

**STATEWIDE
TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT
PROGRAM
FY 2008-2011**



**Corpus Christi District
NOVEMBER 2007
Quarterly Revisions**

FY 2008 -2011 Transportation Improvement Program Corpus Christi Metropolitan Planning Organization

FY 2008 Federally Funded Projects

District	Corpus Christi	Federal Cost:	\$8,560,000.00
CSJ Number:	0074-06-202	State Cost:	\$2,140,000.00
MPO Project ID	S053C0103	Local Cost:	
Project Name	IH 37	Local Contribution:	
Limits	.25 Miles east of Carbon Plant Rd.	Total:	\$10,700,000.00
Description	Mckinzie Rd.	Rev Date:	11/2007
Remarks	Construct Direct Connector & Frontage Road and Modify Entrance & Exit ramps Phase I	Funding Category:	2
		Let Date:	2/2008
District	Corpus Christi	Federal Cost:	\$14,400,000.00
CSJ Number:	0074-06-215	State Cost:	\$3,600,000.00
MPO Project ID	S053C1007	Local Cost:	
Project Name	IH 37	Local Contribution:	
Limits	.25 Miles east of Carbon Plant Rd.	Total:	\$18,000,000.00
Description	Mckinzie Rd.	Rev Date:	11/2007
Remarks	Construct New Direct Connector Phase II	Funding Category:	2
		Let Date:	9/2008

**FY 2008 -2011 Transportation Improvement Program
Corpus Christi Metropolitan Planning Organization**

FY 2008 Appendix Federally Funded Projects

District	Corpus Christi	Federal Cost:	\$464,000.00
CSJ Number:	0916-28-904	State Cost:	\$116,000.00
MPO Project ID	S199C0107	Local Cost:	
Project Name	Safe Routes to School	Local Contribution:	
Limits	In Gregory at Various Locations	Total:	\$580,000.00
Description	Construct sidewalks in Gregory	Rev Date:	11/2007
Remarks	construct approx. 10,000ft, 5ft sidewalks	Funding Category:	7
		Let Date:	2/2009

**CORPUS CHRISTI METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES**

October 4, 2007

1. CALL TO ORDER AND QUORUM DETERMINATION:

Meeting called to order by Mr. Bonilla at 1:30 p.m. at the City Hall Council Chambers.

Mr. Clark, Mayor Garrett, Mr. Bonilla, Judge Simpson, Judge Neal, and Mayor Krebs, and Commissioner Longoria were present.

Mr. Niskala advised the Committee that Ms. Crystal Lyons was elected as the Chairman of the Regional Transit Authority. She had a prior commitment for today, but she will be joining us on a regular basis.

Mr. Niskala introduced Mrs. Brigida Gonzalez. She is the new Regional Transportation Coordinator from our area and has worked with rural operators in the past and comes from a good background in the public transportation arena and we are glad that she could join us.

2. INTRODUCTION OF VISITING AGENCY OFFICIALS:

Mr. Niskala introduced Mr. Doug Woodall, P.E. Texas Turnpike Authority. The Committee welcomed all Technical Advisory Committee Members and City Staff.

Mr. Bonilla recognized the work of Mr. Roland Barrera. He asked for the Committee to entertain an informal resolution that Mr. Niskala can later draft to thank him for his services.

The Committee unanimously agreed.

3. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON TRANSPORTATION ISSUES.

Mr. Bonilla asked if there were any public comments. There were no comments.

4. APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 6, 2007 TPC MEETING MINUTES.

A motion was made by Mayor Garrett to approve the September 6, 2007 meeting minutes as printed and distributed, seconded by Mayor Krebs. Motion passed.

5. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND ACTION:

A. Discussion and action on amendments to the 2007-2030 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and the 2008-2012 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and soliciting public comment to provide for:

The amendments to the MTP were released for review and comment at the August 2nd meeting. Action today is for approval.

