

**HIDALGO COUNTY MPO**  
**POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**  
**Thursday, April 26, 2007**

**1 Roll Call**

Chairman Noe Garza called the meeting to order at 5:45 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, Edinburg, La Joya, McAllen, Pharr, Penitas, San Juan, Weslaco and TxDOT. ExOffio Members Present: LRGVDC Transit McAllen Transit and Hidalgo County RMA .

**2 Citizen Input**

Chairman Noe Garza asked if there was any citizen input. There being none, the chairman proceeded on to the next item.

**NOTE\*\*\*** Mr. Mario Jorge, TxDOT, gave a brief status report on Conditions of Tx Pavements. He also provided the members a handout of the report.

**3 Adoption of Minutes from March 22, 2007**

**(ACTION ITEM)**

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

**4 FY 2007 UPWP Amendment #1**

**(ACTION ITEM)**

Mr. Canon stated that there is a memo and a copy of the 07 UPWP. Mr. Canon stated that we are asking to modify the funding amount for computer purchases. We are moving everyone to laptops when we move to the new building. The MPO also needs to purchase furniture for when we move. The current furniture that we are using belongs to the Bank. Mr. Canon also stated that a separate billing code was added for Mary Escalona to use for the RMA. The RMA will be paying for her services for 10 hours a month. There were other minor changes made to the list of names for TAC and TPC members that represent the cities or county. **The City of Alamo made a motion to approve the FY2007 UPWP Amendment #1, The City of Edinburg seconded the motion, and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.**

**5 FY 2006-2008 TIP Amendment #4**

**(ACTION ITEM)**

Mr. Canon stated that there were several attachments that were provided for everyone to review. Mr. Canon stated that there were a couple of projects that were added on to the Transit TIP and the 06-08 TIP. The 30-day public involvement period has come to a close and we did not receive any input from the public. **The City of La Joya made a motion to approve the FY2006-08 TIP Amendment #4, The City of Edinburg seconded the motion, and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.**

**6 Adoption of FY 2008-2011 TIP**

**(ACTION ITEM)**

Mr. Canon stated that the FY08-11 TIP has been provided for everyone to review. The FY08-11 TIP needs to be adopted by the Policy Board before July 1, 2007 to be SAFETEA-LU compliant. A list of projects for the next four (4) yrs have also been attached. **The City of Alamo made a motion to Adopt the FY2008-2011 TIP, The City of Edinburg seconded the motion, and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.**

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7 **Designation of New Freedom and JARC**

**(ACTION ITEM)**

Ms. Marabeth Fryman gave a brief description of the New Freedom & JARC. We presented the Hidalgo County Policy Committee with a proposed resolution that stated the Lower Rio Grande Development Council will be designated recipient for Federal Transit Administration 5316 and 5317 grants. These grants consist of the job access and reverse commute programs and the new freedom programs. TxDOT has requested that a new method be in place where there a designated recipient was needed for those funds. We informed the committee that this is the recommendation of the Transit Advisory Panel. We informed the committee that the MPO will be in charge of the selection criteria and selection process, due to the LRGVDC is an eligible recipient. We then presented the selection criteria that the interested entities had created. **The City of McAllen made a motion approve the Designation of New Freedom and JARC, The City of La Joya seconded the motion, and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.**

8 **Staff Update**

**A. MPO Office Moving to Weslaco Location**

Mr. Canon stated that the new building has already begun construction and is scheduled to be finished by the end of July 2007. Mr. Canon asked for a consensus approval of MPO staff moving to the new Weslaco Office. Mr. Canon showed the members a few pictures of the new building. Mr. Canon also advised the board members that the TPC training has been moved to June 2007. A specific date will be given at a later date.

**B. Calendar: May & June 2007**

Mr. Canon stated that the MPO will be closed on May 28th for Memorial Day.

9 **Off System Report**

None at this time.

10 **Letting Report**

Reports only.

11 **Old Or New Business**

Mr. Jorge, TX DOT, stated that they had a really good Public Meeting in Santa Maria regarding Monte Christo Rd. There is going to be another Public Involvement meeting next week on Wednesday at the Elementary School located on Mile 4 in Edcouch.

12 **Adjournment**

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

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