

Hidalgo County Metropolitan Planning Organization
Technical Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
September 4, 2012

1) Roll Call

- Chairman Ed Taylor 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, Edinburg, Hidalgo County, McAllen, Mercedes, Mission, Pharr, San Juan, Valley Metro, Hidalgo County RMA and TxDOT. ExOffio Members Present: McAllen Metro and Hidalgo County Commuter Rail District.

2) Adoption of Minutes from:

- August 7, 2012

Chairman Ed Taylor asked if there were any corrections to the minutes, there being none. *The City of Edinburg made a motion to approve the August 7, 2012 minutes as presented. The Hidalgo County Commuter Rail District 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 Resolution on Cost Over-Runs

- Mr. Andrew Canon stated that the Resolution was provided for everyone to review. He noted that this was a discussion item only and will be brought back next month for approval. Mr. Canon stated that the Cost Over Run resolution will provide TxDOT the flexibility while making letting decisions when time is of the essence and a project can be jeopardized due to the formality of having to obtain prior approval on a cost overrun from either the HCMPO, TAC and Policy. After further discussion, the members requested some minor changes to be made to the resolution. Staff also requested for the cities to submit project status for all projects within their areas. Mr. Canon stated that a letter has been mailed out to all of the entities requesting the project status report. He noted that he will bring a report to the members next month. **Reports only, no action taken at this time.**

5) Discussion Cycling Map

- Mr. Andrew Canon stated that a map was provided for everyone to review. He stated that this will give bike pedestrians where specific areas to ride are available within every city is located. Mr. Canon stated that if anyone has any comments to please submit them to staff. **Reports only, no action taken at this time.**

6) Discussion and Review RFP for CMP Process

- Mr. Canon stated that an RFP for the CMP was provided for everyone to review. He stated that staff wanted to begin the process in January 2013. He requested for the members to review and submit any comments to staff. He noted that this item will be brought back in October for final approval. **Reports only, no action taken at this time.**

7) Discussion of TIP/MTP November Amendment

- Mr. Canon stated that we will also begin Public Involvement for the FY2013-16 TIP and 2010-35 MTP amendments which will be submitted to the Sate as part of the November 1st STIP Revision Cycle. Mr. Canon stated that we need the revised cost estimates and timelines from all of the entities for all of the projects listed. He noted that staff is available to meet with anyone that has any questions regarding their respective projects. **Reports only, no action taken at this time.**

8) Monthly Letting Report

- No reports given at this time.

Approved
October 02, 2012 TAC Meeting

9) Status Reports

A. Calendar: August and September 2012

- Mr. Canon stated that the calendar was provided for everyone to review. He stated that Amanda will be attending NADO in October 15th - 19th. Mr. Canon stated that he will be attending the Transportation Leadership Luncheon in San Antonio. Mr. Canon stated that he will be out the 1st week of October on Personal time/ Sick Leave. ***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.

10) HCRMA Update

- Mr. Eric Davila gave a brief update.

11) Valley Metro

- Mr. Rodney Gomez gave a brief update.

12) Metro

- No updates were given at this time.

13) Hidalgo County Commuter Rail District

- No updates were given at this time.

14) Old or New Business

- No updates were given at this time.

15) Adjournment

- ***The City of Edinburg made a motion to adjourn at 2:48 pm. The City of Mercedes seconded the motion and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.***