in this project and suggested that, pending the priority of the group, it might be programmed in FY2020 with the available Category 7 funds.

Dr. Chong responded that the project remains a very high priority for the City of Corpus Christi and the City would like to see it added into the TIP in FY 2020; other TAC members concurred.

Mr. DeLatte pointed out that with proposed programming of the FM 893 and SS 544 projects, all of the remaining projects on the Category 2 alternates table save one are very large projects.

Ms. Sales-Evans responded that some of these projects may be implementable in a phased approach.

Mr. DeLatte suggested depicting the phased components and potentially adding additional projects to the alternates table.

Mr. Pollack responded that the process of creating the MPO's 10-year plan over the next several months, as is required by House Bill 20, should further elucidate project priorities on the MTP and help highlight potential candidates for inclusion on this Category 2 list.

B. Non-radioactive Hazardous Materials Commodity Flow data collection effort.

Mr. Pollack reminded the TAC that in January, the LEPC learned that it would not be awarded grant funds from the TX Commission on Environmental Quality funds to augment the 2016 HazMat Commodity Flows Study. Mr. Pollack reported that MPO staff had been working with Port staff at multiple levels in the organization to develop a strategy for soliciting freight origins and destinations data directly from industry partners, as had been suggested by David Krams at the January TAC.

C. Congestion Management Process (CMP).

Mr. Pollack reminded the TAC that the CMP is, per federal definition, a systematic process that provides safe and effective integrated management and operation of the multimodal

transportation system. Mr. Pollack referenced the packet memo and table, which included a completed version of the Performance-based Planning Approach framework that had been introduced at the January TAC. Mr. Pollack explained that the project prioritization process defined in the CMP would serve to guide the MPO's implementation of HB 20 requirements.

Mr. DeLatte commented that the proposed list of metrics appeared very comprehensive. He suggested that there be two separate tables for clarity, one for metrics of system-wide functionality and the other for project-scale metrics.

Mr. DeLatte, Dr. Chong, and Mr. Robinson offered comments about specific metrics related to the *Crashes*, *Fatalities*, and *Transit* Performance Measurement Topics.

Mr. Sullivan expressed interest in seeing an example of project scoring, possibly of the Category 2 priority projects, as a pilot.

Ms. Sales inquired as to whether the TAC wished to delay further consideration of the updated CMP until staff could complete a pilot scoring exercise.

Mr. Pollack reminded the TAC that the update of the CMP document is about defining and capturing a process, which is timely given the HB 20 requirements and impending MPO federal certification review, but the refinement and weighting of individual metrics would be on-going as part of the implementation of the process.

Mr. Sullivan and the other TAC members indicated that they were ready to have the updated CMP come before them for possible action at the March meeting.

4. Presentation:

A. Regional Parkway Planned Environmental Linkage (PEL) presentation.

The Draft Final Report from the Regional Parkway PEL Study is available on the MPO website (www.corpuschristi-mpo.org), and Mr. Leahey, HDR, and Ms. Olivarri, Olivarri and Associates, presented findings.

5. Staff Briefing:

A. FHWA Certification Review – March 30-31, 2017.

Mr. Pollack informed the TAC that the MPO's Federal certification review is scheduled for the end of March. During their visit, delegates from FHWA typically meet with a few members of the TAC.

B. 12th Annual Texas Transportation Forum – February 5-7, 2017, Austin, TX.

Mr. Pollack informed the TAC that automated and connected vehicle technology had been a prevailing topic at the Transportation Forum. He stated that staff hoped to bring discussions about changing vehicle and infrastructure technology before the TAC in the second half of the year.

C. Transportation Policy Committee Meeting – March 2, 2017.

6. Future Agenda Items:

A. Railroad Crossing Safety – TxDOT.

B. Transportation Alternatives Program: Project Updates/Status.

7. Public Comments on Agenda Items:

Opportunity for public comment on any Agenda Item or any subject within the Committee's jurisdiction (except a matter related to pending litigation) is provided at the conclusion of the meeting, or as specified by the Chairperson of the TAC. Proceedings are recorded. We ask that remarks be brief (limited to three minutes), that you identify yourself, and give your address.

8. Adjourn.

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