



August 1, 2011

Hidalgo County
Budget Office
Attn: Sergio Cruz
2818 S. Bus. Hwy 281
Edinburg, TX 78539

RE: PROGRESS REPORT
On-call Services for the HCMPO and HCRMA and Traffic Studies –
Work Authorization No. 1 Contract #C-11-054-04-12

Dear Judge Garcia and County Commissioners,

Attached is our invoice for the month of July 2011. This invoice covers the basic fee associated for attending Hidalgo County Metropolitan Planning Organization (HCMPO) technical and policy meetings, and the Hidalgo County Regional Mobility Authority (HCRMA) meeting(s). The following tasks were accomplished this month.

- July 2011 – Jacinto Garza P.E. and Anthony Garza reviewed the HCMPO Technical Committee agenda. Anthony Garza attended the meeting and the sign in sheet is attached.
- July 2011 – Jacinto Garza P.E. and Anthony Garza reviewed the HCMPO Policy Committee agenda and packet, provided the attached recommendations and information to Commissioner Joe Flores. Jacinto Garza and Anthony Garza attended the meeting and the sign in sheet is attached.
- July 2011 – Jacinto Garza P.E. and Anthony Garza reviewed the HCRMA meeting agenda(s) and attended the meeting(s). The agenda(s), progress report, and sign in sheet(s) are attached.

Attached are the narrative reports provided to Commissioner Joe Flores for the HCMPO Policy and RMA meetings. These recommendations are also sent to the County Judge and remaining commissioners.

Should you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to give me a call at (956) 565-9813.

Sincerely,



Jacinto Garza, P.E.
CEO / President

Attachments

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BUDGET OFFICE
HIDALGO COUNTY

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INVOICE #: 11323868
INVOICE DATE: 07/31/11

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HCMPO - On Call Eng Services
Contract#C-11-054-04-12
2818 S. Bus Hwy 281
Edinburg, TX 78539

Engineering services for the month of July 2011.

HCMPO POLICY MTG

July 2011 Meeting	1.00	2327.560	<u>2,327.56</u>
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HCMPO POLICY MTG TOTAL: 2,327.56

HCMPO TECH MEETING

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HCMPO TECH MEETING TOTAL: 2,327.56

HCRMA STATUS & PROG

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HCRMA STATUS & PROG TOTAL: 2,327.56

TOTAL 6,982.68



Project Manager's Signature

AGENDA

*Hidalgo County Metropolitan Planning Organization
Technical Advisory Committee Meeting*

**HCMPO Conference Room
510 South Pleasantview Drive
Weslaco, TX.**

**Tuesday, July 5 2011
@ 1:30 PM**

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|---|-------------------------------------|--------------|
| 1) Roll Call | | Chairman |
| 2) Approval of Minutes of June 07, 2011 | (ACTION ITEM) | MPO Staff |
| 3) Cost Over-Run Project(s) (If Needed) | (ACTION ITEM) | TxDOT |
| 4) Discussion & Approval of TIP/MTP Amendment | (ACTION ITEM) | MPO Staff |
| 5) Discussion of Steer it/Clear It Program | (DISCUSSION ITEM) | MPO Staff |
| 6) Discussion of Possible "No Truck in Left Lane" Feasibility | (DISCUSSION ITEM) | MPO Staff |
| 7) Discussion of TPC Voting Structure based upon 2010 Census | (DISCUSSION ITEM) | MPO Staff |
| 8) Discussion of Multimodal Subcommittee | (DISCUSSION ITEM) | MPO Staff |
| 9) Monthly Letting Update | (DISCUSSION ITEM) | TxDOT |
| 10) Staff Report | (UPDATE / DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEM) | MPO Staff |
| A. Calendar: July & August 2011 | | |
| B. Legislative / RTAP Update | | |
| C. HCMPO Budget Report | | |
| 11) HCRMA Update | (UPDATE) | HCRMA |
| 12) Valley Metro | (UPDATE) | VALLEY METRO |
| 13) Metro | (UPDATE) | METRO |
| 14) Hidalgo County Commuter Rail District | (UPDATE) | HCCRD |
| 15) Old or New Business | (UPDATE / DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEM) | Chairman |
| 16) Adjournment | | |

HIDALGO COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

Technical Advisory Committee Meeting –Tuesday, July 05, 2011

HCMPO Conference Room

Weslaco, TX.

