

October 3, 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,

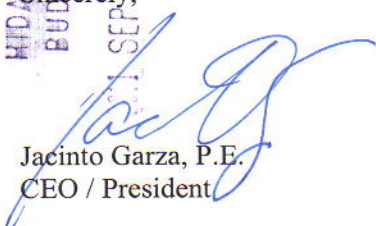
Attached is our invoice for the month of September 2011. This invoice covers the basic fee associated for attending Hidalgo County Metropolitan Planning Organization (HCMPO) technical and policy meetings, and the Hidalgo County Regional Mobility Authority (HCRMA) meeting(s). The following tasks were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

- September 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.
- September 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. Anthony Garza attended the meeting and the sign in sheet is attached.
- September 2011 – Jacinto Garza P.E. and Anthony Garza reviewed the HCRMA meeting agenda(s) and attended the meeting. 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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Mercedes, TX 78570
(956) 565-9813 Fax (956) 565-9018

INVOICE #: 11323937
INVOICE DATE: 09/30/11

BILL TO:

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JOB: 110101

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

HCMPO POLICY MTG			
September 2011 Meeting	1.00	2327.560	<u>2,327.56</u>
	HCMPO POLICY MTG TOTAL:		<u>2,327.56</u>
HCMPO TECH MEETING			
September 2011 Meeting	1.00	2327.560	<u>2,327.56</u>
	HCMPO TECH MEETING TOTAL:		<u>2,327.56</u>
HCRMA STATUS & PROG			
September 2011 Meeting	1.00	2327.560	<u>2,327.56</u>
	HCRMA STATUS & PROG TOTAL:		<u>2,327.56</u>
		TOTAL	<u>6,982.68</u>


Project Manager's Signature

AGENDA

**Hidalgo County Metropolitan Planning Organization
Technical Advisory Committee Meeting**

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

**Tuesday, September 06, 2011
@ 1:30 PM**

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| 1) Roll Call | | Chairman |
| 2) Approval of Minutes of August 02, 2011 | (ACTION ITEM) | MPO Staff |
| 3) Cost Over-Run Project(s) (If Needed) | (ACTION ITEM) | TxDOT |
| 4) Discussion & Approval of TIP/MTP/ Prop 12 | (ACTION ITEM) | MPO Staff |
| 5) Discussion of Safe Passing Ordinance | (DISCUSSION ITEM) | MPO Staff |
| 6) Discussion of Operational Improvement Plan (OIP) | (DISCUSSION ITEM) | MPO Staff |
| 7) Update on "No Truck in Left Lane" | (UPDATE ITEM) | MPO Staff |
| 8) Monthly Letting Update | (DISCUSSION ITEM) | TxDOT |
| 9) Staff Report | (UPDATE / DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEM) | MPO Staff |
| A. Calendar: September & October 2011 | | |
| B. Legislative / RTAP Update | | |
| C. HCMPO Budget Report | | |
| 10) HCRMA Update | (UPDATE) | HCRMA |
| 11) Valley Metro | (UPDATE) | VALLEY METRO |
| 12) Metro | (UPDATE) | METRO |
| 13) Hidalgo County Commuter Rail District | (UPDATE) | HCCRD |
| 14) Old or New Business | (UPDATE / DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEM) | Chairman |
| 15) Adjournment | | |

HIDALGO COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

Technical Advisory Committee Meeting - Tuesday, September 6, 2011

HCMPO Conference Room
Weslaco, TX.

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	NAME	ENTITY AND ADDRESS	PHONE	FAX	E-MAIL ADDRESS
1.	Anthony Garcia	LIG			
2.	JOE TORRES	ATR	577-4037		
3.	Juan Ortiz	City of Elsa	262-2129		
4.	Jaime S. Sandoval	COA	787-0006		
5.	RENE SAENZ	City of Pharr	787-9772		rene.saenz@pharr-tx.gov
6.	Jim Edge	HCCRD	472-8271		
7.	Joe Calfee	CMission-(416)	585-1909		
8.	Almond By Sanchez	TXDOT-San Antonio	702-6214		
9.	Homer Bazin	TXDOT	702-6214		
10.	Edwarda Mandley				
11.	Jeremy Santoso	McAllen			
12.	Jack R. Fox	Edinburg	279-1302		
13.	Fernando Nunez	Edinburg	388-1211		
14.	Flor E Koll	QMA	969-5822		
15.	DANIEL DELGADO	CO MIAW	681-3500		

