

Hidalgo County Metropolitan Planning Organization  
 Technical Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes  
 January 5, 2017

- 1) **Roll Call**
  - Vice Chairman Juan Guerra 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: Alton, Edinburg, Hidalgo County, City of Hidalgo, McAllen, Mission, Pharr, Sullivan City, TxDOT, Weslaco, Hidalgo County RMA, and Valley Metro: Ex-Officio Members Present: Metro.
- 2) **Adoption of Minutes**
  - **December 1, 2016**  
 Vice Chairman Juan Guerra asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of December 1, 2016. **No other corrections were noted to the minutes of December 1, 2016; City of Weslaco made a motion to approve the minutes of December 1, 2016 as presented by staff. TxDOT seconded the motion; and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.**
- 3) **Cost Over-Run Projects/Letting Report Project(s) (If Needed)**
  - Homer Bazan, with TxDOT provided an update on the Monthly Letting Report to members' present. **Report is filed as part of the TAC Packet for the month of December 2016. Reports only, no action taken at this time.**
- 4) **Discussion and Action on Amendment #1A to the 2017-2020 TIP**
  - Linda De La Fuente noted that the Amendment #1A to the 2017-2020 TIP is being presented for approval, additional changes are in red and are pending approval. Agreements for CAT 1, 7 and Prop 7 on new projects cannot be done until the FEDs approve them in May 2017. **After some discussion on this item; HCRMA made a motion to approve the Amendments #1A 2017-202 and #6A to 2015-2040 MTP as presented by staff. The City of Mission seconded the motion; and upon a vote the motion passed unanimously.**
- 5) **Discussion and Action on Amendment #6A to the 2015-2040 MTP**
  - **Staff noted that this item was already covered under Section 4; therefore, no action was needed.**
- 6) **Discussion and Action on Public Participation Plan**
  - 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. Public Involvement was adhered and posted on HCMPO website, as per staff. **No discussion took place on the Public Participation Plan as presented by staff; TxDOT made a motion to approve the Public Participation Plan as presented. Hidalgo County seconded the motion; and upon a vote the motion passed unanimously.**
- 7) **Discussion on the APER and APL for FY 2016**
  - Linda Fuente provided to members present the APER and APL for FY2016 Financials as follows:

|     |               |                     |  |               |         |                    |            |
|-----|---------------|---------------------|--|---------------|---------|--------------------|------------|
| APL | HIGHWAY       | \$54,282,014        |  | APER          | TASK #1 | \$704,268          | 86%        |
|     | TRANSIT       | \$ 8,817,275        |  |               | TASK #2 | \$ 99,749          | 85%        |
|     | GROUPED       | \$32,381,519        |  |               | TASK #3 | \$137,451          | 95%        |
|     | BIKE-PED      | \$ 1,277,409        |  |               | TASK #4 | \$101,775          | 86%        |
|     |               |                     |  |               | TASK #5 | \$259,478          | 141%       |
|     | <b>TOTAL:</b> | <b>\$96,758,217</b> |  | <b>TOTAL:</b> |         | <b>\$1,302,721</b> | <b>94%</b> |

No discussion took place on this item. **Reports only, no action taken at this time.**

- 8) **Discussion on Thoroughfare Plan 2016 Amendment Process Follow-up**
  - Luis Diaz reminded Policy Members present the deadline to submit any Amendments was scheduled for December 16, 2016 and to this date no entities have submitted any Amendments. **Report only, no action taken at this time.**
- 9) **Discussion on the Texas Freight Mobility Plan Implementation**
  - Homer Bazan, TxDOT provided a brief update on the Texas Freight Mobility Plan Implementation and informed TAC members present that several workshops will be held throughout the year at different locations. Noted that the Texas Freight Mobility Plan (TFMP) has begun, and TxDOT/the consulting team have tentatively scheduled regional workshops around the state. The proposed schedule which sure are subject to change!) is:
    - Jan. 31 - Laredo, Feb. 1 – Brownsville, Feb. 2 – Corpus Christi (bring a lot of bottled water in the GOV);
    - Feb. 8 – Atlanta/Texarkana, Feb. 9 – Dallas/Fort Worth;
    - Feb. 21 – El Paso, Feb. 22 – Midland/Odessa, Feb. 23 – Lubbock; and
    - Feb. 28 – Beaumont, March 1 – Houston, March 2 – San Antonio.

**Report only, no action taken at this time.**

## 10) Status Reports

### A. Calendars 2016:

- Andrew Canon provided Calendars to members present and noted the following:

#### 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

#### Month of February 2017:

- BPAC Meeting – Scheduled for February 1, 2017 at 10:00 AM
- TAC Meeting – Scheduled for February 2, 2017 at 10:00 AM
- TPC Meeting – February 16, 2017 at 5:30 PM
  3. February 20, 2017 – President’s Day Holiday
  4. RGV Days in Austin – February 7-8, 2017 – Several HCMPO Staff members to attend

### B. Director’ Updates

- TRB Conference – Washington – January 7-11, 2017 (Andrew, Miguel and Fernando)
- Andrew Canon to attend TxDOT Com. & Legislative Session– Austin – January 24-25, 2017
- Federal Highway Administration Certification Site Visit Scheduled for February 27- March 1, 2017
- Starting the first of the FY2017 - Policy Meetings will be held at the LRGVDC Ken Jones Executive Board Room, 301 W. Railroad, Weslaco
- TAP Process for New 2017-2018 Project Call – Update – No Applications have been received to date, deadline to submit applications is February 5, 2017.
- CAT #2 – Conference Call was held with the Big 6 Cities, still moving forward with discussion regarding amount of funding / percentage these cities will be eligible for, percentages have change from 4% to 2%, not in favor for our county. More information will be provided as discussions are held.
- MPO Merger Meeting to be scheduled with three of the MPO’s Mayors, Ron Garza, LRGVDC Director, Transportation Director on Friday, January 6, 2017 to further discuss MPO Merger.
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### 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**

## 11) HCRMA Update

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

## 12) Valley Metro

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

## 13) Metro

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

## 14) Old or New Business

- TxDOT noted that two Public Hearings are scheduled as follows:
  - 1) Thursday, Dec. 15, 2016, at Sharyland Pioneer High School. Open House Period: 5:00 to 6:00 to discuss FM 494 (Shary Road), between SH 107 and FM 1924 (Mile 3 Road)
  - 2) SH 68 Project - Public Hearing was held Tuesday, January 3, 2017, at Donna North High School. Open House: 2 p.m. - 7 p.m.

## 15) Adjournment

- **The meeting adjourns at 11:15 a.m.**