

HIDALGO COUNTY MPO
POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, February 22, 2007

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, Edinburg, Hidalgo, Hidalgo County, La Joya, McAllen, Mercedes, Pharr, San Juan, Weslaco and TxDOT. ExOffio Members Present: LRGVDC Transit and Hidalgo County RMA .

2 Citizen Input

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

3 Adoption of Minutes from January 25, 2007

(ACTION ITEM)

Chairman Leopoldo Palacios 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 Edinburg made a motion for approval of the minutes, The City of Alamo seconded the motion, and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.**

4 Approval of Cost Over-Run Projects

(ACTION ITEM)

Mr. Mario Jorge, TxDOT, stated that he had estimated this project for about \$12.5 million but the \$13.3 million which is \$2,138,758 difference. Mr. Canon stated that the TAC committee reviewed the difference and are asking the policy board for approval. **The City of Edinburg made a motion to approve the Cost Over-Run Project: FM1924, from FM 492 to SH107 for the cost difference of \$2,138,758, The City of Mission seconded the motion, and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.**

5 Approval of CAT 2 Funding Review

(ACTION ITEM)

Mr. Jorge stated that the CAT 2 Funds are over drawn by \$90 million. There were 3 projects that needed to be removed in order to balance out the CAT 2 funding. Those projects were: Ware Road in McAllen, Shary Road in Mission (Bus. 83 to Mile 3) and 23rd St. in McAllen from Expressway to FM 1016. The City of Edinburg suggested that we have a special meeting to discuss and take action to approve any other alternative funding options that the MPO presented as innovative funding options. After further discussion, a special meeting was scheduled to meet on Thursday, March 1, 2007 at 5:45pm. **The City of La Joya made a motion to remove the 3 projects from the CAT 2 list: Ware Road in McAllen, Shary Road in Mission (Bus. 83 to Mile 3) and 23rd St. in McAllen from Expressway to FM 1016 , The City of McAllen seconded the motion, and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.**

The City of Edinburg made a motion for special Policy Committee Meeting on Thursday, March 01, 2007 at 5:30 pm for the consideration of the Innovative Funding Options, The City of Hidalgo seconded the motion, and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.

6 Multi-Modal Safe Routes to School Program Call

Mrs. Champine stated that we have just been notified by TxDOT that this program is up and running. A deadline to submit applications is May 25th. We have scheduled a workshop for March 01, 2007 at 1pm. We are asking that everyone work with your school district and there is also some literature provided for everyone to read. There is also a link provided better educate everyone on the program itself. **Reports only, no action taken at this time.**

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7 Update on the Public Participation Plan

Mrs. Champine stated that a copy of the plan is attached. We ask that everyone review the document and let us know if you have any comments or suggestions. The deadline to submit the plan is July 1, 2007. Which will go thru the process of a 45-day Public Input; which will start in April. **Reports only no action taken at this time.**

8 Staff Update

A. Calendar: March & April 2007

Mr. Canon stated that we did a proposal to the RMA for staff assistance. The RMA board is still considering all options and this time will be brought back when a final decision is made. The Border-to-Border Conference is coming together very good. We are looking at about 300 to 400 people in attendance.

9 Off System Report

None at this time.

10 Letting Report

Reports only.

11 Old Or New Business

None at this time.

12 Adjournment

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

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