

Hidalgo County Metropolitan Planning Organization  
Technical Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes  
April 02, 2013

1) Roll Call

- Chairman Ed Taylor called the meeting to order at 1:38pm. 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, Alton, Hidalgo County, Hidalgo County RMA, Edinburg, McAllen, Mercedes, Mission, Pharr, San Juan, Sullivan City, Weslaco, Valley Metro and TxDOT. ExOffio Members Present: Hidalgo County Commuter Rail District and McAllen Metro.

2) Adoption of Minutes from:

- March 5, 2013

Chairman Ed Taylor asked if there were any corrections to the minutes. The City of Edinburg stated that there was a minor typo on item one (1) roll call. He stated that the City of Edinburg was present at the March 2012 Meeting. ***Hidalgo County made a motion to approve the March 5, 2013 with minor typo correction on item one (1) as presented. The City of Alamo seconded the motion and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.***

3) Cost Over-Run Projects

- No reports were given at time.

4) Discussion and Approval of Urbanized Area Boundary (UAB)

- Mrs. Maria Champine stated staff has scheduled a meeting with the Harl/San Benito MPO, TxDOT, City of Mercedes, Hidalgo County Precinct #1 and HCMPO Staff to discuss the 2010 Census boundaries on April 10<sup>th</sup> at 1pm. After further discussion, the members decided to table this item and see what the final results are. ***The City of Alton made a motion to table this item. The Alamo seconded the motion and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.***

5) Discussion & Approval of Enhancement Projects

- Mrs. Champine stated that the list of Enhancement projects submitted was provided for everyone to review. She stated that 9 out of 15 were eligible. She stated that after the committee did the ranking on all of the projects. The following projects were selected by their ranking. The City of Edinburg - Train Depot Renovation, City of Edinburg - Hike and Bike Trail and City of Mercedes - Drip Irrigation project. After further discussion, the members decided to fund 100% of the project to the City of Edinburg Train Depot Renovation and City of Mercedes Drip Irrigation Project. The third project will be funded with the remaining balance left over for the City of Edinburg - Hike and Bike Trail project with the condition that the City of Edinburg fund the remaining balance of the project. The members stated that if any of the projects approved failed to meet the deadline or do not go through with the project, that they inform the HCMPO staff and the funds will be used for another project on the list. ***The City of Edinburg made a motion to approve the Enhancement Projects for: City of Edinburg Train Depot Renovation and City of Mercedes - Drip Irrigation and the City of Edinburg - Hike and Bike Trail with the condition that the City of Edinburg fund the remaining balance of the project as presented. The City of Pharr Opposes the action taken in regards to the projects being approved for funding. Valley Metro seconded the motion and upon a vote, the motion carried.***

6) Discussion & Approval of Functional Classification Update

- Mr. Luis Diaz stated that a map was provided for everyone to review. He stated that the map included changes submitted by the City of Weslaco, Edinburg, Donna and the Hidalgo County RMA. He stated that he will give an update at next month's meeting. ***Hidalgo County made a motion to approve the Functional Classification Map as presented. The City of Sullivan City seconded the motion and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.***

7) Discussion & Approval to FY2013-16 TIP and FY2010-2035 MTP Amendments

- Mrs. Champine stated that a TIP and MTP was provided for everyone to review. She briefly went through the spreadsheets and the projects listed. She stated that Valley Metro and McAllen Metro will also have an amendment. Mrs. Champine stated that both transit providers will be splitting \$5.73 million with 15.9% going to McAllen Metro.
- ***The City of Mission made a motion to approve the FY2013-16 TIP as presented. Hidalgo County seconded the motion and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.***
- ***The City of Edinburg made a motion to approve the FY2010-35 MTP as presented. Hidalgo County seconded the motion and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.***

8) Discussion & Approval of Congestion Index for the CMP

- Mrs. Champine stated that the Congestion Index was currently at .75. She asked if the members preferred to lower the amount or leave it as is. After further discussion, the members requested for staff to look into another option if staff could do it at with a different percentage. ***Reports only, no action taken at this time.***

- 9) Discussion of Metropolitan Area Boundary (MAB)
- Mrs. Champine stated that this item will be taken back to the Policy Committee for final approval with the recommendation of the TAC Committee to include the entire northern section of Hidalgo County. ***Reports only, no action taken at this time.***
- 10) Discussion of MPO Consolidation Study by TTI
- Mr. Homer Bazan, TxDOT, stated that a spreadsheet was provided for everyone to review. Mr. Bazan briefly went through the report from TTI. ***Reports only, no action taken at this time.***
- 11) Update on Walk n Rolla Event
- Mrs. Champine stated that the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Walk n Rolla event was scheduled for Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup> from 7am-11am at the Edinburg Court House Parking lot. ***Reports only, no action taken at this time.***
- 12) Monthly Letting Report
- Mr. Bazan gave a brief update.
- 13) Status Reports
- A. Calendar: March & April 2013
    - Mr. Champine stated that the calendars were provided for everyone to review. She stated that Andrew and staff were currently in Austin for a Border Trade Advisory Committee Meeting. ***Reports only, no action taken at this time.***
  - B. Legislative / RTAP Update
    - None at this time.
  - C. HCMPO Budget Report
    - Mrs. Champine gave a brief update on the HCMPO Budget.
  - D. HCMPO Project Update
    - None at this time.
  - E. Director's Update
    - None at this time.
- 14) HCRMA Update
- None at this time.
- 15) Valley Metro
- Mr. Tom Logan gave a brief update on the Valley Metro.
- 16) Metro
- Mr. Mario Delgado gave a brief update on the McAllen Metro.
- 17) Hidalgo County Commuter Rail District
- Mr. Jim Edge gave a brief update on HCCRD.
- 18) Old or New Business
- Mrs. Champine stated that the Enhancement projects will need to be included in the TIP and MTP. ***Valley Metro made a motion to approve to include the three (3) Enhancement Projects to the TIP and MTP as presented. The City of Mission seconded the motion and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.***
- 19) Adjournment
- ***Hidalgo County made a motion to adjourn at 3:29 pm. The City of Pharr seconded the motion and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.***