

February 1, 2013

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

**RE: PROGRESS REPORT**  
**Activities at the HCMPO, HCRMA, and Traffic Studies for the month of January 2013**  
**Work Authorization No. 1 Contract #C-11-054-04-12**

Dear Judge Garcia and County Commissioners,

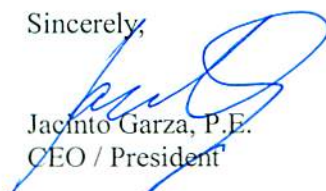
Attached is our invoice for the month of January 2013. This invoice covers the basic fee associated for attending Hidalgo County Metropolitan Planning Organization (HCMPO) technical and policy meetings, and the Hidalgo County Regional Mobility Authority (HCRMA) meeting. No traffic studies were conducted or requested during this time period.

The following tasks were accomplished this month.

- January 2013 – Jacinto Garza P.E. and Anthony Garza reviewed the HCMPO TAC agenda and packet. Anthony Garza attended the meeting(s) and the sign in sheet is attached.
- January 2013 – Jacinto Garza P.E. and Anthony Garza reviewed the HCMPO Policy Committee agenda and packet, provided recommendations and information to Commissioners Court. Anthony Garza attended the meeting and the sign in sheet is attached.
- January 2013 – Jacinto Garza P.E. and Anthony Garza reviewed the HCRMA meeting agenda. Anthony Garza attended the meeting and the agenda and narrative report provided to the court regarding the events at the meeting and the sign in sheet are attached.
- As outlined in the policy memo Commissioner Joe Flores, Precinct No. 3, and Commissioner Joseph Palacios, Precinct No. 4, requested an update on the status of projects within their precincts at the MPO prior to the policy meeting. Mr. Jacinto Garza and staff visited with the commissioners individually and provided them with the most recent project information.

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

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HIDALGO COUNTY

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INVOICE #: 11324378  
INVOICE DATE: 01/31/13

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**JOB: 110101**

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**HCMPO POLICY MTG**

January 2013

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2327.560 / mtg

2,327.56

**HCMPO POLICY MTG TOTAL:**

2,327.56

**HCMPO TECH MEETING**

January 2013

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**HCMPO TECH MEETING TOTAL:**

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**HCRMA STATUS & PROG**

January 2013

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**HCRMA STATUS & PROG TOTAL:**

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**TOTAL**

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HIDALGO COUNTY  
BUDGET OFFICE

  
Project Manager's Signature

# AGENDA

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

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

**Tuesday, January 8, 2013  
@ 1:30 P.M.**

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|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------|
| 1) Roll Call                                                                                |                                     | Chairman     |
| 2) Approval of Minutes of:<br>➤ November 27, 2012                                           | (ACTION ITEM)                       | MPO Staff    |
| 3) Cost Over-Run Project(s) (If Needed)                                                     | (ACTION ITEM)                       | TxDOT        |
| 4) Discussion & Approval of FY2013-2016 TIP Amendment #3<br>& FY2010-2035 MTP Amendment #10 | (ACTION ITEM)                       | MPO Staff    |
| 5) Discussion & Approval of Thoroughfare Plan Amendment                                     | (ACTION ITEM)                       | MPO Staff    |
| 6) Discussion & Approval of 5310 Designation of Recipient                                   | (ACTION ITEM)                       | MPO Staff    |
| 7) Discussion of Limited English Proficiency (LEP)                                          | (DISCUSSION ITEM)                   | MPO Staff    |
| 8) Discussion of FY2013 CMP Map – Lane Mile                                                 | (DISCUSSION ITEM)                   | MPO Staff    |
| 9) Discussion of Criteria of Enhancement                                                    | (DISCUSSION ITEM)                   | MPO Staff    |
| 10) Discussion of FY2014-15 UPWP                                                            | (DISCUSSION ITEM)                   | MPO Staff    |
| 11) Discussion of HCMPO Policy Training                                                     | (DISCUSSION ITEM)                   | MPO Staff    |
| 12) Update on HCMPO Certification                                                           | (UPDATE ITEM)                       | MPO Staff    |
| 13) Monthly Letting Update                                                                  | (UPDATE ITEM)                       | TxDOT        |
| 14) Staff Report                                                                            | (UPDATE / DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEM) | MPO Staff    |
| A. Calendar: February & March 2013                                                          |                                     |              |
| B. Legislative / RTAP Update                                                                |                                     |              |
| C. HCMPO Budget Report                                                                      |                                     |              |
| D. HCMPO Project Update                                                                     |                                     |              |
| E. Director's Update                                                                        |                                     |              |
| 15) HCRMA Update                                                                            | (UPDATE)                            | HCRMA        |
| 16) Valley Metro                                                                            | (UPDATE)                            | VALLEY METRO |
| 17) Metro                                                                                   | (UPDATE)                            | METRO        |
| 18) Hidalgo County Commuter Rail District                                                   | (UPDATE)                            | HCCRD        |
| 19) Old or New Business                                                                     | (UPDATE / DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEM) | Chairman     |
| 20) Adjournment                                                                             |                                     |              |

