

Hidalgo County Metropolitan Planning Organization
Transportation Policy Committee Meeting Minutes
December 13, 2012

TAB I ROLL CALL

Chairwomen Diana Martinez called the meeting to order at 5:32 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: Alamo, Alton, Edinburg, Hidalgo County, Hidalgo, McAllen, Mercedes, Mission, Palmhurst, Penitas, San Juan, TxDOT, Weslaco and Valley Metro. Ex-Offio Members present: Hidalgo County Commuter Rail District.

TAB II CITIZEN INPUT

- None at this time.

TAB III PRESENTATION / ACTION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

A) Adoption of Minutes from:

- October 02, 2012

Chairwomen Diana Martinez asked if there were any corrections to the minutes. *Hidalgo County made a motion to approve the minutes: October 02, 2012 as presented. The City of Penitas seconded the motion and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.*

B) Discussion and Approval of Release of Spring 2013 CMP RFP

- Mr. Andrew Canon stated that the Request for Proposal (RFP) for our Bi-annual Congestion Management Process was provided for everyone to review. He noted that this RFP is released every two (2) years. Mr. Canon stated that the Technical Advisory Committee has reviewed the RFP and approved it as presented. *The City of Penitas made a motion to approve the Release of the Spring 2013 CMP RFP as presented. Hidalgo County seconded the motion and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.*

C) Discussion and Approval of FY2012 APER

- Mr. Canon stated that the FY2012 Annual Performance and Expenditure Report (APER) was provided for everyone to review. He stated that this is our annual report that we provide to TxDOT and FHWA that summarizes the expenditures of the HCMPO over the previous fiscal year. He noted that staff has provided monthly reports of expenditures. Mr. Canon advised the members that the TAC members have reviewed the FY2012 APER and approved it as presented. *The City of Hidalgo made a motion to approve the FY2012 APER as presented. The City of Penitas seconded the motion and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.*

D) Discussion and Approval of Resolution of Co-Designation of US83 & US77

- Mr. Canon stated that TxDOT has provided two (2) resolutions of Co-Designation of US83 & US77 for review. TxDOT is requesting support of the designation of US77 * US281 as part of the Interstate 69 system and Co-Designation of US83 as a connector to US77 & US281. *Hidalgo County made a motion to approve the Resolution of Co-Designation of US83 & US77 as presented. The City of Peñitas seconded the motion and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.*

E) Discussion of 2013-2016 TIP Amendment #3 & 2010-2035 MTP Amendment #10

- Mr. Canon stated that the TIP and MTP were provided for everyone to review. He noted that we will need approval at the January 2013 meeting for the February 1st submittal deadline to TxDOT. He stated that due to unforeseen circumstances there has been an increase of almost 30% across the board on project lettings lately. He noted that staff and TAC Members worked on both plans to balance and meet the federally required fiscal constraint by each year of the plan. Mr. Canon stated that the work required the adjustment of projects by year in order to meet the federally required fiscal constraint of our budget. *Reports only, no action taken at this time.*

F) Monthly Letting Update

- Mr. Mario Jorge, TxDOT, gave a brief update and he also provided a handout. *Reports only, no action taken at this time.*

TAB IV STATUS REPORTS

- A. Calendar: December 2012 & January 2013
 - Discussion of Border to Border Conference
 - Mr. Canon stated that the calendars were provided for everyone to review. He noted that the Border Conference went very well. He stated that Secretary of State Hope Andrade was present and gave a speech. He stated that well over 200 were present. Mr. Canon reminded everyone that staff has scheduled a Policy Training Workshop for the last week of January. He stated that an email will be sent out to everyone with the definite date. Mr. Canon stated that TRB will be held in Washington, DC the week of the January Policy, he recommends moving back the Policy meeting to Thursday, January 24, 2013. The members came to a consensus to move the Policy Meeting back by a week.`
- 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 HCMPO Budget.
- D. HCMPO Project Update
 - Mr. Canon gave a brief update.
- E. Director's Update
 - Mr. Luis Diaz gave a brief update on the thoroughfare plan. He stated that the deadline for submittals is tomorrow, December 14, 2012.

TAB V OFF SYSTEM REPORT

- No reports were given at this time.

TAB VI TXDOT CONSTRUCTION REPORT

- Mr. Valente Olivarez, Jr., P.E., gave a brief update.

TAB VII HCRMA REPORT

- None at this time.

TAB VIII HIDALGO COUNTY COMMUTER RAIL DISTRICT

- Mr. Jim Edge gave a brief update.

TAB IX VALLEY METRO

- Mr. Tom Logan gave a brief update.

TAB X METRO

- No reports were given at this time.

TAB XI OLD OR NEW BUSINESS

- No reports were given at this time.

TAB XII ADJOURNMENT

- *The City of McAllen made a motion to adjourn at 6:35 pm. The City of Hidalgo seconded the motion and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.*