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WHAT ARE YOUR TRANSPORTATION NEEDS?

The Corpus Christi Metropolitan Planning Organization Announces the First Public Forums for the Start of the Region's Transportation Future to 2050!

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The Corpus Christi Metropolitan Planning Organization (Corpus Christi MPO) invites everyone to share their perspectives on our transportation systems (cars, buses, trucks, bicycles and sidewalks) at the first of a series of public meetings regarding the development of the 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (2050 MTP). The 2050 MTP is a comprehensive blueprint for the region's transportation future for the next 25 years.

Every 5 years we put together data on how the systems are working to help us review the list of projects that will use federal and state funding during the next 25 years. To ensure that our investments align with the needs and priorities of our collective communities, we are embarking on extensive public outreach initiatives throughout 2026. We NEED to hear from as many people who travel around our region as possible.

ACCESS AND SHARE the information on our Online Hub.

As part of the outreach efforts, the Corpus Christi MPO has created a central information hub at https://connect.corpuschristi-mpo.org/metropolitan-transportation-plan where residents can learn about the plan's development process, provide information, ask questions, and stay informed about upcoming opportunities to participate.

"We are committed to developing a transportation plan that truly reflects the needs and aspirations of our community," remarked Robert MacDonald, the Transportation Planning Director for the Corpus Christi MPO. "Engaging residents with surveys, focus groups, and other outreach efforts, will ensure that the 2050 MTP effectively addresses the transportation challenges and opportunities facing our region."

These first two public forums will each cover the same topics: traffic safety, congestion, maintenance conditions, transit services, bicycle facilities, the MTP schedule, an overview of the \$1.0 billion available, population and employment forecasts, and more about our transportation systems. This is the first opportunity for residents to learn about the planning process and contribute their thoughts on the direction of future transportation projects and policies.

Each meeting is open between 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Attendees can ask questions, provide feedback, and engage with MPO staff and other community members.

Meeting Schedule:

- <u>Tuesday, October 21</u>: Del Mar College Center for Economic Development, 3209 South Staples Street, Room 106, Corpus Christi, TX 78411
- <u>Thursday, October 23</u>: Deaf & Hard of Hearing Center, 5151 McArdle Road, Corpus Christi, TX 78411

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