

Hidalgo County Metropolitan Planning Organization
Technical Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
February 04, 2014

- 1) Roll Call
 - Chairwoman Michelle Leftwich called the meeting to order at 1:36pm. 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, Granjeno, Hidalgo County, Hidalgo County RMA, McAllen, Mercedes, Mission, Pharr, San Juan, Weslaco, Valley Metro and TxDOT. Ex-Offio Members present: Hidalgo County Commuter Rail District.
- 2) Adoption of Minutes from:
 - December 03, 2013
Chairwoman Michelle Leftwich asked if there were any corrections to the minutes. *The City of Mission made a motion to approve the December 03, 2013 as presented. Hidalgo County 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 Election of New Secretary
 - Mr. Andrew Canon stated that Mrs. Michelle Leftwich, City of Mercedes, moved up to chairwoman and Mr. Joe Califa, City of Mission, has moved up to Vice-Chairman and the members need to elect a new secretary. After further discussion, the members elected Mr. Jaime Sandoval, City of Alamo, as the new Secretary. *The City of Mission made a motion to Elect Mr. Jaime Sandoval, City of Alamo, as the new Secretary. The City of Pharr seconded the motion, The City of Alamo, opposed the election and upon a vote, the motion carried.*
- 5) Discussion and Approval of Thoroughfare Plan
 - Mr. Luis Diaz stated the staff received updates from several entities. He stated that the deadline was December 20, 2013. He briefly went through project updates that were submitted. After further discussion, the members approved the updates as presented. *The City of Alamo made a motion to approve the Thoroughfare Plan as presented. The City of Mercedes seconded the motion and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.*
- 6) Discussion & Approval of Valley Metro 5310 Plan & Application
 - Mr. Rodney Gomez briefly went through the 5310 Plan & Application. He stated that the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council will serve as the designated recipient for the McAllen urbanized area. *The City of Donna made a motion to approve the Valley Metro 5310 Plan & Application as presented. The City of Mission seconded the motion, and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.*
- 7) Discussion on Pedestrian Plan
 - Miss. Karina Maldonado briefly went through the updated Pedestrian Plan. She briefly went through some highlights of the plan. She stated that all of the suggestions submitted by citizens were implemented. Miss. Maldonado stated that this item will be brought back next month for final approval. *Reports only, no action taken at this time.*
- 8) Discussion of MTP/Operational Improvements
 - Mr. Canon stated that staff will do any enhancement project program call based off of the congestion study. He stated that he will take it for approval to the policy members for at \$1 million program call for operational improvements. After further discussion, the members stated that it was a great idea and to move forward with the presentation and approval from the Policy Members. Mr. Canon stated that this item will be brought back next month for further discussion. *Reports only, no action taken at this time.*
- 9) Discussion of Citizen Representation
 - Mr. Canon stated that the Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) requested to be on the TAC and Policy Committee as a non-voting member (Ex-Offio). He stated that they will only make recommendations only. After further discussion, the members stated that the members are more than welcome to come by and sit at every meeting but to advised the policy members and have them make a final decision. *Reports only, no action taken at this time.*
- 10) Monthly Letting Report
 - Mr. Homer Bazan gave a brief update.
- 11) Status Reports
 - A. Calendar: February & March 2014
 - Mr. Canon stated that the calendars were provided for everyone to review. He stated that the office will be closed on Monday, February 17, 2014 for Presidents Day Holiday. Mr. Canon stated that staff will be attending the NHI Course in Ft. Worth on February 18th - 20th. Mr. Canon reminded everyone that the HCMPO has scheduled a RGV Freight Advisory Committee Meeting on Tuesday, February 25th at 8am at the HCMPO Office. He stated that the HCMPO will be having several Pedestrian Plan Meetings on Monday, March 4th at the Speer Memorial Library, Mission, Texas at 5pm and Monday, March 17th at UTPA, Edinburg, Texas at 5:30 pm.
 - B. Legislative / RTAP Update
 - None 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
 - None at this time.

- 10) HCRMA Update
 - Mr. Jorge Ramon gave a brief update.
- 11) Valley Metro
 - Mr. Rodney Gomez gave a brief update.
- 12) Metro
 - No reports given at this time.
- 13) Hidalgo County Commuter Rail District
 - Mr. Jim Edge gave a brief update.
- 14) Old or New Business
 - Mr. Bazan stated that Mr. Octovio Saenz is TxDOT's new Public Information Officer (PIO).
- 15) Adjournment
 - *The City of Pharr made a motion to adjourn at 3:38 pm. The City of Donna seconded the motion and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.*