

Hidalgo County Metropolitan Planning Organization
Technical Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
May 6, 2014

- 1) Roll Call
 - Chairwoman Michelle Leftwich called the meeting to order at 1:33pm. 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: Alton, Donna, Edinburg, Elsa, Hidalgo County, Mercedes, Mission, Penitas, Pharr, San Juan, Weslaco, Valley Metro, Hidalgo County RMA and TxDOT. Ex-Offio Members present: Hidalgo County Commuter Rail District (HCCRD) and McAllen Metro.
- 2) Adoption of Minutes from:
 - April 01, 2014
Chairwoman Michelle Leftwich asked if there were any corrections to the minutes. *Hidalgo County Commuter Rail District made a motion to approve the April 01, 2014 as presented. The City of Edinburg seconded the motion and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.*
- 3) Cost Over-Run Projects
 - None given at this time.
- 4) Discussion & Approval of 5310 Program Call Submittal
 - Mrs. Maria Champine stated that the information for the 5310 Program Call was available for everyone to review. She stated that there was only one (1) submittal from the City of Pharr. She briefly went through the submittal. She briefly went through the all of the requirements of the program call. The City of Mission stated that they may also have a project that may qualify for this funding. Mrs. Champine advised them to submit the application as soon as possible. *The City of Donna made a motion to approve the 5310 Program Call Submittal as presented. Hidalgo County Commuter Rail District seconded the motion and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.*
- 5) Discussion of Bylaws
 - Mr. Andrew A. Canon stated that the HCMPO Bylaws were provided for everyone to review. He stated that State Representative Martinez submitted a request to be on the Transportation Policy Board Committee. Mr. Canon briefly went through some of the different options that there can be and he also briefly mentioned how the other TMA's currently had their voting structures. After further discussion, the TAC Members requested for a Bylaw Sub-Committee be formed to further discuss and come up with different options to present to the Policy Committee for approval. *Reports only, no action taken at this time.*
- 6) Discussion of Possible Program Manager for Operational Improvements
 - Mr. Canon stated that staff is planning to meet with TxDOT to see what options there are in order to proceed with a program manager. Mr. Canon stated that if anyone had any suggestions or options to let staff know. After further discussion, Mr. Canon stated that staff will make arrangements to meet with TxDOT to see if there is a possibility that they can provide these services. He stated that he will bring back a status at next month's meeting. *Reports only, no action taken at this time.*
- 7) Monthly Letting Report
 - Mr. Homer Bazan gave a brief update.
- 8) Status Reports
 - A. Calendar: June & July 2014
 - Mr. Canon stated that the calendars were provided for everyone to review. He stated that the TAC and Policy meetings for June will need to be moved back by one (1) week due to HCMPO staff will be attending the TTI Conference in Corpus Christi on June 3-5th. He stated that TAC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 10th at 1:30 and the Policy Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 26th at 5:30 pm at the HCMPO office.
 - B. RTAP Update
 - No reports 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
 - No reports at this time.
- 9) HCRMA Update
 - Mr. Erik Davila gave brief update.
- 10) Valley Metro
 - Mrs. Maribel Contreras gave a brief update.
- 11) Metro
 - Sandra Gama gave a brief update.
- 12) Hidalgo County Commuter Rail District
 - Mr. Jim Edge gave a brief update.
- 13) Old or New Business
 - No reports were given at this time.
- 14) Adjournment
 - *The City of Alton made a motion to adjourn at 2:50 pm. The City of Penitas seconded the motion and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.*