

HIDALGO COUNTY MPO
POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, May 24, 2007

1 Roll Call

Vice-Chairman Angie Garza called the meeting to order at 5:53 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, Mission and TxDOT. ExOffio Members Present: LRGVDC Transit.

2 Citizen Input

Vice-Chairman Angie 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 April 26, 2007

(ACTION ITEM)

Vice-Chairman Angie Garza stated that since there was not Quorum present; this item will be brought back next month for approval.

4 Discussion on the FY08-09 UPWP

(Discussion Item)

Mr. Canon stated that this was only an update. This document is going to be a 2-year plan. We have received feedback from Austin and made some suggestions. All of the suggestions have been implemented. MPO staff sent out a memo to all cities and requested for any call for projects. At this time; we have not received any suggestions. An updated FY08-09 UPWP was given to all of the members for review. Mr. Canon asked the Board members if anyone had any suggestions for the any new projects that needed to be done. No suggestions were given at this time. This document will be brought back in July 2007 for final approval. **Reports only, no action taken at this point.**

5 Update Public Participation Plan

(Discussion Item)

Mr. Canon stated that there have been some feedback locally and from Austin. All recommendations have been implemented. The requirement public involvement is 45 days only but we did it for 90 days. The TAC members have approved this document and is SAFETEA-LU compliant. We will bring this document back on June 2007 for approval. This document is due July 1, 2007. **Reports only, no action taken at this time.**

6 Staff Update

A. Reschedule the TPC Meeting to either Wed, June 27th or Thursday, June 21st

Mr. Canon stated that a TEMPO meeting has been scheduled for June 28th & 29th, 2007. MPO staff is requesting to move the June Policy Board Meeting to either, June 21st or June 27th, 2007. After further discussion; the board members voted to move up the June TPC meeting to Thursday, June 21, 2007. **Reports only, no action taken at this time.**

B. Calendar: June & July 2007

Mr. Canon stated that the MPO office will be closed on 4th of July. Mr. Canon showed pictures of the new MPO building. He also presented 2 new MPO staff members: Yadira Chavez, GIS Specialist and Dennis Stewart, GIS Specialist.

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7 **Off System Report**

JE Saenz gave a brief update on Sugar Rd. in Pharr/ Edinburg.

8 **Letting Report**

Reports only.

9 **Old Or New Business**

Mr. Mario Jorge, TxDOT, stated that a Toll Road will begin constructed in Falfurrias. Construction will begin in about 9 months. Ms. Angie Garza suggested that the TPC meeting be moved back to 5:30. After further discussion the meeting were scheduled to meet at 5:30 pm. Ms. Angie Garza suggested to the Board members that a list of non-attende entities be brought back for review. All non-compliant entities will be sent a memo notifying them of their disqualification and how they will be able to be re-instated.

10 **Adjournment**

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

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