

HIDALGO COUNTY MPO
POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, September 27, 2007

1 Roll Call

Chairman Leopoldo Palacios called the meeting to order at 5:46 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, La Joya, Mission, Palmhurst, Pharr, San Juan, Weslaco and TxDOT. ExOffio Members Present: Hidalgo County RMA and 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 July 26, 2007

(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 Edinburg made a motion to approve the minutes, The City of La Joya seconded the motion, and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.**

4 Approval of MTP Amendment

(ACTION ITEM)

Mr. Canon stated that some items needed to be revised or added. These items were taken to the Technical Advisory Committee and they unanimously approved the revisions and additions. **The City of Edinburg made a motion to approve the MTP Amendment, The City of Alamo seconded the motion, and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.**

5 La Joya Loop and Pharr Bridge Connector Designation to HCRMA

(ACTION ITEM)

Mr. Canon stated that at our last meeting the RMA Chairman had sent a memo to the MPO requesting to designate the HCRMA so they can proceed with funding. This item was taken to the Technical Advisory Committee and was unanimously approved. **The City of Alamo made a motion to approve the La Joya Loop and Pharr Bridge Connector Designation to HCRMA, The City of La Joya seconded the motion, and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.**

6 Approval to Support LRGV Regional Public Transportation Coordination Plan

(ACTION ITEM)

Mr. Canon stated that Mr. Ken Hosen gave a brief presentation on our Transit Plan. We have been working for a year on the Transit plan that was adopted last year. We are requesting for approval and support of the regional transit plan. There are three (3) applications: Mobility Manager, Extension of a Route and advertisement. **The City of Edinburg made a motion to approve to Support LRGV Regional Public Transportation Coordination Plan, The City of La Joya seconded the motion, and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.**

7 Adoption of CMP from Carter Burgess

(ACTION ITEM)

Mr. Canon stated that Steve Taylor, Carter-Burgess, will be giving a brief presentation. This report was done in two (2) seasonal cycles and combined in one report (Fall 2006 and Spring 2007). Mr. Canon stated that Carter-Burgess has done the past 5 years of the CMP. **The City of La Joya made a motion to adopt the CMP from Carter Burgess, The City of Alamo seconded the motion, and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.**

8 HAZMAT UPDATE

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Approved on:
Thursday, October 25, 2007

Mr. Canon stated that a little over a year ago; the MPO came to the Policy board asking for assistance for some funding. We contacted the cities for some funding and each entity contributed a portion. Chemical Response and Remediation Contractors gave a brief presentation. **Reports only, no action taken at this time.**

9 **Hidalgo County Road Builders Presentation Regarding the Hidalgo County Loop**

Mr. Pate, Hidalgo County Road Builders was unable to attend due to conflict of meeting date schedule but will give the presentation at a later date.

9 **Staff Update**

A. Discussion to combine November & December Policy (Possible Meeting Date: Thursday, Nov. 29, 2007)

Mr. Canon stated that due to the Holidays; we combine the November & December Policy Meetings. He suggested to schedule the meeting for Thursday, November 29, 2007 at the new Hidalgo County MPO Offices. He also stated that we will be having a Grand Opening and everyone was invited to stop by our new offices. The HCMPO will be hosting an all day open house on this day.

B. Calendar: October & November 2007

Mr. Canon stated that the HCMPO office will be closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday for two days and will also be closed for two days during the Christmas Holiday.

10 **Off System Report**

No reports at this time.

11 **Letting Report**

Reports only.

12 **Old Or New Business**

Mr. Mario Jorge, TxDOT stated that Mr. Amadeo Saenz was named Executive Director of TxDOT Austin. Chairman Palacios asked that a memo to congratulate Mr. Saenz on his new position. Mr. Canon stated that he would work on a memo from the Policy Board and the HCMPO.

13 **Adjournment**

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.