

HIDALGO COUNTY MPO
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, October 07, 2008
1:30 PM

1 Roll Call

Mr. Andrew Canon called the meeting to order at 1:35 P.M. The Technical Advisory Committee Meeting was held at the HCMPO Conference Room, Weslaco, TX. Present were representatives from The Cities of Edinburg, Hidalgo County, Hidalgo County Auditors Office, LRGVDC Transit, McAllen, Mission, Weslaco and TxDOT.

2 Adoption of Minutes from September 02, 2008

(ACTION ITEM)

Mr. Canon asked if there were any changes and or corrections that needed to be made to the minutes. Their being none. **TxDOT made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Hidalgo County seconded the motion, and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.**

3 Cost Over-Run

None at this time.

4 Approval of MTP Amendment

(ACTION ITEM)

Ms. Maria Champine stated that FHWA submitted some comments regarding seven projects. She stated that MPO staff corrected costs or the limits. We also compared them with the DCIS system. A request was made to show the current and the estimated cost changes on a different table. **TxDOT made a motion to approve MTP Amendment. The City of Edinburg seconded the motion, and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.**

5 Approval of RFP Wording for Future Wording

(ACTION ITEM)

Ms. Champine noted that the Policy Board Members requested the TAC members to review the RFP template. Ms. Champine stated that we were unable to change the verbiage on the RFP that we could make some administrative changes to the HCMPO Bylaws. Staff recommended the Bylaws show that 51% of the TAC members be present for an evaluation of consultants during an RFP submittal. Victor Morales, LRGVDC Procurement Officer, stated that if we requested to change the verbiage it would need to be taken to the LRGVDC Board for final approval of any changes. After further discussion; it was decided to add a section labeled, "Conflict of Interest". Mr. Morales stated that he would work on this section for future RFP's. Mr. Raymond Sanchez, TxDOT, stated that he would look into more thoroughly the process of selecting a firm and contact FHWA and TxDOT Austin. **This item was tabled and will be brought back at next month's TAC meeting with further clarification.**

6 Discussion of Functional Classification

Mr. Sanchez stated that they are still in the process of updating the Functional Classification. They are requesting to add FM493 extension to connect to International Bridge in Donna. He noted that it will have Border Inspection Facility connector. After further discussion; this item will be brought back to next's months TAC meeting on Tuesday, November 4, 2008 as an Action item.

7 Discussion of Transit TIP Format

Ms. Champine stated that the TIP needs to be submitted by November 1, 2008. We need to update the format that is currently used to a new format. Even though we don't have any changes or additions; we still need to submit the updated TIP with the new format. She stated that the numbers will be transferred only. **Reports only, no action taken at this time.**

8 Staff Update

A. Calendar: October & November 2008

Ms. Champine stated that generally every year we combine the November and December Meetings. MPO Staff is suggesting three options to have the TAC meeting. After further discussion; Tuesday, November 4, 2008 date was chosen for the next TAC Meeting. No meeting will be scheduled for December unless something were to come up.

B. HCMPO Budget Update

No discussion at this time.

9 Old Or New Business

Mr. Sanchez stated that TxDOT has scheduled a Town Hall Meeting. The meeting will take place on November 5, 2008 at South Tx. Community College (STCC) at 6:30 pm. Ms. Champine advised everyone that we have received the CMP Cost Proposal but it is still being analyzed.

10 Adjourn

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

TAC Minutes
Approved On:
November 04, 2008