

**HIDALGO COUNTY MPO**  
**TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**  
**Tuesday, April 10, 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 TxDOT Conference Room, 600 W. Expressway 83, Pharr, TX.. Present were representatives from The Cities of Alamo, Alton, Elsa, Hidalgo County, McAllen, Mercedes, Mission, San Juan and TxDOT. Ex-Offio members also in attendance were: Hidalgo County Auditor's Office and LRGVDC Homeland Security.

2 Adoption of Minutes from March13, 2007

**(ACTION ITEM)**

Mr. Canon asked if there were any changes and or corrections that needed to be made to the minutes. **The City of Elsa made a motion to approve the minutes, TxDOT seconded the motion, and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.**

3 Cost Over-Run Project(s)

None at this time.

4 FY 2007 UPWP Amendment #1

**(ACTION ITEM)**

Mr. Andrew A. Canon stated that an updated FY07 UPWP was attached. Their were 2 items that were being added. 1) The RMA will be given the MPO \$3,000 in funds for administrative duties that Mary Escalona will be doing for the RMA since they don't have any staff. 2) The new building that the MPO will be moving to has already begun construction. The MPO will need to set aside funds to be available for when we move. We need to purchase cubicles, computer equipment and other furniture for our new offices. The current cubicles and other furniture that we currently have belong to the bank building. An amount of \$145,000 will be used for furniture. **The City of McAllen made a motion to approve the FY2007 UPWP Amendment #1, The City of Alamo seconded the motion, and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.**

5 FY 2006-2008 TIP Amendment

**(ACTION ITEM)**

Mr. Canon stated that a FY06-08 TIP & Transit TIP have been provided for everyone to review. On the Transit handout the highlighted projects are strictly for the JARC and New Freedom. Mr. Raymond Sanchez gave a brief review of the FY06-08 TIP. Mr. Sanchez stated that the only project that needs to be removed from the list is SH364. **The City of Mercedes made a motion to adopt the FY2006-2008 & Transit TIP with the revisions that were noted with the removal of SH364, The City of Elsa seconded the motion, and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.**

6 Adoption of FY 2008-2011 TIP

**(ACTION ITEM)**

Mr. Canon stated that an updated spreadsheet has been provided for everyone to review. Some of the verbiage was changed in order to be SAFETEA-LU compliant. The deadline for submittal to TxDOT Austin is by July 1, 2007. The MPO has not received any comments from any of the TAC Meetings. We have already gone through our public involvement period and no comments or requests were made. **The City of Alamo made a motion to adopt the FY2008-2011 TIP, The City of Alton seconded the motion, and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.**

7 Designation of New Freedom and JARC

**(ACTION ITEM)**

Ms. Marabeth Fryman gave a brief description of the New Freedom & JARC. We presented the Hidalgo County Policy Committee with a proposed resolution that stated the Lower Rio Grande Development Council will be designated recipient for Federal Transit Administration 5316 and 5317 grants. These grants consist of the job access and reverse commute programs and the new freedom programs. TxDOT has requested that a new method be in place where there a designated recipient was needed for those funds. We informed the committee that this is the recommendation of the Transit Advisory Panel. We informed the committee that the MPO will be in charge of the selection criteria and selection process, due to the LRGVDC is an eligible recipient. We then presented the selection criteria that the interested entities had created. **The City of Alton made a motion to approve the Designation of New Freedom and JARC, The City of Elsa seconded the motion, and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.**

8 TIP Resolution Revision

**(DISCUSSION ITEM)**

Mr. Canon stated that at our last TAC meeting it was discussed to change some of the wording in the TIP resolution. A copy of the most recent TIP Resolution was attached. **Report only, no action taken at this time.**

9 Category 2 funding-Post Consensus meeting

**(DISCUSSION ITEM)**

Mr. Canon stated that some of the MPO staff attended a consensus meeting in Austin. A short time back we were told that we were over programmed. At the consensus meeting they told us that we can be within 15% over budget and still be ok. This gave us very good news because we did not have to loose any projects from the list. Only (1) US 83 project was reduced to \$27 million in order to keep all of the other projects fully funded. **Report only, no action taken at this time.**

10 Rescission of Un-obligated Funds

**(DISCUSSION ITEM)**

Mr. Canon stated that we were told in Austin that there was going to be some money made available to transportation. At this time we don't have specific information to give anyone but Mr. Canon and Mr. Sanchez will try and gather more information regarding these funds.

11 Staff Update

A. Calendar: May & June  
Reports only.

12 Old or New Business

A. Update on Border-to-Border Conference

Mr. Canon stated that the Border-to-Border Conf. is scheduled for next week. There is still time to register if anyone would like to attend. The Conference will take place at the new McAllen Convention Center.

13 Adjourn

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











