

Hidalgo County Metropolitan Planning Organization
Technical Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
October 11, 2011

1) Roll Call

- Vice-Chairman Ed Taylor called the meeting to order at 1:38pm. 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: Alamo, Alton, Edinburg, Elsa, Hidalgo County, McAllen, Mercedes, Mission, Penitas, San Juan and TxDOT. Ex-Officio members present: Hidalgo County Commuter Rail District and Metro.

2) Adoption of Minutes from: September 06, 2011

- Vice-Chairman Ed Taylor asked if there were any corrections to the minutes, there being none. *The City of Alamo made a motion to approve the September 06, 2011 minutes as presented. The City Penitas seconded the motion and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.*

3) Cost Over-Run Projects

- None at this time.

4) Discussion and Approval of Operational Improvement Plan (OIP)

- Mr. Sooraz Patro stated that several spreadsheets were provided for everyone to review. Gave a brief update. He noted that staff is seeking approval of projects selected under OIP for FY2012. He reminded the members that at the July Policy Meeting the members adopted to set aside \$420,000 of Category 7 (Metropolitan Mobility/ Rehabilitation) money for OIP for FY2012. Mr. Patro stated that the OIP sub-committee met and submitted four (4) projects for approval.

- 10th Street (Wichita Ave to Trenton Ave, McAllen) \$80,850
- Ware Rd (Yuma Ave to Buddy Owens Rd, McAllen) \$55,050
- Dove Ave & 23rd St. Intersection \$121,099
- Shary Rd (Colorado St to Sunset Ave, Mission) \$168,001

The City of Hidalgo approved the four (4) projects 10th Street, Ware Rd, Dove Ave & 23rd and Shary Rd as presented. The City of Alamo seconded the motion and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.

- **Chairman Juan Lopez, City of Edinburg, was present and resumed as Chairman over the meeting.**

5) Discussion & Approval of FY2011-2014 TIP Amendment #5B

Mr. Andrew Canon stated that a spreadsheet was provided for everyone to review. He noted that the two (2) projects were listed which needed to be approved. After further discussion, the members requested to make a minor change the project sponsor for the Anzalduas project from Mission to Anzalduas Bridge Board. Mr. Canon stated that the City of McAllen received funding in the amount of: \$2,118,797. He noted that the funds will be to convert three (3) McAllen buses into Electric Capacity. Mr. Canon stated the Public Involvement will end on October 26, 2011. *The City of McAllen approved the FY2011-2014 TIP Amendment #5B as presented. The Hidalgo County Commuter Rail District seconded the motion and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.*

6) Discussion & Approval of FY2010-2035 MTP Amendment #6B

- Mr. Canon stated that this item was in conjunction with Item 5. *The City of San Juan made a motion to approve the FY2010-2035 MTP Amendment #6B as presented. The City of Mercedes seconded the motion and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.*

7) Discussion of Safe Passing Ordinance

- Mr. Canon gave a brief update. He noted that even though this item will be brought back next month. Staff is asking all of the members to support the ordinance. He requested for each entity to look into passing this ordinance within their respective cities. He noted that staff will be available to provide any information the cities may need. Mr. Canon stated that a template of an ordinance was provided for everyone to review. He noted this form was available electronically if anyone would need it. Some of the members suggested that if the ordinance is passed that we all provide notices to the public on bill boards and other forms of signs. **Reports only, no action taken at this time.**

8) Update on "No Truck in Left Lane"

- Mr. Homer Bazan, TxDOT, stated that they have contacted TTI to update the study. He noted that he will follow up with them and give a brief update next month. **Reports only, no action taken at this time.**

9) Monthly Letting Report

- Mr. Homer Bazan, TxDOT, gave a brief update.

10) Status Reports

A. Calendar: October & November 2011

- Mr. Canon stated that the calendars for October & November were provided for everyone to review. He advised the members that the HCMPO office will be closed for Veterans Day Holiday on Friday, November 11th and Thanksgiving Holiday, November 26th & 27th. He stated that since TAC meeting will need to be combined for November and December, he said two (2) options were listed and the members needed to choose one option. After further discussion, the members decided to have the TAC meeting on Tuesday, November 15th. Mr. Canon stated that everyone will need to turn in their project status update for each project listed on the TIP and MTP.

B. Legislative / RTAP Update

- Mrs. Amanda Longoria gave a brief update on the Legislative / RTAP Update.

C. HCMPO Budget Report

- Mr. Canon gave a brief update on the HCMPO Budget.

D. Update on Thoroughfare Plan

Mr. Fred Villarreal gave a brief update. He advised the members that Friday, December 16, 2011 was the deadline to submit updates.

11) HCRMA Update

- No updates were given at this time.

12) Valley Metro

- No updates were given at this time.

13) Metro

- No updates were given at this time.

14) Hidalgo County Commuter Rail District

- Mr. Jim Edge gave a brief update on the HCCRD.

15) Old or New Business

- Mr. Bazan stated that a memo from John Barton in regards to: *Guidelines Emphasizing Bicycle and Pedestrian Accommodations*. Was provided for everyone to review. He noted that in the future we may need to review the Thoroughfare Design standards if we will need more Right of Way (ROW) to implement the side shoulders or sidewalks. ***Reports only, no action taken at this time.***

16) Adjournment

- ***City of McAllen made a motion to adjourn at 2:55pm. The City of San Juan seconded the motion and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.***