

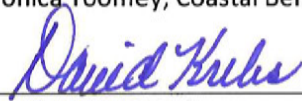
**CORPUS CHRISTI METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (CORPUS CHRISTI MPO)  
TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE (TPC) MEETING MINUTES  
THURSDAY, APRIL 4, 2024**

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

Judge Krebs called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

TPC Members Present:

Judge Krebs, San Patricio County, Chairperson  
Judge Connie Scott, Nueces County, Vice-Chairperson  
Mayor Cathy Skurow, City of Portland  
Mayor Paulette Guajardo, City of Corpus  
Valente Olivarez, Jr., P.E. Texas Department of Transportation  
Art Granado, Corpus Christi Regional Transportation Authority  
David Engel, Port of Corpus Christi Authority  
Veronica Toomey, Coastal Bend Council of Governments



Judge David Krebs,  
Transportation Policy Committee Chairperson  
Corpus Christi Metropolitan Planning Organization

June 6, 2024

Date

Mary Esther Guerra, Nueces County Assistant County Attorney

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

**2. NON-AGENDA ITEMS PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

None were made or offered.

**3. APPROVAL OF THE TPC MARCH 7, 2024 MEETING MINUTES**

Mr. Olivarez made a motion to approve the March 7, 2024 minutes. Mayor Skurow seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

**4. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS**

**A. FY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment 2**

Amendment 2 to the FY 2023-2026 TIP was recommended by Corpus Christi MPO staff for release for the one-month public comment period to the Transportation Policy Committee (TPC). Due to the expedited timeline requested by TxDOT for these projects to be amended into the TIP, the Corpus Christi MPO staff started the process with the TPC. Subsequently, the proposed TIP Amendment 2 was presented to the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) for their review and comments. Typically, TIP Amendments are necessary when there is a change in the scope of a project, the addition of a newly funded project, or a change in funding levels.

Mr. MacDonald noted that three projects; the NEVI vehicle charging station, the Holly Road Train Trestle to Tourism Trail, and the SH 286 projects were adjusted. Itemized changes in the 80-plus page TIP document were detailed on page two of the cover memo.

Additionally, funding adjustments were made to the SH 286 project, splitting the \$65 million between Category 2 and Category 7 funds. Pending approval, the TIP Amendment will be uploaded to the TxDOT eSTIP system for official implementation.

Discussion:

None.

**Agenda Item 3**

**TPC APPROVED MINUTES**

**Recommendation:**

The Corpus Christi MPO staff and the TAC recommend that the TPC review and approve the DRAFT FY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) with Amendment 2.

**Motion:**

Mr. Granado made a motion to approve the DRAFT FY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) with Amendment 2. Mr. Olivarez seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

**5. INFORMATION ITEMS**

**A. 2025-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (2050 MTP): Timeline for Meetings and Events**

Federal funds for transportation projects can only be programmed onto projects that are listed within the MPO's Fiscally Constrained Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). The Corpus Christi MPO's MTP must be updated at least every 5 years and was last adopted on February 6, 2020. Attachment 1 shows the current 2050 MTP Timeline, based on information compiled from consultants aiding this endeavor, along with other timing information based on MPO staff experience.

Mr. Casper discussed various upcoming decision points that will occur over the next 10 to 12 months.

- Small Area Forecast - allocates population and job distribution throughout the 2 county area in Year 2050 to aid in planning and project scoring.
- Federal Functional Classification - determines eligibility for federal funds based on road traffic levels.
- The Regional Safety Action Plan (RSAP) identifies locations requiring corrective action based on safety concerns.
- 2050 MTP Goals – Objectives – Performance Measures and Evaluation Criteria - serve as the foundation for performance-based decision-making.
- The Bicycle and Pedestrian (Active Transportation) Plan - aims to improve active transportation infrastructure.
- The Regional Complete Streets Policy - ensures accommodation for all road users, including pedestrians, cyclists, and transit users.
- The Congestion Management Process (CMP) - identifies congested corridors and guides federal funding allocation for road expansion projects.
- Regional Freight and Urban Goods Plan - supports regional economic competitiveness and integrates statewide freight, port, and airport plans.
- Regional Resiliency Plan - addresses infrastructure resilience to natural disasters.
- The Regional Financial Plan - ensures fiscal feasibility of long-term transportation projects.
- The 2024 Corpus Christi MPO Boundary adjustment - aligns with updated census data and future urban growth projections.
- The Regional Safe System Plan - aims to reduce crash rates through a comprehensive safety planning approach.
- Environmental Mitigation - identifies and addresses the environmental impacts of transportation projects.

**Discussion:**

None.

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

Mr. Olivarez provided an update on the new Harbor Bridge progress of construction, particularly focusing on the cable stays on the North and South Towers. He mentioned that seven pairs of cable stays on the North Tower and five pairs on the South Tower are now complete. Additionally, he highlighted a significant upcoming change for the area in April, where the contractor plans to realign Northbound 286 (Crosstown) approaching the interchange to Downtown and US-181 toward Portland-North Beach. This realignment will enable a new ramp connection onto 181, allowing for a Downtown exit directly off Crosstown, which is not currently available.

**7. PROPOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Judge Krebs announced that the Committee will go into Executive Session under Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code to discuss the renewal contract of the MPO Transportation Planning Director and will return to open session.

The TPC recessed into Executive Session at 2:14 p.m.

The TPC went into Executive Session at 2:16 p.m.

The TPC came out of Executive Session at 3:10 p.m.

The TPC Executive Session reconvened at 3:16 p.m.

**8. POSSIBLE ACTIONS REGARDING THE EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT OF THE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING DIRECTOR**

**Motion:**

Judge Scott made a motion to accept the contract with the additional request to the contract included with language specifying that vacation and sick leave will be subject to Section 325 of the Nueces County Civil Service Policy Manual.

Mr. Engel seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

**9. UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS**

- A. Joint Regional Traffic Safety Task Force Meeting April 17, 2024
- B. Technical Advisory Committee Regular Meeting/Workshop April 18, 2024
- C. Active Transportation Plan Stakeholder Group Meeting April 18, 2024
- D. Transportation Policy Committee: Regular Meeting-Rescheduled May 9, 2024  
(TPC proposed and agreed to move the May TPC meeting to 2:30 pm)
- E. 2050 MTP Public Meeting DRAFT Regional Safety Action Plan April 23-24, 2024

**10. ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:19 p.m.