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March 3, 2009

Hidalgo County MPO
Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

RE: **EMERGENCY** TAC Agenda for March 10, 2009

Fellow TAC members,

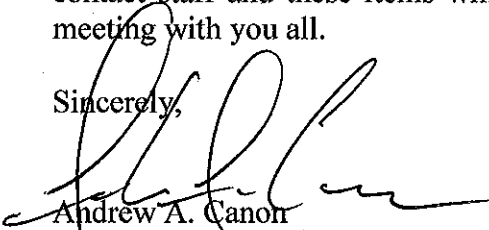
I apologize in advance. It has come to my attention that the TAC is being asked to meet again and select a project(s) using the remaining \$5.5 million from stimulus funding as well as identifying a project for the TIP to replace I Road and be funded with its \$4,156,733. This amount is comprised of Category 7 & 11 funding. This gives the TAC a total amount of \$9.6 million roughly to identify with projects.

It is important that we identify projects from the attached list, as we just completed a TIP revision and these projects will justify the requirements needed for time, ROW, and environmental clearance, in order to proceed.

Staff makes the following recommendation. Of the \$5.5 million of ESR funds, fund \$2.8 million for Westgate, CSJ# 0921-08-184. This would have a remainder of \$2.7 million or \$6.8 million including funds from the I Road project. The remaining total of \$6.8 million could then be used to fund SH 107 which is estimated at \$6.9 million or SH 364 which is estimated at \$6.2.

It is imperative that we all meet to address this situation, which will be voted on and approved at a Policy meeting which will now be held on Monday, March 16, 2009. As always 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

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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.**

***March 10, 2009
@ 1:30 PM***

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| 1. Roll Call | | MPO Staff |
| 2. Selection of projects for remaining ESRI funds | (ACTION ITEM) | MPO Staff |
| 3. Selection of project(s) to replace I Road | (ACTION ITEM) | MPO Staff |
| 4. Old Or New Business | | MPO Staff |
| 5. Adjourn | | MPO Staff |

Hidalgo County MPO Economic Stimulus Project Listing

The following is a list of projects that our Hidalgo County MPO Policy board has previously identified and prioritized. These projects will meet some of the local and regional commitments that have been made and it will assure that the MPO is able to meet any requirement for expedited project letting. The list also identifies whether the projects are to be funded out of the MPO's regular Metropolitan mobility (Cat 7), the MPO's anticipated E. S. allocation and whether leveraging or pooling of resources is proposed for TxDot Commission discretionary E.S. funds. A short explanation is included to indicate how each project meets the key areas that were identified through the consensus of all MPO directors.

I Road (CSJ: 0921-02-032)

Cost: \$ 4.8 M
Proposed funding: *MPO Econ. Stimulus allocation*
Environmental Status: FONSI received
Ready to Let: May 2009

Mile 2 North (0921-02-139)

Cost: \$ 6.6 M
Proposed Funding: *MPO Economic Stimulus allocation*
Environmental Status: FONSI received
Ready to Let: June 2009

US 83 Overpass at Bryan Road (0039-17-167)

Cost: \$ 10.0 M
Proposed Funding: *MPO E.S. allocation remainder (Approx. \$ 4 M)*
TxDot Commission E.S. (Approx. \$ 6.0 M)
Environmental Status: Not cleared (PCE needed)
Ready to Let: Feb 2010

KEY AREA Consideration:

- Safety – Will improve truck turning movements, will eliminate high speed merging on frontage roads.
- Significant Corridors – Provides improved connectivity to Anzalduas International bridge from US 83 (Valley's major E-W route).
- Leveraging/Pooling Resources – MPO will pool the remaining allocation with Commission discretionary E.S. funds.
- Economic Benefit – Provides improved connectivity to Anzalduas International Bridge and to the undeveloped portions of the Foreign Trade Zones (Mission/McAllen). Potential for major manufacturing companies to locate.
- Economically Distressed Area – Hidalgo County is an Economically Disadvantaged County and the area is still recovering from effects of Hurricane Dolly.
- Fair and equitable distribution – HCMPO is one of the 9 TMA's in the state and has identified significant needs in previous TMMP.

FM 396 Overpass at Trinity Street (3097-02-xxx)

Cost: \$ 11.0 M
Right of Way cost: \$ 7.5 M
Proposed Funding: *TxDot Commission E.S. (\$ 11.0 M)*
Environmental Status: FONSI received as part of Project 3097-02-007 document.
Ready to Let: Feb 2010

KEY AREA Consideration:

- Safety – Will improve safety in front of Mission Hospital by grade separating the existing intersection and create one way access roads.
- Significant Corridors – Provides improved connectivity to Anzalduas International bridge from US 83 (Valley's major E-W route).
- Leveraging/Pooling Resources – City will provide all Prelim Engr.
- Economic Benefit – Provides improved connectivity to Anzalduas International Bridge and to the undeveloped portions of the Foreign Trade Zones (Mission/McAllen). Potential for major manufacturing companies to locate.
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SH 107 (0528-01-085)

Cost: \$ 6.9 M
Proposed Funding: *TxDot Commission E.S.*
Environmental Status: Not cleared (FONSI anticipated in April 2009)
Ready to Let: May 2009

KEY AREA Consideration:

- Safety – Will provide raised medians and additional through lane.
- Significant Corridors – Major route from Mission to Edinburg (UTPA)
- Leveraging/Pooling Resources – MPO E.S. \$ not available
- Economic Benefit – Provides improved congestion relief
- Economically Distressed Area – Hidalgo County is an Economically Disadvantaged County and the area is still recovering from effects of Hurricane Dolly.
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SH 364 (2966-01-011)

Cost: \$ 6.2 M
Proposed Funding: *TxDot Commission E.S.*
Environmental Status: Not cleared (FONSI anticipated in April 2009)
Ready to Let: June 2009

KEY AREA Consideration:

- Safety – Will provide additional through lane and continuous left turn lane.
- Significant Corridors – Major route in Western Hidalgo County.
- Leveraging/Pooling Resources – MPO E.S. \$ not available
- Economic Benefit – Provides improved congestion relief
- Economically Distressed Area – Hidalgo County is an Economically Disadvantaged County and the area is still recovering from effects of Hurricane Dolly.
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Westgate (0921-02-184)

Cost: \$ 2.8 M
Proposed Funding: MPO Metro mob.(Cat 7) and Dist. Disc.(Cat 11) in FY 10
Environmental Status: Not cleared (FONSI anticipated in Nov 2009)
Ready to Let: December 2009

Sugar Road (0921-02-133)

Cost: \$ 5.7 M
Proposed Funding: MPO Metro Mobility (Cat 7) in FY 11
Environmental Status: Not cleared (FONSI anticipated in December 2009)
Ready to Let: January 2010

Bentsen Road (0921-xx-xxx)

Cost: \$ 13.0 M
Proposed Funding: Unavailable
Environmental Status: Not cleared (Environmental process not yet started)
Ready to Let: Outside E.S. bill time frame

Bicentennial Blvd. (0921-xx-xxx)

Cost: \$ 13.0 M
Proposed Funding: Unavailable
Environmental Status: Not cleared (Environmental process not yet started)
Ready to Let: Outside E.S. bill time frame