

Hidalgo County Metropolitan Planning Organization (HCMPO)
Transportation Policy Committee Meeting Minutes
March 21, 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, Edcouch, Edinburg, Hidalgo, McAllen, Mercedes, Palmhurst, Penitas, Pharr, TxDOT, Weslaco, Hidalgo County RMA and Valley Metro. Ex-Offio Members present: Rio Grande Valley Partnership.

TAB II CITIZEN INPUT

- None at this time.

TAB III PRESENTATION / ACTION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

A) Adoption of Minutes from:

- February 21, 2013

Chairwomen Diana Martinez asked if there were any corrections to the minutes. ***The City of Weslaco made a motion to approve the minutes: February 21, 2013 as presented. The City of Palmhurst seconded the motion and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.***

B) Discussion and Approval to Urbanized Area Boundary

- Mr. Canon stated that the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) reviewed this item. He stated that staff has contacted FHWA and Census regarding the designation. They notified us that there is NO appeals process. He stated that the Harlingen San Benito MPO boundaries moved into the City of Mercedes area. Staff presented a map for the committee to review. After further discussion, the committee requested we could come up with a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) or Memorandum of Agreement (MOA). Mr. Canon stated that a meeting is being set up with HCMPO Staff, City of Mercedes, TxDOT, Hidalgo County Precinct #1 and the Harl. San Benito MPO on Tuesday, April 10, 2013. Mr. Canon stated that this item will be brought back next month for final approval and staff will let the committee the outcome of the meeting with the City of Mercedes and Harl. San Benito MPO. ***Reports only, no action taken at this time.***

C) Discussion and Approval of Metropolitan Area Boundary (MAB)

- Mr. Canon stated that the MAB Map was provided for everyone to review. Mr. Canon stated that staff is requesting to extend our MAB Boundary and incorporate the northern area of Hidalgo County. ***The City of Weslaco made a motion to approve the Metropolitan Area Boundary (MAB) as presented. The City of Palmhurst seconded the motion and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.***

D) Discussion and Approval to Enter Into Contract with COPLAN for the CMP

- Mr. Canon stated that HCMPO staff, LRGVDC Procurement and COPLAN has gone through the contract. Staff has negotiated an amount of \$93,617.70 to include 435 lane miles. Mr. Canon stated that we had a budget amount of \$100,000. He stated that as soon as COPLAN signs the contract, staff will need to sign a notice to proceed and they will begin work on April 1st, 2013. ***The City of Weslaco made a motion to approve to Enter Into Contract with COPLAN for the CMP as presented. The City of Edcouch seconded the motion and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.***

Note* Commissioner Guillermo Ramirez took over the meeting.**

E) Discussion & Approval of FY2013-16 TIP and FY2010-35 MTP Amendments

- Mrs. Linda de la Fuente stated that a spreadsheet was provided for everyone to review. She noted that Public Involvement has begun. She noted that the attachment provided is only a working draft copy. She noted that staff is working on some changes. She stated that this item will need to be brought back at next month's meeting for final approval in order to meet the May 1st deadline. ***Reports only, no action taken at this time.***

F) Discussion on FY2013-16 Transit TIP Amendment

- Mrs. Maria Champine stated that Valley Metro and McAllen Metro will be meeting in the next two (2) weeks to discuss when and where they will be spending the funding that is available. She stated that this item will be brought back next month for final approval. ***Reports only, no action taken at this time.***

G) Update on HCMPO Certification

- Mr. Canon stated that the Certification went very well. He stated that FHWA will be back at the May Policy Meeting to make a presentation and present the final recommendations. *Reports only, no action taken at this time.*

H) Monthly Letting Update

- Mr. Jody Ellington, TxDOT, gave a brief report. *Reports only, no action taken at this time.*

TAB IV STATUS REPORTS

A. Calendar: April & May 2013

- HCMPO Staff: Out of Town Travel

Mr. Canon stated that the travel was provided for everyone to review. He stated that he will be attending the AMPO Summer Meeting in Washington, D.C. *The City of Edcouch made a motion to approve the Out of Town Travel for Andrew A. Canon to attend the AMPO Summer Meeting in Washington, DC. The City of Penitas seconded the motion and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.*

- Mr. Canon stated that the calendars were provided for everyone to review. Mr. Canon stated that the 3rd Annual Walk n Rolla was scheduled for Saturday, May 11, 2013 from 7am-12pm at the Edinburg Courthouse parking lot. He stated that some information was provided for everyone to review and if any entity was interested to become a sponsor that staff is available to answer any questions. He noted that all proceeds will be donated to the South Texas Juvenile Diabetes Association. *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. Valente Olivarez, P.E., gave a brief update.

TAB VII HCRMA REPORT

- Mr. Pilar Rodriguez, P.E. gave a brief update.

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 Penitas made a motion to adjourn at 6:55 pm. The City of Pharr seconded the motion and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.*