

HIDALGO COUNTY MPO
POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, July 17, 2008

1 **Roll Call**

Chairman Angie Garza called the meeting to order at 5:36 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: Alton, Edcouch, Edinburg, Hidalgo, Hidalgo County, La Joya, McAllen, Mercedes, Palmhurst, Penitas, San Juan, TxDOT, Weslaco and LRGVDC 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 April 17, 2008**

(ACTION ITEM)

The City of Weslaco made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, The City of Penitas seconded the motion, and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.

4 **FY 2008-2011 TIP Amendment #2**

(ACTION ITEM)

Mr. Canon stated that the MPO staff is recommending that the board approve the FY08-11 TIP Amendment #2. Mr. Canon at the previous Policy meetings; Mario Jorge stated that there was some funding available for projects that had environmental clearance and ready to be let. The City of Edinburg submitted a memo requesting that the I Road project be considered for this funding. The TAC members have reviewed the project and has approved this project to be swapped with the Nolana Project. The City of Edinburg advised the TAC Committee that Hidalgo County would need to come up with their part in their funding and they are prepared to supply that funding for this project to be finalized. Mr. Canon advised the Board members that this project is currently in Public Involvement. The TAC committee approved the swap subject to the City of Edinburg acquiring approval from the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court that they will also be contributing to their percentage in funding. *The City of McAllen made a motion to approved the FY08-11 TIP Amendment #2 subject to the approval from Hidalgo County Commissioners Court, The City of Alton seconded the motion, and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.*

5 **Update from TxDOT**

(ACTION ITEM)

Mr. Mario Jorge gave a brief report on the Sunset Committee Meeting. Mr. Jorge also gave a brief report on the I-69 Project meeting that was in held in McAllen with Amadeo Saenza, TxDOT Austin. He stated that Zackary Construction is currently doing some analysis for the I-69 project going through US77 and US281. **Reports only, no action taken at this time.**

6 **Staff Update**

A. Calendar: August & September 2008

Mr. Canon advised the Board members that he will be in Austin next week for a meeting with TxDOT and a TEMPO meeting has also been scheduled next week. Mr. Canon stated that the MPO has hired another Planner I and she will start Aug. 4th. Mr. Canon reminded everyone that the Border-to-Border Conference is coming along very well and it is open for registration.

B. HCMPO Budget

Mr. Canon stated that a spreadsheet of the MPO monthly budget was provided for everyone to review. He advised that Board members that the the MPO is currently under budget but it will increase once the billing for the Congestion Management Study is submitted.

7 **Off System Report**

None at this time

8 **Letting Report**

Reports only.

9 **Old Or New Business**

Mr. Canon advised the Board members that the MPO is hosting an MPO Training Workshop. Everyone is invited to attend. The workshop is scheduled for tonight after the Policy Meetings.

10 **Adjournment**

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

Policy Committee Minutes,

Approved on:

Thursday, August 21, 2008