- Added transit projects as discussed
- CSJ 3364-01-010 / FM 3386 to construct new FM road authorized at \$2,000,000 with a letting date of August, 2008 (placed on hold)

- CSJ 0074-06-202 / IH 37 with same description, but only Phase I work at cost of \$10,7000,000 with a letting date of February, 2008
- CSJ 0074-06-xxx / IH 37 to construct new direct connector (Phase II) at a cost of \$18,000,000 with a tentative letting date of September, 2008

Mr. Niskala said that there are four items that are actually amendment to the current Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). They were necessitated by virtue of a rescission that required us to restructure the approach to these projects and we have provided public notice and have provided an opportunity for public comment. Once official action is taken, it will then be communicated to TxDOT-Austin. This was the fourth rescission.

A motion was made by Judge Simpson, seconded by Mr. Craig. Motion passed.

- B. Discussion of funding and institutional alternatives to make up for funding shortfalls and presentation by representatives of the Texas Turnpike Authority Division. (Attachment 1)**

Mr. Niskala informed the Committee about ways to look at some alternative funding for the projects that we would like to see happen in our region.

We have seen additional funds that were targeted out of the state gas tax for transportation projects going to other transportation priorities. That is happening at the same time that we are seeing the cost effects increase as the numbers that were reported to the Commission is that in the period 2002 to 2007, the cost index went up 62 percent, so during the same period that it has gone up, we have seen funding reduced and the gap is getting wider.

There are a number of options available, but at this time, it is focused on the collection of toll revenues to help fund projects. We have a limited amount of toll revenue and will probably never be enough to fund the projects totally, but they do help in terms of looking at the overall funding schemes. It would take a bold action of this community to have an election to totally agree to toll a facility. One entity that can create a toll authority which is a regional mobility authority. There are also some other entities, such as a regional toll authority, a county toll authority.

Mr. Doug Woodall, P.E., Director of Turnpike Planning and Development gave a brief presentation regarding the funding and institutional alternatives to make up for funding shortfalls. He informed the Committee that the purpose would be to provide a new tool that would allow counties to finance, acquire, design, construct, operate, maintain, and extend a transportation project. The benefits would be to improve mobility and increase safety for motorists, bring congestion relief faster, generate revenue in the designated region, and provide more local control in transportation planning and implementation.

6. ITEMS OF GENERAL INTEREST:

- A. November 1st Transportation Policy Committee meeting may include revised project cost estimate and possible revisions to the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP).**

- B. Fiscal year update and status of local funds.**

Mr. Niskala said that October 1st began the new federal fiscal year and planning cycle. We have received notification from TxDOT, Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration that our 2008-2009 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) had

been approved. We have several studies and we are going to begin the procurement process and we have factored in a four percent increase in the cost of doing business for each of the years, so it is a conservative budget. We will probably have an end of the year report within the next month or two and we are anticipating that we will have some carryover from the last period. We will actually have some additional funding and possibly seek an amendment to the UPWP so that we can apply that to some unfunded projects.

As far as the local funds, each of the agencies, with the exception of TxDOT, have contributed \$2,000 a year to the MPO for expenses that are not eligible for federal reimbursement. We have been frugal with that and we have a balance of about \$27,000 that has been built up that we wanted to have on hand in case there was some type of study that could be done for this region that would not be eligible for federal funding.

Mr. Bonilla asked Mr. Niskala if his evaluation was based on a fiscal year or county year.

Mr. Niskala said that it has been done on his anniversary of his employment date, which is February. He said that generally, he will try to do something with staff at the beginning of the calendar year.

C. Collaboration with “Safe Communities Committee” on transportation safety issues.

Mr. Niskala said that he just wanted the Committee to be aware of the elements that we have in the safety of our transportation network and we have been working with a group out at the University called Safe Communities. They are developing a few publications at the university using students and they distribute them at the various health fairs and other activities around the county area funded in part by TxDOT and the MPO. We did participate with them and the MPO logo is on the publications about bicycle safety and distracted drivers.

