

HIDALGO COUNTY MPO
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, November 03, 2009
1:30 PM

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1 Roll Call

Vice-Chairman Ed Taylor, called the meeting to order at 1:32 P.M. The Technical Advisory Committee Meeting was held at the HCMPO Conference Room, Weslaco, TX. Present were representatives from The Cities of Alton, Donna, Edcouch, Hidalgo County, Hidalgo County RMA, La Joya, McAllen, Mercedes Mission, San Juan, Weslaco and LRGVDC Transit. Ex-Offio Members Present were: Hidalgo County Auditor's Office and McAllen Transit.

2 Adoption of Minutes from October , 2009

(ACTION ITEM)

Vice-Chairman Ed Taylor asked if there were any corrections to the minutes. No Corrections were noted to the minutes of September 1, 2009. ***The City of Mercedes made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. The City of San Juan seconded the motion, and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.***

3 Cost Over-Run Projects

(NO ACTION WAS TAKEN)

None at this time.

4 Approval of Bylaw Amendment

(ACTION ITEM)

Mr. Canon stated that the attachment provided; on page 4. B. (Attendance); Staff is requesting the following changes to read as follows: to change it to three (3) consecutive meetings and be informed by the MPO Director. If the entity should be absent for four (4) consecutive meetings; they will be informed of their absence by the TPC Chairman that they will be placed in Ex-Offio status immediately. Mr. Canon noted that the changes listed will clarify and make the Bylaws more specific. ***The City of La Joya made a motion to approve the Bylaw changes as presented. The City of Alton seconded the motion, and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.***

5 Approval of Revenue Projections for 2035 MTP

(ACTION ITEM)

Mr. Canon stated that a new attachment was provided for everyone to review. He stated that some new updates were made this morning. He noted that the MPO has been working with TxDOT to develop the following funding. Mrs. Linda de la Fuente gave a brief summary of the attachments provided. Mr. Ed Taylor, City of McAllen, stated that the currently we are paying off debt that we borrowed in past. He noted that our debt retirement will take longer to eliminate. Mr. Taylor expressed his concerns that we need to show debt retirement in the MTP. He stated that we need to show the public why we have a debt and where it was spend. Ms. Robin Boone, TxDOT, also gave a brief summary of the projection and answered questions for clarification. Mr. Canon stated that this is still an ongoing process and will be brought back for discussion in the up coming weeks. ***The City of La Joya made a motion to approve the Revenue Projections for 2035 MTP as presented. The City of San Juan seconded the motion, and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.***

6 Approval of Transportation Enhancement Program Call 2009

(ACTION ITEM)

Mr. Canon stated that as of today, staff has received three (3) projects for approval. He stated that the City of McAllen has submitted two (2) projects: 1) Bicentennial Hike and Bike Trail Corridor Enhancement 2) STC Pedestrian Bridge at Pecan Campus & Business 83 Corridor Enhancement. The City of Edinburg submitted one: 1) City of Edinburg Walking Trail and Regional Bike Route Project. UTPA has one (1) project: 1) Hike and Bike Trail. Ms. Michelle Leftwich, City of Mercedes, and Ms. Melisa Gonzalez, City of San Juan, both showed interest that their cities may have a project to submit for support. Mr. Canon advised them that they should submit their projects as soon as possible. He noted that the TPC Board will be taking action on Thursday, December 10, 2009. Mr. Canon advised them that another TAC Meeting has been scheduled for next week therefore we can ask for another approval if any other requests are submitted. ***The City of Mercedes made a motion to approve the Enhancement Project(s) for the City of McAllen, Edinburg and UTPA. The City of La Joya seconded the motion, and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.***

7 MTP Update

(DISCUSSION ITEM)

Mr. Canon stated that a 2030 Level of Service Map for everyone to review. He stated that since we have not received the Forecast Modal; staff took the 2030 and built out all those projects that were identified as completed. The TPC board had approved this being done since we have not received the modal. He stated that a spreadsheet has been provided for everyone to review. He stated that this document will be brought back at every TAC meeting for review and comments up until it gets adopted by the TPC in December. ***Reports only, no action taken at this time.***

8 Staff Update

A. Calendar: November & December 2009

Mr. Canon stated that the HCMPO have scheduled a series of Public Meetings through the month of November and December. He noted that due to pending confirmations; we are unable to provide locations. He noted that the public meetings were scheduled for: Monday, November 30th, Tuesday, December 1st, Thursday, December 3rd, Friday December 4th and Tuesday, December 08th. He noted that the November 30th and December 4th meeting will take place at the HCMPO office all day long. Mr. Canon advised the members that SB585 requires all of the MPO's to have an affidavit in place for all TPC Board members including proxies. He stated that staff is currently contacting all entities. He noted that if an entity does not submit in an affidavit to the HCMPO, the entity will not have voting status at Board meetings until an affidavit has been submitted. Mr. Canon stated that a spreadsheet listing all of the names for each entity that currently need to have an affidavit in file has been passed out. He noted that the affidavit needed to be Notarized. **Reports only, no action taken at this time.**

B. HCMPO Budget Report

Mrs. Linda De La Fuente gave a brief update on the MPO Budget. She stated that Task #5 has not exceeded the 75% mark because we are pending to close out invoices from Jacobs for the Congestion Management Plan (CMP). She noted that once these invoice is processed; the task will rise up to almost 100% and we will be in compliance. **Reports only, no action taken at this time.**

9 HCRMA Update

Mrs. Flor E. Koll stated that the RMA has scheduled a meeting on Thursday, November 12, 2009 at the LRGVDC Transportation Center. Mrs. Koll gave a brief RMA update. **Reports only, no action was taken.**

10 Old Or New Business

(ACTION ITEM)

Mr. Canon stated that a Resolution was provided for everyone to review. He noted that the resolution is to authorize the redistribution of under-run ARRA Funds and approve prioritized listing of projects list to be considered as backup for ARRA Funding. Mr. Canon apologized for not providing the resolution ahead in advance. He noted that he had a meeting with Mayor Buddy de la Rosa, Weslaco, this morning and he understands what will occur should the Westgate project not be ready to let. Mr. Canon stated that if the Westgate project is not ready the ARRA funds will be redistributed to other projects but Westgate will use CAT 7 and 11 funds. **The City of Mercedes made a motion to approve the Resolution as presented. The City of Weslaco seconded the motion, and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.**

11 Adjourn

The City of La Joya made a motion to adjourn. The City of Mercedes seconded the motion and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.