



October 31, 2008
Paula M. Sales-Evans, P.E.
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Dear Ms. Sales-Evans:

Attached are amendments to the current 2008 – 2011 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the 2005-2025 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). These amendments respond to the FHWA comments in the July 7, 2008 letter to James Randall and include actions adopted at the April and July Transportation Policy Committee (TPC) meetings as well as transit projects provided in the requested new format:

April meeting:

Addition to the TIP – MTP

This project was originally included in the 2005-2025 MTP however, was inadvertently omitted in the subsequent revisions.

- CSJ 0916-35-129: South Staples from Leopard to Six Points - Construct ADA Accessibility Ramps \$2,000,000 (in 2005-2025 MTP) – Current Total Project Cost \$2,660,519

Appendix projects:

Projects removed from the 2008 – 2011 TIP – Appendix Projects at the request of TxDOT – Corpus Christi District include:

- CSJ0617-01-901
- CSJ0617-01-903

Projects removed in response to the FHWA comments of July 7, 2008 include:

- CSJ0916-35-151
- CSJ0101-06-902
- CSJ0916-35-152

The approved changes have been posted to the MPO website.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tom Niskala".

Tom Niskala,
Transportation Planning Director

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

April 3, 2008

1. CALL TO ORDER AND QUORUM DETERMINATION:

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

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

2. INTRODUCTION OF VISITING AGENCY OFFICIALS:

The Committee welcomed all Technical Advisory Committee Members, TxDOT and City Staff.

Mayor Krebs welcomed everyone and thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Ms. Evans said that Mayor Caron in George West, who was the Mayor for twenty-one years passed away on Sunday from cancer. He worked for the Highway Department. She had the privilege of working with him when she was attending college. He was a very knowledgeable man and he always had a kind word.

The Policy Committee had a moment of silence in his memory and honor.

3. APPROVAL OF THE February 7, 2008 TPC MEETING MINUTES.

A motion was made by Mayor Garrett to approve the February 7, 2008 meeting minutes seconded by Mayor Krebs. Motion passed.

4. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

- A. Discussion on the amendment of the FY 2005-2030 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and FY 2008-2011 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and opportunity for public comment.

Mr. Niskala informed the Committee that this is going to lead to one of the action items that we have today. A memorandum was sent out that described the actions and we made a slight revision. It affects a couple of major projects; one is the addition to the Transportation Improvement Program and the Metropolitan Transportation Plan of a project in the Corpus Christi area that is the improvements along South Staples from Leopard to Six Points for some ADA improvements. This was originally in the MTP and at the last set of revisions, the City made some modifications and there was some miscommunication and it did not get put on the MTP and the TIP, although there were funds reserved for the projects. It is not taking any funding from away from anything, it is just taking care of the administrative action to put it back on TIP and MTP.

Mr. Niskala informed the Committee that the second set of projects deals with the Harbor Bridge and he asked TxDOT if they could give us a brief update on the Harbor Bridge and then we can talk further about it.

Mr. Vourcos from the TxDOT District informed the Committee that they have been working on this project since 2001, when the consultant was brought on board and they finished the feasibility study in 2003. In late 2004, we started the current phase, which is the environmental impact stage and schematic studies and the layout for what we are doing for the project. He said that this is a very big and important project, but unfortunately the money that is available for the project is not even half of what it is projected to cost. The current estimate for the project is about \$6 to \$7 hundred million which would replace the structure, redo the inter-change tying 286 south and then tying back to 181 north. He said that you cannot have a project in the TIP and MTP without it being fiscally constrained. We just do not have the money for the project. Unfortunately, due to the recent cash-flow situation with the Department, the project has been put on hold. Up to now, there has been fairly well turnout for the meetings.

Mr. Vourcos said that the public is very active and concerned about the impact to their neighborhood such as a new bridge, especially with the alternative they are looking at. He said that they consider that the project is important. The Harbor Bridge is approaching fifty years old, has a limited lifespan, it has maintenance concerns and it costs \$2.5 million to maintain and will continue to cost at least that much to maintain. There are also some safety issues. There are concerns on how it impacts the Port of Corpus Christi. The Port is a great source of jobs in this area. The replacement of the Harbor Bridge is an important project, not just for the department because it costs money to maintain, but also for the community in terms of jobs and economic impact to the area.

Mr. Niskala said that we have a short range plan which is the four year Transportation Improvement Program and the long-range plan which is the Metropolitan Transportation Plan that is a twenty year plan. He said that the action that is being requested, which the Technical Advisory Committee was in agreement, is to remove them from the short range plan, but maintain them in the long range area. The one project which is the addition of managed lanes on the Cross-town freeway 286 from Interstate 37 to south of Horne Road is kept in the short range funded area of the long range plan. The other two would move to the long range unfunded category and that is the Harbor Bridge itself as well as the Interchange at the intersection of the Crosstown and Interstate 37. They are in the twenty year plan, one of them in the short range period, which would be over the next seven years, and the other two would go into the long range unfunded plan until we identify a funding stream, then we would move it back. There were some concerns about the condition of the bridge and the need for ongoing maintenance. The trade-off in terms of not proceeding with the project would be the increasing cost of the maintenance over time.

Mr. Villarreal, District Bridge Engineer for TxDOT, he has been in several conversations with the bridge division and we are using historical and statistical data from similar bridges. He said that if we continue along with the maintenance practices that are currently in place and implement a more aggressive maintenance schedule, we may be able to stretch it out to forty years. The aggressive maintenance schedule would have a crew on the bridge full-time. He said that it would cost about \$144 million to paint it three times and rehabilitate it structurally twice and re-deck it to make it last forty years.

Mr. Niskala said that we either have to come up with \$800 million or we hope that TxDOT will be able to come up with the \$144 million to perform the aggressive maintenance program.

Judge Neal asked if we were still scheduled to paint the bridge.

Mr. Villarreal said yes.

Judge Neal asked when that would be done.

