

Hidalgo County Metropolitan Planning Organization
Technical Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
July 06, 2010

1) Roll Call

- Vice-Chairman Ed Taylor 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: City of Alton, City of Donna, Edinburg, Hidalgo County, La Joya, McAllen, Mercedes, Mission, Penitas, Pharr, TxDOT, LRGVDC Transit and Hidalgo County RMA. Ex-Offio Members present: Hidalgo County Commuter Rail District and McAllen Transit.

2) Adoption of Minutes from: June 01, 2010

- Vice-Chairman Ed Taylor asked if there were any corrections to the minutes. No changes were needed at this time. *The City of Mercedes made a motion to approve the June 01, 2010 minutes as presented. 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 JARC & New Freedom Application

- Ms. Amanda Hernandez stated that staff has received an application from McAllen Transit. She stated that the application was provided for everyone to review. She stated that the application does meet all of the requirements and staff requests approval for submittal. She noted that the TAC members have also reviewed the application and unanimously approved it. *The City of La Joya made a motion to approve the JARC & New Freedom Application as presented. The City of Penitas seconded the motion and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.*

5) Approval of \$2 million CAT 7 Loan from Lubbock MPO

- Mr. Canon stated after speaking with TxDOT, the Lubbock MPO is willing to advance \$2million of CAT 7 funding. Mr. Canon noted that after further discussion, Lubbock MPO is willing to advance the funds for FY2011. He noted that the HCMPO will repay the funds out of CAT 7 funds in the fiscal year 2014, interest free. Mr. Canon stated that Lubbock Policy Board Committee has already approved the transfer in funds as well. *The City of La Joya made a motion approve the \$2 Million CAT 7 Loan from Lubbock MPO and repay the \$2 million, interest free, to Lubbock MPO in FY2014 as presented. The City of Penitas seconded the motion and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.*

6) Consideration and approval of Business Terms Between HCRMA and TxDOT on Trade Corridor Connector (TCC) Project

- Mr. Canon stated that a memo and a resolution in support of Business Terms between Hidalgo County RMA and TxDOT on the Trade Corridor Connector (TCC) Project. After further discussion, *The City of La Joya made a motion approve the Business Terms Between HCRMA and TxDOT on Trade Corridor as presented. The City of Donna seconded the motion and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.*

7) Consideration and approval of Business Terms Between HCRMA and TxDOT on International Bridge Trade Corridor Connector (IBTC) Project.

- Mr. Canon stated that Business Terms Between HCRMA and TxDOT on International Bridge Trade Corridor Connector (IBTC) Project. After further discussion, *The City of La Joya made a motion approve the Business Terms Between HCRMA and TxDOT on International Bridge Trade Corridor Connector (IBTC) Project. The City of Mercedes seconded the motion and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously*

8) Kimley-Horn Presentation

- Mr. Canon stated that Andrew Howard, Kimley-Horn & Associates, will be giving a small presentation in regards to the Scenario Planning. Mr. Howard gave a brief power point presentation. *Reports only, no action taken at this time.*

Approved:
August 13, 2010 TAC Meeting

9) Optional County Fee on Vehicle Inspection

- Mr. Canon stated that at last month's meeting, the policy members directed staff to look into different options in innovative financing for Hidalgo County. Mr. Canon stated that a sample Senate Bill was provided for everyone to review. He stated that he used the same bill as the vehicle registration used. He noted that some of the verbiage was omitted and some was added. Mr. Canon stated that after all of the research that was done by staff, this option seemed the most viable to use. After further discussion, some of the board members recommended for staff to look into more depth on how the vehicle inspection funds are currently submitted to and where the money goes. The members requested for the information to be brought back next month for review. **Reports only, no action taken at this time.**

10) Monthly Letting Report

- No action was needed at this time.

11) Status Reports

- Calendar: June & July 2010
Mr. Canon stated that some of the staff will be
- Legislative / RTAP Update
Ms. Amanda Hernandez stated that the next RTAP meeting is scheduled for July 13th. No other reports were given at this time.
- HCMPO Budget Report
Ms. Linda de la Fuente 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.
- Thoroughfare Plan Update
Mr. Fred Villarreal stated that a letter has been submitted to all of cities. Staff is requesting a Resolution of support. He noted that another meeting will be scheduled at a later date.
- Pavement Management System (PMS)
Mr. Rudy Gonzalez gave a brief update on the Pavement Management System (PMS)

12) HCRMA Update

- No updates were given at this time.

13) LRGVDC Transit

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

14) McAllen Express

- No updates were given at this time.

15) Hidalgo County Commuter Rail District

- No updates were given at this time.

16) Old or New Business

- No updates were given at this time.

17) Adjournment

- ***The City of Penuitas made a motion to adjourn. The City of La Joya seconded the motion and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.***

Approved:
August 13 2010 TAC Meeting