



TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE (TPC)
JOINT TPC-TAC WORKSHOP ON MPO BOUNDARY CHANGE PROCESS REVIEW

THURSDAY, JUNE 5, 2025 AT 2:00 P.M.

**Venue: Corpus Christi Regional Transportation Authority (CCRTA) Staples Street Center,
2nd Floor Boardroom, Suite 210, 602 N. Staples Street, Corpus Christi, Texas 78401**

1. INFORMATION ITEMS



- A. Federal Certification Review Results 
- B. Corpus Christi MPO 2025 Public Participation Plan (PPP) 



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

3. UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS

- A. Technical Advisory Committee: Regular Meeting June 26, 2025
- B. Transportation Policy Committee: Regular Meeting July 3 or TBD, 2025

4. JOINT TPC-TAC WORKSHOP

- A. Corpus Christi MPO Boundary Change Process Review
 - i. MPO Staff Overview with TAC, TxDOT and FHWA/FTA Staff 
 - ii. Presentation by Texas State Demographic Center 
 - iii. Open Discussion and Plan Forward

 - Indicates attachment(s) for the agenda item.  - Indicates a weblink for agenda item.

Joint TPC-TAC Workshop Location Map





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May 7, 2025

Refer to: HPP-TX

TMA Planning Certification Review of the
Corpus Christi Metropolitan Planning Organization

Judge David Krebs,
San Patricio County
1301 E. Sinton Street, Suite C
Sinton, Texas 78387

Dear Judge David Krebs:

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) personnel have been working closely with the Corpus Christi Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) to complete the Transportation Management Area (TMA) certification review process required under Title 23 United States Code (USC) 134(k) and 23 CFR 450.334(b).

This letter serves as formal notification that the review of the Corpus Christi MPO's metropolitan transportation planning process, conducted from October 26-28, 2021, has now been completed. We are pleased to inform you that, after a thorough evaluation of the MPO's metropolitan transportation planning process, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have determined that the MPO meets the requirements outlined in 23 CFR 450 (highway) and 49 CFR Part 613 (transit). Please find attached a copy of the final TMA Certification Report, which highlights commendations, as well as recommended areas for improvement. This report is presented for informational purposes only and does not require action by the regional planning partners. The team looks forward to the certification review for 2025, which will take place later this year.

The Federal review team sincerely thanks you for your attention and active participation in reviewing the Corpus Christi MPO's metropolitan transportation planning process. We greatly appreciate your efforts in this process.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Genevieve Bales with the FHWA Texas Division at 512-536-5941 or Kwasi Bosompem at FTA Region 6 at (817) 978-0553.

Regards,

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Attachments:

1. Corpus Christi MPO Federal Certification Review Report - October 26-28, 2021 [[WEBLINK](#)]
2. Corpus Christi 2021 TMA Certification Review Announcement Letter and Agenda - September 23, 2021



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September 23, 2021

Refer to: HPP-TX

Joint FHWA/FTA TMA Planning Certification Review
of the Corpus Christi Metropolitan Planning Organization

The Honorable David Krebs,
Judge of San Patricio County
TPC Chairperson
400 W. Sinton Street #109
Sinton, Texas 78387

Honorable Judge Krebs:

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) personnel have been working closely with the Corpus Christi MPO (CCMPO) and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) in order to establish the dates for the upcoming Transportation Management Area (TMA) certification review required under title 23 United States Code (USC) 134(k) and 23 CFR 450.336(a).

This letter is to formally advise you of the proposed Corpus Christi MPO certification review that will be held virtually from October 26-28, 2021. The Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST) continues the requirement for certification of the transportation planning process in urbanized areas over 200,000 population once every four years. Certification reviews are conducted with the objective of evaluating the transportation planning process with the intent to highlight good practices, exchange information, and identify opportunities for improvements.

Enclosed is a tentative agenda for the planning certification review. Should you have any questions or comments concerning the review, please contact Jamik Alexander, FHWA at (512-536-5936); or Tony Ogboli, FTA at (817-978-0566).

