

Hidalgo County Metropolitan Planning Organization
Technical Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
January 10, 2012

1) Roll Call

- Chairman Ed Taylor called the meeting to order at 1:35pm. 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, Edinburg, Hidalgo County, McAllen, Mercedes, Mission, Penitas, Pharr, Sullivan City, Valley Metro and TxDOT. Ex-Officio members present: Hidalgo County Commuter Rail District and Metro.

2) Adoption of Minutes from: November 15, 2011

- Chairman Ed Taylor asked if there were any corrections to the minutes, there being none. ***The City of Penitas made a motion to approve the November 15, 2011 minutes as presented. The City Mercedes seconded the motion and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.***

3) Cost Over-Run Projects

- Mr. Homer Bazan, TxDOT, stated that a hand out was provided for everyone to review. .

4) Discussion of Pavement Management System

- Mr. Fred Villarreal stated that the deadline for submittals was today. He noted that only a couple of entities have turned in information. He stated that once all of the information is compiled staff will send out an email to all the TAC members. ***Reports only, no action taken at this time.***

5) Discussion of Thoroughfare Plan

Mr. Fred Villarreal stated that the deadline was December 16th. He noted that McAllen, Weslaco and Hidalgo County Precinct #1 submitted in information. Mr. Villarreal briefly went through the projects but stated that further information will be brought back for further review. Mr. Taylor, City of McAllen, requested for staff to contact the sub-committee members so they could meet and discuss the information that was submitted. ***Reports only, no action taken at this time.***

6) Discussion of MTP/TIP Amendment

- Mr. Canon stated that he has met with several entities to review project status. He noted that Mario Jorge, TxDOT, was also present during these meetings. Mr. Canon stated that his discussions with the cities were to see what projects were moving forward or at a halt. He briefly discussed the status of some projects. Mrs. Linda de la Fuente stated that other minor administrative changes were also being made to the February 1st TIP/MTP Revision. Mr. Canon stated that this item will be brought back for discussion at next month's TAC Meeting. ***Reports only, no action taken at this time.***

7) Update on "No Truck in Left Lane"

- Mr. Homer Bazan, TxDOT, stated that they haven't received a draft but that it should have a draft by the end of this month. He noted that he will have something by next month. ***Reports only, no action taken at this time.***

8) Monthly Letting Report

- Mr. Homer Bazan, TxDOT, gave a brief update.

Approved
February 07, 2012 TAC Meeting

9) Status Reports

A. Calendar: January & February 2012

- Mr. Canon stated that the calendars for December 2011 & January 2012 were provided for everyone to review. He reminded the members that the TPC Board members Cancelled the February meeting but that a final decision will be made at the January meeting. Mr. Canon stated that the HCMPO office will be closed on January 16th for Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday.

B. Legislative / RTAP Update

- Mrs. Amanda Longoria gave a brief update on the Legislative / RTAP Update.

C. HCMPO Budget Report

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

10) HCRMA Update

- No updates were given at this time.

11) Valley Metro

- No updates were given at this time.

12) Metro

- Mr. Mario Delgado gave a brief update on Metro.

13) Hidalgo County Commuter Rail District

- No updates were given at this time.

14) Old or New Business

- Mr. Canon stated that the Walk n Rolla event was taking place in March 2012 and he would like to thank the City of Pharr and the Pharr EDC for their donation for the event.
- Mr. Canon stated that the Procurement office only received one (1) proposal for the Edinburg project. He stated that staff was requesting approval to go into negotiations for the cost proposal only. He noted that an update will be given at next month's TAC meeting. *The City of Penitas made a motion to approve staff to go into negotiations with the Consultant for the Edinburg project. The City of Alton seconded the motion and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.*

15) Adjournment

- *TxDOT made a motion to adjourn at 2:45pm. The City of Edinburg seconded the motion and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.*