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TO: Technical Advisory Committee Members

FROM: Mr. Andrew A. Canon
HCMPO Transportation Director

DATE: February 09, 2009

SUBJECT: **Technical Advisory Committee Meeting**

The **TAC Meeting** is scheduled to meet as follows:

DATE: February 17, 2009

TIME: 1:30 PM

PLACE: **Hidalgo County MPO Office**
510 South Pleasantview Drive
Weslaco, TX 78596

NOTE**

The entire Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Packet is available for review or download at:

www.hcmpo.org

Enclosed are the agenda and other pertinent information for your review prior to the meeting. Please bring all of your correspondence to the meeting.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 969-5778.

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February 4, 2009

Hidalgo County MPO
Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

RE: February 17, 2009, Emergency TAC Agenda

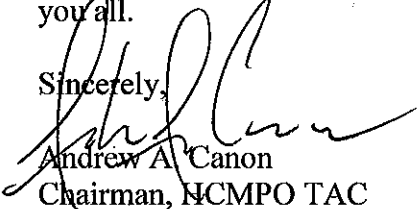
Fellow TAC members,

At our previous meeting held on February 3, 2009 the TAC agreed to hold an additional meeting before the TPC on the 26th. This meeting is very important since we are asking that everyone participate in providing information on how the HCMPO will rank or prioritize projects for the President's economic stimulus package. It is important that we are in agreement and provide the Policy Committee the information so the materials may be properly adopted and ready to execute as soon as the state receives instructions to proceed with these projects after execution by the President. I have attached for your review the projects (8 1/2 x 11 sheet) that we are currently under public involvement on. The ledger sheet is the copy provided from TxDOT which provides even more information for us all.

Staff is also asking that everyone be sure to return their RFP scoring sheets to staff at this meeting as well. We will tabulate the scorings and determine if there is a need or desire to hold an interview process before recommendation to the TPC to move into negotiations with any particular firm.

If there are any additional items that the group needs to discuss please contact staff and these items will be added as New Business. We look forward to meeting with you all.

Sincerely,


Andrew A. Canon
Chairman, HCMPO TAC
Director, HCMPO

Administrative Agent: Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council
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AGENDA

Hidalgo County Metropolitan Planning Organization Technical Advisory Committee Meeting

EMERGENCY MEETING
HCMPO Conference Room
510 South Pleasantview Drive
Weslaco, TX.

February 17, 2009

@ 1:30 PM

1. Roll Call MPO Staff

2. Consideration and formation of ranking process **(ACTION ITEM)** MPO Staff/TxDOT
for Economic Stimulus Package Projects

3. Review of scoring sheets from MTP RFP submittal **(ACTION ITEM)** MPO Staff

4. Determine date of interview process for MTP RFP submittals COMMITTEE

5. Old Or New Business MPO Staff

6. Adjourn MPO Staff

Andrew Canon

From: Robin Boone [RBOONE@dot.state.tx.us]
Sent: Tuesday, February 03, 2009 10:39 AM
To: Mark Lund; Andrew Canon; Rebeca Castillo
Cc: Jody Ellington; Juan Sanchez; Melba Schaus; Raymond Sanchez
Subject: Fwd: Economic Recovery Meeting

Mario asked that the summary below be forwarded to you. We will be discussing this further and working with you and your technical committees toward selection of projects, etc.

Robin L. Boone, PE, Pharr District Planning Engineer Office Phone: 956-702-6130; Blackberry: 956-279-4978

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>>> Mario Jorge 2/3/2009 7:05 AM >>>
Below is a summary of yesterday's meeting.

Robin, Please forward to Andrew, Mark and Rebecca so that they can start working with you and the Technical Committees in order to bring some recommendations to the Policy Boards as soon as they can.

Feb. 2, 2009

Meeting held with Administration and all District Engineers.

* Based on House bill, the expected distributions were discussed and have been sent out by John Barton to all MPO's.

