

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

1. Call to Order and Quorum determination

The honorable David Krebs called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. at the City of Corpus Christi Council Chambers.

Present: David Krebs, City of Portland; Mayor Pro Tem Vaughn, City of Corpus Christi; Mr. Caron, P.E., Texas Department of Transportation – Corpus Christi District (TxDOT); Curtis Rock, Chairman, Regional Transportation Authority.

Staff Present: Jeff Pollack, Brigida Gonzalez, Daniel Carrizales, Victor Mendieta and Elena Buentello.

2. Introduction of visiting agency officials

Mr. Pollack welcome all in attendance.

3. Approval of the February 2, 2017 TPC Meeting Minutes

Mayor Krebs called for approval of the minutes of the regular TPC meeting of February 2, 2016. Ms. Vaughn made a motion to approve; Mr. Caron seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Presentation:

A. Regional Parkway Planning & Environmental Linkage (PEL) presentation

Mr. Robert Leahey of HDR Engineering presented findings from the Regional Parkway PEL Study, the Draft Final Report which is available on the MPO website (www.corpuschristi-mpo.org).

5. Discussion Only:

A. Update on Harbor Bridge Project Voluntary Relocation Program & Implications for MPO

Staff updated the TPC on the Harbor Bridge Voluntary Relocation Program and potential implications for the Corpus Christi MPO. Mr. Pollack shared data furnished by the Port of Corpus Christi, which estimates the total cost of the Voluntary Relocation Program at various level of participation by eligible residents. Mr. Pollack pointed out that at 50% participation the total program cost is anticipated to be just over \$40M, which—given the Port of Corpus Christi's commitment of \$20M—would translate into an approximate \$20M contribution from MPO Category 7 funds. Mr. Pollack explained that given the three year window of opportunity for participation in the program, the MPO will have a more accurate sense of its commitment in FY 2019.

Mr. Pollack reminded the TPC that the MPO's Category 7 funds are almost entirely committed to bridge construction and associated park mitigation projects through FY 2020, and thus the MPO's contribution to the Voluntary Relocation Program will begin in FY 2021.

Mayor Krebs inquired as to the status of the Voluntary Relocation Program.

Dionicio Marquez, from Del Richards and Associates (DRA), the consultant under contract to implement the Voluntary Relocation Program, responded that to date there are 210 parties interested in participating in the program. Of those 210 interested parties, 160 have completed the eligibility process. Mr. Dionicio stated that requirements for eligibility include owning (as of January 1, 2016) a parcel within the project area that serves as a primary residence; if the property is currently vacant, it must have been rented for 45 weeks of the previous two years.

B. TxDOT FY 2017 Unified Transportation Plan (UTP)

Mr. Pollack reported that exhibits from the upcoming March update to the state UTP were published at the end of February and reflect that our region will be receiving \$36M in Category 12 (Strategic Priority) funds to support portions of three projects:

- SH 44 overpass at Violet Rd.
- Upgrade of I-37 from Redbird Ln. across the Nueces River
- Grade separation on US 181 at SH 35

Mr. Pollack stated that the effective planning and prioritization process undertaken late in 2016 for Category 2 and Category 4(3c) funds left our region well positioned to respond to the call for Category 12 project ideas. He praised TxDOT-CRP staff for their strong planning and quick response, which allowed us to capitalize on the opportunity for supplemental funding.

6. Staff Briefing:

A. 12th Annual Texas Transportation Forum – February 5-7, 2017 Austin, TX

Mr. Pollack reported that he and Mr. Caron had attended the 12th Annual Texas Transportation Forum in early February. He informed the TPC that automated and connected vehicle technology had been a prevailing topic at the Transportation Forum. He stated that staff hoped to bring discussions about changing vehicle and infrastructure technology before the TAC and TPC in the second half of the year.

B. May amendment to the FY2017-FY2020 Transportation Improvements Program (TIP)

Mr. Pollack stated that MPO staff were planning for an August, rather than May, amendment, which would require TAC discussion in May and possible action in June, followed by TPC action in July.

C. Congestion Management Process (CMP) Update and Performance-Based Project Prioritization Compliance for House Bill 20 (HB 20)

Mr. Pollack reminded the TPC that—as discussed during the February TPC—a CMP is (per federal definition) a systematic process that provides safe and effective integrated management and operation of the multimodal transportation system. The CMP is not intended to be a standalone process but rather serves as an organizing framework for all transportation planning activities in a given metro area.

Mr. Pollack reminded the TPC that Staff have been working with TAC to define performance metrics for use in prioritizing capital projects and for evaluating the efficacy of the metropolitan transportation system over all.

He stated that later this month, TAC may take action to recommend the updated CMP for approval by TPC in April, which would demonstrate that our commitment to meeting the requirements of House Bill 20 (HB20) by embracing a performance-based approach to project prioritization.

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

Mr. Pollack reminded the TPC that the LEPC did not secure supplemental funding to continue our collaborative collection of HazMat commodity flows data. However, as reported at the February meeting of the TPC, the Port's delegate to the TAC suggested that the Port may be able to facilitate direct acquisition of target information from industry partners. MPO staff have delivered a digital survey instrument to Port staff, who are working to establish the necessary non-disclosure agreements with industry partners.

E. Federal Highway Administration Certification Review – April 18-20, 2017

Mr. Pollack reported that the dates for the MPO's upcoming Federal Certification Review have shifted from late March to mid-April, and he asked TPC members' cooperation in making themselves available to visit with the federal agency representatives.

F. Transportation Policy Committee meeting – April 6, 2017

7. TPC Members' Comments and Concerns

8. Future Agenda Items

9. Public Comments on Agenda Items:

Opportunity for public comment on any Agenda Item or any subject within the Committee's jurisdiction (except a matter related to pending litigation) is provided at the conclusion of the meeting, or as specified by the Chairperson of the TPC. Proceedings are recorded. We ask that remarks be brief (limited to three minutes), that you identify yourself, and give your address.

10. Adjourn.

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