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## Memorandum

**TO:** Bicycle And Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC)  
**FROM:** Karina Maldonado, BPAC Coordinator  
**SUBJECT:** November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2014 BPAC Meeting, 1:30 PM

Dear BPAC Members,

The Hidalgo County Metropolitan Planning Organization (HCMPO) would like to welcome our newest citizen and advisory members to their first official Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) meeting. Thank you for your interest in serving the residents of Hidalgo County on issues of bicycle and pedestrian transportation.

Attached is the agenda for the BPAC meeting being held on Monday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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 distribution of Transportation Alternatives (TAP) funds to the various eligible project types, as well as determining the number of points to be allocated towards the various criteria for project selection. The decisions made at this meeting will be forwarded to the TAC and TPC as recommendations.

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

Sincerely,

Karina Maldonado  
Transportation Planner I, BPAC Coordinator  
Hidalgo County MPO



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## AGENDA

**Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee**

**LRGVDC Transit Center Conference Room**

**November 3, 2014 | 1:30PM**

### I. Roll Call

### II. Transportation Alternatives Program – Criteria Selection

Item Summary: The timeline and selection criteria for the anticipated TAP Program Call will be discussed. The guidelines from FHWA will be examined and examples from other MPO's will be presented.

#### Discussion/Action

Karina Maldonado, HCMPO

### III. Staff Update

- BPAC Bylaws
- Walk N Rolla 2015

#### Update

Karina Maldonado, HCMPO

Chanel Borrego, HCMPO

Item Summary: Staff will update the BPAC on the status of the BPAC Bylaws and on the upcoming event details of Walk N Rolla

### V. Old or New Business

Item Summary: Committee members of the BPAC may bring up items of interest before the group, including suggested projects for the BPAC.

#### Discussion/Action

### VI. Adjournment

**Hidalgo County Metropolitan Planning Organization  
Transportation Alternatives Program  
Scoring Criteria**

**NOTE: Green sections identify what section of the scoring criteria will be discussed and voted on at next BPAC Meeting. Area already discussed will still be open for changes until**

<b>ACTIVITY TYPE: Construction, Planning, and Design of on-road and off-road trail facilities for pedestrian, bicyclists, and other non-motorized forms of transportation, including</b>	<b>Tap Funding</b>	<b>Local Match</b>
Example of Activity Type	Ex. 80%	Ex. 20%
Sidewalks		
Bicycle Infrastructure		
Lighting and other safety related infrastructure		
Transportation projects to achieve compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990		
The Recreational Trails Program 23 U.S.C. 206		

### Scoring Criteria

Evaluation Criteria	Scoring	Description	Factors
Meets Minimum Local Match	Ex. 25 points	Entity can accommodate 100 percent of payment in cash including cost overruns.	A resolution of local cash-match commitment for the eligible entity project sponsor is provided
Making County Linkages and Connections		Improves county connections between neighborhoods, cities, transit services, bicycle facilities, and schools	Network continuity (gap closures, extension of regional facilities, linkages between multiple jurisdictions) Facilities providing access to rail stations or bus stops (trails, sidewalks, on-street bicycle facilities)
Implementing Active Transportation and Mobility Plan		Improves ability to use walking and bicycling facilities for everyday activities including travel to work, school, and shopping	Implements a planned facility in the MPO's Regional Bike Plan, Regional Pedestrian Plan, Regional Transit Plan, or other related community Master Plan adopted by the city or county governing body
Improving Safety		Provides safer and less intimidating facilities for pedestrians, bicyclists, and other non-drivers	Improving safety in areas with high numbers of crashes Improving crossings, signalization, traffic calming
Incorporates pedestrian and bicycle design enhancements		Provides pedestrian and bicycle areas with landscaping, sidewalk design, crossing treatments street furniture, bike racks, and lighting	Encourages pedestrian and cyclists to utilize area
Connecting to Employment, Households, and Activity Centers		Provides access to major destinations and large number of residents or employees	Proximity to employment districts, schools, households, and other special generators
Providing Environmental Benefits		Helps reduce congestion and improves air quality	Congestions and air quality benefits Benefits and impacts to the environment

Serving Disadvantaged (Environmental Justice) Areas		Provides access in underserved communities	Improves access for areas with greater percentages of minorities and low-income households compared to the regional average
Creating Economic Development Opportunities		Results in benefits exceeding costs	Investment provides increased benefit to the community and the region through revitalization, redevelopment, and job creation

<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>100 Points</b>
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**Bonus Scoring Criteria**

<b>Evaluation Criteria</b>	<b>Scoring</b>
<b>Example of Criteria</b>	<b>Ex. + 5 points</b>
Exceeds Local Math	
Project Readiness; PS&E, ROW	
Funding completes the project	
Location of project has added safe passing ordinance to code	
Location of project has at least one business recognized as part of the HCMPO Bicycle Friendly Business Program	
Letter of Support or proof of coordination with other entities	
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>125 Points</b>



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## Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Timeline

The Hidalgo County MPO (HCMPO) has approximately \$3.6 million available to fund the **Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)**, a program established under MAP-21 legislation to provide funding for transportation alternatives, for projects within the MPO's urbanized boundary for fiscal years 2014-2015.

<b>October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2014</b>	Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) will create the Project Selection Criteria and Application requirements for future use in all TAP Call for Projects.
<b>November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2014</b>	BPAC will finalize the Project Selection Criteria and Application requirements for approval by the Technical Advisory Committee & Transportation Policy Committee
<b>November 4<sup>th</sup> &amp; 25<sup>th</sup>, 2014</b>	TAC will discuss the BPAC recommendations on the Project Selection Criteria and address any necessary changes
<b>December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2014</b>	TPC will approve the final BPAC/TAC recommendations on the Project Selection Criteria
<b>January 2015</b> (If necessary)	HCMPO will host a TAP Overview Workshop for interested parties prior to opening the TAP Call for Projects for informational purposes only.
<b>February 2015</b> (Date is subject to change)	The FY2015 TAP Call for Projects will open to all eligible project entities for project submissions.
<b>April 2015</b> (Date is subject to change)	The FY2015 TAP Call for Projects will close and no longer accept applications.
<b>May 2015</b> (Date is subject to change)	BPAC/TAC will review projects and make recommendations for selection. Both recommendations will be taken to TPC for final approval.

\*\*The timelines above represents a tentative schedule, subject to change at any time.