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	NAME	ENTITY AND ADDRESS	PHONE	FAX	E-MAIL ADDRESS
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4.	Joe A. Calife	city of Weslaco			
5.	Ramiro Gutierrez	RCFC			
6.	Jose Torres	MTB	537-4037		
7.	Homer Bezan	TXDOT	702-6214		
8.	R. Amador G. Sanchez	TXDOT	702-6272		
9.	Luis Guajardo	LRBVDC			
10.	Juan Lopez	City of Edin.	388-8202		
11.	Fernand Medina	" " "	388-9211		
12.	Ricardo Rodriguez	City of Altam			
13.	Rick Alvarado	HCSO's	655-3730		
14.	Ed Taylor	Altam	601-1250		
15.	Michelle Lettsch	Mercedes	565-3114 x125		

AGENDA

Hidalgo County Metropolitan Planning Organization

Policy Committee Meeting

HCMPO Conference Room

510 South Pleasantview Drive

July 21, 2011

@ 5:30 PM

TAB I	ROLL CALL		
TAB II	CITIZEN'S INPUT		
TAB III	PRESENTATIONS / ACTION / DISCUSSION ITEM(S)		
	A. Approval of Minutes from June 16, 2011	(ACTION ITEM)	CHAIRMAN
	B. Discussion & Adoption of TIP/MTP Amendment	(ACTION ITEM)	MPO STAFF
	C. Discussion of Steer it/Clear it Program	(DISCUSSION ITEM)	MPO STAFF
	D. Discussion & Update on "No Truck in Left Lane"	(DISCUSSION ITEM)	MPO Staff/ TxDOT
	E. Discussion on Voting Structure Based on 2010 Census	(DISCUSSION ITEM)	MPO Staff
	F. Monthly Letting Update	(DISCUSSION ITEM)	TxDOT
TAB IV	STAFF REPORT	(UPDATE / DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEM)	MPO STAFF
	A. Calendar: July & August 2011		
	B. Legislative / RTAP Update		
	C. HCMPO Budget Report		
	D. Pass-Thru Update		
TAB V	OFF SYSTEM REPORT	(UPDATE)	PROJECT ENGINEERS
TAB VI	TxDOT CONSTRUCTION REPORT	(UPDATE)	TxDOT
TAB VII	HIDALGO COUNTY RMA	(UPDATE)	HCRMA
TAB VIII	HIDALGO COUNTY COMMUTER RAIL DISTRICT	(UPDATE)	HCCRD
TAB IX	VALLEY METRO	(UPDATE)	VALLEY METRO
TAB X	METRO	(UPDATE)	METRO
TAB XI	OLD OR NEW BUSINESS	(UPDATE / DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEM)	CHAIRMAN
TAB XII	ADJOURNMENT		

Hidalgo County MPO
Transportation Policy Committee Meeting
July 21, 2011

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	NAME	ENTITY AND ADDRESS	PHONE	FAX	E-MAIL ADDRESS
1.	Oscar Ramirez	City of Donna	956 964 3514		cityofdonna city manager for mail box
2.	Anthony Galt				
3.	Joe. m. Flores	Pct # 3	956-605-4200		
4.	TOM LOGAN	LRCVOC - Valley Metro			
5.	Julio Cordero	Mission	580-8662		
6.	San Maldonado	Sanas	702-9880		
7.	Henry Munoz	Mercedes			
8.	Fernando de Mentem		206-841-3		
9.	Jesse Salinas,	TEOST	424-7898		
10.	Jorge Arcante	Alton	437-0760		
11.	MICHAEL CANO	Hid Co. RMA			
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13.	Guillermo Ramirez	City of Hidalgo	655-7423		memomex@hotmail.com
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MEMO

To: Hidalgo Co. Comm. Pct. #3, Joe Flores

From: Jacinto Garza, P.E.

Date: July 21, 2011

RE: Hidalgo County Metropolitan Planning Organization (HCMPO) Policy Committee Meeting,
July 21, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. – Action Items and Recommendations

Desk Of: Anthony Garza

As your Technical Representative for the Hidalgo County MPO, attached for your use and information, is the Policy Committee Meeting Agenda and Packet for the upcoming meeting to be held on Thursday, July 21, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. We have reviewed the agenda items that are to be discussed and we would like to advise you that the following item(s) require your attention. We are therefore giving you our recommendations.

