

Hidalgo County Metropolitan Planning Organization
Transportation Policy Committee Meeting Minutes
May 17, 2012

TAB I ROLL CALL

- Chairwomen Diana Martinez called the meeting to order at 5:37 pm. The Transportation Policy 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, Edcouch, Edinburg, Hidalgo, Hidalgo County, McAllen, Mercedes, Mission, Palmhurst, Penitas, Pharr, San Juan, Weslaco, Hidalgo County RMA, TxDOT and Valley Metro. Ex-Offio Members Present: Rio Grande Valley Partnership.

TAB II CITIZEN INPUT

- None at this time.

TAB III PRESENTATION / ACTION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

A) Adoption of Minutes from:

- April 19, 2012

Chairwomen Diana Martinez asked if there were any corrections to the minutes. *The City of San Juan made a motion to approve both minutes: April 19, 2012 as presented. The City of Penitas seconded the motion and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.*

B) Discussion and Approval of Edinburg Downtown TIA Study

- Mr. Andrew Canon stated Mr. Albert Aldana, Aldana Engineering was present to give a brief presentation and will be available to answer any questions. Mr. Canon stated that the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) have reviewed the information and approved the Study as presented. Mr. Juan Lopez stated that they will hold a public meeting along with the HCMPO. *The City of Edinburg made a motion to approve the Edinburg Downtown TIA Study as presented. The City of Penitas seconded the motion and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.*

C) Discussion and Approval of FY2011-2014 TIP Amendment #7

- Mr. Canon stated that staff is seeking approval of the FY2011-14 TIP Amendment #7, FY2013-16 TIP Amendment #1 and FY2010-2035 MTP Amendment #8 in order to meet the June 14th out of cycle STIP deadline. He noted that that these amendments are a result from the \$2 billion approved statewide in Category 7 and Category 12 UTP revision. The HCMPO's portion of \$60 million is project specific and all funding is being allocated to the "La Joya Relief Route" project. Mr. Canon stated that Public Involvement began April 30th and will end May 30th. *The City of Penitas made a motion to approve the FY2011-2014 TIP Amendment #7 as presented. The City of Pharr seconded the motion and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.*

D) Discussion and Approval of FY2013-2016 TIP Amendment #1

- Mr. Canon stated that the spreadsheet for FY2013-16 TIP was provided for everyone to review. *The City of Penitas made a motion to approve the FY2011-2014 TIP Amendment #7 as presented. The City of Pharr seconded the motion and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.*

E) Discussion and Approval of FY2010-2035 MTP Amendment #8

- Mr. Canon stated that the spreadsheet for FY2010-2035 MTP was provided for everyone to review. This Item was discussed with item # C & D. *The City of Penitas made a motion to approve the FY2011-2014 TIP Amendment #7 as presented. The City of Pharr seconded the motion and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.*

F) Monthly Letting Update

- Mr. Jody Ellington, TxDOT, gave a brief update and he also provided a handout. *Reports only, no action taken at this time.*

TAB IV STATUS REPORTS

- A. Calendar: June & July 2012
 - Mr. Canon stated that the calendars were provided for everyone to review. He advised the members that the office will be closed on Monday, May 31st, 2012 in observance of Memorial Day Holiday.
- B. Legislative/ RTAP Update
 - Ms. Amanda Hernandez gave a brief update on the Legislative/ RTAP.
- C. HCMPO Budget Report
 - Mrs. Linda de la Fuente gave a brief update on the HCMPO Budget.

TAB V OFF SYSTEM REPORT

- No reports were given at this time.

TAB VI TXDOT CONSTRUCTION REPORT

- Mr. Juan Sustaita gave a brief update.

TAB VII HCRMA REPORT

- Mr. Pilar Rodriguez gave a brief update.

TAB VIII HIDALGO COUNTY COMMUTER RAIL DISTRICT

- None at this time.

TAB IX VALLEY METRO

- Mr. Luis Guajardo gave a brief update.

TAB X METRO

- No reports were given at this time.

TAB XI OLD OR NEW BUSINESS

- No reports were given at this time.

TAB XII ADJOURNMENT

- *The City of Penitas made a motion to adjournment at 6:40 pm. The City of Pharr seconded the motion and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.*