

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

FEBRUARY 6, 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. Mike Walsh, P.E. Texas Department of Transportation-Corpus Christi District

Mr. David Engel, Port 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., Craig Casper, AICP, Daniel Carrizales, and Victor Mendieta

2. NON AGENDA ITEMS PUBLIC COMMENTS

None were made or offered.

3. APPROVAL OF THE TPC JANUARY 2, 2025 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Walsh made a motion to approve the January 2, 2025 minutes.

Judge Scott seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

4. PUBLIC HEARING FOR 2045 MTP UPDATE

Mr. Engel made a motion to open the public hearing for the 2045 MTP Update.

Mr. Walsh seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

After a brief discussion, the citizens in attendance stated their preference to give comments during the 2045 MTP Update agenda item, so no public comments were made or offered during the public hearing.

Judge Krebs closed the Public Hearing on the 2045 MTP Update.

5. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS

A. DRAFT 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) Update

Judge Krebs opened the public comment for this agenda item. The Corpus Christi MPO received two requests for public comment.

Public Comments:

Ms. Mayra Angelica Halm, from the Harbors HOA on North Beach, requested sidewalks and bicycle paths for better connectivity within the neighborhood and to North Beach amenities. Ms. Halm presented exhibits within Chapter 12 of the 2045 MTP Update as well as exhibits with proposed recommendations to address connectivity concerns.

Ms. Carrie Meyer, from the North Beach Community Association, emphasized the need for pedestrian and bicycle mobility improvements to the Highway 181 frontage roads between Beach Avenue and the north end of North Beach. Ms. Meyer presented exhibits within Chapter 12 of the 2045 MTP Update as well as exhibits with proposed recommendations to address connectivity concerns.

Public Comment Discussion:

Mr. Engel questioned what the role of the TPC is in regard to the active transportation plan and the long-range transportation plan.

- Mr. MacDonald responded that in regard to this agenda item and public comment, the role of the TPC is review the MPO staff and TAC recommendation and decide whether or not to show these links in the regional active transportation plan network.
- Mr. Walsh added that anything TxDOT does within the MPO boundary, federal funding within the MPO boundary is dictated by the TPC based on the advice from the Technical Advisory Committee and MPO Staff. The importance of the TPC is deciding what projects are a priority for TxDOT and which of the cities projects are eligible for federal funding within the MPO boundary.

Mr. Casper presented this 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. We are providing the TPC with the complete set of DRAFT 2045 MTP Update Chapters for review, discussion, and action.

Mr. Casper provided an overview of the 2045 MTP Update and included a brief timeline of TPC and TAC approvals of plans, sub-plans, and topics that fed into the development of the 2045 MTP Update; including but not limited to, goals, objectives, and performance measures based on national and state performance measures. Mr. Casper highlighted the public input process and the approval of the fiscally constrained project list.

Discussion:

Mayor Skurow wanted clarification on the amendments the motion would include.

- Mr. Casper clarified that the amendments include the recommended adjustments as outlined in the public comments.

Motion:

Mr. Granado made a motion to approve the DRAFT 2045 MTP Update.

Judge Scott seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

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

Mr. MacDonald presented this item.

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

Discussion:

None.

Motion:

Judge Scott made a motion to approve

Mayor Guajardo seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

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

Mr. Casper presented the item.

In the mandated performance-based project selection process, state DOTs and MPOs adopt goals and objectives for federal funds based on the National Goals. They then develop performance measures to evaluate the effectiveness of the investments towards the goals. There are 3 performance measures that are reviewed and approved every year, known as PM-1, PM-2, and PM-3. After the State DOT adopts their targets, MPOs have two options when setting targets:

1. Establish our own Corpus Christi MPO numerical targets for each of the performance measures that is at least as stringent as the state target, or
2. Formally agree to support the TxDOT targets

The Corpus Christi MPO staff and TAC recommend the TPC formally support the TxDOT state targets for Performance Measures 1, 2, and 3 (PM1, PM2, and PM3).

Discussion:

Mr. Granado asked how the baseline values of PM2 were calculated.

