

Hidalgo County Metropolitan Planning Organization
 Technical Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
 September 1, 2015

- 1) **Roll Call**
 - Chairman Joe Califa called the meeting to order at 1:36 pm. 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, Edinburg, Elsa, Hidalgo County, McAllen, Mercedes, Mission, Pharr, San Juan, Weslaco, TxDOT, Valley Metro, Hidalgo County RMA: Ex-Officio Members Present: Metro.

- 2) **Adoption of Minutes**
 - **July 7, 2015**
 - **August 4, 2015 - Workshop**
 Chairman Joe Califa asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of July 7, 2015 and August 4, 2015 - Workshop. **No corrections were noted to the minutes of July 7, 2015 and August 4, 2015 - Workshop; City of Edinburg made a motion to approve the minutes of July 7, 2015 and August 4, 2015 – Workshop as presented. The motion was seconded by the City of Mercedes and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.**

- 3) **Cost Over-Run Projects**
 - None given at this time.

- 4) **MPO Merger Committee Meeting - Update**
 - Andrew Canon provided to members present a Summary on what was discussed at the “Kick Off MPO Merger Meeting”, scheduled August 19, 2015:
 - Discussed whether the proposed Governances merger takes place;
 - A total of 13 individuals were in attendance from Cameron, San Benito and Hidalgo;
 - San Juanita Sanchez, Mayor of San Juan will be providing a more detail discussion at the Policy Meeting;
 - TTI will be looking into the Bylaws of the Four (4) Large MPOs on Governance and present them at the next MPO Merger Meeting;
 - TACs’ roll will not change, but maybe the numbers of representatives on the board might change, but nothing has been discussed regarding the TAC Committee; and
 - Next meeting scheduled for September 29, 2015 in San Benito;

- 5) **Discussion and Action of Proposition #1 Projects Selection**
 - Joe Califa, Chairman stated that Items 5 & 6 would be discussed together by the HCMPO Staff as follows: Andrew Canon presented the following: 1) The preliminary funding levels for the FY2016 and FY2017 Proposition 1 distribution have been released by TxDOT and Proposition 1 funding for FY2015 is estimated to be \$15,812,000 and \$15,565,500 for FY2017; 2) The estimate for FY2017 is an estimate, as per the Comptroller Office, for FY2017 the \$15.6 Million could be cut down to \$13.6 Million, due to the drop in oil and could change in the future. Staff is proposing that: A) propose a resolution to the TPC on whatever projects are selected stating, if the estimated dollar amount for FY2017 is reduced, the sponsoring entity of that project would be responsible for the difference of those funds or B) as the category 7 projects are identified, that \$1 Million or \$2 Million would be placed in reserved as backup, so instead of \$31 Million it would be \$29 Million worth of projects, leaving some wiggle room if needed; and 3) Staff is recommending that for Category #7, a workshop be scheduled with TAC Members to identify those projects. Linda De La Fuente noted that as requested by members of the TAC and TPC Committees, Staff has prepared the following project funding recommendations for Proposition #1. It is important to mention that Staff is recommending the Proposition 1 funding be used ONLY for construction and utilizing the 2015 Construction cost estimates WITHOUT the inflation element. Staff reminded members present that Proposition #1 is only for on-system and non-toll roads projects.

Staff Recommendations are as follows:

2016 Proposition 1 Funding Recommendation

Estimated Available Funding	\$15,812,000
Hidalgo County Illumination Project	(\$ 2,600,000)
FM 2220 from Mile 3 to Mile 5	(\$ 4,860,000)
FM 676 from SH 364 to SH 107	(\$ 8,652,800)
Ending Balance	(\$ 300,800)

2017 Proposition 1 Funding Recommendation

Estimated Available Funding	\$15,565,500
FM 907 from Nolana to US 83	(\$ 6,362,973)
FM 494 from FM 676 to SH 107	(\$ 7,107,966)
Ending Balance	\$ 2,094,561
Remaining Balance after 2016 & 2017 Obligation	\$ 1,793,761

After some discussion on this item, HCRMA made a motion to approve their projects that are shoveled ready as follows:

FY2016 Proposition 1 Funding Recommendation

Available Funding	\$ 15,812,000
Hidalgo County Illumination Project	(\$ 2,600,000)
SH 365 Segment 2 – US 281 Overpass Project	(\$ 12,700,000)
Ending FY 2016 Balance	\$ 512,000
Remaining FY 2016 and FY 2017 Balance	\$ 16,077,000

This motion died for a lack of a second.

