

HIDALGO COUNTY MPO
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, January 10, 2006
1:30 PM

1 Roll Call

Mr. Andrew A. Canon called the meeting to order at 1:45 P.M. The Technical Advisory Committee Meeting was held at the TxDOT Offices, 600 West Expressway 83, Pharr, TX. Present were representatives from The Cities of Alamo, Edinburg, McAllen, Mission, Pharr, San Juan, and TxDOT.

2 Adoption of Minutes from December 14, 2005

(ACTION ITEM)

Mr. Andrew A. Canon asked if there were any changes and or corrections. There being none. **The City of Alamo approved the minutes, The City of San Juan seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.**

3 Adoption of Public Involvement Policy

(ACTION ITEM)

Mr. Andrew A. Canon advised the committee that the MPO has done a 60-day Public Involvement Period. The document is the same as the one presented to the TAC back at the November 2005 TAC meeting. Mr. Ed Taylor, City of McAllen, mentioned that he met with the National Community Officer, Pepe Zambito, had some recommendations for the MPO to advertise more information on our websites, newspapers and other locations. Mr. Canon advised the committee that our website has specific information regarding our meetings, Public Involvement advertisements and other information open to the public for viewing. Mrs. Tammy Stone, TxDOT Austin, stated their was a correction that needed to be made on Page 6, paragraph 2, "Texas Building & Procurement Commission." **The City of Pharr approved the Public Involvement Policy with the changes, The City of McAllen seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.**

4 Approval of Multi-Modal RFP Evaluations

Mr. Andrew A. Canon stated that we only received one proposal. Mr. Canon proposed to the committee to re-advertise the RFP and see if we receive more proposals from Consultants. Raymond Sanchez, TxDOT, recommended to go ahead and review the proposal to see if it meets the requirements. If it doesn't meet the requirements we can go ahead and re-advertise. Ed Taylor, City of McAllen recommended to mail the proposal back to the consultant and advise them that we are going to re-advertise. The committee recommended to go ahead and review the proposal that was submitted and bring it back to the February TAC meeting for review. **TxDOT approved to review the proposal that was submitted from a consultant for the Multi-Modal RFP Study and bring it back to the February TAC Meeting for review, The City of Pharr seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.**

5 Approval of Regional MPO Earmark Projects

Mr. Andrew A. Canon stated that back in November we asked the committee to submit any projects for approval. The MPO has only received two projects from The City of Mission and The City of Hidalgo. Mr. Canon asked the committee for approval of the projects and submit them to the Policy Board for final approval at the January 26, 2006 Policy Meeting. **The City of Pharr made a motion to approve the two projects submitted from The City of Mission and The City of Hidalgo, The City of San Juan seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.**

6 Adoption of FY06 UPWP Amendment

Mr. Andrew A. Canon stated that a spreadsheet is included. Mr. Canon stated that we shifted money around among subtasks. The MPO will be having some FY05 funds that will be carried over to the FY06 budget. The funds that were shifted around were taken from PI but we knew that we were going to have the funds from FY05 that will replace the funds that were shifted around. Mr. Canon specified Sub-Task 5.6, on our previous UPWP, we had a Transit Route Study identified in the UPWP but the wording was limited to a transit study being done in by **Transit and the City of McAllen by Hidalgo County**. The new verbiage identifies this study. **The City of Pharr made a motion to approve the FY06 UPWP Amendment, The City of Mission seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.**

7 Adoption of FY2006-2008 TIP Amendment

Mr. Andrew A. Canon stated that there was a letter from Robin, TX DOT, along with a spreadsheet. There are 5 projects that were asking for approval. **The City of San Juan made a motion to approve the TIP Amendment The City of Mission seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.**

8 Approval of CAT-7 MM Cost Over-Run Projects

Mr. Andrew A. Canon stated that CAT 7 projects are FM1924 and I Rd. Robin Boone, TxDOT, gave a brief summary of costs at the last TAC Meeting. Since the last meeting, no changes have been made to the funding amount for these two projects. **The City of Pharr made a motion to approve the CAT 7 MM Cost Over-Run Projects, The City of Mission seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.**

