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Memorandum

TO: Bicycle And Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC)
FROM: Karina Maldonado, BPAC Coordinator
SUBJECT: November 24th, 2014 BPAC Meeting, 1:30 PM

Dear BPAC Members,

Attached is the agenda for the BPAC meeting being held on Monday, November 24th, 2014 at 1:30 PM at the Hidalgo County MPO Offices, located at 510 S. Pleasantview Dr. in Weslaco, Texas.

The upcoming meeting will focus on the Transportation Alternatives (TAP) and establishing the evaluation methods for the factors decided upon at the previous meeting. The decisions made at this meeting will be sent to our TAC and TPC as final recommendations for the TAP Program Call, and will be up for action.

Additionally, there will be a brief discussion on the upcoming Walk N Rolla date, location and theme.

We look forward to seeing you all at the upcoming BPAC meeting!

Sincerely,

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AGENDA

Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee

LRGVDC Transit Center Conference Room

November 24, 2014 | 1:30PM

I. Roll Call

II. Transportation Alternatives Program – Criteria Selection

Item Summary: The evaluations methods for each of the criteria will be discussed and finalized for policy approval in December.

Discussion/Action

Karina Maldonado, HCMPO

III. Staff Update

- Walk N Rolla 2015

Item Summary: Discussion of the date of the event, the possible theme, and location

Update

Karina Maldonado, HCMPO

V. Old or New Business

Discussion/Action

VI. Adjournment

Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) Meeting Summary

November 3rd, 2014

I. Roll Call

The initial Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) meeting was held at the HCMPO conference room located in Weslaco, Texas and called to order 1:38PM.

ATTENDEES:

Technical Members

Jeff Underwood-City of Alton
Tom Reyna-City of Edinburg
Richard Hinojosa-City of Edinburg
Benjamin Worsham-City of McAllen
Xavier Cervantes-City of San Juan
Commissioner Armando Garza-City of San Juan
Homer Bazan-TxDOT Pharr

Citizen and Advocates

Douglas Vanker
Michael McNew
Michael Padgett
Gisela Chapa-Santa Anna Wildlife Refuge

HCMPO Staff

Andrew Canon
Karina Maldonado
Chanel Borrego
Cody Baczewski

II. Transportation Alternatives Program- Criteria Selection

- HCMPO informed BPAC that the originally selected projects types to be funded through TAP had been edited from five types of projects to four. The recreational trails project type was eliminated because neither Pharr TxDOT nor Hidalgo County had any projects that would meet that particular project selection's requirements.
- Committee was then asked if they would like to allocate a percentage of funding between construction and planning/design. The committee unanimously agreed that 90% of the total TAP funds would be allocated to Construction and 10% would be allocated to planning and design. This discussion would allow smaller cities, who are often unable to fund their own planning and design, to apply for the 10% planning and design funding in the hopes of the following year applying for the funds allocated to construction of their already funded planning/design project.
- Committee then asked that TAP funding for FY 2015 and FY 2016 be combined for the upcoming project call, thus changing the total TAP funds from \$3.5 million to \$4.6 million.

- Committee was then asked what local match percentage they would like for each project category. The committee unanimously agreed an 80% in TAP funding and 20% local match for all projects.
- Committee was then asked to review the scoring criteria and decide the amount of points to be rewarded to each section. After reviewing the criteria, the committee decided to eliminate the “Meets minimum local match” criteria while merging the “incorporates pedestrian and bicycle design enhancements” and “provide environmental benefits” sections. They also asked to remove the bonus section criteria “Location of project has at least one business recognized as part of HCMPO’s Bicycle Friendly Business Program Map,” at least until the map has more buy in from Hidalgo County cities. The max number of points designated to both the criteria and bonus criteria were also decided. They can be reviewed at the end of these minutes.
- How to evaluate each section was briefly discussed. Mr. Cervantes (San Juan) asked that the evaluation criteria “Serving disadvantaged (environmental Justice) areas” be evaluated based on poverty rate rather than being based on low and moderate income. This, along with other evaluation methodologies, will be further discussed at a subsequent BPAC meeting.

