

TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE (TPC) REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2024 2:00 P.M. TPC REGULAR MEETING (Boardroom 210)

Venue: Corpus Christi Regional Transportation Authority (CCRTA) Staples Street Center, 602 N. Staples Street, Corpus Christi, Texas 78401

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

2. NON AGENDA ITEMS PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Opportunity for public suggestions and comments for any items not on the Agenda and within the TPC's jurisdiction (except in matters related to pending litigation). Proceedings are recorded. To make a public suggestion or comment at the meeting, please fill out the printed comment card available at the meeting and submit it to Corpus Christi MPO staff 10 minutes before the meeting starts. We ask that remarks be limited to three minutes, that you identify yourself, and give your address.

3. APPROVAL OF THE TPC SEPTEMBER 5, 2024 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

4. <u>DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS</u>

A. DRAFT Regional Safety Action Plan (RSAP)

Action: Review, Discuss, Receive Public Comments and Possible Action

B. Corpus Christi MPO Planning Area Boundary Update 🔀

Action: Review, Discuss, Receive Public Comments and Possible Action

C. TPC Meeting Location Change Proposal

Action: Review, Discuss, Receive Public Comment and Possible Action

5. INFORMATION ITEMS

- A. DRAFT Active Transportation, Complete Streets and Micro-mobility Plan
- B. Regional Focus Groups Update X

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

7. UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS

A. 2050 MTP Public Meetings: October 1 and 2, 2024 X

B. TxDOT Regional Parkway/North Padre Island Project Public Meeting: October 3, 2024 X

C. Small Area Forecast Task Force:

October 16, 2024

D. Technical Advisory Committee: Regular Meeting/Workshop October 17, 2024 E. Transportation Policy Committee: **Regular Meeting November 7, 2024**

8. ADJOURN

Indicates attachment(s) for the agenda item.

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MEETING LOCATION MAP



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

September 5, 2024

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

Judge Krebs called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

TPC Members Present:

Judge David Krebs, San Patricio County, Chairperson

Mayor Cathy Skurow, City of Portland

Mr. Mike Walsh, P.E. Texas Department of Transportation

Mr. Art Granado, Corpus Christi Regional Transportation Authority

	October 3, 2024
Judge David Krebs,	Date
Transportation Policy Committee Chairperson Corpus Christi Metropolitan Planning Organization	

Ms. 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 AUGUST 1, 2024 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Granado made a motion to approve the August 1, 2024 minutes.

Mr. Walsh seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

4. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS

A. RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION for TXDOT Corpus Christi District Engineer Valente Olivarez, Jr

Discussion:

The Corpus Christi MPO recognized the outstanding Regional Leadership in Transportation provided by Valente Olivarez, Jr. Judge Krebs read aloud the resolution, which was subsequently moved for approval by Mr. Walsh and seconded by Mayor Skurow.

Motion:

The vote to approve the resolution was unanimous. Following the resolution's approval, the Transportation Policy Committee and Corpus Christi MPO Staff presented Mr. Olivarez with an Eagle with American Flag bronze statue as a token of appreciation and recognition for his dedicated service in advancing regional transportation.

B. DRAFT 2020-2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (2045 MTP) with Amendment 2

Mr. MacDonald presented the item.

The Corpus Christi MPO staff developed the DRAFT 2020-2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (2045 MTP) with Amendment 2 for review by both the Transportation Policy Committee (TPC) and the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC). This 2045 MTP Amendment 2 is necessary to address inconsistencies within

the fiscally constrained project list after the 2045 MTP with Amendment 1 and the FY 2025-2028 TIP were approved.

Discussion:

None

Motion:

Mayor Skurow made the motion to approve the DRAFT 2020-2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (2045 MTP) with Amendment 2 through Resolution 24-04.

Mr. Granado seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

C. DRAFT CMP Regionally Significant Corridors Network

Mr. Casper presented the item.

The Corpus Christi MPO staff is asking, and the TAC recommended, the TPC approve the DRAFT Congestion Management Program (CMP) Regionally Significant Corridor Network for use in continuing development of the CMP. This is not final approval of the DRAFT CMP Regionally Significant Corridor Network. The ongoing CMP process will investigate additional routes for the DRAFT CMP Regionally Significant Corridor Network, such as adding the Texas State Highway Freight Network. The Congestion Management Process is an 8 step process that: identifies regionally significant corridors, determines what is acceptable and unacceptable congestion, and then uses objectives and performance measures to identify congestion hotspots, and develops a corridor specific toolbox of possible policies or projects to reduce congestion at those locations. This toolbox of policies and projects is customized to each individual corridor and the surrounding community context and describes the ongoing procedures for reducing delay prior to construction of new infrastructure and measuring performance effectiveness of investments after implementation.

Discussion:

None

Motion:

Mr. Walsh made the motion to approve the DRAFT CMP Regionally Significant Corridor Network as a working base for use in continuing the development of the CMP with the understanding that this is not final approval of the DRAFT CMP Regionally Significant Corridor Network.

Mayor Skurow seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

D. Resolution for Proposed Function Classification Change for SH 286

Ms. Sales Evans presented the item.

Federal Functional Classifications of roads must be updated occasionally for a number of different reasons. In this case, a specific roadway construction project – SH 286 Crosstown Extension from FM 43 (Weber) to FM 2444 (Staples), needs to have its Functional Classification changed prior to the project being let by TxDOT. TxDOT's justification for this change is provided in the Function Classification Check List and stated as: "Upgrading of this segment of SH 286 will improve mobility on the southside of Corpus Christi and will also relieve congestion on one of the major routes in the city by providing an alternate route to SH 358." Providing improvement to this alternate route will increase the reliability and efficiency of the SH 358 corridor which provides access to businesses and facilities that were a large portion of the community.

Discussion:

Mr. MacDonald explained that the cover memo includes a list of supporting documents, compiled by TxDOT local staff and headquarters, which forms the Functional Classification Change Packet. The MPO's contribution is the resolution, which represents the final step for TxDOT to proceed with the project on

October 1st, after ensuring that all necessary approvals and alignments with the 25-year, 10-year, and 4-year plans have been met.

Mr. Walsh pointed out that there is only one functional class higher than this and that would be interstate.

Motion:

Mayor Skurow made the motion to approve the DRAFT Resolution 24-05 for the Functional Classification Change Request.

Mr. Granado seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

E. TPC Meeting Location Change Proposal

Discussion:

The TPC members that were present indicated that they would defer any decision on the venue change when Mayor Guajardo presents her request to the TPC.

Motion:

Mayor Skurow motioned to table Item 4E-TPC Meeting Location Change Proposal.

Mr. Walsh seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

5. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. MPO Boundary Update: Small Area Forecast Refresher

Mr. Casper presented the item.

Under the direction of the State Demographer, the Texas Demographic Center's Texas Population Projections Program collects information to produce the population projections for the State of Texas as required by state law (Chapter 468 of Texas Government Code). The Texas Population Projections Program produces projections for the entire state of Texas and each individual county in the state by age, sex, and race/ethnicity. These projections use assumptions about future events that may or may not occur. The current forecast, released October 24, 2022, consists of the projections of the resident population of the State for each year from 2020 through 2060. This accommodates the 2050 planning horizon of the upcoming 2050 Corpus Christi MPO's Metropolitan Transportation Plan (2050 MTP) and satisfies the requirement of using the most recent information. A change the State Demographer made was providing two scenarios for population growth to account for some uncertainties. The approved forecast uses the highest regional population growth developed by the State Demographic Office.

Discussion:

Mayor Skurow raised concerns about the implications of including additional areas that are not required to be incorporated into the planning region.

Mr. Casper stated that guidance says the Metropolitan Statistical Area (entire two counties) can be used or just the areas currently urbanized or expected to be urban by 2050, although it remains uncertain whether these areas can be added, but MPO staff will bring back additional details to next month's meeting.

Mayor Skurow also expressed her concern about potential unintended consequences for urban areas and rural funding, emphasizing the need for a thorough understanding before making a final decision.

Mr. MacDonald mentioned that expanding the region to encompass two or three full counties is a possibility, but including up to six counties might also be considered. He referenced other MPOs, such as Dallas, which have opted to include entire urbanized areas to avoid complications with open land. However, he noted that the Technical Advisory Committee, as well as the MPO staff, are leaning against these larger options due to potential impacts on rural funding. The TAC collectively favors options that do not involve extending to two or six full counties.

Mayor Skurow reiterated the need for a balanced approach to funding, pointing out that incorporating rural areas to qualify for rural funding could detract from the urban funding available. She acknowledged the expertise of the TAC members in finding a balance that makes sense.

B. 2050 MTP Timeline Review, Texas Transportation Commission adopting Connecting Texas 2050

Mr. MacDonald presented the item.

Mr. MacDonald presented a video from the Texas Transportation Commission adopting Connecting Texas 2050.

The 2050 MTP Timeline shows decision points made by the Transportation Policy Committee and the Technical Advisory Committee. The timeline also shows a General Public section where MPO planning documents (MTP, Active Transportation, Safety Action Plan, etc.) are discussed with the public during public engagement events. The timeline will be updated monthly and be brought to TAC and TPC every month. It will also be available on the MPO website so people can follow along looking for opportunities to talk about any components of the long-range transportation plan.

