

HIDALGO COUNTY MPO
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, June 03, 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 Alamo, Edinburg, Hidalgo County, LRGVDC Transit, McAllen, Mercedes, Mission, Pharr, San Juan, Weslaco and TxDOT. Ex-Offio member also in attendance was: Hidalgo County Auditor's Office.

2 Adoption of Minutes from April 01, 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 Mission made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, TxDOT seconded the motion, and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.***

3 Cost Over-Run

None at this time.

4 Approval of FY08-09 UPWP Amendment #2

(ACTION ITEM)

Mr. Canon stated that we had about \$266,000 that was going to carry over but we weren't sure if we were going to receive these funds. The MPO staff needed to obligate an additional \$405,468.00 so we did not risk losing the funds in FY2009. Mr. Canon stated that we will have another amendment in the near future to incorporate Transit Earmark funds. A spreadsheet was provided for everyone to review. ***The City of Edinburg made a motion to approve the FY08-09 UPWP Amendment #2. The City of McAllen seconded the motion, and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.***

5 Approval of CMP RFP

(ACTION ITEM)

Mr. Canon stated that the study includes two seasons: Winter and Summer 2009 Congestion Management Process. A copy of the RFP was included for review. MPO staff is requesting approval to release the RFP. ***TxDOT made a motion to approve the CMP RFP to be released. The City of Mercedes seconded the motion, and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.***

6 La Joya Loop & Mid Valley Connector Designation

(ACTION ITEM)

Mr. Canon stated that the MPO have received a request from the Hidalgo County Regional Mobility Authority to examine this item so they can move forward into their research. The first time it was brought to the committee but it was tabled at the TPC. The verbiage will be changed to read from Hidalgo County to Hidalgo County RMA. ***The City of McAllen made a motion to give the Hidalgo County RMA Designation of the La Joya Loop and Mid Valley Connector and make the change on the MTP. Hidalgo County seconded the motion, and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.***

7 Proposal of RGV MPO Consolidation

Mr. Canon stated that over a year ago the Advisory Committee and the Policy Committee both unanimously approved the HCMPO staff to examine the possibilities of consolidating the three (3) RGV MPO's into a single entity. The HCMPO staff with assistance from TxDOT and the Texas Transportation Institute has developed the attached draft proposal. Mr. Canon stated that if we were to combine all three (3) MPO's; we will receive more construction dollars and also be as big as Austin MPO. ***Reports only, no action taken at this time.***

8 Discussion of CAT 11 Funding by TxDOT

Melba Schaus, TxDOT, gave a brief presentation. She stated that each MPO will get about \$2 Million each but the Donna Bridge will also get \$2 million. She mentioned several projects that the TAC may want to consider which are: "I" Road, Westgate Drive and Sugar Road. Ms. Schaus stated that the TAC committee will need to recommend a plan to the TPC Board for adoption. This will be brought back to the TAC as an action item and make a recommendation to the TPC Board at the July Meeting. **Reports only, no action taken at this time.**

9 3 D Visualization

Mr. Canon presented the TAC members a 3D Visualization video. He stated that the MPO would like to invest in 3D Visualization and would like to know what projects will benefit from this types of tool. **Reports only, no action taken at this time.**

10 Staff Update

A. Calendar: May & April 2008

Mr. Canon stated that the MPO has another commercial that is currently running on cable TV. The MPO commercial was shown to everyone. He reminded everyone about the Context Sensitive Solution Meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, June 25th.

B. HCMPO Budget Update

Mr. Canon stated that the MPO's monthly budget was also included for everyone to review.

11 Old Or New Business

None at this time.

12 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.