

Hidalgo County Metropolitan Planning Organization
Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) Meeting Minutes
May 11, 2015

I. **Roll Call**

The Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) meeting was held at the HCMPO conference room located in Weslaco, Texas and called to order by Jeff Underwood, Chairman, at 1:35 PM.

The following attendees were present:

Technical Members

Jeff Underwood – City of Alton
Ponciano Longoria – City of Edinburg
Richard Hinojosa – City of Edinburg
Dora Robles – City of Pharr
Joe Califa – L&G Engineering / City of Mission
Xavier Cervantes – City of San Juan
Homer Bazan - TxDOT

Citizen and Advocates

German Madrazo – Pedestrian Advocate At Large
Armando Garza, Jr. – Colonia Advocate At Large
Gisela Chapa – Parks, Trails, & Greenways Advocate At Large
Michael Padgett – McAllen – Citizen At Large
Michael McNew – Edinburg – Citizen At Large
Richard Cavin - Bicycle Advocate At Large

HCMPO Staff

Cody Baczewski, GIS Specialist
Luis Diaz, Transportation Planner/GIS Specialist
Andrew Canon, Director

II. **Approval of Minutes**

➤ **March 2, 2015 and April 6, 2015**

Jeff Underwood, Chairman, brought forth two sets of minutes to be approved from previous meetings. Xavier Cervantes, City of San Juan, noted one correction to the March 2, 2015 minutes, as he was not acknowledged as being present in the minutes. No further corrections were noted to the minutes of March 2, 2015. Xavier Cervantes, City of San Juan, moved to approve the minutes of March 2, 2015 with the correction noted, and the minutes of April 6, 2015 as presented. The motion was seconded by Joe Califa, L&G Engineering / City of Mission, and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.

III. **Bike Friendly Business Program**

Jeff Underwood, Chairman, discussed the Bike Friendly Business Map program and the price quote for printing the maps, which the HCMPO received from the same company that produced the CAMPO'S bike maps. Andrew Canon stated that staff would soon be interfacing with the public to garner support and mentioned the support that Bike Masters had already provided. Joe Califa, L&G Engineering / City of Mission, asked for a recap of the Bike Friendly Business Program for those who may not be familiar with it, and Andrew Canon explained the rationale, processes, benefits, and goals behind the program. Richard Cavin, Bicycle Advocate at Large, suggested that a smartphone app may be a method of distribution worthy of consideration. Joe Califa, L&G Engineering / City of Mission, then brought up the matter of the inclusion or exclusion of shoulders on the Bike System Map. Jeff Underwood, Chairman, suggested tabling the issue until a later meeting, so that it could be discussed in depth.

IV. Education/Outreach Efforts

This agenda item was skipped due to time constraints.

V. Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Scoring

Jeff Underwood, Chairman, moved on to the TAP Program Call project scoring and reminded members present that February 20, 2015 was the first day for entities to submit projects. The TAP call for projects closed and no applications were accepted after 5:00 PM on May 8, 2015. Mr. Underwood stated that applications were submitted by three entities for scoring, the first Projects reviewed and discussed were from the City of Edinburg, which submitted a total of four (4) projects/applications as follows: 1) City of Edinburg's Bicycle Master Plan Study; 2) City of Edinburg's McIntyre Railroad Pedestrian Crossing; 3) Cano Walking Trail Lighting Project; and 4) Jackson Road Hike and Bike Trail Phase II. The second entity's applications to be scored and discussed were from the Pharr-San Juan-Alamo Independent School District. After much discussion among members on this project/application, it was determined that the PSJA School Districts' applications were not complete due to the inclusion of resolutions that had not yet been voted on. The applications therefore could not be scored as per the TAP guidelines. The third and final project/application to be scored was the Hidalgo County Precinct #2, Regional Hike & Bike Trail. After some discussion on this item, staff tabulated the scores on the remaining projects from the City of Edinburg and Hidalgo County Precinct #2. Jeff Underwood, Chairman, announced the scores in order as follows: 1) City of Edinburg's McIntyre Railroad Pedestrian Crossing scored an average of 112.30 points; 2) City of Edinburg's Cano Walking Trail Lighting Project scored an average of 109.4 points; 3) Hidalgo County Precinct #2, Regional Hike & Bike Trail scored an average of 97.68 points; 4) City of Edinburg's Jackson Road Hike & Bike Trail Phase II project scored an average of 97.29 points; and 5) City of Edinburg's Bicycle Master Plan Study scored an average of 91.75 points. Jeff Underwood, Chairman, then stated that Linda De La Fuente would perform a secondary round of tabulations to verify the scores, which would then be provided to BPAC members, the Technical Advisory Committee, and eventually the Transportation Policy Committee for final approval.

VI. Staff Update

This agenda item was skipped due to time constraints.

VII. Old or New Business

This agenda item was skipped due to time constraints.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00PM.