Mr. Villarreal said that he is not sure on the timeline, but it will be sometime this year.

Mayor Garrett said that one of the things that he hears in his office is the citizens think that the bridge is not safe because it looks so bad.

Mr. Bonilla said that if they get the paint job done, they could complete the painting to commemorate a fiftieth anniversary. He asked if they had thought of having a statewide celebration of the Harbor Bridge 50 year anniversary that would celebrate its unique design and landmark uniqueness and invite TxDOT officials down here to celebrate and use that as a centerpiece to develop a plan for accelerating, because if it is on the long range plan, it is not going to happen in our life time. It is going to come to a point where it is so unsafe, that it is going to take something tragic to occur before someone gives it some serious attention.

Mr. Vourcos said that he would like to reiterate that the bridge is safe. It has been recently inspected as of late last year. It gets inspected every twenty-four months.

Mr. Niskala said that it is structurally safe, but it is not safe from a design prospective because of the sharp radius at the lower portions.

Judge Simpson asked if they had looked at the brace plates that they have identified that caused the Saint Paul potential failure where the bows and the brace plates that they identified as being deficient in size. He asked if they are the same or if they are heavier than the ones on the Harbor Bridge.

Mr. Villarreal responded by saying that the plates in question were supposed be an inch thick, but they were half an inch thick. He said that ours are the correct thickness and the correct rivet pattern.

Ms. Evans said that she just wanted to mention about how to proceed or what to do with respect to the replacement of the Harbor Bridge. One of the things that we were looking at is to try and have some level of a preliminary financial plan or some type of work done to help identify some possible funding mechanisms or be able to get some kind of a game plan for how we might be able to fund a replacement down the road, and if we could do that, it might be able to reopen some things on trying to get it back into the MTP. We really need to talk about what kinds of possibilities there are. If it is moved into the long range unfunded, then it means that we are going to have to step back and close our current environmental impact statement process and reinitiate one later on as we are more able to have a fiscally constrained plan that would show how we could replace the structure.

Mr. Niskala said that it brings up a good point that each of the agencies have some level of communication contact with our elected officials and lobbyists in Washington that we have a major rewrite of the legislation and a lot of appropriations work that is going to be going on and making sure that the Harbor Bridge is somehow linked into

some of those actions as part of that funding plan. It is going to take multiple sources of funding to make the bridge a reality. He said that it is not only going to include federal highway administration funding, but something also at the local level.

- B. Discussion and action to adopt a resolution amending the FY 2005-2030 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and FY 2008-2011 Transportation Improvement Program.

Mr. Niskala said that we may want to direct staff to work with TxDOT at coming up with an approach to develop a financial plan. We would also need an opportunity for public comment.

Mr. Bonilla asked if there were any public comments.

There were no public comments.

Mr. Bonilla asked for a motion to adopt the resolution.

A motion was made by Mayor Garrett, seconded by Mayor Krebs. Motion passed.

- C. Discussion and action on a cost overrun policy for the Transportation Improvement Program.

Mr. Niskala informed the Committee that this item has been recommended by the Technical Advisory Committee. In the past, we sent out a memorandum that outlined it and had a policy that when projects actually went out to final bid that there was an opportunity for the transportation improvement program to help pick up a portion of the additional costs that might result if the bids are over the original estimate. It has put a lot of pressure on the TIP and has moved projects back and forth. The Technical Advisory Committee would like to make a statement that what we are doing from a planning prospective, is looking at projects that are high priority. In the four year time frame, those projects have a high probability of coming to construction and becoming a reality. The best estimates need to be entered into the transportation improvement program when a project is listed on the TIP for construction and once that estimate is in there, we have got to live with that from an MPO's participation level point of view. If the costs go over, it is the burden of the project's sponsor to pick up those additional costs. This is the method under which we have been working with the last several months, but it has been a verbal agreement and we did have a written policy. This amends the written policy to follow the practice that we have been using over the last six months.

Mr. Bonilla asked if there was a motion for approval.

A motion was made by Mayor Garrett, seconded by Judge Simpson. Motion passed.

Mr. Bonilla asked if there were any questions or comments.

There were none.

- D. Discussion on a project selection procedure for the Transportation Improvement Program.

Mr. Niskala said that we are in discussions with the Technical Advisory Committee about changing the criteria on how we select projects for the long range and short

range plan and just tweaking what we have been doing to incorporate some of TxDOT's goals to make sure that we give emphasis to this idea that we want projects to be complete in terms of the preliminary engineering, right of way acquisition, and all of those things before they move on the Transportation Improvement Program. If a project is delayed four or five years, you are looking at forty or fifty percent in cost. We are trying to make sure that if a project goes on the TIP, it is ready to move. This new criteria will be brought to the Committee next month.

Mr. Bonilla asked if there were any questions or comments.

There were none.

5. STAFF REPORT:

A. Rescission of additional \$258 million.

Mr. Niskala informed the Committee that \$258 million is being taken back from the State of Texas. That results in a total of \$923 million that has been taken back in expenditure authority or obligation authority since the adoption of SAFETEA-LU. There are still some rescissions that are projected.

B. Update on TxDOT Commission meeting.

Mr. Niskala said that there was a decision made that because of the funding constraints, TxDOT would not be able to provide the local match for funds that we carried over from last fiscal year. There was an effort on the part of the Dallas MPO to use what they call toll credits. These are credits that the state gets for building projects using public-private funding and local funding that is lieu of having to use TxDOT funding. They get credit for that project and they can use that as a match. It does not represent any new money, but you can use it for matching federal projects. The Commission meeting was last Thursday. The Chairman did submit a letter of support of the idea and we appreciate the Dallas MPO taking that action and it was supported by the Houston MPO as well. They are using their credits so that all of the MPOs in the state of Texas will have access to those carryover funds and the Commission did approve that and we really do appreciate that and he expressed that appreciation to his counterpart in Dallas.

