

HIDALGO COUNTY MPO
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, September 11, 2007
1:30 PM

1 Roll Call

Mr. Andrew Canon called the meeting to order at 1:35 P.M. The Technical Advisory Committee Meeting was held at the Palmview Golf Course, McAllen, TX. Present were representatives from The Cities of Alamo, Edinburg, Hidalgo County, McAllen, Mercedes, Mission, Pharr, San Juan, Weslaco and TxDOT. Ex-Offio members also in attendance were: Hidalgo County Auditor's Office.

2 Adoption of Minutes from July 10, 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 Edinburg seconded the motion, and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.*

3 Cost Over-Run Project(s)

None at this time.

4 Approval of MTP Amendment

(ACTION ITEM)

Ms. Maria Champine explained how projects listed on the MTP Amendment are projects already on the FY 2008-2011 TIP, and two projects changing designation to HCRMA from HCMPO. The public involvement began on August 27, 2007 thru September 26, 2007, and it was posted on the HCMPO website, El Mañana, The Coastal Current Weekly, flyers were sent to all public libraries and city halls to post, and Time Warner Cable has televising the ad. The City of McAllen, Ed Taylor, had questions for TxDOT, but he was going to call them the next day. *The City of McAllen made a motion to approve the MTP Amendment, The City of Edinburg seconded the motion, and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.*

5 La Joya Loop and Pharr Bridge Connector Designation to HCRMA

(ACTION ITEM)

Mr. Canon explained that the projects, La Joya Loop and Pharr Bridge Connector, are being amended on the MTP by changing the designation from HCMPO to HCRMA. The projects are a part of the MTP Amendment. *The City of McAllen made a motion to approve the La Joya Loop and Pharr Bridge Connector Designation to HCRMA, The City of Mercedes seconded the motion, and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.*

6 Approval of Transit Applications

(ACTION ITEM)

Ms. Marabeth Fryman explained the JARC and New Freedom applications for FY 2006 & FY 2007. The only applicant was the LRGVDC with 3 separate projects. First was a JARC project on extension of fixed routes. Then the Mobility manager was also a JARC application. And the last project was marketing for the Mobility Manager this is a New Freedom project. Ms. Fryman asked for these projects to recommended to the TPC for final approval before taken to FTA. *The City of Mercedes made a motion to approve the Transit Applications, The City of McAllen seconded the motion, and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.*

7 CMP Update from Carter & Burgess

(DISCUSSION)

Mr. Steve Taylor gave a brief presentation for the TAC members. *Reports only, no action taken at this time.*

8 Land Use Update

(DISCUSSION)

Mr. Eric Peña updated the TAC members on the Land Use Peer Exchange with the North Front Range MPO and requested that the TAC members submit comprehensive plans for their respective cities by the next TAC Meeting in October. *Reports only, no action taken at this time.*

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9 Thoroughfare Plan Update

(DISCUSSION)

Mr. Andrew Canon informed the TAC members that he and Raymond visited and it was a very informative meeting. The thoroughfare plan will be updated with information submitted by the entities and will be presented to TAC members and it should be complete by the end of the calendar year. *Reports only, no action taken at this time.*

10 Bike Plan

(DISCUSSION)

Mrs. Maria Champine passed out the final Multi Modal reports to the city representative. Mr. Andrew Canon informed the TAC members that a meeting will be scheduled to discuss the coordination of a regional bike plan. The date will be emailed to everyone in the sub-committee. *Reports only, no action taken at this time.*

11 Staff Update

(DISCUSSION)

A. Discussion of Resolution: Update on Vehicle Registration Increase of \$10 Resolution

Mrs. Maria Champine informed the members that Hidalgo County has approved the vehicle registration increase of \$10, and mentioned the cities that had approved the increase and have submitted in their City Resolution.

B. Calendar: October & November 2007

(DISCUSSION)

Mrs. Maria Champine informed the members that the TPC meeting was going to get scheduled for November 29, 2007.

10 Old or New Business

Mrs. Maria Champine informed the members that the HCMPO has received guidance from FHWA about the TIP being fiscally constraint, and it is going to be in the next agenda.

11 Adjourn

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