

HIDALGO COUNTY MPO
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, January 9, 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 MPO Office, 1801 South 2nd St., Suite 430, McAllen, TX.. Present were representatives from The Cities of Alton, McAllen, Mercedes, Mission, Pharr, Penitas, San Juan and TxDOT. Ex-Offio members also in attendance were: Hidalgo County Auditor's Office and McAllen Transit.

2 Adoption of Minutes from November 21, 2006

(ACTION ITEM)

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

3 Cost Over-Run Project(s)

(ACTION ITEM)

None at this time.

4 Approval of Wilbur Smith Additional Funds for Multi-Modal Contract

(ACTION ITEM)

Mr. Canon stated that there is a memo from Wilbur-Smith requesting additional funds of \$6,000 to be added to the Multi-Modal Contract. Mr. Canon stated that the MPO reviewed the contract again and the Wilbur Smith memo and established that the numbers did not add up. The Citizens Advisory Committee also evaluated the contract with the memo and also came up with the same conclusion as the MPO staff. The CAC requested that the amount requested by Wilbur-Smith be denied. After further discussion from the TAC; it was decided that Wilbur-Smith's request for additional funds be denied. **TxDOT made a motion to deny any additional funds to Wilbur-Smith for the Multi-Modal Contract. The City of McAllen seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.**

5 Discussion on TIP Revisions

(ACTION ITEM)

Mr. Canon stated that a spreadsheet was provided for everyone. Mr. Canon stated that January 24 @ 1:30pm a meeting has been scheduled to meet at the MPO Office. Mr. Canon stated that at this time we are asking for action to be taken on the Transit TIP project. The LRGVDC will be contributing \$9,000 for this project and \$36,000 will be used from 5310 funds. **The City of McAllen made a motion to approve the TIP Transit Revision; McAllen Transit seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.**

6 Discussion on Public Participation Plan (Draft Overview)

Mr. Canon stated that this is only an update. There are some additional information that will be added. A draft copy is provided in the packet. Comments are welcome at any time. There is a deadline of May 2007 with a 45-day Public Involvement timeframe. The final copy will be brought back to the May TAC meeting for final approval. **Reports only, no action taken at this time.**

7 Update on Land-Use

Mr. Canon stated that Eric is almost done with the Land-Use Map. MPO staff has displayed an updated map for everyone to view. This will be the first time we will be able to have this tool available for everyone. **Report only, no action taken at this time.**

8 Discussion on the Coordinated Border Infrastructure Program (CBI) **(ACTION ITEM)**

Mr. Canon stated that a list of projects have been provided for everyone to review. This item was provided at the last TAC meeting. The City of McAllen, City of Hidalgo and TxDOT, have provided a list of projects for approval. Robin Boone, TxDOT, gave a brief description of the projects. After further discussion a motion was made to approve all of the projects and submit them to the Policy Board for final approval. **The City of Mercedes made a motion to approve all of the CBI projects that were submitted, The City of McAllen seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.**

9 Update on Haz-Mat Study

Mr. Canon stated that a progress report has been provided for everyone to review. It is moving forward very smoothly. If anyone has any questions or comments, you can contact Mr. Victor Morales, LRGVDC, at 682-3481. The deadline is June 2007. **Reports only, no action taken at this time.**

10 Staff Update

A. Calendar: February & March

Mr. Canon stated that in February the MPO will be closed for Presidents Day!

11 Old or New Business

Mr. Canon stated that after discussing with other MPO's; the MPO recommending if the TAC members will elect a chairman to chair the TAC meetings. After further discussion, the committee felt that their was no need for a new chairman to be voted in. Mr. Canon stated that this item can also be brought back to the next TAC meeting for further discussion.

12 Adjourn

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