Mr. Niskala also said that they named the Citizens Advisory Committee. This is the Committee for Interstate 69 and Ms. Judy Hawley from the Corpus Christi area did get named to that committee, so we do have local representation. He talked to her earlier this week and she had been approached by TxDOT to reconsider because she had withdrawn her name and we are very pleased to see that she got on.

C. Proposed Air Quality regulations.

Mr. Niskala informed the Committee about the proposed air quality regulations. He referred to a chart that came from Mr. Bill Hennings, with the Air Quality Committee. There has been a proposal to have a reduction in the level of ozone that would be permitted. We barely made it. It is the fourth worst event and in the last couple of years, we have been under that level. There have been other areas that were added that are now considered non-attainment under this proposed rule which are San Antonio, Austin and the Tyler-Longview area. We are real pleased that the work that has been done has put us in a position of being one of the larger metropolitan areas that has clean air.

Mr. Niskala informed the Committee that Mr. Hennings is stepping down as Chair of the Air Quality Committee and there is going to be a meeting next week. He has done a terrific job in terms of carrying that project forward and without access to his time, we are not sure what is going to happen. We are exploring some options, including Port staff participating in picking up some load or the University. He said that he will bring some more information on he knows what the decision of the Committee will be. He said that we should express our appreciation to Mr. Hennings for the work he has done over the last several years.

Mr. Bonilla asked Mr. Niskala to prepare a resolution for Mr. Hennings.

Judge Simpson asked if all the states are being treated equal on the rescissions or are some states being hit more than others.

Mr. Niskala said that there is a percentage number that shows what Texas percent is of the national total, and it remains relatively constant and all states are being hit. The larger states are hit more than the smaller states. He said that one thing about this last rescission is TxDOT has to make its decision where that money is going to come from by April 4th and this is the first time that the MPO planning budgets are included in the possible rescission of funds. He said that he will inform the Committee if we have been impacted. Our planning budget may be reduced as a result of this.

Mr. Bonilla asked if it would be wise to advise the various governmental entities that we represent for this crisis. If the planning budget is now being adversely impacted, in the future, it will alter growth and the development of transportation plans.

Mr. Niskala responded by saying that he will take action when we know what the specific action is on the part of TxDOT. It will be a good opportunity to talk about this whole rescission issue that we are in a period where both state funding and federal funding are really constrained and what are we going to do about that from a public opinion position to influence our legislatures at the state and the federal level in the coming sessions.

Mr. Niskala said that there has been some discussion and pressure on the Commission to reconsider. They talked about a couple of options. The Commission did not make a decision, but at the end of the discussion, it almost seemed like they were very concerned about taking money away from maintenance.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS.

Mr. Bonilla asked if there were any public comments.

There were none.

7. TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE COMMENTS AND CONCERNS.

Mayor Krebs informed the Committee that there has been some good substantial growth in Portland up until this past year, until the base closure. In the past year since the last budget approved in October, we have had some decreases that are a little alarming. These are decreases that the whole nation is seeing, especially in the housing market. We are probably down by sixty percent of the houses that we built last year. We still do have businesses coming in and they are looking at the economy. He said that they are waiting to

see what the Port of Corpus Christi can work out with the base. In reference to the La Quinta project, it is going to be a big financial boost to our area.

Mayor Krebs thanked the Committee and all who attended the meeting and looks forward to having future MPO meetings in Portland.

8. ITEMS OF GENERAL INTEREST:

A. TxDOT Transportation Forum in Austin on April 20th – 22nd.

Mr. Niskala informed the Committee that there is a TxDOT Transportation Forum that will be held in Austin on April 20th – 22nd.

Mr. Niskala also mentioned that the new issue of the MPO's newsletter was available and copies have been distributed around the community.

Mr. Niskala also wished Ms. Eliza Pena the best of luck in deciding to go into business for herself.

The Committee wished Ms. Pena well and thanked her for all of her service with the MPO.

Mayor Garrett expressed his concern about the new development in trying to get the railroad developed in this area. He said that the government has spent a lot of money to get the railroads back to moving in trying to get the trucks off the road. He asked if that was going to have any effect on our funding as far as highway funds that we are receiving.

Mr. Niskala responded that he thinks that it is a timely question. We just had a discussion with both the Judges about the two rail districts, one in Nueces County and one in San Patricio County. The Nueces County rail district has been revitalized. He said that he attended their meeting and he was please to see their attitude. He thinks that we have an opportunity to incorporate them into our planning process. There is a rail study that TxDOT is doing for all of the Corpus Christi district and the Yoakum district.

Judge Neal said that just they just reappointed one person and appointed three or four brand new people and they are very excited. They are going to aggressively use that and he looks for really good things working with the intermodal area because we have got a vehicle here that allows us into two counties to coordinate between those two rail districts.

Judge Neal said that I-69 is a very interested part of transportation in South Texas. He said that he, Judge Simpson, and Ms. Hawley along with others have been extremely active in the last few months and they have been to Washington and have done some other things. He said that I-69 is a great project and they have just not been able yet to capitalize on finding a vehicle to help us get some funding.

Judge Simpson asked Mr. Reitmann to give the Committee an update on when State 89 will open.

Mr. Reitmann informed the Committee that project is coming right along. He said that they are expecting Zachary, the main contractor from San Antonio, to be done within about a month. He said that there is going to be another lift of hot mix that goes all over

the entire section that they have constructed and Bay Limited is going to be doing that project and that can start as early as May and that will be about a month and a half. Then we will put up all final striping, signing, and get that ready. He said that before they open it, they will be having lots of things in the paper and message boards. He said that within two to three months, it will be fully open and it will not take long for people to understand where people are going.

9. ADJOURN.

The meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

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

July 3, 2008

1. CALL TO ORDER AND QUORUM DETERMINATION:

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

Mr. Clark, Ms. Lyons, Mr. Bonilla, Mayor Krebs, Judge Neal, and Commissioner Longoria, were present.

