

Hidalgo County Metropolitan Planning Organization (HCMPO)
Transportation Policy Committee Meeting Minutes
April 18, 2013

TAB I ROLL CALL

Chairwomen Diana Martinez called the meeting to order at 5:30 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, Hidalgo County, McAllen, Mercedes, Mission, Palmhurst, Penitas, San Juan, TxDOT, Weslaco and Valley Metro. Ex-Offio 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 21, 2013

Chairwomen Diana Martinez asked if there were any corrections to the minutes. *The City of Palmhurst made a motion to approve the minutes: March 21, 2013 as presented. The City of Weslaco seconded the motion and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.*

B) Discussion and Approval to Metropolitan Area Boundary (MAB)

- Mr. Canon stated that the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) reviewed this item. He stated that the TAC Committee approved to include the northern part of Hidalgo County into the MAB. Mr. Canon stated that a map was provided for everyone to review. After further discussion, the members agreed to include the northern part into the MAB. *The City of Weslaco made a motion to approve the Metropolitan Area Boundary (MAB) to include the northern section of Hidalgo County as presented. The City of Penitas seconded the motion and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.*

C) Discussion and Approval of Enhancement Projects

- Mr. Canon stated that a resolution with the breakdown of the projects was provided for everyone to review. He stated that the TAC members reviewed the projects and recommended the following projects: City of Edinburg, Train Depot Renovation, City of Mercedes, Drip Irrigation Project and the City of Edinburg Hike & Bike Trail Project. He stated that the City of Edinburg Train Depot Project and City of Mercedes Drip Irrigation Project will be funded 100%. The City of Edinburg has committed to provide \$1,048,749 as a local match for the Hike and Bike Trail. *The City of Palmhurst made a motion to approve the Enhancement Projects as presented. The City of Penitas seconded the motion and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.*

D) Discussion and Approval of Functional Classification

- Mr. Luis Diaz stated that a map was provided for everyone to review. He stated that only a couple of cities have submitted in some information and those have been implemented. *The City of Mercedes made a motion to approve the Functional Classification as presented. The City of Alton seconded the motion and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.*

E) Discussion & Approval of FY2013-16 TIP and FY2010-35 MTP Amendments

- Mr. Canon stated that the TIP and MTP spreadsheets were provided for everyone to review. Mrs. De le Fuente briefly went through the changes on the spreadsheets. She stated that all of the projects were listed on the resolution for approval. *The City of Penitas made a motion to approve the FY2013-2016 TIP and FY2010-2035 MTP Amendments as presented. The City of Edinburg seconded the motion and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.*

F) Discussion on Urbanized Area Boundary

- Mr. Canon stated that the map was provided for everyone to review. He stated where the Harl. San Benito Urbanized Area came into Hidalgo County. He stated that staff was working on having a meeting with the City of Mercedes, Harl. San Benito MPO and Chairman Boswell, TxDOT, HCMPO Staff and Hidalgo County. After further discussion, the members decided to table this item and bring it back next month for final discussion and discuss what the outcome of the meeting was. *Reports only, no action taken at this time.*

- G) Presentation of MPO Consolidation Study by TTI
 - Mr. Homer Bazan, TxDOT, gave a brief summary of the report from TTI. *Reports only, no action taken at this time.*
- H) Walk n Rolla Update
 - Mr. Canon stated that the 3rd Annual Walk n Rolla Event is scheduled for Saturday, May 11th at the Edinburg Courthouse square. He stated that the event is scheduled between 7am-11am. *Reports only, no action taken at this time.*
- I) Update on Border Trade Advisory Committee (BTAC)
 - Mr. Canon stated that a brief summary of the summary was provided for everyone to review. He briefly went through some key points. *Reports only, no action taken at this time.*
- J) Monthly Letting Update
 - Mr. Jody Ellington, TxDOT, gave a brief report. *Reports only, no action taken at this time.*

TAB IV STATUS REPORTS

- A. Calendar: May & June 2013
 - Mr. Canon stated that the calendars were provided for everyone to review. He stated that he will be at the AMPO Policy Meeting in Washington, DC on May 2nd & 3rd. He advised the members that the office will be closed on Monday, May 27th for Memorial Day Holiday. *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 HCMPO Budget. *Reports only, no action taken at this time.*
- D. HCMPO Project Update
 - No reports were given at this time.
- E. Director's Update
 - No reports were given at this time.

TAB V OFF SYSTEM REPORT

- No reports were given at this time.

TAB VI TXDOT CONSTRUCTION REPORT

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

TAB VII HCRMA REPORT

- No reports were given at this time.

TAB VIII HIDALGO COUNTY COMMUTER RAIL DISTRICT

- No reports were given 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

- No reports were given at this time.

TAB XII ADJOURNMENT

- *The City of Palmhurst made a motion to adjourn at 6:52 pm. The City of Mercedes seconded the motion and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.*