

HIDALGO COUNTY MPO
POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, September 18, 2008

1 Roll Call

Chairman Angie Garza called the meeting to order at 5:36 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: Alamo, Edcouch, Edinburg, Hidalgo, La Joya, McAllen, Penitas, 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 August 21, 2008

(ACTION ITEM)

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

4 Approval of UPWP Amendment #3

(ACTION ITEM)

Ms. Maria Champine stated that the staff has been revisions to the UPWP to fulfill request made by TxDOT TPP on how the funding summaries are shown. Staff is also moving funding within the budget and adding verbiage to address the need to purchase three (3) additional tower workstations for the GIS staff. Staff is attempting to meet the requirements of SAFETEA-LU with better visualization techniques and prepare for our modeling process; however our current workstations seriously limit the GIS staff abilities. Although funds were moved internally, no additional funds were programmed or reduced and there were no reduction or additions in work to be performed by staff. ***The City of Edinburg made a motion to approve the UPWP Amendment #3 as presented. The City of Alamo seconded the motion, and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.***

5 Approval of CMP Consultant

Ms. Maria Champine stated that the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) proceeded with the process of evaluating the consultants that submitted a proposal for the CMP. Each consultant was given ample time to give their presentation to the TAC members and were asked a series of interview questions by TAC Members only. The scores were tallied after the meeting in private. Staff is requesting approval to move forward and begin contract negotiations with the selected firm. After further discussion; the Board members discussed the evaluation process and the RFP. The Board members requested that some of the verbiage on the RFP be changed and be the draft RFP with changes be brought back to the October Policy Meeting for further discussion. ***The City of Edinburg made a motion to approve the CMP Consultant. The City of Alamo seconded the motion, and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.***

6 UTP Backlog Listing

Ms. Maria Champine stated that staff is seeking input from all of the members to address a request by TxDOT to create a UTP "backlog" list of projects. This list is to be prepared and submitted to TxDOT by November 1, 2008. The list is in case funding should become available and the amount attributed to the HCMPO is \$130 million. A list of projects for review for the backlog list is attached. ***Reports only, no action taken at this time.***

7 Update from TxDOT

Mr. Mario Jorge gave a brief update on some meetings that he has attended in Austin.

8 Staff Update

A. Calendar: September & October 2008

Ms. Champine stated that Andrew will be in Alaska for the NADO Conference. She stated that at next month's Policy Meeting the board will need to select date for the November and December Meeting.

B. HCMPO Budget

No discussion.

9 Off System Report

None at this time

10 Letting Report

Reports only.

11 Old Or New Business

Ms. Champine reminded all of the Board members about the registration for the Border-To-Border Conference in November. She thanked everyone for their help in funding the conference.

12 Adjournment

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

Policy Committee Minutes,

Approved on:

Thursday, October 16, 2008