

**CORPUS CHRISTI METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE (TPC) MINUTES**

MAY 5, 2016

1. Call to Order and Quorum Determination:

Judge Simpson called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. at the City Hall Council Chambers.

Judge Simpson, San Patricio County; Mr. Caron, Texas Department of Transportation – Corpus Christi District (TxDOT); Mr. Zahn, Port of Corpus Christi Authority; Mr. Rock, Corpus Christi Regional Transportation Authority (RTA); Mayor Martinez, City of Corpus Christi; Mayor Krebs, City of Portland; & Mr. Buckner, Coastal Bend Council of Governments were present.

2. Introduction of Visiting Agency Officials:

The TPC welcomed members of the community, the Technical Advisory Committee Members, TxDOT representatives and City Staff.

Mr. Pollack and the TPC introduced new TPC member Mr. John Buckner, Executive Director of the Coastal Bend Council of Governments.

3. Approval of the March 3, 2015 TPC Meeting Minutes:

Judge Simpson called for approval of the minutes of the regular TPC meeting of March 3, 2016.

Mr. Zahn made a motion to approve the TPC meeting minutes; Mayor Martinez seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Items for Discussion and Action:

A. Discussion and possible action to approve the Draft FY 2017 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP).

Mr. Pollack reminded the TPC that staff had, for the last few months, been preparing the FY 2017 UPWP, which serves as the operating budget for the MPO. Mr. Pollack referred to the summary memo in the agenda packet and explained that the draft UPWP had been updated to reflect the foci of the new Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act, but that there had not been substantive changes in the budget allocation. Mr. Pollack reported that the FY 2017 UPWP had been reviewed by the TPC members' appointees to the MPO TAC and had been recommended for approval.

Mayor Krebs made a motion to approve the submittal of the Draft FY 2017 UPWP to TxDOT; Mr. Rock seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

B. Discussion and possible action to approve the FY 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) update / 2015-2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) Amendment.

Mr. Pollack reminded the TPC that MPO staff have been working on the two-year update of the MPO's fiscally constrained four year plan, the TIP. Mr. Pollack also reminded TPC that staff had been working with the MPO's Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) since the beginning of the calendar year to re-evaluate project prioritization and project scopes on the MPO's long-range plan, the MTP, to inform project prioritization on the updated TIP.

Mr. Pollack stated that the updated FY 2017-2020 TIP addresses the essential elements identified in the Metropolitan Planning Funds Administration Manual. He referenced the memo and summary tables in the agenda packet to illustrate that the proposed FY 2017-2020 TIP update and corresponding 2015-2040 MTP Amendment reflected all of the feedback provided by TAC to date.

Mayor Martinez made a motion to approve submittal of the updated FY 2017-2020 TIP; Mr. Zahn seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Krebs made a motion to approve amending the 2015-2040 MTP to reflect the TIP update; Mr. Zahn seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Martinez inquired as to how often the TIP and MTP are modified.

Mr. Pollack replied that the TIP is formally updated every two years and the MTP is formally updated every five, but he explained that there is a quarterly amendment cycle for both documents, and both are subject to on-going review and revision by staff in collaboration with the local TxDOT district and the MPO TAC.

Mayor Martinez commented that Corpus Christi has changed significantly in the last few years and encouraged TPC members to stay abreast of these changes and the needs of their stakeholders.

Mr. Pollack agreed and affirmed staff's intent to continue to work with the TAC to ensure that the MTP continued to evolve to capture new project opportunities and needs.

Mayor Martinez also made note of upcoming changes around the Robstown area due to I-69 activity.

5. TPC Members' Comments and Concerns:

Mr. Zahn proposed to start the TPC meetings at 2:00 p.m. versus 1:30 p.m.

Mr. Pollack indicated that staff would vet the change with all members and update the standing calendar invitation accordingly. Mr. Pollack also indicated that staff would be exploring the feasibility of a change in venue to the board room at the new RTA Staples Street Center, into which the MPO is moving at the end of May.

6. Staff Briefing:

A. Regional Parkway, Planning Environmental Linkage (PEL) Study.

Mr. Pollack informed the TPC that the Regional Parkway PEL study is progressing well. The team is wrapping up targeted stakeholder meetings and is moving into broader stakeholder engagement, which will include presenting to or visiting with a number of groups over the next few months. He recapped the public open house that was held at the Botanical Gardens on April 11th, and he informed the TPC that the alternatives analysis was also underway. Mr. Pollack indicated that TPC members should expect to hear more about the project in the media during this phase of the work.

B. MPO Title VI Plan Update.

Mr. Pollack informed the TPC that staff were wrapping up a significant update of the MPO's Title VI procedures. He stated that Ms. Buentello had lead the effort, which included defining a work program that will allow for annual review and update of Title VI policies and procedures.

C. Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) grant.

Mr. Pollack reminded the TPC that staff worked with the Nueces County Local Emergency Planning Committee to secure Division of Emergency Management funds to support an update of the 2010 Haz Mat Commodity Flows study. The Texas A&M Transportation Institute is under contract to conduct the data collection, which began after a kickoff meeting on April 22nd. The conclusion of this work in early fall will determine whether a formal routing process for Non-radioactive Hazardous Material (NRHM) is merited.

D. I-69 Advisory Committee Meeting, Ortiz Center – June 3, 2016.

Mr. Pollack informed the TPC that the I-69 Advisory Committee is meeting in Corpus Christi on June 3rd from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00p.m.

Mr. Zahn informed the TPC that there will be a reception for the I-69 Advisory Committee on June 2nd at 5:30 p.m. at the Ortiz Center. Mr. Zahn stated that both the State and National I-69 Advisory Committees would be in attendance and invited all present to attend as well.

Mr. Caron stated the community is fortunate to be hosting the reception and meeting and would like to see a resounding show of support at both events.

E. Implementation of Strategic Plan for Active Mobility, Phase 1: Bicycle Mobility.

Mr. Pollack reported that dissemination and implementation of the Bicycle Mobility Plan is going very well. He recapped some of the dissemination milestones and explained that the plan would be back before Corpus Christi City Council in May for adoption into MobilityCC, the City's Unified Transportation Plan.

F. Development of Strategic Plan for Active Mobility, Phase 2: Pedestrian Mobility.

Mr. Pollack informed the TPC that staff had begun doing some preliminary analyses that would help inform the scoping of Phase II of the Strategic Plan for Active Mobility in June, once the FY 2017 UPWP and FY 2017-2020 TIP update have been submitted and the MPO's move to the new Staples Street Center had been completed.

G. Transportation Policy Committee meeting – June 2, 2016.

Mr. Pollack informed the TPC that the June 2nd meeting is likely to be cancelled due to a lack of action items, in which case the next TPC meeting would be scheduled for July 7th.

7. Future Agenda Items.

There were no future agenda items presented.

8. Public Comments on Agenda Items.

There were no public comments.

9. Adjourn.

There being no further business, Judge Simpson adjourned the meeting at 1:59 p.m.