

Hidalgo County Metropolitan Planning Organization (HCMPO)
 Transportation Policy Committee Meeting Minutes
 January 21, 2016

Chairperson San Juanita Sanchez noted that the agenda would be discussed out of order, (i.e. Executive Session and Election of Secretary), so that Policy members are present to vote.

TAB I ROLL CALL

➤ Chairperson San Juanita Sanchez called the meeting to order at 5:35 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, Edcouch, Edinburg, Elsa, Granjeno, Hidalgo County, La Villa, McAllen, Mercedes, Mission, Palmview, Palmhurst, Penitas, Pharr, San Juan, Sullivan, TxDOT, Weslaco, Hidalgo County RMA and Valley Metro. Ex-Offio Members Present: Metro

TAB II CITIZEN INPUT

➤ None at this time.

TAB III PRESENTATION / ACTION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

A) Adoption of Minutes from:

➤ December 17, 2015

Chairperson San Juanita Sanchez asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of December 17, 2015. **No corrections were noted to the minutes of December 17, 2015; City of Alamo made a motion to approve the minutes of December 17, 2015 as presented by staff. The City of Palmview seconded the motion; and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.**

F) Cost Over-Run Project(s) (If Needed)

➤ Mr. Homer Bazan, TxDOT, stated that there were no updates at this time. **Reports only, no action taken at this time.**

G. Discussion and Action on TIP and MTP Highway Amendments (MPO Staff)

➤ Andrew Canon noted that staff is working on a revision to the TIP and MTP to reflect the updated value of Proposition 1 funding for FY 2017. As initially indicated by the Texas Comptroller, we were expecting to receive approximately \$15.56M in Proposition 1 funding for FY 2017, but the final amount came back at \$7.722M. Since the \$15.56M in Proposition 1 funding for FY 2017 have already been obligated through the November 2015 Revisions, staff will require TAC's guidance in making the necessary funding adjustments in order to reflect the correct amount of Proposition 1 funding for FY 2017. Included in the TPC packet were the Resolutions the Policy Board approved for Proposition 1 funding allocation for FY 2016 and FY 2017. Staff provided a "Distribution of Proposition 1 Funding for FY2016 and FY2017" chart to Policy members present as follows:

DISTRIBUTION OF PROPOSITION 1 FUNDING FOR FY 2016 AND FY 2017					
2016 PROPOSITION 1 DISTRIBUTION (\$14,750,000)					
		→			
			→		
US 281 Military (HCRMA)	→	Proposition 1 \$12,070,000		Category 7 FY 2020 Mile 3 N (FM 492 to Tom Gill) \$4,500,000 FY 2022 Mile 6 W (Mile 9 to Mile 11) \$12,000,000 FY 2025 FM 676 (SH 107 to Taylor) \$5,200,000	FY 2031 \$7,934,802 freed up in 2031 by Mile 6 W (Mile 9 to Mile 11) went to Mile 6 W (Mile 11 to SH 107) in 2031
Hidalgo Cty Illumination	→	Proposition 1 \$2,600,000			
2017 PROPOSITION 1 DISTRIBUTION (\$15,565,500)					
New Distribution \$7,722,000					
FM 907 (Nolana to US 83)	→	Proposition 1 \$6,362,973			
FM 494 (FM 676 to SH 107)	→	Proposition 1 \$7,107,966			

Staff noted that TAC members were in consensus to recommend the approval of the TIP and MTP Highway Amendments as presented to the Policy Committee. **After some discussion on this item, the City of Mission made a motion to approve the TIP and MTP Highway Amendments as presented by staff. The motion was seconded by the City of Alamo, and upon a vote; the motion carried unanimously.**

