

HIDALGO COUNTY MPO
POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, March 16, 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, Donna, Edcouch, Edinburg, Hidalgo, La Joya, McAllen, Mission, Penitas, TxDOT, Weslaco, Hidalgo County RMA and LRGVDC 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 February 26, 2009

(ACTION ITEM)

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

4 Approval of Economic Stimulus Package Project Submittal

(ACTION ITEM)

Mr. Andrew Canon stated that at the previous Policy meeting the committee selected "I" rd and Mile 2 North to be funded with ARRA Funds. The TAC committee have reviewed, selected and voted to approve to move forward with the following projects with Westgate, CSJ: 0921-02-184, Cost of \$3,863,988 million

SH107, CSJ: 0528-01-085, Cost of \$6,900,000 million

Mayor Norberto Salinas, Mission, requested further review and discussion to include US83 at Bryan Road, CSJ: 0039-17-167. Mario Jorge, TxDOT, gave a brief report on the status of certain projects. He stated that Bryan Road was eligible for the Stimulus Package Funds. After further discussion, the Board members requested to replace SH107 with Bryan Road. In total their will be four (4) projects that will be submitted for the Economic Stimulus Package.

Project #1 Westgate, CSJ: 0921-02-184

Project #2 Mile 2 North, CSJ: 0921-02-139

Project #3 "I" Road, CSJ: 0921-02-032

Project #4 US83 at Bryan Road, CSJ: 0039-17-167

TxDOT made a motion to approve the four (4) projects listed: Westgate, Mile 2 North, "I" Road and US83 at Bryan Road. The City of Alamo seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.

5 Vote to amend bylaws on Advisory Committee Chair position

(ACTION ITEM)

Mr. Canon stated that the revised Bylaws were provided for everyone to review. He stated that this item was only for review and discussion. He noted that this item will be taken to the TAC Committee for review and then bring back to the Policy for final approval. The City Edinburg made a motion to approve the updated verbiage and be taken to the TAC Committee for review and approval and then be brought back to the Policy for final approval. The City of Alamo seconded the motion, and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.

6 Discussion of HCMPO Director Organization Membership

Mr. Canon stated that the last Policy meeting during the Executive Session. The Board members requested a list of committees that Andrew serves on. He stated that this item was only for discussion and review. Reports only, no action taken at this time.

7 Staff Update

A. Calendar: March & April 2009

Mr. Canon stated that Maria, Brent and Fred will be attending a training workshop for GIS in Arizona next week. He stated that we will not have another meeting this month. He advised the board members that their will be a Pass Thru Finance Call Program.

B. HCMPO Budget

Reports only, no action taken at this time.

8 Off System Report

None at this time

9 Letting Report

Reports only.

10 HCRMA Update

Mr. Jacinto Garza, L & G Engineering, gave a brief update on the current status of the Hidalgo County Loop Project.

11 Old Or New Business

Mr. Canon briefly went thru the TAC attendance with the Board Members. He expressed the importance of having the entities attend the TAC Meetings.

12 Adjournment

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