

Hidalgo County Metropolitan Planning Organization (HCMPO)
Transportation Policy Committee Meeting Minutes
February 20, 2014

TAB I ROLL CALL

- Chairwoman Diana Martinez called the meeting to order at 5:38 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, Edinburg, Elsa, Hidalgo, Hidalgo County RMA, McAllen, Mercedes, Mission, Palmhurst, Penitas, Pharr, San Juan, Weslaco, TxDOT and Valley Metro. Ex-Offio members present: Rio Grande Valley Partnership.

TAB II CITIZEN INPUT

- Mrs. Ann Millard gave a brief presentation regarding concerns in the Rio Grande Valley Area.

TAB III PRESENTATION / ACTION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A) Adoption of Minutes from:
 - December 11, 2013
Chairwoman Diana Martinez asked if there were any corrections to the minutes. **The City of Weslaco made a motion to approve the December 11, 2013 minutes as presented. The City of Alamo seconded the motion and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.**
- B) Discussion & Approval of Thoroughfare Plan
 - Mr. Luis Diaz stated that the following entities submitted project updates. The City of San Juan, Hidalgo County Precinct #1 and Precinct #3 and the City of Mission all submitted updates. Mr. Diaz briefly went through the updated projects for each entity that were submitted. He stated that he has met with City and County staff to verify all information and answer any questions. He stated the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) members have reviewed all the project updates. After further discussion, **The City of Weslaco made a motion to approve Thorough Plan as presented. The City of Mercedes seconded the motion and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.**
- C) Discussion & Approval of Valley Metro 5310 Plan & Application
 - Mr. Tom Logan briefly went through the 5310 Plan & Application with the members. He stated that the TAC Members have also reviewed the application and approved to move forward. After further discussion, **The City of Mercedes made a motion to approve the Valley Metro 5310 Plan & Application as presented. The City of San Juan seconded the motion and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.**
- D) Discussion of Pedestrian Plan
 - Mr. Robert Escobar stated that the draft Pedestrian Plan was provided for everyone to review. She briefly went through the plan and advised the members what changes or additions were made. Mr. Escobar stated that staff scheduled several pedestrian Plan public meetings on the following dates and times: Thursday, February 27th at 3pm at the HCMPO Office, Monday, March 3rd at 5pm at Speer Memorial Library, Mission, Texas and March 17th at 5:30pm at UTPA ITT Bldg, Edinburg, Texas. He stated that this item was only for discussion and will be brought back next month for final approval. **Reports only, no action taken at this time.**
- E) Discussion of MTP/Operational Improvements
 - Mr. Canon stated that a Congestion Study was done a couple of months ago and some suggestions were submitted with the final report. He stated that staff was looking into setting aside \$1 million in funds for operational improvement projects. He stated that staff will put out a Call for Projects. He stated that the TAC Members are in agreement to move forward with this project. After further discussion, it was the consensus of the members to move forward with the call for projects for the \$1 million for operational improvement projects. **Reports only, no action taken at this time.**
- F) Discussion of Citizen Representation
 - Mr. Canon stated that the Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) requested if could become an Ex-Offio member at the TPC meetings. He stated that the TAC members suggested leaving it as is, since citizens already have the opportunity to speak during public comment. After further discussion, the members stated that any citizen or CAC member is more than welcome to attend the Policy Meetings and submit a request to speak during public comment. **Reports only, no action taken at this time.**
- G) Update of Operational Funding Commitment
 - This item was discussed with Item E. **Reports only, no action taken at this time.**
- H) Monthly Letting Update
 - Mr. Homer Bazan, TxDOT, gave a brief update.

TAB IV STATUS REPORTS

- A. Calendar: March & April 2014
 - Mr. Canon stated that the calendars were provided for everyone to review. **Reports only, no action taken at this time.**
- 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 budget.
- D. HCMPO Project Update
 - Mr. Canon stated that a handout was provided for everyone to review. Mr. Canon gave a brief update.
- E. Director's Update
 - Mr. Canon stated that the 4th Annual Walk n Rolla event was scheduled for April 12th. He also stated that a Poker Tournament Event has been scheduled for Saturday, March 22nd.

TAB V OFF SYSTEM REPORT

- No reports were given at this time.

TAB VI TXDOT CONSTRUCTION REPORT

- Mr. Valente Olivarez, gave a brief update.

TAB VII HCRMA REPORT

- Mr. Pilar Rodriguez, gave a brief update.

TAB VIII HIDALGO COUNTY COMMUTER RAIL DISTRICT

- Mr. Canon stated that the HCCRD and the HCMPO is currently working on an agreement for the MPO to assist them with staffing duties. He stated that this item will be brought next month for further review.

TAB IX VALLEY METRO

- Mr. Tom Logan gave a brief update.

TAB X METRO

- No reports were given at this time.

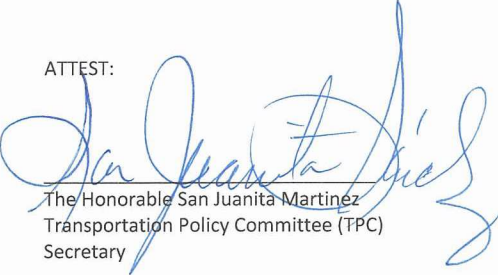
TAB XI OLD OR NEW BUSINESS

- The members requested for an updated list of the current members for each entity.

TAB XII ADJOURNMENT

- *The City of Weslaco made a motion to adjourn at 7:08 pm. The City of San Juan seconded the motion and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.*

ATTEST:


The Honorable San Juanita Martinez
Transportation Policy Committee (TPC)
Secretary