After some discussion on this item, Hidalgo County made a motion to approve Staff recommendations to the TPC to include Sharp Road. The motion was seconded by City of Alton, and upon a vote; the motion passed. HCRMA voted against.

6) Discussion and Action of Category #7 Projects Selection

- Staff recommendation to TAC Members present was that a separate TAC Workshop be held to discuss Category #7 Projects. The following cities were in consensus to have a TAC Workshop, City of Edinburg, City of Elsa, City of Mission, City of McAllen, City of Alton, City of San Juan and Hidalgo County; and requested that they be notified when a meeting date has been set. **No action was taken on Category #7 Projects Selection at this time.**

7) Discussion and Action of Transit Program of Projects FY 2016

- Maria Champion provided to members present a Revised “Program of Projects for Urbanized Area FY 2016” (Section 5307) and noted that both Transit Providers were present to answer any questions the committee might have regarding the revised FY 2016 Report. **No discussion took place on this item. The City of McAllen made a motion to approve the Revised Transit Program of Project for FY 2016 as provided by staff. The motion was seconded by the City of Edinburg and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.**

8) Discussion and Action of Winter 2015 CMP –RFP Release

- Linda de la Fuente stated that an RFP for the Winter 2015 CMP will be released on Sunday September 6th and the deadline for proposal submittals is Wednesday September 30th. As part of the timeline provided to members present, there will be a Special TAC meeting taking place to go over the proposals received. A scoring sheet will be provided to all TAC members present to score the technical proposals. The selected consultant will be recommended to the Policy Committee during the regular TAC meeting on Tuesday October 6th and once all timelines have been met, the contract begins December 21, 2015. TAC members present were provided with a copy of the Request for Proposals (RFP) Guidelines for each member to review (Attachment on File). Staff concluded by letting members present know, that there is still \$1 Million available from last years’ CMP, to be carried over to the next year. **After some discussion on this item; City of McAllen made a motion to approve the “Winter 2015 CMP – RFP Release”, as presented by staff. The motion was seconded by City of Edinburg and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.**

9) Discussion on the Levels of Additional TxDOT Programming Authority (Beyond UTP)

- Andrew Canon stated that he had received a letter from Commissioner Flores regarding Levels of Additional TxDOT Programming Authority (Beyond UTP). Commissioner Flores’ understanding as per his letter is that the \$372 Million is allocated to the Pharr District for “Develop” Programming Authority and District Plan Programming Authority/Preliminary Engineering Authority (PA/PE) to be voted on by the HCMPO and to be equally distributed between on-system and off-system projects. After some discussion on this item, Homer Bazan clarified to members present that the \$372 Million in additional programming authority is for the entire 8-county district and provided a listing to members present of the “Pharr District Develop Authority”, which included Hidalgo, Starr, Kenedy and Cameron Counties which are for on-system projects (Listing Below). Mr. Bazan concluded and stated that if any city which to submit any of their projects, they can do so in writing to TxDOT (Listing of Projects on file).