III. Staff Update

- **BPAC Bylaws:** BPAC was informed that TAC and TPC both supported the idea of BPAC establishing their own Bylaws but it will not be officially approved by both committees until late November. Thus, the official bylaws will be adopted in early December.
- **Walk N Rolla 2015:** BPAC was informed that they would be in charge of the development of Walk n Rolla which is expected to be held on Sat, March 28th, 2015 in Edinburg, TX. HCMPO will be submitting a request to host the event in the coming month.

IV. Old and New Business

- N/A

V. Adjournment

- The next BPAC meeting will be held Monday, November 24th, 2014 at the HCMPO office, if needed. BPAC meeting was adjourned at 3:15PM.

Hidalgo County Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Alternatives Program Draft Scoring Criteria

Last Edit: 11/4/14

Note: FY 2015 & FY 2016 funds will be combined for project call: Totaling \$4.64 million

ACTIVITY TYPE	PERCENT OF TAP FUNDING ALLOCATED	TOTAL AMOUNT (Estimate)
CONSTRUCTION of on-road and off-road trail facilities for pedestrian, bicyclists, and other non-motorized forms of transportation, including	90%	\$4,176,000.00
PLANNING AND DESIGN of on-road and off-road trail facilities for pedestrian, bicyclists, and other non-motorized forms of transportation, including	10%	\$464,000.00
PROJECT TYPE	TAP Funding	Local Match
Sidewalks	80%	20%
Bicycle Infrastructure	80%	20%
Lighting and other safety related infrastructure	80%	20%
Transportation projects to achieve compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990	80%	20%

Scoring Criteria

Evaluation Criteria	Point Scale	Description/Factors	Evaluation Method
Making County Linkages and Connections	0 to 20	Improves county connections between neighborhoods, cities, transit services, bicycle facilities, and schools. This can be achieved through gap closures, extension of regional facilities, linkages between multiple jurisdictions, and providing access to rail stations or bus stops via trails, sidewalks, bicycle facilities	
Improving Safety	0 to 20	Provides safer and less intimidating facilities for pedestrians, bicyclists, and other non-drivers by improving safety in areas with high numbers of crashes. Can be achieved by improving crossings, signalization, traffic calming.	Project location's proximity to crash hot spots. Bike, pedestrian, and car crashes?
Incorporates pedestrian and bicycle design enhancements and promotes active living	0 to 15	Provides pedestrian and bicycle areas with landscaping, sidewalk design, crossing treatments, street furniture, bike racks, and lighting which encourages pedestrian and cyclists to utilize area thus providing health and environmental benefits	
Implementing Active Transportation or Mobility Plan	0 to 12	Improves ability to use walking and bicycling facilities for everyday activities including travel to work, school, and shopping as described in the HCMPO's Regional Bike Plan, Regional Pedestrian Plan, Regional Transit Plan, or other related community Master Plan adopted by the city or county's governing body	

Connecting to Employment, Households, and Activity Centers	0 to 12	Provides access to major destinations and large number of residents or employees	Projects proximity to employment districts, schools, households, and other special generators
Serving Disadvantaged (Environmental Justice) Areas	0 to 12	Provides access in underserved communities or communities	Improves access for areas with a low poverty rate (not Low and Moderate Income)
Creating Economic Development Opportunities	0 to 9	Results in benefits exceeding costs	Investment provides increased benefit to the community and the region through revitalization, redevelopment, and job creation
TOTAL:	0 to 100 Points		
Bonus Scoring Criteria			
Evaluation Criteria	Scoring		
Exceeds Local Match by	0-10% - 1 pt 11-20%- 2 pts 21-30%- 3 pts 31-40%- 4 pts 41-50%- 5 pts 51-60%- 6 pts 61- 70%- 7pts 71- 80%- 8pts 81-90%- 9pts 91-100 % - 10 pts		
Project Readiness; PS&E, ROW	5		
Funding completes the project	5		
Location of project has safe passing ordinance	2		
Letter of Support or proof of coordination with other entities (One pt per letter w/ max of three letters)	1		
	2		
	3		
TOTAL:	125 Points		