

HIDALGO COUNTY MPO
POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, October 16, 2008

1 **Roll Call**

Chairman Angie Garza called the meeting to order at 5:39 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, Edinburg, La Joya, Palmhurst, Penitas, Pharr, TxDOT, Weslaco, Hidalgo County RMA and LRGVDC Transit. Ex-Offio Members Present: McAllen 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 September 18, 2008**

(ACTION ITEM)

The City of Weslaco 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 **Approval of MTP**

(ACTION ITEM)

Mr. Andrew Canon stated that a handout was passed out for everyone to review. He briefly went through the list to show what changes needed to be made. He stated that their were only minor administrative changes. *The City of Alamo made a motion to approve the MTP as presented. The City of Pharr seconded the motion, and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.*

5 **Discussion of RFP**

Mr. Canon stated that a copy of the RFP is included for everyone to review. He stated that at last months Policy Meeting their were some discussions and concerns that the Policy Board members had. Mr. Canon briefly gave an explanation as to what was the RFP process prior to getting final approval. After making some suggestions to the Board members; they recommended this item be taken to the Technical Advisory Committee to review the RFP and make some changes to the RFP process. **Reports only, no action taken at this time.**

6 **Discussion of Transit TIP**

Mr. Canon stated that this item was only for information purposes only. FHWA has been working with MPO's to establish a template for listing highway projects in the Transportation Improvement Program. An attached excel sheet was provided for everyone to review. **Reports only, no action taken at this time.**

7 **Update from TxDOT**

Mr. Jody Ellington stated that a Town Hall Meeting was being scheduled to meet on Wednesday, November 5, 2008 at South Texas College in McAllen, Texas.

8 **Staff Update**

A. **Calendar: November & December 2008**

Mr. Canon reminded everyone about the Border to Border Conference scheduled for November 18-20, 2008. He also introduced Mr. Brent Cochran as the newest MPO GIS employee.

B. **HCMPO Budget**

Reports only.

9 **Off System Report**

None at this time

10 **Letting Report**

Reports only.

11 **Old Or New Business**

None at this time.

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.