

Hidalgo County Metropolitan Planning Organization
Transportation Policy Committee Meeting Minutes
March 18, 2010

TAB I ROLL CALL

- Chairman Noe Garza called the meeting to order at 5:30pm. The Transportation Policy Committee Meeting was held at the Hidalgo County MPO Office at 510 South Pleasantview Drive, Weslaco, Texas. Present were representatives from the Cities of: Alamo, Alton, Donna, Edcouch, Edinburg, Hidalgo, Hidalgo County, La Joya, McAllen, Mercedes, Mission, Palmhurst, Penitas, Pharr, San Juan, TxDOT, Weslaco, LRGVDC Transit and Hidalgo County RMA.

TAB II CITIZEN INPUT

- No one signed up at this time.

TAB III PRESENTATION / ACTION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A) Adoption of Minutes from:
February 18, 2010

- Chairman Noe Garza asked if there were any corrections to the minutes. No corrections were needed to be made to the minutes of February 18, 2010. *The City of Mercedes made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. The TxDOT seconded the motion and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.*

- B) Approval of CAT 7 Funds

- Chairman Noe Garza advised the Board members that the HCMPO staff have organized a brief presentation. Mr. Canon stated that at the past couple of Policy Meetings, the board has requested that CAT 7 Funds only be used for Off System Roads. He stated that a spreadsheet has been handed out to everyone for review. Mr. Canon stated that MPO staff requested project status reports from all of the entities a couple of weeks ago. He noted that only the cities of McAllen and San Juan were the only ones who responded or submitted a status report to staff. Mr. Canon stated that the draft Resolution has been posted for everyone to review. After further discussion, some of the Board members requested that some of the verbiage on the resolution be changed. Chairman Noe Garza stated that the board members will ALL need to approve the resolution as presented:

For Fiscal Year 2011 to 2035 –

- The entire Category 7 Funding Allocation be assigned to projects designated as Off-System; On-System projects to be approved on a **CASE-BY-CASE** basis by the Transportation Policy Committee Board.
- At least 25% of the less predictable funding allocations (i.e. Trends Modeling, indexing gasoline, etc.) also be assigned to Off-System projects with the remaining 75% assigned to On-System projects (State Roads)

The following procedures will be followed for distribution of projects for Fiscal Year 2011 to 2035:

- Each entity shall submit a Project Schedule, identifying when the projects will be ready to receive bids (env. clearance, ROW acquisition, and design)
 - Projects will be scheduled in accordance with timelines submitted by entities and financial constraints; however actual letting of the projects will be on a first come first served basis so that these projects that are ready can be let.
- *The City of Edcouch made a motion to approve Resolution 2010-02 Approval Of Category 7 Metro Mobility Funds Allocation. The City of Alamo seconded the motion and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.*

*Approved
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C) Update on TRENDS

- Mr. Andrew A. Canon briefly went through the program TRENDS. He stated that the program is currently on the HCMPO FTP site. Mr. Canon encouraged everyone to download the program from our site and become familiar with it. He also gave a brief power point presentation. **Reports only, no action was taken at this time.**

TAB IV STATUS REPORTS

- A. Calendar: April & May
 - Mr. Canon stated that some of the HCMPO staff will be attending the Coordinated Mobility: A Transportation Management Solution in Corpus Christi, Texas. He stated that he will be attending the Joint Finance & Transportation Meeting in Austin, Texas. Mr. Canon advised the members that the HCMPO Office will be closed on Monday, May 24, 2010 in observance of Memorial Day Holiday.
- B. HCMPO Budget Report
 - Mrs. Linda De La Fuente gave a brief update on the HCMPO budget.
- C. Legislative Update
 - Ms. Amanda Hernandez gave a brief update on Legislative bills.
- D. Scenario Planning
 - This item was not discussed at this time.
- E. Innovative Financing
 - This item was discussed with Item #3.B.

TAB V OFF SYSTEM REPORT

- No updates were given at this time.

TAB VI LETTING REPORT

- Reports only, no action was taken at this time.

TAB VII HCRMA REPORT

- No updates were given at this time.

TAB VIII HIDALGO COUNTY COMMUTER RAIL DISTRICT

- No updates were given at this time.

TAB IX LRGVDC TRANSIT

- No updates were given at this time.

TAB X McALLEN EXPRESS

- No updates were given at this time.

TAB XI OLD OR NEW BUSINESS

- No updates were given at this time.

TAB XII ADJOURNMENT

- *The City of Pénitas made a motion to adjournment. The Hidalgo County RMA seconded the motion and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.*

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