

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

June 6, 2019

1. Call to Order, Roll Call, and Quorum Determination

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

TPC Members Present:

Judge David Krebs, Chair, San Patricio County
Charles Zahn, Vice-Chair, Port of Corpus Christi
Authority (PCCA)
Mayor Joe McComb, City of Corpus Christi
Edward Martinez, Corpus Christi Regional
Transportation Authority (CCRTA)

Valente Olivarez, Jr., P.E., Texas Department of
Transportation, Corpus Christi District (TxDOT-
CRP)
Judge Barbara Canales, Nueces County (joined
at 2:09 p.m., left at 3:00 p.m.)

MPO Staff Present: Rob MacDonald, P.E.; Daniel Carrizales; Victor Mendieta; and Yoshiko Boulan

2. Introduction of Visiting Agency Officials

Ms. Belinda Hinojosa-Persohn, Chief of Administration, Nueces County was introduced and identified as serving as the MPO Attorney today.

Others in attendance included:

Ms. Paula Sales-Evans, P.E., Director of Transportation Planning & Development, TxDOT-CRP;
Ms. Sarah Munoz, P.E., Interim Assistant Director of Street Operations;
Ms. Tammy Embrey, Intergovernmental Relations at City of Corpus Christi

3. Public Comments for items not on the Agenda

Judge Krebs called for public comments for items not on the agenda; None were offered.

4. Approval of the April 4, 2019 TPC Meeting Minutes

Mr. Martinez made a motion to approve the April 4, 2019, TPC Meeting Minutes. Mr. Olivarez, Jr., seconded; motion passed unanimously.

5. Discussion and Possible Action

A. 2020 – 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) Project Prioritization Methodology and Performance Measures.

Mr. MacDonald briefed TPC members on the cover memo outlining the Corpus Christi MPO's project prioritization methodology. Performance measures and criteria are required under federal planning rules. The Corpus Christi MPO's weighting was developed by mirroring TxDOT's weighting system within Decision Lens where possible and adjusting the remaining weights to reflect the Corpus Christi MPO's assessment of regional priorities. At the May 16th TAC meeting, the TAC members reviewed, discussed, and agreed to recommend the Corpus Christi MPO's MTP Project Prioritization Methodology and Performance Measures as the process to prioritize projects in the 2020 – 2045 MTP. The quantitative methodology is used for the initial project ranking and prioritization. Further analysis of the ranking includes other considerations such as funding opportunities with partners, other qualitative measures, and professional judgement of representatives from the local agencies. The project ranking and prioritization process involves technical analysis, policy considerations and public participation. The Corpus Christi MPO will discuss the MTP projects for several months until the 2020 – 2045 MTP Fiscally Constrained Project List is finalized and approved.

Mr. Zahn made a motion to approve the 2020 – 2045 MTP Project Prioritization Methodology and Mayor McComb seconded; motion passed unanimously.

B. Next TPC meeting date

Judge Krebs suggested July 11, 2019 as the next TPC meeting date, since July 4, 2019 is a holiday. TPC members discussed and agreed to set the date July 11, 2019.

Judge Canales made a motion to hold the next TPC meeting on July 11, 2019 and Mr. Martinez seconded; motion passed unanimously.

6. Information Only

A. 2020 – 2045 MTP Draft Unconstrained Project List

Mr. MacDonald provided TPC members with the 2020 – 2045 MTP Draft Unconstrained Project List. The current list is comprised of 42 total projects in the Corpus Christi MPO boundary in alphabetical order. These projects will be ranked and prioritized based on the 2020 – 2045 MTP Project Prioritization Methodology and Performance Measures approved by TPC. The TAC has a workshop on June 12th to discuss the scoring and preliminary ranking leading to a recommendation at the June 20th TAC meeting. The project rankings will be submitted to the TPC for consideration at their July 11, 2019 meeting. Mr. MacDonald explained to the TPC members that this MTP list would eventually be expanded to include all entities' transportation projects for all modes in this region.