H. Discussion and Action on FY 2016-2017 UPWP Amendment #1

➤ Linda de la Fuente noted that HCMPO Staff is introducing an Amendment to the FY 2016-2017 UPWP to adjust the fringe and indirect rates provided by the LRGVDC. The original FY2016-2017 UPWP was adopted in July 2015 assuming that the HCMPO staff would be operating under a different fiscal agent offering lower fringe and indirect rates, thus the need for the adjustment. Staff noted that TAC members were in consensus to recommend the approval of the FY2016-2017 UPWP Amendment #1, as presented by staff to the Policy Committee. **After some discussion on this item, City of Mercedes made a motion to approve the FY2016-2017 UPWP Amendment #1, as presented by staff. The motion was seconded by the City of Alamo; and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.**

I. Discussion and Action on the Functional Re-Classification - Update

- Andrew Canon provided to members present hand-outs on the Functional Re-Classification and noted that staff has received a request from the City of McAllen to consider changing the functional classification of some roadways within their city limits. Attachment was provided for consideration of approval to submit to TxDOT to process and forward to FHWA. Staff noted that TAC members were in consensus to recommend the approval of the Functional Re-Classification as presented to the Policy Committee. **No discussion took place on this item; a motion was made by the City of Mercedes to approve the Functional Re-Classification, as presented by staff. The City of Alamo seconded the motion; and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.**

At this time Chairperson San Juanita Sanchez went back up to the beginning of the agenda.

B. Cities of Edcouch, Granjeno, La Villa and Sullivan City Request /Action in Restoring Eligibility to Vote

- Andrew Canon noted that the following cities of Edcouch, Granjeno, La Villa and Sullivan City, are asking to restore their voting membership. In compliance with the Bylaws, these cities have met the three (3) in roll attendance and the Policy Committee will take action in restoring full voting membership. Vice Chairman Randy Sweeten brought to the Policy Committee attention, that as per the Bylaws date December 4, 2014 they read as follows:

In order to regain full voting status the suspended member must show good faith effort to retain the full status. A good effort is attending 4 consecutive meetings as an ex-officio member. In the fifth (5) month, the active members will consider this a good faith effort and restore full voting membership.

Vice Chairman Randy Sweeten asked if these bylaws have been amended since December 2014. Andrew Canon response was; it was an oversight, no amendments have been done since December 2014. City of Mission recommended that staff look into the guidelines regarding "local elected officials" serving on the Policy Board. **After some discussion on this item, City of Mercedes made a motion to table this item. The City of Palmview seconded the motion; and upon a vote, the motion passed unanimously.**

C. Discussion and Action to Elect Secretary to the Policy Committee (Chairperson)

- Chairperson San Juanita Sanchez at this time asked if there were any nominations for Secretary to the Policy Committee. City of Mission nominated Roy Rodriguez with the City of McAllen. HCRMA nominated Ambrosio "Amos" Hernandez, Mayor for the City of Pharr. No other nominations were voiced by members present.

Motion was made by the City of Palmview to elect Roy Rodriguez with the City of McAllen as Secretary to the Policy Committee. The motion was seconded by the City of Alton. Votes Counted (31).

Motion was made by City of Edinburg to elect Ambrosio "Amos" Hernandez, Mayor for the City of Pharr as Secretary to the Policy Committee. The motion was seconded by City of Elsa. Votes counted (34). Motion passed to elect Mayor Hernandez as the new Secretary to the Policy Committee.

D. Executive Session - The HCMPO Transportation Policy Committee will convene in Executive Session, Pursuant to Tx. Gov. Code - Section 551.074 (Personnel Matters).

1. Discussion regarding Transportation Directors' Contract with HCMPO

- Chairperson San Juanita Sanchez called an Executive Session into order at 6:01 p.m., to discuss the Transportation Directors' Contract with HCMPO. **The City of Alton made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss the Transportation Directors' Contract. The City of Alamo seconded the motion; and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.**

E. Open Session - The HCMPO Transportation Policy Committee will reconvene in Open Session to take necessary action if any, in accordance with Chapter 551, Open Meetings, Subchapter E, and Procedures Relating to Closed Meeting 551.102, Requirement to Vote or Take Final Action in Open Meeting.

1. Transportation Directors' Contract with HCMPO

The City of Alamo made a motion to come back into Open Session at 6:20 p.m. The City of Alton seconded the motion; and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.

