



February 1, 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 January 2012. 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).

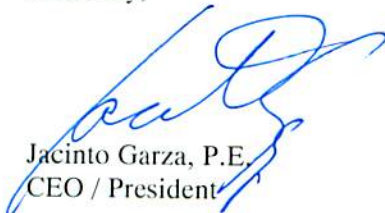
The following tasks were accomplished this month.

- January 2011 – Jacinto Garza P.E. and Anthony Garza reviewed the HCMPO TAC agenda and packet. Anthony Garza attended the meeting and the sign in sheet is attached
- January 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.
- January 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 and MPO 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

L & G Consulting Engineers Inc
2100 W. Expressway 83
Mercedes, TX 78570
(956) 565-9813 Fax (956) 565-9018

INVOICE #: 11324051
INVOICE DATE: 01/31/12

BILL TO:

Hidalgo County
100 E. Cano
Edinburg, TX 78539

JOB: 110101

HCMPO - On Call Eng Services
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HCMPO POLICY MTG

January 2012 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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HCRMA STATUS & PROG

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HCRMA STATUS & PROG TOTAL: 2,327.56

TOTAL 6,982.68



Project Manager's Signature

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AGENDA

*Hidalgo County Metropolitan Planning Organization
Technical Advisory Committee Meeting*

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

**Tuesday, January 10, 2012
@ 1:30 PM**

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| 1) Roll Call | | Chairman |
| 2) Approval of Minutes of November 15, 2011 | (ACTION ITEM) | MPO Staff |
| 3) Cost Over-Run Project(s) (If Needed) | (ACTION ITEM) | TxDOT |
| 4) Discussion of Pavement Management System | (DISCUSSION ITEM) | MPO Staff |
| 5) Discussion of Thoroughfare Plan | (DISCUSSION ITEM) | MPO Staff |
| 6) Discussion of MTP/TIP Amendment | (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: January & February 2012 | | |
| 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, January 10, 2012

HCMPO Conference Room

Weslaco, TX.

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Hidalgo County Metropolitan Planning Organization

Policy Committee Meeting

HCMPO Conference Room

510 South Pleasantview Drive

January 19, 2012

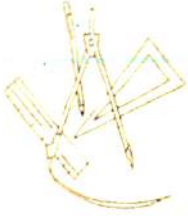
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TAB I	ROLL CALL		
TAB II	CITIZEN'S INPUT		
TAB III	PRESENTATIONS / ACTION / DISCUSSION ITEM(S)		
A.	Approval of Minutes	(ACTION ITEM)	CHAIRMAN
	➤ October 20, 2011		
	➤ December 15, 2011		
B.	Discussion & Approval of Elections for Secretary Position	(ACTION ITEM)	CHAIRMAN
C.	Discussion & Approval of Establishment of Voting Privileges	(ACTION ITEM)	MPO STAFF
	➤ City of Donna		
	➤ City of Peñitas		
D.	Discussion & Approval of Entering into Negotiations with Potential Consultant for Downtown Edinburg Study	(ACTION ITEM)	MPO STAFF
E.	Recognition & Acknowledgement of Hidalgo County Regional Mobility Authority Chairman (HCRMA) Dennis Burleson	(ACTION ITEM)	MPO STAFF
F.	Discussion of MTP/TIP Amendment	(DISCUSSION ITEM)	MPO STAFF
G.	Discussion on TTI – Regional MPO Study	(DISCUSSION ITEM)	MPO STAFF
H.	Monthly Letting Update	(UPDATE ITEM)	TxDOT
TAB IV	STAFF REPORT	(UPDATE / DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEM)	MPO STAFF
A.	Calendar: February & March 2012		
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
January 19, 2012

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	NAME	ENTITY AND ADDRESS	PHONE	FAX	E-MAIL ADDRESS
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5.	Roy Garcia	Pharr	787-9772		
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7.	Anthony Berry	LtB			
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MEMO

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

From: Jacinto Garza, P.E.

Date: January 17, 2012

RE: Hidalgo County Metropolitan Planning Organization (HCMPO) Policy Committee Meeting,
January 19, 2012 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 made available on January 16, 2012 for the upcoming meeting to be held on Thursday, January 19, 2012 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 Vice Chair Ms. Diana Martinez (City of Alamo) will become the Chairperson. The current Secretary Mr. Guillermo Ramirez (City of Hidalgo) will become Vice Chair, this occurs every 2 years. No one has been recommended or selected for the position. This will be done at the MPO Policy meeting.

C. Discussion & Approval of Establishment of Voting Privileges **(ACTION ITEM)** MPO STAFF

TECHNICAL INFORMATION:

As per the HCMPO bylaws, entities with ex-officio status can reinstate their voting privileges at the Policy Committee by attending three consecutive Policy meetings.

RECCOMENDATION:

The cities of Donna and Penuelas have met these requirements and it is our recommendation that their voting privileges be reinstated.

D. Discussion & Approval of Entering into Negotiations with **(ACTION ITEM)** MPO STAFF Potential Consultant for Downtown Edinburg Study

TECHNICAL INFORMATION:

The MPO Staff released an RFQ to conduct the Downtown Edinburg Study. Only one firm responded to the RFQ, Aldana Engineering & Traffic Design. They are requesting approval to begin negotiations.

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

TECHNICAL INFORMATION:

The HCMPO TIP and MTP have undergone several minor administrative changes such as minor adjustments to specific line items and TxDOT cost overruns.