Discussion:

Mr. Granado inquired about the significance of February 6th, to which Mr. MacDonald clarified that it is the deadline for approving the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP).

Mr. MacDonald then gave the example of the projects involving the RTA and TxDOT that had been paused because it wasn't initially included in the long-range plan. The projects had to be paused until meetings could be arranged with the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) or the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) to prove that the MPO had taken action on the necessary long-range plan amendments in recent months, including the one approved earlier that day. He emphasized that the approval process hinges on the specific language of the project description and funding amounts, which must align with federal rules, as reviewed by FHWA and FTA.

Mr. Granado expressed concern about relying on February 6th as the final deadline, noting that the policy committee doesn't always have a quorum, making it risky to wait until then. He suggested that it would be in their best interest to hold the public meeting and final approval meeting as soon as possible, even if it requires scheduling a special meeting.

Mr. MacDonald responded by stating that everything should be finalized by January, at which point the plans will be opened up for public comment. This would allow for the submission of additional projects if needed. He assured the group that work on these plans is ongoing in the background.

Mr. Walsh added that having a quorum in January and February is crucial.

Mayor Skurow then asked about the mention of pipeline projects, seeking clarification on what that entails.

Mr. MacDonald explained that there is a list of pipeline projects included in the statewide plan, but the locations of these projects are deliberately vague for security reasons. Mayor Skurow reflected on her early experiences with the MPO, noting that rail projects had been included on maps, and she found pipelines to be an interesting component of transportation barriers, as well as a potential asset for transporting certain commodities. She emphasized that pipelines are something on her radar.

Mr. MacDonald mentioned that the MPO is currently involved in the San Patricio Industrial Master Plan and is actively engaged in sharing relevant information, though they do not publish details about pipeline projects. He clarified that while there are currently no specific pipeline projects listed, they do intersect with transportation projects.

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

Mayor Skurow requested that the MPO staff follow up with TxDOT regarding the pilot program for antiwalking signs on the highway, specifically any available statistics related to the program's effectiveness.

Mr. Walsh responded that he has some preliminary data that can be shared with the group.

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 3:19 p.m.

The TPC went into Executive Session at 3:22 p.m.

The TPC concluded Executive Session at 4:30 p.m.

The TPC reconvened at 4: 31 p.m.

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

Mr. Granado made a motion to accept the Employment Contract of the Transportation Planning Director and increase Mr. MacDonald's salary to \$167,500.

Mr. Walsh seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

9. <u>UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS</u>

A. Technical Advisory Committee: Regular Meeting/Workshop September 19, 2024

B. 2050 MTP Public Meetings: September 24-25, 2024

C. Transportation Policy Committee: Regular Meeting October 3, 2024

10. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 4:33 p.m.



Date: September 26, 2024

To: Transportation Policy Committee (TPC)

From: Craig Casper, Senior Transportation Planner

Through: Robert MacDonald, Transportation Planning Director **Subject:** Item 4A: DRAFT Regional Safety Action Plan (RSAP)

Action: Review, Discuss, Receive Public Comments and Possible Action

Summary

After a 2-year process, the Corpus Christi MPO staff and the Technical Advisory Committee are recommending that the TPC review and approve the DRAFT Regional Safety Action Plan (RSAP). The RSAP contains strategies to reduce and eliminate serious-injury and fatal crashes on roadways in the region. While the RSAP analysis identifies locations with Property-Damage-Only crashes, the RSAP focus is on strategies and projects to reduce or eliminate serious-injury and fatal crashes. An RSAP provides a structured approach to identifying locations with needs, analyzing and diagnosing what those needs are, and prioritizing safety improvements throughout the region. This RSAP meets the requirements described in the Safe Streets For All (SS4A) requirements document and can be used by local entities in the region to pursue federal grant funding for road safety projects. https://www.transportation.gov/grants/SS4A

Key aspects of the Corpus Christi MPO's RSAP include:

- Uses Texas-specific Safety Performance Functions (SPF) that were completed by TxDOT and TTI to diagnose crash locations.
- Identifies regional objectives for TxDOTs statewide Strategic Highway Safety Plan Emphasis Areas.
- Identifies the High Injury Network (HIN) as the Targeted Roads that have an elevated history of severe (fatal and injury) crashes that should be the focus of Proven Safety Countermeasure implementation activities such as: additional detailed safety audits and plans, roadway improvements, intersection enhancements, and vulnerable road user protection improvements.
- A crash location evaluation process that identified 32 locations, (21 initial locations, plus an additional 11 paid for by TxDOT) that are highly susceptible to crash reduction and locations that are appropriate for implementing Proven Safety Countermeasures. Technical reports for use by local traffic engineers for all 32 locations are provided in the appendices.
- Detailed analyses of the corridors in the region, using the TTI Safety Performance Functions (SPF) shows arterials that are highly susceptible to safety enhancing investments.

Recommendation

The Corpus Christi MPO Staff and the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) jointly recommend that the TPC approve the <u>DRAFT Regional Safety Action Plan (RSAP)</u>. During the TAC meeting, details were added to the RSAP document to specify the draft nature of the 2050 MTP Safety Goal and associated Objectives. TAC recommended this change be highlighted in the presentation to the TPC.

Proposed Motion

Move to approve the <u>DRAFT Regional Safety Action Plan (RSAP)</u>.

Attachments

- 1. DRAFT Regional Safety Action Plan: Appendix A: Safety Network Screening Report: Appendix B: Public Engagement Surveys:
- 2. Regional Safety Action Plan Social Pinpoint: 🔘



Date: September 26, 2024

To: Transportation Policy Committee (TPC)

From: Craig Casper, Senior Transportation Planner

Through: Robert MacDonald, Transportation Planning Director **Subject:** Item 4B: Corpus Christi MPO Area Boundary Update

Action: Review, Discuss, Receive Public Comment and Possible Action

Summary

The Metropolitan Planning Area is adjusted based on adjacent urban density areas plus the area that is forecast to become urban within the timeframe of the MTP (Year 2050). Five options have been discussed previously. Option 5, the full Combined Statistical Area covering six counties was not well-received, and consensus is that it no longer needs to be considered. The four remaining options are listed below. The MPO staff and TAC discussed the options at the September 19th TAC meeting and jointly recommend using the MPO boundary identified in Option 1 with possible future modifications to accommodate the allocation of households and jobs to 2050 as part of the Small Area Forecast processes.

<u>Option 1</u>: Shown as Attachment 1, this is the least expansion possible. It only encompasses the contiguous Adjusted Urban Areas and does so by assuming all growth to 2050 occurs as infill within the three Adjusted Urban Areas. It contracts the proposed MPO Boundary in several areas where urban growth is not expected to occur by 2050. The TPC voting membership would, all other things remaining the same, potentially increase from 7 to 14 as identified in table 1 on page 2 of this cover memo. This option, as adjusted in the Small Area Forecast process, is the TAC and MPO Staff joint recommendation.

Option 2: Shown as Attachment 2, this option includes all of Option 1 plus the area between Aransas Pass and Rockport that preliminary investigation shows growth since 2020 (See Attachment 3) may already meet the residential units definition of urban density. The TPC voting membership would, all other things remaining the same, potentially increase from 7 to 16.

Option 3: Shown as Attachment 3, this option Includes the Metropolitan Statistical Area (all of Nueces County and San Patricio County) plus the Adjusted Urban Area of Aransas Pass that extends into Aransas County. The TPC voting membership would, all other things remaining the same, potentially increase from 7 to 25.

Option 4: Shown as Attachment 4, this Option utilizes the full county boundaries for both counties in the MSA plus Aransas County. The TPC voting membership would, all other things remaining the same, potentially increase from 7 to 27.

After initial examination of Option 1, there are some additional considerations for the MPO Planning Area Boundary. In Attachments 5-9 the blue dots represent houses built since the 2020 Census. The yellow dots represent houses that were built before the 2020 Census and are outside of the Adjusted Urban Areas. The Sun emblem represents Multi-Family Housing built since the 2020 Census; the solid white line is the existing MPO Planning Area Boundary. The list of the MPO Planning Area Boundary considerations, which are still under review, are:

- The Martin Energy Terminal on Harbor Island needs to be included in the MPO Planning Area as a Deep Sea Terminal. See Attachment 5.
- The MPO Planning Area Boundary on the Northern side of the Ingleside/Aransas/Port Aransas Adjusted Urban Area needs to use roadways as a boundary and include the new Rail-to-Sea deep sea terminal. See Attachment 6.
- Growth west of the City of Portland. See Attachment 7.
- Area north of the City of Robstown, See Attachment 8.
- Area around the south side of the SH 286 Crosstown Expressway, See Attachment 9.

The following table identifies every potential government entity that could join the Corpus Christi MPO's TPC under each proposed MPO Boundary option. Current TPC members are highlighted in Table 1.

