

**HIDALGO COUNTY MPO**  
**TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**  
**Tuesday, March 03, 2009**  
**1:30 PM**

1 Roll Call

Mr. Andrew Canon called the meeting to order at 1:35 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, McAllen, Mercedes, Mission, LRGVDC Transit, Penitas, Pharr, Granjeno, Weslaco and TxDOT. Ex-Offio Members Present: Hidalgo County Auditor's Office.

2 Adoption of Minutes from February 3, 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 Weslaco stated that someone from his staff was present at the last meeting. **The City of Weslaco made a motion to approve the minutes with minor corrections. The City of Edinburg seconded the motion, and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.**

3 Adoption of Minutes from Emergency Meeting February 17, 2009

Mr. Canon asked if there were any changes and or corrections that needed to be made to the minutes. Raymond Sanchez stated that the date needed to be changed to February 17, 2009 not the 24th. **The City of Penitas made a motion to approve the minutes with minor corrections. The City of Pharr seconded the motion, and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.**

4 Cost Over-Run

None at this time.

5 Approval of Bylaw Amendment

**(ACTION ITEM)**

Mr. Canon stated that at the last Policy Meeting the board members recommended that the MPO Staff not sit as Chairman of the TAC Committee or any other committee. The Policy Board Members stated that the MPO staff should be in attendance to offer support to any committee. Mr. Canon stated that the members would need to elect a Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Secretary. He noted that this will need to be approved at the May TAC and Policy Meetings because we will need to have 30-day Public Involvement. He advised the members that this item will be brought back next month for further review. **The City of McAllen made a motion to approve the Bylaw Amendment and to proceed to post for the 30-day Public Involvement and be put on the Policy Agenda for final approval. The City of Penitas seconded the motion, and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.**

6 MTP 2035 Update/ Meetings/ Options

**(ACTION ITEM)**

Mr. Canon stated that the Policy Board has approved to go into negotiations with Kimley-Horn. He stated that the MPO staff will be calling the entities to set up MTP Meetings. He stated that there is an option to do an abbreviated MTP Update and extend the contract with the consultant and come back in 2012 and due a full blown MTP Update. He stated that MPO Staff will be contacting all of the entities and will be requesting Plat data information. **Reports only, no action taken at this time.**

7 Plat data request by staff

This item was combined with item #6.

8 Thoroughfare update and request

Mr. Canon stated that MPO Staff will be calling all of the entities to request any updates. He stated that when the update is finalized; it will be taken to the County Commissioners Court for approval. He stated that the last amendment was done back in 2003 and the last official one was done back in 1997. **Reports only, no action taken at this time.**

9 STPMM (Cat. 7) set aside for projects

Mr. Canon stated that the Cat. 7 funds can be flexed. He stated that we can use Cat. 7 funds for Hike & Bike Trails and Light Synchronization but the entity will need to come up with the 20% local match. He noted that this item will be brought back in the future months. **Reports only, no action taken at this time.**

10 STPMM (Cat.7) set aside for HCMPO Planning

This item was combined with item #9

11 Staff Update

A. Calendar: March & April 2009

Mr. Canon stated that some of the MPO staff will be attending a GIS seminar/workshop in Boston, MA. He stated that a calendar update will be sent out to everyone every month. **Reports only, no action was taken at this time.**

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.**

12 Old Or New Business

Mr. Juan Lopez, Edinburg, suggested that someone from the RMA start giving updates to the TAC members on the status of the Hidalgo County Loop.

13 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:  
April 07, 2009