# HIDALGO COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

Technical Advisory Committee Meeting – Tuesday, January 08, 2013

HCMPO Conference Room

Weslaco, TX.

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	NAME	ENTITY AND ADDRESS	PHONE	FAX	E-MAIL ADDRESS
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4.	Ed Taylor	McAllen			
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15.	Jeremy Santoscam	McALLEN			

# AGENDA

Hidalgo County Metropolitan Planning Organization  
Transportation Policy Committee Meeting

HCMPO Conference Room  
510 South Pleasantview Drive

January 24, 2013

@ 5:30 PM

TAB I	ROLL CALL		
TAB II	CITIZEN'S INPUT		
TAB III	PRESENTATIONS / ACTION / DISCUSSION ITEM(S)		
A.	Approval of Minutes	(ACTION ITEM)	CHAIRMAN
	➤ December 13, 2012		
B.	Discussion & Approval of Executive Session	(ACTION ITEM)	CHAIRMAN
	➤ Transportation Director's Evaluation		
C.	Discussion & Approval of FY2013-2016 TIP Amendment #3 & FY2010-2035 MTP Amendment #10	(ACTION ITEM)	MPO STAFF
D.	Discussion & Approval of Thoroughfare Plan Amendment	(ACTION ITEM)	MPO STAFF
E.	Discussion of 5310 Designation of Recipient	(ACTION ITEM)	MPO STAFF
F.	Discussion of Limited English Proficiency (LEP)	(DISCUSSION ITEM)	MPO STAFF
G.	Discussion of Criteria of Enhancement	(DISCUSSION ITEM)	MPO STAFF
H.	Discussion of FY2014-15 UPWP	(DISCUSSION ITEM)	MPO STAFF
I.	Discussion of HCMPO Policy Training	(DISCUSSION ITEM)	MPO STAFF
J.	Update on HCMPO Certification	(UPDATE ITEM)	MPO STAFF
K.	Monthly Letting Update	(UPDATE ITEM)	TxDOT
TAB IV	STAFF REPORT	(UPDATE / DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEM)	MPO STAFF
A.	Calendar: February & March 2013		
B.	Legislative / RTAP Update		
C.	HCMPO Budget Report		
D.	HCMPO Project Update		
E.	Director's 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**  
**January 24, 2013**

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	NAME	ENTITY AND ADDRESS	PHONE	FAX	E-MAIL ADDRESS
1.	Juan R Lopez	Edinburg	388-8202	292-9080	jlopez@cityofedinburg.com
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3.	Bill Weckert	Pharr	702-5335		william.weckert@pharr-tx.gov
4.	Anthony Garza	HTG			
5.	Guillermo Ramirez	City of Hidalgo	655-3423		memomex@hotmail.com
6.	Raymond B. Sanchez	TXDOT-Route Reg	702-6232		Raymond.Sanchez@txdot.gov
7.	JUAN A. SUSTAITA, Jr	TXDOT-Pharr/Corpus	702-6338		juan.sustaita@txdot.gov
8.	Ed Caylor	McAllen	681-1250		
9.	MICHAEL CEO	Hidalgo County	318-2600		
10.	Ryan Burch	TXDOT	702-6354		Ryan.burch@TXDOT.GOV
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## MEMO

To: Hidalgo Co. Comm. Pct. #2, Hector "Tito" Palacios  
From: Jacinto Garza, P.E.  
Date: January 22, 2013  
RE: Hidalgo County Metropolitan Planning Organization (HCMPO) Policy Committee Meeting,  
January 24, 2013 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 22, 2013 for the upcoming meeting to be held on Thursday, January 24, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. If you have any questions regarding these items or projects within your precinct contact your Technical Representative Mr. Anthony Garza at (956) 565-9813.

