

**HIDALGO COUNTY MPO
POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, June 22, 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, Hidalgo County, McAllen, Palmview, Peñitas, Pharr, San Juan, TxDOT and Weslaco. Ex-Offio members present: LRGVDC Transit, Hidalgo County RMA, Weslaco Economic Development, San Juan Economic Development, Gobrieno de Tamaulipas and Economic Development of Reynosa.

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 April 27, 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. **TxDOT made a motion for approval of the minutes, The City of Alamo seconded the motion, and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.**

4 Innovative Financing Initiative #4 for TMMP

(ACTION ITEM)

Mr. Canon stated that the MPO has brought 3 other options to the table. A new initiative brought today will be to increase the vehicle registration fees by \$5 - \$10. These funds will be moved into a Mobility fund. This option is only a discussion item. We will also be looking at other options. These funds can be used to on or off system projects. We will be bringing a presentation next month for a better view and discussion. **The City of Alamo made a motion to approve Innovative Financing Initiative #4 for TMMP, The City of Edinburg seconded the motion, and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.**

5 FY 2006 UPWP Amendment

(ACTION ITEM)

Mr. Canon stated that we had some funds from last year that we wanted to move onto this year. This adjustment will be all we need for this fiscal year. Mr. Canon stated that the largest adjustment was made because we are fully staffed. **The City of Weslaco made a motion to approve the FY2006 UPWP Amendment, Hidalgo County seconded the motion, and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.**

6 Signing of MOU between the City of Reynosa and the HCMPO

(ACTION ITEM)

Mr. Canon stated that for the last couple of months the MPO has been meeting with the City of Mexico and Reynosa to discuss a better communication between both areas. The purpose of the MOU will be that we will be sharing information regarding new upcoming transportation. The City of Reynosa Mayor Cabeza de Vaca and the Mexican Consultant were also in attendance. Mr. Cabeza de Vaca stated that he was honored to be there and to start a better line of communication and start a new venture together. Chairman Leo Palacios and Mayor Cabeza de Vaca proceeded to sign the MOU. **The City Edinburg made a motion to approve the MOU between the City of Reynosa and the Hidalgo County MPO, The City of Alamo seconded the motion, and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.**

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7 **Planning Contract**

(ACTION ITEM)

Mr. Canon stated that we currently have a contract between the MPO and LRGVDC. We are currently working on an extended contract. All parties have gone through the contract and have approved it. The TAC committee have reviewed and approved the contract and asked for some minor corrections to be made. **The City of Weslaco made a motion to approve the Planning Contract, Hidalgo County seconded the motion, and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.**

8 **Approval to proceed with the Multi-Modal Contract**

(ACTION ITEM)

Mr. Canon stated that several months ago we brought this item up for approval to go out for bids. Currently Wilbur-Smith has the contract and are reviewing it. We are currently asking for approval to move forward and proceed with the signing of the contract process. **The City of Weslaco made a motion to approve the Multi-Modal Contract, The City of Edinburg seconded the motion, and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.**

9 **Staff Update**

A. **Scenario Planning Workshop**

Mr. Canon stated that the workshop was held at UTPA. We appreciate everyone's help and participation. The MPO thanks Mr. Juan Lopez, City of Edinburg, for all of his help in coordinating this meeting.

B **Calendar: March & April**

Reports only.

NOTE** Mr. Canon stated the Hidalgo County MPO will be receiving an award from NADO. We submitted two applications for innovative awards. The MPO is receiving an award for our Land-Use Planning. Mr. Canon also stated that Time Warner Cable has given the MPO 2 sets of commercials. These commercials are going to be the one's that will be showing on cable TV. Mr. Canon also stated that the MPO currently has 2 new employees, Mr. Eric Peña, GIS Specialist, Mr. Eric Quintana, GIS Specialist and Mr. Luis Bazan, Planner II.

10 **Off System Report**

No reports at this time.

11 **Letting Report**

Reports only.

12 **Old Or New Business**

None at this time.

13 **Adjourn**

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