

CORPUS CHRISTI METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC) REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2024

1. TAC WORKSHOP/SMALL AREA FORECAST TASK FORCE

- A. Review of 2045 MTP with Amendment 2 Fiscally Constrained Project List, 2025 UTP and CCRTA Project Lists for Updates**
- B. Small Area Forecast Task Force Recommended Allocation of Population and Employment for the 2045 MTP Update**

The TAC Workshop / Small Area Forecast Task Force was held from 9:00 a.m. through 11:10 a.m.

Minutes for the TAC Workshop / Small Area Forecast Task Force were not documented.

2. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, AND QUORUM DETERMINATION

Mr. DeLatte called the meeting to order at 11:12 am

TAC Members Present:

Brian DeLatte, P.E., City of Portland, Chairperson
Jeff Pollack, AICP, Port of Corpus Christi, Vice Chairperson
Tom Yardley, Commissioner, San Patricio County
Liann Alfaro, Corpus Christi Regional Transportation Authority (CCRTA)
Dan McGinn, AICP, City of Corpus Christi
Paula Sales-Evans, P.E., TxDOT – Corpus Christi District (CRP)
Mary Afuso, Coastal Bend Council of Governments (non-voting)

MPO Staff Present: Rob MacDonald, P.E., Craig Casper, AICP, Daniel Carrizales, and Victor Mendieta

3. NON AGENDA ITEMS PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None were offered or made.

4. APPROVAL OF THE TAC NOVEMBER 21, 2024 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Ms. Sales-Evans made a motion to approve the November 21, 2024, TAC Regular Meeting Minutes.

Mr. Yardley seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

5. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS

A. DRAFT 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update

Mr. Casper presented the item.

The Corpus Christi MPO staff has developed the various Chapters of the DRAFT 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update (DRAFT 2045 MTP Update) for review by the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), Transportation Policy Committee (TPC), our partner agencies, and the public. TAC was provided with the DRAFT 2045 MTP Update chapters for review, discussion, and action.

Discussion:

Ms. Sales-Evans inquired if modifications can be made during the public comment period.

- Mr. Casper confirmed that adjustment can be made up until the plan's adoption on February 6, 2025.

Ms. Sales-Evans asked about the timing of the public comment period and the policy board's recommendation.

- Mr. Casper clarified that the public comment period starts after the TPC releases it on January 2, 2025.

Mr. MacDonald provided additional background on the 2045 MTP Update and mentioned that this information has been available to the public for a few months.

Ms. Sales-Evans asked which chapters are being released for public comment. Ms. Sales-Evans also wanted confirmation that there isn't any reference to the new MPO boundary in the 2045 MTP Update.

- Mr. Casper confirmed that all chapters of the 2045 MTP Update are being released.
- Mr. Casper stated that the 2045 MTP Update and the MPO boundary are two separate issues and that there isn't any reference to the new MPO boundary in the 2045 MTP Update.

Motion:

Mr. Pollack made a motion to recommend the TPC release the DRAFT 2045 MTP Update for a one-month public comment period subject to the project amendments made during 9:00 a.m. TAC Workshop.

Mr. Yardley seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

B. DRAFT FY 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) with Amendment 1

Mr. MacDonald presented the item.

Amendment 1 to the FY 2025-2028 TIP is recommended by Corpus Christi MPO staff for release for the one-month public comment period to the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and the TPC. This CCRTA project award of \$5.88 million was announced earlier this year and is now being added to the Corpus Christi MPO TIP. Typically TIP Amendments are necessary for a change in scope of a project, the addition of a newly funded project, or a change in funding.

Discussion:

None.

Motion:

Mr. McGinn made a motion to recommend the TPC release the DRAFT FY 2025-2028 TIP with Amendment 1 for a one-month public comment period.

Mr. Yardley seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

C. DRAFT 2045 Small Area Forecast

Mr. Casper presented the item.

The Corpus Christi MPO staff presented a preliminary allocation of population and employment. The Small Area Forecast (SAF) Task Force made a recommendation of the methodology and results. This item is an opportunity for TAC to take appropriate action on the 2045 MTP Update's SAF. When the SAF is approved by the TPC, the MPO staff will begin integrating it into regional models for use in identifying needs and evaluating alternatives.

