

**CORPUS CHRISTI METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO)
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC) MEETING NOTES
Thursday, October 26, 2017 (RESCHEDULED)**

1. Call to order and quorum determination

Mr. Sullivan called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

Present: Glen Sullivan, Nueces County; Howard Gillespie, San Patricio County; David Krams, P.E., Port of Corpus Christi Authority; Paula Sales-Evans, P.E., Texas Department of Transportation, Corpus Christi District; Gordon Robinson, Corpus Christi Regional Transportation Authority; Brian DeLatte, City of Portland; and Dr. Raymond Chong, P.E., City of Corpus Christi

Staff Present: Jeff Pollack, Brigida Gonzalez, Daniel Carrizales, Victor Mendieta, and Elena Buentello

2. Introduction of visiting agency officials

Mr. Sullivan welcomed all in attendance.

3. Discussion and Possible Action

A. Resolution of Support for Port of Corpus Christi Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) Grant Proposal

Mr. Pollack reminded TAC members that the group had, in prior meetings, decided to offer collaborative support for the projects that the Port of Corpus Christi Authority (Port) might opt to submit for INFRA funding, given that there was not a project of appropriate size, scope, and/or readiness in the MPO's 2015-2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). In light of the impending application deadline (November 2nd), staff presented an opportunity for the TAC to formalize a statement of support for the Port's application.

Mr. Krams stated that the Port continues to look for opportunities for improvements on the Joe Fulton Corridor, particularly the truck queuing project, and would welcome support of the TAC for any project that the Port may submit for INFRA funding. Dr. Chong inquired about the project cost; Mr. Krams estimated that the cost for the truck queuing project is around \$25,000,000.00.

Dr. Chong made a motion for a statement of support for the Port's pursuit of the grant application; Mr. Gillespie seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

B. Performance Targets

Mr. Pollack referenced the staff memo enclosed in the TAC agenda packet in explaining that the first deadline for establishing performance targets per federal requirements is in February, 2018. He explained that MPOs must, per federal final rule making, either establish their own performance targets or adopt state targets for five safety-related performance measures. Safety is one of six national measures; performance targets will eventually be required for the performance measures associated with the other five national measures.

Mr. Pollack explained that MPO staff expect much more clarity on these requirements after the November 9th meeting of the Texas Association of MPOs; preliminary conversations with peers in other MPOs from around the state indicates that nearly all MPOs plan to endorse the state targets.

Staff recommends assumption of the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) performance targets for each of the five measures that are part of the Safety Performance Measure Final Rule (Safety PM)

and is seeking action from the TAC in the form of a recommendation to the Transportation Policy Committee (TPC) to this effect.

Mr. DeLatte inquired about evaluation and incentives for utilizing state measures over MPO defined measures. Mr. Pollack stated that the MPO should have the opportunity to define its own performance targets in future years.

Ms. Sales-Evans suggested utilizing state targets to establish a baseline then determining whether we want to modify the targets in future years based on data collected.

Mr. Sullivan asked about the process of applying the targets to MPO funded projects. Mr. Pollack clarified that the measures evaluate performance of the metropolitan transportation system overall as opposed to evaluating individual projects. Mr. Pollack emphasized that compliance with performance targets is only evaluated at the state—not MPO—level. Mr. Sullivan inquired as to whether the MPO was currently acquiring statistics on safety measures such as number of fatalities and serious injuries. Mr. Pollack confirmed the MPO has been collecting these data, which validates the utility MPO's performance-based planning framework.

Ms. Sales-Evans suggested that the MPO seek clarification for "serious accident" as used in the federal rule making.

Dr. Chong inquired about the International Roughness Index (IRI) in the sixth national measure, Pavement Condition. Ms. Sales-Evans indicated the IRI reflects surface rideability. Ms. Sales-Evans suggested there may be opportunity for community outreach and education regarding data collected. Mr. Pollack stated that the forthcoming updates of the Public Participation Plan and 2015-2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan could provide good opportunities to address outreach and education objectives.

Mr. Robinson inquired about Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) and the source of the data. Mr. Pollack stated that the answer differs for facilities on and off the state system. Mr. Robinson stated the Federal Transit Agency is requiring all transit agencies to have a Transit Asset Management Plan in 2018 that will be part of their state-of-good-repair efforts; this requirement will dovetail with the MPO's compliance with national performance measures.

Mr. Robinson inquired about transit accidents and how they would be reported to MPO safety targets. Mr. Pollack stated these types of accidents would roll into a crash data set, not be addressed independently.

Mr. Pollack concluded that performance targets for the five remaining national measures would be part of ongoing discussion with TAC and ultimately with the Transportation Policy Committee (TPC).

Mr. DeLatte made a motion to recommend that the (TPC) assume the state's five safety performance targets for 2018, with staff to seek clarification on the definition of "serious accident" as used in multiple performance measures; Dr. Chong seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Staff Briefing

A. FY 2017 MPO Operating Budget Update

Mr. Pollack reported that the MPO expects to wrap up billing for FY2017 under the roughly \$670K budget of federal planning funds allocated to the MPO for FY2017. The anticipated carryover of planning funds from FY2017 will help support a travel speed and delay study in FY2018, for which procurement of a consultant through the Houston-Galveston Area Council's PlanSource program is already underway.

B. Texas Mobility Summit 2017

Mr. Pollack reported on Team Corpus Christi's participation in the second annual Texas Mobility Summit, which took place October 16-17 in Houston. Ms. Sales-Evans, Dr. Chong, and Mr. Pollack were part of a regional delegation that included representatives from the Port and Texas A&M University Corpus Christi (TAMUCC).

C. 2017 Association of MPOs (AMPO) Annual Conference

Mr. Pollack reported that he had presented the MPO's performance-based planning framework at the annual meeting of the national association of MPOs earlier in October.

D. 2017 American Planning Association, Texas Chapter (APATX17) Conference

Mr. Pollack reported that two members of the MPO staff would be traveling to Frisco early in November to participate in the annual meeting of the Texas chapter of the American Planning Association.

E. Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Livability Publication – October 2017 Edition

Mr. Pollack announced that the October edition of FHWA's online livability newsletter features the Corpus Christi MPO's Bicycle Mobility Plan.

F. TxDOT Bicycle Advisory Committee Appointment

Mr. Pollack shared news of his appointment to the TxDOT Bicycle Advisory Committee.

5. Public Comments on Agenda Items

No comments noted.

6. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 11:19