

HIDALGO COUNTY MPO
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, February 13, 2007
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 MPO Office, 1801 South 2nd St., Suite 430, McAllen, TX.. Present were representatives from The Cities of Alamo, Edinburg, McAllen, Mercedes, Mission, Penitas and TxDOT. Ex-Offio members also in attendance were: Hidalgo County Auditor's Office, Fish & Wildlife and McAllen Transit.

2 Adoption of Minutes from January 09, 2007

(ACTION ITEM)

Mr. Canon asked if there were any changes and or corrections that needed to be made to the minutes. **The City of McAllen approved the minutes, The City of Mercedes seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.**

3 Cost Over-Run Project(s)

(ACTION ITEM)

Mrs. Robin Boone, TxDOT, stated that project FM 1924 is up for approval. FM1924: from FM 492 to SH107 with the cost difference of \$2,138,758. Attached are the specifications of the cost over-run project. Mrs. Boone stated that this project is going to over-run to CAT7. **The City of McAllen approved the Cost Over-Run Project FM1924, The City of Mission seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.**

4 2008 Project Selection Process (Video)

(ACTION ITEM)

Mr. Canon stated that this item is only for information purposes only. This video can be provided to anyone who wants one. There is also a link in the TxDOT website where you will be able to view the video. **Reports only, no action taken at this time.**

5 Discussion on TIP Project Selection

(ACTION ITEM)

Mr. Canon stated that some information has been provided for everyone to review. Once everyone has had a chance to review the attachments and then bring it back if anyone has any suggestions. After further discussion, a meeting was scheduled for Feb. 28, 2007. **Reports only, no action taken at this time.**

6 Multi-Modal – Safe Routes to School Program CALL

Mrs. Maria Champine stated that the program call is up and running. The deadline is in April. Mrs. Champine passed out some CD's from Wilbur-Smith to the cities & the county. The MPO will be setting up workshops in different locations. The workshops will begin in March. **Reports only, no action taken at this time.**

7 Review of CAT-7 Projects

After further discussion; this item will be brought back to the March 13th TAC Meeting.

8 Update on the Public Participation Plan

Mr. Canon stated that the attached information is only a draft. If anyone has any revisions and or recommendations please feel free to submit it to the MPO. **Reports only, no action taken at this time.**

9 CAT 2 Funding Review

Mrs. Boone, TxDOT, passed out 2 spreadsheets for everyone to review. Mr. Badiozzamani gave a brief description of the CAT 2 Funding Review. He also gave a brief back ground of CAT 2. Mr. Badiozzamani stated that Cameron County has been very receptive to raising the Bridge toll for transportation improvements. At this time, they are still discussing other alternative funding. He stated that Mario Jorge, TxDOT, will bring this up to the Policy members. That Hidalgo County will need to find other alternatives of innovative funding due to their being a shortage or no funds available. This item will be taken to the Policy Board for further review and advise them of where the Hidalgo County area stands regarding funds. Mr. Canon passed out the 4 innovative finance options that the MPO had presented to the Policy Board. **Reports only, no action taken at this time.**

10 Staff Update

A. Calendar: March & April

Mr. Canon stated that the Conference is coming along very good. If anyone would like to attend will need to register as soon as possible. We currently have 3 countries (US, Canada & Mexico) that will be attending and speaking.

11 Old or New Business

The City of Edinburg is requesting to add a project to the FY06-08 TIP. At this time, if any projects are added; we will need to remove an old project. Daniel Tijerina, City of Edinburg will be submitting a formal request to the MPO.

12 Adjourn

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

