

HIDALGO COUNTY MPO
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, March 07, 2006
1:30 PM

1 Roll Call

Mr. Andrew A. Canon called the meeting to order at 1:40 P.M. The Technical Advisory Committee Meeting was held at the TxDOT Office, 600 West Expressway 83, Pharr, TX. Present were representatives from The Cities of Alamo, Edinburg, **Hidalgo County**, McAllen, Mission, Peñitas, Pharr, San Juan, and TxDOT. Ex-Officio Members in attendance were: Hidalgo County Auditor's Office and LRGVDC Transit.

2 Adoption of Minutes from February 14, 2006

(ACTION ITEM)

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

3 Cost Over-Run Project(s)

(ACTION ITEM)

None at this time.

4 Enhancement Projects Review and Support

Mr. Canon stated that there were several projects that were turned in from the following entities: The City of Hidalgo (2), Pharr (3), San Juan (1), Edinburg (1), Mission (3) and TxDOT (1). Attached information was provided by each city. Each city representative gave a brief summary of the projects. Mr. Canon stated that there will be a letter of support from the Policy Board for each project. **The City of Alamo made a motion to approve the City of Mission 3 projects, TxDOT seconded the motion. The City of Mission made a motion to approve TxDOT project, The City of Alamo seconded the motion. TxDOT made a motion to approve the City of San Juan project, The City of Pharr seconded the motion. The City of Alamo made a motion to approve the City of Pharr 3 projects, TxDOT seconded the motion. The City of San Juan made a motion to approve the City of Edinburg project, The City of Alamo seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously for all of the projects.**

Note Done Via Email**

The City of Weslaco submitted to the MPO an Enhancement project for approval. After reviewing the information, the MPO emailed it out to the TAC members for approval. **TxDOT made a motion to approve The City of Weslaco's Enhancement Project and submit it to the Policy board for final approval, The City of San Juan seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.**

Note Done Via Email**

The City of McAllen submitted to the MPO an Enhancement project for approval. After reviewing the information, the MPO emailed it out to the TAC members for approval. **The City of Mission made a motion to approve The City of McAllen's Enhancement Project and submit it to the Policy board for final approval, TxDOT seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.**

Note Done Via Email**

The City of Hidalgo submitted to the MPO two Enhancement projects for approval. After reviewing the information, the MPO emailed it out to the TAC members for approval. **TxDOT made a motion to approve The City of Hidalgo's Enhancement Project and submit it to the Policy board for final approval, Hidalgo County seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.**

5 TMMP Innovatice Financing Options

Mr. Canon stated that an attachment has been provided to everyone. There are several ideas that can be considered to cover the gap. There are two ideas that we are currently looking at: 1) price on crossing the bridges 2) sales tax. Mr. Canon asked if anyone had any other ideas, please call the MPO and we will review other alternatives. Mr. Canon gave a brief power point presentation. **Reports only, no action taken at this time.**

6 MTP Update

Mr. Canon stated that everytime we have increase in estimates; we have to do TIP amendments. MPO and TX DOT are currently working together to update a project list to present it to the TAC committee and this is where we really are. This list will identify which projects will fall out of the Long Range Plan. **Reports only, no action taken at this time.**

7 Discussion on the SAFETEA-LU

(Transportation Planning & Programming Requirements)

Mr. Canon stated that some information is provided for everyone. There are several new requirements that are coming out. One of our biggest changes will be to out TIP. Currently we have a 3-year TIP; this will be changing to a 4-year TIP. We will also have to have our TIP fiscally constraint. **Reports only, no action taken at this time.**

8 CAT 2 Funding Video

None at this time.

9 Staff Update

A. Haz-Mat Update

Mr. Canon stated that there is only one city still pending their funds: The City of Alton. The Cameron County MPO's have decided not to participate. **Reports only, no action taken at this time.**

B. Thoroughfare Plan Update

Mr. Canon stated that the MPO has received several memos from several cities. We appreciate everyone's participation. **Reports only, no action taken at this time.**

C. Calendar: April & May

Reports only.

D. Medim Income

Mr. Srikanth Matta distributed out a Median Income map by TAZ to the TAC members. Everyone is to review the map and give their comments/input regarding the estimated MEDIAN INCOME for the Hidalgo County. The MPO Staff requested that each member turn in the MEDIAN INCOME values for the 74 TAZs shown in the map that are showing neighborhood development from 2000 to 2004. Mr. Matta stated that the information needs to be turned ASAP to the MPO because we have a deadline for submittal to TxDOT by March 31st, 2006.

10 Old or New Business

None at this time.

11 Adjourn

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