

**HIDALGO COUNTY MPO**  
**POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**  
**Thursday, November 17, 2005**  
**5:30 P.M.**

**1 Roll Call**

Chairman Leopoldo Palacios called the meeting to order at 5:45 pm. The Policy Committee Meeting was held at the TxDOT Offices, 600 West Expressway 83, Pharr, TX. 78577. Present were representatives from The City of Alamo, Alton, Edinburg, La Joya, McAllen, Mercedes, Mission, Penitas, Pharr and San Juan. Also present were Ex-officio members: Economic Development of Reynosa and LRGVDC Transit.

**2 Citizen Input**

**ACTION ITEM**

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 For October 27, 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 Peñitas made a motion for approval of the minutes, The City of Alton seconded the motion, and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.**

**4 Correction on Cost Over-Run (Resolution 2005-04)**

**ACTION ITEM**

Mr. Andrew A. Canon stated that Resolution 2005-04 on Cost Over-Run needs to be corrected and amended with Resolution 2005-21. The wording in the previous resolution specifies a singular project. The HCMPO has met with TxDOT to make all necessary corrections. The new Resolution specifies all Cost Over-Run projects. Mrs. Robin Boone, TxDOT, stated that after viewing the updated resolution; there was only one more change that needed to be done. She requested for some wording to be added regarding the time schedule of when a project is let. Mr. Andrew A. Canon stated that if paragraph #2 be sufficient enough information regarding timing. Mrs. Robin Boone agreed and stated that that paragraph is good. **The City of Mission made a motion for approval to Amend and Correct the Cost Over-Run Resolution 2005-04, The City of Alton seconded the motion, and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.**

**5 Amendment to Tier 2 CMS Contract**

**ACTION ITEM**

Mr. Andrew A. Canon briefly stated we currently have a CMS Tier 2 Contract. During this process, The City of Weslaco wanted some information for FM88. Mr. Andrew A. Canon did state that all of the information was given to the TAC Committee members. The TAC members requested that some changes needed to be made on Subtask 3.5A (FM 88 Median Alternative Analysis). After discussing this information with Mr. Andrew Howard, he added the changes requested by the TAC members on Subtask 3.5A separately and added a spreadsheet for more specific information. Mr. Andrew Howard, Kimley-Horn, gave a brief presentation. Mr. Andrew A. Canon stated that we are requesting approval of an Extension of time by one (1) month with an additional \$9,930.02. To incorporate this for The City of Weslaco and to the existing contract at this time. **The City of Alamo made a motion to approve the Amendment to the Tier 2 CMS Contract of an extension of one (1) month and the additional \$9,930.02 funds needed, The City of Edinburg seconded the motion, and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.**

## 6 **Kick-Off of the Public Involvement Policy**

### **(Attached Current PIP and Proposed New PIP)**

Mr. Andrew A. Canon stated that we are beginning our 45-day Public Involvement; which will about 60-day due to we are not having Policy Meeting in December. The HCMPO is advertising this coming Sunday and also we will also be advertising in January 2006. We are also posting the Public hearing dates on our website and also sending out information to the City Halls and the county. Mr. Andrew A. Canon did specify that the HCMPO will be bringing this item back at our regular Policy Meeting in January of 2006 for final approval of the new PIP. **Report only.**

## 7 **Staff Update**

### A. **EarMark Projects Update**

Mr. Andrew A. Canon stated that we are going to have something at the TAC Committee meeting in January 2006. The HCMPO is going to submit 3 to 4 projects for the TAC members to review and ask for their approval and also bring it to the Policy Board for final approval to be submitted to the LRGVDC before our February deadline. The Bville and Harl./ San Benito MPO are also narrowing down their projects as well. All of the MPO's then going to be submitted to the LRGVDC as one region and the LRGVDC are then going to be submitted to Congress for final approval. **Reports only.**

### B. **HAZ-MAT Update**

Mr. Andrew A. Canon stated that the LRGVDC finance department have mailed out invoices to each City entity and the County. If any entity that has agreed to participate; you will need to submit your payment to the LRGVDC. This will help move the process along. The Bville and Harl./ San Benito MPO is also moving forward with this project as well. All of the MPO's are trying to submit all of their share of the funding as soon as possible. This way we can submit all the funding as an entire region. The HCMPO will be bringing this item back at the January 2006 TAC & Policy Meeting for approval. **Reports only.**

### C. **Discussion on Incident Management**

Mr. Andrew A. Canon stated that he has met with the Police Chief of the McAllen P.D.. They are going to be working with us to provide us the past two years of police reports. So we can get ready to GEO code on a map. This map will identify where exactly these accidents have taken place. We are excluding accidents that may have occurred under certain circumstances like for example: DWI. **Reports only.**

### D. **Calendar: December**

Mr. Andrew A. Canon stated that this will be the last Policy Meeting for the year. If anything does come about, the HCMPO staff will advise the Policy Board Members as soon as possible.

## 8 **Off System Report**

None at this time.

## 9 **Letting Report**

Report only.

## 10 **Old or New Business**

None at this time

## 11 **Adjourn**

**The City of La Joya made a motion to adjourn, The City of Alamo seconded the motion, and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.**