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 Executive Session Transportation Director's Evaluation (**ACTION ITEM**) CHAIRMAN

#### TECHNICAL INFORMATION:

This item relates to the Evaluation of the HCMPO's Director Mr. Andrew Cannon.

C. Discussion & Approval of FY2013-2016 TIP Amendment #3 & FY2010-2035 MTP Amendment #10 (**ACTION ITEM**) MPO STAFF

#### TECHNICAL INFORMATION:

In the preceding 6 to 8 months bids received on TxDOT projects have been 30% to 50% higher than the engineer's estimates for each individual project. On September 11, 2012 the HCMPO requested updates to the construction cost estimates for all the projects on the TIP and MTP. Mr. Anthony Garza of L&G Engineering contacted individual precincts and on October 4, 2012 sent a letter to the respective project engineers requesting they provide updated project cost estimates. The MPO received this information and MPO staff, TxDOT, and the Technical Committee reviewed this information and incorporated the changes.

The federal government requires the TIP and MTP to be "balanced or "fiscally constrained" by the end of the calendar year. Every effort was made to not disturb projects that are in development (engineering/environmental/ROW) or have Advanced Funding Agreements in place with TxDOT. As a result, some of the changes made to the TIP/MTP are listed below:

- Owassa, HC-106, moved from 2014 to 2018
- La Homa, HC-48b, moved from 2014 to 2016
- FM 676, HC-117b, moved from 2019 to 2023
- FM 907, HC-119, moved from 2020 to 2021
- La Joya, Relief Route, HC-60c, moved from 2013 to 2014

- Dicker Rd, HC-291, was placed in 2023 fully funded with Category 7 funds
- SH 336 (10<sup>th</sup> Street), HC-79, moved from 2016 to 2017
- Mile 3 North, HC-119, moved from 2019 to 2020
- Liberty Road, HC-284a, moved from 2017 to 2019
- FM 493, HC-34a, moved from 2021 to 2023

TxDOT has committed to working with local entities to let projects as they become ready. This means that if a project listed in later years of the MTP and becomes "shovel ready" and has environmental clearance and ROW in place it will be let ahead of schedule. As you can see, the Technical Committee and staff have had to make very challenging decisions with regards to projects and funding availability. The current DRAFT MTP dated January 3, 2013 is attached for your use.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is our recommendation to approve the current TIP and MTP amendments as presented.

D. Discussion & Approval of Thoroughfare Plan Amendment **(ACTION ITEM)** MPO STAFF

**TECHNICAL INFORMATION:**

In the preceding months the MPO has requested that entities provide information for the annual update to the Thoroughfare Plan. Changes were requested by the City of McAllen and Hidalgo County Pct. 4 and are included in the update.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is our recommendation to approve this item as presented.

E. Discussion of 5310 Designation of Recipient **(ACTION ITEM)** MPO STAFF

**TECHNICAL INFORMATION:**

The latest Federal Transportation Bill passed in late 2012 made several changes to federal transit program funding and administration. This item relates to the re-designation of the urban area and filing of additional paperwork for the HCMPO to continue to receive certain federal transit funding.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is our recommendation to approve this item as presented.

F. Discussion of Limited English Proficiency (LEP) **(DISCUSSION ITEM)** MPO STAFF

**TECHNICAL INFORMATION:**

The HCMPO is currently developing a Limited English Proficiency (LEP) plan to assist in public involvement efforts. Currently all federal programs typically include a plan to provide outreach to non English speaking persons in the vicinity. Having a documented LEP plan will be a useful tool in furthering outreach efforts and may assist in protecting the MPO from any future LEP related litigation.

G. Discussion of Criteria of Enhancement **(DISCUSSION ITEM)** MPO STAFF

**TECHNICAL INFORMATION:**

In late 2012 TxDOT released a call for Transportation Enhancement (TE) projects. Applications were due in December 2012. The Technical Committee has been working towards the creation of a scoring system to rank the applications for funding. The criteria currently being presented is what has been approved at the sub committee and at TAC.

H. Discussion of FY2014-15 UPWP **(DISCUSSION ITEM)** MPO STAFF

**TECHNICAL INFORMATION:**

The HCMPO is preparing the Unified Planning and Work Program that serves as the MPO's planning and budgetary document. The HCMPO is requesting that the County inform the MPO of any planned transportation related studies to be completed in FY 2014-2015 so that they may include it in their funding scenario and or not complete duplicate work. Funding may also be available to have the MPO perform specific studies.