Pharr District Develop Authority

CSJ	COUNTY NAME	HIGHWAY	LAYMAN DESCRIPTION	LIMITS FROM	LIMITS TO	AUTHORIZED AMOUNT
003902063	Hidalgo	US 83	Construct Overpasses @FM 2221, Tom Gill Rd., & Liberty Blvd.	0.44 MI W OF FM 2221	0.44 MI E OF LIBERTY BLVD	35,000,000
034201074	Hidalgo	SH 107	Construct 6 Lane Divided Rural	US 281	East of FM 493	16,800,000
106401032	Hidalgo	FM 676	Widen to 4 Lane Divided	SH 364, East	SH 107	14,956,170
122802028	Hidalgo	FM 1015	Reconstruct & Add Passing Lanes (Super 2)	FM 1015/FM 1925 Intersection (West)	FM 1015/FM 1925 Intersection (East)	1,457,690
122803039	Hidalgo	FM 1015	Widen to 4 Lane Divided Roadway	SH 107	Mile 12 Road	8,602,137
180302034	Hidalgo	FM 1925	Reconstruct & Add Passing Lanes (Super 2)	1.25 Miles East of FM 901	FM1015	18,357,575
209401058	Hidalgo	FM 2220	Realignment of Ware Road	FM 1925	1 Mile South of FM 1925	2,000,000
363201001	Starr	SL 195	Construct 4 Lane Divided Roadway	On New Location, FM 755	FM 3167	44,000,000
032702900	Kenedy	US 77	Upgrade to Interstate Standards (Interim)	8 Miles S. of La Parra Ave	Kenedy/Kleberg CL	20,500,000
032703900	Kenedy	US 77	Upgrade to Interstate Standards (Interim)	9.6 Miles N. of Norias North	8 Miles S. of La Parra Ave	22,225,000
032704900	Kenedy	US 77	Upgrade to Interstate Standards	Norias Rd., North	9.6 Miles (Armstrong)	16,800,000
032705900	Kenedy	US 77	Upgrade to Interstate Standards (Interim)	Willacy/Kenedy County Line North	Norias Rd	34,800,000
032710900	Willacy	US 77	Upgrade to Interstate Standards (Interim)	0.93 Mi S. Of Willacy/Kenedy C.L.	Willacy/Kenedy C.L.	19,000,000
003912900	Cameron	BU 77-X	Construct 6 Lane W/Raised Median	.52 MI NW of LP 499	LP 499	6,000,000
003912901	Cameron	BU 77-X	Construct 6 Lane W/Raised Median	LP 499	FM 1846	18,000,000
003912902	Cameron	BU 77-X	Construct 6 Lane W/Raised Median	FM 1846	SH 345	12,000,000
032708902	Cameron	BU 77-X	Construct 6 Lane W/Raised Median	FM 507	1.2 MI S. of FM 507	9,000,000
033102900	Cameron	SH 100	Construct 6 Lane W/Raised Median	0.25 MI West of SH 48	Queen Isabella Causeway	15,000,000
209401900	Hidalgo	FM 2220	Proposed 4 Lane Median	Mile 5	SH 107	15,000,000
209401901	Hidalgo	FM 2220	Proposed 4 Lane W/Median	SH 107	FM 1925	15,000,000
086501108	Hidalgo	SH 495	Construct 4 Lane Divided Urban Section	Veterans Blvd. From Abram Rd.	La Homa Rd	17,233,511
AUTHORIZED AMOUNT TOTAL						361,732,083

10) Discussion of MTP, Highway and Transit TIP Amendments for Beginning Public Involvement

- Linda De la Fuente stated staff will be organizing several Public Involvement meetings for the MTP and Highway Amendments. She stated that three (3) Public meetings are scheduled. Two in September, first one in Pharr, the second in Edinburg and the third one in October at the HCMPO Office. She stated that if any comments are submitted and all information is entered, staff will email all of the members the updated information.

Linda de la Fuente stated that the revised Summary of Changes for November STIP was as follows:

FY 2015

- US 83 La Joya Relief Route (0039-02-040, 0039-17-131) and FM 1925 (1803-02-028) let in July 2015

Unfunded

- Mile 5 N from FM 1015 to Westgate was moved from 2036 to Unfunded due to changes in TRENDS funding
- Anzalduas Int'l POE was included as a new project on the Unfunded section

FY 2031

- Mile 6 W from Mile 11 to SH 107 (0921-02-286) Category 7 funding changed from \$19,273,481 to \$27,208,283

