



April 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 March 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 March 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.

- March 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.
- March 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.
- March 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.

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 #: 11324405
INVOICE DATE: 03/31/13

BILL TO:

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Edinburg, TX 78539

JOB: 110101

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 March 2013.

HCMPO POLICY MTG

March 2013

1.00mtg 2327.560 / mtg 2,327.56

HCMPO POLICY MTG TOTAL: 2,327.56

HCMPO TECH MEETING

March 2013

1.00mtg 2327.560 / mtg 2,327.56

HCMPO TECH MEETING TOTAL: 2,327.56


HCRMA STATUS & PROG

March 2013

1.00mtg 2327.560 / mtg 2,327.56

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, March 05, 2013
@ 1:30 P.M.

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| 1) Roll Call | | Chairman |
| 2) Approval of Minutes of:
➤ February 05, 2013 | (ACTION ITEM) | MPO Staff |
| 3) Cost Over-Run Project(s) (If Needed) | (ACTION ITEM) | TxDOT |
| 4) Discussion & Approval of Urbanized Area Boundary | (ACTION ITEM) | MPO Staff |
| 5) Discussion & Approval of Metropolitan Area Boundary | (ACTION ITEM) | MPO Staff |
| 6) Discussion & Approval of Functional Classification Update | (ACTION ITEM) | MPO Staff |
| 7) Discussion & Approval to Enter Into Contract with COPLAN for the CMP | (ACTION ITEM) | MPO Staff |
| 8) Discussion on FY2013-16 TIP and FY2010-35 MTP Amendments | (DISCUSSION ITEM) | MPO Staff |
| 9) Discussion on FY2013-16 Transit TIP Amendment | (DISCUSSION ITEM) | MPO Staff |
| 10) Update on HCMPO Certification | (UPDATE ITEM) | MPO Staff |
| 11) Update on Sidewalk Inventory | (UPDATE ITEM) | MPO Staff |
| 12) Monthly Letting Update | (UPDATE ITEM) | TxDOT |
| 13) Staff Report | (UPDATE / DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEM) | MPO Staff |
| A. Calendar: March & April 2013 | | |
| B. Legislative / RTAP Update | | |
| C. HCMPO Budget Report | | |
| D. HCMPO Project Update | | |
| E. Director's Update | | |
| 14) HCRMA Update | (UPDATE) | HCRMA |
| 15) Valley Metro | (UPDATE) | VALLEY METRO |
| 16) Metro | (UPDATE) | METRO |
| 17) Hidalgo County Commuter Rail District | (UPDATE) | HCCRD |
| 18) Old or New Business | (UPDATE / DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEM) | Chairman |
| 19) Adjournment | | |

HIDALGO COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

Technical Advisory Committee Meeting – Tuesday, March 5, 2013

HCMPO Conference Room

Weslaco, TX.

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	NAME	ENTITY AND ADDRESS	PHONE	FAX	E-MAIL ADDRESS
1.	Joe A. Calife	Commission, LUG			
2.	Michelle Leftwich	City of Mercedes	565-3114	565-5184	
3.	Mardoqueo Hinojosa	City of Weslaco	447-3401		
4.	Xavier Cerumtes	City of San Juan	227-2220		
5.	Norma Y. Garza	TxDOT	702-6180		
6.	Homer Bazzin	TxDOT	702-6214		
7.	Raymond G. Sanchez	TxDOT - Southside	702-6232		
8.	Anthony Garza	L&H			
9.	Maribel Contreras	Valley Metro	969-5761		
10.	Michael Estrada	City of Pecos	469-3314		
11.	Jaime S. Sandoval	COA	787-0006		
12.	Eric Davila	HCCMT - PMC Pannenhacker	682-3677		
13.	Judy Davila	City of Sullivan	485-2828		
14.	Jim Ege	HCCRD			
15.					

AGENDA

Hidalgo County Metropolitan Planning Organization
Transportation Policy Committee Meeting

HCMPO Conference Room
510 South Pleasantview Drive

March 21, 2013

@ 5:30 PM

UPDATED AGENDA

TAB I	ROLL CALL		
TAB II	CITIZEN'S INPUT		
TAB III	PRESENTATIONS / ACTION / DISCUSSION ITEM(S)		
	A. Approval of Minutes	(ACTION ITEM)	CHAIRMAN
	➤ February 21, 2013		
	B. Discussion & Approval to Urbanized Area Boundary	(ACTION ITEM)	MPO STAFF
	C. Discussion & Approval of Metropolitan Area Boundary	(ACTION ITEM)	MPO STAFF
	D. Discussion & Approval of Enter Into Contract with COPLAN for the CMP	(ACTION ITEM)	MPO STAFF
	E. Discussion on FY2013-16 TIP and FY2010-35 MTP Amendments	(UPDATE ITEM)	MPO STAFF
	F. Discussion on FY2013-16 Transit TIP Amendment	(UPDATE ITEM)	MPO STAFF
	G. Update on HCMPO Certification	(UPDATE ITEM)	MPO STAFF
	H. Monthly Letting Update	(UPDATE ITEM)	TxDOT
TAB IV	STAFF REPORT	(UPDATE / DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEM)	MPO STAFF
	A. Calendar: April & May 2013		
	➤ HCMPO Staff: Out of Town Travel		
	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
March 21, 2013