2. INTRODUCTION OF VISITING AGENCY OFFICIALS:

The Committee welcomed Mr. Bill Green, Chairman of the City Transportation Advisory Committee, along with all the Technical Advisory Committee Members, TxDOT and City Staff.

3. APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 5, 2008 TPC MEETING MINUTES.

A motion was made by Mayor Krebs to approve the June 5, 2008 meeting minutes seconded by Mr. Clark. Motion passed.

4. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

- A. Discussion and action on "Major Project Impact Analysis" RFP and designation of participants in an Evaluation Committee.

Mr. Niskala informed the Committee that we have issued the request for proposals for the study that was added to the Unified Planning Work Program that will allow us to look at the intermodal facilities that include the Robstown, La Quinta Intermodal Facilities and the impact of Naval Station Ingleside and Joe Fulton Corridor on our road and rail network. This is going to have a lot of information that has been used from past studies, but needs to be updated for current circumstances. The area office has some plans for improvements in La Quinta area, but there is some work that needs to be done on the rail system and there are a lot of unanswered questions. This will provide us the mechanism to help the San Patricio and Nueces County Rural Districts to have some factual information upon which they can make some decisions to move projects forward.

Mr. Niskala proposed that we have a representative from San Patricio County, Nueces County, the Port Authority, TxDOT, and the MPO and ask the Technical Advisory Committee members to name an individual to a review team on the proposals that come in to accept their recommendation for award of contract to the consultant.

A motion was made by Judge Neal and seconded by Ms. Lyons. Motion passed.

- B. Discussion, opportunity for public comment, and action on TIP adjustments and recommendation for amending the Fiscal Year 2008 – 2011 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Mr. Niskala informed the Committee that these are projects that we have talked about before and this Committee has approved at putting on the plan, but the TxDOT District Office was notified recently that there was going to be a cap on the construction dollars that could be spent over the next four year period. As a result of that cap limiting what could actually go to contract, we had to make adjustments in the dates that those projects would go to letting. A copy of the chart was provided to the Committee. It shows by project what the original year was that the Committee had approved and what year it will be changed to. Most projects have slipped one year with the exception of the Saratoga median project that slipped two years and the Holly Road construction that also slipped two years. That technically takes it out of the Transportation Improvement Program for 2008 to 2011, but we will be updating the TIP very shortly and those will come back in later.

This is an amendment to the TIP that was previously approved and these are the projects that are getting impacted. There are no additions or deletions of projects other than the movement of the date.

Mr. Bonilla asked about the Port Avenue construction. He asked if that was from IH-37 into the Port.

Mr. Niskala said yes. It is the project that the City of Corpus Christi has the advanced funding agreement with TxDOT and has been moving forward. They are near completion with the plan and their objective would be to take it to let within the new fiscal year.

Mr. Bonilla asked if there were any public comments.

There were no public comments.

A motion was made by Judge Neal and seconded by Mr. Clark. Motion passed.

- C. Discussion, opportunity for public comment and action on technical corrections and additions to the Fiscal Year 2007-2030 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP).

Mr. Niskala said that these actions are actually just a reflection of what occurred with the Transportation Improvement Program, so we will modify the long-range plan so that it corresponds to what has been adopted in the TIP. There are one or two housekeeping errors that we have mentioned before that would be done at this time. We will then have a long-range Metropolitan Transportation Plan that corresponds to everything we have in our current approved Transportation Improvement Program with all projects identified, with project numbers where appropriate. It will be posted on our website and will be available for public review.

Mr. Bonilla asked if there were any public comments.

There were no public comments.

A motion was made by Judge Neal and seconded by Mayor Krebs. Motion passed.

- D. Discussion on the Nueces and Patricio Rural Rail Transportation District's and Port of Corpus Christi resolution of Mutual Support.

Mr. Niskala appreciates the cooperation being exhibited by the two Rail Districts and the Port. We have been participating in their monthly meetings. We are doing the project that was mentioned in Item A to assist them. The Nueces County Rail District has been very active and involved. San Patricio Rail District has some specific projects, but one of the things we want to do is to make sure that communication is continued. Mr. Clark has a workshop setup with the Rail Districts in the next couple of weeks that we will be participating in.

The Committee approved the Resolution of Mutual Support.

5. STAFF REPORT:

A. TxDOT Public Transportation Regional Coordination Workshop to be held on July 23rd & 24th.

Mr. Niskala informed the Committee that he and our Regional Transit Coordinator will be participating at the Regional Coordination Workshop that will be held on July 23rd and 24th. He also said that he received notice that the TxDOT Executive Director has asked Corpus Christi to participate in a work group that is looking at Category 2 funding. This was something that was done in 2002 and at that time, Judge Neal participated. We appreciate the opportunity to participate and it puts us at the table on the dialogue on how the distribution of funds are going to have to since they have to be lived with for an extended period of time. It has been six years since that was decided. We appreciate the confidence of TxDOT having us participate.

B. Cancellation of the Transportation Policy Committee meeting on August 7th.

Mr. Niskala informed the Committee that the Transportation Policy Committee meeting will be cancelled on August 7th. There will be a briefing workshop on July 25th at the Ortiz Center at noon concerning the TxDOT funding situation particularly as it relates to the Harbor Bridge project and how we might possibly be able to bring that project back into an active status in the MTP and restart the draft environmental impact statement. We had to remove that from the Transportation Improvement Program and the long-range plan, because when we found out what the new cost was going to be, we were not fiscally constrained and we are required to have our plans fiscally constrained. The catch 22 that it has created is that TxDOT cannot continue with the draft environmental impact statement until the Harbor Bridge project is back on the long-range plan. The only way we can do that is if we can illustrate the financial strategy at making this project a possibility. We will cancel the July TAC meeting and the August Policy meeting.