Table 1. Potential Municipality Members of the Corpus Christi MPO

Municipalities	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4
Agua Dulce			Х	Х
Aransas Pass	Х	Х	Х	Х
Bishop			Х	Х
City of Corpus Christi	X	Х	Х	X
Driscoll			Х	X
Fulton		Х		Х
Gregory	Х	Х	Х	Х
Ingleside	Х	Х	Х	Х
Ingleside on the Bay	Х	Х	Х	Х
Lake City			Х	Х
Mathis			Х	Х
Odem			Х	Х
Petronila			Х	Х
Port Aransas	Х	Х	Х	Х
City of Portland	Х	Х	Х	X
Robstown	Х	Х	Х	Х
Rockport		Х		Х
San Patricio			Х	Х
Sinton			Х	X
Taft			Х	X
Nueces County	X	Х	Х	X
San Patricio County	X	Х	Х	X
Aransas County	Х	Х	Х	Х
Corpus Christi RTA	X	Х	Х	X
TxDOT - Corpus Christi District	X	Х	Х	X
Port of Corpus Christi	Х	Х	Х	X
Coastal Bend Council of Governments (non-voting member, does not contributed to membership total)	0	0	0	0
Total Potential Members	14	16	25	27

Recommendation

The Corpus Christi MPO staff and TAC jointly recommend that the TPC review the materials provided, consider the processes for the required MPO Boundary Change and Redesignation, then approve the proposed MPO Boundary of Option 1 shown in Attachment 1 for use in continuing the MPO Boundary Update Process. The joint recommendation includes the condition that the TAC and MPO staff review the boundary conditions in Option 1 as part of the Small Area Forecast development process to determine necessary adjustments to the MPO Boundary due to anticipated urbanization of areas just outside of the

Option 1 Boundary. Changes can be made as part of the approval of the Small Area Forecast allocation of population and employment through the year 2050.

Proposed Motion

Motion to approve Option 1 MPO Boundary in Attachment 1 as the working DRAFT Corpus Christi MPO Boundary for use in the 2050 MTP process and application for MPO Boundary Change and Redesignation through TxDOT to the Governor.

Background

In March 2022, the Census Bureau published a rule basing future identification of urban density of residential units. According to the Final Criteria (87 FR 16706) the Census Bureau classifies urban density in 3 ways:

"Three density thresholds are used in the delineation process:

- 1. 425 housing units per square mile define the initial urban core.
- 2. Then 200 units per square mile fill in the remainder of the urban area, which is similar to the 2000 and 2010 censuses.
- 3. 1,275 housing units per square mile ensures each qualifying urban area contains at least one high density nucleus.

The use of housing unit density also provides the ability to update urban areas between censuses. This is especially important in faster growing areas of the nation."

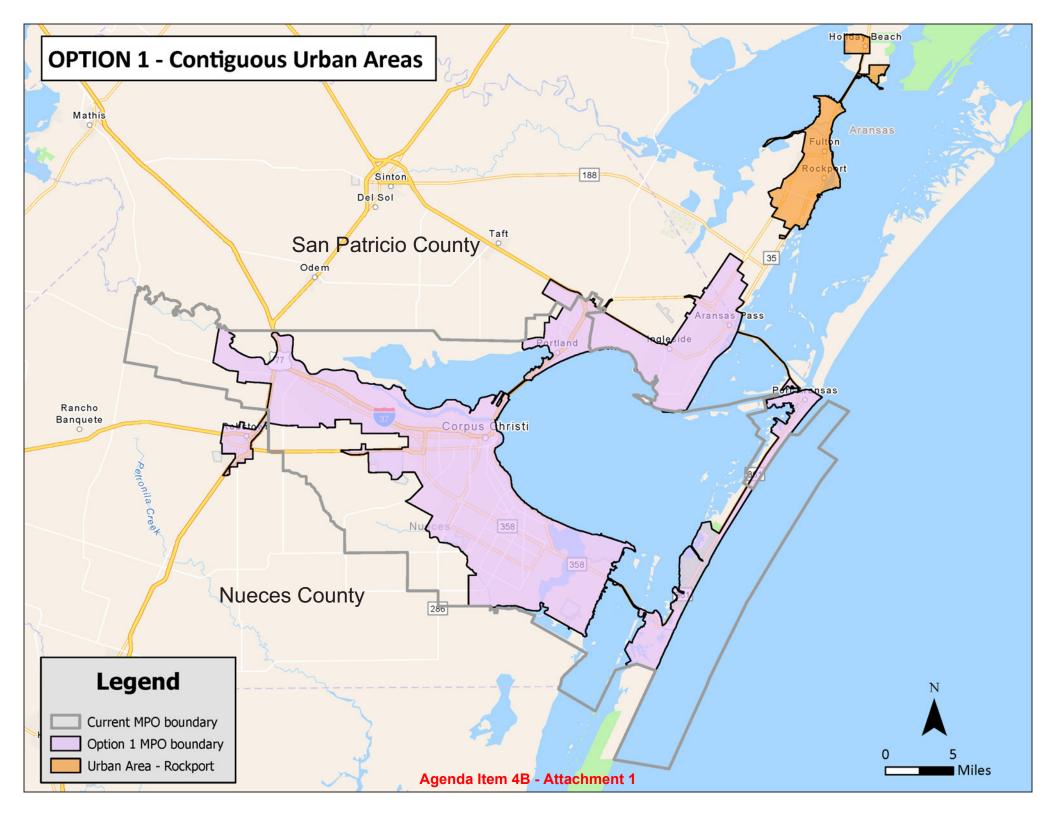
Given that there are 640 acres in a square mile, then using 200 units per square mile, an area needs to average one unit per 3.2 acres to be added into the MPO Planning Area.

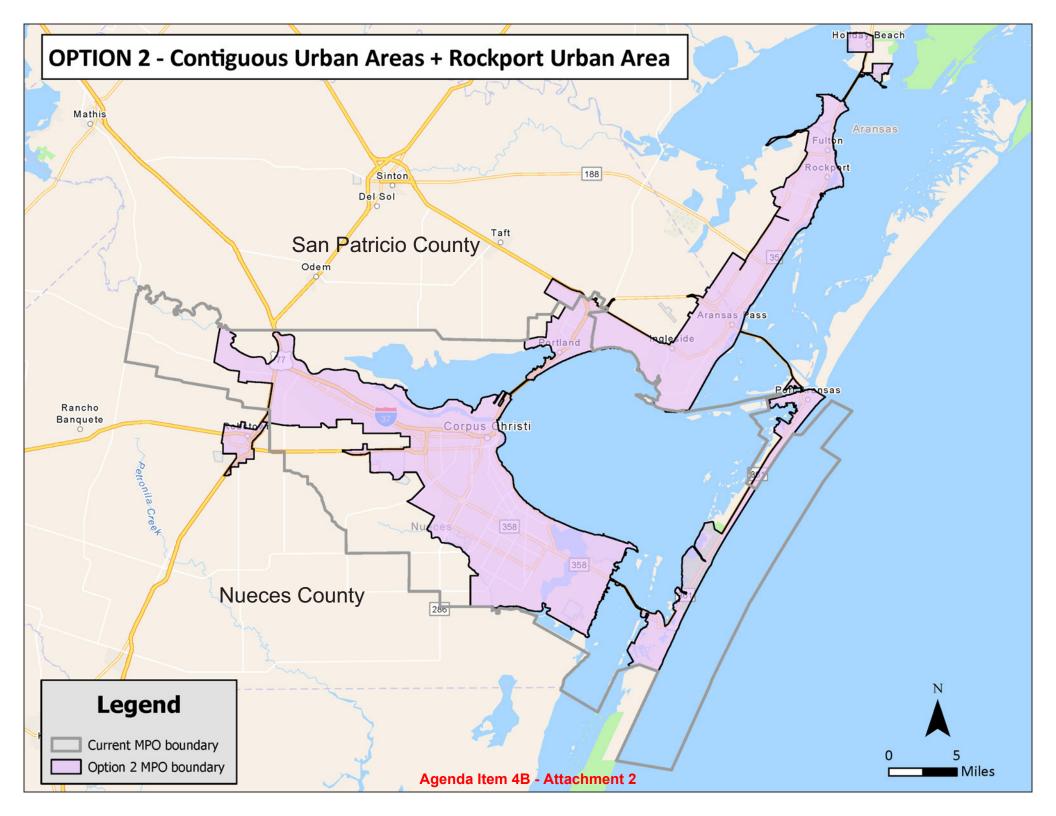
§ 450.312 Metropolitan Planning Area boundaries.

