

Hidalgo County Metropolitan Planning Organization (HCMPO)
Transportation Policy Committee Meeting Minutes
March 20, 2014

TAB I ROLL CALL

- Chairman Guillermo Ramirez called the meeting to order at 5:39 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: Alton, Donna, Edinburg, Elsa, Hidalgo, Hidalgo County RMA, Mercedes, Mission, Palmhurst, Penitas, Pharr, San Juan, Weslaco, TxDOT and Valley Metro.

TAB II CITIZEN INPUT

- None at this time.

TAB III PRESENTATION / ACTION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A) Adoption of Minutes from:
 - February 20, 2014
Chairman Guillermo Ramirez asked if there were any corrections to the minutes. **The City of Palmhurst made a motion to approve the February 20, 2014 minutes as presented. Valley Metro seconded the motion and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.**
- B) Discussion & Approval of Pedestrian Plan
 - Mr. Andrew A. Canon stated that the Pedestrian Plan was provided for everyone to review. Mr. Escobar stated that staff had several pedestrian Plan public meetings on the following dates and times: Thursday, February 27th at 3pm at the HCMPO Office, Monday, March 3rd at 5pm at Speer Memorial Library, Mission, Texas and March 17th at 5:30pm at UTPA ITT Bldg, Edinburg, Texas. Miss Karina Maldonado gave a brief power point presentation. Mr. Robert Escobar stated that all recommendations were added. After further discussion, **The City of Palmhurst made a motion to approve Pedestrian Plan as presented. The City of San Juan seconded the motion and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.**
- C) Discussion & Approval of MOU between HCMPO & Hidalgo County Commuter Rail District (HCCRD)
 - Mr. Canon stated that MOU was provided for everyone to review. He stated that the HCCRD and the HCMPO have gone through the MOU and are in agreement. He stated that MPO staff will be providing administrative support to the HCCRD. He noted that the TAC members have also reviewed the MOU and are in agreement with providing administrative support. After further discussion, **Hidalgo County made a motion to approve the MOU between the HCMPO and the HCCRD as presented. The City of San Juan seconded the motion and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.**
- D) Presentation on 2014 Strategic Plan Update and Project Flythroughs for SH365 and IBTC
 - Mr. Pilar Rodriguez, Hidalgo County Regional Mobility Authority (HCRMA), gave a brief power point presentation on the 2014 Strategic Plan Update and Project Flythroughs for SH365 and IBTC. After further discussion, Mr. Rodriguez stated that staff was prepared to give a presentation to any of the entities as requested. **Reports only, no action taken at this time.**
- E) Discussion on Valley Metro 5310 Program Call
 - Mr. Tom Logan, Valley Metro, stated that the TAC members have been notified that there is a 5310 program call and there are funds available. He stated that the deadline to submit any projects is April 18, 2014. He stated that approximately \$500,000 funds are available. He stated that they can contact Maria Champine, HCMPO, or himself for any information. **Reports only, no action taken at this time.**
- F) Discussion of FY2013-16 Mobility & Transit TIP Amendment #7
 - Mrs. Linda de la Fuente stated that a spreadsheet was provided for everyone to review. She stated that the final will need to be approved at the April Policy Meeting in order to meet the May 1st deadline. She stated that public involvement has already begun. Miss Karina Maldonado briefly went through the Transit TIP. She stated that there were some projects that were removed and others added. She stated that a public meeting is scheduled for April 3rd at the Ruben Rodriguez Elementary School in Edcouch at 5pm and March 25th at 3pm at the HCMPO office. **Reports only, no action taken at this time.**
- G) Discussion of FY2015-18 Mobility & Transit TIP
 - This item was discussed with Item F & H. **Reports only, no action taken at this time.**
- H) Discussion of FY2010-35 MTP Amendment #14
 - This item was discussed with Item F & G. **Reports only, no action taken at this time.**
- I) Monthly Letting Update
 - Mr. Toribio Garza Jr., P.E., TxDOT, gave a brief update.

TAB IV STATUS REPORTS

- A. Calendar: April & May 2014
 - Mr. Canon stated that the calendars were provided for everyone to review. **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 budget.
- D. HCMPO Project Update
 - Mr. Canon stated that a handout was provided for everyone to review. Mr. Canon gave a brief update.
- E. Director's Update
 - Mr. Canon stated that the 4th Annual Walk n Rolla event was scheduled for April 12th. He also stated that a Poker Tournament Event has been scheduled for Saturday, March 22nd.

TAB V OFF SYSTEM REPORT

- No reports were given at this time.

TAB VI TXDOT CONSTRUCTION REPORT

- Mr. Ryan Birch gave a brief update.

TAB VII HIDALGO COUNTY COMMUTER RAIL DISTRICT

- No reports were giving at this time.

TAB VIII VALLEY METRO

- Mr. Tom Logan gave a brief update.

TAB IX METRO

- No reports were given at this time.

TAB X OLD OR NEW BUSINESS

- The members requested for an updated list of the current members for each entity.

TAB XI ADJOURNMENT

- *The City of San Juan made a motion to adjourn at 6:41 pm. Hidalgo County seconded the motion and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.*

ATTEST:

The Honorable San Juanita Martinez
Transportation Policy Committee (TPC)
Secretary