Mr. Niskala informed the Committee about an announcement that was made by TxDOT about the selection of Zachry as their planning partner for the development of interstate 69 in Texas. As a part of that announcement, there was an indication that the near term first phase project would be the upgrading of US 77 to interstate standards. That would be done using private capital. There will be not public funds involved in that project. They talked about the need to generate some revenues to pay for those improvements. They are looking at the possibility of some projects both in the Corpus Christi and in the Brownsville that they would build with private funds, but capture toll revenues over a period of time to not only pay for those projects that they are building, but the improvements to US 77. It is an exciting opportunity to be part of a planning process that could literally bring dollars into the Corpus Christi region to build projects that we had no hope of funding in the near term. The two specific projects that we have talked about before are US 286 Cross-town Freeway managed lanes and the managed lanes on S.P.I.D. In addition, they are talking about building segments of the new capacity which would be the south side mobility corridor and that is a very exciting prospect for the transportation network in our community. It is a pretty impressive slate of players with Zachry and ACS Infrastructure development being the proposer's

developers. The contractors would include not only Zachry and ACS, but also Dragados who was one of the original prospects that the Port was looking at for the La Quinta project. Some contractors would include Williams Brothers, Ballinger Construction, and Peter Kiewit which has interest here in the region. Designers include Parsons Transportation Group with financial advisors including UBS and Fulbright Jaworski. If you get a chance, you might look at that because it has a very positive and significant implications for our region.

Mr. Clark said that it truly is an exciting time with transportation and the potential that we have to join the private sector partner and seeing what we can do in transportation in South Texas by joining with them and planning this development of the corridor.

Mr. Bonilla said that this exciting new does offer us an opportunity to all be on the same page on one subject that is so important to this community being transportation and economic development. It might be helpful if we talked about overall economic impact.

The Committee agreed to cancel the August 7, 2008 Policy meeting.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS.

Mr. Bonilla asked if there were any public comments.

There were no public comments.

7. TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE COMMENTS AND CONCERNS.

Mr. Bonilla asked if there were any comments.

There were no comments.

8. ITEMS OF GENERAL INTEREST:

Judge Neal asked Mr. Bonilla to give a quick report on his trip to Columbia.

Mr. Bonilla said Columbia is a remarkably beautiful city that is quite safe. He said that he was in Bogota and then flew to Santa Marta where they signed a sister Port agreement. They met with the Minister of Commerce and Industry and Tourism, Luis Plata. He was very fascinated with the fact that the Port of Corpus Christi had approved and adopted a free trade resolution. They took the resolution and they sent it to their Embassy in D.C. and issued emails praising South Texas for having done that.

9. ADJOURN.

The meeting adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

**Corpus Christi - Metropolitan Planning Organization
 FY 2008-2011 Transportation Improvement Program
 2009 Projects**

TxDOT District	County	CSJ	Hwy	Let Date	Phase	Entity	MPO Proj. ID No.	Year of Expenditure Cost
Corpus Christi	Nueces	0916-35-129	South Staples	12/08	C	TxDOT	S125C0202	\$2,000,000
Limits From: Leopard				Limits To: Six Points				
Description: Construct ADA Accessibility Ramps								
							<u>Category sorted by:</u>	<u>2-Metro Corridor</u>
							Cat - 7	\$1,600,000
							Local	\$400,000

Total Project Cost Information:		Type of Work	Additional Explanatory Notes:
Preliminary Engineering:	\$101,920	Construct ADA Accessibility Ramps	Project History:
ROW Purchase:		Federal Amount: \$1,600,000	
Construction Engineering:	\$124,800	State Amount:	
Construction Cost:	\$2,080,000	Local Match: \$400,000	
Contingencies:	\$145,600	Non Program Costs:	
Indirect Costs:	\$104,000		
Bond Financing:			
Other Field:			
Total Project Cost:	\$2,556,320		

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

Highway Financial Summary - Year of Expenditure Construction Costs

Funding by Category

Category	Description	FY 2008		FY 2009		FY 2010		FY 2011		Total FY 2008 through 2011	
		Programmed	Authorized	Programmed	Authorized	Programmed	Authorized	Programmed	Authorized	Programmed	Authorized
1	Preventive Maintenance and Rehabilitation					\$1,300,000	\$1,300,000	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$1,800,000	\$1,800,000
2	Metropolitan Mobility Corridors	\$32,084,000	\$32,084,000	\$85,360,000	\$85,360,000	\$56,243,200	\$56,243,200	\$103,000,000	\$103,000,000	\$276,687,200	\$276,687,200
3	Urban Mobility Corridors									\$0	\$0
4	Statewide Mobility Corridors									\$0	\$0
5	Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality									\$0	\$0
6	Structure Rehabilitation			\$2,200,000	\$2,200,000					\$2,200,000	\$2,200,000
7	Metro Mobility	\$1,918,644	\$1,918,644	\$11,730,707	\$11,730,707	\$6,524,212	\$6,524,212	\$4,824,494	\$4,824,494	\$24,998,057	\$24,998,057
8	Safety									\$0	\$0
9	Enhancements	\$979,477	\$979,477							\$979,477	\$979,477
10	Miscellaneous	\$650,000	\$650,000							\$650,000	\$650,000
11	District Discretionary			\$4,000,000	\$4,000,000					\$4,000,000	\$4,000,000
12	Strategic Priority									\$0	\$0
LC	Local Contributions									\$0	\$0
	Other (R)									\$0	\$0
	Total	\$35,632,121	\$35,632,121	\$103,290,707	\$103,290,707	\$64,067,412	\$64,067,412	\$108,324,494	\$108,324,494	\$311,314,734	\$311,314,734

Funding Participation Source

Source	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	Total
Federal	\$27,114,608	\$43,517,600	\$39,940,000	\$78,199,200	\$188,771,408
State	\$8,122,644	\$56,360,000	\$1,068,803	\$18,600,000	\$84,151,447
Local Contributions	\$394,869	\$3,413,107	\$23,058,609	\$11,525,294	\$38,391,879
Other					\$0
Total	\$35,632,121	\$103,290,707	\$64,067,412	\$108,324,494	\$311,314,734

Rural Portion

Appendix D

Projects Undergoing Environmental Assessment

The purpose of Appendix D is to identify projects that are undergoing preliminary engineering and environmental analysis (PE/EA) consistent with early project development. The Federal Highway Administration allows these projects to be referenced in the current Transportation Improvement Program in order to facilitate the feasibility and PE/EA phases.

