

HIDALGO COUNTY MPO
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, April 01, 2008
1:30 PM

1 Roll Call

Mr. Andrew Canon called the meeting to order at 1:41 P.M. The Technical Advisory Committee Meeting was held at the HCMPO Conference Room, Weslaco, TX.. Present were representatives from The Cities of Hidalgo, Hidalgo County, LRGVDC Transit, McAllen, Mercedes, Mission, Penitas, Pharr, Weslaco and TxDOT. Ex-Offio member also in attendance was: Hidalgo County Auditor's Office.

2 Adoption of Minutes from March 04, 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. ***The City of Mercedes made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, The City of Weslaco seconded the motion, and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.***

3 Cost Over-Run

None at this time.

4 Approval of Public Participation Plan (PPP)

(ACTION ITEM)

Mr. Canon stated that the MPO staff received some comments from TxDOT Austin and FHWA. He briefly went through the Public Participation Plan (PPP) and stated that the changes and or additions were labeled in red. He stated that the MPO mailing address and contact information were changed. Mr. Canon stated that the updated PPP will be made available on the Hidalgo County MPO website after the Policy Board has approved the document. ***The City of McAllen made a motion to approve the Public Participation Plan (PPP) with the corrections and recommendations from Tammy Stone, TxDOT Austin. The City of Mercedes seconded the motion, and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.***

5 Discussion of MTP

Mr. Canon stated that a single spreadsheet was provided for everyone to review. Mr. Canon stated that there some errors that were corrected. There were some concerns regarding the funding we had available on a yearly basis. He advised the members that once the correct information is presented to the MPO; a MTP Sub-Committee will be scheduled to meet to review the information that was provided. Mr. Canon stated at this time this item is only a discussion item and will be brought back next month for approval. He advised the committee that the next Commission meeting was scheduled to meet on April 24, 2008. TxDOT requested some information regarding how much funding the Hidalgo County RMA currently had available with the vehicle registration. ***Report only, no action taken at this time.***

6 2008 Federal Hazard Elimination (HES) Program & Federal Risk Rural Road (HRRR) Program

Mr. Raymond Sanchez, TxDOT, stated that a 2008 Federal Hazard Elimination (HES) application was included in the packet for everyone to review. He stated that the cities will need to turn in their application by June 20, 2008 and the deadline to submit the applications to the Division is July 15, 2008. Mr. Sanchez stated that anyone needs further information; they will need to contact Mr. Jerry Vallejo or Mr. Jessie Leal. ***Reports only, no action taken at this time.***

7 Discussion on CMP RFP

Mr. Canon stated that a CMP meeting has been scheduled to meet on April 9th and 15th, 2008. An email will be sent out to all of the TAC members. He stated that the MPO is currently working to combine Tier 1 & Tier II. The MPO is looking into to re-evaluating the scope of service. Further information will be mailed out to everyone for review. ***Reports only, no action taken at this time.***

Technical Advisory Committee Minutes

Approved On:

June 3, 2008

8 Staff Update

A. Calendar: April & May 2008

Mr. Canon stated that in May he will be out on Vacation and will not be attending the May Policy meeting.

B. HCMPO Budget Update

No comments were made at this time.

9 Old Or New Business

(ACTION ITEM)

Mr. Canon stated that two hand outs were given to everyone. Mr. Canon stated that he recently attended a Commission meeting and Mr. James Bass, TxDOT Austin, made a presentation. He stated that Mr. Bass presented three (3) scenarios of the 2009 UTP Funding Levels that will be available for Letting 2009-2019. The 3 scenarios were shown to be divided between 12 categories; with the exception of Scenario A which excludes 3 items: Metro Mobility, Urban Mobility and Statewide Mobility. Mr. Canon stated that this item will be taken to the Policy Board for approval and a resolution will also be presented. ***The City of McAllen made a motion approve Scenario C and present it to the Policy Board for approval. The City of Mercedes seconded the motion and upon a vote the motion carried.***

Mr. Canon reminded everyone that a proxy form was mailed out to the cities and TxDOT. The Mayor from each city will need to authorize certain individuals to attend the Policy Meetings on their behalf and presenting their designated City, County or TxDOT.

10 Adjourn

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