

Hidalgo County Metropolitan Planning Organization
Technical Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
October 01, 2013

1) Roll Call

- Chairman Ed Taylor called the meeting to order at 1:32pm. 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: Donna, Edinburg, Hidalgo County, Hidalgo County RMA, McAllen, Mission, Penitas, Pharr, San Juan, Weslaco, Valley Metro and TxDOT. Ex-Offio Members present: McAllen Metro.

2) Adoption of Minutes from:

- September 03, 2013

Chairman Ed Taylor asked if there were any corrections to the minutes. Mr. Homer Bazan stated that there was only a minor change on verbiage on item # 14. ***The City of Penitas made a motion to approve the September 03, 2013 with the minor corrections on item #14 as presented. The City of Mission 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 MTP/TIP Amendment

- Mr. Andrew Canon stated that a spreadsheet was provided for everyone to review. He briefly went through the changes that were made. He requested if anyone had any changes that they submit them to staff as soon as possible so all necessary changes can be implemented. Mrs. Maria Champine briefly went through the changes that were made on the Transit TIP portion. She stated that the changes were highlighted. ***The City of Edinburg made a motion to approve the MTP/TIP Amendments as presented. The City of Penitas seconded the motion and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.***

5) Discussion of Pedestrian Plan

- Miss Chanel Borrego and Robert Escobar briefly went through a power point presentation. Miss Borrego stated that the plan is still being worked on but once its finalized that staff is planning to present the final copy to all of the members. Mr. Escobar stated that as of right now, staff is hopeful that all the information will be completed by late this year or early next year. ***Reports only no action taken at this time.***

6) Monthly Letting Report

- Mr. Bazan gave a brief update.

7) Status Reports

A. Calendar: October & November 2013

- Mr. Canon stated that the calendars were provided for everyone to review. He stated that the office will be closed on Monday, November 11th for Veterans Day and Thursday, November 28th & Friday, November 29th for Thanksgiving Holiday. He advised the members that we still have the November 5th meeting as scheduled. Mr. Canon briefly went through some information regarding the Turn Back Program and stated that more information will be provided next month.

B. Legislative / RTAP Update

- None at this time.

C. HCMPO Budget Report

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

D. HCMPO Project Update

- None at this time.

E. Director's Update

- None at this time.

8) HCRMA Update

- No reports were given at this time.

9) Valley Metro

- Mrs. Rosie Cuevas gave a brief update on the Valley Metro.

10) Metro

- Mr. Mario Delgado gave a brief update on the McAllen Metro.

11) Hidalgo County Commuter Rail District

- No reports given at this time.

12) Old or New Business

- Mr. Bazan stated that a Public Meeting has been scheduled for October 22nd for Mile 1 East from US83 to Mile 8 and October 30th at Fossum Elementary School for Mile 3 & 5.

13) Adjournment

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