

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

April 2, 2026

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

Judge Scott called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

TPC Members Present:

Judge Connie Scott, Nueces County – Chairperson

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

Mr. Chad Magill, Texas Senate District 27 Liaison (non-Voting)

MPO Attorney:

Ms. Mary Esther Guerra, Nueces County Assistant County Attorney

MPO Staff Present:

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

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None were made or offered.

3. APPROVAL OF THE TPC March 5, 2026, REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Walsh made a motion to approve the TPC March 5, 2026 Regular Meeting minutes.

Mr. Guerra seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Magill requested that his attendance be reflected in the minutes.

4. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS

A. Resolution of Appreciation for Mayor Cathy Skurow of the City of Portland

Judge Scott requested that this item be tabled until the May 7, 2026, TPC meeting, as Mayor Skurow was unable to attend today.

Discussion:

None.

Motion:

Judge Scott made a motion to table the Resolution of Appreciation for Mayor Cathy Skurow of the City of Portland.

Mr. Walsh seconded; the motion was approved.

B. DRAFT 2025 Congestion Management Process (CMP)

Mr. MacDonald introduced Keren Costanzo as Corpus Christi MPO's Senior Transportation Planner.

Mr. MacDonald presented this item.

Congestion management is the application of strategies to improve transportation system performance and reliability by reducing the adverse impacts of congestion on the movement of people and goods. A congestion management process (CMP) is a systematic and regionally accepted approach for managing recurring and nonrecurring congestion. This includes providing accurate, up-to-date information on

travel times, location of construction or crashes, and strategies for congestion reduction that meet state and local needs. The CMP is intended to move these congestion management strategies into the funding and implementation stages. The CMP, as defined in federal regulation, is a systematic process that provides safe and effective management and operation of the multimodal transportation system.

Discussion:

Mr. Walsh inquired about the public input process.

- Mr. MacDonald responded that a one-month public comment period was conducted and that comments were provided by the TAC.

Motion:

Mr. Granado made a motion to approve the DRAFT 2025 Congestion Management Process (CMP), through Resolution 26-03.

Mr. Guerra seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

C. DRAFT 2025 Program for Addressing Discrimination (PAD)

Mr. Flores presented this item.

The Corpus Christi MPO Title VI policy document was due for an update. The updated DRAFT 2025 Program for Addressing Discrimination (PAD) was provided as a web link in the agenda packet. The TPC received an earlier version of this document in July 2025. As reported by FHWA, and discussed in previous meetings, several executive actions have impacted environmental justice (EJ) considerations within metropolitan transportation planning regulations. The actions collectively reduce the emphasis on environmental justice and equity considerations in metropolitan transportation planning and related federal infrastructure initiatives.

Discussion:

Mr. Walsh asked if any comments were made during the public outreach process as a result of concerns or feedback raised in prior discussions.

- Mr. MacDonald responded that no public comments were received. He explained that the months of discussion originated from the TAC and were driven by changes in direction from federal partners, who identified different issues to address or not address. These discussions focused on how the PAD might be adjusted; however, the changes were minimal. He noted that it is not required to remove language that the current administration may not support. TAC recommended that, if demographic data is available, it should be used to evaluate projects, and this language was retained in the PAD.

Mr. Guerra asked whether the changes would impact policy or funding.

- Mr. MacDonald clarified that the changes would not impact policy or funding of projects and programs as the PAD is not reviewed by Federal partners.

Motion:

Mr. Walsh made a motion to approve the DRAFT 2025 Program for Addressing Discrimination (PAD), through Resolution 26-03.

Mr. Granado seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

D. Surface Transportation Block Grant Set-Aside (STBG-SA) CAT 9 Call-For-Projects Revised Awards

Ms. Costanzo presented this item.

In May 2022, the Corpus Christi MPO completed the competitive evaluation process for the Federal Surface Transportation Block Grant Set-Aside program (STBG-SA). The STBG-SA program corresponds to the TxDOT Category 9 funding program and was continued in the newly approved Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act/Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (IIJA/BIL). There were seven projects submitted

for federal funding, and all seven projects were awarded by the TPC, totaling \$6,287,751. The Cities of Portland and Corpus Christi have requested amendments to project awards that do not alter the total allocation of funds from the May 2022 action.

Discussion:

Mr. Granado raised questions about the Ocean Drive crossing improvements (a pedestrian HAWK system) and questions were answered.

Motion:

Mr. Guerra made a motion to:

- Delete the City of Corpus Christi Brooke Road Project (\$1,090,703),
- Award an additional amount of funds (\$320,462) for a revised award total of \$684,000 of federal funds to the City of Portland’s Memorial Parkway Hike and Bike Phase II Project
- Award an additional amount of funds (\$770,241) for a revised award total of \$2,770,241 of federal funds to the City of Portland’s Sunset Lake Hike and Bike Trail.