AGENDA

Hidalgo County Metropolitan Planning Organization

Policy Committee Meeting

HCMPO Conference Room

510 South Pleasantview Drive

September 15, 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 August 18, 2011	(ACTION ITEM)	CHAIRMAN
	B. Discussion & Approval of TIP/MTP / Prop 12	(ACTION ITEM)	MPO STAFF
	C. Discussion on Safe Passing Ordinance	(DISCUSSION ITEM)	MPO STAFF
	D. Discussion of Operational Improvement Plan (OIP)	(DISCUSSION ITEM)	MPO STAFF
	E. Update on "NO Truck in Left Lane"	(DISCUSSION ITEM)	MPO STAFF
	F. Monthly Letting Update	(DISCUSSION ITEM)	TxDOT
TAB IV	STAFF REPORT	(UPDATE / DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEM)	MPO STAFF
	A. Calendar: October & November 2011		
	B. Legislative / RTAP Update		
	C. HCMPO Budget Report		
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
September 15, 2011

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	NAME	ENTITY AND ADDRESS	PHONE	FAX	E-MAIL ADDRESS
1.	Anthony ben	Lt/b			
2.	Juan A. Sustaita, Jr	TxDot	702-4338	702-6264	juan.sustaita@txdot.gov
3.	TOM LOGAN	Valley Metro			
4.	Jorge Arcady	City of Altam	432-0760		
5.	JOSAE RAMIREZ	city DENTON	956-464-3314		
6.	JOE TORRES	Altam	537-4037		
7.	Erny Guadalupe (Luis Garcia)	Econ-civ	655-5206		
8.	Maxid R. Sorse	TxDot			
9.	Joey R. Ferguson	TxDOT			
10.	Yvette Baserra	McAllen	681-1150		jbaserra@mcallen.net
11.	Ed - Cuyler	McAllen			
12.	G. Lomins	Abilene	655-3423		
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MEMO

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

From: Jacinto Garza, P.E.

Date: September 13, 2011

RE: Hidalgo County Metropolitan Planning Organization (HCMPO) Policy Committee Meeting,
September 15, 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, September 15, 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 & Approval of TIP/MTP / Prop 12 (ACTION ITEM) MPO STAFF

TECHNICAL INFORMATION:

The HCMPO received \$21.28 million in prop 12 funding from TxDOT. The HCMPO and TxDOT have conducted extensive public involvement regarding the Prop 12 funding. Continued coordination between the HCMPO, TxDOT, and Hidalgo County resulted in the funding of several key county projects well in excess of the original \$21.28 million disbursement to the MPO. Some of these projects include:

- Sam Houston (from US 281 to I road)
- 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)

Additionally, the La Homa Road project (from SH 495 to FM 1924) was placed on the TIP as an illustrative project. This was done to continue moving forward with the environmental clearance.

WE RECOMMEND:

Approval of the TIP / MTP / Prop 12 provided no changes are necessary to benefit county projects.

C. Discussion & Approval of FY2010-2011 UPWP Amendment #4 (ACTION ITEM) MPO STAFF

TECHNICAL INFORMATION:

The MPO staff has been working to update the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), a document that is produced annually, describes all of the regionally significant surface-transportation planning projects expected

to be undertaken in the region in a federal fiscal year. It also lists the funding source or sources federal, state, and/or local for each planning project.

The UPWP has been updated to reflect advertisements in movie theatres and an update of the membership of several transportation planning committees. Some budgetary changes were made to the UPWP; however, they resulted in no net increase in overall expenditures.

WE RECOMMEND:

Approval of the UPWP.

D. Discussion on Safe Passing Ordinance (DISCUSSION ITEM) MPO STAFF

TECHNICAL INFORMATION:

The City of Edinburg has presented a draft ordinance regarding the safe passing of vulnerable road users (pedestrians and bicyclists). The Texas administrative code does not specify what constitutes a "safe passing distance". The proposed ordinance specifies the safe passing distance be 3 feet for regular vehicles and 6 feet for commercial vehicles. This item is for the consideration and possible adoption by each entity at the MPO.

E. Discussion of Operational Improvement Plan (OIP) (DISCUSSION ITEM) MPO STAFF

TECHNICAL INFORMATION:

The MPO staff issued a call for projects for Operational Improvements in the month of August. Nine projects were submitted to the MPO and are included in your packet. These submittals are currently being reviewed and scored by the TAC Operational Improvements Sub-Committee.

