

Hidalgo County Metropolitan Planning Organization
Technical Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
January 6, 2015

1) Roll Call

- Chairman Joe Califa called the meeting to order at 1:30pm. 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, Alton, Donna, Hidalgo County, McAllen, Mercedes, Mission, Pharr, San Juan, TxDOT, Weslaco and Valley Metro: Ex-Officio Members Present: Hidalgo County Commuter Rail District.

2) Adoption of Minutes

- **November 25, 2014**
Chairman Joe Califa asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of November 25, 2014. **No corrections were noted; City of Weslaco made a motion to approve the minutes of November 25, 2014 as presented. The motion was seconded by City of McAllen and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.**

3) Cost Over-Run Projects

- None given at this time.

4) Discussion and Action of the Transit TIP Amendment

- Maria Champine noted that Valley Metro was going through a Transit TIP Amendment only for FY2015 and hand-outs were provided for everyone to review. She briefly went through the spreadsheets and noted that a total of six (6) projects are being considered under the 5307 Category, two (2) new projects and 4 revised projects. Funding are being shifted from McAllen Metro to Valley Metro only. **No discussion took place on this item; the City of McAllen made a motion to approve the Transit TIP Amendment as presented. The City of Mercedes seconded the motion and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.**

5) Discussion of the 2014 APL & APER

- Andrew Canon noted to members present that APL for 2014 was provided to members present for their review. This is the annual publication on final projects that were Lett for 2014 and is in partnership with TxDOT. These are projects that were Lett for 2014 through the MPO. **Presentation only, no action taken.**
- Linda De La Fuente noted that the Total Transportation Planning Funds (TPF) Budgeted and Expended for FY 2014 was provided to members present for their review and included the following: Total amount of Projects Lett was \$24 Million for FY2014. **Presentation only, no action taken.**

UPWP	Description	Percent Expended
1.0	Administration Management	94%
2.0	Data Development and Maintenance	54%
3.0	Short Range Planning	100%
4.0	Metropolitan Transportation	37%
5.0	Management Systems/or Studies	83%
	Total	75%

6) Discussion on Amendment of UPWP to Comply with PEA's

- Linda De La Fuente noted that the Amendment of UPWP to Comply with PEA's was provided to members present for their review and areas of concern were highlighted in red and are as follows: Addressing MAP-21 Planning Emphasis Areas; Transition to Performance Based Planning and Programming; Models of Regional Planning Cooperation; and Ladders of Opportunity. This information has been discussed with TxDOT and no formal approval is needed on this item. **Presentation only, no action taken.**

7) Discussion of Proposition #1 Potential Funding as Discussed @ TxDOT Commission Meeting held December 18, 2014

- Andrew A. Canon noted that he would be covering/discussing items 7 & 8 together as follows: 1) Letter from TxDOT dated December 19, 2014 indicates that Hidalgo County MPO will receive \$20,106,000 in funding for this fiscal year. This is a discussion item and will be presented to members at the next TAC Meeting as an action item; and 2) Letter dated November 11, 2014 executed by Mayors from City of Mission and City of Palmview; Commissioner Flores and Commissioner Palacios, was submitted to the MPO indicating that they have been aggressively developing roadway projects toward a shovel-ready projects. They are respectfully requesting that three of their project which will be ready to receive bids in the early part of 2015, receive Prop #1 funding that will soon be made available. They are also requesting that the CAT 7 and CAT 11 allocation that will be freed up by the additional Prop #1 funding be assigned to 2 other corridor expansions Taylor Road and Veterans Rod (SH 495) Expansions. Andrew Canon concluded by reminding members present that projects will be selected by February 2015 and funds will be awarded for construction only. Chairman Califa reminded members present that they continue to develop their projects and be prepared for future funding from Prop #1. **Presentation only, no action taken.**

8) Discussion of Proposition #1 Project Submitted

- This was discussed under Item #7

9) Discussion of 5310 Program Call

- Maria Champine noted that the 5310 Program Call was provided to members present for their review. The 5310 Program Call is intended to enhance mobility for seniors and persons with disabilities by providing funds for program to serve the special needs of transit-dependent populations beyond traditional public transportation services and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Maria Champine concluded her presentation by letting members know that an Information Workshop is scheduled for January 29, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. at the LRGVDC Transportation Center. Application deadline is February 20, 2015 by 5:00 p.m. and must be submitted to Maria Champine, Assistant Transportation Director. Application and the Program Management Plan are available on the website for download. **Presentation only, no action taken.**

10) Monthly Letting Report

- Mr. Homer Bazan provided to TAC Members present with handouts of the TxDOT Monthly Letting Update for January 2015 on Projects within the Hidalgo County MPO Area. **Presentation only, no action taken.**

11) Status Reports

A. Calendar: January 2015 & February 2015

- Andrew Canon reported on the Calendars as follows:
Month of January 2015:
 - **TAC Meeting** - Scheduled January 6, 2015
 - **New Year's 2015** – January 1, 2015 – Office is Closed
 - **Martin Luther King** – January 19, 2015 – Office is Closed
 - **Policy Meeting** - Scheduled January 22, 2015**Month of February 2015:**
 - BPAC Meeting – Scheduled for February 2, 2015
 - TAC Meeting – Scheduled for February 3, 2015
 - TxDOT Commission Meeting Re: Proposition #1 – February 25-26, 2015

B. HCMPO Budget Report

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

C. Director' Updates

- **TRB Conference – Washington** - Conference is set for January 12-15, Staff members attending Maria Champine, Cody Baczewski, Sarah Hardage and Mr. Canon.
- **TxDOT Commission Meeting – Austin** is set for January 28-29, 2015

11) HCRMA Update

- George Ramon with Hidalgo County RMA provided a brief update.

12) Valley Metro

- Gabriel Zuniga, Mobility Manager gave a brief update on Valley Metro.

13) Metro

- Mrs. Sandra Gama gave a brief update.

14) Hidalgo County Commuter Rail District

- No reports were given at this time.

15) Old or New Business

- Mr. Bazan noted that several cities have voiced a concern regarding lighting along the expressway and recommended that this be addressed before the Policy Committee at their next meeting.

16) Adjournment

- **The meeting adjourn at 2:35 pm.**