

HIDALGO COUNTY MPO
POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, May 21, 2009

1 **Roll Call**

Chairman Angie Garza called the meeting to order at 5:34 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: Alton, Donna, Edinburg, Hidalgo, Hidalgo County, McAllen, Mercedes, 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 April 16, 2009**

(ACTION ITEM)

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

4 **Executive Session - Director Evaluation**

(ACTION ITEM)

Chairman Angie Garza requested for all of the board to go into Executive Session. *The City of Edcouch made a motion to go into Executive Session. The City of Hidalgo seconded the motion and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.* Chairman Angie Garza requested that the Board come back from Executive Session. *The city of Hidalgo made a motion to come back from Executive Session. The City of Alamo seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.* This item was tabled and will be brought back when more information is gathered.

5 **Approval of Bylaw Amendment**

(ACTION ITEM)

Mr. Andrew Canon stated that the additions were added from the request of the MPO Certification. He stated that Item #K, Conflict of Interest, was added in compliance with Chapter 472 of the Texas Transportation Code and Chapter 171 of the Texas Local Government Code. *The City of Alamo made a motion to approve the Bylaws as presented. The City of Hidalgo seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.*

6 **Update on 2030 MTP**

Mr. Canon stated that the HCMPO is updating the Long Range Plan. MPO Staff is coordinating with Kimley-Horn to gather data and provide to them all the necessary tools to effectively assist us in our Long Range Plan. He stated that staff is requesting information from all of the entities. *Reports only, no action taken at this time.*

7 **FY2010-2011 UPWP Call for Projects**

Mr. Canon stated that we have requested a Call for Projects from all of the entities to be put in the FY2010-2011 UPWP. He asked the board members to remind their staff. *Reports only, no action taken at this time.*

8 **Thoroughfare Plan Update**

Mr. Brent Cochran stated that he has received some feedback from several cities. He stated that the City of McAllen has implemented and adopted a policy within their Commission. He stated that once all of the information is inputted; MPO staff will need to ask each entity for a resolution of support and also be presented at the Hidalgo County Commissioner's Court for adoption. *Reports only, no action taken at this time.*

9 **Staff Update**

A. **Calendar: May & June 2009**

Mr. Canon stated that he will be out of town on May 11th to attend a seminar in San Antonio. He also reminded the board that the MPO office will be closed on May 25th for Memorial Holiday. He also reminded the board that a Planning Training Course has been scheduled for June 16-18th.

B. **Legislative Update**

Ms. Jamie Keshav gave a brief Legislative Update. She stated that if anyone would like further information; they can meet with her after the meeting.

C. **Sub-Committee(s) Update**

D. HCMPO Budget

Reports only, no action taken at this time.

10 **Off System Report**

None at this time

11 **Letting Report**

Reports only, no action taken at this time.

12 **HCRMA Update**

None at this time

13 **Old Or New Business**

None at this time.

14 **Adjournment**

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

Attest:

Diana Martinez, Secretary