

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

1 **Roll Call**

Chairman Angie Garza called the meeting to order at 5:37 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, Alton, Hidalgo, La Joya, McAllen, Mission, Penitas, Pharr, San Juan, TxDOT, Hidalgo County RMA and LRGVDC Transit. Ex-Officio members present: Gobrieno de Tamaulipas.

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 July 17, 2008**

(ACTION ITEM)

The City of Hidalgo 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 #3**

(ACTION ITEM)

Mr. Andrew Canon stated that this item was brought to the Policy Board last month but was pending the Transit portion. The LRGVDC Transit and McAllen transit were able to identify some local funds. The Technical Advisory Committee have approved the FY08-11 TIP and request final approval to move forward and submit the TIP to TxDOT and FHWA. *The City of Alamo made a motion to approve the FY2008-2011 TIP Amendment #3. The City of San Juan seconded the motion, and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.*

5 **Discussion on Status of CMP RFP**

Mr. Canon stated that the after the CMP RFP was released. There were three (3) proposals. Each consultant were given a 30 minute time limit to make a presentation to the CMP Sub-Committee. After all of the presentations were done; the sub-committee went through an evaluation process and selected a consultant. The results of the scoring tally will be given at next months TAC meeting. *Reports only, no action taken at this time.*

6 **Discussion on Standing Committee on Rescissions (SCOR)**

(ACTION ITEM)

Mr. Canon stated that he has been serving on the Standing Committee on Recessions (SCOR Work group), hosted by TxDOT. He stated that their were four options provided to the Board for review. The SCOR Committee met on July 28, 2008 in Austin, The workgroup reviewed the several options and determined the most equitable and least impactful means to address the forthcoming rescissions. The estimated recession is estimated to be as much as \$1 billion. The TAC Members have reviewed the options provided and came to the conclusion that either option #3 or #4 are the least feasible and that scenario #2 allows for the greatest flexibility. *Hidalgo County RMA made a motion to approve Scenerio #2 and approve for MPO Staff to sumbitt a memo. The City of Penitas seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.*

7 **Estudio de Trafico de la Zona Noreste de Mexico**

Mr. Canon stated that Ing. Juan Jose Erazao Garcia was in attendance and going to give a presentation on: Estudio de Trafico de la Zona Noreste de Mexico. Mr. Garcia gave a power point presentation for all of the Board members to review. He stated that the presentation will be given to the MPO staff and will be made available for public viewing. *Reports only, no action taken at this time.*

8 **I-69 Proposal**

Mr. Canon stated that Mr. Dwight Munk, ZAI, was in attendance to give an update on the I-69 proposal. Mr. Munk showed a power point presentation of the I-69 proposal. He advised the board members that they will be available to come and give other updates in the future. Mr. Mario Jorge, TxDOT, stated that they have been working with Zackry regarding the I-69. Mayor Norberto Salinas, City of Mission, stated his concerns regarding I-69. Several of the Board members stated that they would prefer having Zackry come back and give updates to the board members. **Reports only, no action taken at this time.**

9 **Update from TxDOT**

No reports were given at this time.

10 **Staff Update**

A. **Calendar: September & October 2008**

Mr. Canon reminded everyone that the Holidays were just around the corner and we will need to agree on a date for the combining of the November and December 2008 Meetings.

B. **HCMPPO Budget**

Mr. Canon stated that at this time; we are currently under budget. MPO staff is planning to purchase 3 towers for the GIS department. He stated that a new committee has been created by TxDOT named: JACK.

11 **Off System Report**

None at this time

12 **Letting Report**

Reports only.

13 **Old Or New Business**

Mr. Canon stated that registration for the Border-To-Border conference is now open. Everyone is welcome to register. Mr. Canon thanked all of the cities that have committed to helping with the conference.

14 **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.