

Hidalgo County Metropolitan Planning Organization
Technical Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
May 04, 2010

1) Roll Call

- Chairman Juan Lopez called the meeting to order at 1:40pm. 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, City of Alton, Edinburg, Hidalgo, Hidalgo County, McAllen, Mercedes, Mission, Penitas, Pharr, Weslaco, TxDOT, LRGVDC Transit and Hidalgo County RMA. Ex-Offio Members present: Hidalgo County Auditor's Office, Hidalgo County Commuter Rail District and McAllen Transit.

2) Adoption of Minutes from: April 06, 2010

- Chairman Juan Lopez asked if there were any corrections to the minutes. *The City of Mercedes made a motion to approve the March 02, 2010 minutes with minor additions. The City of Penitas seconded the motion and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.*

3) Cost Over-Run Projects

- No action was needed at this time.

4) Approval of CBI Funding Request

- Mr. Andrew A. Canon stated that the City of Pharr submitted a request to move some of the CBI funds they have identified on the Metropolitan Transportation Plan with the bridge expansion to other improvements at the Pharr Bridge. *The City of Alamo made a motion to approve the request from the City of Pharr for the CBI Funding change as presented. The City of McAllen seconded the motion and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.*

5) UPWP Amendment #1

- Mr. Canon stated that some revisions were made to place additional funds in the MTP and Staff Development tasks while removing funds from Administration, Pavement Management and Intelligent Transportation System tasks. He noted that this amendment is only a transfer of funds and there was no additional money added to the two year budget. He also noted that none of the UPWP document language wasn't changed but only the dollar amounts were revised. *The City of Penitas made a motion approve UPWP Amendment #1 as presented. The City of McAllen seconded the motion and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.*

6) FY2035 MTP Amendment (TRENDS)

- Mr. Canon stated that at the last Policy Meeting the board members requested that staff to continue with the TRENDS assessment and the 10 cent local gas tax funding to provide for planning funds for projects that were lost in the funding reductions of the MTP back on December 2009. Mr. Canon stated that a spreadsheet was provided for everyone to review. He noted that the spreadsheet listed all of the projects that were lost during the reduction and how they are now listed in the funded portion of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan. Mr. Canon stated that TAC will need to evaluate and agree to the distribution of projects in the first four (4) years of the MTP; which will be the FY11-14 TIP. He noted that all of the project status that were turned in were added on. Mr. Canon stated that this item will be brought back at the June meeting for approval and will be need to be taken to the Policy for final approval. After further discussion, the members approved the FY2035 MTP Amendment as presented. Mr. Canon stated that this item was only a discussion item but it will be brought back next month for approval. *Reports only, no action taken at this time.*

7) FY2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Plan Development

- This item was discussed with Item 6.

8) Monthly Letting Report

- Mr. Canon stated that TxDOT provided a spreadsheet with the Monthly Letting Report. *Reports only, no action taken at this time.*

9) Thoroughfare Update

- Mr. Fred Villarreal gave a brief update on the Thoroughfare Plan. He noted that a letter from staff will be mailed out to every entity regarding the Thoroughfare Map. **Reports only, no action taken at this time.**

10) Status Reports

- Calendar: June & July 2010
Mr. Canon stated that some of the staff will be attending the Coordinated Mobility workshop in Bastrop, Texas in June. He advised the members that Judge Rene Ramirez has requested for him to attend the Joint Finance & Transportation Meeting in Austin, Texas on May 25th. Mr. Canon stated that the MPO has scheduled two (2) Public Meetings on June 3rd at 1:30 pm at the Pharr Chamber of Commerce and June 8th at 5:30 pm at HCMPO Office. He noted that the HCMPO office will be closed on May 31st for Memorial Holiday. Mr. Canon also gave a brief presentation regarding the Scenario Workshop that took place in April 2010.
- Legislative Update
Ms. Amanda Hernandez gave a brief update on the TIGER II Grant. She noted that some information has been sent out to all of the entities. Mr. Canon stated that the TIGER II Grant will only apply for multi-development among partnerships with other entities. Ms. Hernandez also provided some information regarding the last TEMPO meeting.
- HCMPO Budget Report
Ms. Amanda Hernandez gave a brief update on the HCMPO Budget.
- Operational Improvements Criteria
Mr. Sooraz Patro gave a brief update on the Operational Improvements Sub-Committee Meeting.

11) HCRMA Update

- No updates were given at this time.

12) LRGVDC Transit

- Mr. Luis Guajardo gave a brief update on the LRGVDC Transit.

13) McAllen Express

- No updates were given at this time.

14) Hidalgo County Commuter Rail District

- Mr. Jim Edge gave a brief update on the Hidalgo County Commuter Rail District.

15) Old or New Business

- Non at this time.

16) Adjournment

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