TAB III PRESENTATIONS / ACTION / DISCUSSION ITEM(S)

B. Discussion & Adoption of TIP/MTP Amendment (**ACTION ITEM**) MPO STAFF

TECHNICAL INFORMATION:

Vital county projects that are fully funded in the TIP/MTP as a result of the additional Proposition 12 and Category 7 funding are:

- Nolana Road from "I" Road to FM 1426
- BUS 83 (from FM 491 to the county line)
- US 281 to interstate standards (from FM 2812 to FM 490)
- FM 88 (from Mile 16 to SH 107).
- US 83 overpass at BUS 83 and Inspiration Road
- La Joya Bypass (Phase I)

The current TIP/MTP Draft Amendment also includes \$19 million in Category 7 funding for the La Joya Bypass Project. Additional monies from the 1st round of Prop 12 and Fund 6 are expected to be available to the MPO before the end of the year to replace the \$1 million and have the potential to fund additional projects as well.

WE RECOMMEND:

Approval of the TIP/MTP Amendment with the contingency that if additional funds become available, adjustments be made to place the \$1 million in Category 7 funding back on the La Joya Bypass for a total of \$20 Million.

C. Discussion of Steer it/Clear it Program **(DISCUSSION ITEM)** MPO STAFF

TECHNICAL INFORMATION:

The MPO staff has been coordinating with TxDOT to look at the benefits of implementing a Steer it / Clear it program along the US 83 Expressway and US 281. This program utilizes existing laws that require motorists involved in non injury accidents to move their vehicles from the roadway after an accident to allow traffic to flow along these roadways. Failure to do so could result in a citation.

D. Discussion & Update on "No Truck in Left Lane" **(DISCUSSION ITEM)** MPO Staff/ TxDOT

TECHNICAL INFORMATION:

The MPO staff has been coordinating with the TxDOT to implement this program. The proposed plan would restrict heavy trucks from using the left lane for travel, unless passing another vehicle. The restriction could only be placed on roadways with 3 or more lanes in each direction. Data indicates that safety would be the major improvement as a result of the restriction. Minor improvements in traffic flow would also result.

E. Discussion on Voting Structure Based on 2010 Census **(DISCUSSION ITEM)** MPO Staff

TECHNICAL INFORMATION:

Currently the HCMPO uses a weighted voting system. As per the bylaws the votes were updated to reflect the 2010 Census data (attached).

The county is now the largest entity in the MPO by population and has 9 votes.

cc: Hidalgo County Judge, Ramon Garcia
Hidalgo Co. Comm. Pct. #1, Joel Quintanilla
Hidalgo Co. Comm. Pct. #2, Hector "Tito" Palacios
Hidalgo Co. Comm. Pct. #4, Joseph Palacios

AGENDA

HIDALGO COUNTY REGIONAL MOBILITY AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
5:30 PM, TUESDAY, JULY 19, 2011
LRGVDC TRANSPORTATION CENTER
510 S. PLEASANTVIEW DRIVE
WESLACO, TEXAS
PRESIDING: DENNIS BURLESON, CHAIRMAN

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM
2. PUBLIC COMMENT
3. GENERAL BUSINESS ITEMS:
 - A. Consideration and Approval of Minutes for 6/14 and 6/27
 - B. Consideration and Approval of Expense Report for July 2011
 - C. Consideration and Approval of Financial Reports – Cheryl Bellamy, SAS, LLP.
 - D. Discussion on relocation of HCRMA Office
4. PRESENTATION OF REPORTS: DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION
The Honorable Juan Hinojosa, Texas State Senate; Mario Jorge, Texas Department of Transportation; Andrew Canon, Hidalgo MPO; Godfrey Garza, Jr., Administrative and Management Consultant; Troy Madres, First Southwest
 - A. Discussion on La Joya Relief Route:
 - Funding Possibilities
 - Pass-through Finance Report
 - Category 7
 - Proposition 12
 - TRZ / SIB Loan
 - Toll Revenue Bonds
 - Hidalgo County MPO Action
 - Primacy/Local Option for Project
 - Funding
 - Letter to County Judge and MPO Policy Board on developing La Joya Relief Route Project
 - Agreement with County
 - Development Expenses (for La Joya Relief Route and Trade Corridor Connector)
5. Chairman's Report – Dennis Burleson
 - A. Tiger Grant III
6. EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 551, TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE:
 - A. Section 551.071. Consultation with Attorney
 - B. Section 551.072. Deliberation Regarding Real Property
 - C. Section 551.074. Personnel Matters

