

**HIDALGO COUNTY MPO**  
**TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**  
**Tuesday, February 03, 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, Alton, Edinburg, Hidalgo County, Mercedes, Mission, LRGVDC Transit, Penitas, Pharr, Hidalgo County RMA and TxDOT. Ex-Offio Members Present: Hidalgo County Auditor's Office.

2 Adoption of Minutes from January 06, 2009

**(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 suggested that some verbaige be added to the CMP Update item. **The City of Mercedes made a motion to approve the minutes with minor corrections. 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 FY08-09 UPWP Amendment #4

**(ACTION ITEM)**

Mr. Canon stated that the a more detail spreadsheet was provided for everyone to review. Mr. Canon stated that due to a reduction in staff the HCMPO will be forced to issue a contract to develop the 2035 MTP; which needs to be adopted by the Policy Board by December 2009. The transfer in funds will be allocated to subtask 4.8 (MTP) with an estimated cost of \$250,000. **The City of Penitas made a motion to approve the FY08-09 UPWP Amendment #4 as presented. The City of Alamo seconded the motion and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.**

5 Approval of TIP FY08-11 Amendment #4

**(ACTION ITEM)**

Mr. Canon stated that this item was tabled at last month's TAC meeting. Mr. Canon stated that Mr. Jacinto Garza, L & G was present to give a more detail report regarding the FM493 project. Mr. Garza gave a brief summary report regarding FM493. **The City of Penitas made a motion to approve the TIP FY08-11 Amendment #4. The City of Mercedes seconded the motion and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.**

6 Update on 2035 MTP

Mr. Canon stated that the Policy Board requested for MPO staff to look into if Texas Transportation Institute (TTI) would be able to do the work needed for the 2035 MTP. After further discussion, TTI contacted MPO staff to advised us that they are unable to engage in such projects due to their non-compete clause with the private sector. He advised the members that staff will be moving forward with the MTP RFP and that the deadline for submittals was February 6, 2009. **Reports only, no action was taken at this time.**

7 Staff Update

A. Calendar: March & April 2009

Mr. Canon stated that a memo was attached for everyone to review regarding Local funding sources. He stated that all of the MPO's across the nation are facing a serious cut in funds due to a 2010 recession. Some discussions have revealed that these rescissions could be as much as 50%. He stated that if this does occur the HCMPO would have to face serious cutbacks. He stated that MPO staff is looking into other initaitives to help with funding costs. One option would be to ask all local entities and Count to contribute a certain amount for the HCMPO. He advised the members that a spreadsheet was provided for everyone to review. **Reports only, no action taken at this time.**

8 B. HCMPO Budget Report

Mr. Canon stated that an updated spreadsheet was provided for everyone to review. **Reports only, no action was taken at this time.**

9 Old Or New Business

Mrs. Robin Boone, TxDOT, gave out several handouts regarding the Stimulus Package. She stated that they have been working with MPO staff to come up with a list of projects that are ready to be let within 60 - 90 day. She stated that a list of projects was provided for everyone to review. **Reports only, no action taken at this time.**

10 Adjourn

**The City of Penitas made a motion to adjourn. The City of Edinburg seconded the motion, and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.**

TAC Minutes  
Approved On:  
March 3, 2009