

Hidalgo County Metropolitan Planning Organization  
Technical Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes  
October 6, 2015

1) Roll Call

- Chairman Joe Califa called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm. 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, Donna, Edinburg, Elsa, Granjeno, Hidalgo County, McAllen, Mission, Pharr, San Juan, Weslaco, TxDOT, Valley Metro, Hidalgo County RMA: Ex-Officio Members Present: Metro.

2) Adoption of Minutes

➤ September 1, 2015

Chairman Joe Califa asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of September 1, 2015. **No corrections were noted to the minutes of September 1, 2015; Hidalgo County made a motion to approve the minutes of September 1, 2015 as presented. The motion was seconded by the City of Pharr and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.**

3) Cost Over-Run Projects

- None given at this time.

4) Discussion and Action on the MTP, Highway and Transit TIP Amendments

- Andrew Canon stated staff is seeking approval on the MTP, Highway and Transit TIP Amendments as presented and provided a handout to members present for their review. The revised Summary of Changes for November 1ST STIP were as follows (Report filed with packet):

FY 2015

- Mile 3 N Phase I from Goodwin Rd to Tom Gill Rd (0921-02-321) changed limit from E Goodwin Road to FM 492 (Goodwin Rd)
- US 83 La Joya Relief Route (0039-02-040, 0039-17-131) and FM 1925 (1803-02-028) let in July 2015

FY 2016

- US 83 Interchange at Bicentennial (0039-17-180) changed from 2015 to 2016
- Inspiration Rd from US 83 to Mile 3 (0921-02-301) changed cost estimate from \$10,581,611 to \$11,392,852
- SH 365 Phase I (3627-01-001) changed values for Category 12, Earmark and Local funding
- Taylor Rd from US 83 to Bus 83 (0921-02-327) changed limit from US 83 to I-2/US 83
- McIntyre Railroad Pedestrian Crossing was included as a new project funded with Category 7
- HCRMA US 281 Military (0220-01-023) received Proposition 1 funding instead of Category 12
- Hidalgo County Illumination Project was included as a new project funded with Proposition 1

FY 2017

- Donna Int'l Bridge (0921-02-333) changed scope to "Federal commercial vehicles inspection facilities at Donna Int'l Bridge"
- FM 907 from Nolana to US 83 (1586-01-069) was moved from 2021 to 2017 and received Proposition 1 funding instead of Category 7 & 11
- FM 494 from Mile 5 to SH 107 (0864-01-068) was moved from 2022 to 2017 and received Proposition 1 funding instead of Category 7 & 11

FY 2020

- FM 494 from Mile 3 to Mile 5 (0864-01-069) was moved from 2031 to 2020 and received Category 11 and Local funding instead of TRENDS funding

FY 2022

- Mile 6 W from Mile 9 to Mile 11 (0921-02-168) moved from 2031 to 2022 and values for Category 7 and Local funding changed

FY 2025

- FM 676 from Conway to Taylor Rd (1064-01-028) received Category 7 & 11 instead of TRENDS

FY 2026

- SH 336 from Trenton to SH 107 moved from 2025 to 2026 due to changes to TRENDS funding
- Mile 4 ½ Rd from US 83 to Mile 9 moved from 2025 to 2026 due to changes to TRENDS funding

FY 2031

- Mile 6 W from Mile 11 to SH 107 (0921-02-286) Category 7 funding changed from \$19,273,481 to \$27,208,283
- US 83 @ 2<sup>nd</sup> St from FM 2061 to SH 336 changed from 2026 to 2031 due to changes to TRENDS funding
- Freddy Gonzalez from SH 336 to FM 2061 changed from 2026 to 2031 due to changes to TRENDS funding
- Erie Ave from Ware Rd to Bentsen Rd changed from 2026 to 2031 due to changes to TRENDS funding

FY 2036

- Veterans SH 495 Extension from Abram to La Homa (0865-01-108) moved from 2031 to 2036 due to changes to TRENDS funding

Unfunded

- Owassa Rd had limits changed from I Rd to Cesar Chavez into I Rd to FM 1426 and a construction estimate change from \$4,917,000 to \$4,550,000
- Owassa Rd had a construction estimate change from \$2,011,500 to \$4,500,000
- Owassa Rd had limits changed from Cesar Chavez to FM 1423 into FM 1426 to FM 907 and a construction estimate changed from \$6,705,000 to \$9,000,000
- Mile 5 N from FM 1015 to Westgate was moved from 2036 to Unfunded due to changes in TRENDS funding
- Anzalduas Int'l POE was included as a new project on the Unfunded section

- Staff concluded by letting members present know, that there is still \$1 Million available from last years' CMP, to be carried over to the next year. TxDOT will get a final timeline, once the MTP Highway /Transit are approved and this will apply only to on-systems projects through TxDOT.
- Maria Champion stated that the Transit TIP is also included in the amendments and Public Involvement meetings were held, one in McAllen and the second one at the HCMPO Office with a positive turn out. **After some discussion on these items; HCRMA moved to approve the MTP, Highway and Transit TIP Amendments as present by staff. The motion was seconded by Hidalgo County; and upon a vote the motion passed unanimously.**

