HIDALGO COUNTY MPO
POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, February 26, 2009

1 ***Roll Call***

Chairman Angie Garza called the meeting to order at 5:37 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: Alamo, Alton, Edcouch, Edinburg, Hidalgo, La Joya, McAllen, Mission, Palmhurst, Penitas, Pharr, TxDOT, Weslaco, Hidalgo County RMA and LRGVDC Transit. Ex-Offio members present: McAllen Transit.

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 January 15, 2009*** **(ACTION ITEM)**

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

4 Executive Session (Year End Evaluation of Transportation Director) **(ACTION ITEM)**

Chairman Angie Garza stated that the Policy Board Members will need to go into Executive Session. ***The City of Alamo made a motion to go into Executive Session. The City of Edinburg seconded the motion and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.*** The audience was asked back into the conference room. ***The City of McAllen made a motion to come out of Executive Session. The City of Pharr seconded the motion and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.***

5 Approval of Economic Stimulus Package Project Submittal **(ACTION ITEM)**

Mr. Canon stated that several handouts were passed out for everyone to review. He stated that this attachments can be combined with item #8. He stated that the projects listed are ready to move forward. These projects are the ones that will be included with the TIP Amendment. Mr. Mario Jorge stated that the HCMPO will receive about $16.9 Million in Stimulus funds. Mr. Canon stated that the TAC Members have reviewed and approved the following list. ***The City of Edinburg made a motion to approve the list of Stimulus Projects as presented. The City of Alamo seconded the motion and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.***

6 Approval of Contract Negotiations with Selected Consultant for 2035 MTP Update

Mr. Canon stated that the TAC interviewed both Consultants: Kimley-Horn & Associates and Alliance Transportation Group. He stated that the TAC members had a standard of 10 questions that were asked to each consultant. He noted that Kimley-Horn received 1,235 points and Alliance Transportation Group received 1,190 points. He advised the board members that there was 51% of TAC Members present through the entire interview process. ***The City of Alamo made a motion to approve to go into Contract Negotiations with Kimley-Horn. The City of Edinburg seconded the motion and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.***

7 Approval of FY08-09 UPWP Amendment #4

Mr. Canon stated that we need to transfer funds from one account to another. This will be able to give the MPO enough funds for the MTP contract if one should be signed. ***The City of McAllen made a motion to approve the FY08-09 UPWP Amendment #4. The City of Weslaco seconded the motion and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.***

8 Approval of FY08-11 TIP Amendment #2

This item was combined and approved with item #5.

9 Discussion of HCMPO Travel Policy

Chairman Angie Garza stated that the Executive Committee will review all of the information and will give a report next month.

10 ***Staff Update***

A. Calendar: March & April 2009

Mr. Canon stated that some of the MPO GIS staff will be attending some training for TRANSCAD and Travel Demand in the month of March. He stated that this will be a very good training for the GIS staff. Mr. Canon stated that after further discussion with some of the board members; we will have the RMA give an update every month at the Policy Board Meetings.

B. HCMPO Budget

Reports only, no action taken at this time.

C. Update on 2035 MTP

Mr. Canon stated that a memo from TTI was provided for everyone to review. At the last meeting; it was discussed to look into and see if TTI would be able to assist with the MTP update. Mr. Canon stated that TTI would not be able to assist the MPO.

11 ***Off System Report***

None at this time

12 ***Letting Report***

Reports only.

13 ***Old Or New Business***

None at this time.

14 ***Adjournment***

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