

HIDALGO COUNTY MPO
POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, December 14, 2005
5:30 PM

1 Roll Call

Chairman Leopoldo Palacios 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 Alamo, Alton, Edinburg, Hidalgo, Hidalgo County, La Joya, Mission, Peñitas, Pharr, San Juan, TxDOT and Weslaco. Also present were Ex-Offio members: LRGVDC Transit.

2 Citizen Input

Chairman Leopoldo Palacios asked if there was any citizen input. There being none, the chairman proceeded on to the next item.

3 Adoption of Minutes from November 17, 2005

(ACTION ITEM)

Chairman Leopoldo Palacios asked if there were any additions or corrections that needed to be made. There being none the chairman asked for a motion of approval. **The City of Alton made a motion for approval of the minutes, The City of Mission seconded the motion, and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.**

NOTE*** Chairman Leopoldo Palacios had to leave for the night. Vice-Chairman Angie Garza chaired for the rest of the evening.

4 Adoption of Cost Over Run Project

(ACTION ITEM)

On FM 1925 (From: Bus 281 To: US 281)

Mr. Mario Jorge, TxDOT, stated that FM1925, from Bus. 281 to US281, was let back in October. The contract is pending to be given to the Contractor because we need the approval of the Policy Committee. Mr. Jorge gave a brief description of the project regarding limits and budget. Mr. Jorge also stated that this project was supposed to be brought to the committee for approval back in July but was overlooked. It is at a halt until the Policy Board approves it. This project is funded out of Category 7. **The City of Edinburg approved to adopt the Cost Over-Run Project on FM1925 (From: Bus. 281 To: US 281), The City of Mission seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.**

5 Discussion to Dissolve Resolution 2005-21

(DISCUSSION ITEM)

(Cost Over-Run Projects Approved at the November 17th Policy Meeting)

Mr. Andrew A. Canon stated that at the November Policy Meeting we brought Resolution 2005-21 (Cost Over-Run Projects), for approval. After the Policy board approved the resolution; Mr. Mario Jorge, TxDOT, realized that this resolution was a duplicate and that it was approved back in February 2005. Mr. Andrew Canon asked for approval to dissolve Resolution 2005-21, since it was not signed by Mr. Mario Jorge. **The City of Weslaco approved to Dissolve Resolution 2005-21, The City of Alamo seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.**

Note**** Mr. Mario Jorge, TxDOT, advised the Policy board that from now on there is going to be an item on the agenda every month for Cost Over-Run Projects and that there may be times where their won't be anything at all. That this was just a precaution so that no projects are overlooked in the future.

6 Off System Report

Mr. Ramiro Gutierrez, Gutierrez Engineering, gave a brief status report on I RD. Mr. Canon stated that there was an estimate increase of 17% and that this item will be brought to the Policy Board for approval in January 2006. Mr. Gutierrez stated the increase was due to price increase. **Reports only.**

7 Letting Report

Mr. Mario Jorge, TxDOT, stated that Hector wasn't here at the moment but that there will be a project on McColl Rd from 107 to Monte Christo (CAT 11) and Over lane project (about 8.9 million), that is coming in January 2006. **Reports only.**

8 Old Or New Business

Mr. Andrew A. Canon stated that the MPO provided some TIP revisions. The 30-day Public Involvement period will begin December 15, 2005. This TIP amendment will be brought back in January 2006 to the TAC & Policy for final approval. Mr. Canon also introduced Linda De La Fuente as the new Planner I and stated that Sandip, Planner I, will also be starting in January 2006. Mr. Canon stated that Mr. Edward Molitor will be departing the MPO in January and joining the Corpus Christi MPO. **Reports only.**

9 Adjourn

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