

HIDALGO COUNTY MPO
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, July 07, 2009
1:30 PM

1 Roll Call

Mr. Andrew Canon called the meeting to order at 1:40 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, Hidalgo County, McAllen, Mission, LRGVDC Transit, Penitas, Pharr, Weslaco and TxDOT. Ex-Offio Members Present: Hidalgo County Auditor's Office.

2 Adoption of Minutes from June 02, 2009

(ACTION ITEM)

Mr. Canon asked if there were any changes and or corrections that needed to be made to the minutes. **TxDOT made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. The City of McAllen seconded the motion, and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.**

3 Cost Over-Run

None at this time.

4 Adoption of FY08-09 UPWP Amendment #5

(ACTION ITEM)

Mr. Canon stated that due to on-going 2010-2035 MTP Contract, budget adjustments, and that the transportation model has not been received, the HCMPO was forced to de-obligate \$300,000 from FY08-09 UPWP. We need to transfer the funds into the FY2010 UPWP. **The City of McAllen made a motion to approve the FY08-09 UPWP Amendment #5 as presentd. The City of Penitas seconded the motion, and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.**

5 Adoption of FY2010-2011 UPWP

(ACTION ITEM)

Mr. Canon stated that a draft copy of the FY2010-2011 UPWP was provided for everyone to review. He stated that the is our two year budgetary document wich describes guidance as to the tasks that the HCMPO staff hope to undertake in the coming year. He stated that the FY2010-11 UPWP that the Policy Board will need to give final approval of the FY2010-11 UPWP. **The City of Mercedes made a motion to approve the FY2010-2011 UPWP as presented. The City of McAllen seconded the motion, and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.**

6 Bylaw Amendment for Ethics Policy

(ACTION ITEM)

Mr. Canon stated that due to guidance provided in SB 585 of the 81st Legislative session a Bylaw Amendment for Ethics Policy will need to be enforced. He stated that SB 585 amends the transportation code to prohibit a policy board member or employee of a MPO from accepting or soliciting any gift, favor, or service that might reasonably tend to influence the member or employee in the discharge of their official duties. He noted that the additions are listed in red in the attached paperwork. **The City of Penitas made a motion to approve the Bylaw Amendment for Ethics Policy with revisions as noted. The City of Mercedes seconded the motion, and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.**

7 TIP Amendment

(ACTION ITEM)

Mr. Canon stated that a copy of the revised transit FY08-11 TIP for the August 1st submittal was provided for everyone to review. He stated that the purpose of the TIP revision is to address projects that were advanced by Rio Metro for expenditure of American Recovery and Reinvestment ACT (ARRA) funds. He noted that Rio Metro advanced projects that were slated to be acted upon in outer years, in doing so there was a gap left in the projects in which funding was available. **The City of Alamo made a motion to approve teh TIP Amendment as presented. The City of McAllen seconded the motion, and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.**

8 Follow up from Federal Certification-handout

Mr. Canons stated that the final Federal Certification Executive Summary report was provided for everyone to review. He noted that the HCMPO had NO findings. There were some recommended improvements that were pointed out by FHWA and FTA. He advised the board members that staff is eager to address and incorporate those recommendations. **Reports only, no action taken at this time.**

9 Staff Update

A. Calendar: July & August 2009

Mr. Canon stated that a Secenario Planning Meeting was scheduled for August 20th. He stated that the Policy meeting is also scheduled to meet on this day and we are planning to have both meetings at the McAllen Convention Center. He advised the members that further information will be sent out at a later time.

B. HCMPO Budget Report

Mr. Canon briefly gave brief update on the MPO Budget.

C. Legislative Update

None at this time.

10 HCRMA Update

David Saenz, L & G, on behalf of Jacinto Garza, gave a brief update on the HCRMA. He stated that the public meetings for segments E and F went very well. He advised the members that an RMA meeting was scheduled for July 09, 2009.

11 Old Or New Business

None at this time.

12 Adjourn

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