Mr. Bonilla informed the Committee that TxDOT had an open house and asked Mr. Clark if he had anything else he would like to elaborate on.

Mr. Clark advised the Committee that they talked about the tolling mechanism and adding to our system at the public meeting. The public recognized the situation that we are in financially and that it was the only way we can move forward.

Mr. Bonilla thanked Mr. Ron Massey, the Chairman of the Technical Advisory Committee who will be leaving the city to accept a job in North Carolina. The Committee thanked him for his years of service not only to the MPO, but to the city and the counties as well.

Mr. Niskala talked about the proposed administrative rule passed by the Commission on the 27th and advised the Committee that there are no more delegation petitions.

Mr. Bonilla advised the Committee about Mr. Amadeo Saenz who is the new Executive Director of TxDOT. He asked Mr. Niskala to draft a letter of congratulations to Mr. Saenz.

7. ADJOURN.

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

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FY 2008 Federally Funded Projects

District	Corpus Christi	Federal Cost:	\$1,191,000.00
Project Sponsor:	Regional Transportation Authority	State Cost:	\$297,800.00
MPO Project ID	TR040P07		
Project Name	Vehicle Replacement	Local Contribution:	
		Total:	\$1,488,800.00
Description	Replacement 30-ft Buses	Fiscal Year	2008
Remarks		Funding Category:	5307
		Toll Credit Match	
District	Corpus Christi	Federal Cost:	\$2,851,300.00
Project Sponsor:	Regional Transportation Authority	State Cost:	\$712,800.00
MPO Project ID	TR041P07		
Project Name	Vehicle Replacement	Local Contribution:	
		Total:	\$3,564,100.00
Description	Replacement 35-ft Buses	Fiscal Year	2008
Remarks		Funding Category:	5307
		Toll Credit Match	
District	Corpus Christi	Federal Cost:	\$103,100.00
Project Sponsor:	Regional Transportation Authority	State Cost:	\$25,800.00
MPO Project ID	TR042P07		
Project Name	Vehicle Replacement	Local Contribution:	
		Total:	\$128,900.00
Description	Trolley Conversion & IT Equipment	Fiscal Year	2008
Remarks		Funding Category:	5307
		Toll Credit Match	
District	Corpus Christi	Federal Cost:	\$87,700.00
Project Sponsor:	Regional Transportation Authority	State Cost:	\$21,900.00
MPO Project ID	TR043P07		
Project Name	Replacement Support Vehicles	Local Contribution:	
		Total:	\$109,600.00
Description		Fiscal Year	2008
Remarks		Funding Category:	5307
		Toll Credit Match	
District	Corpus Christi	Federal Cost:	\$309,400.00
Project Sponsor:	Regional Transportation Authority	State Cost:	\$77,300.00
MPO Project ID	TM030P07		
Project Name	Equipment Replacement	Local Contribution:	
		Total:	\$386,700.00
Description	Furniture and Equipment	Fiscal Year	2008
Remarks		Funding Category:	5307
		Toll Credit Match	
District	Corpus Christi	Federal Cost:	\$566,100.00
Project Sponsor:	Regional Transportation Authority	State Cost:	\$141,500.00

