

**CORPUS CHRISTI METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO)  
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC) MEETING NOTES  
Thursday, October 18, 2018**

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

Mr. Brian DeLatte called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

Present: Brian DeLatte, P.E., City of Portland, Dr. Raymond Chong, P.E., City of Corpus Christi, Jeff Pollack, AICP, Port of Corpus Christi; Gordon Robinson, Corpus Christi RTA; Paula Sales-Evans, P.E., TxDOT- Corpus Christi District; Commissioner Howard Gillespie, San Patricio County; Juan Pimentel, P.E., Nueces County; Richard Bullock, Coastal Bend Council of Government

Staff Present: Daniel Carrizales, Victor Mendieta, Elena Buentello and Yoshiko Boulan.

**2. Introduction of visiting agency officials**

Mr. DeLatte introduced Mr. Pollack as the new Port of Corpus Christi representative.

**3. Public Comments on Agenda Items**

Mr. DeLatte asked for public comments on agenda items; no public comments were offered.

**4. Discussion and Possible Action**

**A. Performance Targets**

Mr. Carrizales explained that Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) require the MPO to establish performing measures for Safety (PM 1), Pavement and Bridge Condition (PM 2), System Performance, Freight, Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (PM 3), and Transit Asset Management (TAM) in the planning process and the performance report must be included in the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). The Safety performance measures were discussed and adopted in February 2018. The MPO needs to establish and adopt the performing measures for PM 2, PM 3, and TAM by December 18, 2018.

The MPO staff recommends supporting the state performance targets for PM 2 and PM 3.

Mr. Pollack asked if the pavement condition data is provided by the TxDOT-Corpus Christi District, and the system performance data is from the Travel Speed and Delay Study. Mr. Mendieta answered that other than the state data, the travel reliability data and a system performance data are from Texas Transportation Institute (TTI) target setting workbook, thus it is combined data.

Dr. Chong asked if the MPO already has the baseline data to measure the performance. Mr. Mendieta answered that the MPO has received 2017 and 2018 data from TxDOT.

Ms. Sales-Evans suggested to make more manageable subsets to measure the conditions and present the information on which corridors are the National Highway System (NHS) and Interstate Highway System in a map.

Dr. Chong, in regards to the Safety measures, asked if fatalities/injuries are recorded only on Interstate Highway System or do they include city streets. Mr. Mendieta answered all roadways. Mr. Mendieta said TxDOT's Crash Records Information System (CRIS) has the crash data on and off the highway system. Ms. Sales-Evans suggested to define and specify roadways that are eligible for federal funding.

Mr. Pollack mentioned the Category 2 funding is for the State Highway System and Category 7 funding is for the arterial or above function level roadways; it is necessary to reevaluate and reprioritize the projects in MTP with these targets.

Dr. Chong made a motion to recommend adopting the state performance targets for PM 2 and PM 3, Mr. Pollack seconded; motion passed unanimously, and this recommendation will be submitted to the Transportation Policy Committee (TPC) on November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018.

**5. Freight Topics**

**A. Port of Corpus Christi Truck Queuing Project Update**

Mr. Pollack informed the TAC members that to showcase the Coastal Bend region, two pilot projects are identified for the Texas Innovation Alliance: one is the Port of Corpus Christi's truck queuing project, and the other is the autonomous campus shuttle by CCRTA. The Truck Queuing Project is the installation of Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) hardware that may be connected to the vehicle infrastructure hardware on the Joe Fulton International Trade Corridor. The Port received the approximately \$4.2 million in grants from the Texas Mobility Fund to build a truck queuing lane to improve the safety and mitigate congestion. The project also intends to install ITS hardware on six intersections that allows real time data collection for analysis by using high definition video that aims for real time incident management and traffic congestion management. This project could be applicable to any intersection in metropolitan area. The Port is working to get a funding source.

**B. TxDOT Texas Statewide Truck Parking Study & Freight Infrastructure Design Considerations Workshop**

Mr. Carrizales informed TAC members that the TxDOT will hold Truck Parking Study & Freight Infrastructure Design Consideration Workshops statewide. A workshop will be held in Corpus Christi on December 18, 2018. TAC members are encouraged to participate.

**6. Staff Briefing**

**A. Interim MPO Director appointment**

Mr. Carrizales has been appointed Interim MPO Transportation Planning Director effective October 8, 2018. The TPC has created an ad-hoc committee to discuss the hiring process on October 17, 2018 and their recommendation will be provided at the November 1, 2018 TPC meeting.

**B. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Texas Mobility Summit: October 28 – 30, 2018 in Arlington, Texas**

Mr. Pollack informed TAC members the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Texas Mobility Summit held in Arlington, Texas. CCRTA, the MPO, and City of Corpus Christi representatives are expected to participate in this summit. Many technology showcases will be displayed on October 28, 2018.

**C. FTA Transit Asset Management (TAM) webinar on October 31, 2018**

Mr. Carrizales informed TAC members that the FTA will hold a TAM webinar on October 31, 2018 that is discussed in Item 4A, as one of the federal requirements for transportation planning process and encouraged TAC members' participation.

**D. Transportation Policy Committee Meeting – November 1, 2018**

Mr. Carrizales reminded TAC members of the next TPC meeting and encouraged members to follow up with their TPC delegates regarding their actions during TAC's meeting. There is an action item and a quorum is required.

**7. Member Agency Project Update**

Mr. Carrizales reminded TAC members the MPO introduced the member agencies' project map concept in July 2018. Ms. Buentello explained that the purpose of this initiative is to increase transparency among the agencies, the public and stakeholders that they can see the current status of projects in the MPO boundary. Ms. Sales-Evans suggested to consider user-friendly terms for the phases. Ms. Sales-Evans explained that TxDOT's Project Trucker language contains specific phases such as "planning" which covers public involvement, environmental study, and schematics while "under design" means a detailed plan that is set to be bid, and "Planning Begins within 4 years" means that the project has a construction budget and is expecting to go bid in the current TIP. The MPO provided the list of projects; the most current status of projects is collected from each sponsor agency and the final product will be placed on the MPO website.

**8. TAC Members' Comments and Concerns**

Mr. Robinson updated the TAC on CCRTA's Sunday service schedule change. CCRTA used to have different routes on Sundays but now the routes from Monday through Sunday are the same. CCRTA recorded the highest ridership since October 2015.

Mr. Pollack asked Mr. Robinson if the damaged bicycle infrastructure on Alameda would be replaced, and Mr. Robinson answered it would be.

Dr. Chong informed the TAC that the widening project on Rodd Field Road from Saratoga Boulevard to Yorktown Boulevard will impact the traffic.

Ms. Sales-Evans informed that TxDOT held the I-37 project (from Redbird Lane to US 77 Interchange) public meeting on October 9, 2018

**9. Future Agenda Items**

None offered.

**10. Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 9:31 pm.