

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

TAB I ROLL CALL

- Chairwomen Diana Martinez called the meeting to order at 5:39 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, Edinburg, Hidalgo County, McAllen, Mercedes, Mission, Penitas, Pharr, San Juan, TxDOT and Valley Metro.

TAB II CITIZEN INPUT

- None at this time.

TAB III PRESENTATION / ACTION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

A) Adoption of Minutes from:

- May 17, 2012
Chairwomen Diana Martinez asked if there were any corrections to the minutes. *The City of Edinburg made a motion to approve both minutes: May 17, 2012 as presented. The City of Penitas seconded the motion and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.*

B) Discussion and Approval of JARC Application

- Mr. Andrew Canon stated the application was provided for everyone to review. He noted that this application was similar to the previous one. Mr. Canon stated that Valley Metro was applying for a Grant. He stated that Valley Metro submitted all of the information regarding their request. *The City of Alton made a motion to approve the JARC Application as presented. The City of Penitas seconded the motion and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.*

C) Discussion and Approval of FY2012-2013 UPWP Amendment #1

- Mrs. Linda de la Fuente stated that the FY2012-13 UPWP attachment was provided for everyone to review. Mrs. De la Fuente briefly discussed what changes were needed to be made. *The City of Alton made a motion to approve the FY2012-2013 UPWP Amendment #1 as presented. The City of Penitas seconded the motion and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.*

D) Discussion and Approval of HCMPO Staff Travel to AMPO Conference

- Mr. Canon stated that an attachment was provided for everyone to review. He noted that he will be the only that would be attending the Conference which will take place in Saratoga Springs, NY. Mr. Canon stated that the breakdown costs were provided for everyone to review. *The City of Penitas made a motion to approve the HCMPO Staff Travel to AMPO Conference as presented. The City of San Juan seconded the motion and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.*

E) Discussion and Approval of Resolution of Support for Cameron County RMA

South Padre Island 2nd Access Project & Recommended Alternative As identified in the Draft Environmental Impact Study.

- Mr. Canon stated that the Resolution was provided for everyone to review. He noted that the Cameron County RMA was requesting a Resolution of support for the SPI 2nd Access Project. Mr. Canon stated that as the project develops we will more information. *Hidalgo County made a motion to approve the Resolution of Support for the Cameron County RMA as presented. The City of Edinburg seconded the motion and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.*

F) Discussion of "No Truck in Left Lane" "Left Lane Passing Only"

- Mr. Mario Jorge, TxDOT, stated that staff will be contacting the entities requesting a resolution of support for the "No Truck in Left Lane", "Left Lane Passing Only". He noted that information will be provided to all of the entities so they can assist with all necessary staff for implementation. *Reports only, no action taken at this time.*

G) Discussion of Transportation Re-Authorization

- Mr. Canon briefly gave an update regarding MAP 21 and I69 Interstate. Mr. Jorge stated that more information will be provided to everyone next month. *Reports only, no action taken at this time.*

H) 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: August & September 2012

- Mr. Canon stated that the calendars were provided for everyone to review. He advised the members that the HCMPO have scheduled a Bike/Ped Public Meeting on Thursday, August 2nd at the David Sekula Library in Edinburg from 5pm-7pm.

B. Legislative/ RTAP Update

- No reports were given at this time.

C. HCMPO Budget Report

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

D. HCMPO Project Update

- Mr. Canon gave a brief update on certain projects.

TAB V OFF SYSTEM REPORT

- No reports were given at this time.

TAB VI TXDOT CONSTRUCTION REPORT

- Mr. Valente Olivarez, Jr., P.E., gave a brief update.

TAB VII HCRMA REPORT

- Mr. Pilar Rodriguez gave a brief update.

TAB VIII HIDALGO COUNTY COMMUTER RAIL DISTRICT

- None at this time.

TAB IX VALLEY METRO

- Mr. Rodney Gomez gave a brief update.

TAB X METRO

- No reports were given at this time.

TAB XI OLD OR NEW BUSINESS

- No reports were given at this time.

TAB XII ADJOURNMENT

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