For our area they are as follows:

Pharr District (Rehabilitation and Preventive Maintenance) -	\$ 17.9 M	
Hidalgo MPO		- \$ 15.7 M
Brownsville MPO		- \$ 4.8 M
Harlingen/SB MPO		- \$ 3.3 M

* House bill includes provision that at least 50% must be obligated in 90 days and let in 120 days. The other 50% has to be obligated by August 2010.

In order to meet this deadline, TxDot is going to follow the following schedule:

TxDot Districts (Rehab and PM) - Approx. \$500 M will let in April

TxDot Commission (Mobility) - Approx. \$800 M will let in May

This will cover us in case some MPO projects are not ready.

NOTE: We must let \$1.2 B in 120 days. TxDot will be prepared to not lose any \$\$.

* Obligation is defined as receiving the Federal Letter of Authority (FPAA). In order to get an FPAA, the project needs to be on the STIP, FONSI must have been obtained, all RR/USACE permits, etc must be obtained, and PS&E complete at Design Division.

* Anticipated timeline if billed is signed on Feb. 16th Latest FPAA date is 90 days from there (May 17th).

There will be 2 lettings per month starting in April April 7,8 - Regular letting April 22,23
- Econ. Stimulus letting May 6,7 - Regular letting May 20,21 - Economic Stimulus letting.

* Due to anticipated large April and May lettings, the administration is looking to accelerate some projects to March. Jody is already working with some of you on this.

Districts Rehab and PM projects to be let in April

- * FY 10 Overlays
- * FM 491 Rehab
- * FM 800
- * SH 107 Rehab

MPO Project Selection

- * Should be developing a selection criteria and selecting their projects in the next few weeks. Next Policy meeting.
- * Can consider leveraging their money for a larger project that the Commission can supplement.
(Example: SH 550 in BMPO, West Rail in BMPO, etc.)
- * TxDot staff to work closely with MPO's in the next few weeks.

Commission Project Selection

- * A project selection matrix was discussed at today's meeting, but will need MPO review/comments next week.
- * Large/leveraged projects will stand the best chance of being selected.
- * Emphasis on ready to let projects by May 2009.
- * Districts met in region groups and identified the regionally important projects that could be considered by Commission. (No new projects, essentially what we have on PDMS which has regional significance)

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CSJ #	Project	Limit from	Limit to	project type	proposed cost	MTP #	funding source
0863-XX-XXX	FM493	BUS 83	US 281 Mltry Hgwy		\$5,198,865.00	HC-116	earmark
2966-01-011	SH 364	FM 1924	FM 676	Construct 4 Ln Divided	\$6,200,000	HC-182a	Other-Prop ESR
0528-01-085	SH 107	SH 495	FM 1924	Construct 6 Ln Divided	\$7,000,000	HC-224	Other-Prop ESR
0342-01-074	SH 107	US 281	E. of FM 493	Construct 6 Ln Divided	\$13,500,000	HC-227	Other-Prop ESR
1586-01-047	FM 907	Trenton	Nolana	Widen to 4 lane	\$7,000,000	HC-119	Other-Prop ESR
0921-02-139	Mile 2 N	SH 107	Taylor Rd	Reconstruct & Widen	\$6,400,000	HC-82	Other-Prop ESR
0039-17-900	US 83	At Bryan Rd		Construct Overpass	\$8,000,000	HC-59	Other-Prop ESR
0921-02-909	Bentsen Rd	FM 495	FM 1924	Widen to 4 lane	\$13,000,000	HC-59	Other-Prop ESR
0921-02-916	Bicentennial	Nolana Ave	Trenton Rd	Construct 4 Ln Rdwy	\$13,000,000	HC-208	Other-Prop ESR
0921-02-184	Westgate	US 83	Mile 9 (Sugarcane Rd)	Reconstruct & Widen	\$2,800,000	HC-91	Other-Prop ESR
**0921-02-132	I-Road	US281	Owassa	Widen to 4 lane	\$4,200,000	HC-126	Other-Prop ESR

*** I-Road is already list in the current 2008-2011 TIP, this project is listed for illustrative purposes.

