

**CORPUS CHRISTI METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE (TPC) MINUTES
February 2, 2017**

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. Zahn, Port of Corpus Christi Authority; Mayor Pro Tem Vaughn, City of Corpus Christi; and Mr. Caron, P.E., Texas Department of Transportation – Corpus Christi District (TxDOT).

Staff present: Jeff Pollack, Brigida Gonzalez, Vilma Jasso, Daniel Carrizales, and Victor Mendieta.

2. Introduction of visiting agency officials

Mr. Pollack welcomed Ms. Lucy Rubio, member of the Corpus Christi City Council, who will be assuming the role of Mayor Pro Tem on March 10 and will thus participate as a member of the TPC beginning in April.

3. Approval of the December 8, 2016, TPC Meeting Minutes

Judge Simpson called for approval of the minutes of the regular TPC meeting of December 8, 2016. Mr. Zahn made a motion to approve the TPC meeting minutes; Mr. Caron seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Discussion and Action:

A. Discussion and action to elect officers for the Transportation Policy Committee

Judge Simpson informed the TPC that the MPO Bylaws and Operation Procedures require the TPC to elect a Chair and a Vice Chair from among its voting members during the first meeting of the calendar year.

Mr. Zahn made a motion to re-elect Judge Simpson as Chair; Mr. Caron seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Judge Simpson made a motion to elect Mr. Zahn as Vice Chair; Mr. Caron seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Discussion Only:

A. TxDOT FY 2017 Unified Transportation Plan (UTP) Briefing to MPOs

Mr. Pollack informed the TPC that a video teleconference was held on January 18th with TxDOT administration and MPOs to discuss upcoming changes to the FY 2017 UTP process and timeline; a follow up meeting will be held with the Districts and MPOs at the Association of Texas MPOs (TEMPO) meeting in early February.

Mr. Pollack reminded the TPC that staff and the TAC had conducted a detailed project prioritization process in order to set planning targets for the estimated \$130M in Category 2 (Metropolitan and Urban Corridor Projects) and estimated \$70M in Category 4(3c) (Statewide Connectivity) that will come to our region over the next ten years. He stated that one of the principal motivations for undertaking that semi-quantitative process was to be prepared in the event that supplemental funding became available.

Mr. Caron listed some of the projects that have been identified as candidates for Category 2 and Category 4(3c) as well as those that may be competitive for Category 12 (Strategic Priority) funds, which are allocated by the Texas Transportation Commission, which may ultimately create some funding freeboard in our Category 2 and/or Category 4(3c) resources.

6. Staff Briefing:

A. Regional Parkway Mobility Corridor Planning and Environmental Linkage (PEL) Study

Mr. Pollack informed the TPC that the Draft Final Report from the Regional Parkway PEL Study is available through the MPO website (www.corpuschristi-mpo.org), and the consulting team for the project is scheduled to present findings to the TPC on March 2nd.

B. Congestion Management Process (CMP) Update

Mr. Pollack informed the TPC that staff have been working with the TAC to update of the CMP for the MPO. The CMP is, per federal definition, a systematic process that provides safe and effective integrated management and operation of the multimodal transportation system. A CMP is required in metropolitan areas with population exceeding 200,000, known as Transportation Management Areas (TMAs). The CMP serves as an organizing framework for all transportation planning activities in a given metro area. Staff plans to bring this topic to the TPC later this spring.

C. Non-radioactive Hazardous Materials Commodity Flow data collection effort

Mr. Pollack informed the TPC that the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) learned in January that it will not be awarded grant funds from the TX Commission on Environmental Quality to augment the 2016 HazMat Commodity Flows Study. MPO staff and partners have identified an alternative path forward in an attempt to determine whether a formal routing process for hazardous material is merited. As an immediate step, MPO staff is working with Port of Corpus Christi staff to pursue freight data directly from industry partners.

D. Transportation for America Bicycle Mobility Plan Case Study

Mr. Pollack reported that the MPO's Bicycle Mobility Plan has been selected by the national non-profit Transportation for America to be featured as a case study in a comprehensive guidance document about bicycle mobility planning. Mr. Pollack explained that he had already participated in a lengthy phone interview and would be delivering a presentation via a Transportation for America WebEx to a national audience later this year.

E. 12th Annual Texas Transportation Forum – February 5-7, Austin, TX

Mr. Pollack informed the TPC that the 12th Annual Texas Transportation Forum will be held in Austin on February 5-7. The quarterly meeting of the Texas Association of MPOs (TEMPO) will also be held on the afternoon of February 7th.

F. FHWA Certification Review – March 30-31, 2017

Mr. Pollack informed the TPC that the MPO's Federal certification review is scheduled for the end of March. During their visit, delegates from FHWA typically meet with a few members of the TPC. Staff will assist with schedule coordination closer to the event date.

G. Transportation Policy Committee meeting – March 2, 2017

Mr. Pollack reminded the TPC that the next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 2, 2017.

7. TPC Members' Comments and Concerns: Judge Simpson congratulated Mr. Pollack on the MPO's selection as a Bicycle Mobility Plan case study.

8. Future Agenda Items: No future agenda items were noted.

9. Public Comments on Agenda Items: There were no public comments.

10. Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m.