

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

February 5, 2026

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

Judge Scott called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.

TPC Members Present:

Judge Connie Scott, Nueces County –Chairperson
Mayor Paulette Guajardo, City of Corpus Christi – Vice Chairperson
Judge David Krebs, San Patricio County
Mayor Cathy Skurow, City of Portland
Mr. Gabe Guerra, Port of Corpus Christi
Mr. Mike Walsh, P.E., Texas Department of Transportation-Corpus Christi District
Mr. Art Granado, Corpus Christi Regional Transportation Authority

MPO Attorney

Ms. Mary Esther Guerra, Nueces County Assistant County Attorney

MPO Staff Present:

Rob MacDonald, P.E., Jafet Flores, Harry Horak, Victor Mendieta, and Carissa Tamez

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None were made or offered.

3. APPROVAL OF THE TPC January 8, 2026, REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Judge Krebs made a motion to approve the TPC **January 8, 2026** Regular Meeting minutes.

Mr. Granado seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

4. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS

A. DRAFT FY 2025-2028 TIP with Amendment 3

Mr. Flores presented this item.

The Corpus Christi MPO staff developed the DRAFT FY 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) with Amendment 3 for review by the TAC and TPC. The proposed changes to the DRAFT FY 2025-2028 TIP as part of Amendment 3 is consistent with the proposed DRAFT 2045 MTP Update with Amendment 2.

Discussion:

Mr. Walsh reported that updated forecast funding was received this week. The Statewide 2027 Unified Transportation Program (UTP), a 10-year plan, has dropped below \$100 billion for the first time in four years, with current projections at approximately \$94 billion. Previous funding levels had been around \$111 billion, reflecting stronger economic conditions. As a result, allocations to districts and MPOs are decreasing. The upcoming TIP currently shows an estimated \$27 million shortfall, requiring some projects to be deferred beyond 2030. The current TIP is also experiencing funding challenges.

- Mr. MacDonald stated that the current FY 2025–2028 TIP plan is based on funding figures provided by the state. The proposed action today is to release the plan for a one-month public comment period, allowing TxDOT and the MPO to review project lists and funding amounts to determine if adjustments are needed. Potential revisions include removing Park Road 22 (\$17.9 million), a recommended \$10 million Regional Traffic Operations Improvements and Safety Countermeasures project, and the pool of funding for future Category 9 bicycle and pedestrian projects. These adjustments, totaling approximately \$40 million, could help address fiscal

constraint issues resulting from reduced funding. Mr. MacDonald noted that this four-year plan concludes in approximately five months, and a new FY 2027–2030 TIP with updated funding figures will also require future action by the MPO. The TPC and TAC will have another opportunity to review the plan following the public comment period.

Mr. Granado asked who made the recommendation to remove the Park Road 22 project (Nueces to Whitecap) from the TIP.

- Mr. MacDonald responded that the TAC recommended removal of the project, with MPO staff in support. After discussion with TxDOT, it was determined that the project is not ready to proceed at this time.
- Mr. Walsh added that the project is not ready to proceed and noted challenges with the funding. The available CAT 2 funding is designated for roadway capacity projects, whereas this project primarily involves pedestrian and bicycle access, making it ineligible under the current funding category.
- Mr. Granado expressed appreciation for the clarification and stated he understood the reason for removing the project. However, he expressed concern about it being bundled with the CCRTA project, noting that doing so would prevent him from voting against the item without also voting against his own project.

Motion:

Mr. Granado made a motion to release the DRAFT 2025-2028 TIP with Amendment 3, through Resolution 26-02 for a one-month public comment period.

Judge Krebs seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

B. DRAFT 2045 MTP Update with Amendment 2

Mr. Flores presented this item.

The Corpus Christi MPO staff developed the DRAFT 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update (2045 MTP Update) with Amendment 2 for review by the TAC and TPC. The proposed changes to the 2045 MTP Update as part of Amendment 2 is consistent with the proposed DRAFT FY 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) with Amendment 3.

Discussion:

None.

Motion:

Mr. Walsh made a motion to release the DRAFT 2045 MTP Update with Amendment 2, through Resolution 26-02 for a one-month public comment period.

Mayor Skurow seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

C. DRAFT 2050 MTP Population and Employment Control Totals

Mr. MacDonald presented this item.

The Corpus Christi MPO staff is seeking to update the DRAFT 2050 Control Totals for Population and Employment that are input into the Small Area Forecast for the forecast year of 2050. The Corpus Christi MPO Transportation Policy Committee previously adopted the control totals for both population and employment during their action in January 2025.

The future level and allocation of population and jobs are vital components of transportation planning and a critical initial step in developing and analyzing the performance of projects desired for inclusion into the DRAFT 2050 MTP.

The Texas Demographic Center (TDC) released new Texas County Population Projections (2020-2060) in September 2025. They released three migration scenarios:

- **Low Migration Scenario:** Assumes a lower migration scenario than the average pattern in the past two decades. Recommended for use when migration levels are low.
- **Mid Migration Scenario:** Assumes the US and Texas migration patterns remain similar to the past two decades. Recommended for most purposes.
- **High Migration Scenario:** Assumes a higher migration scenario than the average patterns in the past two decades. Recommended for use when immigration levels are high.