MPO Project ID	TM031P07	Local Contribution:	
Project Name	Equipment Replacement	Total:	\$707,600.00
Description	IT Capital Purchases	Fiscal Year	2008
Remarks		Funding Category:	5307
		Toll Credit Match	
District	Corpus Christi	Federal Cost:	\$228,300.00
Project Sponsor:	Regional Transportation Authority	State Cost:	
MPO Project ID	TF030C07		
Project Name	Facilities	Local Contribution:	\$57,100.00
		Total:	\$285,400.00
Description	Bus Stop Improvements	Fiscal Year	2008
Remarks		Funding Category:	5307
District	Corpus Christi	Federal Cost:	\$204,000.00
Project Sponsor:	Regional Transportation Authority	State Cost:	
MPO Project ID	TM043P07		
Project Name	Equipment Replacement	Local Contribution:	\$51,000.00
		Total:	\$255,000.00
Description	Equipment	Fiscal Year	2008
Remarks		Funding Category:	5307
District	Corpus Christi	Federal Cost:	\$41,200.00
Project Sponsor:	Regional Transportation Authority	State Cost:	
MPO Project ID	TF031C07		
Project Name	Facilities	Local Contribution:	\$10,300.00
		Total:	\$51,500.00
Description	Concrete Improvements	Fiscal Year	2008
Remarks		Funding Category:	5307
District	Corpus Christi	Federal Cost:	\$400,000.00
Project Sponsor:	Regional Transportation Authority	State Cost:	
MPO Project ID	TM032P07		
Project Name	Equipment	Local Contribution:	\$100,000.00
		Total:	\$500,000.00
Description	Bus Midlife Repower	Fiscal Year	2008
Remarks		Funding Category:	5307
District	Corpus Christi	Federal Cost:	\$480,000.00
Project Sponsor:	Regional Transportation Authority	State Cost:	
MPO Project ID	TM033P07		
Project Name	Equipment	Local Contribution:	\$120,000.00
		Total:	\$600,000.00
Description	Bus Rebuilds-35"Buses	Fiscal Year	2008
Remarks		Funding Category:	5307

District	Corpus Christi	Federal Cost:	\$240,000.00
Project Sponsor:	Regional Transportation Authority	State Cost:	
MPO Project ID	TM034P07		
Project Name	Equipment	Local Contribution:	\$60,000.00
		Total:	\$300,000.00
Description	Bus Rebuilds-40' Buses	Fiscal Year	2008
Remarks		Funding Category:	5307

District	Corpus Christi	Federal Cost:	\$8,200.00
Project Sponsor:	Regional Transportation Authority	State Cost:	
MPO Project ID	TAE02007		
Project Name	Professional Services	Local Contribution:	\$2,000.00
		Total:	\$10,200.00
Description	A&E Services for Concrete Improvements	Fiscal Year	2008
Remarks		Funding Category:	5307

District	Corpus Christi	Federal Cost:	\$800,000.00
Project Sponsor:	Regional Transportation Authority	State Cost:	
MPO Project ID	TF032C07		
Project Name	Facilities	Local Contribution:	\$200,000.00
		Total:	\$1,000,000.00
Description	Bus Stop Shelter Construction & Amenities for Flour Bluff Station	Fiscal Year	2008
Remarks		Funding Category:	5307

District	Corpus Christi	Federal Cost:	\$46,600.00
Project Sponsor:	Regional Transportation Authority	State Cost:	
MPO Project ID	TF033C07		
Project Name	Facilities	Local Contribution:	\$11,700.00
		Total:	\$58,300.00
Description	Bus Wash Refurbishment	Fiscal Year	2008
Remarks		Funding Category:	5307

District	Corpus Christi	Federal Cost:	\$2,320,000.00
Project Sponsor:	Regional Transportation Authority	State Cost:	
MPO Project ID	TF034C07		
Project Name	Facilities	Local Contribution:	\$580,000.00
		Total:	\$2,900,000.00
Description	Bus Station Improvements	Fiscal Year	2008
Remarks		Funding Category:	5307

