

**HIDALGO COUNTY MPO**  
**POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**  
**Wednesday, July 26, 2006**

**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 Hidalgo County, The Cities of: La Joya, McAllen, Peñitas, Pharr, San Juan, TxDOT and Weslaco. Ex-Offio members present: Hidalgo County RMA.

**2 Citizen Input**

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

**3 Adoption of Minutes from June 22, 2006**

**(ACTION ITEM)**

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

**4 Adoption of TMMP**

**(ACTION ITEM)**

Mr. Canon stated that for the past year the MPO has been working on an update for the Mobility Plan to turn into TxDOT for approval. Mr. Canon gave a brief power point presentation. Mr. Canon stated that their were a couple of options that have been presented in the past and also sent out to Austin as options only. Option 1: 1% increase in Local Area Hotel Tax, Option 2: increase on Bridge Tolls, Option 3: Increase in Vehicle Registration, Option 4: Increase on Sales Tax. Mr. Canon stated this decision will only apply to Hidalgo County Only. **The City of Weslaco made a motion to Adopt the TMMP, Hidalgo County seconded the motion, and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.**

**5 Adoption of FY2007 UPWP**

**(ACTION ITEM)**

Mr. Canon stated that in the packets a spreadsheet was added; along with the FY2007 UPWP. Mr. Canon advised the members of which specific sub-tasks were increased and why. Other minor changes were made on behalf of the TAC members recommendations. The MPO will also be advertising an RFP for the CMS; which will change to CMP (Congestion Management Process). **The City of La Joya made a motion to Adopt the FY2007 UPWP, The City of McAllen seconded the motion, and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.**

**6 Staff Update**

**A. Calendar: March & April**

Reports only.

**Note\*\*\*\*** Mr. Canon stated that the Hidalgo County MPO has won an award for Land-Use from NADO. The award will be presented to the MPO in late August at the Conference Meeting in Reno.

**7 Off System Report**

None at this time.

**8 Letting Report**

Reports only.

**9 Old Or New Business**

None at this time.

**10 Adjourn**

**The City of Weslaco made a motion to adjourn, Hidalgo County seconded the motion, and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.**

Policy Committee Minutes,  
August 24, 2006