

Hidalgo County Metropolitan Planning Organization  
Transportation Policy Committee Meeting Minutes  
June 17, 2010

**TAB I ROLL CALL**

- Chairman Noe Garza called the meeting to order at 5:35pm. 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, Edcouch, Edinburg, Hidalgo County, McAllen, Mercedes, Mission, Palmhurst, Pharr, San Juan, TxDOT, Weslaco and LRGVDC Transit. 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: May 20, 2010
- Chairman Noe Garza asked if there were any corrections to the minutes. No corrections were needed to be made to the minutes of May 20, 2010. ***The City of Mission made a motion to approve the May 20, 2010 minutes as presented. The City of Alamo seconded the motion and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.***
- B) Approval of FY2010-2035 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Amendment #1
- Mr. Juan Lopez, TAC Chairman, gave a brief update on the process that was taken within the last 3 months with regards the MTP. He noted that every city was given the opportunity to turn in their projects for approval. He stated that each city also turned in the status of their projects that were going to be considered. He stated that staff was instructed to take a look at the funding for each year. Mr. Lopez stated that the TAC Members have reviewed all of the projects currently listed and have approved the list as presented. Mr. Canon stated that a 60-day Public Involvement was done for both the MTP and TIP. ***The City of Alamo made a motion to approve the FY2010-2035 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) as presented. The City of Mission seconded the motion and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.***
- C) Approval of FY2011-2014 TIP
- Mr. Canon stated that this item was discussed with item III. B. Mr. Canon stated that the TAC committee also approved the list provided for everyone to review. He noted that the first four years of the MTP was the FY2011-14 TIP. ***The City of Weslaco made a motion to approve FY2011-2014 TIP as presented. The City of Mission seconded the motion and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.***
- D) Approval of UPWP Amendment #1
- Mrs. Linda de la Fuente stated that staff submitted a previous amendment last month for the FY2011-11 UPWP Amendment #1. She noted that work order #5 was generated twice. Due to this miscalculation to the HCMPO budget a revision needed to be made. She stated that last month approved budget wasn't submitted to TxDOT or Austin for approval. She noted that the miscalculation on FY2010 UPWP included 2009 carry-over in the amount of \$446,907.50. The correct additional funding available for FY2010-11 is \$195,000, amount that has been reflected in the attached FY2010-11 UPWP amendment #1 documents. She noted that the TAC Committee reviewed and approved the correction at the June 1<sup>st</sup> meeting. ***The City of Alamo made a motion to approve UPWP Amendment #1 as presented. The City of City of Donna seconded the motion and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.***
- E) Discussion on TIGER II Grant Projects
- Ms. Amanda Hernandez stated that the HUD Grant will be scheduled for sometime in July 2010. She noted that when the information is given to staff; a notice will go out to all entities. Ms. Hernandez stated that staff received 16 projects and has reviewed these projects on the TIGER II Interim Notice of Funding Availability Selection Criteria. She stated that the TAC Committee reviewed all of the projects but did not make any recommendations. Mr. Canon noted that even if the cities did not meet the criteria that was required, they are still able to apply for the grant on their own. ***Reports only, no action taken at this time.***
- F) Monthly Letting Update
- No reports were given at this time.

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#### TAB IV STATUS REPORTS

**A. Calendar: June & July 2010**

- Mr. Canon stated that some of the HCMPO staff will be attending the TxDOT Planning Conference in Bastrop, Texas in late June. He noted that the HCMPO Office will be closed on Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> of July. He also noted that staff is working on the Pavement Management System and the cities will be receiving a memo from staff requesting information.

**B. Legislative Update**

- No Reports were given at this time.

**C. HCMPO Budget Report**

- Mrs. Linda de la Fuente gave a brief update on the HCMPO budget.

**D. Operational Improvements Criteria**

- Mr. Canon stated that a meeting will be scheduled for July 2010. The date has not been confirmed but an email will be sent out with all of the information.

**E. Thoroughfare Plan Update**

- Mr. Canon stated that a memo has been sent out to all of the entities requesting a resolution of support from the city commissions. Staff is asking for assistance to acquire the resolutions needed from each city as soon as possible. He noted that the resolution will be included when the Final Map is presented to the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court for Final Approval. **Reports only, no action taken at this time.**

**F. Public Involvement Meetings (TIP, MTP & Scenario Planning)**

- Mr. Canon stated the public meetings went very well.

**G. Travel Authorization**

- Mr. Canon stated that he is requesting approval to attend the AMPO Conference in St. Louis, MO. He stated that Linda de la Fuente and he would like to attend. He noted that if approved, the October Policy Meeting will need to be moved back by one (1) week in order for him to attend. **The City of Donna made a motion to approve the travel request for Andrew A. Canon and Linda de la Fuente to attend the AMPO Conference in St. Louis, MO. The City of Alamo seconded the motion and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.**

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

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