

HIDALGO COUNTY MPO
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, October 10, 2006
1:30 PM

1 Roll Call

Mrs. Maria Champine called the meeting to order at 1:35 P.M. The Technical Advisory Committee Meeting was held at the MPO Office, 1801 South 2nd St., Suite 430, McAllen, TX.. Present were representatives from The Cities of Alamo, Hidalgo County, McAllen, Mission, Pharr, San Juan and TxDOT. Ex-Offio members also in attendance were: Hidalgo County Auditor's Office, LRGVDC Homeland Security, LRGVDC Transit and City of Reynosa.

2 Adoption of Minutes from September 12, 2006

(ACTION ITEM)

Mrs. Champine asked if there were any changes and or corrections that needed to be made to the minutes. **TxDOT approved the minutes, The City of San Juan seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.**

3 Cost Over-Run Project(s)

(ACTION ITEM)

None at this time.

NOTE*

Item #4 & Item #5 were combined in the discussion.

4 Approval of CMS Cost Analysis

Mrs. Linda De La Fuente gave a brief update. Mr. Raymond Sanchez, TxDOT, stated that the Policy Board gave approval to go into negotiations with the consultant. He stated that the cost analysis was only needed to be approved by TxDOT. There were no corrections or issues that needed to made. Mrs. De La Fuente stated that the entire proposal is within the guidelines. **The City of McAllen made a motion to approve the CMS Cost Analysis, approve to enter into Contract with Carter Burgess and to increase the number of miles to 600, The City of Mission seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.**

5 Approval to Enter into Contract with Carter Burgess

(ACTION ITEM)

Mr. Eric Peña stated that are going to be two studies that will be made. For the Fall 2006 run there will be 500 centerline miles with 2 runs in the peak hours. For the Spring 2007 run there will be 600 centerline miles with 3 runs in the peak hours. **The City of McAllen made a motion to approve the CMS Cost Analysis, approve to enter into Contract with Carter Burgess and to increase the number of miles to 600, The City of Mission seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.**

6 Discussion on MTP and TIP update for June 2007

Mrs. Champine stated that a meeting will be scheduled for October 30, 2006 at 10:30 at TxDOT to update the MTP and the TIP. A spreadsheet will be added to show what updates are being requested. **Reports only, no action taken at this time.**

7 Staff Update

A. Calendar: November & December

The TAC meeting for November will be pushed back to Nov. 21st at 1:30 pm. The Policy Meeting will be will be combined into 1 meeting for November and December. The Policy Meeting will be scheduled for Thursday, December 14, 2006 at 5:30pm.

B. FY2008-2011 TIP

Action Item

Jacob Benfield, City of McAllen, briefly stated that he had given an ITS presentation to the TAC and Policy Members and agreed that it was a great project. The City of McAllen is requesting for the ITS project to be added onto the TIP as a project that could be accelerated in the future. At the last Policy board meeting the members approved the ITS project as a good project but requested that the sub-committee look into other avenues of funding this ITS Project and bring the options back to the board for approval. After further discussion this item was tabled and requested to be brought back to the November TAC meeting with any other forms of funding options after the ITS sub-committee meeting meets in October. **The City of McAllen made a motion to add the ITS project to the 2008-2011 TIP, The City of Mission seconded the motion, with Pharr and San Juan voted for the project to be added, TxDOT and Hidalgo County voted against adding the project onto the 2008-2011 TIP.**

TxDOT stated that all of the members should wait until the sub-committee views all aspects of other funding before adding it onto the TIP.

C. Border to Border Conference

Ms. Champine stated that the MPO and FHWA is coordinating a Border to Border Conference. It will be held at the McAllen Convention Center in April 17-19, 2007. Safety Issues will be the main discussion. **Report only.**

D. FY2006-2008 TIP Amendment

Ms. Champine stated that this item will be tabled and be brought back to the Nov. TAC meeting for further review. A spreadsheet was given to everyone for review. **Report only.**

8 Old or New Business

None at this time

9 Adjourn

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