

Hidalgo County Metropolitan Planning Organization
Technical Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
October 02, 2012

1) Roll Call

- Secretary Joe Califa called the meeting to order at 1:39pm. 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, Donna, Edinburg, Hidalgo County, McAllen, Mission, Penitas, San Juan, Valley Metro and TxDOT. ExOffio Members Present: Hidalgo County Commuter Rail District and US Fish & Wildlife.

2) Adoption of Minutes from:

- September 04, 2012

Secretary Joe Califa asked if there were any corrections to the minutes, there being none. *The City of Alamo made a motion to approve the September 04, 2012 minutes as presented. The City of 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 HCMPO Planning Contract

- Mrs. Maria Champine stated that the Planning contract was provided for everyone to review. Mrs. Champine advised the members that the additions/changes were highlighted. She noted that there were only a few changes from the current contract. After further discussion, the members requested to remove some wording on page six (6) (G), page eight (8) (H) change from 30-day to 15-day, page 13 Article 26 no changes and page five (5) Article 5 (F) members requested for the wording to remain the same as the current contract whereas the Policy Board has sole responsibility to hire, supervise, evaluate, and terminate the MPO Director. *The City of Edinburg made a motion to approve All of the recommendations to remove some wording on page six (6) (G), page eight (8) (H) change from 30-day to 15-day, page 13 Article 26 no changes and page five (5) Article 5 (F) members requested for the wording to remain the same as the current contract whereas the Policy Board has sole responsibility to hire, supervise, evaluate, and terminate the MPO Director. The Hidalgo County Commuter Rail District seconded the motion and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.*

5) Discussion & Approval of FY2013-16 TIP Amendment #2 / MTP Amendment #9

- Mrs. Linda de la Fuente stated that the attachments were provided for everyone to review. She advised everyone that not all of the cities turned in project updates. She reminded everyone to turn in updates as soon as possible. Mrs. De la Fuente stated that one copy of the MTP was provided from TxDOT which is the original. After further discussion the members decided to go with TxDOT original recommendation. *Hidalgo County made a motion to approve TxDOT original recommendation as presented. The City of McAllen seconded the motion and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.*

6) Discussion & Approval of Legislative Sub-Committee

- Ms. Amanda Hernandez stated that we wanted to create a legislative sub-committee and bring any information to the members on a monthly basis. She asked if anyone would like to volunteer. Mr. Rodney Gomez, Valley Metro and Mr. Jim Edge, Hidalgo County Commuter Rail District both volunteered. Ms. Hernandez stated that staff will be sending out emails with information and asking for other volunteers. *The Hidalgo County Commuter Rail District made a motion to approve to create a Legislative Sub-Committee as presented. TxDOT seconded the motion and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.*

7) Discussion & Approval of "No Truck in Left Lane" Resolution

- Mr. Homer Bazan, TxDOT, stated that the resolution was provided for everyone to review. He noted that they have spoken to the Cameron County MPO's and they are also on board. He noted that signage will be placed all over the valley restricting trucks on inner left lane. *Hidalgo County made a motion to approve the "No Truck in Left Lane" Resolution as presented. The Hidalgo County Commuter Rail District seconded the motion and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.*

8) Discussion & Approval of CAT 7 Resolution

- Mrs. Champine stated that the resolution was provided for everyone to review. After further discussion, the members stated that resolution was good as is but to include the following, "provided the increase does not affect the letting date". *The City of Edinburg made a motion to approve the resolution as presented with the inclusion of: "provided the increase does not affect the letting date". The Hidalgo County Commuter Rail District seconded the motion, and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.*

9) Discussion of Pedestrian Map

- Mrs. Champine stated that the attachment was provided for everyone to review. She noted that this item was only for informational purpose only. *Reports only, no action taken at this time.*

10) Discussion of Congestion Management Process RFP

- Mrs. De la Fuente stated that the RFP was provided for everyone to review. She asked if anyone had any recommendations or questions. After further discussion, the members requested that the CMP Map be included in the RFP. *Reports only, no action taken at this time.*

11) Discussion of Performance Measures

- Ms. Amanda Hernandez stated that this item was only for informational purposes. She stated that the language in MAP 21 states that we will need to start implementing Performance measures. She noted that more information will be brought back at a later time. **Reports only, no action taken at this time.**

12) Discussion of Transportation Enhancement Program Call

- Mr. Homer Bazan, TxDOT, stated that a memo was provided for everyone to review. He noted that the deadline for submittals will be Friday, November 15, 2012 at 5:00pm. Mrs. Champine stated that the projects can be submitted to the HCMPO and we will provide a letter of support for inclusion when submitted. **Reports only, no action taken at this time.**

13) Monthly Letting Report

- Mr. Bazan gave a brief update.

14) Status Reports

A. Calendar: October & November 2012

- Mrs. Champine stated that the calendar was provided for everyone to review. She stated that the options to have the November & December TAC meeting date were on the calendar. After further discussion, the members stated that they would prefer to have the TAC meeting on Tuesday, November 27, 2012 at 1:30 pm. **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.

15) HCRMA Update

- No updates were given at this time.

16) Valley Metro

- Mr. Tom Logan gave a brief update.

17) Metro

- No updates were given at this time.

18) Hidalgo County Commuter Rail District

- No updates were given at this time.

19) Old or New Business

- No updates were given at this time.

20) Adjournment

- **The City of Edinburg made a motion to adjourn at 3:23 pm. The Hidalgo County Commuter Rail District seconded the motion and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.**