

**CORPUS CHRISTI METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE (TPC) MINUTES
March 1, 2018**

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 Corpus Christi; Mayor Krebs, City of Portland, Mr. Martinez, Corpus Christi Regional Transportation Authority and Mr. Caron, P.E., Texas Department of Transportation – Corpus Christi District (TxDOT).

Staff present: Jeff Pollack, Daniel Carrizales, Victor Mendieta and Elena Buentello.

2. Introduction of Visiting Agency Officials

Judge Simpson welcomed all in attendance.

3. Approval of the February 1, 2018 TPC Meeting Minutes

Mayor Krebs made a motion to approve the February 1, 2018 TPC Meeting Minutes. Mr. Zahn seconded; motion passed unanimously.

4. Presentation

A. Update on Harbor Bridge Voluntary Relocation Program

Sam Esquivel, Real Estate Services Manager for Port Corpus Christi delivered a presentation to the TPC on the implementation of the Harbor Bridge Voluntary Relocation Program, including the projected rate of participation and financial implications for the MPO per the Four Party Agreement (December, 2015).

Judge Simpson inquired as to how many properties were likely to be disputed in court.

Mr. Esquivel responded that few if any are expected to result in a court dispute.

Mr. Zahn commended Mr. Esquivel and his staff on their work to-date in implementing a first of its kind program in the state.

Mr. Caron thanked the Port Commission and Port staff and reminded the TPC that the Voluntary Relocation Program is being implemented in full accordance with the Uniform Relocations Act, which means that all property acquisitions are being conducted in the same manner as if they were being conducted by the Department of Transportation.

5. Discussion and Possible Action

A. Proposed Amendment to the 2015-2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)

Mr. Pollack introduced a proposed amendment to the MPO's long-range plan, the MTP, which is part of TxDOT's February Revision to the State Transportation Improvements Program (STIP). The amendment captures the FY 2019 and FY 2020 Transportation Alternatives (TA) Set-Aside Program projects as well as other administrative changes. The 30-day public notice requesting public comment for the proposed amendment was posted on February 4th; public comment period closes March 4th.

Mayor Krebs made a motion to approve the proposed amendment to the 2015-2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan, as recommended by the MPO Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and pending any public comments received prior to March 4th. Mr. Zahn seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

6. Staff Briefing

A. FY 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Update

Mr. Pollack informed the TPC that staff were working on the FY 2019-2022 update to the TIP and would be bringing it before the TPC for possible action in April.

B. Public Participation Plan (PPP) Update

Mr. Pollack informed the TPC that, per Fixing America’s Surface Transportation (FAST) Act requirements, the TIP update triggers a corresponding update to the MPO’s Public Participation Plan; the public notice for this update, which is 45 days (as opposed to the 30 days typical of most MPO plans), begin February 18th and closes April 3rd. Staff will bring the proposed PPP update before the TPC for possible action during the April 5th meeting.

C. Metropolitan Planning MOU

Mr. Pollack reported that MPO staff had visited with TxDOT-CRP staff and RTA staff about the May 27th deadline for establishing a Metropolitan Planning Process & Performance Based Planning & Programming MOU, per the requirements of the FAST Act. Staff from the three organizations have collaborated on a working draft document and have defined a path forward for finalizing the required attachments and executing the agreement at the April meeting of the TPC.

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

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

Mr. Caron inquired as to whether staff had received any news regarding the grant applications submitted earlier in the year.

Mr. Pollack reminded the TPC that the MPO has submitted two applications for supplemental funding, one to the TxDOT Traffic Safety Grant program and one to the Federal Highways Administration (FHWA) to support a nature-based solution to protect coastal transportation infrastructure. While news on the Traffic Safety Grant won’t come until early summer at the earliest, the MPO did receive word from FHWA that the shoreline protection pilot will be funded. Mr. Pollack explained that this program will bring positive national attention to the Coastal Bend as a region that is being proactive and innovative in its efforts to enhance the resilience and durability of its coastal infrastructure.

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