I. Discussion of HCMPO Policy Training **(DISCUSSION ITEM)** MPO STAFF

**TECHNICAL INFORMATION:**

The HCMPO has a Policy MPOP training workshop scheduled for January 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> at 5:30pm. The workshop is intended to train individuals on the workings of the MPO. If you would like to attend please contact the MPO staff this week.

J. Update on HCMPO Certification **(UPDATE ITEM)** MPO STAFF

**TECHNICAL INFORMATION:**

Since the HCMPO is funded with Federal transportation funds the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) performs an audit and review of the HCMPO on an annual basis. The current certification is planned to occur during the week of February 18 to the 21<sup>st</sup>, 2013.

# HIDALGO COUNTY REGIONAL MOBILITY AUTHORITY

## NOTICE OF AND AGENDA FOR A WORKSHOP AND REGULAR MEETING TO BE HELD BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**DATE:** WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2013  
**TIME:** 4:30 PM  
**PLACE:** PHARR CITY HALL  
2<sup>nd</sup> FLOOR, CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS  
118 SOUTH CAGE BOULEVARD  
PHARR, TEXAS 78577

**PRESIDING: DENNIS BURLESON, CHAIRMAN**

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### **CALL TO ORDER FOR WORKSHOP**

1. Review of SH 365 and IBTC Projects Development/Construction Cost and Financing Options

### **ADJOURNMENT OF WORKSHOP**

### **CALL TO ORDER FOR REGULAR MEETING**

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

#### **1. REPORTS**

- A. Update on SH 365 Project – Louis Jones, Program Manager
2. **CONSENT AGENDA** *(All matters listed under Consent Agenda are considered to be routine by the Governing Body and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items; however, if discussion is desired, that item(s) will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately. The Governing Body may also elect to go into Executive Session on any item, whether or not such item(s) are posted as an Executive Session Item, at any time during the meeting when authorized by provisions of the Open Meeting Act.)*
  - A. Approval of Minutes for Regular Meeting held December 18, 2012.
  - B. Approval of Project Expense Report for Period from December 14, 2012 to January 8, 2013
  - C. Approval of Financial Report for November 2012
  - D. Resolution 2013-01 – Approval of Updates to the Internal Ethics Compliance Manual – Employee Conduct Manual

#### **3. REGULAR AGENDA**

- A. Resolution 2013-02 – Approval of Supplemental Number 2 to Work Authorization Number 5 of Professional Service Agreement with Dannenbaum Engineering for General Engineering and Continued Program Management of SH 365 and IBTC Projects
- B. Resolution 2013-03 - Approval of Work Authorization Number 6 to Professional Service Agreement with Dannenbaum Engineering for General Engineering and Continued Program Management of SH 365 and IBTC Projects
- C. Resolution 2013-04 – Extension of Professional Service Agreement for one (1) year with the Law Office of Dan Rios and Tuggey-Fernandez, LLP

#### **4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

- A. Report on US 281 Coalition Meeting held on December 19, 2012, in Falfurrias, Texas
- B. Report on Texas Transportation Forum Meeting to be held on February 17-19, 2013, in Austin, Texas

#### **5. TABLED ITEMS**

- A. None

**6. EXECUTIVE SESSION, CHAPTER 551, TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071 (CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY), SECTION 551.072 (DELIBERATION OF REAL PROPERTY), AND SECTION 551.074 (PERSONNEL MATTERS)**

- A. Consultation with Board Attorney and Financial Advisor on legal issues pertaining to financial options, including current obligations (Section 551.071 T.G.C.)
- B. Consultation with Board Attorney regarding legal issues pertaining to the scope of the proposed South Texas Class I Rail Project (Section 551.071 T.G.C.)

**ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR MEETING**

**PUBLIC COMMENT POLICY**

Public Comment 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."

**CERTIFICATION**

I, the Undersigned Authority, do hereby certify that the attached agenda of the Hidalgo County Regional Mobility Authority Board of Directors is a true and correct copy and that I posted a true and correct copy of said notice on the Hidalgo County Regional Mobility Authority Web Page ([www.hcrma.net](http://www.hcrma.net)) and the bulletin board in the Hidalgo County Court House (100 North Clossner, Edinburg, Texas 78539), a place convenient and readily accessible to the general public at all times, and said Notice was posted on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2013 at 12:00 pm and will remain so posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of said meeting in accordance with Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.

