

HIDALGO COUNTY MPO
POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, February 21, 2008

1 Roll Call

Chairman Angie Garza called the meeting to order at 5:33 P.M. The Policy Committee Meeting was held at the TxDOT Offices, 600 West Expressway 83, Pharr, TX. Present were representatives from The Cities of: Alamo, Edinburg, La Joya, McAllen, Mission, Pharr, San Juan, Weslaco and TxDOT. ExOffio Members Present: Hidalgo County RMA and LRGVDC Transit.

2 Citizen Input

Chairman Angie Garza asked if there was any citizen input. Jessie Medina, City of Pharr, presented a memo on behalf of the City of Pharr in reference to the Resolution of Support for the Anzalduas International Bridge. Mr. Medina stated that the City of Pharr asked the committee not to support the Anzalduas International Bridge project. He stated that this project would not benefit the City of Pharr. Mr. Medina submitted the memo from the City of Pharr into the record.

3 Adoption of Minutes from January 24, 2008

(ACTION ITEM)

Vice Chairman Angie Garza asked if there were any additions or corrections that needed to be made. There being none the chairman asked for a motion of approval. **The City of Alamo made a motion to approve the minutes, The City of Edinburg seconded the motion, and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.**

4 Approval of Resolution of Support for the Anzalduas International Bridge

(ACTION ITEM)

Mr. Carlos Garza, International Bridge Chairman, gave a brief summary to the Board to approve the resolution to support any and all initiatives as a part of a continuing, cooperative and comprehensive plan that will alleviate and assist in the reduction of congestion at any and all international crossings. Mayor Leopoldo Palacios, City of Pharr, expressed his concerns and opposed the approval of the resolution. Mr. Jesus Medina, City of Pharr, briefly stated that giving two bridges access for commercial crossings will weaken security and manpower the inspection of through traffic. After further discussion Chairman Angie Garza asked the board for a vote. **The City of McAllen made a motion to approve the Resolution, The Cities of Mission, San Juan, Weslaco and TxDOT seconded the motion, The Cities of Pharr, Alamo and Edinburg opposed the motion, and upon a vote, the motion carried.**

5 Update on "I" Road

Mr. Andrew A. Canon stated that the Technical Advisory Committee reviewed the TIP and were unable to include this project into the FY08 TIP. The TAC will be discussing this project at next month's meeting. Mr. Mario Jorge, TxDOT, stated that the FY08 TIP will need to be updated this summer. During this time; we will have a better understanding of where we are in funding. **Reports only, no action taken at this time.**

6 Discussion on APER Amendment

Mr. Andrew A. Canon stated that at last month's meeting we gave an update. Mr. Canon stated that the HCMPO fell below the 75% threshold that State requires. An attachment was provided to the committee to show what was changed on the report. Mr. Canon stated that we had to amend the budget summary page to show why we fell below the 75% threshold. **Reports only, no action taken at this time.**

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7 **Discussion on Monthly MPO Budget Report**

Mr. Canon stated that as part of the yearly evaluation a recommendation was made that the MPO show a monthly budget report at all of the Policy Committee meetings. Mr. Canon stated that from now on a monthly report will be provided to the board members for review. Mr. Mario Jorge, TxDOT, stated that on behalf of TxDOT he would like to give the Policy Board a monthly meeting. **Reports only, no action taken at this time.**

8 **Staff Update**

A. **Calendar: February - November 2008**

Mr. Andrew A. Canon stated that last month the Policy Meeting date was approved to be moved up by one week. A yearly calendar was provided. Mr. Canon stated that next week he will be attending an AMPO meeting. **Reports only, no action taken at this time.**

9 **Off System Report**

No reports at this time.

10 **Letting Report**

Reports only.

11 **Old Or New Business**

Mr. Tom Reyna, LRGVDC Transit, stated that the 1st Bus Rodeo event has been scheduled for this weekend. It will be held this Sunday, from 3:pm - 6:00 pm at South Padre Island. Mr. Reyna stated that if anyone would like to attend the event as a judge to contact Mr. Tom Reyna. **Reports only, no action taken at this time.**

12 **Adjournment**

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