

Hidalgo County Metropolitan Planning Organization  
Technical Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes  
June 10, 2014

1) Roll Call

➤ Chairwoman Michelle Leftwich called the meeting to order at 1:34pm. 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: Alton, Donna, Edinburg, Hidalgo County, McAllen, Mercedes, Mission, Pharr, San Juan, Sullivan City, Weslaco, Valley Metro, and TxDOT. Ex-Officio Members present: Hidalgo County Commuter Rail District.

2) Adoption of Minutes from:

➤ May 06, 2014

Chairwoman Michelle Leftwich asked if there were any corrections to the minutes. **The City of Donna made a motion to approve the May 6, 2014 as presented. The City of Edinburg seconded the motion and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.**

3) Cost Over-Run Projects(s) (If Needed)

➤ None given at this time.

4) Discussion & Approval of Proposed Voting Structure

➤ Mr. Andrew Canon stated that the By-Laws Sub-Committee held a meeting on Wednesday May 21, 2014 that included Mr. Homer Bazan, TxDOT; Mr. Xavier Cervantes, City of San Juan; Mr. Ed Taylor, City of McAllen, Mr. Jim Edge, HDCCR. Mr. Andrew Canon stated that the By-Laws Sub-Committee recommended proposal one (1) that allows the State Senators and State Representatives that represent the Metropolitan Area shall serve as Ex-Officio members unless a request is made in writing to the HCMPO Police Committee to be recognized as a full voting member at which time the Policy Committee shall vote upon the request of the State official and should voting privileges be granted the state official shall have one (1) vote on the Transportation Policy Committee. **The Hidalgo County Commuter Rail District (HCCRD) made a motion to approve proposal one (1) allowing State Senators and State Representatives to request one (1) full voting member rights as presented. The City of San Juan seconded the motion and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.**

➤ Mr. Andrew Canon stated that the By-Laws Sub-Committee also recommended proposal two (2) that allows for a population based formula voting structure with an incorporation of clustered cities which allows for a lowered number of total votes on the Transportation Policy Committee (TPC). **The City of McAllen made a motion to table item for next available meeting. The City of Edinburg seconded the motion upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.**

5) Discussion of Possible Program Manager for Operational Improvements

➤ Mr. Homer Bazan stated he needed to get together with the TxDOT Director of Transportation Operations. Mr. Eduardo Mendoza recommended creating an RFP process through the HCMPO Office for a consultant. Mr. Andrew Canon stated he would come back to next meeting with a created RFP and scope along with recommendation at the request of the TAC.

6) Discussion to begin public involvement MTP/TIP

➤ Mrs. Linda De La Fuente gave a brief update on the MTP/TIP and stated the HCMPO would begin public involvement on June 11, 2014 and end July 16, 2014 on the MTP/TIP.

7) Monthly Letting Update

➤ Mr. Homer Bazan gave a brief update.

8) Status Report

A. Calendar: June & July 2014

➤ Mr. Canon stated that the calendar reflects that the June 2014 TPC meeting has been moved back to June 26, 2014 due to being in Corpus Christi, Texas. He stated on July 2, 2014 a Transportation Funding hearing will be held at 9:00 a.m. in Austin, Texas. Mr. Canon stated on July 7, 2014 the 74<sup>th</sup> Annual Texas Good Roads workshop is taking place in San Antonio, Texas and a discussion of Proposition 1-SJR1 will be discussed at the meeting. Mr. Canon stated he was asked to meet with the Secretary of State on July 16, 2014 in Austin, Texas on our Border Trade Advisory Committee.

B. HCMPO Budget Report

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

C. HCMPO Project Update

➤ None at this time.

D. Director's Update

➤ None

9) HCRMA Update

➤ Mr. Jorge Ramon gave a brief update.

10) Valley Metro

➤ Mrs. Maribel Contreras gave a brief update.

11) Metro

➤ No reports given at this time.

12) Hidalgo County Commuter Rail District

➤ Mr. Jim Edge gave a brief update on the partnership with the Hidalgo County Metropolitan Planning Organization (HCMPO) and mentioned the new Commuter Rail District website that was recently launched.

13) Old or New Business

➤ No old or new business at this time.

14) Adjournment

➤ Chairwoman Michelle Leftwich adjourned the meeting at 3:25pm.