Discussion:

Ms. Sales-Evans sought clarification on what was being asked for the recommendation.

- Mr. Casper clarified for a recommendation for TPC to approve this 2045 MTP Update small area forecast, as presented in the table in the agenda packet. The comments that have been received to date and during the workshop have not included specific adjustments to the small area forecast. The comments have been recorded as they stand and will be presented to the TPC.

Mr. DeLatte asked for a reminder of the timeline in regard to TPC approval and results going forward to the governor's office in regard to the MPO boundary update.

- Mr. MacDonald responded that upon delivery of the boundary change to TxDOT, they will submit it to the governor's office with an approval range of three to six months. Mr. MacDonald also noted that the process can run in parallel with the development/approval of a long-range plan. He also reminded TAC members that the boundary can be updated between U.S. Census periods if necessary.

Mr. DeLatte asked if changing the MPO boundary was required.

- Mr. MacDonald confirmed that it is required after each census.

Ms. Sales-Evans asked if the motion can be made with the caveat that between now and the 2050 MTP, there be a deeper dive on areas that are losing population and look at where shifts are occurring to determine if there still needs to be additional reallocation of the small area forecast.

- Mr. Casper confirmed and noted that the MPO is currently looking into the location of populations that are declining from both the 2010 to 2020 census and from the 2000 to 2010 census as part of developing additional scenarios.
- Mr. MacDonald added that that forecast can be updated as part of the 2050 MTP development.

Mr. McGinn asked about submitting our current MPO boundary.

- Mr. Casper responded that we have census-designated areas outside of our current MPO boundary and that isn't permitted.
- Ms. Sales-Evans rephrased the question to ask if it is possible to take the current MPO boundary and adjust it to include those new census-designated areas without shrinking the current MPO boundary.
- Mr. Casper said that is something that Federal Highways would need to answer. MPO staff sent a request for clarification but have not received a response yet.

Ms. Afuso asked if there are data points/sources, other than the census, that could be used to help develop the boundary. She noted that if other data sources are not being looked at for inclusion, then she is questioning why is there pushback for the census data being what it is.

- Mr. Casper noted that there are other data sources focused on the urban area designations are based on residential units.
- Mr. MacDonald added that the State Demographer data was the basis/source that everyone uses, and is modified by, but not limited to, water development work, census, development plans, actual houses that have been built since the census, where jobs have gone, and Texas Transportation Institute (TTI) reports.

Mr. DeLatte questioned what happens if TAC: 1) recommends approval; 2) rejects approval; or 3) does nothing.

- Mr. MacDonald responded that the adjusted urban area gets to be the boundary.
- Mr. Casper noted that a recommendation is needed, but it can be just a staff recommendation if TAC does not provide one.

Motion:

Ms. Sales-Evans made a motion to recommend the TPC approve the DRAFT 2045 Update SAF with the understanding that a more in-depth evaluation of where the population is shifting from will include additional outreach in the development of the 2050 MTP SAF.

Mr. Yardley seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

6. TAC MEMBER STATEMENTS ON LOCAL AGENCY ACTIVITIES OR ITEMS OF INTEREST

Mr. Pollack provided an update on a \$105 million grant award through the EPA Clean Ports program and mentioned ongoing federal applications for landside improvements and rail capacity.

Ms. Afuso talked about a \$4.4 million project with the Port of Corpus Christi, which was initially rejected but is now being pivoted to create a disaster situational awareness tool.

Ms. Sales-Evans discussed the annual meeting of the I-69 Alliance, focusing on upgrading the I-69 corridors and seeking additional funding for infrastructure connectivity.

Mr. DeLatte acknowledged the passing of John Buckner, former Executive Director of the Council of Governments, and his significant contributions to the region.

7. UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS

A. Transportation Policy Committee:	Regular Meeting	January 2, 2025
B. DRAFT 2045 MTP Update:	Public Meeting	January 14, 2025
C. Technical Advisory Committee:	Regular Meeting/Workshop	January 16, 2025

8. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 11:53 a.m.