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District	Corpus Christi	Federal Cost:	\$952,600.00
Project Sponsor:	Regional Transportation Authority	State Cost:	\$238,100.00
MPO Project ID	TR044P07		
Project Name	Vehicle Replacement	Local Contribution:	
		Total:	\$1,190,700.00
Description	Replacement 40-ft Buses	Fiscal Year	2009
Remarks		Funding Category:	5307
		Toll Credit Match	
District	Corpus Christi	Federal Cost:	\$387,000.00
Project Sponsor:	Regional Transportation Authority	State Cost:	\$96,800.00
MPO Project ID	TR045P07		
Project Name	Vehicle Replacement	Local Contribution:	
		Total:	\$483,800.00
Description	Contract FR Vehicles	Fiscal Year	2009
Remarks		Funding Category:	5307
		Toll Credit Match	
District	Corpus Christi	Federal Cost:	\$41,300.00
Project Sponsor:	Regional Transportation Authority	State Cost:	\$10,300.00
MPO Project ID	TR046P07		
Project Name	Vehicle Replacement	Local Contribution:	
		Total:	\$51,600.00
Description	Replacement Service & Support	Fiscal Year	2009
Remarks	Vehicles	Funding Category:	5307
		Toll Credit Match	
District	Corpus Christi	Federal Cost:	\$309,600.00
Project Sponsor:	Regional Transportation Authority	State Cost:	\$77,400.00
MPO Project ID	TM035P07		
Project Name	Equipment Replacement	Local Contribution:	
		Total:	\$387,000.00
Description		Fiscal Year	2009
Remarks		Funding Category:	5307
		Toll Credit Match	
District	Corpus Christi	Federal Cost:	\$489,300.00
Project Sponsor:	Regional Transportation Authority	State Cost:	\$122,300.00
MPO Project ID	TM036P07		
Project Name	Equipment Replacement	Local Contribution:	
		Total:	\$611,600.00
Description	IT Capital Purchases	Fiscal Year	2009
Remarks		Funding Category:	5307
		Toll Credit Match	
District	Corpus Christi	Federal Cost:	\$516,100.00
Project Sponsor:	Regional Transportation Authority	State Cost:	\$129,000.00

MPO Project ID	TF035C07		
Project Name	Facilities	Local Contribution:	
		Total:	\$645,100.00
Description	Bus Stop Improvements	Fiscal Year	2009
Remarks		Funding Category:	5307
		Toll Credit Match	
District	Corpus Christi	Federal Cost:	\$313,800.00
Project Sponsor:	Regional Transportation Authority	State Cost:	\$78,400.00
MPO Project ID	TR047P07		
Project Name	Vehicle Replacement	Local Contribution:	
		Total:	\$392,200.00
Description	Replacement Paratransit Vehicles	Fiscal Year	2009
Remarks		Funding Category:	5307
District	Corpus Christi	Federal Cost:	\$199,800.00
Project Sponsor:	Regional Transportation Authority	State Cost:	
MPO Project ID	TM037P07		
Project Name	Equipment Replacement	Local Contribution:	\$50,000.00
		Total:	\$249,800.00
Description	Equipment	Fiscal Year	2009
Remarks		Funding Category:	5307
District	Corpus Christi	Federal Cost:	\$212,000.00
Project Sponsor:	Regional Transportation Authority	State Cost:	
MPO Project ID	TF036C07		
Project Name	Facilities	Local Contribution:	\$53,000.00
		Total:	\$265,000.00
Description	Bus Stop Improvements	Fiscal Year	2009
Remarks		Funding Category:	5307
District	Corpus Christi	Federal Cost:	\$41,300.00
Project Sponsor:	Regional Transportation Authority	State Cost:	
MPO Project ID	TF037C07		
Project Name	Facilities	Local Contribution:	\$10,300.00
		Total:	\$51,600.00
Description	Concrete Improvements	Fiscal Year	2009
Remarks		Funding Category:	5307
District	Corpus Christi	Federal Cost:	\$46,600.00
Project Sponsor:	Regional Transportation Authority	State Cost:	
MPO Project ID	TF038C07		
Project Name	Facilities	Local Contribution:	\$11,700.00
		Total:	\$58,300.00
Description	Bus Wash Refurbishment	Fiscal Year	2009
Remarks		Funding Category:	5307

District	Corpus Christi	Federal Cost:	\$400,000.00
Project Sponsor:	Regional Transportation Authority	State Cost:	
MPO Project ID	TM038P07		
Project Name	Equipment	Local Contribution:	\$100,000.00
		Total:	\$500,000.00
Description	Bus Midlife Repower	Fiscal Year	2009
Remarks		Funding Category:	5307

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FY 2010 Federally Funded Projects

