

**HIDALGO COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
2009 FEDERAL CERTIFICATION REVIEW
SCHEDULE OF EVENTS & AGENDA**

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| September 2008 | FHWA, FTA, TxDOT agree on the on-site review dates in consultation with the MPO |
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| January 9, 2009 | MPO to provide 4 (3 hard and 1 CD) copies of and certification notebook addressing TIP, MTP, UPWP and other planning issues to the federal review team and state participants |
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| Monday, February 9 6:00 p.m. | Federal review team to arrive in Weslaco, Texas. Public Listening Session #1, City of McAllen City Hall, 1300 Houston Avenue, McAllen, TX (Transit-Accessible/ADA Accessible Site). Public comment period closes March 9, 2005. Public comment period closes March 13, 2009. |
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| Tuesday, February 10 | |
| 8:30 am | Introductions, opening remarks and review of schedule of events |
| 9:00 am | Focus Areas: 1) MPO Agreements, Roles, and Responsibilities a) Previous Certification Review |
| 10:00 am | 2) Transit a) Regional Coordination Plan b) |
| 11:00 am | 3) Public Involvement and Environmental Justice (EJ) a) Title VI Data Collection and Analysis b) Toll Systems and EJ Analysis |
| 1:30 pm | 4) Fiscal Constraint a) Estimates and Forecasts b) RMA c) Alternative Funding Sources |
| 3:00- 4:00 pm | Public Listening Session #2, Hidalgo County MPO Offices, 510 S. Pleasantview Drive, Weslaco, TX (will include opportunity to interview members of MPO's Citizen's Advisory Committee) Public comment period closes March 13, 2009. |

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| Wednesday, February 11 | |
| <p>8:30 am</p> <p>9:30 am</p> <p>10:30 am</p> <p>1:00 pm</p> <p>2:30 pm</p> <p>3:30 pm</p> <p>4:30 pm</p> | <p>Focus Areas</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Transportation Plan and TIP Development <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) MTP Development b) Project Selection Process 2. Planning/NEPA Integration <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) SAFETEA-L Mitigation Discussion b) Toll and Land Use Analysis c) Climate Change/GHG d) NEPAAssit and GIST data sources 3. Congestion Management Process (CMP) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) How is data used? b) What has been implemented and monitored? 4. Travel Demand Forecasting Model <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Demographic, Employment, and Land Use Estimates, and Network Development. Maintenance or improvements addressed in UPWP? b) Applications by MPO and Transit Operator c) Addressed in agreement between MPO and TxDOT? d) Role of Technical Committee in reviewing assumptions and methodology. e) Documentation of input assumptions and methods used to develop forecasts? f) Scenario forecasts 5. 1st Interview with a local elected official: 6. 2nd Interview with a local elected official: 7. 3rd Interview with a local elected official: |
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| Thursday, February 12 | |
| 8:30 am | Focus Areas |
| | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bicycle and Pedestrian Issues <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Bike plan b) Utilization of Safe Routes to School Program? c) Any MPO policies to accommodate bicycle and pedestrian travel? d) Pedestrian & Bicycle safety (issues? trends? activities?) e) |
| 9:30 am | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Safety Considerations in Transportation Planning Process <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Discussion on type of formula or safety factor the MPO uses to emphasize safety in project selection. b) Discussion on MPO's use of crash data analysis to ID high incident locations. |
| 10:00 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Security |
| 10:30 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Freight and Border Issues <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Intermodal Connectors b) Inspection Stations c) Interactions w/ Mexican counterparts d) Are there any long range plans for border issues? e) Any proposed new crossings? f) Any coordination with neighboring US MPOs? g) What is coordination with local federal agencies at the border crossings? |
| 11:30 pm | Lunch and FHWA/FTA Internal Meeting |
| 1:00 pm | Discuss initial findings with MPO and other stakeholders. |
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| March 13, 2009 | Public comment period closes |
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| March 13, 2009 | First draft report to federal participants |
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| April 13, 2009 | Second draft report to MPO and others. |
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| May 10, 2009 | FHWA/FTA release copies of final report to review participants |
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| After May 10, 2009 | Presentation of report findings and recommendations to MPO Transportation Policy Committee (TPC) upon request |