## 5) Discussion and Action of Transit Program of Projects FY 2016

- Maria Champion provided to members present the “Transit Program of Projects FY 2016” and noted that the Transit Providers are amending their Program of Projects for FY 2016, hand out was provided to members present. **No discussion took place on this item; the City of Pharr made a motion to approve the Transit Program 2016 as presented by staff. The motion was seconded by TxDOT and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.**

## 6) Discussion and Action of Winter 2015 CMP Final Recommendation to Policy Committee

- Linda de la Fuente stated that a RFP for the Winter 2015 CMP proposal was reviewed at a Special TAC Meeting held October 1<sup>st</sup>. A scoring sheet was provided to all TAC members present to score the technical proposals. All timelines have been met and the contract begins December 21, 2015. TAC members present are recommending to the Policy Committee to award the proposal to Copeland as the selected consultant. **After some discussion on this item; City of McAllen made a motion to approve and award the RFP to Copeland for the “Winter 2015 CMP, as presented by staff. The motion was seconded by HCRMA and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.**

## 7) Discussion on TAC/TPC Meetings for November and December 2015

- Andrew Canon noted that staff is recommending for the TAC Committee to meet on November 17, 2015 vs, November 3<sup>rd</sup> and again on December 1, 2015 at the regular time of 1:30 p.m. Staff is also proposing for the Policy Committee to meet for the last time for FY 2015 on December 17<sup>th</sup>. TAC members present were in consensus with staff recommendations regarding the TAC and Policy meetings to be held in November and December as presented. **Presentation only, no action taken.**

## 8) Monthly Letting Report

- Mr. Homer Bazan provided to TAC Members present handouts of the TxDOT Monthly Letting Update for Projects within the Hidalgo County MPO Area. Report filed with packet.

## 9) Status Reports

### A. Calendars 2015:

- Andrew Canon reported on the Calendars as follows:

#### Month of November 2015:

- BPAC Meeting – Scheduled for November 2, 2015
- TAC Meeting – Scheduled for November 3, 2015 (Tentative)
- TAC Meeting – Re-scheduled for November 17, 2015 (If Approved by TPC)
- TPC Meeting – Meeting Scheduled for December 17, 2015 (If approved by TPC)

#### Month of December 2015:

- TAC Meeting – Scheduled for December 1, 2015
- BPAC Meeting – Scheduled for December 7, 2015 (Tentative)
- TPC Meeting – Scheduled for December 17, 2015 (If approved by TPC)

### B. HCMPO Budget Report

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

### C. Director' Updates

#### ➤ HB-20 Initial Report

- **Staff provided report to members present and is filed with TAC Packet**

#### ➤ Update on the Thoroughfare Plan – Deadline December 16, 2015.

Staff noted the Thoroughfare Plan includes a series of meetings between entities. The first meeting was held on August 17, 2015 and the second Thoroughfare Plan meeting is scheduled for October 14, 2015 at L&Gs' Engineering Office in Mission. As a reminder to members present, all amendments to the Hidalgo County Thoroughfare Plan map must be accompanied by a signed approved resolution from the entities governing body. The deadline for Thoroughfare Plan Amendment Submissions is December 16, 2015. Thoroughfare Plan submissions will be presented in February 2016 as an action item first to the Technical Advisory Committee and for final approval by the Transportation Policy Committee. Once, approved by the Transportation Policy Committee, it will be presented in March 2016 to the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court for approval at the county level. Staff concluded, by letting members know that HCMPO Staff are available for any questions regarding the Thoroughfare Plan Amendment Process.

#### ➤ MPO Merger Committee Meeting - Update

Andrew Canon provided to members present a Summary on what was discussed at the second MPO Merger Meeting”, held September 29, 2015. **Presentation only, no action taken.**

## 10) HCRMA Update

- Representative with Hidalgo County RMA provided a brief update regarding HCRMA Segment #3 Project.

## 11) Valley Metro

- Gabriel Zuniga, Mobility Manager gave a brief report on Valley Metro. Discussion was held on having Valley Metro contact Walmart, HEB, Kmart, and Target to consider utilizing their parking lot at no cost to the students of UT-RGV and possibly considering a partnership. The goal is that in the long run, parking access to students will be more convenient and these companies will get free advertisement. After some discussion on this item, City of Pharr suggested that Valley Metro and staff setup a meeting with UT-RGV and McAllen Metro to further discuss this excellence idea recommended by staff.

## 12) Metro

- Robert De Leon gave a brief update on the Metro Report.

### 13) Old or New Business

- TxDOT – Discussion regarding Sharp/Alamo Road – Additional information is being requested from FWA (Letter was provided to members present) and are as follows: 1) The local agency request or endorsement of the functional classification changes; 2) Resolution from the MPO Policy Board supporting the recommendation of functional classification changes; and 3) Supporting documentation for the changes founded on development, current function of the roadway, and connectivity.
- Staff response regarding items 1 and 3, is that this information has already been provided and was submitted as a “Minor Collector” on Sharp Road, the only thing pending is the Resolution from TxDOT.
- TxDOT – Will be contacting Staff on the status of the resolution supporting the Functional Classification Changes.
- Staff noted that Davis and Alamo Road would also be included in the Functional Classification.
- Staff also requested CSJ Numbers from TxDOT that are still pending in TIP/MTP prior to the next Policy Meeting.

### 14) Adjournment

- **The meeting adjourn at 2:50 pm.**

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