District	Corpus Christi	Federal Cost:	\$1,591,100.00
Project Sponsor:	Regional Transportation Authority	State Cost:	\$397,800.00
MPO Project ID	TR048P07		
Project Name	Vehicle Replacement	Local Contribution:	
		Total:	\$1,988,900.00
Description	Replacement 30-ft Buses	Fiscal Year	2010
Remarks		Funding Category:	5307
		Toll Credit Match	
District	Corpus Christi	Federal Cost:	\$695,200.00
Project Sponsor:	Regional Transportation Authority	State Cost:	\$173,800.00
MPO Project ID	TR049P07		
Project Name	Vehicle Replacement	Local Contribution:	
		Total:	\$869,000.00
Description	Replacement 40-ft Buses	Fiscal Year	2010
Remarks		Funding Category:	5307
		Toll Credit Match	
District	Corpus Christi	Federal Cost:	\$626,000.00
Project Sponsor:	Regional Transportation Authority	State Cost:	\$156,500.00
MPO Project ID	TR050P07		
Project Name	Vehicle Replacement	Local Contribution:	
		Total:	\$782,500.00
Description	Replacement Paratransit Vehicles	Fiscal Year	2010
Remarks	Vehicles	Funding Category:	5307
		Toll Credit Match	
District	Corpus Christi	Federal Cost:	\$516,600.00
Project Sponsor:	Regional Transportation Authority	State Cost:	\$129,100.00
MPO Project ID	TF039C07		
Project Name	Facilities	Local Contribution:	
		Total:	\$645,700.00
Description	Bus Stop Improvements	Fiscal Year	2010
Remarks		Funding Category:	5307
		Toll Credit Match	
District	Corpus Christi	Federal Cost:	\$31,000.00
Project Sponsor:	Regional Transportation Authority	State Cost:	\$7,700.00
MPO Project ID	TR051P07		
Project Name	Vehicle Replacement	Local Contribution:	
		Total:	\$38,700.00
Description	Replacement Support Vehicles	Fiscal Year	2010
Remarks		Funding Category:	5307
		Toll Credit Match	
District	Corpus Christi	Federal Cost:	\$309,900.00
Project Sponsor:	Regional Transportation Authority	State Cost:	\$77,500.00

MPO Project ID	TM039P07		
Project Name	Equipment Replacement	Local Contribution:	
		Total:	\$387,400.00
Description	Furniture and Equipment	Fiscal Year	2010
Remarks		Funding Category:	5307
		Toll Credit Match	
District	Corpus Christi	Federal Cost:	\$24,800.00
Project Sponsor:	Regional Transportation Authority	State Cost:	\$6,200.00
MPO Project ID	TM040P07		
Project Name	Equipment Replacement	Local Contribution:	
		Total:	\$31,000.00
Description	IT Capital Purchases	Fiscal Year	2010
Remarks		Funding Category:	5307
		Toll Credit Match	
District	Corpus Christi	Federal Cost:	\$241,100.00
Project Sponsor:	Regional Transportation Authority	State Cost:	
MPO Project ID	TF040C07		
Project Name	Facilities	Local Contribution:	\$60,300.00
		Total:	\$301,400.00
Description	Bus Stop Improvements	Fiscal Year	2010
Remarks		Funding Category:	5307
		Toll Credit Match	
District	Corpus Christi	Federal Cost:	\$106,600.00
Project Sponsor:	Regional Transportation Authority	State Cost:	
MPO Project ID	TM041P07		
Project Name	Equipment Replacement	Local Contribution:	\$26,600.00
		Total:	\$133,200.00
Description	Equipment	Fiscal Year	2010
Remarks		Funding Category:	5307
		Toll Credit Match	
District	Corpus Christi	Federal Cost:	\$46,600.00
Project Sponsor:	Regional Transportation Authority	State Cost:	
MPO Project ID	TF041C07		
Project Name	Facilities	Local Contribution:	\$11,700.00
		Total:	\$58,300.00
Description	Bus Wash Refurbishment	Fiscal Year	2010
Remarks		Funding Category:	5307
		Toll Credit Match	
District	Corpus Christi	Federal Cost:	\$41,300.00
Project Sponsor:	Regional Transportation Authority	State Cost:	
MPO Project ID	TF042C07		
Project Name	Facilities	Local Contribution:	\$10,300.00
		Total:	\$51,600.00
Description	Concrete Improvements	Fiscal Year	2010
Remarks		Funding Category:	5307
		Toll Credit Match	