- Chairperson San Juanita Sanchez asked for a motion regarding discussion in executive session on the Transportation Directors' Contract. **Motion was made by the City of Mission to approve the Transportation Directors' contract as discussed in Executive Session. The motion was seconded by City of Palmhurst. City of McAllen made an amendment to the motion as follows: 1) contract be reviewed by legal counsel; 2) contract be for (3) three years; and 3) language be included regarding a separation should there be a MPO Merger. The motion was seconded by City of Mercedes to the amendment; and upon a vote the motion passed.**

- Chairperson San Juanita Sanchez entertained a motion to have staff seek legal counsel. Hidalgo County made a motion to have Atlas & Hall provide legal counsel. **The motion was seconded by City of Pharr; and upon a vote, the motion passed.**

J. Monthly Letting Update

- Homer Bazan, TxDOT provided the Monthly Letting Report to members present. The Monthly Letting Report is filed with the January 2016 agenda packet. **Report only, no action taken at this time.**

TAB IV STAFF REPORTS

A) Directors Update

- Texas Transportation Forum – Austin – January 4-6, 2016 - Update was provided to members present
- TRB Conference – Washington - January 10-14, 2016 – Update was provided to members present
- GIS Summit – San Antonio – January 21-22, 2016 – Update was provided to members present

➤ Calendars Report

Month of January 2016:

- BPAC Meeting – January 4, 2016 - Canceled
- TAC Meeting – Re-Scheduled January 7, 2016
- TPC Meeting – January 21, 2016
- New Year’s Day Holiday – January 1, 2016 – Office Closed
- Martin Luther King Holiday – January 18, 2016 – Office Closed

➤ Month of February 2016:

- BPAC Meeting – February 1, 2016 - Canceled
- TAC Meeting – February 2, 2016
- TPC/TAC Workshop – February 11, 2016 @ 5:30 PM
- TPC Meeting – February 18, 2016
- President’s Day Holidays – February 15, 2016 – Office Closed

➤ Legislative Update:

None provided.

B) HCMPO Budget Report

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

TAB V TXDOT CONSTRUCTION REPORT

- Dora Robles with TxDOT gave an update and provided a report of completed and pending projects (Hand out part of the packet)

TAB VI HIDALGO COUNTY REGIONAL MOBILITY AUTHORITY (HCRMA)

- Secretary Randy Sweeten invited members present to the Ground breaking scheduled for February 2, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. and noted invites were sent out.

TAB VII VALLEY METRO

- Tom Logan reported RGV Transit Bus Driver Academy will be launching this coming month, in partnership with Valley Metro, Brownsville Metro, Island Metro or Metro McAllen. Eligibility guidelines are: • Be at least 21 years of age • Clean driving record • Pass pre-employment drug and alcohol tests • Must speak Spanish & English • Pass DOT physical • Have a valid driver’s license (no CDL) • Pass criminal background. There are only 30 slots available valleys wide.

TAB VIII METRO

- Robert De Leon reported that the City of McAllen purchased two new electric buses, which are the first inductive charging electric bus system in the State of Texas. A federal grant covered 90 percent of the expenses for the project. Electric Bus Roll-Out Ceremony is scheduled for January 28, 2016 at 10:00 AM in McAllen.

TAB IX OLD OR NEW BUSINESS

- TML Meeting scheduled the same time as Policy Meeting February 18, 2016. No need to move the TPC Meeting.
- Out of State Travel – AMPO Policy Meeting – March 13-15, 2016 in Washington, D.C. The TPC has approved this trip as part of the 2016-2017 UPWP under TASK 1.5. **No discussion took place on this item; motion was made by the City of Palmhurst to approve the Out of State Travel as presented by staff. The City of Edinburg seconded the motion; and upon a vote, the motion passed.**

TAB X ADJOURNMENT

- **No other items were discussed; the City of Palmhurst made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 pm. The City of Pharr seconded the motion; and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.**

ATTEST:

Transportation Policy Committee (TPC)
Secretary