Sincerely yours,

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**Corpus Christi Metropolitan Organization
Planning Certification Review
Tentative Agenda
October 26 – October 28, 2021
(Virtual via MS Teams)**

Tuesday October 26, 2021	
1: 00 pm	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Welcome Introductions 2. Outline and Schedule of Events Presentations
1:30 pm	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. MPO Organization/Boundary (MPO Presentation Boundaries/Agreements) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Staff changes b. Anticipated changes (e.g., TPC membership or metropolitan planning area) based upon 2020 Census c. TPC Representation (e.g., City of Gregory) (Bylaws Threshold) d. Sub-Committees
2:15 pm	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. MPO Agreements, Roles, and Responsibilities <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Status and updates to MPO agreements <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. MPO Bylaws & Operation Procedures AMEND March 16, 2017 ii. MPO, TxDOT, Transit Agencies Memorandum of Understanding (Performance-Based Planning and Programming – PBPP)
2:45 pm	Break
2:55 pm	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) (MPO Presentation) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. UPWP Development b. UPWP Amendments c. Planning Emphasis Area d. APER
3:45 pm	Questions for Federal Review Team
4:00 pm	Adjourn

Wednesday October 27, 2021	
9:00 am	6. Overview of Agenda Topics
9:15 am	7. Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) Development (MPO Presentation MTP/TIP) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Addressing Performance Based Planning and Programming b. Project Selection c. Transportation Safety (Complete Streets) d. Fiscal Constraint e. Travel Demand Model (Current Model/Update)
10:00 am	8. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Updates b. Project Selection c. Listing of Projects (Grouped) d. Financial Planning
10:45 am	9. Performance Based Planning and Programming (PBPP) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Safety Targets b. Performance Measures Resolution (MPO Regional numbers, Support State targets, MPO identified local values) c. Mid-Performance Period Target Revisions d. Anticipated Goals for Performance years 2022-2026
11:15 am	10. Congestion Management Process (CMP) (MPO Presentation) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. CMP Update – 2021 b. Integration of CMP into transportation planning process (MTP/TIP/PBPP) c. Development demographics/data d. Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last update ITS
12:00 pm	Lunch

1:00 pm	11. Public Outreach and Environmental Justice (MPO Presentation) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Public Participation Plan Update – 2021 b. Community Vision – Plan CC c. Environmental Justice d. Title VI e. Limited English Proficiency (LEP) f. Achieving Racial Equity
2:00 pm	12. Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning (MPO Presentation) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Active Mobility b. Pedestrian – Transit Access Master Plan
2:30 pm	13. Transportation Planning Factors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Tourism b. Resiliency (Grant for Coast) c. Safety and Security <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. MPO Safety Related Policies/Planning d. Emerging Technologies
3:00 pm	14. Freight Planning (MPO Presentation)
3:45 pm	15. Questions for Review Team
4:00 pm	Adjourn

Thursday October 28, 2021	
8: 00 am	16. Internal Federal Review Team Discussion
9: 00 am	17. Federal Review Team Closeout discussion of initial observations with MPO and other stakeholders
10:15 am	18. Local Elected Official Interviews (30 mins each) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Interview #1 b. Interview #2 c. Interview #3



Date: May 29, 2025
To: Transportation Policy Committee (TPC)
From: Craig Casper, Senior Transportation Planner
Through: Robert MacDonald, Transportation Planning Director
Subject: Item 1B: **Corpus Christi MPO 2025 Public Participation Plan**
Action: (PPP) Review, Discuss, and Provide Comment

Summary

A Public Participation Plan (PPP) defines the processes that the Corpus Christi MPO will use to provide all interested or potentially impacted citizens with meaningful opportunities to participate in the metropolitan transportation planning and programming processes. The updated 2025 PPP will identify the outreach and involvement activities for both the 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (2050 MTP) process and updates to the 2027-2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) process. Section 3 outlines the adopted policies and principles for public outreach. These have not changed.

