

*HIDALGO COUNTY MPO
POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, October 15, 2009*

TAB I 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: Alamo, Donna, Edcouch, Edinburg, Hidalgo, La Joya, La Villa, McAllen, Mercedes, Palmhurst, Penitas, Pharr, TxDOT, Hidalgo County RMA and LRGVDC Transit.

TAB II CITIZEN'S INPUT

Chairman Angie Garza asked if there was any citizen input. Their being none, the chairman proceeded to the next item.

TAB III PRESENTATIONS / ACTION/ DISCUSSION ITEM (S) (ACTION ITEM)

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 17, 2009 - Chairman Angie Garza asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of September 17, 2009. None were noted. **The City of Hidalgo made a motion to approve the minutes of September 17, 2009 as presented. The City of Donna seconded the motion, and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.**

B. ARRA PLAN "B" PROJECT (S) (ACTION ITEM)

Mr. Andrew Canon noted that at the last TAC Meeting a spreadsheet with ten options was presented to the committee and it was the consensus of the members present to recommend to the TPC Members, Option #1 of the HCMPO ARRA Projects. The TAC Members were also asked to prioritize projects from other options in case a project from option #1 was not ready to be let by March 1, 2010 and they are as follows: 1) If Westgate is not ready to let by March 1, 2010, FM 3461 from "I" Rd East to FM 1426 will be let in its place; and 2) If Business 83 is not ready to let by March 1, 2010, SH 107, SH 107 from FM 495 North to FM 1924 will be let in its place. City of Hidalgo had a concern with these projects been proposed, are they ready. Mr. Ellington noted that FM 3461 is pending the Environmental Study; Sugar Road -pending Public Hearing; Westgate still pending minor items; and Business 83, should be ready before the let date. All these projects should be ready prior to the let date. No further discussion took place on this item, **the City of Alamo made a motion to approve Option #1 as recommended by the TAC Committee. The City of Edinburg seconded the motion, and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.**

C. ACCEPTANCE OF THE TOTAL PROJECT COST (ACTION ITEM)

Mr. Andrew Canon noted that at the last TAC meeting, it was the consensus to recommend to the TPC members the percentages from the adopted FY 2008-2011 TIP be used to determine the Year of Expenditure of the projects in the 2010-2035 MTP. The percentages are as follows: 1) Preliminary Engineering - 4.9%; Indirect Cost - 4.7%; ROW - 10% - 12%; 2) Construction Engineering: <\$1m =9%; \$1m- \$5m= 6%; \$5m - \$25m= 5% ; >\$25m= 4%; and 3) Contingencies: <\$1m= 8%; \$1m-\$5m=7% ; \$5m - \$25M = 7%; >\$25m = 6%. No discussion took place on this item; **the City of Edinburg made a motion to approve the Acceptance of the Total Project Cost as recommended by the TAC Committee. The City of Alamo seconded the motion, and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.**

D. FY 2008 - 2011 TIP REVISION(S) (ACTION ITEM)

Mr. Andrew Canon noted that at the last TAC Meeting, members recommended to add to the FY 2008-2011 TIP projects from Option One of the spread sheet provided to them, as well as to prioritize the projects selected. The TAC members recommended the following: 1) Sugar Rd from Owassa to Sioux Rd; 2) SH107 from FM 495 to FM1924; 3) FM3461 from "I" Rd East to FM 1426; 4) US 83 at Bryan Rd; 5) SH 364 from FM1924 to FM 676; and 6) FM 396 from 1.6 miles South of US 81 to .10 miles of South US 83. Mr. Canon informed the TPC Committee members present that he had spoken to TxDOT after the TAC Meeting had taken place and informed members present that because items 1 and 2 did not fall under the ARRA or Stimulus criteria, they could not be considered under the FY 2008-2011 TIP Revisions and would be removed. However, items 1 and 2 would be placed under the "For Information Only Group Category Projects" section. When and if funds are available, these projects would be considered. No further discussion took place on this item, **the City of Mercedes made a motion to approve the projects from Option One as recommended by the TAC Committee with the exception/removal of item 1 and 2. The City of Pharr seconded the motion, and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.**

Staff UpdateA. 2010 - 2035 MTP UPDATE

Mr. Canon gave a brief update on the 2010-2035 MTP Project as follow: Staff is still working on 2010-2035 MTP Project Modal, staff also continue working on the forecast, if by the end of the year the new modal is not ready, staff will continue to work with the 2030 Modal Project. Mr. Canon also informed the TPC members that the TAC Members will be meeting twice a week for the rest of the year, dates are as follows: October 22, 2009, November 3 and November 17 and December 3, 2009. Staff will email everyone with times and locations. *Report only, no action taken at this time.*

B. CALENDAR(S): OCTOBER, NOVEMBER & DECEMBER 2009

Mr. Canon informed the TPC members present that he will not be attending the AMPO Annual Conference to be held in George in October, Ms. Champine will be attending and she will be out from October 27- 30, 2009. *Report only, no action taken on this item.*

C. HCMPO BUDGET REPORT

Mr. Canon briefly went through the HCMPO budget report. *Reports only, no action taken at this time.*

12 Off System Report

None at this time

13 Letting Report

Reports only, no action taken at this time.

14 HCRMA Update

Mr. Salazar noted that he had no HCRMA updates at this time.

15 Old Or New Business

Mario Jorge, TxDOT Representative informed members present, that TxDOT will be sending out surveys to all the cities regarding TxDOT's performance and measures. Mr. Jorge asked that each city please fill-out the surveys and return them as soon as possible. *Report only, no action taken at this time.*

16 ADJOURNMENT

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

ATTEST:

Diana Martinez, Secretary