

HIDALGO COUNTY MPO
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, September 01, 2009
1:30 PM

1 Roll Call

Mr. Juan Lopez, Chairman, 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, Hidalgo County RMA, McAllen, Mercedes, Mission, LRGVDC Transit, Penitas, Weslaco and TxDOT. Ex-Offio Members Present: Hidalgo County Auditor's Office, Hidalgo County Judge's Office.

2 Adoption of Minutes from August 10, 2009

(ACTION ITEM)

Chairman Juan Lopez asked if there were any corrections to the minutes. The City of Weslaco stated that they were present at last month's meetings. **The City of Mercedes made a motion to approve the minutes with minor corrections. The City of Alamo seconded the motion, and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.**

3 Cost Over-Run

None at this time.

4 Acceptance of Final Draft Report of CMP by Jacobs

(NOACTION WAS TAKEN)

Mr. Steve Taylor, JACOBS, gave a brief update on the progress of the Congestion Management Plan (CMP). Mr. Taylor stated that a Draft copy of the report was sent out to everyone in the TAC Committee. After further discussion, some questions and comparisons were suggested. Mr. Taylor stated that the members can forward any comments so their questions or concerns can be incorporated in the Final CMP that will be presented to the Policy Board Members. **Reports only, no action was taken at this time.**

5 Adoption of FY2035 Project Selection Criteria

(ACTION ITEM)

Mr. Canon stated that the subcommittee met and are proposing the criteria attached to be used on the ranking of Highway Projects listed on the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). The point distribution was updated, and now the projects will be ranked by the total possible points a project may receive. **The City of Weslaco made a motion to Adopt the Multi-Modal Project Selection Criteria. The City of Penitas seconded the motion and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.**

6 Adoption of Multi-Modal Project Selection Criteria

(ACTION ITEM)

Mr. Canon stated that Multi-Modal subcommittee met and agreed to the attached project scoring for proposed bicycle facilities. This new criteria will allow us the opportunity to now properly rank proposed bike facilities based upon several criteria and provide for a ranking of these projects. He stated that this ranking will NOT be the sole decision making tool for these projects, but will serve as a compliment to those projects that may have a bike lane identified as a part of the project. The subcommittee recommends the criteria to be used on projects to see how the bike project rank. **The City of Penitas made a motion to adopt the Multi-Modal Project Selection Criteria. The City of Mercedes seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.**

7 Funding Update for FY2035 MTP Development

(ACTION ITEM)

Mr. Canon stated that the subcommittee selected and voted to move forward the following projects with the approximate \$5.5 million of remaining funds from ARRA. The committee asked that if any left over funds are made available due to other projects come in under the estimate that was originally submitted; that those funds move to the Bryan Road project. This extra funding will meet the shortfall that Bryan is lacking and then SH1074 be funded with any additional funds after US83 & Bryan are funded. **The City of Penitas made a motion to approve any under runs to be used on Highway 107 which was a high ranking project for ARRA Funds. The City of McAllen seconded the motion, and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.**

8 Staff Update

A. Calendar: September & October 2009

Mr. Canon stated that the power point presentation that Mrs. Robin Boone, TxDOT, gave at the Policy Meeting last month. He noted that \$3.4 millions is more than likely not available due to a shortfall (recession). TxDOT estimates \$8.9 million for FY2011 of CAT 7. He noted that the MPO offices will be closed Monday, September 07, 2009 for Labor Day Holiday. He reminded the members that several Public Outreach meetings have been scheduled for late September and early October. He invited everyone to attend. He noted that the public meetings will be held in Edinburg, McAllen, Mission and the MPO Offices. Mr. Canon stated that Maria and himself will be attending the AMPO Meeting in late October in Georgia. Mr. Juan Lopez, City of Edinburg, stated that he would like more information on the AMPO meeting. **Reports only, no action taken at this time.**

B. HCMPO Budget Report

Mr. Canon gave brief update on the MPO Budget.

9 HCRMA Update

Mrs. Flor E. Koll introduced herself and stated that she will be visiting all of the cities. She stated that she will be giving an RMA report every month.

10 Old Or New Business

No reports were given at this time.

11 Adjourn

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

TAC Minutes
Approved
October 06, 2009