

Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) Meeting Summary January 5th, 2015

I. Roll Call

The Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) meeting was held at the HCMPO conference room located in Weslaco, Texas and called to order 1:36 PM.

Karina Maldonado stated that meetings will now begin to implement roll call and bylaws as they were approved by TPC in December. Roll call was held and quorum was present.

ATTENDEES:

Technical Members

Jeff Underwood-City of Alton
Tom Reyna-City of Edinburg
Ponciano Longoria-City of Edinburg
Benjamin Worsham-City of McAllen
Joe Califa-L&G Engineering / City of Mission
Dora Robles-City of Pharr
Commissioner Armando Garza-City of San Juan
Homer Bazan-TxDOT Pharr

Citizen and Advocates

Albert Juliano
Michael Padgett
Gisela Chapa-Santa Anna Wildlife Refuge

HCMPO Staff

Andrew Canon
Karina Maldonado
Maria Champine

II. Election of Executive Committee

Ms. Maldonado stated that an executive committee shall be appointed as regulated by the bylaws. No interest was shown at the moment. Mr. Califa asked if the committee still had open positions and Ms. Maldonado confirmed that 7 remained open. Mr. Califa then suggested that a second round of efforts be made to include new members before selecting an executive committee. Commissioner Garza stated he would apply as the advocate for low income/colonia position and remove himself as the representative for the City of San Juan. The item was tabled until further notice.

III. TAP Project Submittal Form Review

Ms. Maldonado mentioned that documents were sent for review by the committee, and asked if there were any changes or suggestions to be addressed. Ms. Maldonado explained that the Application Guide provides all the information about

the TAP Program, including eligible project types, available funding. She further explained that the application was formulated from the previous TxDOT Transportation Enhancements Call. Ms. Maldonado further informed members that the MPO Program Call will most likely open at the end of February, and end at the end of April. Furthermore, she stated that the scoring would take place in May by BPAC members.

Ms. Maldonado also mentioned that TxDOT would be opening up their TAP Call on January 16th. Mr. Califa asked to clarify where the overlap between the HCMPO and TxDOT TAP Call for Projects. Ms. Maldonado explained that projects applications cannot be submitted for both the MPO and TxDOT Program Calls as they each run on different procedures and eligibility varies between programs. The contact for TxDOT would be Stephen Walker.

Mr. Califa suggested including edits to the application guide to include brief explanations of the criteria used to score the submitted projects on page 7. He also wanted clarification on how several items would be scored.

IV. Staff Update

Walk N Rolla 2015: Mr. Canon stated that a letter was sent to the City Manager of Edinburg requesting the use of the McIntyre Pedestrian Walkway for the event. He mentioned that funds would go towards the South Texas Juvenile Diabetes Association, as well as towards the acquisition of bicycle helmets and safety materials.

V. Old and New Business

5310 Program Call. The following item was discussed during the TAP item. Mrs. Champine explained that on January 29th there would be a 5310 Program Call Workshop held at the MPO Offices. She noted that there is approximately \$200k in 2014 funds and approximately \$500k in 2015 funds available. She further noted that the program funds must be used within the MPO urbanized area and related to enhancing mobility for seniors and persons with disabilities.

VI. Adjournment

The next BPAC meeting will be held Monday, February 2nd, 2015 at the HCMPO office, if needed. BPAC meeting was adjourned at 2:30PM.