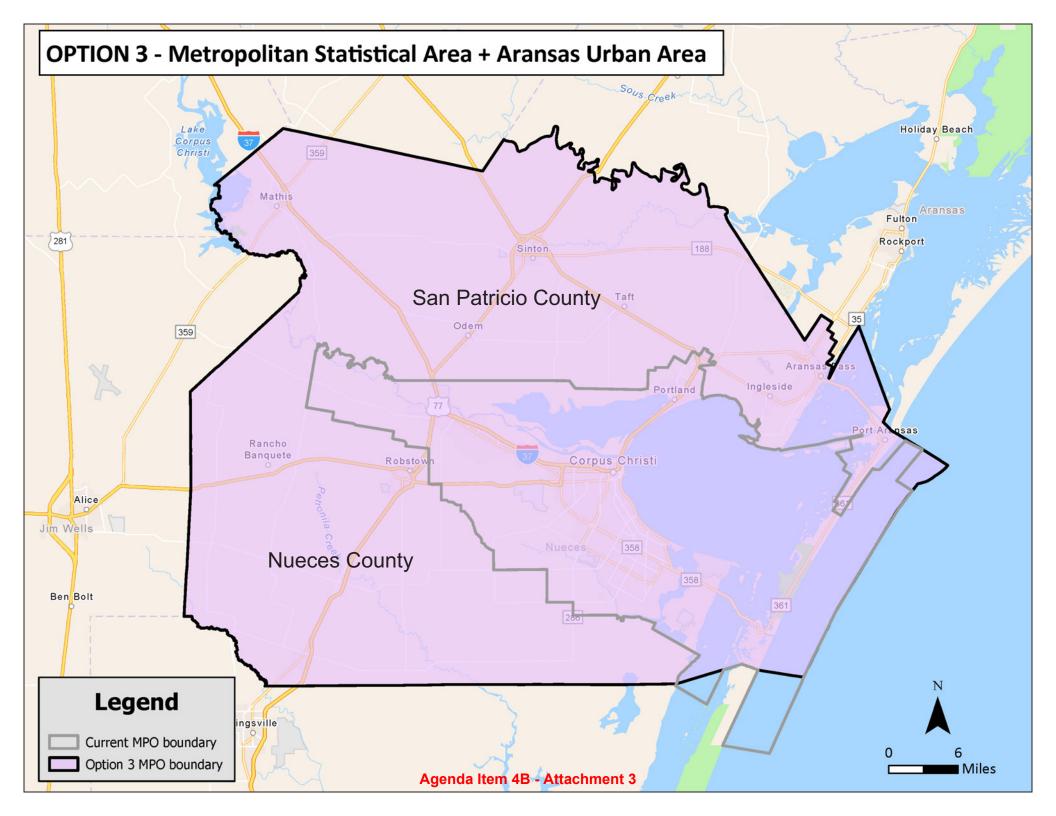
- (a) The boundaries of a metropolitan planning area (MPA) shall be determined by agreement between the MPO and the Governor.
 - (1) At a minimum, the MPA boundaries shall encompass the entire existing urban area (as defined by the Bureau of the Census) plus the contiguous area expected to become urban within a 20-year forecast period for the metropolitan transportation plan.
 - (2) The MPA boundaries may be further expanded to encompass the entire metropolitan statistical area or combined statistical area, as defined by the Office of Management and Budget.

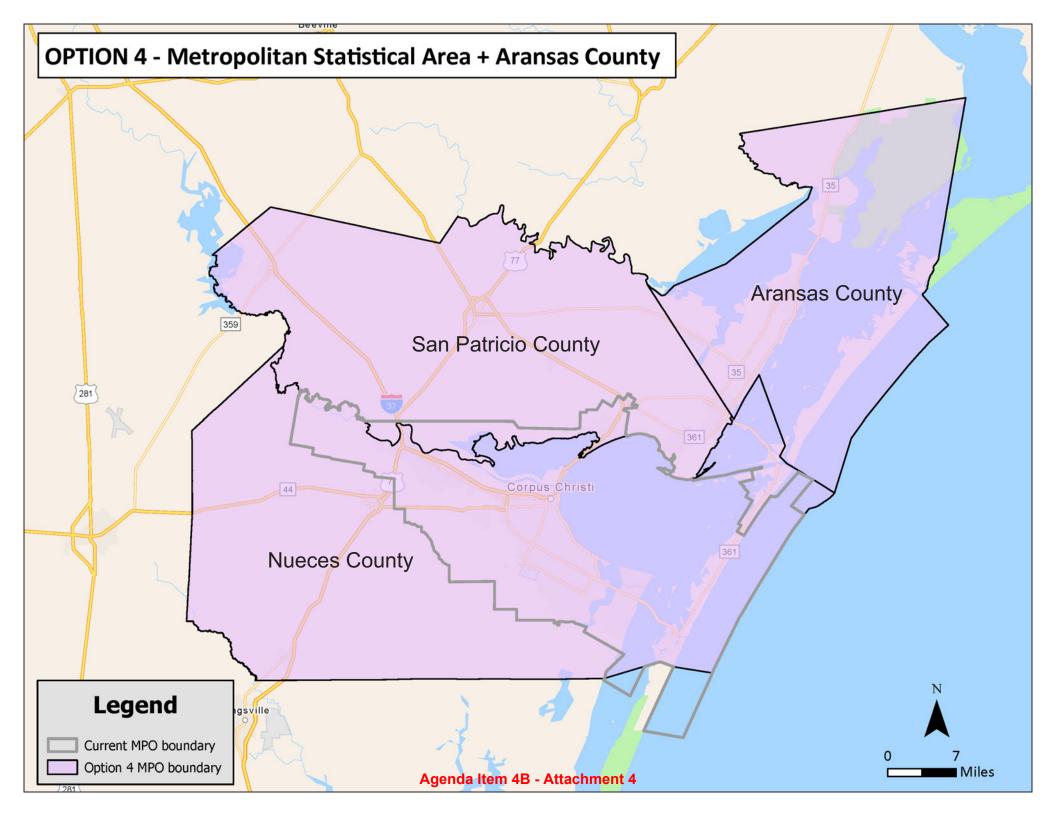
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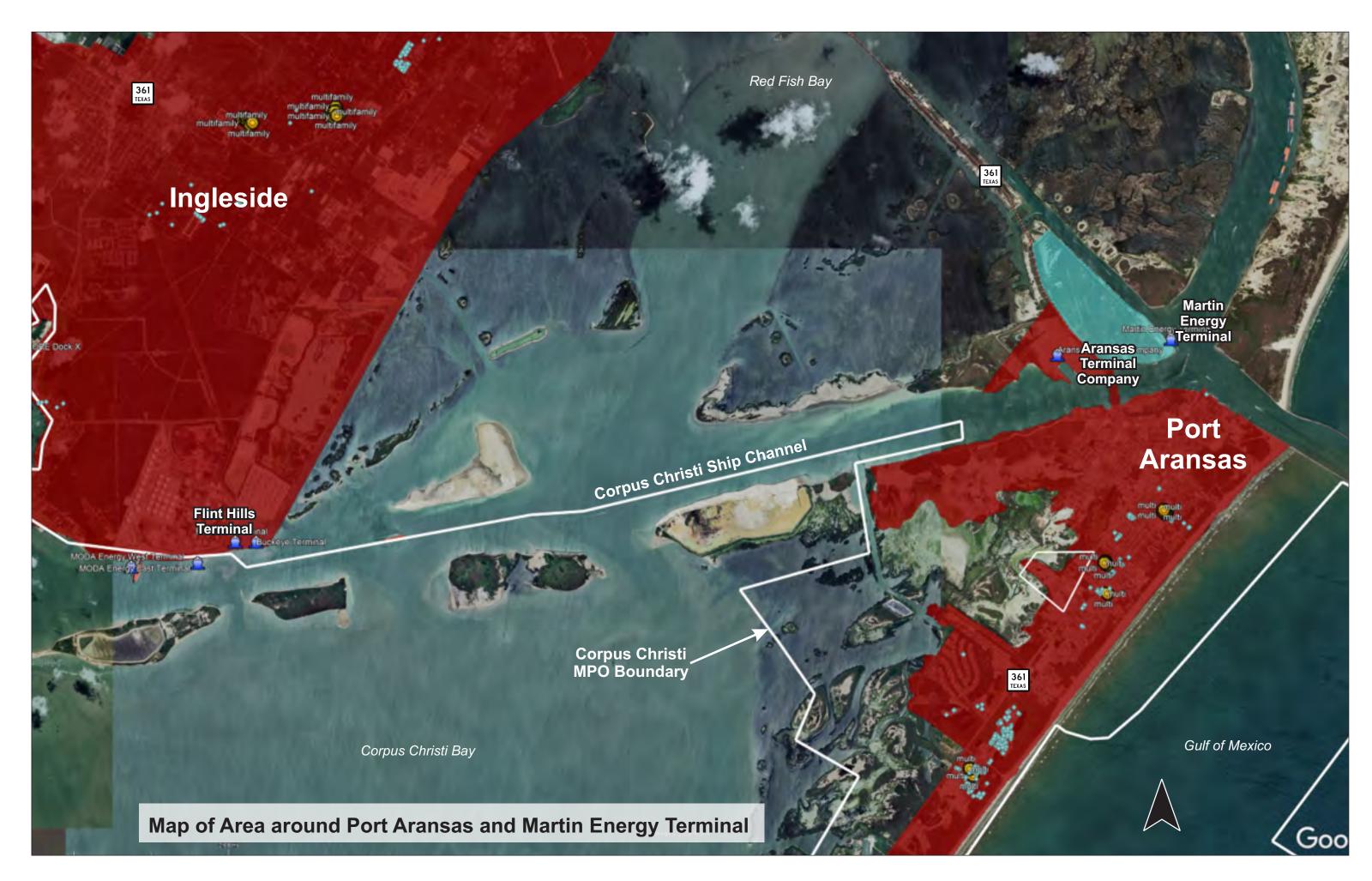
- 1. Map of Option 1 MPO boundary Contiguous Urban Areas
- 2. Map of Option 2 MPO boundary Contiguous Urban Areas plus Rockport Urban Area
- 3. Map of Option 3 MPO boundary Metropolitan Statistical Area plus Aransas Urban Area
- 4. Map of Option 4 MPO boundary Metropolitan Statistical Area plus Aransas County
- 5. Map of Area around Port Aransas and Martin Energy Terminal
- 6. Map of Area between Rockport and Ingleside
- 7. Map of Growing Area west of Portland
- 8. Map of Area north of Robstown
- 9. Map of Area around the south side of the SH 286 Crosstown Expressway

