

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

SEPTEMBER 1, 2016

1. Call to Order and Quorum Determination:

Judge Simpson called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. at the City of Corpus Christi Council Chambers.

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

MPO Staff: Jeff Pollack, Brigida Gonzalez, Vilma Jasso, Daniel Carrizales, Victor Mendieta, and Elena Buentello.

2. Introduction of Visiting Agency Officials:

The TPC welcomed Mr. John LaRue, Executive Director for the Port of Corpus Christi Authority; Mr. Sean Strawbridge, Chief Operating Officer for the Port of Corpus Christi Authority; Mr. Chad Magill, City Council Member At-Large, the Technical Advisory Committee Members, TxDOT representatives, City staff and members of the community.

3. Approval of the July 14, 2016 TPC Meeting Minutes:

Judge Simpson called for approval of the minutes of the regular TPC meeting of July 14, 2016. Mr. Zahn made a motion to approve the TPC meeting minutes; Mayor Martinez seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Presentation:

A. Harbor Bridge Voluntary Relocation Program Update.

Mr. Sean Strawbridge, Chief Operating Officer for the Port of Corpus Christi Authority (PCCA) and Mr. Kyle Madsen, Deputy Director - Right of Way Division, TxDOT updated the TPC on the Voluntary Real Estate Acquisition and Relocation Program associated with the Harbor Bridge project.

Mr. Strawbridge described the new Harbor Bridge as an iconic structure and the longest cable-stayed bridge in the Western Hemisphere, which will connect over 60,000 daily commuters, open the Corpus Christi Sports Entertainment Arts (SEA) District for new development, and raise the air draft to 205' for passage of larger modern ocean going vessels.

Mr. Strawbridge reminded the TPC of the four party agreement between TxDOT, the City of Corpus Christi, the PCCA, and the Corpus Christi Housing Authority, executed in December 2015, which defines the terms for support of the Voluntary Relocation Program. He also referenced the two party agreement between TxDOT and the MPO, which defines the terms of the MPO's commitment.

Mr. Strawbridge's presentation detailed the options to be afforded to homeowners, business owners, churches, and tenants. He also outlined estimated costs for program administration and implementation under varying levels of program participation.

B. Non-radioactive Hazardous Materials Commodity Flow Study (CFS).

Dr. David Bierling of Texas A&M Transportation Institute presented preliminary results from the ongoing CFS in the Corpus Christi Ship Channel area, which is funded by a Division of Emergency Management grant to the City of Corpus Christi/Nueces County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC).

Dr. Bierling outlined the proposed scope for a supplemental grant from Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ), which presents a unique opportunity to augment the commodity flows data collected to date while yielding information that would contribute directly to a formal NRHM routing study or process.

Chairman Simpson commented that the data to be collected under the proposed TCEQ grant would be important to the community, especially for the LEPCs and the Fire Departments.

Mayor Martinez reiterated Chairman Simpson's sentiments. Mayor Martinez also stated that the data collected from TCEQ grant would help enable our community to plan for hazardous materials emergencies.

Mr. Zahn supported the continued data collection proposed in the TCEQ grant, especially in light of local and state groups working to implement I-69.

The remaining TPC members expressed unanimous support for the proposed path forward, including supplemental data collection if the TCEQ grant application is successful.

5. Staff Briefing:

A. MPO Operating Budget Update

Mr. Pollack informed the TPC that in response to TPC's feedback at the last meeting, wherein they expressed interest in more regular updates on the MPO's internal operating budget, staff had included in members' meeting notebooks a summary table that reflects budget expended to date for each of the 5 tasks in the operating budget (the UPWP). Mr. Pollack commented that the percentage of budget expended to date was nearly 10% lower than the percentage complete of the fiscal year. He reported that preliminary totals for August and projections for September indicate that the MPO should be able to maintain positive variance through the end of the fiscal year, which will translate into carryover that into FY17.

Mr. Pollack stated that once the year end accounting is complete, staff will include a discussion item on the agenda that will provide a more detailed summary of FY16 budget as well as a deeper look at the FY17 budget, which was approved by TPC in the form of the FY17 UPWP earlier this summer.

Items 5B and 5C were tabled in the interest of time.

B. FTA/National Center for Mobility Management Ladders of Opportunity Roundtable

C. Strategic Plan for Active Mobility update

D. Transportation Policy Committee meeting – October 6, 2016.

Several members reported conflicts with the next regularly scheduled meeting of the TPC on October 6th; Mr. Pollack responded that this meeting will thus likely be rescheduled or cancelled due to lack of quorum.

6. TPC Members' Comments and Concerns:

There were no comments.

7. Future Agenda Items:

There were no future agenda items presented.

8. Public Comments on Agenda Items:

There were no public comments.

9. Adjourn:

Judge Simpson adjourned the meeting at 3:06 p.m.