FY 2022

- Mile 6 W from Mile 9 to Mile 11 (0921-02-168) moved from 2031 to 2022 and values for Category 7 and Local funding changed

- Maria Champion stated that the Transit TIP will also be included in the amendment and that Public Involvement has begun as well. She stated that the public meetings have been scheduled one in McAllen and the second one at the HCMPO Office and concluded that the MTP, Highway and Transit TIP Amendments will need to be brought back next month for final approval. **No discussion took place on these items; TAC Members present were in consensus to have staff moved forward with the MTP, Highway and Transit TIP Amendments for Beginning Public Involvement. Reports only, no action taken at this time**

11) Discussion of Pavement Management System (PMS) – Update

- Luis Diaz reported that HCMPO Staff continues updating the Pavement Management System (PMS); entities that have submitted their updates and received were Alamo, Alton, Donna, Edinburg, Mission, San Juan, Weslaco, Hidalgo County, TxDOT and Hidalgo County Precinct #1. All information submitted will be collected and mapped. After all information is collected, another workshop will be scheduled to review what was submitted and what is missing. All submittals need to be emailed to Luis Diaz at ldiaz@hcmppo.org. The PMS will be updated on an annual basis once these updates are approved and adopted by both the TAC and Policy Committees. **Presentation only, no action taken.**

12) Monthly Letting Report

- Mr. Homer Bazan provided to TAC Members present handouts of the TxDOT Monthly Letting Update for Projects within the Hidalgo County MPO Area.

13) Status Reports

A. Calendars 2015:

- Andrew Canon reported on the Calendars as follows:

Month of September 2015:

- Office Closed – Monday, September 7, 2015 in Observance of Labor Day Holiday
- BPAC Meeting – Scheduled for September 7, 2015 - Canceled
- TAC Meeting – Scheduled for September 1, 2015
- TPC Meeting – Scheduled for September 17, 2015

Month of October 2015:

- BPAC Meeting – Scheduled for October 5, 2015
- TAC Meeting – Scheduled for October 6, 2015
- TPC Meeting – Scheduled for October 15, 2015
- AMPO Conference – Scheduled for October 20-23, 2015 (Andrew, Lillian and Linda attending- Nevada)

B. Director' Updates

- Video Streaming – Video Streaming will go live at the next TPC meeting scheduled for September 17, 2015.
- Legislative Update – Jon Ray Bocanegra provided to TAC members present a hand-out on HB 20 for their review. (Hand-Out on File)
- **Update on the Thoroughfare Plan – Deadline December 16, 2015.**

Luis Diaz stated that the HCMPO is starting the Annual Thoroughfare Plan Amendment Process. The process will include a series of meetings encouraging coordination between entities. The first meeting was held on August 17, 2015 and the second Thoroughfare Plan meeting is scheduled for October 14, 2015 at L&Gs' Engineering Office in Mission. All amendments to the Hidalgo County Thoroughfare Plan map must be accompanied by a signed approved resolution from the entities governing body. The deadline for Thoroughfare Plan Amendment Submissions is December 16, 2015. Thoroughfare Plan submissions will be presented in February 2016 as an action item first to the Technical Advisory Committee and for final approval by the Transportation Policy Committee. Once, approved by the Transportation Policy Committee, it will be presented in March 2016 to the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court for approval at the county level. Staff concluded, by letting members know that HCMPO Staff are available for any questions regarding the Thoroughfare Plan Amendment Process.

C. HCMPO Budget Report

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

14) HCRMA Update

- Representative with Hidalgo County RMA provided a brief update regarding HCRMA.

15) Valley Metro

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

16) Metro

- Sandra Gama gave a brief update on the Metro Report.

17) Hidalgo County Commuter Rail District

- No update was given at this time.

18) Old or New Business

- TxDOT provided a brief update on the status of US 83 S. Frontage Road/Bicentennial over Pass. TAC members present recommended that at the next meeting, TxDOT provide new pictures of the area/street.

19) Adjournment

- **The meeting adjourn at 3:11 pm.**