Flor E. Koll  
Program Administrator

Note: If you require special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act, please contact Flor E. Koll at 956-402-4762 at least 24 hours before the meeting.



**BOARD MEETING**  
**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2013 (4:30 PM)**  
**PHARR CITY HALL**  
**118 S. CAGE BLVD., 2ND FLOOR**  
**PHARR, TEXAS**

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January 21, 2013

Hector "Tito" Palacios, Hidalgo County Commissioner Pct. No. 2  
300 W. Hall Acres Suite G  
Pharr, TX 78577

**RE: Hidalgo County Regional Mobility Authority (HCRMA) Meeting,  
January 16, 2013 at 4:30 P.M. – Progress Report**

Dear Commissioner Palacios:

As your Technical Representative for the Hidalgo County MPO, we provide you with a monthly HCRMA update. Attached for your use and information is the HCRMA Workshop and Regular Meeting Agenda for the meeting held on Wednesday January 16, 2013 at 4:30 P.M. We have reviewed the agenda items that were discussed in all three meetings as they relate to Hidalgo County and have provided the following progress report.

**WORKSHOP**

**1. Review of SH 365 and IBTC Projects Development/Construction Cost and Financing Options**

The HCRMA's Traffic and Revenue consultant, C&M, presented a Traffic and Revenue report in December 2012 regarding the latest traffic projections for RMA projects. The study indicated a significant drop, approximately 60%, in projected traffic from the study completed by the RMA in 2010. At this workshop Dannenbaum Engineering, HCRMA's Program Manager, presented the options for moving forward with the development of the SH 365 (West-TCC) and IBTC (East) projects based on the 2012 revenue projections.

Dannenbaum presented two options that allow the RMA to move forward with the development of both RMA projects. Current projections indicate that the RMA can environmentally clear the SH 365 (West) project, acquire all the Right-of-Way (ROW), and has approximately 80% of the construction funds available to complete the SH 365 project. The gap needed to construct the project is approximately \$18 million dollars. Two potential solutions to cover the funding shortfall are:

- Seek state or federal funds to cover the gap in the coming years, or
- if funds are not available, revise the design of the project to a 2 lane roadway west of 23<sup>rd</sup> street and eliminate specific ramps to reduce the construction cost.

The current strategic plan does not change with either option. The current strategic plan includes funding the effort to environmentally clear the IBTC (east) project and also acquire 100% of the ROW needed to construct the project.. This will bring the IBTC project to “shovel ready” status for any construction funds that become available in the future.

## **REGULAR MEETING**

### **1. REPORTS**

#### A. Update on SH 365 Project – Louis Jones, Program Manager

Mr. Louis Jones of Dannenbaum Engineering provided an update on the status the development of HCRMA projects. The critical item mentioned in this update was the status of the Environmental Classification Letter for the SH 365 (TCC - west) project which has received an EA classification. Mr. Mario Jorge, the TxDOT Pharr District Engineer, concurred that the RMA should continue to aggressively pursue environmental clearance on their projects in anticipation of future state and federal funding.

### **3. REGULAR AGENDA**

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B. Resolution 2013-03 - Approval of Work Authorization Number 6 to Professional Service Agreement with Dannenbaum Engineering for General Engineering and Continued Program Management of SH 365 and IBTC Projects

The RMA board approved both item A&B to allow Dannenbaum to continue working on HCRMA projects as program manager for a period of approximately 6 months.

C. Resolution 2013-04 – Extension of Professional Service Agreement for one (1) year with the Law Office of Dan Rios and Tuggey-Fernandez, LLP

This item was tabled. It was determined that further discussion was warranted at a later date.

**6. EXECUTIVE SESSION, CHAPTER 551, TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071 (CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY), SECTION 551.072 (DELIBERATION OF REAL PROPERTY), AND SECTION 551.074 (PERSONNEL MATTERS)**

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*No action was taken in executive session*

If you have any questions or would like to schedule a meeting to discuss these items or projects within your precinct please contact me, or your Technical Representative, Mr. Anthony Garza at (956) 565-9813.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "JG for", is written above the typed name.

Jacinto Garza, P.E.  
CEO / President