

Hidalgo County Metropolitan Planning Organization  
Technical Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes  
March 02, 2010

1) Roll Call

- Vice-Chairman Ed Taylor called the meeting to order at 1:38pm. The Technical Advisory Committee Meeting was held at the Hidalgo County MPO Office at 510 South Pleasantview Drive, Weslaco, Texas. Present were representatives from the Cities of: Alamo, Alton, Donna, Edcouch, Edinburg, Hidalgo County, La Joya, McAllen, Mission, Penitas, Pharr, San Juan, Weslaco, TxDOT, LRGVDC Transit and Hidalgo County RMA. Ex-Offio Members present: Hidalgo County Auditor's Office, McAllen Transit and Hidalgo County Commuter Rail District.

2) Adoption of Minutes from: February 02, 2010

- Vice-Chairman Ed Taylor asked if there were any corrections to the minutes. No corrections were needed to the minutes of: February 02, 2010. *The City of Penitas made a motion to approve February 02, 2010 minutes listed as presented. The City of Alton seconded the motion and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.*

3) Cost Over-Run Projects

- No action was needed at this time.

4) MTP Update

- Mrs. Maria Champine noted that at the last TAC Meeting staff gave everyone Option #2 for review and fill in the blanks. It was asked that the members to submit those comments to MPO Staff. She requested if anyone brought in their comments to please give to staff before the end of the meeting. She stated that at the last Policy Meeting the members requested to take action at next month's meeting on Option #2. We are currently missing some data on some of the projects and we need the TAC Members assistance to provide the missing data. Mrs. Champine stated that the City of McAllen and San Juan are currently the only members that have turned in information. She noted that the projects are ranked by their ranking status. She stated that after all of the information is provided; all of the projects will be evaluated and prioritized. Mr. Ed Taylor stated that currently the projects listed do not meet the current requirements of having 9,000 ADT's. He stated that we will need to review all of these projects that are currently listed and double check which ones meet the requirements. Ms. Champine stated that March 10<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for any submittals. She stated that if no further submittals are made; it will be the TAC Members decision what the do with the current project list. After further discussion, the members asked for further clarification on what action was going to be taken. Vice-Chairman Ed Taylor stated that the action will be to taken to approve Option #2 using CAT 7 for Off-System projects only. *The City of Edcouch made a motion to approve Option #2 using CAT 7 for Off-System Projects only. The City of Alton seconded the motion and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.*

5) FY08-11 TIP Amendment

- Mrs. Champine stated that Public Involvement has begun and will be ready for the April Policy Meeting for adoption. She noted that we will need a definite listing at a later date. Mrs. Champine stated that if we don't receive a definite funding amount; we will be able to adopt the listing with the previous amount of the first (1<sup>st</sup>) Stimulus Package in the amount of \$16.9 million. She advised everyone that the listing of projects and the FY08-11 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) has been provided for everyone to review. *Reports only, no action taken at this time.*

6) FY11-14 TIP Update

- Mrs. Champine stated that we need to proceed with the May 2010 adoption. She noted that the listing may only reflect the ARRA Projects. Mrs. Champine stated that this item will need to be brought back to the April and May TAC and Policy Meetings. *Reports only, no action taken at this time.*

*Approved:  
April 06, 2010 TAC Meeting*

7) Thoroughfare Plan Update

- Mr. Fred Villarreal gave a brief update. He stated that last month a map was given out to everyone to review. Mr. Villarreal briefly went through the updated map presented. He noted that another email was sent out asking for updates. He advised everyone that an updated map has been posted on the MPO FTP site and is available for download. Mrs. Champine stated that we will need a resolution from every entity in support of the map. She stated that once each entity signs a resolution; the map will be presented to the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court for final approval. **Reports only, no action taken at this time.**

8) Transit Passenger Questionnaire

- This item was tabled at this time.

9) Operational Improvements Criteria

- Mr. Sooraz Patro gave a brief update on the Operational Improvements Criteria. He stated that a meeting has been scheduled for March 11<sup>th</sup> at 2pm at the HCMPO Office. He noted that if anyone has a conflict with that date and time; to please contact staff and see if we can schedule for another date and time.

10) Status Reports

- Calendar: March & April 2010  
Mrs. Champine stated that Andrew and Amanda are currently in Washington, DC for the AMPO Policy Meeting. They will also be attending the Planning for Sustainable Transportation and a TEMPO Meeting in Arlington, Texas.
- Legislative Update  
Ms. Amanda Hernandez gave a brief update on the Legislative issues.
- HCMPO Budget Report  
Ms. Linda de la Fuente gave a brief update on the HCMPO Budget.
- Innovative Finance Ideas  
This item was tabled at this time.

11) HCRMA Update

- No updates were given at this time.

12) LRGVDC Transit

- Mr. Luis Guajardo gave a brief update.

13) McAllen Express

- Mrs. Marabeth Schuster gave a brief update.

14) Hidalgo County Commuter Rail District

- No updates were given at this time.

15) Old or New Business

- No updates were given at this time.

16) Adjournment

- ***The City of Edcouch made a motion to adjourn. The City of Mercedes seconded the motion and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.***