

Hidalgo County Metropolitan Planning Organization
Technical Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
March 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, Elsa, Hidalgo County, McAllen, Mercedes, Mission, Penitas, Pharr, San Juan, Weslaco, Valley Metro and TxDOT. Ex-Officio Members present: McAllen Metro and Hidalgo County Commuter Rail District.
- 2) Adoption of Minutes from:
 - February 4, 2014
Chairwoman Michelle Leftwich asked if there were any corrections to the minutes. *Hidalgo County made a motion to approve the February 4, 2014 as presented. The City of Penitas 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 Pedestrian Plan
 - Miss. Karina Maldonado and Mr. Robert Escobar stated that the draft Pedestrian Plan was provided for everyone to review. They briefly went through the plan and advised the members what changes or additions were made. Miss Maldonado stated that the final rounds of public meetings were held 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. She noted that the public in attendance had positive feedback on the plan. She stated that this item was up for action for final approval. *The City of Alamo made a motion to approve the Pedestrian Plan as presented. Hidalgo County Commuter Rail District seconded the motion and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.*
- 5) Discussion and Approval of MOU between HCMPO & Hidalgo County Commuter Rail District
 - Mr. Andrew Canon stated that was discussed last month. He stated that staff will assist the HCCRD with meetings, agendas, web updates and locate any grant funding. He reminded everyone that the HCMPO does not provide financial funding other than staff assistance. Mr. Canon stated that at this time the HCCRD meets quarterly. *The City of Donna made a motion to approve the MOU between the HCMPO and Hidalgo County Commuter Rail District as presented. The City of Penitas seconded the motion and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.*
- 6) Discussion of Valley Metro 5310 Program Call
 - Mrs. Maria Champine stated that staff released a program call on Monday, March 3rd. She stated that Valley Metro has scheduled an informational Program Call Workshop on March 11th at 10am here at the LRGVDC Transit Center Conference Room. Mrs. Champine stated that that all applications will need to be submitted to her for review. The deadline for submittals is April 18th with all the attachments that are required. She stated that the results of the evaluation will be on the May TAC and Policy Meetings for final approval. Mr. Tom Logan stated that more information is available if needed and staff can forward all information to each entity for review. *Reports only, no action taken at this time.*
- 7) Discussion on FY2013-2016 Mobility & Transit TIP Amendment #7
 - Miss. Maldonado briefly went through the spreadsheets that were provided for review. She stated that limits change to various projects in FY2014. She briefly went through the list and advised them what changes were made. Mr. Canon stated that he met with several entities to discuss the status of the projects listed. Mrs. Champine stated that the Transit portion for Valley Metro and McAllen Metro for only FY 2014 was provided for everyone to review. Both providers are still discussing the funding apportionments, and will have a draft for review by next week. She briefly went through the additions that were now required by FTA for FY2014. She stated that the Public Involvement period will begin March 5th - April 16th. Mrs. Champine stated that these items will be brought back next month for approval. She reminded the members that Both FY 2013-2016 and FY 2015-2018 TIPs will need to be submitted to TxDOT by May 1st. *Reports only, no action taken at this time.*
- 8) Discussion of Adoption of Mobility & Transit FY2015-2018 TIP Amendment (Update)
 - This item was discussed with Item #7 & #9.
- 9) Discussion on FY2010-2035 MTP Amendment #14
 - This item was discussed with Item #7 & #8.
- 10) Discussion of MTP/Operational Improvements
 - Mr. Canon stated that several spreadsheets were provided for everyone to review. He stated that two (2) tables listed information regarding the Call for Projects that staff has submitted out to everyone. He stated that the recommendation from the CMP final report was provided. Mr. Canon briefly went through two options. He stated that this item will be brought back next month for approval. After further discussion, the members requested for staff to establish a new CMP Sub-Committee to review any submittals and provide information at next month's TAC and Policy Meeting. *Reports only, no action taken at this time.*
- 11) Monthly Letting Report
 - Mr. Homer Bazan gave a brief update.
- 12) Status Reports
 - A. Calendar: March & April 2014
 - Mr. Canon stated that the calendars were provided for everyone to review. He stated that the HCMPO will be having several Pedestrian Plan Meeting Monday, March 17th at UTPA, Edinburg, Texas at 5:30 pm. He stated that there is a Freight Meeting scheduled for April 3rd in Houston. He reminded everyone that the Walk n Rolla Event is scheduled for Saturday, April 12th at UTPA from 7am-11am.

B. Legislative / RTAP Update

- None at this time.

C. HCMPO Budget Report

- Mr. Canon gave a brief update on the HCMPO Budget.

D. HCMPO Project Update

- None at this time.

E. Director's Update

- None at this time.

13) HCRMA Update

- No reports were given at this time.

14) Valley Metro

- Mr. Tom Logan gave a brief update.

15) Metro

- Mrs. Sandra Gama gave a brief update.

16) Hidalgo County Commuter Rail District

- No reports were given at this time.

17) Old or New Business

- Mr. Bazan stated that a Public Meeting has been scheduled for March 5th at the RV Park on Owassa Road.

18) Adjournment

- *The City of Pharr made a motion to adjourn at 3:20 pm. The City of Donna seconded the motion and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.*