

CORPUS CHRISTI METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC) REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, JANUARY 16, 2025

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

Mr. DeLatte called the meeting to order at 9:00 am

TAC Members Present:

Mr. Brian DeLatte, P.E., City of Portland, Chairperson

Mr. Jeff Pollack, AICP, Port of Corpus Christi, Vice Chairperson

Mr. Tom Yardley, Commissioner, San Patricio County

Mr. Juan Pimentel, P.E., Nueces County

Ms. Liann Alfaro, Corpus Christi Regional Transportation Authority (CCRTA)

Ms. Paula Sales-Evans, P.E., TxDOT – Corpus Christi District (CRP)

Ms. Mary Afuso, Coastal Bend Council of Governments (non-voting)

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

2. ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Ms. Sales-Evans made a motion to retain Mr. DeLatte as Chairperson.

Mr. Pimentel seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. DeLatte made a motion to retain Mr. Pollack as Vice Chairperson.

Mr. Yardley seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

3. NON AGENDA ITEMS PUBLIC COMMENTS

None were offered or made.

4. APPROVAL OF THE TAC DECEMBER 19, 2024 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Yardley made a motion to approve the December 19, 2024, TAC Regular Meeting Minutes.

Ms. Alfaro seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

5. PUBLIC HEARING FOR 2045 MTP UPDATE

Mr. DeLatte opened the public hearing. No comments were offered or made. Mr. DeLatte closed the public hearing. The public hearing closed at 9:04 a.m.

6. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS

A. DRAFT 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) Update

Mr. Casper presented the item.

The Corpus Christi MPO staff developed the **DRAFT 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update** (DRAFT 2025 MTP Update) for review by the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), Transportation Policy Committee (TPC), our partner agencies, and the public. The Corpus Christi MPO Staff provided the TAC with the complete set of **DRAFT 2045 MTP Update** Chapters for review, discussion, and action.

Discussion:

Ms. Sales-Evans noted that some of the projects on the 'Additional Needs List' have already been completed or are under construction.

- Mr. MacDonald acknowledged and reaffirmed that the list will be revised to delete the first six projects from the 'Additional Needs List'.

Mr. Pollack highlighted the need for a better protocol for tracking project progress.

- Mr. MacDonald agreed and added that there is a variety of tracking procedures currently in place.

Ms. Sales-Evans suggested more in-depth discussions on the project sponsor priorities.

Ms. Sales-Evans noted and wanted to make sure that the language for the projects on the fiscally constrained project list is cleaned up to help address some of the FHWA exceptions in the last FY 2025 TIP list of projects.

- Mr. Casper confirmed that the language had been cleaned up but MPO staff will verify again.

Ms. Sales-Evans commented that TxDOT had a quarterly meeting with the local Associated General Contractors (AGC) and discussed projects that are on the books over the next four years. She noted that a contractor asked some questions about what is actually proposed with the operational improvements project. She further noted that the project needs to be better defined; whether it's an on/off system project and if it's able to be delivered in the time period that is envisioned.

- Mr. MacDonald referred to the Regional Safety Action Plan that provided the top 32 possible project locations.

Mr. Yardley commented on the lack of public input and suggested better advertising and the need to better educate the public.

- Ms. Sales-Evans agreed and mentioned the need to reach out to disadvantaged and minority populations.
- Mr. Casper shared the MPO's experiences of reaching out to various groups and the lack of response the MPO receives.
- Mr. Pollack emphasized the importance of meaningful public engagement and coordination among entities.
- Mr. DeLatte suggested looking at best practices from other MPOs.
- Mr. MacDonald mentioned the MPO's Public Participation Plan and efforts to engage with local media and community groups.
- Mr. DeLatte reflected on the lack of public comment at previous meetings and the need for better outreach.
- Mr. MacDonald noted that unless there is a hot-button topic, all 24 MPOs in Texas experience the same issues that the Corpus Christi MPO has in regard to receiving public comment.
- Mr. Yardley commented he wasn't sure how informed the general public is as to what the MPO is, what kind of planning the MPO is doing, or when/how they can provide comments.
- Mr. DeLatte commented that some of it could be terminology and that it is hard to know what some of the project names and descriptions mean.
- Ms. Sales-Evans added that TxDOT has moved toward doing virtual public involvement with an in-person opportunity and that seems to be working pretty well.

Motion:

Ms. Sales-Evans made a motion to recommend that the Transportation Policy Committee approve the DRAFT 2045 MTP Update with the proposed revision of removing the first six projects (MPO-001 through MPO-008) on exhibit 7-3.

Mr. Yardley seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

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

Mr. MacDonald presented the item.

The Corpus Christi MPO staff recommended that the TAC recommend the TPC approve the FY 2025-2028 TIP with Amendment 1. The CCRTA was awarded \$5.88 million to purchase zero-emission buses earlier this year and they are now requesting that this project be added to the Corpus Christi MPO FY 2025-2028 TIP. Amending a TIP is necessary to add a newly funded project, to change the scope of a project, or to change federal funding levels.

Discussion:

None.

Motion:

Mr. Pollack made a motion to recommend that the TPC approve the DRAFT FY 2025-2028 TIP with Amendment 1.