Judge Canales asked if the old Harbor Bridge reversionary land is referenced in the list. Mr. MacDonald answered that the land would be in the future land use section in the 2020 -2045 MTP. Once the use of the reversionary land is planned, future transportation projects and programs serving this area could be added to the Corpus Christi MPO's MTP project list.

B. 2020 – 2045 MTP DRAFT Chapter 1 Distribution

Mr. MacDonald provided TPC members with the draft 2020 – 2045 MTP Chapter 1 for their initial review. The purpose for distributing the draft Chapter 1 is to show the new format, design, and solicit the TPC members' thoughts and comments. Over the next several months, the TPC will be provided with several chapters of the 2020 – 2045 MTP that will be dramatically different from previous MTPs in design and format. The Corpus Christi MPO chose ledger size (11 x 17) paper and incorporated more infographics throughout the chapters. The MTP will be a product of collaboration among local governments, agencies, and the public.

Mayor McComb inquired why was Port Aransas not included in the MPO Boundary map in chapter 1. The MPO Boundary is based on Census data and currently includes parts of Nueces County, San Patricio County, City of Corpus Christi, City of Portland, and City of Gregory as the officially designated Corpus Christi MPO Boundary. Mr. MacDonald acknowledged that the map depicts the MPO boundary as an isolated "island" and that it would be revised to depict where the boundary is situated in context of the larger region.

7. Presentation

A. Corpus Christi Air Quality Group Update

Ms. Gretchen Arnold, Corpus Christi Air Quality (CCAQ) Group Chair briefed the TPC members on the historic background of the Corpus Christi Air Quality Group (CCAQ), the purpose and mission of CCAQ, and current issues facing the CCAQ.

The CCAQ has been monitoring the air quality in the Corpus Christi region and working to keep the region in attainment status through two programs: 1) the Continuous Air Quality Monitors (CAMs) installed and monitored by TAMUK, and 2) the Pollution Prevention Partnership (PPP) using AutoCheck to test and repair vehicle emissions. These programs were funded through the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) until 2017. After the funding expired, Port Industries and the Port of Corpus Christi

Authority (PCCA) provided temporary funds to maintain the CAMs and PPP respectively, however; the CAMs by TAMUK are not currently operating due to the loss of technical staff. CCAQ is working to reinstate the TCEQ funding to operate these two programs and to successfully reintroduce the Rider 7 funding that allocates approximately \$400,000 (\$200,000/year) to CCAQ to monitor the air quality. CCAQ still needs funding of \$70,000 to \$100,000 to operate the AutoCheck Program which is not applicable for the Rider 7 funding. The CCAQ is working with the PCCA to keep supporting the program.

Mayor McComb inquired how \$400,000 is spent on the Airsheds. Ms. Arnold explained that the fund is spent for the equipment, its maintenance and calibration, parts purchases, data sampling, quarterly reports, and manpower to do these tasks.

Mr. Zahn inquired regarding the AutoCheck voucher program. Ms. Arnold explained the AutoCheck program is a Supplemental Environmental Program (SEP) performed with penalty monies from TCEQ. Ms. Arnold offered the following example: the owner of the vehicle with high exhaust emissions is given a voucher to take the vehicle to a certified auto shop and the shop reports the problem to AutoCheck personnel who can authorize up to \$600 for repairs.

Judge Krebs asked if these air quality monitors can be installed in the area the region requested. Ms. Arnold answered that the location of these monitors is determined by TCEQ because the funding comes from TCEQ, but she encouraged the discussion on the regionally preferable location for the monitors among the local representatives.

The TPC members thanked Ms. Arnold for the informative presentation, and also acknowledged the industries' involvement on the region's air quality attainment status.

8. Upcoming Meetings:

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| A. Technical Advisory Committee: | MTP Projects Workshop: June 12, 2019, 11:00 – 1:00 p.m. |
| B. Technical Advisory Committee: | Regular Meeting: June 20, 2019, 9:00 a.m. |
| C. Transportation Policy Committee: | Regular Meeting: July 11, 2019, 2:00 p.m. |

9. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 3:17 p.m.