

*HIDALGO COUNTY MPO  
POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
Thursday, March 20 2008*

1 *Roll Call*

Chairman Angie Garza called the meeting to order at 5:35 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, Hidalgo, La Joya, McAllen, 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. There being none, the chairman proceeded on to the next item.

3 *Adoption of Minutes from February 21, 2008*

*(ACTION ITEM)*

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 Revised HCMPO Bylaws (Amendment #14)*

*(ACTION ITEM)*

Ms. Maria Champine stated that the MPO staff met with the TAC committee and the Bylaws Sub-Committee. After further review, the last update that was done to the HCMPO Bylaws was done on back on July 25, 2002. The MPO staff requested approval of the Revised HCMPO Bylaws: Amendment #14. All of the members were given an updated spreadsheet that identifies all of the proposed changes. Ms. Champine stated that all of the proposed changes were labeled in red. An updated list showing all of the amendments dates and times were handed out to the board to review what was changed and approved in the past. Mr. Mario Jorge made a suggestion on page 7; to change the wording on Section 4. B. Mr. Scott Crane had some concerns regarding Proxies presented on page 4, Section 3. D. After further discussion, the MPO staff advised the board that if any City that is currently on ex-Offio status; will need to attend 4 consecutive times in order to be given back active voting status. Mr. Noe Garza stated that the attendance needed to be more strict. He suggested that the verbiage be changed to read; if any City misses 2 meetings in a row a letter will be sent out and after missing 3 meetings they will be ex-Offio members. After further discussion, the Board members requested that a memo; with the inclusion of the current approved Bylaws; be sent out to the entire board. *The City of McAllen made a motion to approve the Bylaws with the corrections and additions, The City of Hidalgo seconded the motion, and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.*

5 *Approval of MTP*

Ms. Maria Champine stated that the MTP Sub-Committee and the TAC have reviewed the updated MTP document. Mr. Mario Jorge stated that he did not feel comfortable in approving the document as presented. Mr. Jorge stated that when the TIP was submitted to Austin, they had some recommendations that needed to be added. He stated that he would prefer that the MPO staff and TxDOT review this document one more time and make sure all of the recommendations from Austin have been implemented. Mr. Jorge recommended to table the MTP until next month. *The City of Edinburg made motion to table this item, The City of Alamo seconded the motion, and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.*

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6 Discussion on "I" Road

Ms. Champine stated that at this time the Cities have not acquired 100% Right of Way. As per the request of Mayor Leopoldo Palacios this item will be placed on the agenda on a monthly basis to give the Board members an update of the project.

7 Update on HCMPO Budget

Ms. Linda de la Fuente stated that currently the Hidalgo County MPO has currently spent about 13.25% within the first four (4) months. *Reports only no action taken at this time.*

8 AMPO & NADO Launch "Keep America Moving"

The HCMPO Staff showed a video from AMPO & NADO Launch "Keep America Moving".

9 Staff Update

A. Calendar: April & May 2008

Reports only.

B. TRB (Transportation Research Board) Update

Ms. Champine stated that Mr. Andrew A. Canon was offered an appointment seat with the Transportation Research Board (TRB). Mr. Canon has accepted the offer.

C. Congestion Management Process

Ms. Champine stated that an RFQ will be advertised for the Summer CMP.

10 Update from TxDOT

Mr. Jorge stated that the Audits reports for all of the MPO's is coming along very well. The reports are in being put into a format. As soon as the report is done, it will be presented to the board for review.

11 Off System Report

Mr. Albert Aldana, City of Weslaco, stated that the City of Weslaco has been working on Westgate drive for awhile now. Mr. Aldana will be given a status report every month to the TAC and Policy Board. The City of Weslaco is requesting that when this project has acquired 100% Right Of Way that it be considered to be included into the TIP for construction. *Reports only, no action taken at this time.*

12 Letting Report

Reports only.

13 Old Or New Business

Ms. Maria Champine stated the a handout was given out to the entire Policy Board. Ms. Champine stated that the 2nd Annual Border to Border Conference will be held on November 18-20th, 2008 at the McAllen Convention Center.

14 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.*