

HIDALGO COUNTY MPO
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, June 12, 2007
1:30 PM

1 Roll Call

Mr. Andrew Canon called the meeting to order at 1:40 P.M. The Technical Advisory Committee Meeting was held at the TxDOT Conference Room, 600 W. Expressway 83, Pharr, TX.. Present were representatives from The Cities of Hidalgo County, McAllen, Mercedes, Weslaco and TxDOT. Ex-Offio members also in attendance were: Hidalgo County Auditor's Office and LRGVDC Transit.

2 Adoption of Minutes from May 08, 2007

(ACTION ITEM)

Mr. Canon asked if there were any changes and or corrections that needed to be made to the minutes. Their being none. **The City of McAllen made a motion to approve the minutes, The City Of Weslaco seconded the motion, and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.**

3 Cost Over-Run Project(s)

Raymond Sanchez, TxDOT, gave an update on two (2) projects that were LET for June. This update was only for information purposes only.

4 Approval of Public Participation Plan (SAFETEA-LU COMPLIANCE)

(ACTION ITEM)

Mr. Canon stated that there is a July 1st deadline; in order to be SAFETEA-LU Compliant. All of the recommendations from TAC & CAC members have been made. Their were only minor changes that were noted. **The City of McAllen made a motion to approve the Public Participation Plan (PPP) with the noted changes, The City of Mercedes seconded the motion, and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.**

5 Approval of MTP

(SAFETEA-LU COMPLIANCE)

(ACTION ITEM)

Mr. Canon stated that a memo went out to Mitch Batuzich, FHWA, and was also sent out to all TAC Members. An updated attachment was added for everyone to review. With approval from the TAC; this document will be presented to the TPC for final approval. This document needs to be approved and submitted to TxDOT by July 1, 2007. Mr. Raymond Sanchez, TxDOT, recommended to add an ITS information. **The City of McAllen made a motion to approve the MTP with the minor corrections and with Raymond Sanchez's ITS information, The City of Alton seconded the motion, and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.**

6 Adoption of FY08-09 UPWP

(DISCUSSION)

Mr. Canon stated that this document is only for informational purposes only. Ms. Linda De La Fuente gave a brief update on the FY08-09 UPWP. **Report only, no action taken at this time.**

7 Approval of Hidalgo County Loop Designation to HCRMA

(ACTION ITEM)

Mr. Canon stated that the RMA is currently working on an RFQ regarding the Southern Loop. The RMA is requesting that the TAC change the designation in the MTP to show the RMA. A memo from Dennis Burleson, RMA Chairman, submitted a memo for everyone to review. Members from the County advised the members that the County currently has the lead with this project and the County is scheduled to proceed with the Southern Loop. They stated that the County has already executed an agreement with their commission and submitted a copy to TxDOT. The County and TxDOT has already come to agreement. It was recommended that this item be tabled and brought back next month. **This item was tabled and will be brought back next month.**

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8 Begin Evaluation for Multi-Modal Study submittal

Mr. Canon stated that Mr. Kevin St. Jacques, Wilbur Smith, will be giving a brief report on the Multi-Modal Plan. A power point presentation was shown. Mr. Canon suggested that if anyone has any recommendations; to submit it to the MPO and not wait until the next month's TAC meeting. **Reports only, no action taken at this time.**

9 Discussion on Dec. 2007 Fiscal Constraint

Mr. Canon stated that this is only for informational purposes. We have a requirement before us to be SAFETEA-LU compliant by December 11, 2007. This item will be brought back at a later date for approval.

10 Staff Update

A. Calendar: July & August

Mr. Canon stated that the MPO will be closed on 4th of July. The MPO is currently working on the Thoroughfare Plan. If anyone has any updates; we need for you to submit them to the MPO. If no updates are submitted; the MPO will be using the Highway Capacity Manual for that city.

11 Old or New Business

Mr. Raymond Sanchez, TxDOT, gave a brief update on the Highway Pavement System. A slide presentation was shown to everyone and a paper copy was passed out. **Report only, no action taken at this time.**

12 Adjourn

The City of McAllen made a motion to adjourn, The City Mission of seconded the motion, and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.