

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

**November 9, 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 (TxDOT) – Corpus Christi District; Mr. Zahn, Port of Corpus Christi Authority; Mayor Martinez, City of Corpus Christi; Mayor Krebs, City of Portland; & Judge Neal, Nueces County.

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

**2. Introduction of Visiting Agency Officials:**

The TPC welcomed all in attendance.

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

Judge Simpson called for approval of the minutes of the regular TPC meeting of September 1, 2016. Mr. Zahn made a motion to approve the TPC meeting minutes; Mayor Krebs seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**4. Discussion Only:**

**A. Aligning TxDOT's 10 Year Unified Transportation Plan to MPO Plans**

Mr. Pollack provided an overview of Texas House Bill 20 (HB20), as enacted by the 84<sup>th</sup> Legislature, to the TPC. HB20 requires the Texas Transportation Commission to implement performance-based planning and programming. Each MPO must develop a 10-year transportation plan, the first four years of which will be the Transportation Improvement Program. Mr. Pollack reminded the TPC of efforts earlier this year to reorganize the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), the MPO's long-range plan, into subcategories that reflect federal priorities and to identify performance measure in each category; Mr. Pollack stated that this previous work represents a meaningful step toward fulfilling HB20 requirements. MPO staff will continue to work with the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) to refine these performance measures. Additional guidance on the creation of ten year plans is forthcoming from TxDOT.

**B. Prioritization of Category 2 (Metropolitan and Urban Area Corridor) and Category 4 (Statewide Connectivity Corridor) Projects**

Mr. Pollack informed the TPC that, according to the state Unified Transportation Program, our region will receive roughly \$183M in Category 2 (Metro and Urban Area Corridor) funds over the next 10 years. MPO staff and TxDOT have been working with the MPO's Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) to identify projects on the MTP that are possible candidates for Category 2 funds and to assign relative priority to those projects. Mr. Pollack informed the TPC that the process will continue at the November 17<sup>th</sup> TAC meeting, after which the TAC will furnish recommendations to the TPC. MPO staff is relying on communication between TAC and their respective TPC members in order for discussion and possible action by the TPC in December.

## **5. Discussion and Possible Action:**

### **A. Title VI Policy Statement**

Mr. Pollack informed the TPC of staff's work over the past several months to update to the MPO's Title IV plan, including the Title IV policy statement. Mr. Pollack stated the policy statement has been approved by the Nueces County Attorney's office. The TAC has recommended action by TPC to ratify the statement to clarify the organization's commitment to nondiscrimination.

Mr. Zahn made a motion to ratify the Title VI policy statement, which was seconded by Mayor Krebs. Motion passed unanimously.

### **B. Proposed Prop 1 Project**

Mr. Pollack reminded TPC that in 2014 Texas voters overwhelmingly approved the ballot measure known as Proposition 1 (Prop 1), authorizing a constitutional amendment wherein a portion of oil and gas tax revenues would be deposited to the State Highway Fund. Mr. Pollack stated that the TPC identified the US 181 overpass at Kay Bailey Hutchison Rd. as the priority for FY2016 and FY2017 Prop 1 funds.

Mr. Pollack informed the TPC that pending project developments in the vicinity of the US 181 corridor have prevented a firm decision about the project location, thereby limiting implementation of the project in FY2017. Mr. Pollack stated that based on a recommendation by the TAC, staff is seeking action by the TPC, in the form of a directive to the MPO Transportation Planning Director to prepare a written request to TxDOT that aggregated FY2016-2017 Prop 1 funds be available for use in FY2018.

A motion to approve TAC's recommendation was made by Mr. Zahn and seconded by Mayor Krebs.

## **6. Staff Briefing:**

### **A. Regional Parkway Mobility Corridor Planning and Environmental Linkage Study**

Mr. Pollack stated that the final technical memoranda are being drafted.

### **B. Non-radioactive Hazardous Materials Commodity Flow Study**

Mr. Pollack informed the TPC that the final report from the commodity flow study is complete and available through MPO website. Mr. Pollack reminded the TPC that a grant application has been submitted to Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. If approved, the grant would support additional data collection to determine whether a Non-radioactive Hazardous Materials Route is merited. Next steps will be revisited pending the application results.

### **C. Transportation Policy Committee meeting – December 8, 2016**

Mr. Pollack reminded the TPC that the next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 8, 2016.

### **D. TxDOT and Flatiron/Dragados LLC Harbor Bridge Public Hearing – December 8, 2016**

Mr. Pollack informed TPC members that there will be a Public Hearing regarding the Harbor Bridge Project immediately following the December TPC meeting. Mr. Pollack emphasized that the Public Meeting will be a distinct event administered by TxDOT and will not be part of the TPC regular agenda.

**E. 2016 American Planning Association Texas Chapter Conference – San Antonio, TX**

Mr. Pollack informed the TPC that MPO staff attended the Texas Chapter of the American Planning Association and presented the MPO's Strategic Plan for Active Mobility, which was very well received.

**F. 2016 Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations Annual Conference – Fort Worth, TX**

Mr. Pollack informed the TPC that MPO staff also attended and presented at the annual conference of the Association of MPOs. Mr. Pollack reported that there was strong interest among other MPO's in our work on active mobility planning.

**7. TPC Members' Comments and Concerns:**

There were no future agenda items presented.

**8. Future Agenda Items:**

There were no comments.

**9. Public Comments on Agenda Items:**

There was no public comment.

**10. Adjourn:**

Judge Simpson adjourned the meeting at 2:20 p.m.