District	Corpus Christi	Federal Cost:	\$400,000.00
Project Sponsor:	Regional Transportation Authority	State Cost:	
MPO Project ID	TM042P07		
Project Name	Equipment	Local Contribution:	\$100,000.00
		Total:	\$500,000.00
Description	Bus Midlife Repower	Fiscal Year	2010
Remarks		Funding Category:	5307

**CORPUS CHRISTI METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES**

September 6, 2007

1. CALL TO ORDER AND QUORUM DETERMINATION:

Meeting called to order by Mr. Bonilla at 1:30 p.m. at the City Hall Council Chambers.

Mr. Clark, Mr. Barrera, Mayor Garrett, Mr. Bonilla, Judge Simpson, Judge Neal, and Mayor Krebs, were present.

2. INTRODUCTION OF VISITING AGENCY OFFICIALS:

The Committee welcomed Mr. Rene Ramirez, Chief of Staff from Senator Hinojosa's Office and all Technical Advisory Committee Members and City Staff.

Mr. Ramirez informed the Committee that the Senator's office is available to assist the MPO and the Policy Committee.

He also informed the Committee that the Senator had an event that evening at the Ortiz Center at 5:30 p.m. and everyone was invited.

Mr. Niskala informed the Committee that Mr. Sam Woods, Transportation Director for the Lubbock MPO passed away. He said that we have expressed our condolences as the MPO to their staff and to his family.

3. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON TRANSPORTATION ISSUES.

Mr. Bonilla asked if there were any public comments. There were no comments.

4. APPROVAL OF THE August 2, 2007 TPC MEETING MINUTES.

A motion was made by Mayor Garrett to approve the August 2, 2007 meeting minutes as printed and distributed, seconded by Judge Simpson. Motion passed.

5. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND ACTION:

A. Discussion on the recent federal funding rescission and the loss of \$6.3 million in local obligation authority resulting in changes to TxDOT project priorities and the impact on long-range funding and project priorities of the Corpus Christi Metropolitan Planning Organization.

Mr. Niskala reminded the Committee about some things that have been happening both at the State and the Federal level. At the last meeting, we indicated that there were a number of long-range plan projects that were now going to reference having a possible toll opportunity with the construction of some new lanes. We have had four rescissions in the State of Texas, this is where the Federal Highway Administration has notified TxDOT that the funding obligation levels that they were planning on to do projects were reduced. We have lost that level of funding for projects that we were planning in the state and that has directly affected the Corpus Christi District.

Mr. Niskala informed the Committee that there are going to be some public meeting opportunities in early October that will provide an opportunity to discuss the option for tolling. This is the first time that the public is going to see a specific project tied in with the option of tolling. We have been meeting with some of the new Council Members and we are available to meet with any of the Council or Commissioner's Court members to make them aware of what is being involved.

Mr. Niskala said that we are looking at utilizing the Texas Mobility Fund. The Commission has made a decision that the Texas Mobility Fund has to have projects significantly underway by 2009 or you will not be able to have those projects applied to it. The one requirement to use mobility funds is that it must have a toll element.

The Commission also had some discussions about taking segments along both I-69 and I-35 and bringing the counties together with the MPOs to talk about how those corridors would be designed in their particular areas. It is in the working stages and we will be hearing more over the next couple of months.

