

Hidalgo County Metropolitan Planning Organization
Technical Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
May 08, 2012

1) Roll Call

- Chairman Ed Taylor called the meeting to order at 1:28pm. 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: Alton, Donna, Edinburg, Hidalgo County, La Joya, McAllen, Mission, Penitas, San Juan, Valley Metro, Weslaco, Hidalgo County RMA and TxDOT.

2) Adoption of Minutes from:

- April 03, 2012

Chairman Ed Taylor asked if there were any corrections to the minutes, there being none. *The City of Weslaco made a motion to approve the April 03, 2012 minutes as presented. The City Donna seconded the motion and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.*

- April 13, 2012

Chairman Ed Taylor asked if there were any corrections to the minutes, Mr. Juan Lopez, City of Edinburg, stated there was only a minor change in the attendance. He noted that he was City of Edinburg was present. *The City of Edinburg made a motion to approve the April 13, 2012 minutes with minor corrections. The City of Donna seconded the motion and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.*

3) Cost Over-Run Projects

- None at this time.

4) Discussion and Approval of Edinburg Downtown TIA Study

- Mrs. Maria Champine stated that Mr. Albert Aldana, Aldana Engineering was present to give a brief presentation of the Edinburg study. Mrs. Champine stated that the TAC members have already reviewed the study and have approved it. Mr. Albert Aldana gave a brief presentation and answered some questions from the members. *The City of Edinburg made a motion to approve the Edinburg Downtown TIA Study as presented. The City of Penitas seconded the motion and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.*

5) Discussion and Approval of FY2011-2014 TIP Amendment #7

- Mrs. Linda de la Fuente stated that Item #5, 6 and 7 will be discussed and approved together. She stated that staff is seeking approval of the FY2011-14 TIP Amendment #7, FY2013-16 TIP Amendment #1 and FY2010-35 MTP Amendment #8 for final approval in order to meet the June 14th out of cycle STIP deadline. She noted that that these amendments are a result from the \$2 billion approved statewide in Category 7 and Category 12 UTP revision. The HCMPO's portion of \$60 million is project specific and is all being allocated to the "La Joya Relief Route" project. Mrs. De la Fuente stated that Public Involvement began April 30th and will end May 30th, so the Policy Committee will need to approve the amendments contingent upon no comments from the public. Mr. Homer Bazan, TxDOT, stated that TxDOT Commission approved a July out of cycle TIP revision. *The City of Penitas made a motion to approve the FY2011-2014 TIP Amendment #7 as presented. The City of San Juan seconded the motion and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.*

6) Discussion and Approval of FY2013-2016 TIP Amendment #1

- This item was discussed and approved with item #5. *The City of Penitas made a motion to approve the FY2013-2016 TIP Amendment #1 as presented. The City of San Juan seconded the motion and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.*

7) Discussion and Approval of FY2010-2035 MTP Amendment #8

- This item was discussed and approved with item # 5. *The City of Penitas made a motion to approve the FY2010-2035 MTP Amendment #8 as presented. The City of San Juan seconded the motion and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.*

8) Monthly Letting Report

- Mr. Homer Bazan, TxDOT, gave a brief update.

10) Status Reports

A. Calendar: March & February 2012

- Mrs. Champine stated that the calendar was provided for everyone to review. She stated that Andrew and Amanda were at the AMPO Conference meeting. She advised everyone that HCMPO was having a Public Meeting on May 15th at 5:30pm here at HCMPO Offices. **Report only, no action taken at this time.**

B. Legislative / RTAP Update

- No updates were given at this time.

C. HCMPO Budget Report

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

11) HCRMA Update

- Erik Davila, Dannenbaum Engineering, gave a brief update on HCRMA projects.

12) Valley Metro

- Mr. Luis Guajardo gave a brief update on Metro.

13) Metro

- No updates were given at this time.

14) Hidalgo County Commuter Rail District

- Mr. Jim Edge introduced Mr. Ray Tijerina as the new HCCRD Board member.

15) Old or New Business

- Mr. Homer Bazan stated that TxDOT will be moving forward with the "No Trucks on Left Lane". He stated that a template resolution will be provided to everyone to review and approve at their respective entities. **Report only, no action taken at this time.**
- Mr. Luis Guajardo stated that Valley Metro will be partnering with UTPA with an Inter-Local Agreement with an 80% - 20% Match for Bus Shuttle. **Report only, no action taken at this time.**

16) Adjournment

- **Hidalgo County made a motion to adjourn at 2:38 pm. The City of Weslaco seconded the motion and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.**