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Contract#C-11-054-04-12
2818 S. Bus Hwy 281
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Engineering services for the month of December 2011.

HCMPO POLICY MTG

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

HCRMA STATUS & PROG

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TOTAL 4,655.12


Project Manager's Signature

AGENDA

Hidalgo County Metropolitan Planning Organization

Policy Committee Meeting

HCMPO Conference Room

510 South Pleasantview Drive

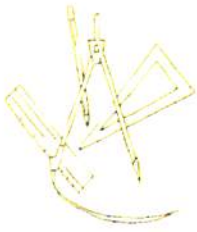
December 15, 2011

@ 5:30 PM

TAB I	ROLL CALL		
TAB II	CITIZEN'S INPUT		
TAB III	PRESENTATIONS / ACTION / DISCUSSION ITEM(S)		
	A. Approval of Minutes from October 20, 2011	(ACTION ITEM)	CHAIRMAN
	B. Discussion & Approval of Elections for Secretary Position	(ACTION ITEM)	CHAIRMAN
	C. Discussion on US 83/281 Interchange	(DISCUSSION ITEM)	TxDOT
	D. Discussion on TPP/MPO Contract	(DISCUSSION ITEM)	TxDOT
	E. Discussion of TIP/MTP Amendment	(DISCUSSION ITEM)	MPO STAFF
	F. Discussion of Safe Passing Ordinance	(DISCUSSION ITEM)	MPO STAFF
	G. Discussion of Operational Improvement Plan (OIP)	(DISCUSSION ITEM)	MPO STAFF
	H. Update on "No Truck in Left Lane"	(UPDATE ITEM)	MPO STAFF
	I. Monthly Letting Update	(UPDATE ITEM)	TxDOT
TAB IV	STAFF REPORT	(UPDATE / DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEM)	MPO STAFF
	A. Calendar: January & February 2012		
	B. Postpone February Policy Meeting		
	C. Legislative / RTAP Update		
	D. HCMPO Budget Report		
	E. Update on Thoroughfare Plan		
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
December 15, 2011
PLEASE PRINT

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MEMO

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

From: Jacinto Garza, P.E.

Date: December 13, 2011

RE: Hidalgo County Metropolitan Planning Organization (HCMPO) Policy Committee Meeting,
December 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, December 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 Elections for Secretary Position (**ACTION ITEM**) CHAIRMAN

TECHNICAL INFORMATION:

The HCMPO TPC will be electing a new Secretary during this meeting. The current Chairman Mr. Noe Garza's term is ending and the current Vice Chair Ms. Diana Martinez will become the Chairperson. The current Secretary Mr. Joe Flores will become Vice Chair, this occurs every 2 years.

C. Discussion on US 83/281 Interchange (**DISCUSSION ITEM**) TxDOT

TECHNICAL INFORMATION:

TxDOT and MPO staff will be providing an update on the US 281 / US 83 interchange project.

D. Discussion on TPP/MPO Contract (**DISCUSSION ITEM**) TxDOT

TECHNICAL INFORMATION:

The HCMPO is currently reviewing the existing TPP / MPO contract and MPO staff is proposing to include language that includes the Council of Governments (COG) in the agreement with the state and add the option to extend the timeframe from one (1) to two (2) years. This may be part of the proposal by the HCMPO to regionalize and include the MPOs from Cameron County.

E. Discussion of TIP/MTP Amendment (**DISCUSSION ITEM**) MPO STAFF

TECHNICAL INFORMATION:

Minor administrative changes were made to the TIP and MTP since the October TPC Meeting and MPO staff is currently preparing for the next regularly scheduled TIP cycle update that includes La Homa Road from SH 495 to FM 1924 in FY 2015.

F. Discussion of 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.

G. 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. Four projects were selected by the MPO, three (3) from the City of McAllen and one (1) from the City of Mission. The McAllen projects propose to utilize Category 7 funds to perform traffic studies and set the timing of the existing signal system. The project in Mission proposes to add turning lanes at the FM 494 (Shary Road) Intersection with US 83.

H. Update on "No Truck in Left Lane" **(UPDATE 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

HIDALGO COUNTY REGIONAL MOBILITY AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
5:30 PM, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28, 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 BUSSINESS ITEMS:
 - A. Consideration and Approval of Minutes for 11/15/2011
 - B. Consideration and Approval of Expense Report for December 2011
 - C. Consideration and Approval of Financial Reports - Cheryl Bellamy, SAS, LLP
4. REPORTS:
 - A. Presentation from the City of Pharr (Traffic and Revenue Study) – Fred Sandoval, City Manager
 - B. HCRMA Roadway System Projects – Godfrey Garza, Administrative and Managerial Consultant / Louis Jones, Dannenbaum Engineering Corporation
 - C. Update on Project Finance – Richard Ramirez, First Southwest and Carlos Contreras, C&M
 - D. Update from Bond Counsel on Project Finance – Barron Wallace
 - E. Update on Pass Through Projects – Jody Ellington, TxDOT
5. ACTION ITEMS: DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION – Godfrey Garza, Administrative and Managerial Consultant / Louis Jones, Dannenbaum Engineering Corporation
 - A. Discussion, consideration and action on Engagement Letter with Long Chilton for Professional Auditing Services for the Hidalgo County Regional Mobility Authority 2011 Audit and Audit Committee – **Resolution 2011-48**
 - B. Discussion, consideration and action on request from City of Pharr for realignment of US 281 Military Highway (from San Juan to I Road) – **Resolution 2011-49**
 - C. Discussion, consideration and action issuing a stop work order for environmental work for the TCC and US 281 Military Highway – **Resolution 2011-50**
 - D. Discussion, consideration and action on an Interlocal Agreement with Hidalgo County for Hidalgo County Transportation Reinvestment Zone Number 2 -- **Resolution 2011-51**
6. CHAIRMAN’S REPORT:
 - A. Correspondence
 - B. Texas Transportation Forum – February 15-17, Grand Hyatt, San Antonio, Texas
7. 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.

