

**HIDALGO COUNTY MPO
POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, September 28, 2006**

1 Roll Call

Vice-Chairman Angie Garza called the meeting to order at 5:40 P.M. The Policy Committee Meeting was held at the TxDOT Offices, 600 West Expressway 83, Pharr, TX. Present were representatives from The Cities of: Edinburg, Hidalgo County, Hidalgo County, Hidalgo, La Joya, McAllen, TxDOT and Weslaco. Ex-Offio members present: Fish & Wildlife, LRGVDC Transit & Hidalgo County RMA.

2 Citizen Input

Vice-Chairman Angie Garza asked if their was any citizen input. There being none, the chairman proceeded on to the next item.

3 Adoption of Minutes from August 24, 2006

(ACTION ITEM)

Vice-Chairman Angie Garza asked if there were any additions or corrections that needed to made. Their being none the chairman asked for a motion of approval. **Hidalgo County made a motion for approval of the minutes, TxDOT seconded the motion, and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.**

4 Approval to Proceed with CMS Consultant

(ACTION ITEM)

Mr. Srikanth Matta stated that the MPO had advertise the for the CMS Fall 2006 and Spring 2007. There was only one submittal turned in from Carter-Burgess. We are asking for approval to proceed with the negotiations with the Consultant. **The City of Edinburg made a motion to approve to move foward and proceed the negotiations with the CMS Consultant; Carter Burgess, Hidalgo County seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.**

5 Resolution Supporting the Drainage District Plan

(ACTION ITEM)

Mr. Matta stated that last month Godfry Garza, Hidalgo County Drainage District, gave a presentation. This resolution is only to the support the Drainage District Plan. **The City of Edinburg made a motion to support the Drainage District Plan and the Resolution, TxDOT seconded the motion, and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.**

6 Discussion on ITS

Mr. Jacob Benfield, City of McAllen, gave a presentation regarding ITS project. He also gave out some handouts to give the members a better description of what ITS is. Mr. Benfield stated that the MPO will be developing a new ITS Sub-Committee to be created. We will also be inviting the Harlingen/San Benito & Bville MPO's to attend. He stated that this ITS project could be made into a regional project and not just here in Hidalgo County. There were several questions raised as to the question of including ITS into the upcoming TIP. Mr. Mario Jorge, TxDOT, stated that he would like for some other types of options to be looked into and be researched and see if we could find other means of funding for ITS. He expressed that if it is added onto the TIP; another project would have to be bumped off. Mr. Ken Jones, LRGVDC, asked if they would like to make this as an action item and bring it back next month with other forms of funding. After further discussion; the Policy Board Members agreed that the ITS project would benefit everyone and is a good project but they recommended for this project to be researched some more and find other forms of funding.

The board made motion for the other funding options to be brought back for further review.

7 Staff Update

A. Calendar: September & October

Mr. Matta stated that the October Policy Meeting needs to move up by 1 week due to several Board members will not be able to attend the Oct. 26th meeting. The October meeting was moved up to Thursday, October 19, 2006 @ 5:30 pm @ TxDOT. MPO Staff advised the Committee that due to the Holidays coming up the November & December meetings will be combined as 1 meeting. A date will be presented at the October Policy Meeting.

8 Off System Report

None at this time.

9 Letting Report

Reports only.

10 Old Or New Business

None at this time.

11 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.