- Mr. Walsh clarified the evaluation process for pavement conditions; every mile of roadway gets evaluated, not every lane mile.

Mr. Granado asked for clarification on PM2 and PM3.

- Mr. Casper said PM2 are the performance measures and targets for pavement and bridge conditions and that PM3 are the performance measures and targets for congestion reliability of travel.

Mayor Skurow commented on the concern about non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries and emphasized the need for better data collection.

- Mr. Walsh noted that the local police departments fill out a form for crashes, which goes into the state system (CRIS), and that there are no restrictions from collecting additional data.

Motion:

Mr. Engel made a motion to approve 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.

Judge Scott seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

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

Mr. MacDonald presented this item.

The MPO staff and TAC recommend approval to the 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 the goals, performance measures, and targets adopted by the MPO in the MTP in a formal evaluation process to select projects for federal funding.

Discussion:

None.

Motion:

Judge Scott made a motion to approve Resolution 25-04 using the Corpus Christi RTA's performance measures and targets as presented in the Transit Asset Management (TAM) and the Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan documents as the MPO regional performance measures and targets.

Mr. Engel seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

E. Corpus Christi DRAFT MPO Bylaws Amendment for February 6, 2025

Mr. MacDonald presented this item.

Mr. MacDonald provided an update on the need to amend the bylaws due to changes in boundaries and membership. Updates included:

- Ethics Policy: current language as required by state statute are included in the Bylaws Amendment for February 6, 2025.
- Revised State Statute Language for Open Meetings, etc.: The appropriate updates to the DRAFT Bylaws Amendment for February 6, 2025 to clarify the state laws related to the MPO from the MPO Attorney.
- Composition of Voting Members of the TPC and possible Alternates/Designees. After consultation with the MPO Attorney, there are no changes to the MPO Bylaws related to possible alternates. Additionally, no new TPC members are proposed.
- Terms of TPC Officers: The updated language specifies that the TPC Chairperson and Vice Chairperson serves for two years.
- Day/Time for TPC Regular Meetings: The current day and time of the Regular TPC Meeting remains the 1st Thursday of the month at 2:00 p.m.

Discussion:

Mr. Granado wanted clarification about the “Non-Agenda Item Public Comments” section and raised concerns about people potentially using this section as an opportunity to speak about agenda specific items.

- Judge Scott agreed and noted that people may not have the time to wait for their agenda item, especially with meetings that can last for hours.
- Mr. MacDonald explained that it is the discretion of the chairperson to move agenda items up.
- Mayor Skurow suggested renaming the “Non-Agenda Item Public Comments” section to “Public Comment” to avoid confusion.

Motion:

Mr. Granado made a motion to approve the Corpus Christi MPO Bylaws Amendment for the February 6, 2025 document with the proposed changes as discussed in the agenda item.

Mr. Engel seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

6. INFORMATION ITEMS

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

Mr. MacDonald presented this item.

The Corpus Christi MPO staff provided information to share with member entities as part of the Regional Coordination Group, which is the monthly Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting. This Group reviews the federal grants related to transportation and the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act and Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (IIJA/BIL). We also provide monthly updates to the TPC when new information is available.

Mr. MacDonald provided an update on the federal transportation grants, noting the new administration’s impact on grant processes.

Highlights for this month include 1) that Texas A&M-CC receiving a \$1 million grant for safety planning and 2) grants awarded to Austin and Houston for charging and hydrogen refueling stations.

The Port of Corpus Christi and the Corpus Christi International Airport have applied for a BUILD (previously RAISE) grant with results expected later this year.

Mr. MacDonald emphasized the importance of tracking federal grant opportunities and their impact on local transportation projects.

Discussion:

None.

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

Mr. Walsh provided an update on the New Harbor Bridge project, mentioning traffic changes and the final pavement work. The bridge is expected to open in late spring/early summer, with both the old and new bridge being used simultaneously on a temporary basis for access to North Beach.

8. UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS

A. Technical Advisory Committee:	Regular Meeting	February 20, 2025
B. Transportation Policy Committee:	Regular Meeting	March 6, 2025

9. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 2:52 p.m.