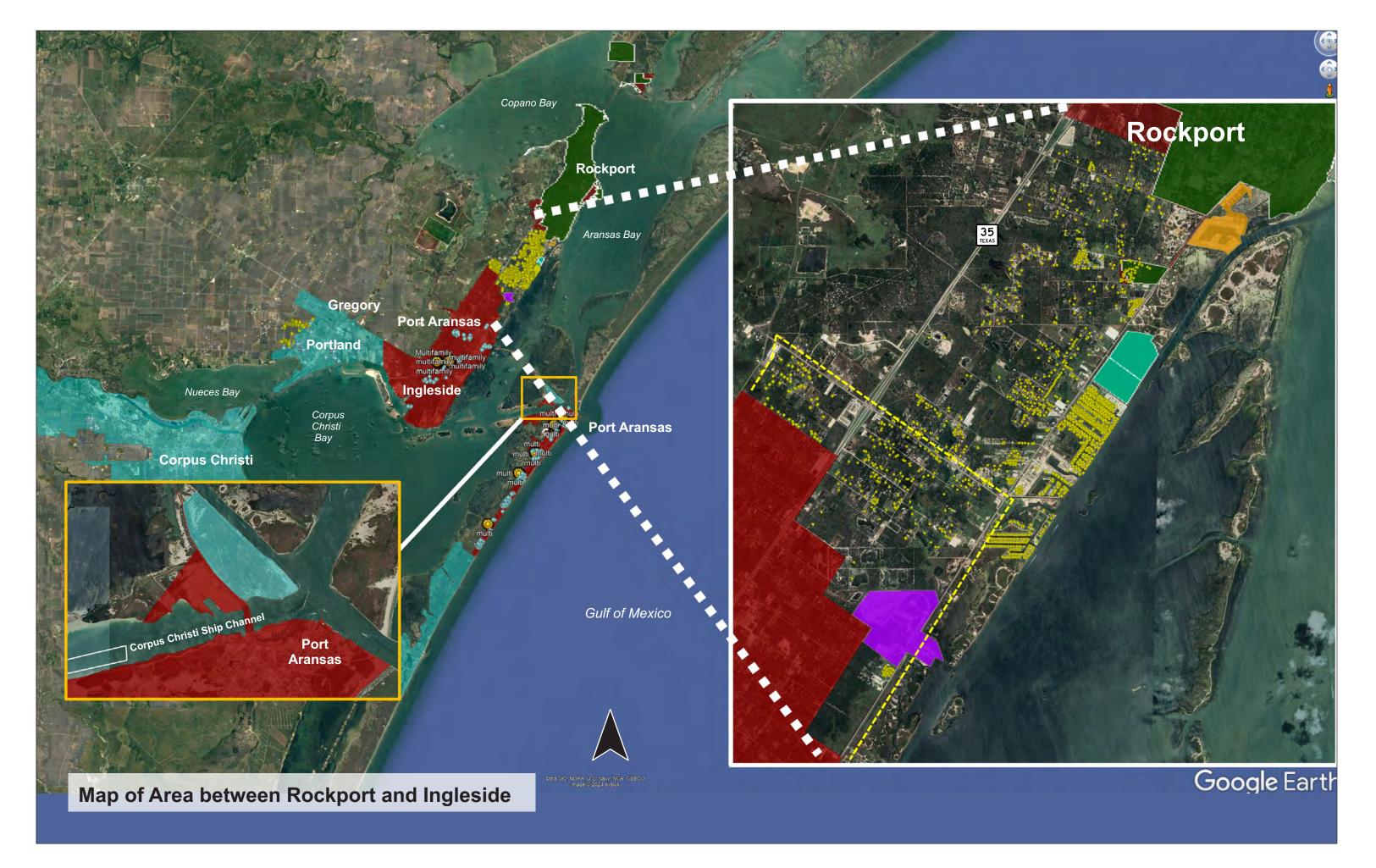


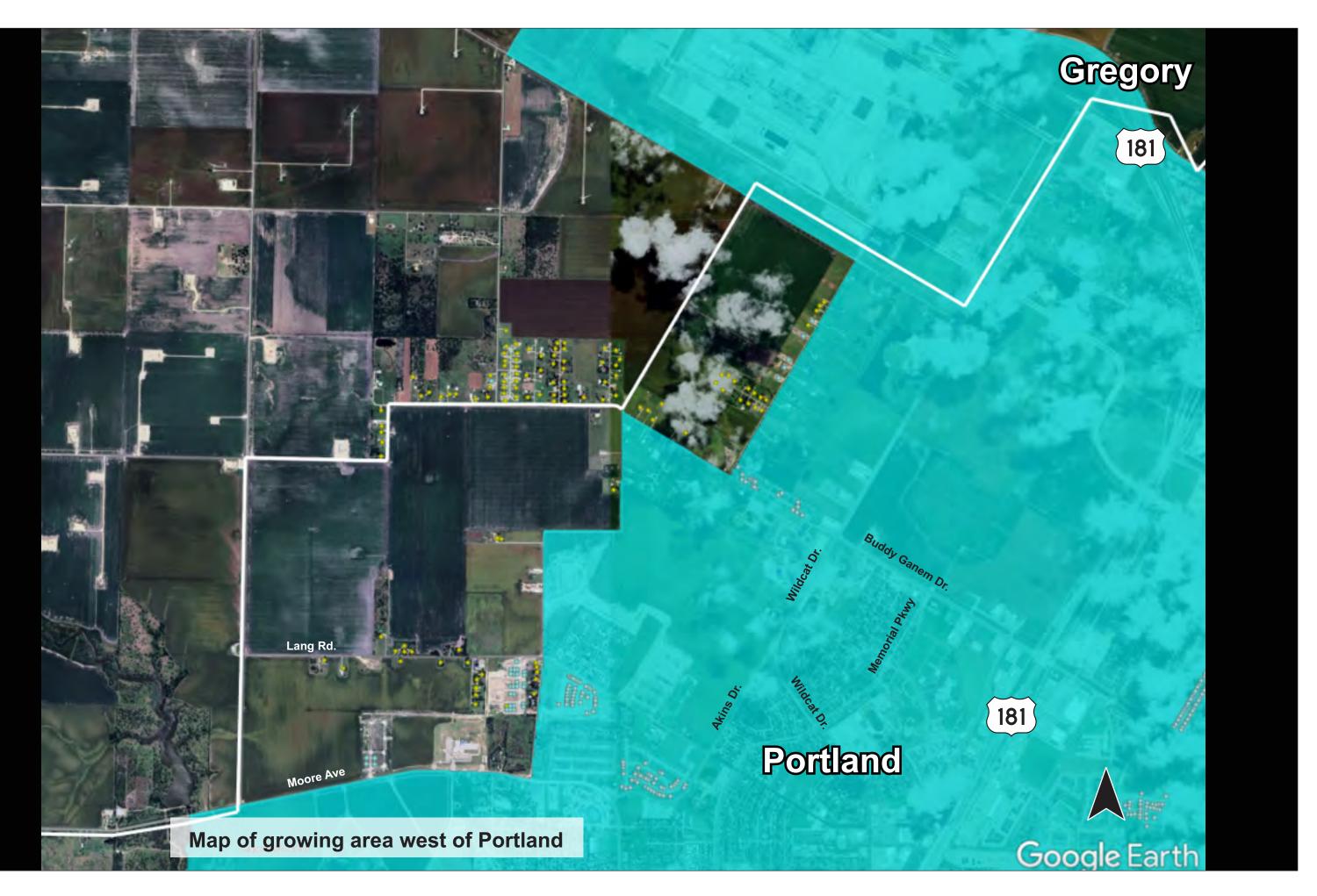


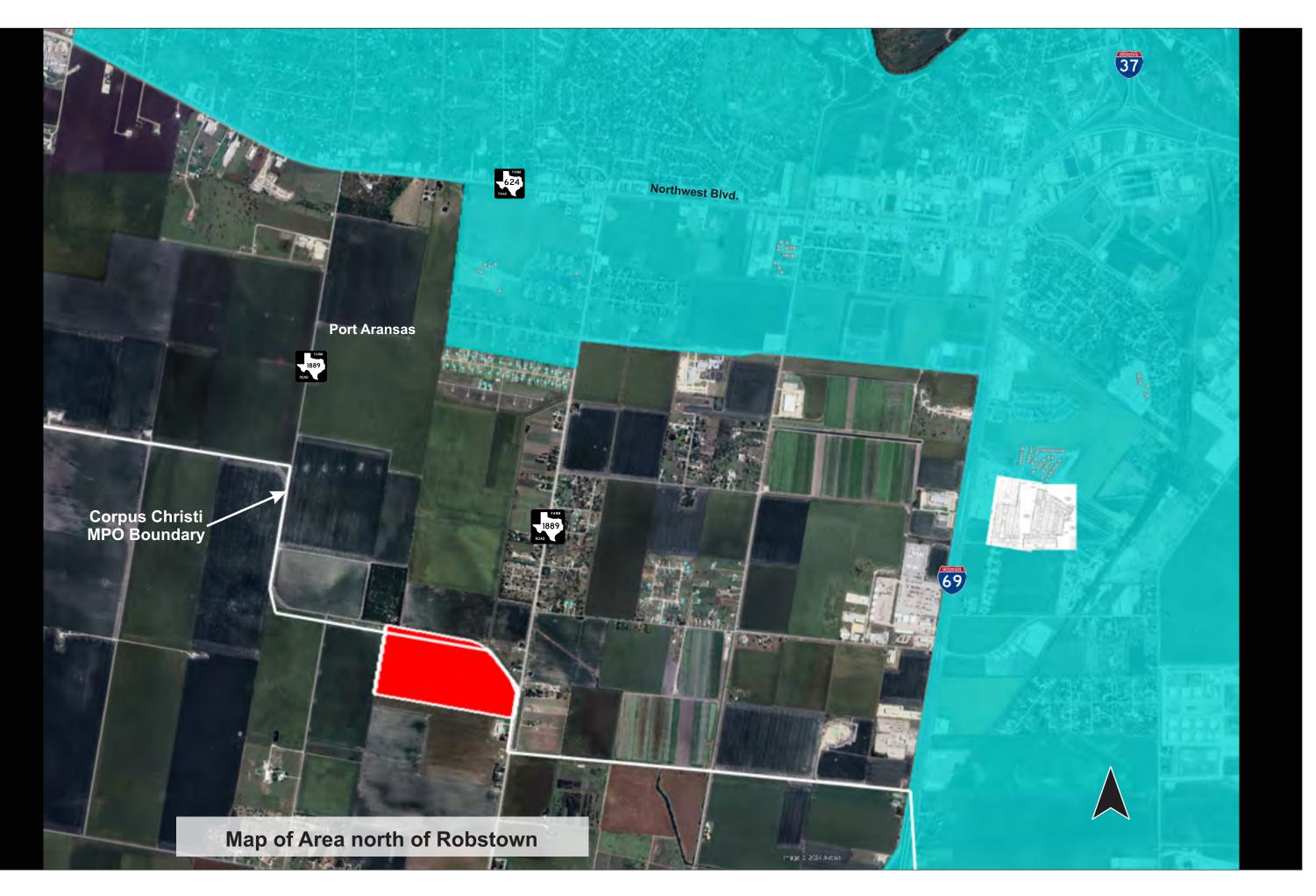


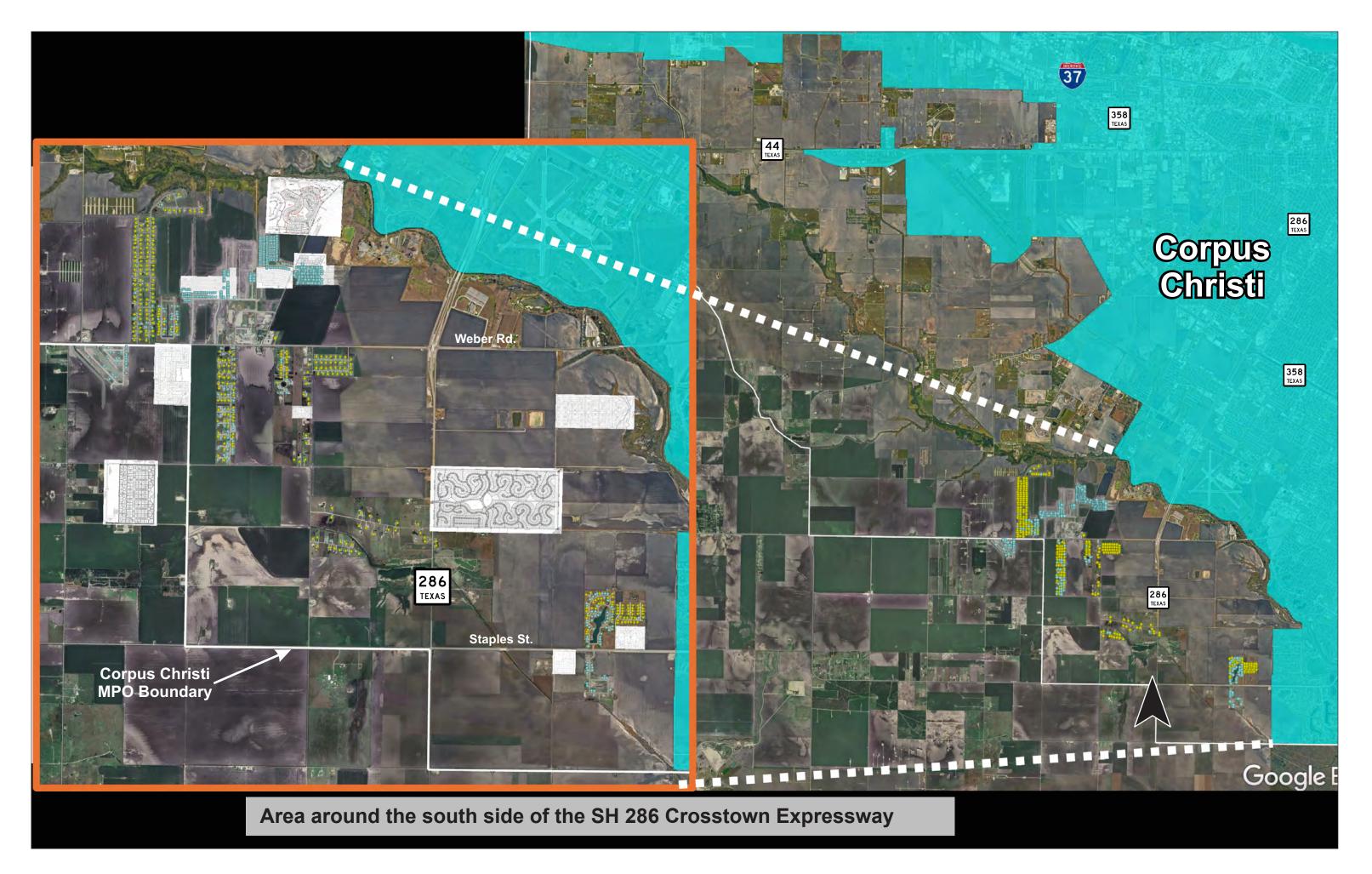














Date: September 26, 2024

To: Transportation Policy Committee (TPC)

From: Craig Casper, Senior Transportation Planner

Through: Robert MacDonald, Transportation Planning Director

Subject: Item 5A: DRAFT Active Transportation, Complete Streets, and Micro-mobility Plan

Action: Review, Discuss and Comment

Summary

Due to the large volume of materials included in the DRAFT Active Transportation, Complete Streets, and Micro-mobility Plan (Active Transportation Plan), we are providing the preliminary draft document to the TPC before your meeting in October for your review and comment. Eventually, the TPC will be asked to release the large document for the one-month public comment period at your November meeting with approval in December. We provided these documents to the TAC and the Active Transportation Plan Stakeholders Group for their review and comments during their Workshop on September 19th. Comments from the TAC/Active Transportation Stakeholders Group meeting will be addressed. The TAC and Active Transportation Stakeholders Group (see Attachment 1) will be asked for their recommendation on releasing the DRAFT Active Transportation Plan for public comment in October.

Presentation Slides

Active Transportation Stakeholder Group Presentation

DRAFT Active Transportation, Complete Streets, and Micro-mobility Plan

Chapters

- Chapter 1: Introduction
- Chapter 2: Existing Plans and Codes
