

Hidalgo County Metropolitan Planning Organization
Technical Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
March 06, 2012

1) Roll Call

- Chairman Ed Taylor called the meeting to order at 1:35pm. 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: Alamo, Edinburg, Hidalgo County, McAllen, Mercedes, Mission, Penitas, Pharr, San Juan, Valley Metro and TxDOT.

2) Adoption of Minutes from: February 07, 2012

- Chairman Ed Taylor asked if there were any corrections to the minutes, there being none. ***The City of Alamo made a motion to approve the February 07, 2012 minutes as presented. The City Penitas seconded the motion and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.***

3) Cost Over-Run Projects

- None at this time.

4) Discussion and Approval of Thoroughfare Plan Map

- Mrs. Maria Champine stated that the sub-committee met and reviewed all of the recommendations that were submitted. She noted that a map was provided for everyone to review. Mr. Ed Taylor, City of McAllen, made several comments in reference to the map being provided and requested for some information to be double checked before submitting the map to the Policy Committee for final approval. After further discussion and recommendations, the committee approved the map with the recommendations from the members. ***The City of San Juan made a motion to approve the Thoroughfare Plan Map with the recommendations of the committee. Hidalgo County seconded the motion and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.***

5) Discussion and Approval of Functional Class Revision

Mrs. Champine stated that staff has implemented all of the recommendations that were submitted to staff. She noted that a map was provided for everyone to review. She briefly went through the changes that were being implanted or changed. ***TxDOT made a motion to approve the Functional Class Revision as presented. The City of Mercedes seconded the motion and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.***

6) Discussion and Approval of Down Town Edinburg Study

- Mrs. Linda de la Fuente advised the members that information and a breakdown was provided for everyone to review. She stated that the LRGVDC Procurement and HCMPO staff met with the consultant to negotiate all terms. She noted that a final summary was provided for them to review. She noted that staff negotiated the contract at \$41,802. Mrs. De la Fuente stated that all of the amounts were in compliant with state and national averages. ***The City of Edinburg made a motion to approve the Down Town Edinburg Study as presented. The City of Alamo seconded the motion and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.***

7) Discussion of FY2011-2014 MTP/TIP Update

- Mr. Canon stated that staff received over \$100 million in project submittals that were ready. He noted that staff reviewed each project that was submitted. He advised the members that all of the information was provided for everyone to review. He stated that the total amount in funding submitted was more than we are allowed to put in the first years in the MTP / TIP. After further discussion on the projects that were submitted, the City of Pharr will re-submit their project with an updated breakdown on funding allocation. Mr. Canon stated that there were three options; Option 1: move 10th project to FY2017 and Ware Road project for FY2014. Option 2: Move La Homa project for FY2012 and Option 3 to swap both projects. Mr. Canon stated that this item was only a discussion item and will be brought back next month for approval. He stated that staff will implement all recommendations and bring it back next month. ***Reports only, no action taken at this time.***

- 8) Presentation on Hidalgo County Commuter Rail District (HCCRD) Feasibility Study
 - Mr. Jim Edge, HCCRD Vice-Chairman gave a brief presentation on the Feasibility Study. He requested a resolution of support from the members. ***Reports only, no action taken at this time.***
- 9) Monthly Letting Report
 - Mr. Homer Bazan, TxDOT, gave a brief update.
- 10) Status Reports
 - A. Calendar: March & February 2012
 - Mr. Canon stated that the calendar was provided for everyone to review. He reminded everyone that the Walk n Rolla event was scheduled for Saturday, March 10th and the VIP Ride was also taking place on Friday, March 9th at 3pm. He noted that there was still time to sign up for the VIP Ride.
 - B. Legislative / RTAP Update
 - Mrs. Amanda Longoria gave a brief update on the Legislative / RTAP Update.
 - C. HCMPO Budget Report
 - Mrs. Linda de la Fuente gave a brief update on the HCMPO Budget.
- 11) HCRMA Update
 - Mrs. Flor Koll gave a brief update on HCRMA.
- 12) Valley Metro
 - Mr. Tom Logan gave a brief update on Metro.
- 13) Metro
 - Mr. Elizabeth Suarez gave a brief update on Metro.
- 14) Hidalgo County Commuter Rail District
 - This item was given during Item #8.
- 15) Old or New Business
 - Ms. Amanda Hernandez stated that a copy of the updated JARC /New Freedom application was provided for everyone to review. She noted that only some minor changes were made from the previous one. ***The City of Mission approved the JARC/New Freedom application as presented. The Hidalgo County Commuter Rail District (HCCRD) seconded the motion and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.***
- 16) Adjournment
 - ***The City of Edinburg made a motion to adjourn at 2:30 pm. The City of Mission seconded the motion and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.***