

Hidalgo County Metropolitan Planning Organization (HCMPO)
Transportation Policy Committee Meeting Minutes
May 16, 2013

TAB I ROLL CALL

Chairwomen Diana Martinez called the meeting to order at 5:32 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, Edcouch, City of Hidalgo, McAllen, Mercedes, Mission, Palmhurst, Penitas, San Juan, TxDOT, Weslaco and Valley Metro.

TAB II CITIZEN INPUT

- None at this time.

TAB III PRESENTATION / ACTION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

A) Adoption of Minutes from:

- April 18, 2013

Chairwomen Diana Martinez asked if there were any corrections to the minutes. ***The City of Weslaco made a motion to approve the minutes: April 18, 2013 as presented. The City of San Juan seconded the motion and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.***

B) Discussion & Approval of Establishment of Voting Privileges (City of Weslaco)

- Mr. Canon stated that the City of Weslaco has met the requirement in attendance to be giving voting privileges. He stated that the city has been attending the Policy Meetings every month. ***The City of San Juan made a motion to approve the Establishment of Voting Privileges for the City of Weslaco as presented. The City of Penitas seconded the motion and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.***

C) Discussion Possible Action on Urbanized Area Boundary/ MAB

- Mr. Canon stated that a map was provided for everyone to review. He stated that the MAB/UAB provided is with the exclusion of the 1.2 miles from the City of Mercedes that goes into the Harlingen/ San Benito MPO area. He stated that staff has already met with the City of Weslaco, the County and the Harlingen/ San Benito MPO and everyone is in agreement.
- ***The City of Weslaco made a motion to approve the Urbanized Area Boundary (UAB) as presented. The City of Mercedes seconded the motion and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.***
- ***The City of Palmhurst made a motion to approve the Metropolitan Area Boundary (MAB) as presented. The City of Mercedes seconded the motion and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.***

D) Discussion & Approval of TIGER Grant Program Call

- Mr. Robert Escobar gave a brief summary of the requirements for the TIGER Grant applications. He stated that he will be emailing out more detail information to all of the members and if any applications are submitted we will bring them back for approval. ***Reports only, no action taken at this time.***

E) Discussion & Update on Pedestrian Plan

- Ms. Karina Maldonado gave a brief update on the Pedestrian Plan. She stated that the survey closing date was June 30th, 2013. She noted that the Sidewalk inventory will be ready by mid or end of June. She stated that staff will email all of the members the link for the survey monkey. She encouraged everyone to forward it to the city employees as well. ***Reports only, no action taken at this time.***

F) Discussion on FY2014-2015 UPWP Draft

- Mrs. Linda de la Fuente gave a brief update on the FY2014-15 UPWP. She stated that the Draft UPWP will need to be submitted to TxDOT as a draft on June 2013 and the final is due by August 2013. ***Reports only, no action taken at this time.***

G) Discussion & Update on CMP

- Mr. Canon stated that the CMP Consultant is about 80% complete and 50% complete on travel time. He stated that staff received a billing statement for \$33,000. He noted that a CMP workshop will be scheduled within the upcoming weeks and staff will be emailing all of the members with the information. ***Reports only, no action taken at this time.***

- H) Discussion on the proposed upcoming UTP (Unified Transportation Program)
- Mr. Canon gave advised the members with a brief summary of listing on all projects for the next 10 years. Mr. Mario Jorge gave a brief summary of CBI funding. *Reports only, no action taken at this time.*
- I) Walk n Rolla Event Update
- Mr. Canon stated that the Walk n Rolla event was a great success. He thanked everyone for their donations and assistance. He stated that a formal presentation to Juvenile Diabetes Association will be done at the June or July Meeting. *Reports only, no action taken at this time.*
- J) 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: June & July 2013
- Mr. Canon stated that the calendars were provided for everyone to review. He stated that he will be at the TRB Meeting in St. Louis, MO the last week of May. He advised the members that the office will be closed on Monday, May 27th for Memorial Day Holiday. *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

- Mr. Tom Logan 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 Weslaco made a motion to adjourn at 6:37 pm. The City of Mercedes seconded the motion and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.*