- Chapter 3: Existing Conditions
- Chapter 4: Public Involvement
- Chapter 5: Issues, Needs, and Opportunities
- Chapter 6: Active Transportation Planning Elements
- Chapter 7: Regional Active Transportation Network
- Chapter 8: Recommendations and Implementation 🔾

Appendices

- Appendix A: Active Transportation and Complete Streets Best Practices
- Appendix B: Complete Streets Design Manual and Ordinance
- Appendix C: Micromobility Plans and Ordinances
- Appendix D: Public and Stakeholder Engagement Summary
- Appendix E: Ennis Joslin Complete Street Project
- Appendix F: Ongoing and Planned Bike/Ped Projects
- Appendix G: Funding Opportunities

Background

Active Transportation is human-powered mobility, such as biking, walking, or rolling. Active transportation directly replaces motor vehicle miles traveled, so these modes are effective at conserving fuel, reducing vehicle emissions, bridging the first- and last-mile gap, and improving individual and public health. Bicycles, electric bikes, wheelchairs, scooters, and even walking are all considered active transportation.

Complete Streets are streets designed and operated to enable safe use and support mobility for all users. Those include people of all ages and abilities, regardless of whether they are travelling as drivers, pedestrians, bicyclists, or public transportation riders. The concept of Complete Streets encompasses many approaches to planning, designing, and operating roadways and rights of way with all users in mind to make the transportation network safer and more efficient.

