

**CORPUS CHRISTI METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE (TPC) MINUTES
May 3, 2018**

1. Call to Order and Quorum Determination

Mr. Zahn, TPC Vice-Chair, called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. at the City of Corpus Christi Council Chambers.

Present: Mr. Zahn, Port Corpus Christi; Mayor McComb (2:02), City of 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

Staff present: Jeff Pollack, Brigida Gonzalez, Daniel Carrizales, Victor Mendieta, Elena Buentello and Yoshiko Boulan

2. Introduction of Visiting Agency Officials

Mr. Zahn welcomed all in attendance. Mayor. Krebs introduced Portland Councilmember Ron Jorgensen.

3. Public Comments

Mr. Zahn called for public comment on agenda items; None were offered.

- A. AMENDMENT to the FY 2018 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)**
- B. DRAFT FY 2019 – 2020 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)**
- C. Any other agenda items**

4. Approval of the April 5, 2018 TPC Meeting Minutes

Mayor Krebs made a motion to approve the April 5, 2018 TPC Meeting Minutes. Mr. Martinez seconded; motion passed unanimously.

5. Discussion and Possible Action

A. Proposed amendment on FY 2018 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

Mr. Pollack reminded the TPC that the UPWP describes how federal planning funds will be spent over the course of the year. It defines transportation planning priorities and related non-construction activities to be performed during the year by the MPO and partner entities. It also doubles as the operating budget for the MPO. He explained that the proposed amendment to the FY 2018 UPWP reflects the addition of the MPO's Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) grant award for a Resilience and Durability to Extreme Weather pilot project.

Mayor Krebs made a motion to approve the proposed amendment to the FY 2018 UPWP. Mr. Martinez seconded; motion passed unanimously.

B. Proposed FY 2019-2020 UPWP

Mr. Pollack referred TPC members to the proposed FY 2019 & 2020 UPWP that was distributed electronically and to the printed Budget Summary and Special Studies (Task 5) section in their agenda packet. He stated that the only major change between this and previous UPWPs is the reversion back to a two-year UPWP, which simplifies administration of multi-year projects and enhances the MPO's flexibility in undertaking special studies. The MPO historically had a two-year UPWP and only transitioned to a one-year UPWP during a period of uncertainty about the availability of federal funds. The process for developing the UPWP includes addressing federally mandated planning factors as well as prioritizing planning emphasis areas identified by the FHWA and Federal Transit Administration (FTA).

Mayor Krebs inquired as to the stability of MPO funding.

Mr. Pollack responded that the MPO is in a period of relative stability due to the adoption of a five-year federal transportation bill, the Fixing Americas Surface Transportation (FAST) Act in 2015.

Mr. Caron added that the TxDOT Corpus Christi District (TxDOT-CRP) has a large portfolio of projects programmed, stating that our regional funding allocation is larger than it has ever been.

Mayor Krebs made a motion to approve the proposed FY 2019 & 2020 UPWP. Mr. Martinez seconded; motion passed unanimously.

6. Staff Briefing

A. Request for Qualifications (RFQ) to Select Coastal Engineering Service Provider

Mr. Pollack informed the TPC that on Tuesday April 17, 2018 the MPO released a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) to select a Coastal Engineer to design a nature-based shoreline protection feature as part of the MPO's Resilience and Durability to Extreme Weather pilot project. He stated that the RFQ is available through the MPO website and would close on May 11, 2018.

B. Port Corpus Christi Truck Queuing Project Collaboration

Mr. Pollack reported that the MPO is working with Port Corpus Christi to pursue supplemental funding and potentially leverage private sector contributions to expand the scope of the Port's truck queuing project on the Joe Fulton International Trade Corridor to include Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) and Connected Vehicle to Infrastructure (CVI) components.

C. Freight Planning 101 Workshop meeting: April 11 – 12, 2018

Ms. Gonzalez reported that she attended FHWA's Freight Planning 101 Workshop meeting held on April 11 – 12, 2018, which was intended to ensure that small and mid-sized MPOs have a local voice on the topic of freight by actively engaging in such tasks as establishing a freight profile and having a mechanism in place showing how freight data is captured.

D. Transportation Alternative Set Aside (TASA) Workshop: April 25, 2018

Mr. Pollack informed the TPC that the MPO and TxDOT District staff had hosted a workshop on April 25, 2018 at the TxDOT-CRP District office to initiate the FY 2019 and FY 2020 TASA projects. He explained that the overall intent of the workshop is to establish communication between the local sponsor and TxDOT-CRP staff to formalize the time frame over which key project milestones are to be met.

E. Gulf of Mexico Climate Community of Practice Workshop: April 30 – May 1, 2018

Mr. Pollack reported that he had recently attended the Gulf of Mexico Resilience and Climate Community of Practice Annual Meeting, which had been held in Port Aransas. He stated that the meeting had featured policy makers, planners, and scientist from around the region and had affirmed that our region is very much on the national radar in terms of resilience planning.

F. 2018 TxDOT Planning Conference: June 5 – 7, 2018

Mr. Pollack reported that MPO staff will be traveling to the bi-annual TxDOT Planning Conference in Dallas in early June.

G. Next Transportation Policy Committee Meeting: June 7, 2018

Mr. Pollack reported that the next TPC meeting overlapped with the 2018 TxDOT Planning Conference, and as such, the meeting would likely be cancelled or rescheduled.

7. TPC Members' Comments and Concerns

Mayor Krebs thanked the TPC and MPO staff, stating that after 14 years, he will be off of the TPC until he is seated as San Patricio county Judge in January 2019. The City of Portland will hold a special mayoral election on May 5th, after which Portland will be represented by a new delegate to the TPC.

8. Future Agenda Items

Mr. Zahn reiterated that that he'd like Mr. Caron to present a detailed highway projects update at a future TPC meeting.

9. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 2:16 p.m.