This Appendix also contains projects that are scheduled for implementation beyond the four years of the TIP time frame, and it in no way implies that these projects are programmed in the TIP. Cost estimates are preliminary and do not represent any commitment of construction funding. Projects listed in Appendix D will include, at a minimum, CSJ Number, MPO ID number, county, TxDOT district, sponsoring entity, street name, project limits, project description, estimated let date and preliminary project cost.

TXDOT CORPUS CHRISTI DISTRICT

FY 2012

TXDOT DISTRICT: CORPUS CHRISTI CITY: OTHER EST LETTING DATE 09/2011
 COUNTY: JIM WELLS LIMITS FROM: 0.95 MI. N. OF FM 2508 PHASE: C
 HIGHWAY NUM: US 281 LIMITS TO: 0.21 MI. S. OF CR 449 YOE COST: \$ 14,623,232
 CSJ: 0255-01-074 MPO PROJECT NUM:
 REVISION DATE: 112008 PROJECT SPONSOR:

DESCRIPTION: CONSTRUCT DIAMOND INTERCHANGE
 REMARKS P1: REMOVED TO OUT YEAR TIP APPENDIX
 REMARKS P7: RURAL INTERCHANGE (SAFETY)_OUT YEAR APPENDIX

CONTRACT CSJ: 025501074
 ANCESTOR CSJ(S): 025501950
 DESCENDENT CSJ(S):
 ROW/CONSTR CSJ(S):

PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING: \$ 716,538
 ROW PURCHASE: \$ 0
 CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING: \$ 731,162
 CONSTRUCTION COST: \$ 14,623,232
 CONTINGENCIES: \$ 1,023,626
 INDIRECT COSTS: \$ 731,162
 BOND FINANCING: \$ 0
 OTHER FIELD: \$ 0
 TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$ 17,825,720

TYPE OF WORK: GRADE, BASE, SURF, STRS
 FEDERAL AMOUNT: \$ 4,000,000
 STATE AMOUNT: \$ 1,000,000
 LOCAL MATCH: \$ 0
 NON PROGRAM COSTS: \$ 0
 OTHER AMOUNT: \$ 9,623,232
 TOTAL: \$ 14,623,232

TOTAL FUNDING
 11-DIST DISCRETION: \$ 5,000,000
 OTHER: \$ 0
 OTHER(R): \$ 9,623,232
 TOTAL: \$ 14,623,232

TXDOT DISTRICT: CORPUS CHRISTI CITY: OTHER EST LETTING DATE 09/2011
 COUNTY: KARNES LIMITS FROM: .5 MI. NORTH OF SH 80 PHASE: C
 HIGHWAY NUM: US 181 LIMITS TO: .5 MI. SOUTH OF SH 80 YOE COST: \$ 3,037,133
 CSJ: 0100-05-068 MPO PROJECT NUM:
 REVISION DATE: 112008 PROJECT SPONSOR:

DESCRIPTION: CONSTRUCT NORTHBOUND OVERPASS
 REMARKS P1:
 REMARKS P7: OUT YEAR APPENDIX

CONTRACT CSJ: 010005068
 ANCESTOR CSJ(S): 010005900
 DESCENDENT CSJ(S):
 ROW/CONSTR CSJ(S):

PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING: \$ 148,820
 ROW PURCHASE: \$ 0
 CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING: \$ 182,228
 CONSTRUCTION COST: \$ 3,037,133
 CONTINGENCIES: \$ 212,599
 INDIRECT COSTS: \$ 151,857
 BOND FINANCING: \$ 0
 OTHER FIELD: \$ 0
 TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$ 3,732,636

TYPE OF WORK: GRADE, BASE, SURF, STRS
 FEDERAL AMOUNT: \$ 240,000
 STATE AMOUNT: \$ 160,000
 LOCAL MATCH: \$ 0
 NON PROGRAM COSTS: \$ 0
 OTHER AMOUNT: \$ 2,637,133
 TOTAL: \$ 3,037,133

TOTAL FUNDING
 10-MISC: \$ 300,000
 11-DIST DISCRETION: \$ 100,000
 OTHER: \$ 0
 OTHER(R): \$ 2,637,133
 TOTAL: \$ 3,037,133

TXDOT CORPUS CHRISTI DISTRICT

FY 2012

TXDOT DISTRICT: CORPUS CHRISTI CITY: OTHER EST LETTING DATE 09/2011
 COUNTY: KARNES LIMITS FROM: APPROX. 100FT N. OF FM 81 PHASE: C
 HIGHWAY NUM: US 181 LIMITS TO: TURKEY CREEK YOЕ COST: \$ 6,749,184
 CSJ: 0100-05-070 MPO PROJECT NUM:
 REVISION DATE: 112008 PROJECT SPONSOR:

DESCRIPTION: ADD PASSING LANES
 REMARKS P1: REMOVED TO OUT YEAR APPENDIX

REMARKS P7: OUT YEAR APPENDIX

CONTRACT CSJ: 010005070
 ANCESTOR CSJ(S): 010005900
 DESCENDENT CSJ(S):
 ROW/CONSTR CSJ(S):

PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING: \$ 330,710
 ROW PURCHASE: \$ 0
 CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING: \$ 337,459
 CONSTRUCTION COST: \$ 6,749,184
 CONTINGENCIES: \$ 472,443
 INDIRECT COSTS: \$ 337,459
 BOND FINANCING: \$ 0
 OTHER FIELD: \$ 0
 TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$ 8,227,255

