

Hidalgo County Metropolitan Planning Organization
Transportation Policy Committee Meeting Minutes
April 19, 2012

TAB I ROLL CALL

- Chairwomen Diana Martinez called the meeting to order at 5:36 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, Donna, Edcouch, Edinburg, Hidalgo, Hidalgo County, McAllen, Mercedes, Mission, Palmhurst, Penitas, Pharr, San Juan, Weslaco, Hidalgo County RMA, TxDOT and Valley Metro. Ex-Officio Members Present: Rio Grande Valley Partnership.

TAB II CITIZEN INPUT

- None at this time.

TAB III PRESENTATION / ACTION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

A) Adoption of Minutes from:

- March 15, 2012
Chairwomen Diana Martinez asked if there were any corrections to the minutes. *Hidalgo County made a motion to approve both minutes: March 15, 2012 as presented. The City of Penitas seconded the motion and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.*

B) Presentation to American Diabetes Association from Walk n Rolla Event

- Mr. Andrew Canon stated that the Walk n Rolla Event went very well. He noted that a check in the amount of \$4,000 would be donated to the American Diabetes Association. *Staff and members proceeded with a presentation of the donation and pictures.*

C) Discussion to Enter into Executive Session

A. Discussion & Approval of Director's Evaluation

- Chairwomen Diana Martinez stated that the members would need to go into Executive Session. *The City of Penitas made a motion to go into Executive Session at 5:57pm. The City of Edcouch seconded the motion and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.*
- *The City of Hidalgo made a motion to come back from Executive Session at 6:25pm. The City of Penitas seconded the motion and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.*
- Chairwomen Diana Martinez stated that the members have agreed with a \$4000 increase with a yearly salary of \$101,500 for Andrew Canon, HCMPO Transportation Director. *The City of Penitas made a motion to approve the \$4000 increase with a yearly salary of \$101,500 for Andrew Canon as presented. Hidalgo County seconded the motion and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.*

D) Discussion and Approval of FY2011-2014 MTP/TIP Amendment

- Mr. Canon stated that the spreadsheet for both the MTP and TIP were provided for everyone to review. He noted that staff has implemented all of the changes that each entity has turned in. Mr. Canon advised the members that this is the first time the MTP/TIP have been 100% updated. Mr. Mario Jorge, TxDOT, requested for some minor changes to be made to 10th Street. Commissioner Joe Flores stated that he recommended approval of the proposed TIP and TIP as is. However, as funds become available the county may need to revise the northern limits of Phase I of the Tom Gil Road Project from Mile 3 to Mile 4. In addition, please coordinate with our technical representative to fund the 10th street project (from SH 107 to FM1925) for CE and Contingencies. *Hidalgo County made a motion to approve the FY2011-2014 MTP/TIP Amendment as presented. The City of Hidalgo seconded the motion and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.*

E) Discussion and Approval of FY2013-2016 MTP/TIP

- This item was discussed with Item #3. D. *Hidalgo County made a motion to approve the FY2013-2016 MTP/TIP as presented. The City of Edcouch seconded the motion and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.*

F) Discussion and Approval to Functional Classification Map

- Mr. Canon stated that the map presented last month for approval is still the same. He noted that a minor change on the verbiage on the Resolution needed to be made. He advised the members that everything else stayed the same. *The City of Edinburg made a motion to approve the Functional Classification Map and revised Resolution as presented. Hidalgo County seconded the motion and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.*

G) 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: March & April 2012

- Mr. Canon stated that the calendars were provided for everyone to review. Mrs. Maria Champine briefly reminded everyone regarding the Border-to-Border conference taking place in November 2012 at South Padre Island.

B. Legislative/ RTAP Update

- Ms. Amanda Hernandez gave a brief update on the Legislative/ RTAP.

C. HCMPO Budget Report

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

TAB V OFF SYSTEM REPORT

- No reports were given at this time.

TAB VI TXDOT CONSTRUCTION REPORT

- Mr. Juan Sustaita gave a brief update.

TAB VII HCRMA REPORT

- Mr. Dennis Burleson introduced Mr. Pilar Rodriguez as the new Executive Director for the HCRMA. Mr. Burleson gave a brief update.

TAB VIII HIDALGO COUNTY COMMUTER RAIL DISTRICT

- None at this time.

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

- Mr. Canon stated that staff received some information from the 2010 Census. He noted that the boundaries from Cameron County have moved into Hidalgo County. He noted that staff is looking into information regarding why the Hidalgo County Boundary. He noted that more information will be brought back for further review. *Reports only, no action taken at this time.*

TAB XII ADJOURNMENT

- *The City of Pharr made a motion to adjournment at 6:40 pm. The City of Hidalgo seconded the motion and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.*