F. Update on "NO Truck in Left Lane" (DISCUSSION ITEM) MPO STAFF

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.

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, WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 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 7/19, 7/27 and 8/22
 - B. Consideration and Approval of Expense Report for September 2011
 - C. Consideration and Approval of Financial Reports - Cheryl Bellamy, SAS, LLP.
 - D. Update on Lease Agreement with City of Pharr regarding relocation of RMA Building
 1. Discussion, consideration and approval to begin transfer of all utilities from City of Pharr to HCRMA – **Resolution 2011-32**
4. PRESENTATION OF REPORTS: DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION
 - A. Status update on
 1. HCRMA Roadway System Projects – Godfrey Garza
 2. Update on Negotiations with Surveying and Engineering Firms for TCC – Godfrey Garza
 3. Tiger Grant III Application – Godfrey Garza
 4. Pass Through Projects - Jody Ellington, P.E., TxDOT
 5. HCMPO Policy Committee Meeting (Proposition 12 funds) – Andrew Canon
 6. Update on Project Finance – Richard Ramirez, First Southwest
 - B. Discussion, consideration and selection of Toll Integration/Traffic Management Service – **Resolution 2011-29**
 - C. Discussion, consideration and approval of Agreement with Dannenbaum Engineering regarding General Contracting/Program Management Services – **Resolution 2011-31**
 - D. Discussion on statewide outreach and representation
5. Chairman’s Report – Dennis Burleson
 - A. Federal Update
 - B. Letter to John Barton
 - C. Transportation Forum
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

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.

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."



HIDALGO COUNTY REGIONAL MOBILITY AUTHORITY (HCRMA)

BOARD MEETING
 WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2011
 LRGVDC TRANSPORTATION CENTER
 510 S. PLEASANTVIEW DRIVE
 WESLACO, TEXAS 78596

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5 Donna Traver	BULLS	383-4498	
6 Fern McLaugherty	BULLS	585-0978	
7 Bea Whitlock	Bulle	467-9245	
8 Frank Traver	Bulls	874-3434	
9 Maria O. Leach	Owls	532-4037	
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MEMO

To: Hidalgo County Judge, Ramon Garcia
From: Jacinto Garza, P.E.
Date: September 16, 2011
RE: Hidalgo County Regional Mobility Authority (HCRMA) Meeting,
September 14, 2011 at 4:30 p.m. – Progress Report

Desk Of: Anthony Garza

As your Technical Representative for the Hidalgo County MPO and to provide you with a monthly HCRMA update, attached for your use and information, is the HCRMA Meeting Agenda for the meeting held on Monday September 16, 2011 at 4:30 p.m. We have reviewed the agenda items that were discussed as they relate to Hidalgo County and we provide the following progress report.

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

A. Status update on

1. HCRMA Roadway System Projects – Godfrey Garza

Godfrey Garza reported that the RMA continued to develop the needed items for the IBTC and TCC projects.

2. Update on Negotiations with Surveying and Engineering Firms for TCC – Godfrey Garza

The RMA has furthered negotiations with the surveying and engineering firms with TxDOT review. Attached are the comments received from TxDOT on their review of said Engineering and Surveying proposals.

3. Tiger Grant III Application – Godfrey Garza

S&B provided the RMA with a proposal to complete the TIGER III application. The RMA board is working to engage a GEC prior to contracting S&B to complete the TIGER III application. The deadline for the TIGER III application is October 3, 2011.

4. Pass Through Projects - Jody Ellington, P.E., TxDOT

TxDOT reported no changes to the existing Pass through agreements on US 281, TCC, and FM 755 projects. The FM 755 project has received environmental clearance.

6. Update on Project Finance – Richard Ramirez, First Southwest

Chairman Burleson reported that First Southwest should be contacting the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court in the next 2 to 3 weeks to individually meet with the Judge and Commissioners. The meetings are going to provide details on what exposure the county would face when assisting the RMA in a bond sale to fund RMA projects.

C. Discussion, consideration and approval of Agreement with Dannenbaum Engineering regarding General Contracting/Program Management Services – **Resolution 2011-31**

The RMA reported they are working with their legal team to develop a final draft of the GEC contract. After the contract is reviewed by TxDOT and finalized, the scope and fee for each task will be agreed upon utilizing current TxDOT rates submitted by Dannenbaum.

6. EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 551, TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE:

No action was taken in executive session.

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
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