

Hidalgo County Metropolitan Planning Organization
Technical Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
July 02, 2013

1) Roll Call

- Chairman Ed Taylor called the meeting to order at 1:36pm. 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, Hidalgo County, Hidalgo County RMA, McAllen, Mercedes, Mission, Penitas, Pharr, San Juan, Weslaco, Valley Metro and TxDOT.

2) Adoption of Minutes from:

- May 7, 2013

Chairman Ed Taylor asked if there were any corrections to the minutes. The City of Edinburg stated that there was a minor typo on item two (2). **The City of Mercedes made a motion to approve the May 7, 2013 with minor typo correction on item two (2) as presented. The City of Mission seconded the motion and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.**

3) Cost Over-Run Projects

- Mr. Homer Bazan gave a brief update.

4) Discussion & Approval of TIP/MTP Amendments

- Mrs. Linda de la Fuente, HCMPO, gave a brief summary of the TIP/MTP. She stated that the deadline was August 2013. She advised the members that a spreadsheet was provided for everyone to review. Mrs. Maria Champine, HCMPO, briefly went through the Transit portion of the TIP. She stated that the changes were listed in red. After further review, **The City of Mercedes made a motion to approve the TIP/MTP Amendments as presented. The City of Pharr seconded the motion and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.**

5) Discussion & Approval of JARC/New Freedom Program Call Results

- Mrs. Champine stated that there were three (3) submittals for the JARC/New Freedom Program Call. She stated that the City of Pharr and Valley Metro submitted an application for the New Freedom Program Call and Valley Metro also submitted an application for the JARC Program Call. Mrs. Champine briefly went through the funding for each project submittal. After further review, **The City of Pharr made a motion to approve all three (3) JARC/New Freedom Program Call submittals as presented. The City of San Juan seconded the motion and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.**

6) Discussion & Approval of CMP Contract Extension

- Mr. Canon stated the CMP Contract Extension was only on time only. No other funding is needed. He stated that there will be a CMP Workshop on Friday July 12th at 10am. He stated that the final approval will be done in August. After further discussion, **The City of Penitas made a motion to approve the CMP Contract Extension as presented. The City of Alamo seconded the motion and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.**

7) Discussion & Approval of FY2012-2013 UPWP Amendment #3

- Mrs. De la Fuente stated that the FY2012-13 UPWP was provided to everyone for review. She briefly went through the changes needed for the amendment. After further discussion, **The City of Mission made a motion to approve the FY2012-13 UPWP Amendment #3 as presented. The City of Penitas seconded the motion and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.**

8) Discussion & Approval of FY2014-15 UPWP

- Mrs. De la Fuente stated that a draft copy of the FY2014-15 UPWP was provided for everyone to review. She stated that we needed to submit a draft copy to TxDOT by August 8, 2013. She stated that if any changes needed to be made we will bring this item back with an amendment. After further discussion, **The City of Mercedes made a motion to approve the FY2014-15 UPWP as presented. The City of Mission seconded the motion and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.**

9) Discussion on the Public Participation Plan (PPP)

- Mr. Canon stated that the updated PPP was provided for everyone to review. He stated that staff added a social media section. He stated that all of the changes were listed in red for the members to review. **Reports only, no action taken at this time.**

10) Discussion & Update on Pedestrian Plan

- Miss. Chanel Borrego and Mr. Robert Escobar briefly gave a presentation on the survey results and discussed the workshop scheduled. **Reports only, no action taken at this time.**

11) US 83/281 Interchange Project Scenario

- Mr. Homer Bazan briefly gave a presentation on the US83/281 Interchange Project Scenario. He stated that TxDOT staff was going to ask to be put on the Commission meetings to present the possible changes. He stated that TxDOT staff was looking into how these changes were going to be funded. **Reports only, no action taken at this time.**

12) Discussion on CAT 7 Funding Implications.

- Mr. Homer Bazan gave a brief update regarding the CAT 7 Funding Implications. He stated that this item will be brought back next month. **Reports only, no action taken at this time.**

- 13) Update on I-69 Unveiling Ceremony
 - Mr. Canon stated that the I-69 Unveiling Ceremony was scheduled for Monday, July 15th at 10:30am. He stated that the ceremony will proceed at the City of Mercedes Life Stock Show Grounds. **Reports only, no action taken at this time.**
- 14) Monthly Letting Report
 - Mr. Bazan gave a brief update.
- 15) Status Reports
 - A. Calendar: July & August 2013
 - Mr. Canon gave a brief update. He stated that the calendars were provided for everyone to review. **Reports only, no action taken at this time.**
 - B. Legislative / RTAP Update
 - None at this time.
 - C. HCMPO Budget Report
 - Mrs. Linda de la Fuente gave a brief update on the HCMPO Budget.
 - D. HCMPO Project Update
 - None at this time.
 - E. Director's Update
 - None at this time.
- 16) HCRMA Update
 - None at this time.
- 17) Valley Metro
 - Mrs. Maribel Contreras gave a brief update on the Valley Metro.
- 18) Metro
 - Mr. Mario Delgado gave a brief update on the McAllen Metro.
- 19) Hidalgo County Commuter Rail District
 - None at this time.
- 20) Old or New Business
 - None at this time.
- 21) Adjournment
 - ***The City of San Juan made a motion to adjourn at 3:50 pm. TxDOT seconded the motion and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.***