

Hidalgo County Metropolitan Planning Organization
Transportation Policy Committee Meeting Minutes
September 20, 2012

TAB I ROLL CALL

- Chairwomen Diana Martinez called the meeting to order at 5:38 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, Edinburg, Elsa, McAllen, Mission, Penitas, TxDOT and Valley Metro.

TAB II CITIZEN INPUT

- None at this time.

TAB III PRESENTATION / ACTION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

A) Discussion and Approval of Bid for FM88:

- Mr. Andrew A. Canon stated that several bids came in for the FM88 Project. He stated that bids have been coming 40% higher. He stated that TxDOT has been working with the City of Elsa. He stated that the city will be contributing \$360,000 for the project to proceed. Mr. Joe Torres, Elsa, stated that they are currently working with TxDOT and will provide a letter of support regarding the funds for this project. Mr. Canon stated that the Cost Estimate for FM88 was \$1,655,000 and the lowest bid submitted was \$2,681,776.78. He stated that the over run was \$1,026,776.78.
- *The City of Mission made a motion to approve the Cost Overrun of \$1,026,776.78 as presented. The City of Penitas seconded the motion and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.*

B) Discussion of Possible Rejection for Bids of:

Projects:

- FM681
- FM681/FM2221
- FM2221

Mr. Homer Bazan, TxDOT, stated that the bids submitted came in over about \$5,052,644.37. He stated that the bids have been rejected and Commissioner Flores has been notified that they were rejected. He noted that the lack of competition and only receiving two (2) bids that were submitted, they bids came in over the approved estimate. Mr. Bazan stated that TxDOT is looking into the FM681 project for a certain section but it is less than a mile. After further discussion, Mr. Bazan stated that more information will be brought back to a later date. \$1,026,776.78. *Reports only, no action taken at this time.*

TAB IV OLD OR NEW BUSINESS

- Mr. Canon stated that staff has scheduled a TPC Training in late October. He noted that it will be a 2-day training. He stated that staff will be sending out email notifications to everyone. Mrs. Maria Champine reminded everyone that the Border to Border Conference is scheduled for November 13th - 15th at South Padre Island (SPI) at the Isla Grand Resort. Mr. Homer Bazan, TxDOT, stated that they will be having a Enhancement Program Call Workshop on October 4th at 9:30 am at the Pharr District Office. Mr. Bazan invited everyone to attend. He stated that more information will be given out for everyone to review.

TAB V ADJOURNMENT

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