

HIDALGO COUNTY MPO
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, January 06, 2009
1:30 PM

1 Roll Call

Mr. Andrew Canon called the meeting to order at 1:34 P.M. The Technical Advisory Committee Meeting was held at the HCMPO Conference Room, Weslaco, TX. Present were representatives from The Cities of Alamo, Donna, Hidalgo County, McAllen, Mercedes, LRGVDC Transit, McAllen, Mercedes, Mission, Penitas, Weslaco and TxDOT.

2 Adoption of Minutes from November 04, 2008

(ACTION ITEM)

Mr. Canon asked if there were any changes and or corrections that needed to be made to the minutes. **The City of Mercedes made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. The City of Alamo seconded the motion, and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.**

3 Cost Over-Run

None at this time.

4 Approval of TIP FY08-11 Amendment #4

(ACTION ITEM)

Mr. Canon stated that at the time no one from Commissioner Handy's office was present to give specific information regarding this request. **The City of Mercedes made a motion to put this item on hold until the end of the meeting. The City of McAllen seconded the motion, and upon a vote, the motion carried.** Mr. Canon stated that the consultant for this project was unable to attend today's meeting. **The City of McAllen made a motion to table this item until next month. The City of Mercedes seconded the motion, and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.**

5 Approval of MTP Amendment #6

(ACTION ITEM)

Ms. Maria Champine stated that a spreadsheet was provided for everyone to review. She stated that the Liberty project recieved some earmark funding and we are adding it into the MTP. The BSIF Pharr Reynosa project only has a revised Cost estimate from \$14,600,000 to \$25,084,423. **The City of McAllen made a motion to approve MTP Amendment #6 as presented. The City of Penitas seconded the motion, and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.**

6 Approval of Bylaw Amendment for Consultant Selection Process

(ACTION ITEM)

Mr. Canon stated that this item was discussed at lasts months meeting. He stated that a spreadsheet was provided for everyone to review. He advised the members that some verbaige was added to show a specific percentage rate should be present during the evaluation process when any consultants are being interviewed and evaluations are done. He noted that this time was recommended by the Policy Board Members. **The City of Penitas made a motion to approve the Bylaw Amendment for Consultant Selection Process as presented. The City of Mercedes seconded the motion, and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.**

7 Discussion of FY2010-2013 TIP

Mr. Canon stated that we started the Public Involvement Process. He stated that the MPO staff attended a meeting last week and it was decided that any updates being made to the TIP will be postponed until the legislative session meets in June 2009. TxDOT Austin will be sending out a memo regarding the postpondment. **Reports only, no action taken at this time.**

8 Discussion of FY2010-2035 MTP Update Workgroup

Mr. Canon stated that attached is a proposed RFP for the MTP. This item will be brought back next month for further review. He stated that due to the MPO being short staff; this will be a good idea to go out for an RFP for the MTP. This will be the first time the HCMPO will go out for RFP for the MTP. **Reports only, no action taken at this time.**

9 CMP Update

Mr. Canon stated that MPO staff will start the process of the CMP. He stated that an update Map was provided for everyone to review. He stated that instead of two runs; Jacobs will be doing three runs.

10 Staff Update

A. Calendar: October & November 2008

Mr. Canon stated that the MPO office will be closed January 19th for Martin Luther King. He reminded everyone that the HCMPO have scheduled the Federal Certification in February 9-13, 2009. The meeting will be held here at the MPO office.

B. HCMPO Budget Update

Ms. Linda De La Fuente gave a brief udpate of the MPO budget. Mr. Raymond Sanchez asked several questions regarding the status of adding more MPO staff.

11 Old Or New Business

None at this time.

12 Adjourn

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

TAC Minutes
Approved On:
February 03, 2009