

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

JANUARY 2, 2025

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

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

TPC Members Present:

Judge David Krebs, San Patricio County, Chairperson

Judge Connie Scott, Nueces County, Vice Chairperson

Mayor Cathy Skurow, City of Portland

Mayor Paulette Guajardo, City of Corpus Christi

Mr. Art Granado, Corpus Christi Regional Transportation Authority

Ms. Mary Esther Guerra, Nueces County Assistant County Attorney

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

2. ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR THE TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE

Judge Scott made a motion to retain the current officers, Judge Krebs as Chairperson and Judge Scott as Vice Chairperson.

Mayor Skurow seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

3. NON AGENDA ITEMS PUBLIC COMMENTS

None were made or offered.

4. APPROVAL OF THE TPC DECEMBER 5, 2024 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Mayor Guajardo made a motion to approve the December 5, 2024 minutes.

Judge Scott seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

5. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS

A. DRAFT 2045 Small Area Forecast

Mr. MacDonald presented the item.

The Corpus Christi MPO staff allocated the approved increase in population and employment in the Corpus Christi region. The Small Area Forecast (SAF) Task Force and TAC reviewed and approved the methodology and results. There were two parts to a Small Area Forecast (SAF). First, the actual forecast for the future year is conducted by the Texas Demographic Center using a rigorous methodology. The second part is disaggregating this forecast into the smaller geographic areas known as Traffic Analysis Zones (TAZs). After the SAF is approved by the TPC, the MPO staff will integrate the information into the regional analytical models for use during MTP planning activities.

Discussion:

Mr. MacDonald introduced the 2045 Small Area Forecast, explaining the shift from a 2050 forecast to a 2045 forecast to align with the 2045 MTP Update.

Mr. MacDonald explained that the forecast includes population and employment projects for the next 20 years, based on consultations with the Small Area Forecast Task Force, TAC members and the Texas Demographic Center. He further noted that the forecast is updated every five years to ensure compliance with federal requirements and to reflect current demographic trends.

Mr. MacDonald explained that the methodology used to allocate population and employment projections across traffic analysis zones (TAZs) in Nueces, San Patricio, and Aransas counties are based on historical growth trends and current development patterns, with a focus on areas of significant

housing and job growth. He further noted that the forecast is expected to drive transportation and transit planning, with updates to reflect changing demographic trends over time.

Mr. Granado inquired about the TAZ numbering system and where it came from.

- Mr. MacDonald explained that the TAZ numbering system was created by the MPO and the first zone begins in the northwest section of Corpus Christi (the Calallen area).

Mr. Granado expressed concerns about the accuracy of the population projections, particularly for the south side of Corpus Christi.

- Mr. MacDonald reiterated the methodology that was utilized and added that local home builders and developers were consulted during this allocation process.
- Mr. MacDonald explained that adjustments to the forecast were made to accommodate rental units and seasonal residents.

Mayor Guajardo stated that she is glad that the growth forecasts will be reviewed in a year.

Motion:

Judge Scott made a motion to approve the DRAFT 2045 Small Area Forecast (SAF).

Mayor Guajardo seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

B. DRAFT 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update

Mr. MacDonald 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 MPO provided the TPC with the complete set of **DRAFT 2045 MTP Update** Chapters for review, discussion, and action.

Discussion:

None.

Motion:

Judge Scott made a motion to release the DRAFT 2045 MTP Update for a final one-month public comment period.

Mayor Skurow seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

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

Mr. MacDonald presented the item.

The Technical Advisory Committee and the Corpus Christi MPO staff recommended the TPC release Amendment 1 to the FY 2025-2028 TIP for a one-month public comment period. 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 TIP. TIP Amendments are necessary for the addition of a newly funded project, a change in scope of a project, or a change in funding levels.

Discussion:

None.

Motion:

Mayor Guajardo made a motion to release the DRAFT FY 2025-2028 TIP with Amendment 1 for a one-month public comment period.

Judge Scott seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

D. Corpus Christi MPO Boundary Change Resolution and Submittal Packet

Mr. MacDonald presented the item.

The Corpus Christi MPO is required to update the MPO boundary in accordance with federal rules related to the results of the 2020 Census. This includes both the adjusted Urban Area and the results of the Small Area Forecast by the MPO. These changes are primarily in the areas of the region that do or do not meet the definition of becoming urban as part of the Small Area Forecast or the U.S. Census. Through these processes and in consultation with FHWA/FTA and TxDOT in the last year, the Corpus Christi MPO staff proposed to change the MPO Boundary to reduce the boundary in some areas, and to expand beyond the current MPO boundary in other areas.

Discussion:

None.

Motion:

Judge Scott made a motion to approve the new Corpus Christi MPO Boundary by Resolution 25-03.

Mayor Skurow seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

6. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Corpus Christi DRAFT MPO Bylaws Amendment 2025

Mr. MacDonald presented the item.

Through the most recent Corpus Christi MPO Boundary Change Process, the Corpus Christi MPO identified possible changes to the MPO Bylaws. The Corpus Christi MPO staff presented the following topics to the TPC at their December 5th meeting and the changes are reflected in the current DRAFT Bylaws Amendment for 2025.

Discussion:

Mayor Skurow raised concerns about the Code of Ethics Policy and its implementation within the bylaws.

Mayor Skurow suggested clarifying the timeline for notifying new members and employees about the Code of Ethics.

TPC members requested clarification on the designation of voting members and the inability to have alternates for both the Corpus Christi MPO Transportation Policy Committee and the Technical Advisory Committee.

Mr. MacDonald summarized the proposed changes, including the one-year term for officers, clarifications on the Code of Ethics, and clarification on the designation of voting members.

Mr. MacDonald noted that the Corpus Christi MPO will review the comments by TPC members on the DRAFT Bylaws with the Attorney and bring them back for final approval at the February TPC meeting.

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

None were made or offered.

8. UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS

A. DRAFT 2045 MTP Update:	Public Meeting	January 14, 2025
B. Technical Advisory Committee:	Regular Meeting	January 16, 2025
C. Transportation Policy Committee:	Regular Meeting	February 6, 2025

9. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.