Mr. Yardley seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

C. PM1, PM2, and PM3 Performance Measures and Targets

Mr. Casper presented the item.

MPOs have two options when setting targets for each performance measure:

1. Establish our own Corpus Christi MPO numerical targets for each of the performance measures, or
2. formally agree to support the TxDOT targets

The Corpus Christi MPO sought a recommendation from the TAC to the Transportation Policy Committee (TPC) to adopt all of the TxDOT state targets for Performance Measures 1, 2, and 3 (PM1, PM2, and PM3).

Discussion:

Mr. DeLatte asked Ms. Sales-Evans about TxDOT's target to eliminate crash fatalities and how close are we to achieving that.

- Ms. Sales-Evans commented that she doesn't think TxDOT will complete that analysis until April or May. She did note that Texas had a bad December for fatalities and that everyone is struggling to get the needle to move backward.

Ms. Sales-Evans noted that many crashes involve individuals not wearing seat belts. It was also commented that the city of Corpus Christi has an emphasis on stopping street racing.

Mr. MacDonald discussed the goal of reducing fatalities to zero and the Regional Safety Action Plan (RSAP). He noted that if the 32 high-priority locations identified in the RSAP are implemented, it would reduce fatalities and serious injury accidents based on implementing FHWA's recognized proven countermeasures. For the MPO region, it would mean that if the MPO region is experiencing 50 fatalities a year, then the goal over the next 25 years to get to zero, we need to save two lives every year. The MPO will coordinate with TxDOT and the cities to see what projects can be implemented from the RSAP so that 2-3 lives can be saved every year.

Mr. Yardley mentioned that in the TxDOT "End the Streak" program, there is the goal of achieving one day of no fatalities on Texas roadways. He further commented on if there are certain times of the year, days of the month, days of the week, that are less prone to accidents and maybe somewhere on that calendar we're getting close to a day of Zero Fatalities.

Motion:

Ms. Alfaro made a motion to recommend approval to the TPC of the resolution 25-02 supporting the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Safety (PM1), Pavement and Bridge Condition (PM2), and System Performance and Freight (PM3) performance measures and targets as presented.

Mr. Pimentel seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

D. Transit Asset Management (TAM) and Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP) Performance Measures and Targets

Mr. MacDonald presented the item.

The MPO staff sought a recommendation from the TAC to the Transportation Policy Committee (TPC) to set the Corpus Christi RTA's TAM and PTASP targets as the MPO regional targets. As part of the

required Performance-based Planning and Programming process, transportation agencies, including the Corpus Christi MPO and the Corpus Christi Regional Transportation Authority, must use goals, performance measures, and targets to select projects for federal funding.

Discussion:

None.

Motion:

Mr. Pollack made a motion to recommend that the TPC approve Resolution 25-04 using the Corpus Christi RTA's performance measures and targets as presented in the Transit Asset Management and the Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan documents as the MPO regional performance measures and targets.

Mr. Yardley seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

7. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Corpus Christi DRAFT MPO Bylaws Amendment 2025

Mr. MacDonald presented the item.

Mr. MacDonald provided an update on the need to amend the bylaws due to changes in the MPO Boundaries and possible additional membership. Current Bylaws updates included:

- Ethics Policy: current language as required by state statute is included in the Amendment for 2025
- Revised State Statute Language for Open Meetings, etc.: The proposed changes have been added to the DRAFT Bylaws Amendment document by the Nueces County Attorney.
- Composition of Voting Members of the TPC and possible Alternates/Designees: The DRAFT Bylaws Amendment contains the provision for TPC members to select Alternates for their Voting Membership.
- Day/Time for TPC Regular Meetings: During the December 5th meeting, the TPC members suggested a start time of 1:00 p.m. for the Regular TPC Meetings. MPO staff proposed the current 2:00 p.m. start time to avoid TPC member's conflict with lunch meetings or the various "State of the City/County/Port" Luncheons, etc. that typically occur over the lunchtime periods on Thursdays.
- Invite the City of Gregory to Participate as a voting member. Currently, the City of Gregory is represented by San Patricio County TPC and TAC members. This is a pending action by MPO staff and TPC members.

Discussion:

Mr. Yardly noted that the city of Gregory does have a new mayor and that they may have a different outlook on this now and may want to participate.

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

Mr. Yardley noted that at 11:30, in Portland, the county is having their State of the County update.

Mr. Pollack shared that the Port is updating their Strategic Plan as well as developing a comprehensive vulnerability assessment (limited in scope to vulnerability to physical environmental factors) with the Corpus Christi Conrad Blucher Institute.

Mr. MacDonald shared that the MPO will bring back an information item on future TAC agendas that will track federal grants.

9. UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS

A. DRAFT 2045 MTP Update:	Public Meeting	January 14, 2025
B. Transportation Policy Committee:	Regular Meeting	February 6, 2025
C. Technical Advisory Committee:	Regular Meeting	February 20, 2025

Mr. DeLatte referenced the new MPO 2025 calendar for upcoming meetings and noted that at some point, the June 19th meeting will need to be moved to accommodate the holiday. Potential meeting dates are June 12th, 18th, or the 26th. TAC members were asked to look at their calendars so that it can be resolved at the next TAC meeting.

10. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 9:54 a.m.