

HIDALGO COUNTY MPO
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, February 5, 2008
1:30 PM

1 Roll Call

Mrs. Maria Champine called the meeting to order at 1:40 P.M. The Technical Advisory Committee Meeting was held at the HCMPO Conference Room, Weslaco, TX.. Present were representatives from The Cities of Edinburg, Elsa, Hidalgo County, McAllen, Mission, San Juan, and TxDOT. Ex-Offio members also in attendance were: Hidalgo County Auditor's Office and LRGVDC Transit.

2 Adoption of Minutes from January 08, 2008

(ACTION ITEM)

Mrs. Champine asked if there were any changes and or corrections that needed to be made to the minutes. Their being none. *The City of Edinburg made a motion to approve the minutes, the City of Elsa seconded the motion, and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.*

3 Approval of 2005-2030 MTP Amendment

(ACTION ITEM)

Mrs. Champine explained the methodology that was utilized to develop this document in order to comply with the YOE requirement indicated in SAFETEA-LU that will fiscally constraint the long range plan. A few comments were made by TxDOT, first that they would like to see a formal memo indicating this methodology since it was not included with the packet, second, they suggested comparing TxDOT's letting schedule to the projects that would be affected by the fiscal constraint before submitting an amendment to the committee for approval, they suggested reviewing past the 4 years from the current TIP, and third, they questioned why there were no RMA projects with RMA revenue in the long range plan that showed funded by the Hidalgo County RMA since they are expected to generate funds from their future toll projects, TxDOT questioned if an estimate of future revenues had been provided by the HCRMA that would show available funding for other projects in the long range plan. Other coments were made by the city of McAllen suggesting that maybe a subcommittee should be organized to analyze the projects that will be affected by the new fiscal constraint. McAllen mentioned that they did not have enough time to review the spreadsheet. Mrs. Champine explained that even if some projects were left unfunded, that a full update to the long range plan is due in FY2009 and that a brand new list of projects will be created and that the projects affected can always be incorporated in the new list of projects. Mrs. Champine asked TxDOT when they would be able to provide TxDOT's letting schedule for review, TxDOT advised that the they would provide it the next day. *TxDOT made a motion to table the approval of the 2005-2030 MTP amendment until more information is provided, the City of McAllen seconded the motion, and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.*

4 Adoption of new By-Laws

(ACTION ITEM)

Mrs. Champine stated that due to the request made in the last TAC meeting to provide a copy of the existing by-laws, the existing by-laws were incorporated into the packet for everyone's review. TxDOT advised that they didn't see the resolution that took into effect the existing by-laws and suggested to table this item until such resolution is provided. TxDOT also questioned what triggered the existing by-laws to be changed, whether the Policy Committee members had made that request. McAllen questioned why can't it continue to have McAllen Express's voice to be heard thru the existing TPC member. TxDOT commented that McAllen Express would just give the City of McAllen an additional vote. The committee was comfortable with the RMA receiving a vote. The City of Edinburg and TxDOT questioned the definition of proxy and alternate used in the Quorum paragraph. TxDOT mentioned that they would provide the updated version used in the Texas Administrative Code. TxDOT also commented that they did not like the idea of not having the HCMPO Director as Chairman. An entity has been Chairman in the past and it has not worked. The City of McAllen supported that comment. The City of Edinburg commented that it might work this time. The City of McAllen and Edinburg suggested to add verbage on the role that sub-committees play. TxDOT, City of McAllen and the City of Edinburg questioned why the role of an HCMPO designee was taken off the original by-laws. They would like for that section to be added again in case the HCMPO Director is unable to Chair the TAC. The City of McAllen questioned

and requested to re-evaluate the status of ex-officio members if there is no show. The City of Elsa and TxDOT added that there are ex-officio members that are not elected officials that do not show to the TPC. Mrs. Champine asked that if the HCMPO Director remained Chairman of the TAC and if McAllen Express was removed from the list votes if they would approve the by-laws. The Committee persisted that they needed to be provided with a copy of the last resolution proving that those were the current by-laws, and they would like to see the comments incorporated. The Committee recommended for a sub-committee to form and review. *The City of Mission made a motion to table the adoption of the new By-Laws, TxDOT seconded the motion, and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously .*

5 Discussion on TIP - "I" Road

Mrs. Champine explained that this item was discussed in the last Policy Committee meeting by commissioner Palacios and that the policy committee agreed to bring this item to the TAC to consider this project for the TIP. Mrs. Champine advised the TAC members that according to what was discussed at TPC this project was clear of ROW, engineering, and environmental, and that it was ready to be let, and per the policy committee's request, she was asking if any entity was willing to have their project removed from the TIP so "I" road can be incorporated into the TIP. The TAC members analyzed the current TIP and determined that the only project that could be removed was FM907 in Alamo since it was the only project expected to be funded with category 7. TxDOT suggested to find out which other projects not currently on the TIP have AFA's with TxDOT. The City of Edinburg requested that a written status of "I" road be provided in the next TAC meeting before any further analysis takes place. The TAC members also requested status on FM907. The TAC members recommended to bring this information to the next meeting in order to analyze this item further. **Report only, no action taken at this time.**

6 Discussion on APER Amendment

Mrs. Champine explained that the FY2007 APER was amended to accommodate the recommendations from FHWA and FTA and also to provide an explanation for task 2 since it was expended below 75%. TxDOT had a few questions which were answered by Mrs. Linda de la Fuente. **Reports only, no action taken at this time.**

7 Discussion on Monthly MPO Budget Report

Mrs. Champine stated that in the last policy committee the members had requested a monthly summary of the 2008-2009 UPWP budget summary in order to see the progress month by month. The document was explained further by Mrs. Linda de la Fuente. **Reports only, no action taken at this time.**

8 Staff Update

A. Calendar: March & April 2008

Mrs. Champine explained that a new calendar had been incorporated into the packets which covers from February to November of 2008 with all the CAC, TAC and Policy scheduled meetings indicated.

9 Old Or New Business

(ACTION ITEM)

Mrs. Champine introduced the former mayor and present City Manager of Mission to answer any questions regarding the Anzalduas Resolution that was discussed in the last policy meeting and that needed to be approved in today's TAC meeting. *The City of Elsa made a motion to approve the Anzalduas Bridge Resolution once typos are fixed, the City of Mission seconded the motion, and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.*

It was expressed by several TAC members that if an action item is expected to be acted upon it should be included in the agenda as an action item and give the members enough time to review the document.

10 Adjourn

The City of Elsa made a motion to adjourn, The City of Mission seconded the motion, and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.