Mr. Clark said that we have to move forward with our Texas Mobility Fund allocation within a certain timeframe. We need to have that by October 1st. The SH358 Ramp Reversal Project is the highest traffic volume project in our district. It is our biggest source of delayed traffic. We included it in our Mobility Plan and it has a toll component. We can move forward with the mobility fund dollars and deliver the project much earlier than anticipated before the expiration of our access to the funds.

Mr. Niskala said that when we held the workshop in Portland, we talked about the development of the comprehensive toll strategy using the assistance of the Texas Turnpike Authority. In the preliminary discussions of those possible toll projects the 358 or S.P.I.D. Project appears to be the most attractive project for a return on investment.

B. Discussion and action to release the amendments to the 2007-2030 Metropolitan Transportation Plan and the 2008-2012 Transportation Improvement Program and soliciting public comment to provide for:

- Added transit projects as discussed at the August 2nd meeting
- CSJ 3364-01-010/FM 3386 to construct new FM road authorized at \$2,000,000 with a letting date of August, 2008 (placed on hold)
- CSJ 0074-06-202/IH 37 with same description but only Phase I work at cost of \$10,700,000 with a letting date of February, 2008
- CSJ 0074-06-xxx/IH 37 to construct new direct connector (Phase II) at a cost of \$18,000,000 with a tentative letting date of September, 2008

Mr. Niskala informed the Committee that we are looking at delaying the project on FM 3386, which is Mc Kinzie Road which would have provided a new farm to market road that originally was going to be let in August, 2008.

Mr. Niskala said that we are looking at breaking the existing project at Joe Fulton or Carbon Plant Road into two phases. The first phase would be a cost of \$10,700,000 looking to be let in February, 2008.

The second would be the direct connector which would be at a cost of about \$18,000,000 for letting in 2008. Those actions will be released for public comment and will be brought back for final adoption at the October meeting and they will be submitted to TxDOT.

A motion was made by Judge Neal to adopt the 2008-2009 Unified Planning Work Program, seconded by Mayor Krebs. Motion passed.

6. STAFF REPORT:

A. Update on the demand modeling process.

Mr. Niskala said that we have been working with TxDOT out of Austin to make sure that we have a good model run for this long-range plan. We have had some delays in the survey work. We are hoping that it does not seriously compromise our modeling process, but we are going forward at the staff level. We have completed the work on our critical path.

B. September 12th meeting with Laredo representatives on regional projects.

Mr. Niskala said that a collaborative effort between the Port Authority, the Economic Development Corporation, and the MPO is seeking a meeting with officials from Laredo.

C. Update on our comprehensive toll project strategy.

As mentioned, the preliminary discussions of those possible toll projects that would have some type of return on investment the 358 or S.P.I.D. project appears to be the most attractive project.

D. Discussion of the Regional Transportation Coordinator position at the MPO on behalf of the Coastal Bend Council of Governments and the regional public transportation stakeholders.

Mr. Niskala informed the Committee that we have extended an offer to an individual for the Regional Transportation Coordinator's position. She is a resident of Corpus Christi and had some direct experience in the public transit area. The estimated starting date would be October 1st.

We have another member of the staff that has joined the MPO, Victor Mendieta, Planner I, and he is a graduate of Texas A&M-Corpus Christi out of the GIS Program and we are very glad to have him on board. He has done several projects and he is going to be a very good addition to the staff.

7. ITEMS OF GENERAL INTEREST:

A. Action items for the October 4th Transportation Policy Committee meeting may include adopting amendments to the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Mr. Niskala said that the October 4th Transportation Policy Committee meeting will be held at the Corpus Christi City Hall Council Chambers.

Judge Neal said that he and Judge Simpson started looking into the local regional mobility authority and at that time, they had asked for assistance from the MPO staff to go back and find out what happened to what we had done a number of years ago so we would not have to start out at ground zero. He said that if we are going to be competitive, we need to do this. Whatever we need to do, we need to start now. Judge Neal said that he and Judge Simpson are willing to take the lead.

Mr. Niskala said that we will have a briefing on what has transpired to date and where the legislation stands.

8. ADJOURN.

The meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.