

HIDALGO COUNTY MPO
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, June 13, 2006
1:30 PM

1 Roll Call

Mr. Andrew A. Canon called the meeting to order at 1:30 P.M. The Technical Advisory Committee Meeting was held at the TxDOT Office, 600 West Expressway 83, Pharr, TX. Present were representatives from The Cities of Edinburg, Hidalgo County, McAllen, Mission, Pharr, San Juan, TxDOT and Weslaco. Ex-Officio Members in attendance were: Hidalgo County Auditor's Office and LRGVDC Transit.

2 Adoption of Minutes from April 11, 2006

(ACTION ITEM)

Mr. Canon asked if there were any changes and or corrections that needed to be made to the minutes. Tammy Stone, TxDOT Austin, stated that there needed to be a change on the attendance list. We needed to add FHWA to the roll call list of attendees. **The City of Mission approved the minutes, TxDOT seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.**

3 Cost Over-Run Project(s)

(ACTION ITEM)

None at this time.

4 Innovative Financing Initiative #4 for TMMP

(ACTION ITEM)

Mr. Canon stated that previously we have been working on several methods for innovative financing. This new option will include an increase on registration fee between \$5 or \$10. This option will be taken to the Policy board for discussion. **The City of Mission approved the Innovative Financing Option to proceed and present it to the Policy Board, The City of Edinburg seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.**

5 FY 2030 MTP revisions

(ACTION ITEM)

Mr. Canon stated that there was a spreadsheet attached with a list of projects that need to be added to the MTP. There were several concerns regarding some of the projects listed. Raymond Sanchez, TxDOT, is going to follow-up with some information regarding the list of projects. **The City of Edinburg requested to table Item A and bring back next month for approval, The City of Mission seconded the motion. The City of Edinburg made a motion to table Item B and bring back next month for approval, The City of McAllen, seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.**

6 FY 2006 UPWP amendment

(ACTION ITEM)

Mr. Canon stated that this amendment is needed to allocate funds available to the HCMPO to assure no cost over runs, as well as allow staff to amend work task so that they properly reflect the tasks being preformed. There were several changes made on some tasks. Some were increased and some were reduced. The MPO is requesting approval to submit the document to the policy board and to TxDOT. **The City of McAllen made a motion to approve the FY06 UPWP and proceed to present to the Policy Board for approval, The City of Edinburg seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.**

7 Support of MOU between the City of Reynosa and the HCMPO (ACTION ITEM)

Mr. Canon stated that are going very well with between the City of Reynosa and the HCMPO. We are currently working together for the past 6 months. The MOU will built a connectivity between both areas. **The City of Mission made a motion to approve the MOU and present it to the Policy Board for approval, Hidalgo County seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.**

8 Planning Contract (ACTION ITEM)

Mr. Canon stated that we are currently working on an extended contract. This is the new updated contract and will need to be signed by the Policy Board Chairman, Mario Jorge, TxDOT, and the LRGVDC. Tammy Stone, TxDOT Austin, stated that there were several corrections that needed to be made before the contract was signed. **The City of Mission made a motion to approve the new Planning Contract with the corrections, The City of San Juan seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.**

9 Resolution to support a study for possible MPO Consolidation

Mr. Canon stated that this item is an update only. Mr. Canon stated that he gave a presentation to the Transportation Commission regarding the consolidation of all 3 MPO's here in the Rio Grande Valley. This is only a discussion item. There are several studies that are currently being made with all of the Pro's and Con's of having all of the 3 MPO's combined as 1.

10 Staff Update

A. Calendar: May & June
Reports only.

B. Staff Update

Mr. Canon presented Eric Quintana, Planner I, as the new MPO employee.

11 Old or New Business

Mrs. Maria Champine reminded everyone to sign up for the Scenario Planning workshop on June 21st at UTPA. Mr. Juan Lopez, City of Edinburg, stated that there will also be a planning workshop on June 23rd at Alamo City Hall. Mr. Srikanth Matta gave out a spreadsheet to everyone regarding the 2035 Network update. Every entity will need to turn in their information as soon as possible. **Reports only, no action taken at this time.**

12 Adjourn

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