

**HIDALGO COUNTY MPO**  
**TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**  
**Thursday, November 12, 2009**  
**1:30 PM**

**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: Alamo, Alton, Donna, Edinburg, Hidalgo County, Hidalgo, Hidalgo County RMA, La Joya, McAllen, Mercedes, Mission, Penitas, Pharr, San Juan, TxDOT, Weslaco and LRGVDC Transit.

**2 Adoption of Minutes from November 03, 2009**

**(ACTION ITEM)**

Vice Chairman Ed Taylor asked if there were any corrections to the minutes. No Corrections were noted to the minutes of November 03, 2009. *The City of Penitas made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. The City of Pharr seconded the motion, and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.*

**3 Approval of Transportation Enhancement Program Call 2009**

**(ACTION ITEM)**

Mr. Andrew Canon stated that the cities of: Hidalgo, Mercedes and San Juan have all submitted a project for the Transportation Enhancement Program Call. The City of Hidalgo project is a Hike and Bike Trail. The City of Mercedes project is a Landscape Entranceway. The City of San Juan project is a Hike and Bike Trail Route. *The City of Penitas made a motion to approve the Transportation Enhancement Program Projects for The City of: Hidalgo, Mercedes and San Juan as presented. The City of Donna seconded the motion, and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.*

**4 Approval of MTP Progress**

**(ACTION ITEM)**

Mr. Canon stated that a new table was handed out for everyone to review. He stated that the table includes all of the new base year data and the forecast data. He stated all of the projects are ranked on this information. Mr. Canon stated that staff received some feedback by some cities and all of those comments have been implemented. Mr. Canon briefly went through the budget forecast. He stated that staff has been working diligently with TxDOT staff. Mr. Canon stated that staff is requesting a consensus to proceed with the current budget funding. He noted that if an updated budget is received during this upcoming week; it will be presented at next week's TAC Meeting for discussion and approval. Mr. Canon stated that a Statewide MPO Meeting next week on Tuesday and TxDOT has scheduled a Commission Workshop Meeting on Wednesday to discuss UTP funding and a Commission Meeting on Thursday. He advised the members that another TAC Meeting will be scheduled for: Tuesday, November 17th at 1:30 pm. Mr. Canon stated that as soon as staff has finished implementing all of the comments that are received we will post it on the MPO website and an email will be sent out to let everyone know where the spreadsheet will be located. Mr. Canon stated that everyone will need to review the spreadsheet as it is being posted to see if any other changes need to be made. *After further discussion, a consensus was approved to proceed with the current budget funding.*

**NOTE\*\*\*\*** Chairman Juan Lopez took over the meeting during the discussion and approval of the MTP Progress Item.

**5 Old Or New Business**

Mr. Canon stated that the HCMPO Budget was given out to everyone to review. He stated that the MPO spends about 92% of the MPO budget. He noted that the Annual Expenditure Report will be ready for the December 08th TAC Meeting and we will also need to take it to the Policy Board for final approval. Mr. Canon stated that Mr. Andrew Howard, Kimley-Horn & Associates, will be present at the December 08th TAC Meeting to give an update on the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). Mr. Canon also reminded the members that everyone that is currently listed on their Entities Proxy Form will need to turn in an Affidavit by January 1, 2010. He stated that without an affidavit in file and if the person who has not turned one in is present at the Policy meetings they will not be able to vote.

**6 Adjourn**

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

Approved On:  
Tuesday, January 5, 2010