Micro-mobility has rapidly proliferated in cities nationwide, proving to be a popular transportation option for many users. In response to the increasing demand for walking and bicycling facilities in cities and towns across the country, many jurisdictions are exploring micromobility as an alternative mode for short trips and active transportation.

Attachment:

1. Active Transportation Plan Stakeholders Group Roster

Active Transportation Plan Stakeholders Group Roster

Entity	Name	Title
City of Portland	Brian DeLatte	Deputy City Manager
Corpus Christi Regional Transportation Authority	Gordon Robinson	Director of Planning
City of Corpus Christi Planning Department	Dan McGinn	Director
Nueces County Public Works	Juan Pimentel	Director/County Engineer
Port of Corpus Christi	Jeff Pollack	Chief Strategy & Sustainability Officer
San Patricio County	Tom Yardley	Commissioner Percinct 2
Texas Department of Transportation Corpus Christi	Paula Sales-Evans	Director of Transportation Planning & Development
Texas Department of Transportation Corpus Christi	Amanda Longoria	Transportation Planner
Coastal Bend Council of Government	Emily Martinez	Executive Director
City of Corpus Christi Public Works	Ernest De La Garza	Director
City of Corpus Christi Public Works	Renee Couture	Assistant Director
City of Corpus Christi Health Department	Dr. Srikanth Ramachandruni, MD	Local Health Authority
CCRTA	Melanie Gomez	Eligibility Program Administrator
Committee for Persons with Disabilities	Dr. Jennifer Scott	CEO Choice Living Community
City of Corpus Christi Planning Department	Keren Costanzo	Economic Development Manager
City of Corpus Christi Planning Department	Annika G. Yankee	Planning Manager
City of Corpus Christi Engineering Department	Jennifer Buxton	Assistant Director Grant Monitoring Division
City of Corpus Christi Engineering Department	Mai-Theresa Bernal	Major Projects Engineer, Engineering Services
City of Corpus Christi Development Services	Al Raymond	Director of Development Services
City of Corpus Christi Neighborhood Services	Constance Sanchez	Chief Financial Officer
City of Corpus Christi Parks & Recreations	Kevin Johnson	Assistant Director
City of Corpus Christi Parks & Rec Advisory Committee	Dr. Alissa Mejia	Chair
City of Corpus Christi Parks & Rec Advisory Committee	Thomas Cronnon	Pedestrian and Bike Connectivity Committee
AARP Texas State Pffoce	Ismael Herrera	redestrial and bike connectivity committee
AARP Texas State Pffoce	Risa Rodriguez	Director of Community Strategy
City of Portland Public Works	Dr. Kenneth Banks	Director
City of Portland Parks & Recreations	Kristin Connor	Director
Nueces County ADA Coordinator	Timothy Everest	Nueces County ADA Coordinator
San Patricio County Engineer	John Hernandez	County Engineer
San Patricio County Emergency Management	Sara Williams	Emergency Management Coordinator
San Patricio County ADA Coordinator	Sylvia Marquez	ADA Coordinator
City of Gregory Public Works	Abel Sanchez	
I Bike CC	Shirin Delsooz	
CCISD Police Representatives	Lance Howard	Sergeant
Gregory-Portland ISD Safety & Student Service	Michael Thieme	Executive Director
Flour Bluff ISD Police	Eric Gonzalez	Chief
London ISD Police	Ron Lawver	Director of Operations
West Oso ISD Police	Lindie Hagdorn Yearly	Parent, Family & Engagement Coordinator
Tuloso-Midway ISD Police	Patrick Hernandez	Assistant Superintendent for District Operations
CCISD	John Dibala	Construction Project Manager
Flour Bluff ISD	Kristen Bily	Executive Director of Communications
London ISD	Ron Lawver	Director of Operations
West Oso ISD	Diane Jackson	Secretary to the Superintendent
West Oso ISD	Kimberly Moore	Interim Superintendent
Tuloso-Midway ISD	Steve VanMatre	Superintendent of Schools
Gregory-Portland ISD	Crystal Matern	Chief Communications & Engagement Officer
Corpus YMCA	Gwen Ruppert	Interim CEO
TAMU-CC SGA	Gabriela Bidwell	Communications Specialist for SGA?
DMC Student Leadership & Campus Life	Beverly A. Cage	Director
Corpus Christi Roadrunners	Doug McBee	President
Corpus Christi Roadrunners	Paul Nicolaides	Equipment/Safety
DPS	Richard Sherrer	
DPS	Richard Martinez	
DPS	Raul Ochoa	



Date: September 26, 2024

To: Transportation Policy Committee (TPC)

From: Craig Casper, Senior Transportation Planner

Through: Robert MacDonald, Transportation Planning Director

Subject: <u>Item 5B</u>: Regional Focus Groups Update

Action: Information Only

Summary

As part of the Public Outreach Process the Corpus Christi MPO has contracted with a private consultant to conduct a total of 10 focus groups: 8 on-line and 2 in-person. These focus groups are designed to be statistically valid to match our MPO's regional demographics from the 2020 U.S. Census. The Focus Groups were conducted the week of September 9-13, 2024 and had approximately 79 participants.

The questions posed by the consultants to the residents of the region are included in this document. MPO staff were deliberately excluded from these Focus Group meetings to avoid any biases from our knowledge of transportation in the region. We will provide the TPC with any early observations we receive from the consultant team during your Regular Meeting on October 3rd.

The Corpus Christi MPO has developed a Social Pinpoint survey to request members of the public to complete questions that were asked of our Focus Groups. Please access the survey at the following link: https://mpo-corpus.org/focusgroups

Background

As stated in the adopted Public Participation Program:

Focus Groups – Focus groups are most often used when agencies desire information about specific issues. Critical to the success of a focus group is having balanced representation and keeping the group at a manageable number so that each person contributes to a substantive discussion. This can take the form of having statistically valid representation based on gender, race, age, income, or home or work location. It can also take the form of having increased representation from disadvantaged or marginalized groups in order to provide them a forum for their voices to be specifically represented.

The topics presented for the 10 Focus Groups were:

Topic 1: Perceptions of the Transportation System

- What do you like BEST about the transportation system in the Corpus Christi metropolitan area?
 [Note the facilitator will show a map of the metropolitan area]
- What do you like LEAST about the transportation system in the Corpus Christi metropolitan area?

Topic 2: Priorities For Transportation Improvements

 What do YOU think should be the top Transportation Priorities for the Corpus Christi metropolitan area over the Next 20 Years?

Corpus Christi metropolitan area over the Next 20 Years?
Topic 3: Bus Services/Public Transportation
 Do you ever use buses in the Corpus Christi metropolitan area? And if so, why and how? # who use buses: # who DO NOT use buses: What are your general impressions of <u>bus</u> services in the Corpus Christi metropolitan area? What would get you to consider using Public Transportation? Or use it more often than you currently do.
Topic 4: Bicycle Transportation
 How often do you or others in your household bike? # who bike: # who DO NOT bike: What are your general impressions of bicycle facilities in the Corpus Christi metropolitan area? What would get you to consider riding bikes? Or riding more often than you currently do.
Topic 5: Pedestrian Transportation
 How often do you walk? And for what purposes? # who walk: # who DO NOT walk: What are your general impressions of pedestrian/walking facilities (i.e. sidewalks, trails) in the Corpus Christi metropolitan area? What would get you to consider walking more often than you currently do.
Topic 6: Traffic Signals
 What are your general impressions of traffic signals in the Corpus Christi metropolitan area? Why do you feel that way?
Topic 7: E-Bikes and E-Scooters
Do you have a favorable or unfavorable impression of e-bikes and e-scooters? # FAVORABLE: # NEITHER FAVORABLE OR UNFAVORABLE: # UNFAVORABLE: # DON'T KNOW WHAT THEY ARE: Why do you feel that way?
Topic 8: Resiliency
 In the past three years has anyone been impacted by severe weather events here in the area? # YES: # NO: What type of severe weather have you experienced? How did these events impact your travel in the region?

What would YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY think should be the top Transportation Priorities for the

• If NOT MENTIONED, how did the weather impact you (flooded roads, impassable areas, etc.)?

