

Hidalgo County Metropolitan Planning Organization
Technical Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
December 1, 2016

- 1) **Roll Call**
 - Chairman Xavier Cervantes called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. 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: Hidalgo County, McAllen, Mission, Pharr, San Juan, Sullivan City, TxDOT, Weslaco, Hidalgo County RMA, and Valley Metro: Ex-Officio Members Present: Metro.
- 2) **Adoption of Minutes**
 - **November 3, 2016**
Chairman Xavier Cervantes asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of November 3, 2016. **No other corrections were noted to the minutes of November 3, 2016; City of Pharr made a motion to approve the minutes of November 3, 2016 as presented by staff. The City of Weslaco seconded the motion; and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.**
- 3) **Cost Over-Run Projects/Letting Report Project(s) (If Needed)**
 - Raymond Sanchez, with TxDOT provided an update on the Monthly Letting Report to members' present. Some changes to the Letting Report are as follows: 1) Donna International Bridge Project has been moved from March 2017 to August 2017; 2) 10th Street has been moved from March to May 2017 and; 3) Proposed Hike & Bike Trail Bid Opening to take place November 30, 2016. **Report is filed as part of the TAC Packet for the month of December 2016. Reports only, no action taken at this time.**
- 4) **Election of Secretary Position to the TAC Committee**
 - Chairman Xavier Cervantes noted that Jaime Sandoval, Vice Chairman is no longer with the City of Mercedes, and as per TAC guidelines, the Secretary position will be moved to Vice Chairman "Juan Guerra, City of Pharr", leaving the Secretary position open. **No discussion took place on filling the Secretary position, the City of Mission made a motion to appoint the City of Weslaco to the Secretary position. The City of McAllen seconded the motion; and upon a vote the motion passed unanimously.**
- 5) **Discussion on the Public Participation Plan – Update**
 - Linda De La Fuente provided the revised Public Participation Plan to TAC members present. Staff noted that changes to the Public Participation Plan were made in red and strike out in black. The Public Participation Plan has been revised and will be adopted and approved by both the TAC and Policy Committees in January 2017. Public Involvement will be adhered and is scheduled in December 2016 on these changes, as per staff. **Report is filed as part of the TAC Packet for the month of December 2016. Reports only, no action taken at this time.**
- 6) **Discussion on Thoroughfare Plan -Update**
 - Luis Diaz noted that HCMPO is still under the Annual Thoroughfare Plan Amendment Process and to this date, no amendments have been received. Entities are to review their existing designated thoroughfare plan map areas. All amendments to the Hidalgo County Thoroughfare plan map must be accompanied by a signed approved resolution from the entities governing body. The deadline for Thoroughfare Plan Amendment Submissions is set for December 16, 2016 at 5PM. Thoroughfare Plan submissions will be presented in February 2017 as an action item to both the TAC and Policy Committees; and in March 2017 to the Hidalgo County Commissioner Court for approval at the county level. **Reports only, no action taken at this time.**
- 7) **Discussion and Action on TAP Process for New 2017-2018 Projects Call**
 - Jon Ray Bocanegra noted that the TAP Call Open, November 7, 2016 for cities that wish to submit a project(s). A workshop was also scheduled for November 10, 2016, for those cities that would be applying. Once projects are received, the BPAC will evaluate and score each project and the Average Scores will be presented to TAC for their review; and TAC will then present the proposed project selections and awards to TPC; which TPC will have the final approval of all projects and funding. **Reports only, no action taken at this time.**
- 8) **Status Reports**
 - A. **Calendars 2016:**
 - Linda De La Fuente provided Calendars to members present and noted the following:

Month of December 2016:
 - TAC Meeting – Scheduled for December 1, 2016 at 10:00 AM
 - TPC Meeting – Re-Scheduled for December 8, 2016 at 5:30 PM
 - Andrew Canon – Scheduled to be on Vacation December 26 – January 1, 2016
 - HCMPO Office will be Closed:
 1. December 23 and 26, 2016 – Christmas Holidays
Month of January 2017:
 - BPAC Meeting – Scheduled for January 4, 2017 at 10:00 AM
 - TAC Meeting – Scheduled for January 5, 2017 at 10:00 AM
 - TPC Meeting – Re-Scheduled for January 19, 2017 at 5:30 PM
 1. January 2, 2017 – New Year's Holiday
 2. January 18, 2016 – Martine Luther King Holiday – Office Closed
 - B. **Director' Updates**
 - TRB Conference – Washington – January 7-11, 2017 (Andrew, Miguel and Fernando)
 - C. **HCMPO Budget Report**
 - Linda De La Fuente gave an update on the HCMPO Budget and noted "still below budget" Year-To-Date. **Report filed with TAC Packet**

9) HCRMA Update

- Anthony Garza noted that HCRMA projects are moving forward as scheduled.

10) Valley Metro

- Myra Garcia provided an updated report to TAC members present regarding Valley Metro Ridership for the month November 2016. **Report filed with packet.**

11) Metro

- Robert De Leon provide an updated report to TAC members present regarding their Ridership for the month of November 2016. **Report filed with packet.**

12) Old or New Business

- TIP Status – Project is still ongoing and awaiting approval, more details to follow at the next TAC Meeting.

13) Adjournment

- **The meeting adjourns at 10:30 a.m.**