

HIDALGO COUNTY MPO
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, May 05, 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, Donna, Elsa, Edcouch, Edinburg, Hidalgo County, Hidalgo County RMA, McAllen, Mercedes, Mission, LRGVDC Transit, Penitas, Weslaco and TxDOT. Ex-Officio Members Present: Hidalgo County Auditor's Office.

2 Adoption of Minutes from April 07, 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 Alamo made a motion to approve the minutes with minor corrections. The City of Alton seconded the motion, and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.**

3 Cost Over-Run

None at this time.

4 Election of Advisory Committee Executive Members

(ACTION ITEM)

Mr. Canon stated that the Policy Board agreed to have the Advisory Committee elect a new chairman. Mr. Canon stated that the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Secretary will be elected for a two year term. The members decided that the person would be nominated not the actual entity. After further discussion, Juan Lopez, City of Edinburg was nominated for Chairman, Ed Taylor, City of McAllen, was nominated for Vice Chairman and Michelle Leftwich, City of Mercedes, was nominated for Secretary. **The City of Alamo made a motion to approve all nominations as presented. The City of Weslaco seconded the motion, and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously. TxDOT abstain from voting.**

5 Approval of Bylaw Amendment

(ACTION ITEM)

Mr. Canon stated that during the Hidalgo County MPO Federal Certification that a Conflict of Interest section be added to the HCMPO Bylaws. He stated that the State Legislation has passed a bill regarding real property. Further explanation was added into the HCMPO Bylaws under section K. Mr. Canon advised the members that Public Involvement has already begun. **The City of Edinburg made a motion to approve the Bylaw Amendment as presented. The City of Weslaco seconded the motion, and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.**

6 Update on 2035 MTP

Mr. Canon stated that the MPO has received the Notice To Proceed from TxDOT. He advised the members that a memo was sent out to everyone last week for information that we are requesting for the MTP. Mr. Albert Aldana passed out some information regarding information that we need from all of the cities. Mr. Aldana stated that they are planning to have public meetings in July 2009. Mr. Canon stated that at this time we haven't received the modal from TxDOT Austin but we may receive it in June 2009. **Reports only, no action taken at this time.**

7 FY2010-2011 UPWP Call for Projects

Mr. Canon stated that TxDOT announced a Pass-Through Finance Program Call. He stated that if any entity would like to submit a project for consideration they will need to submit it to the HCMPO by May 5, 2009. He stated that a memo from TxDOT is also attached with more information. **Reports only, no action taken at this time.**

8 Thoroughfare Plan Update

Mr. Brent Cochran gave a brief update on the Thoroughfare Plan. He stated that some of the cities have already turned in the information the HCMPO staff requested. He reminded everyone to turn in their entities updates. Mr. Cochran stated that the deadline for submittals is May 31st. **Reports only, no action taken at this time.**

9 Staff Update

A. Calendar: May & June 2009

Mr. Canon stated that he will be in Vacation May 15th and 18th. He reminded the members that the MPO office will be closed for Memorial Day, May 25, 2009. **Reports only, no action 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.**

C. Legislative Update

Ms. Jamie Keshav gave a brief update on the Legislative. She stated that a list of bills was passed out for everyone to review. She stated that if anyone wanted further information on a certain bill, she would be able to provide a more detail report.

D. Sub-committee Update

Ms. Maria Champine stated that Linda De La Fuente sent out an email to all of the TAC Members requesting for an update for the subcommittees. She stated that if anyone would like to join a committee to let us know and we will do the update. She also advised the members that we will start having sub-committee meetings in the near future.

10 HCRMA Update

Mr. David Saenz stated that the RMA went up to Austin and made a brief presentation to the Commission. He stated that it went very well. He also stated that they are working with TxDOT with the Pass Through Application.

11 Old Or New Business

None at this time.

12 Adjourn

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