

**HIDALGO COUNTY MPO
POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, October 19, 2006**

1 Roll Call

Chairman Leopoldo Palacios called the meeting to order at 5:40 P.M. The Policy Committee Meeting was held at the TxDOT Offices, 600 West Expressway 83, Pharr, TX. Present were representatives from The Cities of: Alamo, Alton, Edinburg, Hidalgo, Hidalgo County, Hidalgo County, La Joya, McAllen, Pharr, San Juan and TxDOT. Ex-Offio members present: LRGVDC Transit.

2 Citizen Input

Chairman Leopoldo Palacios asked if their was any citizen input. There being none, the chairman proceeded on to the next item.

3 Adoption of Minutes from September 28, 2006

(ACTION ITEM)

Chairman Leopoldo Palacios asked if there were any additions or corrections that needed to made. Their being none the chairman asked for a motion of approval. **The City of Edinburg made a motion for approval of the minutes, The City of La Joya seconded the motion, and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.**

4 Approval to enter into Contract with Carter Burgess

(ACTION ITEM)

Mr. Canon stated that last month Carter Burgess was the consultant that was selected to do the CMS Fall & Spring. At this time the MPO is seeking approval to go into contract with Carter Burgess. Mr. Canon stated that the this contract will have an extra 100 miles to the Spring CMS analysis. There will also be a change from 2 runs to 3 runs. **The City of Alton made a motion to approve to move foward and proceed to go into Contract with Carter Burgess, The City of Edinburg seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.**

5 Approval of FY2008-2011 TIP Addition

(ACTION ITEM)

Mr. Canon stated that Mr. Jacob Benfield, City of McAllen, gave a presentation last month. As per the request of the Policy Board; this item was tabled until the ITS Committee met and see if there were any other ways of funding this project. Mr. Canon stated that after further discussion with Mario Jorge; he is asking the board to table this item until the December Policy Meeting to review all of the information that has been provided to the MPO. **The City of Alamo made a motion to table this item and bring it back to the December Policy Meeting, The of Edinburg seconded the motion, and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.**

6 Discussion on ITS Sub-Committee

Mr. Canon stated that the City of McAllen & the MPO is scheduling an ITS Committee Meeting. At this time, an ITS meeting has been scheduled to meet the 1st Tuesday of every month. A memo has been sent out to the cities, Harl/ San Benito MPO & Bville MPO to participate. **Report only, no action taken at this time.**

7 Discussion on MTP & TIP update for June 2007

Mr. Canon stated that the Long Range Plan is due July 1, 2007. A meeting has been scheduled for October 30, 2006. The City of McAllen & TxDOT will also be providing information for any updates or additions. We encourage all the cities to participate in coming to the meetings. **Reports only, no action taken at this time.**

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8 Staff Update

A. Calendar: November & December

Due to the Holidays just around the corner; the November & December TAC & Policy meetings will be combined as 1 meeting. The Policy Meeting is scheduled to meet Thursday, December 14, 2006 @ 5:30 pm at TxDOT.

9 Off System Report

None at this time.

10 Letting Report

Reports only.

11 Old Or New Business

Mr. Canon stated that the MPO have created a survey and we will be at the Plaza Mall for 1 day and see if we can pass out the survey to the Hidalgo County residents.

12 Adjourn

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