TYPE OF WORK: GRADE,BASE,SURF,STR S
 FEDERAL AMOUNT: \$ 4,800,000
 STATE AMOUNT: \$ 1,200,000
 LOCAL MATCH: \$ 0
 NON PROGRAM COSTS: \$ 0
 OTHER AMOUNT: \$ 749,184
 TOTAL: \$ 6,749,184

TOTAL FUNDING
 11-DIST DISCRETION: \$ 6,000,000
 OTHER: \$ 0
 OTHER(R): \$ 749,184
 TOTAL: \$ 6,749,184

TXDOT DISTRICT: CORPUS CHRISTI CITY: OTHER EST LETTING DATE 09/2011
 COUNTY: NUECES LIMITS FROM: AVE. G IN PORT ARANSAS PHASE: C
 HIGHWAY NUM: SH 361 LIMITS TO: BEACH ACCESS 1 YOЕ COST: \$ 7,874,048
 CSJ: 2263-03-029 MPO PROJECT NUM:
 REVISION DATE: 112008 PROJECT SPONSOR:

DESCRIPTION: CONST 4 LANE CURB&GUTTER WITH RAISED MEDIAN & HIKE/BIKE PATH
 REMARKS P1:

REMARKS P7: OUT YEAR APPENDIX

CONTRACT CSJ: 226303029
 ANCESTOR CSJ(S): 226303901
 DESCENDENT CSJ(S):
 ROW/CONSTR CSJ(S):

PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING: \$ 385,828
 ROW PURCHASE: \$ 0
 CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING: \$ 393,702
 CONSTRUCTION COST: \$ 7,874,048
 CONTINGENCIES: \$ 551,183
 INDIRECT COSTS: \$ 393,702
 BOND FINANCING: \$ 0
 OTHER FIELD: \$ 0
 TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$ 9,598,465

TYPE OF WORK: GRD,BASE,STRS,STORM SEWER,C &G,SIDE
 FEDERAL AMOUNT: \$ 5,042,817
 STATE AMOUNT: \$ 1,260,704
 LOCAL MATCH: \$ 0
 NON PROGRAM COSTS: \$ 0
 OTHER AMOUNT: \$ 1,570,527
 TOTAL: \$ 7,874,048

TOTAL FUNDING
 11-DIST DISCRETION: \$ 6,303,521
 OTHER: \$ 0
 OTHER(R): \$ 1,570,527
 TOTAL: \$ 7,874,048

TXDOT CORPUS CHRISTI DISTRICT

FY 2012

TXDOT DISTRICT: CORPUS CHRISTI CITY: OTHER EST LETTING DATE 09/2011
 COUNTY: SAN PATRICIO LIMITS FROM: BUS 35 IN ARANSAS PASS ON (AVE. A) PHASE: C
 HIGHWAY NUM: CS LIMITS TO: OAK LANE YOE COST: \$ 1,124,864
 CSJ: 0916-28-030 MPO PROJECT NUM:
 REVISION DATE: 112008 PROJECT SPONSOR:
 DESCRIPTION: CONSTRUCT 2 LANES WITH CENTER LEFT TURN LANE
 REMARKS P1: PEND FHWA
 REMARKS P7: OUT YEAR APPENDIX
 CONTRACT CSJ: 091628030
 ANCESTOR CSJ(S): 091628901
 DESCENDENT CSJ(S):
 ROW/CONSTR CSJ(S):

PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING:	\$ 55,118
ROW PURCHASE:	\$ 0
CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING:	\$ 101,238
CONSTRUCTION COST:	\$ 1,124,864
CONTINGENCIES:	\$ 89,989
INDIRECT COSTS:	\$ 56,243
BOND FINANCING:	\$ 0
OTHER FIELD:	\$ 0
TOTAL PROJECT COST:	\$ 1,427,452

TYPE OF WORK: REHABILITATION

FEDERAL AMOUNT:	\$ 800,000
STATE AMOUNT:	\$ 0
LOCAL MATCH:	\$ 200,000
NON PROGRAM COSTS:	\$ 0
OTHER AMOUNT:	\$ 124,864
TOTAL:	\$ 1,124,864

TOTAL FUNDING	
11-DIST DISCRETION:	\$ 1,000,000
OTHER:	\$ 0
OTHER(R):	\$ 124,864
TOTAL:	\$ 1,124,864

TXDOT DISTRICT: CORPUS CHRISTI CITY: OTHER EST LETTING DATE 09/2011
 COUNTY: SAN PATRICIO LIMITS FROM: SH 361 IN INGLESIDE PHASE: C
 HIGHWAY NUM: FM 1069 LIMITS TO: BS 35 YOE COST: \$ 5,061,888
 CSJ: 1549-03-017 MPO PROJECT NUM:
 REVISION DATE: 112008 PROJECT SPONSOR:
 DESCRIPTION: WIDEN TO 4 LANE CURB AND GUTTER SECTION WITH CONTINUOUS LEFT TURN
 REMARKS P1:
 REMARKS P7: MINUTE 87045 AUTHORIZED CONSTRUCTION. OUT YEAR APPENDIX
 CONTRACT CSJ: 154903017
 ANCESTOR CSJ(S):
 DESCENDENT CSJ(S):
 ROW/CONSTR CSJ(S):

PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING:	\$ 248,033
ROW PURCHASE:	\$ 0
CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING:	\$ 303,713
CONSTRUCTION COST:	\$ 5,061,888
CONTINGENCIES:	\$ 354,332
INDIRECT COSTS:	\$ 253,094
BOND FINANCING:	\$ 0
OTHER FIELD:	\$ 0
TOTAL PROJECT COST:	\$ 6,221,060

TYPE OF WORK: GR, STRS, BASE, SURF & C&G

FEDERAL AMOUNT:	\$ 3,600,000
STATE AMOUNT:	\$ 900,000
LOCAL MATCH:	\$ 0
NON PROGRAM COSTS:	\$ 1
OTHER AMOUNT:	\$ 561,887
TOTAL:	\$ 5,061,888