9 Adoption of CMS Tier II Study

Mr. Andrew Howard, Kimley-Horn, made a brief presentation on the CMS Tier II Study. Eduardo Mendoza, City of McAllen Traffic Operations, recommended that Mr. Andrew Howard make some amendments to the CMS Tier II before submitted it to the Policy Committee for final approval. **The City of Pharr made a motion to adopt the CMS Tier II Study with the corrections and recommendations being made by the committee, The City of Mission seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.**

10 Discussion of the 2005 Call for Statewide Transportation Enhancement Projects

Mr. Andrew A. Canon stated that TX DOT has had a call for Enhancement projects. There have been two meetings already. We will asking everyone to submit projects in March and we will be asking for approval from the TAC and Policy meeting in March. We will be asking for a letter of support for any projects that any entity submits. These projects will be submitted to the State for final approval. They will also be added to the TIP if approved. **Reports only, no action needed.**

11 Discussion of HCMPO Year End Budget Report

Mr. Andrew A. Canon stated that there is a spreadsheet attached to the packet. We did 98% of expenditures. Almost 20,000 is left out our budget from year. Mrs. Tammy Stone, TX DOT Austin, stated that the amount on sub-task 5.0 needed to be change to a total amount of \$29,936.37. **Reports only, no action needed at this time.**

12 Staff Update

A. Haz-Mat Update

Mr. Andrew A. Canon stated that the LRGVDC have invoiced the entities. We are still pending funding from: Edcouch, Elsa, Granjeno, La Villa, Palmhurst, Palmview, Progreso, Progreso Lakes, Sullivan City, Edinburg and Mission. **Reports only, no action taken at this time.**

B. Thoroughfare Plan Update

Ms. Srilatha Raavi stated that we are still pending Weslaco, Pharr, Edcouch, Elsa, Granjeno, La Villa, Palmhurst, Peñitas, Palmview, Progreso, Progreso Lakes and Sullivan City. It is very important that everyone go pick up the Thoroughfare Plan map at the MPO office. **Reports only, no action taken at this time.**

C. Calendar: February & March

Report only, no action taken at this time.

D. Roof Top Count Update

Mr. Andrew A. Canon stated that the MPO staff has finished a rooftop count for all of Hidalgo County for the FY02 year. This is for the Development of the 20-35 base year modal, for our Mobility Plan and our Land-Use Sub-Committee. **Reports only, no action taken at this time.**

E. TWC Data Update

Mrs. Maria Champine stated that we receive the TWC from the Tax Office. There were quite a few addresses that were missing information. Example: missing the city they are in. Mrs. Champine asked the members to review the following information and see if they recognize any of the address or business names and pass us on the correct information. Mr. Canon advised the members that there are some businesses that no longer opened or have moved locations. **Reports only, no action taken at this time.**

F. Time Warner Cable

Mr. Andrew A. Canon stated that the MPO is seeking some alternative ideas for Public Involvement for our advertisements. He also mentioned that we are also advertising in "El Mañana"; which reaches the Rio Grande Valley and several areas in Mexico. The MPO will have a stiffen amount of: \$14,000 to use for the remainder of our fiscal year to advertise in several channels; which also includes Galavision. This quote also includes advertisement with the TWC magazine that is sent out to about 18,000 businesses. Mr. Canon asked for approval from the committee to submit to the Policy Board for approval.

H. Land-Use Update

Mr. Andrew A. Canon reminded everyone that the Land-Use Training meeting was taken place on January 26, 2006 at the LRGVDC office.

13 Old or New Business

Daniel Tijerina, The City of Mission, stated that he wanted to encourage everyone to join the APA. He also mentioned that the National Conference will be taking place in San Antonio this year.

14 Adjourn

The City of San Juan made a motion to adjourn, Hidalgo County seconded the motion, and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.

