

Hidalgo County Metropolitan Planning Organization
Transportation Policy Committee Meeting Minutes
May 20, 2010

TAB I ROLL CALL

- Chairman Noe Garza 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: Alamo, Donna, Edinburg, Hidalgo, La Joya, Mission, Pharr, TxDOT, Weslaco, LRGVDC Transit and Hidalgo County RMA. Ex-Offio members present were: Hidalgo County Commuter Rail District.

TAB II CITIZEN INPUT

- No one signed up at this time.

TAB III PRESENTATION / ACTION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

A) Adoption of Minutes from: April 15, 2010

- Chairman Noe Garza asked if there were any corrections to the minutes. No corrections were needed to be made to the minutes of April 15, 2010. *The City of La Joya made a motion to approve the April 15, 2010 minutes as presented. The City of Alamo seconded the motion and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.*

B) Approval of CBI Funding Request

- Mr. Canon stated that the City of Pharr submitted a request to move some of funds they have identified on the Metropolitan Transportation Plan with the bridge expansion to other improvements at the Pharr Bridge. *The City of Alamo made a motion to approve the CBI Funding Request from the City of Pharr as presented. The City of Hidalgo seconded the motion and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.*

C) Approval of UPWP Amendment #1

- Mr. Canon stated that staff is requesting approval to revise the two-year budget. He noted that an additional \$662,416.90 in funds for the two-year budget. Mr. Canon stated that a memo from Mr. James Randall, TxDOT, was provided for everyone to review. *The City of La Joya made a motion to approve UPWP Amendment #1 as presented. The City of City of Alamo seconded the motion and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.*

D) FY2035 MTP Amendment (TRENDS)

- Mr. Canon stated that at the last policy meeting, staff was given guidance to continue with the TRENDS assessment and the .10 cent local gas tax. Attached is an MTP table that shows all of the projects that were lost in the reductions. He noted that TAC has reviewed the following projects that have been listed and he noted that these projects in the first four years of the MTP will essentially be the FY2011-14 TIP. Mr. Canon stated the updates that the entities submitted have been implemented. Mr. Canon asked the members if the entities that currently have projects listed in the first four years; if they would be able to come up with an additional five (5) percent. Mayor Norberto Salinas, Mission, and Mayor Leopoldo Palacios, Pharr, stated that their cities would find a way to commit to an additional five (5) percent in order for their projects to move forward. *The City of Donna made a motion to approve FY2035 MTP Amendment (TRENDS) as presented with the local entities contributing an additional five (5) percent. The City of La Joya seconded the motion and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.*

E) FY2011-2014 TIP Development

- This item was discussed and approved during TAB III item D.

F) Monthly Letting Update

- Mr. Canon stated that TxDOT provided a spreadsheet that lists all of the projects that have been let. He noted that there were no projects let in Hidalgo County. *Reports only, no action taken at this time.*

G) Thoroughfare Update

- Mr. Fred Villarreal stated a letter will be sent out to the cities requesting a resolution of support for the Thoroughfare Map. *Reports only, no action taken at this time.*

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TAB IV STATUS REPORTS

- A. Calendar: June & July 2010
 - o Mr. Canon stated that some of the HCMPO staff will be attending the Coordinated Mobility: A Transportation Management Solution in Corpus Christi, Texas in late June. 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 next Monday, May 24, 2010 in observance of Memorial Day Holiday. Mr. Rudy Villarreal gave a brief update on Pavement Management System. Ms. Mary Escalona reminded everyone if their city council have changed; they will need to submit an updated Proxy and will need to submit updated affidavits.
- B. HCMPO Budget Report
 - o Ms. Amanda Hernandez gave a brief update on the HCMPO budget.
- C. Legislative Update
 - o Ms. Amanda Hernandez gave a brief update on Legislative bills.
- D. Scenario Planning
 - o This item was not discussed at this time.
- E. Innovative Financing
 - o 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

- Mr. Jim Edge gave a brief update.

TAB IX LRGVDC TRANSIT

- Mr. Manuel Flores gave a brief update.

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

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