

**HIDALGO COUNTY MPO**  
**POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**  
**Thursday, June 19, 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 HCMPO office, 510 South Pleasantview Drive, Weslaco, Texas. Present were representatives from The Cities of: Alamo, Edcouch, Edinburg, Hidalgo County, Hidalgo County RMA, LRGVDC Transit, La Joya, McAllen, Mercedes, Mission, Palmhurst, San Juan, TxDOT, Weslaco and LRGVDC Transit. Ex-Officio members present: McAllen Express.

**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 April 17, 2008**

**(ACTION ITEM)**

***Hidalgo County RMA made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, The City of Palmhurst seconded the motion, and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.***

**4 Approval of FY08-09 UPWP Amendment #2**

**(ACTION ITEM)**

Mr. Canon stated that the MPO staff is recommending that the board approve the FY08-09 UPWP Amendment #2. Mr. Canon advised the board that a sum of \$405,000 has been added. These funds is inclusive to the funds that TxDOT was having difficulty with the match but the funds later on became available. ***The City of Edinburg made a motion to approved the FY08-09 UPWP Amendment #2, Hidalgo County seconded the motion, and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.***

**5 La Joya Loop & Mid Valley Connector Designation To HCRMA**

**(ACTION ITEM)**

Mr. Canon stated the Hidalgo County RMA is requesting that we give designation to the HCRMA. The administrative change does not require any Public Involvement for the change. Mr. Mario Jorge, TxDOT, stated that TxDOT is currently having public involvement on the La Joya Loop Project. The environmental clearance is almost finalized. ***TxDOT made a motion to approve the La Joya Loop & Mid Valley Connector Designation to HCRMA, The City of Edinburg seconded the motion, and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.***

**6 Proposal of RGV MPO Consolidation**

Mr. Canon stated that about two years ago the TPC board members requested further information regarding the consolidation of a Regional MPO for Hidalgo County MPO, Harl/ San Benito and Bville MPO. Mr. Canon advised the board members that he will be giving a presentation at the Rio Grande Valley Partnership and the LRGVDC Board Meeting. Mr. Canon stated that the proposal will show if we merge all three MPO's we will get an additional \$58.5 million for the Rio Grande Valley. We will become a bit bigger than the Austin MPO Area. All of the work that all MPO's are required to submit will no longer be done in triplicate. It will also give us a greater diversity in extra funds. Mr. Julio Cerda, City of Mission, stated that if each city goes to 1 vote the City of Mission will not support the merger. Mr. Mario Jorge, TxDOT, suggested that a committee be formed between all three (3) MPO's to analyze the merger all together. ***Reports only, no action taken at this time.***

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7 **Discussion of CAT 11 Funding by TxDOT**

Mr. Mario Jorge, TxDOT, stated that this item was brought up last months. We received some funds and we asked the cities to turn in any projects that was ready to move forward. The three projects that TxDOT listed that were closest to be ready to let were: I Rd, Sugar Rd and Westgate. After further review; I Rd is ready to be let. This item will need to be brought back next month for approval. **Reports only, no action taken at this time.**

8 **3D Visualization**

Mr. Canon stated that this is only 3D Visualization video only.

9 **Staff Update**

A. **Calendar: July & August 2008**

Mr. Canon stated he will be Austin several days in July to attend several meetings. He stated that the Border-To-Border conference is coming along very well. He thanked all of the cities for contributions for the conference. Mr. Canon stated that another HCMPO Training Conference is going to be scheduled for next month. Further information will be sent out to everyone.

B. **HCMPO Budget**

Mr. Canon stated that a spreadsheet has been provided for everyone to review. **Reports only, no action taken at this time.**

9 **Off System Report**

None at this time

10 **Letting Report**

Reports only.

11 **Old Or New Business**

Mr. Dennis Burlison, HCRMA, stated that several public meetings have been scheduled in July. Everyone is welcomed to attend.

12 **Adjournment**

***Hidalgo County RMA made a motion to adjourn, The City of Alamo seconded the motion, and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.***