In the coming months the development of the 2013-2016 TIP and an update of the 2010-2035 MTP will be occurring. The HCMPO has requested status updates on project development from the entities with projects within the first 10 years of the TIP/MTP to ensure that projects within the 10 year window in which TxDOT / FHWA will review project documents.

The MPO has requested updates on project development from entities with projects listed on the TIP/MTP.

RECCOMENDATION:

Projects that are actively being developed should be given priority for Category 7 funding within this 10 year window to ensure they are reviewed by TxDOT / FHWA.

COMMISSIONERS ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO COORDINATE WITH THEIR TRANSPORTATION ENGINEERS TO PROVIDE PROJECT UPDATES TO THE MPO.

G. Discussion on TTI – Regional MPO Study **(DISCUSSION ITEM) MPO STAFF**

TECHNICAL INFORMATION:

The HCMPO in coordination with the county judges offices from Cameron and Hidalgo County and other local leaders have been meeting regarding the regionalization of the MPO and the potential benefits of doing so.

At the request of the Harlingen/San Benito MPO and Cameron County the Texas Transportation Institute is performing a study to quantify the potential funding benefits of a single large MPO in the region.

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 SPECIAL MEETING

3:00 PM, THURSDAY, JANUARY 12, 2012

DANNENBAUM ENGINEERING CORPORATION

1109 NOLANA LOOP, SUITE 208 (2nd Floor)

MCALLEN, TEXAS 78504

PRESIDING: DENNIS BURLESON, CHAIRMAN

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM
2. PUBLIC COMMENT
3. REPORTS AND ACTION ITEMS: DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION
 - A. Report from Selection Committee on Executive Director position.
4. Chairman's Report – Dennis Burleson
5. 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
 1. Interview candidates recommended by Selection Committee

Note: If you require special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act, please contact Flor E. Koll at 956-969-5822 at least 24 hours before the meeting.

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."

AGENDA

HIDALGO COUNTY REGIONAL MOBILITY AUTHORITY

BOARD OF DIRECTORS WORKSHOP

4:30 PM, THURSDAY, JANUARY 12, 2012

DANNENBAUM ENGINEERING CORPORATION

1109 NOLANA LOOP, SUITE 208 (2nd Floor)

MCALLEN, TEXAS 78504

PRESIDING: DENNIS BURLESON, CHAIRMAN

The Hidalgo County Regional Mobility Authority will hear a presentation from Dannenbaum Engineering Corporation and have discussion on a strategic plan for 2012-2035 for the Hidalgo County Roadway System.

No action will be taken by the Hidalgo County Regional Mobility Authority at this workshop.

Note: If you require special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act, please contact Flor E. Koll at 956-969-5822 at least 24 hours before the meeting.



HIDALGO COUNTY REGIONAL MOBILITY AUTHORITY (HCRMA)

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING & WORKSHOP

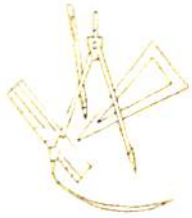
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2012

DANNENBAUM ENGINEERING CORPORATION

1109 NOLANA LOOP, SUITE 208 (2ND FLOOR)

McALLEN, TEXAS

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15 Dana Pat Erickson	Land Owner	218-244-2694	
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MEMO

To: Hidalgo County Judge, Ramon Garcia
From: Jacinto Garza, P.E.
Date: January 16, 2012
RE: Hidalgo County Regional Mobility Authority (HCRMA) Meeting,
January 12, 2012 at 3:00 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(s) for the meeting(s) held on Thursday January 12, 2012 at 3:00 p.m. We have reviewed the agenda items that were discussed as they relate to Hidalgo County and we provide the following progress report.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Comments were made from 4 individuals who reside in the Quiet Village Trailer park in Donna, Texas. The comments were inquiries as to when the IBTC project would be constructed.

3. REPORTS AND ACTION ITEMS: DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

A. Report from Selection Committee on Executive Director position.

4. Chairman's Report – Dennis Burleson

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1. Interview candidates recommended by Selection Committee

No action was taken in executive session.

HIDALGO COUNTY REGIONAL MOBILITY AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS WORKSHOP
4:30 PM, THURSDAY, JANUARY 12, 2012

The Hidalgo County Regional Mobility Authority will hear a presentation from Dannenbaum Engineering Corporation and have discussion on a strategic plan for 2012-2035 for the Hidalgo County Roadway System. No action will be taken by the Hidalgo County Regional Mobility Authority at this workshop.

Louis Jones of the Dannenbaum Corporation presented an executive summary (attached) of the various scenarios for moving forward with developing the RMA's projects.

The mobility authority's strategic plan is an effort to prioritize projects into short-term, intermediate and long-term time frames that reflect their cost, available funding and need.

One of the options presented involves postponing the development of the original inner portions of the Hidalgo Loop, the IBTC and TCC projects for approximately 4 to 5 years and instead moving forward with the La Joya Bypass project and the overpass along US 281 (Military Highway) at San Juan Road (see attached map – Tab 1). This would be accomplished by shifting construction funds already allocated to the TCC to the La Joya Bypass Project (see attached Strategic Plan – Tab 2).

The RMA plans to clear the entire Hidalgo Loop environmentally and prepare it for construction later in the future. This option was viewed as more feasible overall to the RMA board than other options provided in the alternate strategic plans. A complete copy of the presentation shown at the workshop is included as Tab 3.

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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Attachments:

Tab 1 – HCRMA Projects Map
Tab 2 – HCRMA Strategic Plan 1C
Tab 3 – HCRMA Strategic Plan Executive Summary