

Hidalgo County Metropolitan Planning Organization
Transportation Policy Committee Meeting Minutes
August 18, 2011

TAB I ROLL CALL

- Chairman Noe Garza called the meeting to order at 5:35 pm. The Transportation Policy Committee Meeting was held at the Hidalgo County MPO Office at 510 South Pleasantview Drive, Weslaco, Texas. Present were representatives from the Cities of: Alamo, Alton, Donna, Edcouch, Edinburg, Hidalgo, Mission, Penitas, San Juan, TxDOT, Hidalgo County RMA and Valley Metro. Ex-Officio members present: Rio Grande Valley Partnership.

TAB II CITIZEN INPUT

- None at this time.

TAB III PRESENTATION / ACTION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

A) Adoption of Minutes from: July 21, 2011

- Chairman Noe Garza asked if there were any corrections to the minutes. *The City of Alamo made a motion to approve the minutes from July 21, 2011 as presented. The City of Hidalgo seconded the motion and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.*

B) Discussion and Approval of FY2010-2011 UPWP Amendment #3

- Mrs. Linda de la Fuente stated that the last amendment to the FY2010-2011 UPWP was approved October 2010. She noted that we are only moving around funds from one subtask to another. She noted that \$15,000 for travel was transferred into task 820011. She advised the members that the TAC members reviewed the document and made some suggestions. She noted that all of the TAC's suggestions and changes have been made. *The City of Alamo made a motion to approve the FY2010-2011 UPWP Amendment #3 as presented. The City of Penitas seconded the motion and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.*

C) Discussion and Adoption of FY2012-2013 UPWP

- Mrs. Linda de la Fuente stated that the entire UPWP was provided for everyone to review. She advised the members that the TAC members have reviewed the document and submitted their suggestions. She noted that TAC recommendations have been made. Mrs. De la Fuente stated that only minor changes were being made but overall the document is the same as last time. *Hidalgo County RMA made a motion to approve the FY2010-2011 UPWP Amendment #3 as presented. The City of Alamo seconded the motion and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.*

D) Discussion and Approval to support an application for the Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant Program

- Mrs. Amanda Hernandez stated that the draft application will be submitted. She noted that they will be applying for \$1 million for regional developments. *The City of Hidalgo made a motion to approve to support an application for the Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant Program as presented. The City of Alamo seconded the motion and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.*

E) Discussion on Proposition 12 Funds

- Mr. Canon stated that he has had several conference calls with TxDOT Austin in reference to the funding amount for Proposition 12 Funds. He noted that they don't have a definite amount right now. He noted that staff may have the amount around September. Mr. Canon stated that the HCMPO will have a series of Public Meetings at the City of Mission, City of Edinburg and UTPA. He noted that notices will be mailed out to Libraries, City Halls, Committee Members and also be advertised on the Coastal Current and El Mañana. *Reports only, no action taken at this time.*

F) Monthly Letting Update

- Mr. Homer Bazan, TxDOT, gave a brief update and he also provided a handout. *Reports only, no action taken at this time.*

TAB IV STATUS REPORTS

- A. Calendar: September & October 2011
 - o Mr. Canon stated that calendar(s) were available for everyone to review. He advised the members that he will be out on sick leave around late August early September. He invited everyone to attend the Bike Rodeo scheduled for October 1st. Mr. Canon stated that some information was provided for everyone to review regarding the next Border-to-Border Conference. He noted that the cost difference between the McAllen Convention Center and the Isla Grande Hotel in South Padre Island (SPI) was provided for everyone to review. He stated that the cost difference was a little over \$8,000. *After further discussion, it was the consensus of the board to have the 2012 Border-to-Border Conference at the Isla Grande Hotel in SPI.*
- B. Legislative/ RTAP Update
 - o No reports given at this time.
- C. HCMPO Budget Report
 - o Mrs. Linda de la Fuente gave a brief update on the HCMPO Budget.

TAB V OFF SYSTEM REPORT

- No reports were given at this time.

TAB VI TXDOT CONSTRUCTION REPORT

- Mr. Valento Olivarez gave a brief update.

TAB VII HCRMA REPORT

- No reports were given at this time.

TAB VIII HIDALGO COUNTY COMMUTER RAIL DISTRICT

- No reports were given at this time.

TAB IX VALLEY METRO

- Mr. Tom Logan gave a brief update on the Valley Metro.

TAB X METRO

- No reports were given at this time.

TAB XI OLD OR NEW BUSINESS

- No reports were given at this time.

TAB XII ADJOURNMENT

- *The City of Alamo made a motion to adjournment at 6:09 pm. The City of Penitas seconded the motion and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.*