

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

JUNE 6, 2024

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

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

Judge David Krebs, San Patricio County, Chairperson

Judge Connie Scott, Nueces County, Vice Chairperson

Mayor Cathy Skurow, City of Portland

Mr. Valente Olivarez, Jr., P.E., TxDOT Corpus Christi District

Veronica Toomey, Coastal Bend Council of Governments

Ms. Mary Esther-Guerra, Nueces County Assistant Attorney

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

2. NON AGENDA ITEMS PUBLIC COMMENTS

None were made or offered.

3. APPROVAL OF THE TPC APRIL 4, 2024 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Judge Scott made a motion to approve the April 4, 2024 minutes. Mayor Skurow seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

4. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS

A. DRAFT FY 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Mr. MacDonald presented the item.

The DRAFT FY 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) was proposed for release for the required one-month public comment period. The approval for release is necessary to meet the TxDOT scheduled adoption of the FY 2025-2028 Statewide Transportation improvement Program (STIP). TxDOT HQ must receive the final approved TIPs from all MPOs no later than June 10th, 2024. This means that the public comments cannot be received and addressed before the upload of the Corpus Christi MPO TIP. The current plan is to upload the same version of the TIP that is released to the public and modify it to the adopted version after public comments are addressed and approved by the Corpus Christi MPO on July 11th. This updated document will then be provided (and uploaded) to TxDOT as a public comment during the TxDOT 30-day public comment period that begins July 12.

Discussion:

None.

Motion:

Mayor Skurow made a motion to release the DRAFT FY 2025-2028 TIP for the one-month public comment period with TxDOT's corrections to the projects listed on Table 12a. Judge Scott seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

B. DRAFT FY 2023 and FY 2024 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) with Amendment 2

Mr. MacDonald presented the item.

The Corpus Christi MPO staff recommended that the Transportation Policy Committee (TPC) review and discuss the DRAFT Amendment 2 to the FY 2023 and FY 2024 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). This Amendment 2 was requested by TxDOT as part of their April 8, 2024 Work Order Letter 2 for FY 2024 that specified the requirement for the Corpus Christi MPO to have specific language in the current Unified Planning Work Program related to the federal requirement to spend a minimum of 2.5% of the MPO's

Federal Planning funds (PL) on planning activities “...to increase safe and accessible options for multiple travel modes for people of all ages and abilities...”

Throughout the DRAFT UPWP with Amendment 2 document the title of Subtask 3.3 was changed from “Complete Streets, Active Transportation and Micro-mobility Planning” to “2.5% Set-Aside for Increasing Safe and Accessible Transportation Options.” Additionally, a minor reallocation of funds from one subtask to this subtask was proposed to ensure compliance with the 2.5% minimum funding levels.

Discussion:

None.

Motion:

Judge Scott made a motion to release the DRAFT FY 2023 and FY 2024 UPWP with Amendment 2 for the one-month public comment period. Mr. Olivarez seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

C. DRAFT FY 2025 and FY 2026 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

Mr. MacDonald presented the item.

Each Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is required to develop a Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). The UPWP is both the annual budget document for the Corpus Christi MPO and the document that coordinates among agencies and informs the public about ongoing transportation planning projects throughout the region by all local agencies. Key assumptions in this new two-year UPWP are:

- the total Transportation Planning Funding (TPF) amounts shown in the table on page two of the cover memo and in the UPWP document are the same as from FY 2024. Future UPWP amendments may be made with a revised allocation from FHWA/FTA;
- there is approximately \$700,000 of carryover funds from the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021 (CRRSAA) that are a 100% federal grant for the completion of the Corpus Christi MPO Planning Tools and Studies project.

Discussion:

None.

Motion:

Judge Scott made a motion to release the DRAFT FY 2025 and FY 2026 UPWP for the one-month public comment period. Mayor Skurow seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

5. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Corpus Christi MPO Regional Coordination Group for Federal Transportation Grants Update

Mr. MacDonald presented the item.

The Corpus Christi MPO staff provided updated information concerning the Regional Coordination Group, which is the monthly Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting. Monthly updates are provided to the TPC when new information is available.

Mr. MacDonald explained that the TAC members are tasked with coordinating local governments that propose to apply for federal transportation funding, in 23 major grant program categories and announcements of funding opportunities are announced every few months. The Summary Table shows current funding opportunities and successful grant recipients, with a focus on Texas projects. Mr. MacDonald briefly shared updates on both applicants and recipients. He highlighted successful projects in Texas, such as Austin's \$105 million grant to reconnect communities across I-35 and Harris County's \$1.2 million planning grant. He encouraged the TPC members and their organizations to consider applying for these grant funds.

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

Mr. Olivarez introduced a new area engineer for the Sinton area office, Mr. J.R. Lopez. Mr. Olivarez noted that Mr. Lopez and Mr. Ernest Longoria are the area engineers whose regions (Sinton and Corpus Christi) are within the jurisdiction of this MPO.

Mayor Skurow commented that she returned from her Washington, DC trip that was hosted by the United Corpus Christi Chamber of Commerce and gave praise for the inclusion of Category 10CR (Carbon Reduction) being incorporated into the MPO's planning efforts. Major Skurow noted that we are blessed for continuing to have good air quality even as the area grows.

7. UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS

A. Technical Advisory Committee:	Regular Meeting/Workshop	June 20, 2024
B. Transportation Policy Committee:	Regular Meeting	July 11, 2024
C. Technical Advisory Committee:	Regular Meeting/Workshop	July 18, 2024

8. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 2:31 p.m.