

**HIDALGO COUNTY MPO
POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, January 25, 2007**

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: Alamo, Alton, Edinburg, Hidalgo, Hidalgo County, La Joya, McAllen, Mercedes, Mission, Penitas, Pharr, San Juan, Weslaco and TxDOT. ExOffio Members Present: LRGVDC Transit and Hidalgo County RMA .

2 Citizen Input

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

3 Adoption of Minutes from December 14, 2006

(ACTION ITEM)

Vice Chairman Angie Garza 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 Mercedes seconded the motion, and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.**

4 Approval of Transit TIP Revision

(ACTION ITEM)

Mr. Canon stated that a Financial Summary has been provided for everyone to review. The TAC members have reviewed this project and approved this TIP Revision. **The City of Edinburg made a motion to approve the TIP Revision, The City of Mission seconded the motion, and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.**

5 Approval of CBI Program Projects

(ACTION ITEM)

Mr. Canon stated that there is a spreadsheet provided for everyone to review. The City of Hidalgo, McAllen, Hidalgo County and The City of Mission submitted a memo regarding the Anzalduas Bridge Project for additional funding from the CBI. Mr. Mario Jorge, TxDOT, gave a brief summary regarding CBI program project. **The City of Mission made a motion to approve the CBI Program Projects, The City of Edinburg seconded the motion, and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.**

6 Land Use Update

Mr. Canon stated that a large map was provided for everyone to view. Mr. Ed Taylor, City of McAllen, has also been working with the MPO staff to finish the map. At this time, we are about 99% complete. Once we are done, we will be providing each city with a map and request if any other last updates need to be made. We will verify all of the information with each entity and then distribute a final map to the TAC & Policy Committee for final approval. **Reports only, no action taken at this time.**

7 Executive Session (HCMPO Director's Evaluation)

(ACTION ITEM)

Vice-Chairman Angie Garza called an Executive Meeting to order. The Hidalgo County MPO Director's Evaluation was done behind closed doors. **The City of Mercedes made a motion to approve the Hidalgo County MPO Director's Evaluation, The City of Alamo seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously. The City of Edinburg made a motion to approve a Salary Increase according to the percent allowable approved by the LRGVDC Board meeting, The City of Alamo seconded the motion, and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.**

Policy Committee Minutes,

Approved on: Thursday, February 22, 2007

8 Staff Update

A. Calendar: February & March 2007

Mr. Canon stated that the MPO will be closed on Monday, February 19, 2007 for Presidents Day. Mr. Canon stated that in December we sent out about 31,000; we have only received a couple hundreds back but we are starting to get them back. We will bring the results back to the Policy in the months to come. The MPO will also be taking some trips in the Transit buses and passing out the surveys to get more results. Mr. Canon stated that the RMA has chosen the LRGVDC as their administrative agent and the RMA board will take action to do some cost sharing with the MPO for administrative staff. Mary Escalona will mostly be working with the RMA in providing administrative duties. RMA Chairman, Dennis Burleson, invited everyone to attend the RMA Meetings, which are scheduled the second Thursday of the month. At this time the RMA meets in different locations. Mr. Canon stated that the Border-to-Border Conference is also coming along very well. The MPO has already received several registrations and sponsors have also sent in their commitments. **Reports only, no :**

9 Off System Report

None at this time.

10 Letting Report

Reports only.

11 Old Or New Business

Mr. Canon stated that a memo was mailed out to all of TPC members seeking assistance in sponsoring the conference. After a meeting with Mayor Leopoldo Palacios, City of Pharr, he recommended to ask all of the entities and see if they can commit to \$1000 to sponsor the conference. Mr. Canon stated that any other amount is also welcomed. The City of Hidalgo recommended to move the Policy meeting to 5:45pm instead. Since 5:30 is cutting it to close to the 5pm traffic. The members agreed to move the Meetings to 5:45 pm from now on.

12 Adjournment

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