

Hidalgo County Metropolitan Planning Organization
Technical Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
August 7, 2012

1) Roll Call

- Secretary Joe Califa called the meeting to order at 1:38pm. 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, Edinburg, Hidalgo County, McAllen, Mission, Penitas, Pharr, San Juan, Valley Metro, Weslaco, Hidalgo County RMA and TxDOT. ExOffio Members Present: McAllen Metro and Hidalgo County Commuter Rail District.

2) Adoption of Minutes from:

- July 3, 2012

Secretary Joe Califa asked if there were any corrections to the minutes, there being none. ***The City of Penitas made a motion to approve the July 3, 2012 minutes as presented. The City Penitas seconded the motion and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.***

3) Cost Over-Run Projects

- None at this time.

****Note: Mr. Ed Taylor took over as Chairman.**

4) Discussion and Approval of Bike Plan

- Mr. Andrew Canon stated that the draft Bike Plan was provided for everyone to review. He noted that staff had multiple Public Meetings in Edinburg, Mission and Weslaco. He stated that we also did a survey monkey as well and received 33 comments. He noted that a map was provided for everyone to review. He stated that all the comments submitted were all positive. He noted that the information was included in the Bike Plan presented. He advised the members that the HCMPO Bike Plan is inclusive with the City of McAllen and Edinburg Bike Plan. ***The City of Weslaco made a motion to approve the Bike Plan as presented. The City of Penitas seconded the motion and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.***

5) Discussion and Approval of Category 7 Expenditure Resolution

- Mr. Andrew Canon stated that at last month's meeting the committee decided to move some funds from Mile 6 to Business 83 project and the Policy Board also approved it. Mr. Canon stated that this item is only a discussion item and will be brought back next month. As of right now, we previously we have a resolution where the funding is capped. He noted that after staff gathers more information, the committee may need to review and approve another resolution. Mr. Canon stated that staff has been meeting with TxDOT staff for further discussion and will be brought back for review and approval. Mr. Canon stated that staff needs assistance from each entity, to submit an updated status report for each project listed on the TIP/MTP. ***Reports only, no action taken at this time.***

6) Discussion of Thoroughfare Plan

- Mrs. Maria Champine stated that staff is working on updating the Thoroughfare Plan. She noted that a proposed amendment will be done on a yearly basis. She stated that the deadline to submit updates was December 14th. ***Reports only, no action taken at this time.***

7) Discussion of Out Of Staff Travel (NADO)

- Mr. Canon stated that Ms. Amanda Hernandez will be the only one attending the NADO conference in Las Vegas, Nevada. He noted that the entire trip is being paid for by NADO provided by the grant and the HCMPO will incur her time only. Ms. Hernandez stated that a Peer Exchange on September 14th at the Isla Grand on South Padre Island (SPI). ***Reports only, no action taken at this time.***

8) Monthly Letting Report

- Mr. Jody Ellington, TxDOT, gave a brief update.

9) Status Reports

A. Calendar: August and September 2012

- Mr. Canon stated that the calendar was provided for everyone to review. He stated that he will be at the AMPO Conference in Saratoga Springs, NY on September 10-14, 2012. He also stated that the Commission Meeting went very well in Corpus Christi and they may come down to the Valley sometime next year. He stated that once we know what month that will take place, staff will let everyone know. ***Reports only, no action taken at this time.***

B. Legislative / RTAP Update

- Ms. Hernandez gave a brief update.

C. HCMPO Budget Report

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

10) HCRMA Update

- Mr. Eric Davila gave a brief update.

11) Valley Metro

- Mr. Tom Logan gave a brief update.

12) Metro

- No updates were given at this time.

13) Hidalgo County Commuter Rail District

- Mr. Jim Edge gave a brief update.

14) Old or New Business

- No updates were given at this time.

15) Adjournment

- ***Hidalgo County Commuter Rail District (HCCRD) made a motion to adjourn at 2:38 pm. The City of Edinburg seconded the motion and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.***