The scheduled update to the Corpus Christi MPO Public Participation Program is due in July 2025. Aspects of it related to equity need removal due to new federal government direction. The focus of this document has returned to Title VI compliance. TxDOT recently completed the Statewide Strategic Public Engagement Guidance in January 2024 that was used to update the document. The public review period for this document is a minimum of 45 days. The requested action is reviewing this **Initial Draft** of the updated Corpus Christi MPO 2025 Public Participation Plan (PPP). Please note that the TAC has received this but not yet provided feedback on the effort. This is because the TAC meeting was canceled. The 2021 PPP is found [here](#). Please review Attachment 1, the DRAFT 2025 PPP.

Background

Engaging the public has become increasingly difficult for the Corpus Christi MPO and most other transportation planning agencies. Across many public involvement efforts, low levels of participation are due to a lack of public awareness about the importance of their participation, as well as increases in more enjoyable interests and obligations that compete for their time. These outreach challenges are magnified when trying to engage traditionally hard to reach populations such as people with limited English language proficiency and low-income and minority communities. Additional challenges include time and mobility constraints, social isolation, and distrust of and cynicism about an increasingly polarized government. Finding methods to overcome these challenges and meaningfully engage the public is critical.

Several Federal and State laws and regulations guide the public participation efforts of the Corpus Christi MPO and ensure that input into its various planning and programming activities is received. The federal transportation legislation, called the IIJA, continues the FAST ACT requirements that MPO public participation plans *"be developed in consultation with all interested parties,"* and *"provide that all interested parties have reasonable opportunities to comment on the contents of the transportation plan."* It further directs MPOs *"to the maximum extent practicable" to "hold any public meetings at convenient and accessible locations and*

times," to "employ visualization techniques to describe plans," and to "make public information available in electronically accessible format and means, such as the World Wide Web, as appropriate to afford reasonable opportunity for consideration of public information."

Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 requires that transportation planning and programming be nondiscriminatory on the basis of race, color, national origin or disability. The federal statute was further clarified and supplemented by the Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987 and a series of federal statutes enacted in the 1990s relating to the concept of environmental justice. A fundamental principle of these requirements is *"Ensuring full and fair participation by all potentially affected communities in the transportation decision-making process."*

The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) stipulates involving the community, particularly those with disabilities, in the development and improvement of services. Executive Order 13175 states that *"in formulating or implementing policies that have tribal implications, agencies shall establish regular and meaningful consultation and collaboration with tribal officials to reduce the imposition of unfunded mandates upon Indian tribes."*

23 CFR §450.316 states that when developing plans and programs, the MPO will consult with agencies and officials responsible for other planning activities within the Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA) that are affected by transportation including State and local planned growth, economic development, tourism, natural disaster risk reduction, environmental protection, airport operations, freight movements, and will coordinate the planning process with these other planning activities.

The policies listed in the 2021 PPP and continued in this DRAFT 2025 PPP are:

1. The Corpus Christi MPO shall actively engage the public in the transportation planning process according to State and Federal law and the policies outlined in this plan.
2. The Corpus Christi MPO shall keep the public informed of ongoing transportation related activities on a continuous basis.
3. The Corpus Christi MPO shall encourage the involvement of all area citizens in the transportation planning process.
4. The Corpus Christi MPO shall strive to continuously improve public participation.
5. The Corpus Christi MPO as a recipient of federal assistance and under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, shall ensure that no person, on the grounds of race, religion, color, national origin, gender, age, or disability be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination under any agency programs or activities. These prohibitions extend from the MPO to its sub-recipients (i.e., contractors, consultants, local governments, colleges, universities, etc.). All programs funded in whole or in part from federal financial assistance are subject to Title VI requirements.

Attachment:

1. Corpus Christi MPO 2025 Public Participation Plan (PPP). [\[WEBLINK\]](#)