

Hidalgo County Metropolitan Planning Organization (HCMPO)
Transportation Policy Committee Meeting Minutes
July 18, 2013

TAB I ROLL CALL

- Chairwomen Diana Martinez called the meeting to order at 5:30 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, Edinburg, McAllen, Mercedes, Mission, Palmhurst, Pharr, San Juan, TxDOT, Weslaco and Valley Metro.

TAB II CITIZEN INPUT

- None at this time.

TAB III PRESENTATION / ACTION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A) Presentation of Walk n Rolla Event Check Ceremony for Juvenile Diabetes Association
 - Mr. Andrew A. Canon stated that the Walk n Rolla Event went very well this year. He stated that they will be presenting the Juvenile Diabetes Association a check in the amount of \$10,050.
- B) Adoption of Minutes from:
 - May 16, 2013
Chairwomen Diana Martinez asked if there were any corrections to the minutes. ***The City of San Juan made a motion to approve the minutes: May 16, 2013 as presented. The City of Mercedes seconded the motion and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.***
- C) Discussion & Approval of Establishment of Voting Privileges (City of Palmhurst)
 - Mr. Canon stated that the City of Palmhurst has met the requirement in attendance to be giving voting privileges. He stated that the city has been attending the Policy Meetings every month. ***Hidalgo County made a motion to approve the Establishment of Voting Privileges for the City of Palmhurst as presented. The City of Mercedes seconded the motion and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.***
- D) Discussion & Approval of JARC/New Freedom Program Call Results
 - Mrs. Maria Champine stated that there were three (3) submittals for the JARC/New Freedom Program Call. She stated that the City of Pharr submitted an application for the New Freedom funds in the amount of \$176,913. Valley Metro submitted an application for the New Freedom in the amount of \$227,674 and JARC was \$700,000. She stated that the Technical Advisory Committee have reviewed all three (3) applications and approved all submittals as presented. After further discussion, ***The City of Palmhurst made a motion to approve all three (3) applications for the JARC/ New Freedom funding as presented. The City of Mercedes seconded the motion and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.***
- E) Discussion & Approval of TIP/MTP Amendments
 - Mrs. Linda de la Fuente stated that the TIP & MTP were provided for everyone to review. Mrs. De la Fuente briefly went through the changes. Mrs. Champine briefly went through the changes that were being made to the transit portion of the TIP. After further discussion, ***Hidalgo County made a motion to approve the TIP/MTP Amendments as presented. The City of Mercedes seconded the motion and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.***
- F) Discussion & Approval of CMP Contract Extension
 - Mr. Canon stated that this item was an extension on time only to the CMP Contract. He stated that it would be a 30-day Extension. He advised that members that a final presentation will be done at the September 2013 Policy Meeting. After further discussion, ***The City of San Juan made a motion to approve the CMP Contract Extension as presented. Hidalgo County seconded the motion and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.***
- G) Discussion & Approval of FY2012-13 UPWP Amendment
 - Mrs. Linda de la Fuente gave a brief update on the FY2012-13 UPWP Amendment. She stated that we de-obligated \$500,000 of the funds. She gave a brief detail description to the members. After further discussion, ***The City of Palmhurst made a motion to approve the FY2012-13 UPWP Amendment as presented. The City of Mercedes seconded the motion and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.***
- H) Discussion & Approval of FY2014-15 UPWP
 - Mrs. De la Fuente gave a brief update on the FY2014-15 UPWP. She stated that the UPWP will need to be submitted to TxDOT by August 2013. After further discussion, ***The City of Palmhurst made a motion to approve the FY2014-15 UPWP as presented. The City of Edinburg seconded the motion and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.***
- I) Discussion on the Public Participation Plan (PPP)
 - Ms. Karina Maldonado gave a brief summary regarding the Public Participation Plan (PPP). She advised the members that this item will need to be brought back next month for final approval. ***Reports only, no action taken at this time.***

- J) Discussion & Update on Pedestrian Plan
➤ Ms. Chanel Borrego gave a brief update on the Pedestrian Plan. She stated that there will be several Pedestrian Plan Workshops next month. Mr. Robert Escobar briefly mentioned all the dates and locations of the workshops. He stated that an email will be sent out giving all the details of the workshops to everyone. *Reports only, no action taken at this time.*
- K) Update on I-69 Unveiling Ceremony
➤ Mr. Canon stated that the I-69 Unveiling Ceremony went very well and we had a good turnout at both ceremonies. He stated that staff prepared a power point presentation of the event. Chairwomen Diana Martinez said it was a very successful event and thanked everyone who contributed to the I-69 designated in Hidalgo County. *Reports only, no action taken at this time.*
- L) Presentation on the US83-281 Interchange
➤ Mr. Mario Jorge, TxDOT, gave a brief presentation on the US83/281 Interchange possibilities. He stated that TxDOT will be giving more updates as time passes. He stated that TxDOT staff has been meeting with the City of Pharr with options. *Reports only, no action taken at this time.*
- M) Monthly Letting Update
➤ Mr. Mario Jorge, TxDOT, gave a brief report. *Reports only, no action taken at this time.*

TAB IV STATUS REPORTS

- A. Calendar: August & September 2013
➤ Mr. Canon stated that the calendars were provided for everyone to review. He stated that FHWA will be giving the Final HCMPO Certification Report at the September Policy Meeting. He advised the members that the office will be closed on Monday, September 3rd for Labor Day Holiday. He stated that the TxDOT Commission Meeting will be taking place on September 26, 2013 at 9am at the McAllen Convention Center. *Reports only, no action taken at this time.*
- B. Legislative/ RTAP Update
➤ No reports were given at this time.
- C. HCMPO Budget Report
➤ Mrs. Linda de la Fuente gave a brief update on the HCMPO Budget. *Reports only, no action taken at this time.*
- D. HCMPO Project Update
➤ No reports were given at this time.
- E. Director's Update
➤ No reports were given at this time.

TAB V OFF SYSTEM REPORT

- No reports were given at this time.

TAB VI TXDOT CONSTRUCTION REPORT

- Mr. Juan Sustaita, P.E., 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

- Mrs. Maribel Contreras gave a brief update.

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 Palmhurst made a motion to adjourn at 7:18 pm. The City of San Juan seconded the motion and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.*