

HIDALGO COUNTY MPO
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, November 21, 2006
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 Alamo, Edinburg, Hidalgo County, McAllen, Mercedes, Pharr, Penitas, San Juan and TxDOT. Ex-Officio members also in attendance were: Hidalgo County Auditor's Office and LRGVDC Transit.

2 Adoption of Minutes from October 10, 2006

(ACTION ITEM)

Mr. Canon asked if there were any changes and or corrections that needed to be made to the minutes. **TxDOT approved the minutes, Hidalgo County seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.**

3 Cost Over-Run Project(s)

(ACTION ITEM)

None at this time.

4 2030 MTP Amendment

(ACTION ITEM)

Mr. Canon stated that there is a handout provided in the packets but at this time there are several things that need to be reviewed and added. The City of McAllen requested for McColl Road needs to be changed to CAT 7. After further discussion this item will be tabled and brought back at next month at the Jan. TAC Meeting.

5 FY2006-2008 TIP Amendment

(ACTION ITEM)

Mr. Canon stated that a spreadsheet was provided for everyone. There are some revisions that need to be made. After further discussion, this item will need to be brought back to the January TAC meeting and also schedule special meetings to discuss the TIP projects. **The City of McAllen made a motion to approve the TIP with the corrections of adding McColl Road and add the 600 foot on FM492; The City of Pharr seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.**

6 Update on Thoroughfare Plan

Mr. Canon stated that this item is only an update as to what city has turned in their information and if any comments or changes were made. We will need to look at the 2030 Forecast demand modal and see what needs to be done. If any city present has any information pending, they will need to submit their information as soon as possible. **Reports only, no action taken at this time.**

7 Discussion on Incident Management System

Ms. Linda De La Fuente stated that a spreadsheet has been provided which lists what cities have turned in their accident reports. The MPO has spoken to each city Police Chief regarding as to why we need this information. The MPO staff is almost done with the 2005 reports and we already asking for the 2006 reports. We were planning to wait to geo code all the years until we received the 2006 reports but we have decided to geo code up until 2005 and then come back and do 2006 reports. This way we won't have to wait longer to present something to the committees. **Reports only, no action needed at this time.**

8 Multi Modal Study Review

Mr. Canon stated that Wilbur-Smith will be giving a brief update on the Multi-Modal Study. They are missing some information from the City of Weslaco and they have requested that information from the city. They provided a map for each city to review and analyze it and submit any comments, questions or changes that need to be made to submit it to Wilbur-Smith. **Reports only, no action taken at this time.**

9 Discussion on the Revision of Innovative Finance Survey

Mr. Canon stated that the we presented different options to the Policy Board for the Mobility Plan. We were asked to see how we could reach out to the public and see what the public response will be. The MPO created a survey that we want to be mailed out to all of the Hidalgo County Residents. All they will need to do is fill out and mail it out on a pre-paid tri-fold. The MPO is also trying to schedule a day to be at La Plaza Mall, going to LRGVDC transit buses and the McAllen Express buses to pass out the surveys. Once we start receiving the surveys back we will be bringing back the results to the committee. **Reports only, no action needed at this time.**

10 Review Status of Cat 7-MM Funds

Mrs. Robin Boone, TxDOT, passed out a spreadsheet for everyone to review. She briefed everyone on the status of some projects that are ready to let and what date they will be let. She explained to the committee what the process of letting a project was and if any funds will be available for other projects. **Reports only, no action needed at this time.**

11 Discussion of proposed CBI (Coordinated Border Infrastructure) Projects

Mrs. Boone, TxDOT, provided a handout for everyone to review. TxDOT was giving an allocation. The Tx Transportation Commission allocated \$200,000,000 on March 30, 2006 per Minute Order #110481. The funds were allocated taking into account the following information for each existing border crossing: 20% of incoming commercial trucks, 30% # of incoming personal motor vehicles & buses, 25% based on weight of incoming cargo by commercial trucks, and 25% based on number of land border ports of entry. Background information regarding the CBI program was provided for everyone to review. TxDOT is asking for approval of the proposed projects for the CBI projects. After further discussion, some of the committee recommended that this item be brought back for further review.

12 Discussion of Pharr District Policy regarding Off-System funding and AFA's

This item will be brought back at a later date for further discussion.

13 Staff Update

A. Calendar: November & December

Mr. Canon stated that the MPO will have 2 new employees starting in December 2006. The MPO office will also be closed on December 25 & 26, 2006 and January 1, 2007.

B. Update on CMP

Mr. Canon stated that a map was provided for everyone. The Red color will show some of the additional miles that were added. There will be another update that at a later date. Report only.

14 Old or New Business

None at this time

15 Adjourn

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