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."

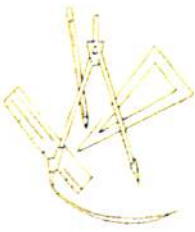


HIDALGO COUNTY REGIONAL MOBILITY AUTHORITY (HCRMA)

BOARD MEETING

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2011
 LRGVDC TRANSPORTATION CENTER
 510 S. PLEASANTVIEW DRIVE
 WESLACO, TEXAS

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MEMO

To: Hidalgo County Judge, Ramon Garcia
From: Jacinto Garza, P.E.
Date: January 4, 2011
RE: Hidalgo County Regional Mobility Authority (HCRMA) Meeting,
December 28, 2011 at 5:30 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 Wednesday 28, 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.

4. REPORTS:

A. Presentation from the City of Pharr (Traffic and Revenue Study) – Fred Sandoval, City Manager

The City of Pharr presented a Traffic and Revenue (T&R) study they conducted relating to the IBTC project. They are requesting the southern leg of the project to US 281 be realigned from San Juan Road (current alignment) west to "I" Road. Their study indicates an overall positive increase in traffic with the realignment.

In order for this option to be feasible a reduction in the width of the Right of Way (ROW) would be necessary from 400 ft to 200 ft in this area. The proposed roadway design would require retaining walls and other provisions to be constructed in the narrower ROW. According to preliminary ROW estimates in the vicinity of "I" Road, ROW costs would increase with this option.

A reduction in the construction cost is anticipated with this option as a result of the BSIF connector south of US 281 no longer being needed with this option. This option would also necessitate free access along the road from US 281 North to Anaya Road. The City also noted they would be willing to commit \$6.9 million in CBI Funds to the project if this option is chosen.

TxDOT advised the RMA to follow the environmental process to determine if this option is viable. They also mentioned that the pass thru money currently allocated to the US 281 overpass project has the potential to be moved to another RMA project such as the La Joya Bypass.

B. HCRMA Roadway System Projects – Godfrey Garza, Administrative and Managerial Consultant / Louis Jones, Dannenbaum Engineering Corporation

The GEC advised the Board that a workshop will be held soon to present the RMA's strategic plan which includes short term, intermediate, and long term project goals.

- C. Update on Project Finance – Richard Ramirez, First Southwest and Carlos Contreras, C&M

No update was given.

- D. Update from Bond Counsel on Project Finance – Barron Wallace

No update was given.

- E. Update on Pass Through Projects – Jody Ellington, TxDOT

Mr. Ellington of TxDOT provided the RMA with information regarding the La Joya Bypass project. Currently estimates show \$37 million in pass through funding is available for the La Joya Bypass project should the RMA enter a pass-through agreement with TxDOT. The original construction cost estimate of \$58 million was reviewed and the current cost of the project is estimated by TxDOT and the GEC to be in the vicinity of \$76 million.

5. ACTION ITEMS: DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION – Godfrey Garza, Administrative and Managerial Consultant / Louis Jones, Dannenbaum Engineering Corporation
- A. Discussion, consideration and action on Engagement Letter with Long Chilton for Professional Auditing Services for the Hidalgo County Regional Mobility Authority 2011 Audit and Audit Committee – **Resolution 2011-48**

The resolution to engage Long Chilton was approved.

- B. Discussion, consideration and action on request from City of Pharr for realignment of US 281 Military Highway (from San Juan to I Road) – **Resolution 2011-49**

The above item was amended to read “Discussion, consideration, and action on request from the City of Pharr to consider options to realign US 281 Military Highway (from San Juan to I Road)” and approved.

- C. Discussion, consideration and action issuing a stop work order for environmental work for the TCC and US 281 Military Highway – **Resolution 2011-50**

A stop order was issued by the RMA board. Work will resume after the strategic plan defines the next appropriate steps.

- D. Discussion, consideration and action on an Interlocal Agreement with Hidalgo County for Hidalgo County Transportation Reinvestment Zone Number 2 -- **Resolution 2011-51**

Item approved pending commissioner’s court decision on December 29, 2011.

7. 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

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
Hidalgo Co. Comm. Pct. #4, Joseph Palacios



January 4, 2012

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 December 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.

- December 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.
- December 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 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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