Mr. Walsh seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

E. DRAFT FY 2027-2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Mr. Flores presented this item.

The DRAFT FY 2027–2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) was provided to the TPC for review and comment. The MPO staff and the TAC recommended the Transportation Policy Committee (TPC) release the document for the required one-month public comment period. The proposed action by TAC and TPC in April and May coincides with the TxDOT schedule for adoption of the FY 2027–2030 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). TxDOT Headquarters must receive the final, approved TIPs from all MPOs no later than May 29, 2026.

Discussion:

None.

Motion:

Mr. Guerra made a motion to release the DRAFT FY 2027-2030 TIP for the one-month public comment period.

Mr. Granado seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

F. DRAFT FY 2025 and FY 2026 UPWP with Amendment 2

Mr. MacDonald presented this item.

This item requested the TPC to release Amendment 2 to the FY 2025 and FY 2026 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) for a one-month public comment period. All changes are shown through track-changes formatting in the document.

The primary changes in the document are:

- Reallocation of staff time and the corresponding funding changes to various Subtasks in the UPWP. The focus of the staff time has shifted to the development of the new 2050 MTP. The original FY 2026 UPWP did not contain appropriate staff time to these activities in Task 4.0. Funds were reallocated from other subtasks that were completed earlier by staff or by consultants.
- Updated text changes to identify Amendment 2 in the cover page, footers and throughout the document.
- Updated the TAC And TPC Membership in Appendix A to reflect current members.

Discussion:

Mr. Walsh asked what is driving the change and what revisions will be made to the document.

- Mr. MacDonald explained that the UPWP document will be revised to stay on cycle with the 2050 MTP, the long-range transportation plan, and update chapters and appendices from the previous version of the MTP with substantial changes.

Motion:

Mr. Walsh made a motion to release DRAFT FY 2025 and FY 2026 UPWP with Amendment 2 for a one-month public comment period.

Mr. Guerra seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

G. Corpus Christi MPO Boundary Change Process

Mr. MacDonald presented this item.

The Corpus Christi MPO Planning Area (MPA) Boundary Change process continues with updated information provided for the TPC. The MPO Staff provided the TAC with the current updated information at their March 19, 2026, meeting. The TAC made a motion to recommend the TPC approve the current version of the boundary. The MPA Boundary is one component of the future Boundary Change Package required by TxDOT.

Mr. MacDonald also provided updates on communications with the cities of Robstown and Gregory.

Discussion:

- Mr. Walsh reported that, after speaking with Robstown, the city expressed no interest in joining the MPO. He noted that comments had been addressed by TxDOT.
- Mr. MacDonald clarified that while the entire City of Robstown is not required to join the MPO, the triangular portion of the City of Robstown is required to be within the MPO boundary.
- Mr. Walsh also indicated that questions from previous discussions regarding transit service area have also been resolved and clarified that the entire city of Robstown and Port Aransas are not required to be within the MPO boundary.
- As for the City of Gregory, no response has been received regarding participation on the MPO TAC and TPC committees.

Motion:

Mr. Granado made a motion to approve the proposed DRAFT new MPA Boundary as part of the future MPA Boundary Change packet.

Mr. Walsh seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

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

- Mr. Walsh gave an update on a couple of MPO projects that are ongoing:
 - The ramp reversal project along SPID continues pretty well while dealing with utility issues. The outside lane is closed in the Airline Road area.
 - The FM 624 raised median project being extended to CR 73. The contract has been awarded and construction should happen relatively soon and will be adding a lane in each direction as well as a hike and bike paths on each side of FM 624.
 - Mr. Walsh also announced that contractors are continuing the demolition of the old Harbor Bridge as well working on the new connections into downtown south of the interchange and the contractor is targeting June 2026 for this work to be completed.
- Mr. Granado announced the groundbreaking ceremony for the new transit maintenance facility was held on March 23, 2026.

6. PROPOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

Judge Scott made a motion to table agenda items 6 and 7, the executive session and possible action regarding the employment agreement of the Transportation Planning Director.

Motion:

Judge Scott made a motion to table agenda items 6 and 7, the executive session and possible action regarding the employment agreement of the Transportation Planning Director.

Mr. Walsh seconded; the motion was approved.

7. POSSIBLE ACTIONS REGARDING THE EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT OF THE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING DIRECTOR

Motion:

Judge Scott made a motion to table agenda items 6 and 7, the executive session and possible action regarding the employment agreement of the Transportation Planning Director.

Mr. Walsh seconded; the motion was approved.

8. UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS

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| A. Technical Advisory Committee: | Regular Meeting | April 16, 2026 |
| B. Transportation Policy Committee: | Regular Meeting | May 7, 2026 |

9. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 2:38 p.m.