Discussion:

None.

Motion:

Mayor Guajardo made a motion to approve the new DRAFT 2050 Population and Employment Control Totals.

Judge Krebs seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

D. DRAFT 2050 MTP Chapters and Appendices Status

Mr. MacDonald presented this item.

The Corpus Christi MPO staff has begun development of the Chapters and Appendices of the DRAFT 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (2050 MTP). The available chapters and appendices that are ready for review by the Transportation Policy Committee (TPC), our partner agencies, and the public were presented. The TPC was provided with the list of available chapters and appendices for review, discussion, and actions. The information in the DRAFT 2050 MTP Chapters and Appendices are the collection of data and analysis required under the federal planning laws and regulations. This information is a collection of existing information that was available on the TxDOT and local governments websites and are being collected, organized, and analyzed into the MPO long-range planning document. Once the TPC approves the documents for release for use in the DRAFT 2050 MTP development and public process, MPO staff will make all the documents available on the MPO website. The Corpus Christi MPO’s Social Pinpoint public outreach website for the DRAFT 2050 MTP will be updated with draft Chapters and Appendices as they become available.

Discussion:

Mayor Guajardo inquired about typical public meeting attendance and requested clarification on the public involvement process.

- Mr. MacDonald explained that the MPO follows a Public Participation Plan (PPP) to engage the community in transportation planning. This includes outreach to the media, citizens, neighborhood associations, and other interested parties, as well as guidance on navigating tools like the crash dashboard. He noted that outreach varies by topic and includes attending TxDOT meetings for projects such as Regional Parkway, Northwest Blvd, and the Gregory interchange to explain the MPO process. The next phase of outreach will focus on school districts, addressing safety concerns around schools and Safe Routes to Schools initiatives, which are highlighted in the Active Transportation Plan and MTP appendices. Feedback from these efforts is incorporated into the public process through TAC and TPC meetings.
- Mayor Guajardo asked whether the MPO maintains a media presence.
- Mr. MacDonald confirmed that the MPO maintains a media presence, including Facebook, X/Twitter, LinkedIn, and the MPOs website.
- Mayor Guajardo emphasized the importance of a strong media presence, noting that many people may not fully understand the impact of transportation decisions. She expressed appreciation for the proactive outreach conducted by MPO staff and noted there is always more room to educate the public.

- Mr. MacDonald provided an example of outreach, noting when MPO staff presented it to the City Council to educate the public about the MPO’s role and the \$1 billion funding available.
- Judge Scott suggested that cities and counties promote the MPO by sharing its website on their social media posts to help improve public outreach and awareness.

Motion:

Judge Krebs made a motion to approve the available, listed DRAFT 2050 MTP chapters and appendices for use in the DRAFT 2050 MTP development and public outreach processes.

Mayor Guajardo seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

5. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Corpus Christi MPO Boundary Change Process

Mr. MacDonald presented this item.

The Corpus Christi MPO Planning Area Boundary Change process has been ongoing for about two years. The MPO Staff provided the TPC with the latest discussion topics regarding the boundary change process. The goal is for the TPC is to inform the TPC on the various components of a proposed boundary and eventually recommend a DRAFT MPO Planning Area Boundary Change to be part of a future Boundary Change Package required by TxDOT.

Discussion:

Mr. Walsh emphasized the importance of including rural community impacts, noting that MPOs are allowed to cover the entire county, and all areas required by the mandatory minimums from the census must be included. TxDOT has indicated that while additional communities can be included for input, it is not mandatory, as doing so could reduce Category 4 rural funding that Texas competes for based on project quality. He noted that there was an unclear impact on the RTA and the Port if their projects were excluded from the MPO boundary, highlighting the need to understand all effects.

- Mayor Skurow acknowledged that it is mandatory for the City of Robstown to be included in the MPO. However, if the City chooses not to move forward with adopting the required resolution, it could continue to utilize its Rural funding. Rural funding is apportioned based on the portion of the city limits that fall within the MPO boundary versus the portion outside of the MPO boundary. A question was raised as to whether the city would lose all Rural funding if any portion of the city is located within the MPO boundary.
- Mr. Walsh responded that funding eligibility is determined strictly by the project’s location relative to the MPO boundary. The entire city would not lose access to Rural funding. If a project under discussion is located outside the MPO boundary, it would need to seek funding through another source. If a project is located within the MPO boundary, it would be funded through the MPO process. Mr. Walsh provided the example of SH 361 on the Island, where safety improvements are desired from Corpus Christi to Port Aransas. Approximately half of the corridor is located within the MPO boundary, and the other half is outside of it. However, none of those improvements have been prioritized by the MPO at this time. If Port Aransas were added to the MPO, projects within the boundary would need to be funded through the MPO and formally prioritized as part of the MPO process.

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

None were made or offered.

7. UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS

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| A. Federal Certification Review by FHWA/FTA | | February 11-13, 2026 |
| B. Technical Advisory Committee: | Regular Meeting | February 19, 2026 |
| C. Transportation Policy Committee: | Regular Meeting | March 5, 2026 |

8. **ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:36 p.m.