

Hidalgo County Metropolitan Planning Organization
Transportation Policy Committee Meeting Minutes
April 15, 2010

TAB I ROLL CALL

- Secretary Hector Palacios called the meeting to order at 5:38pm. 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: Donna, Edcouch, Hidalgo, Hidalgo County, McAllen, Mercedes, Mission, Pharr, TxDOT and LRGVDC Transit.

TAB II CITIZEN INPUT

- No one signed up at this time.

TAB III PRESENTATION / ACTION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

A) Adoption of Minutes from:

March 18, 2010

- Secretary Hector Palacios asked if there were any corrections to the minutes. No corrections were needed to be made to the minutes of March 18, 2010. *The City of Donna made a motion to approve the March 18, 2010 minutes as presented. The City of Edcouch seconded the motion and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.*

B) Review & Approval of Project Selection Criteria for Transit Funding.

- Mr. Andrew A. Canon, HCMPO, stated that application for JARC/ New Freedom Application were provided for everyone to review. He stated that the application is the same one from the previous one. Only minor changes were made. He advised the committee that the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council (LRGVDC) will be the recipient to receive the funds. Mr. Canon noted that every time a new Application is carried; we will need the board to approve the final application. Mr. Canon stated several of the Transit providers will be applying for funding *The City of Edcouch made a motion to approve the Project Selection Criteria for Transit Funding. The City of Donna seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.*

C) Approval of Kimley-Horn Time Extension

- Mr. Canon stated that Andrew Howard, Kimley-Horn & Associates, requested a 4 month time extension only. He advised the members that the time extension will not result in any budget modifications or amendments to the scope of services. He noted that Kimley-Horn will make a presentation to the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court on Tuesday, April 27th, Conduct a Preferred Scenario Workshop May 4th, Summary of Presentation to TPC May 20th, June 3rd Public Meeting, July 6th TAC workshop on Selection Criteria, August 3rd present full plan to TAC Committee and August 19th present full plan to TPC Committee for final approval. *The City of Mercedes made a motion to approve the Kimley-Horn Time Extension only. The City of Edcouch seconded the motion and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.*

D) On System Alternative Finance (TRENDS)

- Mr. Canon briefly went through the program TRENDS. He stated that staff has worked with the innovative funding model and has developed a scenario in which all of the on-system projects, with the exception of two (2) projects, could be funded in the adopted FY2035 MTP in December. He noted that staff will be providing a full walk through of the TRENDS process and presenting the information to the TPC for final approval at the May TPC Meeting. He stated that staff is looking for guidance from the members on how to continue developing the funding scenarios. The TPC members suggested for HCMPO staff to use TRENDS for the MTP, and to use \$0.10 fuel increase from FY2016, He advised the members that we have a short and the board will need to adopt the FY2011-2014 TIP at the May TPC and will need to be submitted by June 30, 2010. *Reports only, no action was taken at this time.*

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E) MTP Update-Project Status Information

- Mr. Canon stated that everyone was given several handouts to review. He noted that all of the off-system projects are listed as funded. Mr. Julio Cerda, City of Mission, stated that the current TIP resolution adopted back in 2005 states that projects need to meet a certain criteria. Mr. Canon noted that Resolution 2005-03 states: New projects for consideration must carry average daily traffic (ADT) warranting added capacity of 9000 Veh/day or more, have 100 % of Right of Way in place and environmental be completed. He advised the members that some of the cities have turned in updates. He noted that the cities of: Mercedes, San Juan, McAllen and Hidalgo County Precinct #1.

TAB IV STATUS REPORTS

A. Calendar: April & May

- Mr. Canon stated that some of the staff will be attending the Coordinated Mobility workshop in Corpus Christi, Texas on April 21st & 22nd. He advised the members that Judge Rene Ramirez has requested for him to attend the Joint Finance & Transportation Meeting in Austin, Texas on May 25th. He noted that the HCMPO office will be closed on May 31st for Memorial Holiday. Mr. Canon stated the Mr. Sooraz Patro has been given an opportunity to attend a workshop on GIS in Tempe, Arizona. Mr. Canon stated that the fees of attending the conference and hotel accommodations have been waived. If he should attend, the only fee that the MPO will have to pay is the per diem and flight. He noted that he currently has a flight credit from a meeting that was cancelled that he is going to use. *The City of Edcouch made a motion to approve the Out of State Travel for Mr. Sooraz Patro to attend a GIS Workshop in Tempe, Arizona. The City of Hidalgo seconded the motion and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.* Mr. Canon stated that he would like to attend the TRB meeting scheduled for September 2010 in Virginia. Mr. Canon noted TRB will be presenting an award for an article that was published. He noted that he also has a credit that he will use for this meeting. *The City of McAllen made a motion to approve Out of State Travel for Andrew to attend a TRB Meeting in Virginia. The City of Edcouch seconded the motion and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.*

B. Legislative Update / RTAP Update

- Ms. Amanda Hernandez gave a brief update.

C. HCMPO Budget Report

- Mr. Canon gave a brief update on the HCMPO budget.

D. Operational Improvements Criteria

- Mr. Sooraz Patro gave a brief update.

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

- Mr. Badiozzamani gave a brief update.

TAB VIII HIDALGO COUNTY COMMUTER RAIL DISTRICT

- No updates were given at this time.

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TAB IX LRGVDC TRANSIT

- Mr. Manuel Flores gave a brief update on LRGVDC Transit.

TAB X McALLEN EXPRESS

- Mr. Mario Delgado gave a brief update on McAllen Express.

TAB XI OLD OR NEW BUSINESS

- No updates were given at this time.

TAB XII ADJOURNMENT

- *The City of Donna made a motion to adjournment. The City of Edcouch seconded the motion and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.*

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