

**HIDALGO COUNTY MPO**  
**POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**  
**Thursday, January 15, 2009**

1 **Roll Call**

Chairman Angie Garza called the meeting to order at 5:32 P.M. The Policy Committee Meeting was held at the HCMPO office, 510 South Pleasantview Drive, Weslaco, Texas. Present were representatives from The Cities of: Alton, Edinburg, La Joya, McAllen, Mercedes, Mission, Penitas, Pharr, San Juan, TxDOT, Weslaco, Hidalgo County RMA and LRGVDC Transit. Ex-Officio members present: McAllen Tranist.

2 **Citizen Input**

Chairman Angie Garza asked if there was any citizen input. Their being none, the chairman proceeded to the next item.

3 **Adoption of Minutes from December 11, 2008**

**(ACTION ITEM)**

*The City of Pharr made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. The City of Edinburg seconded the motion, and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.*

4 **Approval of MTP Amendment #6/ FY08-11 TIP**

**(ACTION ITEM)**

Ms. Maria Champine stated that the total project cost went up to a little over \$25 million and we are also adding Liberty Drive. Mr. Mario Jorge stated that the amount for the BSIF Pharr/ Reynosa project is only for construction costs. Ms. Champine stated that due to these changes we need to have an Amendment to the MTP and FY08-11 TIP. *The City of Edinburg made a motion to approve the FY08-11 TIP / MTP Amendment #6. The City of Weslaco seconded the motion, and upon a vote, the motion carried*

5 **Approval of Bylaw Amendment for Consultant Selection Process**

**(ACTION ITEM)**

Ms. Champine stated that at the last Policy Meeting the board preferred that the Bylaws for Consultant Selection Process be changed. The recommendation was to have at least 51% attendance at the Technical Advisory Committee during any Consultant Selection Process during the interview process. Ms. Champine stated that currently we have been having very good attendance at the TAC meetings. She advised the board members that a spreadsheet will be included in the Policy Packets every month that will have an TAC attendance. *The City of Weslaco made a motion to approve the Bylaw Amendment for Consultant Selection Process. The City of Edinburg seconded the motion, and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.*

6 **Discussion of FY2010-2013 TIP**

**(DISCUSSION ITEM)**

Ms. Champine stated that MPO staff attended a TEMPO meeting last week. She stated that the FY2010-2013 has been postponed statewide until after the Legislative session meets. This item will be brought at a later time. **Reports only, no action taken at this time.**

7 **Discussion of FY 2010-2035 MTP Update Workgroup**

Ms. Champine advised the board that for the first time the HCMPO is looking to go into contract for an RFP for the FY2010-2035 MTP. At this time, MPO staff is currently working on the verbiage and Public Meetings schedule. This item will be brought back for further discussion and to be approved by the policy board. Ms. Champine stated that about \$250,000 amount of funds have been allocated for the MTP in our UPWP. The Board Members requested that MPO Staff contact TTI and see if they are able to assist the MPO with the RFP. Ms. Champine stated that she will contact TTI and will let the board know of any results next month's Policy meeting. **Reports only, no action taken at this time.**

8 **Staff Update**

A. **Calendar:February & March 2009**

Ms. Champine stated that the MPO office will be closed for Presidents Day, Feb. 16, 2009. She noted that the MPO is scheduled to have their Federal Certification from Feb. 9-13, 2009.

B. **HCMPO Budget**

Reports only.

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

Policy Committee Minutes,  
Approved on:  
Thursday, February 26, 2009