

HIDALGO COUNTY MPO
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Monday, August 10, 2009
1:30 PM

1 Roll Call

Mr. Juan Lopez called the meeting to order at 1:37 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, Edinburg, Hidalgo County, McAllen, Mercedes, Mission, LRGVDC Transit, Penitas, Pharr, Weslaco and TxDOT. Ex-Offio Members Present: McAllen Transit.

2 Adoption of Minutes from July 07, 2009

(ACTION ITEM)

Mr. Juan Lopez asked if there were any changes and or corrections that needed to be made to the minutes. Mr. David Saenz, L & G, requested that we make a change to the item HCRMA Update. He stated that he was only giving the update and was only representing Jacinto Garza, L & G Engineering. **The City of McAllen made a motion to approve the minutes with minor changes. The City of Penitas seconded the motion, and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.**

3 Cost Over-Run

None at this time.

4 Approval of Jacobs Contract Extension

(ACTION ITEM)

Mr. Canon stated that an email attachment was provided for everyone to review. The email was sent by Steve Taylor, JACOBS, asking for a Time Extension only. He stated that no additional funds will be allocated with this request. **The City of La Joya made a motion to approve the JACOBS Contract Time Extension only. The City of McAllen seconded the motion, and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.**

5 Adoption of MTP Amendment #5

(ACTION ITEM)

Mr. Canon stated that public involvement began July 20th and will end by August 20th. He stated that the limits to the BSIF project was amended in the TIP, and those limits needed to be reflected in the MTP as well as the estimated costs needed to be amended. He noted that the BSIF project changed from being located in the vicinity of GSA Facility to Pharr and now the new limits are from U.S. Customs Port of Entry Exit to US 281. **The City of La Joya made a motion to adopt MTP Amendment #5. The City of Penitas seconded the motion and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.**

6 Update on MTP 2010-2035

Mr. Canon stated that Kimley-Horn will be hosting a Scenario Workshop at the McAllen Convention Center on Thursday, August 20th. He noted that everyone was welcome to attend. He stated that their were going to be two sessions scheduled for this day. The first one starts at 1:30 pm and the other one will be held at 6:30pm. He also noted that the Policy Committee Meeting was going to be held at Convention Center at 5:30pm. He advised the committee that further information will be emailed out to everyone at a later date. **Reports only, no action taken at this time.**

7 Update on Multi-Modal

This item was discussed together with Item #6, 7th & 8th.

8 Update on Scenario Workshop

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9 Update on Thoroughfare Plan

Mr. Brent Cochran gave a brief update on the Thoroughfare Plan. He stated that he met with the representatives from all of the Hidalgo County Precincts. He noted that the meeting went very well. **Reports only, no action taken at this time.**

10 Update on UTP Meeting in Austin

Mr. Canon gave a brief update regarding the Meeting in Austin regarding the UTP. He stated that as of right now there is no funding available. He stated that the only funding that TxDOT has available is \$3.4 Million for the next 10 years. He also stated that Category 7 only has \$500,000 for FY2010. **Report only, no action taken at this time.**

11 Staff Update

A. Calendar: August & September 2009

Mr. Canon briefly stated that a public outreach meeting was held at the Edinburg Municipal Park and it went very well. He noted that they had a good turn out. Mr. Canon reminded everyone that a Mobility Monitoring meeting was scheduled for tomorrow all day. **Reports only, no action taken at this time.**

B. HCMPO Budget Report

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

C. Legislative Update

None at this time.

12 HCRMA Update

David Saenz, L & G Engineering, on behalf of Jacinto Garza, gave a brief update on the RMA Project.

13 Old Or New Business

Mr. Canon stated that several cities have requested a resolution of support for their Cities Tiger Grant Applications. He stated that the City of Pharr, Edinburg, Mission, Donna, McAllen and Hidalgo County RMA have all submitted a project(s) for approval. ***The City of Penitas made a motion to approve the Resolution of Support for all of the Tiger Grant Applications that have been submitted. The City of Alamo seconded the motion and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.***

14 Adjourn

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