

*HIDALGO COUNTY MPO
POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, December 10, 2009*

TAB I ROLL CALL

Chairman Angie Garza called the meeting to order at 5:41 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 County, La Joya, La Villa, McAllen, Mercedes, Mission, Penitas, Pharr, San Juan, TxDOT, Weslaco 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 October 15, 2009 - Chairman Angie Garza asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of October 15, 2009. None were noted. **The City of Alamo made a motion to approve the minutes of October 15, 2009 as presented. The City of Edinburg seconded the motion, and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.**

B. Establishment of Edcouch Voting Privileges

(ACTION ITEM)

Mr. Andrew Canon stated that in compliance to the current Hidalgo County MPO Bylaws the City of Edcouch has been present for the past four (4) Policy meetings. Therefore the City of Edcouch has established voting privileges. No further discussion took place on this item, **the City of Alamo made a motion to approve establish Voting Privileges to the City of Edcouch. The City of Edinburg seconded the motion, and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.**

C. BYLAW AMENDMENT

(ACTION ITEM)

Mr. Andrew Canon stated that a spreadsheet was provided for everyone to review. He noted that the TAC members recommended that the current Bylaws needed to be more specific in reference to attendance. He noted that the Policy Member needed to be present four (4) consecutive meetings in order to regain full voting privileges. Mr. Canon stated that after an entity is absent four (4) consecutive times a memo will be sent to the entity by the HCMPO Transportation Director and on the fifth (5) absent a memo will be sent by the Policy Chairman. No further discussion took place on this item; **the City of Edinburg made a motion to approve the Bylaw Amendment. The City of Alamo seconded the motion, and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.**

D. Enhancement Project Support

(ACTION ITEM)

Mr. Andrew Canon noted that eleven (11) requests have submitted a resolution of support for the 2009 Enhancement Project. He stated that the cities of: McAllen (2), Edinburg (2), San Juan, Mercedes, Mission, Hidalgo, UTPA and Pharr (2) have all submitted requests for support. He noted that each entity will be submitting their application to TxDOT for approval. He noted that a resolution will be provided to everyone and a letter to TxDOT will also be provided. No further discussion took place on this item, **the City of Edinburg made a motion to approve Enhancement Project support to the cities of: McAllen (2), Edinburg (2), San Juan, Mercedes, Mission, Hidalgo, UTPA and Pharr (2). The City of Donna seconded the motion, and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.**

E. FY2035 MTP Adoption

Mr. Canon stated that an updated MTP spreadsheet was provided for everyone to review. He noted that staff has been updating the spreadsheet for the past couple of weeks. He stated that the TAC Members have reviewed the spreadsheet and have submitted in their comments. Mr. Canon noted that the spreadsheets is currently a working document and is still being revised. No further discussion took place on this item, **The City of Edinburg made a motion to approve the FY2035 MTP Adoption and give MPO staff the authority to make any final changes that need to be made. The City of Edcouch seconded the motion and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.**

F. Officer Elections

Mr. Canon stated that Commissioner Angie Garza, City of La Joya, has served as Policy Committee Chairman for the past two years. He noted that effective January 1, 2010 new officers will need to be in place for the next two years. He noted that Mayor Pro-Tem Noe Garza will move up from Vice-Chairman to Chairman and Mayor Pro-Tem Diana Martinez will move up from Secretary to Vice-Chairman and a new Secretary will need to be elected. No further discussion took place on this item, *The City of Edcouch made a motion to approve the new elections as followed: Mayor Pro-Tem Noe Garza as Chairman, Mayor Pro-Tem Diana Martinez as Vice-Chairman and Commissioner Hector Palacios as Secretary. The City of San Juan seconded the motion and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.*

Mayor Pro-Tem Noe Garza, City of Edinburg, took over the meeting in
Note *** progress as the new Policy Committee Chairman

G. Annual Project Listing

Mr. Canon stated that an updated Annual Project Listing was provided for everyone to review. He stated that this document is submitted to TxDOT every year. He noted that in the back of the packet an updated map was provided. Mr. Canon stated that this item is only for discussion and update purposes. No action is needed at this time.

TAB IV STATUS REPORT-

DISCUSSION ITEM(S)

Staff Update

A. 2009 Annual Expenditure Report

Mr. Canon stated that this is the final 2009 Annual Expenditure Report. He stated that this report is turned in to TxDOT at the end of the year. He stated that this is a more detail report that is given every month on the budget for the MPO. No action taken at this time.

B. Ethical Standards Affidavits

Mr. Canon stated that this is only a reminder. He noted that Mary Escalona has affidavits ready for anyone that would want to sign off at the end of the meeting. He stated that all affidavits needed to be turned in prior to the January 21st Policy Meeting. No action was taken at this time.

C. Calendar: January & February

Mr. Canon stated that in January MPO staff will be attending the Texas Transportation Forum in Austin. He noted that he will also be attending a TRB meeting in Washington, DC in January. He noted that the MPO offices will be closed on Monday, January 18, 2010 for Martin Luther King Jr.

D. HCMPO Budget Report

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

E. Hidalgo County Commuter Rail District

Mr. Canon stated that Mr. Godfrey Garza, Hidalgo County Commuter Rail District Chairman, stated that he is seeking representation at the TAC and Policy Meetings. He stated that this item is only for informational purposes and will be brought back to the January TAC and Policy Meeting for final approval. *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

No report was given at this time.

15 Old Or New Business

None at this time.

16 ADJOURNMENT

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

ATTEST:

Diana Martinez, Secretary