TOTAL FUNDING	
11-DIST DISCRETION:	\$ 1
12-STRATEGIC PRIOR:	\$ 4,500,000
OTHER:	\$ 0
OTHER(R):	\$ 561,887
TOTAL:	\$ 5,061,888

TXDOT CORPUS CHRISTI DISTRICT

FY 2012

TXDOT DISTRICT: CORPUS CHRISTI CITY: OTHER EST LETTING DATE 12/2011
 COUNTY: ARANSAS LIMITS FROM: 549 FT. S OF PR13 PHASE: C
 HIGHWAY NUM: SH 35 LIMITS TO: 1 MI. N. OF PR13 YOE COST: \$ 3,001,812
 CSJ: 0180-03-035 MPO PROJECT NUM:
 REVISION DATE: 112008 PROJECT SPONSOR:

DESCRIPTION: REALIGN ROADWAY AND WIDEN

REMARKS P1:

REMARKS P7: OUT YEAR APPENDIX

CONTRACT CSJ: 018003035
 ANCESTOR CSJ(S): 018003900
 DESCENDENT CSJ(S):
 ROW/CONSTR CSJ(S):

PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING:	\$ 147,089
ROW PURCHASE:	\$ 0
CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING:	\$ 120,072
CONSTRUCTION COST:	\$ 3,001,812
CONTINGENCIES:	\$ 180,109
INDIRECT COSTS:	\$ 150,091
BOND FINANCING:	\$ 0
OTHER FIELD:	\$ 0
TOTAL PROJECT COST:	\$ 3,599,173

TYPE OF WORK: GR,BS,SURF

FEDERAL AMOUNT:	\$ 0
STATE AMOUNT:	\$ 1,000,000
LOCAL MATCH:	\$ 0
NON PROGRAM COSTS:	\$ 0
OTHER AMOUNT:	\$ 2,001,812
TOTAL:	\$ 3,001,812

TOTAL FUNDING	
11-DIST DISCRETION:	\$ 1,000,000
OTHER:	\$ 0
OTHER(R):	\$ 2,001,812
TOTAL:	\$ 3,001,812

TXDOT DISTRICT: CORPUS CHRISTI CITY: OTHER EST LETTING DATE 07/2012
 COUNTY: LIVE OAK LIMITS FROM: BU 59 INTERSECTION PHASE: C
 HIGHWAY NUM: US 59 LIMITS TO: US 281 YOE COST: \$ 6,749,184
 CSJ: 0542-07-008 MPO PROJECT NUM:
 REVISION DATE: 112008 PROJECT SPONSOR:

DESCRIPTION: CONSTRUCT 4 LANE BOULEVARD

REMARKS P1:

REMARKS P7: OUT YEAR APPENDIX

CONTRACT CSJ: 054206041
 ANCESTOR CSJ(S): 044701045,054207901
 DESCENDENT CSJ(S):
 ROW/CONSTR CSJ(S): 054207011

PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING:	\$ 330,710
ROW PURCHASE:	\$ 700,000
CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING:	\$ 337,459
CONSTRUCTION COST:	\$ 6,749,184
CONTINGENCIES:	\$ 472,443
INDIRECT COSTS:	\$ 337,459
BOND FINANCING:	\$ 0
OTHER FIELD:	\$ 0
TOTAL PROJECT COST:	\$ 8,927,255

TYPE OF WORK: GR,BS,SURF,STRS

FEDERAL AMOUNT:	\$ 4,000,000
STATE AMOUNT:	\$ 1,000,000
LOCAL MATCH:	\$ 0
NON PROGRAM COSTS:	\$ 0
OTHER AMOUNT:	\$ 1,749,184
TOTAL:	\$ 6,749,184

TOTAL FUNDING	
4-STWIDE CONNECT:	\$ 5,000,000
OTHER:	\$ 0
OTHER(R):	\$ 1,749,184
TOTAL:	\$ 6,749,184

TXDOT CORPUS CHRISTI DISTRICT

FY 2012

TXDOT DISTRICT: CORPUS CHRISTI CITY: OTHER EST LETTING DATE 08/2012
 COUNTY: LIVE OAK LIMITS FROM: 0.7 MI. EAST OF IH-37 PHASE: C
 HIGHWAY NUM: US 59 LIMITS TO: 0.7 MI. WEST OF IH-37 YOE COST: \$ 44,994,560
 CSJ: 0447-01-059 MPO PROJECT NUM:
 REVISION DATE: 112008 PROJECT SPONSOR:

DESCRIPTION: CONSTRUCT NEW INTERCHANGE

REMARKS P1:

REMARKS P7: OUT YEAR APPENDIX

CONTRACT CSJ: 044701059
 ANCESTOR CSJ(S): 044701901
 DESCENDENT CSJ(S):
 ROW/CONSTR CSJ(S):

TOTAL FUNDING	
11-DIST DISCRETION:	\$ 15,000,000
OTHER:	\$ 0
OTHER(R):	\$ 29,994,560
TOTAL:	\$ 44,994,560

PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING:	\$ 2,204,733
ROW PURCHASE:	\$ 0
CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING:	\$ 1,799,782
CONSTRUCTION COST:	\$ 44,994,560
CONTINGENCIES:	\$ 2,699,674
INDIRECT COSTS:	\$ 2,249,728
BOND FINANCING:	\$ 0
OTHER FIELD:	\$ 0
TOTAL PROJECT COST:	\$ 53,948,477

TYPE OF WORK:	GRADE, BASE, SURF, STRTS
FEDERAL AMOUNT:	\$ 12,000,000
STATE AMOUNT:	\$ 3,000,000
LOCAL MATCH:	\$ 0
NON PROGRAM COSTS:	\$ 0
OTHER AMOUNT:	\$ 29,994,560
TOTAL:	\$ 44,994,560