Agenda items may be considered, deliberated and/or acted upon in a different order than numbered above. The Board of Directors of the Hidalgo County Regional Mobility Authority (HCRMA) reserves the right to adjourn into Executive (Closed) Session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any of the items listed on this agenda as authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act. No final action will be taken in Executive Session.

AGENDA

PUBLIC INPUT POLICY

Public Input Policy: "At the beginning of each HCRMA meeting, the HCRMA will allow for an open public forum/comment period. This comment period shall not exceed one-half (1/2) hour in length and each speaker will be allowed a maximum of three (3) minutes to speak. All individuals desiring to address the HCRMA must be signed up to do so, prior to the open comment period. The purpose of this comment period is to provide the public an opportunity to address issues or topics that are under the jurisdiction of the HCRMA. For issues or topics which are not otherwise part of the posted agenda for the meeting, HCRMA members may direct staff to investigate the issue or topic further. No action or discussion shall be taken on issues or topics which are not part of the posted agenda for the meeting. Members of the public may be recognized on posted agenda items deemed appropriate by the Chairman as these items are considered, and the same time limitations (3 minutes) applies."



MEMO

To: Hidalgo County Judge, Ramon Garcia
From: Jacinto Garza, P.E.
Date: July 20, 2011
RE: Hidalgo County Regional Mobility Authority (HCRMA) Meeting,
July 19, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. – Progress Report

Desk Of: Anthony Garza

As your Technical Representative for the Hidalgo County MPO attached for your use and information, is the HCRMA Meeting Agenda for the meeting held on Tuesday July 19, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. We have reviewed the agenda items that were discussed as they relate to Hidalgo County and we provide the following progress report.

3. GENERAL BUSINESS ITEMS:

D. Discussion on relocation of HCRMA Office

The RMA agreed to continue coordinating with the City of Pharr to relocate the RMA offices.

4. PRESENTATION OF REPORTS: DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

A. Discussion on La Joya Relief Route:

Funding Possibilities

Letter to County Judge and MPO Policy Board on developing La Joya Relief Route Project

Agreement with County

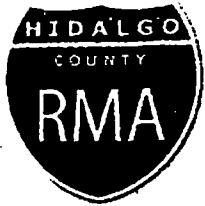
Development Expenses (for La Joya Relief Route and Trade Corridor Connector)

Andrew Canon from the HCMPO and Mario Jorge from TxDOT presented the current funding situation regarding the La Joya Bypass as presented to Commissioners Court on July 19, 2011.

The RMA discussed the details and agreed to prepare a letter to the County Judge and MPO to move forward in jointly developing the La Joya Bypass.

If you have any additional questions or concerns regarding an item that was not addressed, please advise.

cc: Hidalgo Co. Comm. Pct. #1, Joel Quintanilla
Hidalgo Co. Comm. Pct. #2, Hector "Tito" Palacios
Hidalgo Co. Comm. Pct. #3, Joe Flores
Hidalgo Co. Comm. Pct. #4, Joseph Palacios



HIDALGO COUNTY REGIONAL MOBILITY AUTHORITY (HCRMA)

BOARD MEETING

TUESDAY, JULY 19, 2011

LRGVDC TRANSPORTATION CENTER

510 S. PLEASANTVIEW DRIVE

Weslaco, Texas

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13	Sobraz Patra	HCMPD	607-1081	
14	Tony Aguirre	Armando: Ass	867-0035	
15	Omer Salgado	LIG Engineers	205-8052	
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HIDALGO COUNTY REGIONAL MOBILITY AUTHORITY (HCRMA)

BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, July 27, 2011
 LRGVDC TRANSPORTATION CENTER

510 S. PLEASANTVIEW DRIVE

Weslaco, Texas

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