

Hidalgo County Metropolitan Planning Organization
Technical Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
February 07, 2012

1) Roll Call

- Vice-Chairman Michelle Leftwich called the meeting to order at 1:35pm. The Technical Advisory 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, Edinburg, Hidalgo County, McAllen, Mercedes, Mission, Penitas, Pharr, San Juan, Sullivan City, Valley Metro and TxDOT. Ex-Officio members present: Hidalgo County Commuter Rail District and Metro.

***Note: Mr. Ed Taylor, City of McAllen, took over as Chairman.**

2) Adoption of Minutes from: January 10, 2012

- Chairman Ed Taylor asked if there were any corrections to the minutes, there being none. ***The City of Penitas made a motion to approve the January 10, 2012 minutes as presented. The City Mercedes seconded the motion and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.***

3) Cost Over-Run Projects

- None at this time.

4) Discussion of Pavement Management System

- Mrs. Maria Champine stated that staff only received three (3) updates from some of the cities. She stated that staff is reviewing the information submitted. Chairman Taylor recommended for staff to speak with each city staff and explain to them what exactly we are requesting. ***Reports only, no action taken at this time.***

5) Discussion of Thoroughfare Plan

Mrs. Champine stated that staff has received information from several entities and the map has been updated as information is submitted. She stated that an updated map will be provided to everyone at next month's meeting for review and approval. Chairman Taylor suggested that staff create a Thorough Sub-Committee to review all the information and make any necessary changes and submit comments and recommendations for approval to the TAC members. Mrs. Champine stated that if anyone would like to volunteer for the sub-committee to let staff know after the meeting. ***Reports only, no action taken at this time.***

6) Discussion of MTP/TIP Amendment

- Mrs. Champine stated that the projects that have been submitted up until right now. She noted that there is no additional funding for any project. She advised the members that this item will be brought up next month as a discussion item. Final approval will be needed at the TAC and Policy Meeting in April meetings. Mrs. Champine stated that staff has scheduled several Public Meetings: 1 in City of Mission, 2nd at UPTA and 2 meetings at the HCMPO office on different dates. ***Reports only, no action taken at this time.***

7) Discussion of FY2013-2016 MTP/TIP Update

- This item was discussed with Item #6. ***Reports only, no action taken at this time.***

8) Discussion of Functional Classification Revision

- Mrs. Champine stated that TxDOT submitted a revision for several projects. Mrs. Champine stated that staff has been working with Mr. Homer Bazan, TxDOT, with the projects that need revision. Mr. Bazan briefly went through the projects that TxDOT submitted. ***Reports only, no action taken at this time.***

Monthly Letting Report

- Mr. Homer Bazan, TxDOT, gave a brief update.

9) Status Reports

A. Calendar: February & March 2012

- Mrs. Champine stated that the office will be closed on Monday, February 20th in observance of President's Day Holiday. She noted that at the January Policy meeting the members cancelled the February Policy meeting. She stated that staff sent everyone a letter in regards to the Walk n Rolla event for a VIP ride. She encouraged everyone to attend.

B. Legislative / RTAP Update

- Mrs. Amanda Longoria gave a brief update on the Legislative / RTAP Update.

C. HCMPO Budget Report

- Mrs. Linda de la Fuente gave a brief update on the HCMPO Budget.

10) HCRMA Update

- No updates were given at this time.

11) Valley Metro

- Mr. Luis Guajardo gave a brief update on Metro.

12) Metro

- Mr. Mario Delgado gave a brief update on Metro.

13) Hidalgo County Commuter Rail District

- Mr. Jim Edge stated that the feasibility study is ready and he is preparing to give a presentation to any entity or organization.

14) Old or New Business

- Mr. Bazan stated that the 2013 UTP is open for comments for a few days. He noted that he will also email the draft report for the "No Truck in left lane" to staff for the next TAC meeting.
- Mrs. Champine reminded everyone that the Border Conference is scheduled for November 2012. She requested if any entity would like to sponsor the event for \$1000 to let her know. She reminded everyone that there is currently a call for papers if anyone should want to make a presentation at the conference.

15) Adjournment

- *The City of Alton made a motion to adjourn at 2:10 pm. The City of Edinburg seconded the motion and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.*