Topic 9: Alternative Fuels
 Do you generally support expanded use of alternative fuel vehicles? [For your information, alternative fuels are from resources other than petroleum. The most common types of alternative fuel use in vehicles are electricity, ethanol, biodiesel, natural gas, propane and hydrogen] # YES: # NO: # DON'T KNOW: Why do you feel that way?
Topic 10: Delivery Services
 How often do you have items delivered to your home via Amazon, UPS, or other delivery services? How often do you use meal delivery services like Grubhub, Uber Eats, and DoorDash? How often do you use same-day retail delivery services like Instacart or Walmart? How has your use of these services changed over the past 3 years? Do you think you will use these services more, about the same, or less in the next 5-10 years?
Topic 11: Usage and Perceptions of Electric Vehicles
 How many of you currently own an electric vehicle? # YES: # NO: FOR THOSE WHO DO OWN ONE: Why did you decide to purchase an electric vehicle? FOR THOSE WHO DO NOT OWN ONE: Do you think you will buy one in the next 5 years? Why or Why not? What priority do you think should be placed on supporting use of electric vehicles, such as the development of more charging stations? # High: # Low: # Unsure: If High Priority: Why do you feel that way? If Low Priority: Why do you feel that way? Topic 12: Autonomous Vehicles
Topic 12: Autonomous venicies
 What are your general impressions of autonomous vehicles (self driving vehicles)? # Good Idea
Topic 14: Funding
 Do you think you get good value for the taxes and fees you currently pay to support transportation services and facilities in the Corpus Christi metropolitan area? # Good Value

	ould you be willing to pay more to improve the quality of transportation services and facilities in the
Co	rpus Christi metropolitan area?
# Y	es
# N	lo
0	If yes, what you would be willing to pay more for?
Topic 15	: Other comments
Do you	have any other any additional comments you would like to share before we end our meeting?

o Why or Why Not?



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Corpus Christi Metropolitan Planning Organization Announces Public Meetings for The Region's 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan

September 18, 2024

The Corpus Christi Metropolitan Planning Organization (Corpus Christi MPO) invites the public to participate in the continuing series of public meetings regarding the overview of the 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), a comprehensive blueprint for the region's transportation future.

The 2050 MTP, updated every 5 years, will steer transportation investments and enhancements in the Corpus Christi region for the next 25 years. To ensure that our plan aligns with the needs and priorities of our community, we are continuing our extensive public outreach initiatives throughout 2024.

As part of the outreach efforts, the Corpus Christi MPO has created a social pinpoint webpage at https://connect.corpuschristi-mpo.org/metropolitan-transportation-plan where residents can learn about the plan's development process, provide feedback, and stay informed about upcoming events.

"We are committed to developing a transportation plan that truly reflects the needs and aspirations of our community," remarked San Patricio County Judge David Krebs, Chairperson of the Corpus Christi MPO Transportation Policy Committee. "Engaging residents with surveys, focus groups, and other outreach efforts, will ensure that the 2050 MTP effectively addresses the challenges and opportunities facing our region."

These public meetings will all cover the same topics; traffic safety, roadway congestion, a funding overview, vision, goals, & objectives, Active Transportation Plan and more. This is an opportunity for residents to learn about the planning process and contribute their thoughts on the direction of future transportation projects and policies.

Each meeting will be held from 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Attendees will have the chance to ask questions, provide feedback, and engage with MPO representatives and other community members.

Meeting Schedule:

Robert MacDonald, MPA, P.E. Transportation Planning Director

- <u>Tuesday, October 1, 2024</u>: Marvin Baker Middle School 1540 Casa Grande Dr, Corpus Christi, TX 78411
- Wednesday, October 2, 2024: Seashore Middle Academy, 15437 S Padre Island Dr, Corpus Christi, TX 78418

For more information, please contact Karla Carvajal at kxcarvajal@cctxmpo.us.

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PARA PUBLICACIÓN INMEDIATA

La Organización de Planificación Metropolitana de Corpus Christi Anuncia Reuniones Públicas para el Plan de Transporte Metropolitano 2050 de la Región

18 de septiembre de 2024

La Organización de Planificación Metropolitana de Corpus Christi (Corpus Christi MPO) invita al público a participar en una serie continua de reuniones públicas sobre el panorama del Plan de Transporte Metropolitano (MTP) 2050, un plan integral para el futuro del transporte en la región.

El MTP 2050, actualizado cada 5 años, guiará las inversiones y mejoras en transporte en la región de Corpus Christi durante los próximos 25 años. Para asegurarnos de que nuestro plan esté alineado con las necesidades y prioridades de nuestra comunidad, estamos continuando con nuestras iniciativas de divulgación pública a lo largo de 2024.

Como parte de estos esfuerzos, Corpus Christi MPO ha creado una página web de participación social en https://connect.corpuschristi-mpo.org/metropolitan-transportation-plan, donde los residentes pueden informarse sobre el proceso de desarrollo del plan, proporcionar comentarios y mantenerse al tanto de los próximos eventos.

"Estamos comprometidos a desarrollar un plan de transporte que realmente refleje las necesidades y aspiraciones de nuestra comunidad", comentó el juez del condado de San Patricio, David Krebs, presidente del Comité de Políticas de Transporte de la Corpus Christi MPO. "Involucrar a los residentes mediante encuestas, grupos focales y otros esfuerzos de divulgación garantizará que el MTP 2050 aborde eficazmente los desafíos y oportunidades que enfrenta nuestra región."

Todas estas reuniones públicas cubrirán los mismos temas: seguridad vial, congestión de las carreteras, resumen de financiamiento, visión, metas y objetivos, Plan de Transporte Activo, y más. Esta es una oportunidad para que los residentes aprendan sobre el proceso de planificación y compartan sus opiniones sobre la dirección de los futuros proyectos y políticas de transporte.

Cada reunión se llevará a cabo de 4:30 p.m. a 6:30 p.m. Los asistentes tendrán la oportunidad de hacer preguntas, proporcionar comentarios y participar con los representantes del MPO y otros miembros de la comunidad.

Calendario de Reuniones:

- Martes, 1 de octubre de 2024: Marvin Baker Middle School, 1540 Casa Grande Dr, Corpus Christi, TX 78411
- Miércoles, 2 de octubre de 2024: Seashore Middle Academy, 15437 S. Padre Island Dr, Corpus Christi, TX 78418

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Agenda Item 7A



JOIN TXDOT FOR A PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING!

Learn about TxDOT's new study to explore potential route options for a proposed new crossing of the Laguna Madre, from the Corpus Christi mainland to North Padre Island.

VIRTUAL

Thursday, Oct. 3, 2024, through Friday, Oct. 18, 2024 *Visit txdot.gov, keyword search "Regional Parkway"*



Scan Me

IN-PERSON

Date: Thursday, Oct. 3, 2024

Time: 3 - 7 p.m.

Location: Mansion Royal ■ 8001 S. Padre Island Dr., Corpus Christi, TX 78412

The same information will be available at the virtual and in-person option

WHAT TO EXPECT AT THE PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING:

- Learn about the process TxDOT follows
- View a pre-recorded presentation and supporting project exhibits
- Review and comment on scoping documents
- Ask questions and submit comments

Comments received by Friday, October 18, 2024 will be included in the official record.

The Public Scoping Meeting will be conducted in English, with Spanish materials available online and in-person. Call Rickey Dailey at 361-808-2544 no later than 4 p.m. CT, Monday, Sept. 30, 2024, to request special accommodations. Every reasonable effort will be made to accommodate these needs.



Project study area pictured in yellow. The five proposed preliminary alternatives are subject to change.

The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried-out by TxDOT pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated December 9, 2019 and executed by FHWA and TxDOT.

Agenda Item 7B





¡ÚNASE A TXDOT PARA UNA REUNIÓN PÚBLICA DE ALCANCE!

Conozca el nuevo estudio de TxDOT para explorar las posibles opciones de ruta para un nuevo cruce propuesto de la Laguna Madre desde el continente de Corpus Christi hasta North Padre Island.

VIRTUAL

Jueves, 3 de oct. de 2024 hasta viernes 18 de oct. de 2024 Visite txdot.gov, búsqueda de las palabras clave "Regional Parkway"



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PRESENCIAL

Fecha: jueves 3 de oct. de 2024

Tiempo: 3 a 7 p.m.

Lugar: Mansion Royal ■ 8001 S. Padre Island Dr., Corpus Christi, TX 78412

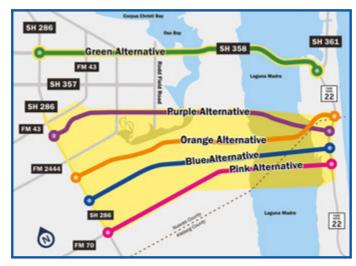
La misma información estará disponible en la opción virtual y presencial

QUÉ ESPERAR EN LA REUNIÓN PÚBLICA DE ALCANCE:

- Conocer el proceso que sigue TxDOT
- Ver una presentación pregrabada y exhibiciones de apoyo del proyectos
- Revisar y comentar sobre el documento de alcance
- Hacer preguntas y enviar comentarios

Los comentarios recibidos hasta el viernes 18 de octubre de 2024 se incluirán en el registro oficial.

La Reunión Pública de Alcance se llevará a cabo en inglés con materiales en español disponibles en línea y en persona. Llame a Rickey Dailey al 361-808-2544 a más tardar a las 4 p.m. CT, lunes 30 de sep. de 2024, para solicitar adaptaciones especiales. Se harán todos los esfuerzos razonables para satisfacer estas necesidades.



El área de estudio del proyecto se muestra en amarillo. Las cinco alternativas preliminares propuestas están sujetas a cambios.

La revisión ambiental, la consulta y otras acciones requeridas por las leyes ambientales federales aplicables para este proyecto están siendo, o han sido, llevadas a cabo por TxDOT de conformidad con 23 U.S.C. 327 y un Memorándum de Entendimiento con fecha del 9 de diciembre de 2019, y ejecutadas por FHWA y TxDOT.

Agenda Item 7B