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	NAME	ENTITY AND ADDRESS	PHONE	FAX	E-MAIL ADDRESS
1.	Ramiro Rodriguez	City of Progreso	330-6856		
2.	Oscar Cuellar Jr	Pedinitas	240-1106		
3.	Norma Y. Garza	T&DOT	702-6180		
4.	TAM Logan	LRGVDC-VM	969 5840		
5.	Victor Morduen	LRGVDC	682 3481		
6.	Jorge Arcaute	Alton	432 0760		
7.	Anthony Garcia	L+6			
8.	Michael Estrada	City of Donna	404-2314		
9.	Juan A. Sustaita, Jr	TX DOT	702-6338		
10.	Scott Crow	McAllen	495-5000		
11.	Gerardo Tafolla	City Commission Weslaco	975-4301		
12.	Paul Lozano	Hidalgo County Pct. 1	968-8753		
13.	Danord Rodriguez	Hidalgo County Pct. 1	968-8733		
14.	Michelle Leftwich	City of Mercedes	565-3114		
15.	Ed Taylor	McAllen	681-1250		



MEMO

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

From: Jacinto Garza, P.E.

Date: March 19, 2013

RE: Hidalgo County Metropolitan Planning Organization (HCMPO) Policy Committee Meeting,
March 21, 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 March 18, 2013 for the upcoming meeting to be held on Thursday, March 21, 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 to Urbanized Area Boundary **(ACTION ITEM)** MPO STAFF

TECHNICAL INFORMATION:

The 2010 Census included new regulations and the definition of an "Urbanized Area". These regulations factor in the population density and location of urbanized areas. As a result of the 2010 Census data and these new regulations, a small portion of the City of Mercedes was determined to be part the urbanized area covered within the Harlingen – San Benito MPO Boundary, a map is available in the Policy Packet. MPO Staff has discussed with TxDOT, Federal Highway Administration, and the Census Bureau. It does not appear that this decision can be contested

No MPO projects are currently located in the area that would become part of the Harlingen-San Benito MPO Urbanized area. Discussions with the Harlingen – San Benito MPO staff have taken place and the opportunity for representation would be made available to both the City of Mercedes and Hidalgo County if desired.

RECOMMENDATION:

Although this item was not approved at the technical committee, it is our recommendation to approve this item as presented by staff.

C. Discussion & Approval of Metropolitan Area Boundary **(ACTION ITEM)** MPO STAFF

TECHNICAL INFORMATION:

The HCMPO is in the process of updating the Metropolitan Area Boundary. Staff has presented an option that extends the northern boundary to the Hidalgo County Line.

RECOMMENDATION:

Although this item was not approved at the technical committee, it is our recommendation to approve this item as presented by staff.

D. Discussion & Approval of Enter Into Contract with COPLAN for the CMP **(ACTION ITEM)** MPO STAFF

TECHNICAL INFORMATION:

The HCMPO is preparing to enter into negotiations with consultant COPLAN for the completion of the spring/summer 2013 Congestion Management Program study. Proposals were ranked and COPLAN was selected. The MPO staff is requesting action to enter a contract with COPLAN in the maximum amount of \$93,617.00.

The Technical Committee will be providing recommendations of the roadways the program would study.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is our recommendation to approve this item as presented.

E. Discussion on FY2013-16 TIP and FY2010-35 MTP Amendments **(UPDATE ITEM)** MPO STAFF

TECHNICAL INFORMATION:

The HCMPO is conducting the regular cycle TIP and MTP amendments. Detailed TIP sheets were not provided by the MPO staff prior to the meeting; however, the changes will most likely reflect the changes shown on the MTP. Currently the proposed changes include:

- FM 493 (BUS 83 to US 281): An additional \$ 2.98 million in CBI funding for construction.
- FM 681 (SH 107 to La Homa): Administrative revisions, no net funding changes
- FM 676 (SH 107 to Taylor Road): revisions reflect the \$500,000 in earmark funds available for the project in FY 2014
- US 83 / 281 Interchange: A project was added for improvements to the interchange in Pharr. The project is listed for Preliminary Engineering in FY 2013 and construction in FY 2015. A funding source has not been provided by TxDOT
- The Shary Road (FM 494) project has an overlap in the listings on the MTP. The section from Mile 5 to Mile 7 is currently listed in FY 2022 fully funded for construction. The second listing in FY 2026-30 has limits from Mile 5 to SH 107 and is funded with TRENDS. An overlap on project limits is present and we recommend the listing with the construction funds remain in place in FY 2022 and the section from Mile 7 to SH 107 be added or listed separately.
- Additionally, HCRMA project listings have been updated to include the construction of the Ultimate 6 lane configuration of the SH 365 (west) project.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is our recommendation to approve this item with the above changes to the Shary Road project listing.

F. Discussion on FY2013-16 Transit TIP Amendment **(UPDATE ITEM)** MPO STAFF

TECHNICAL INFORMATION:

Detailed Transit TIP sheets were not provided by the MPO staff prior to the meeting.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is our recommendation to approve this item as presented.

G. 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 certification occurred during the week of February 18 to the 21st, 2013.



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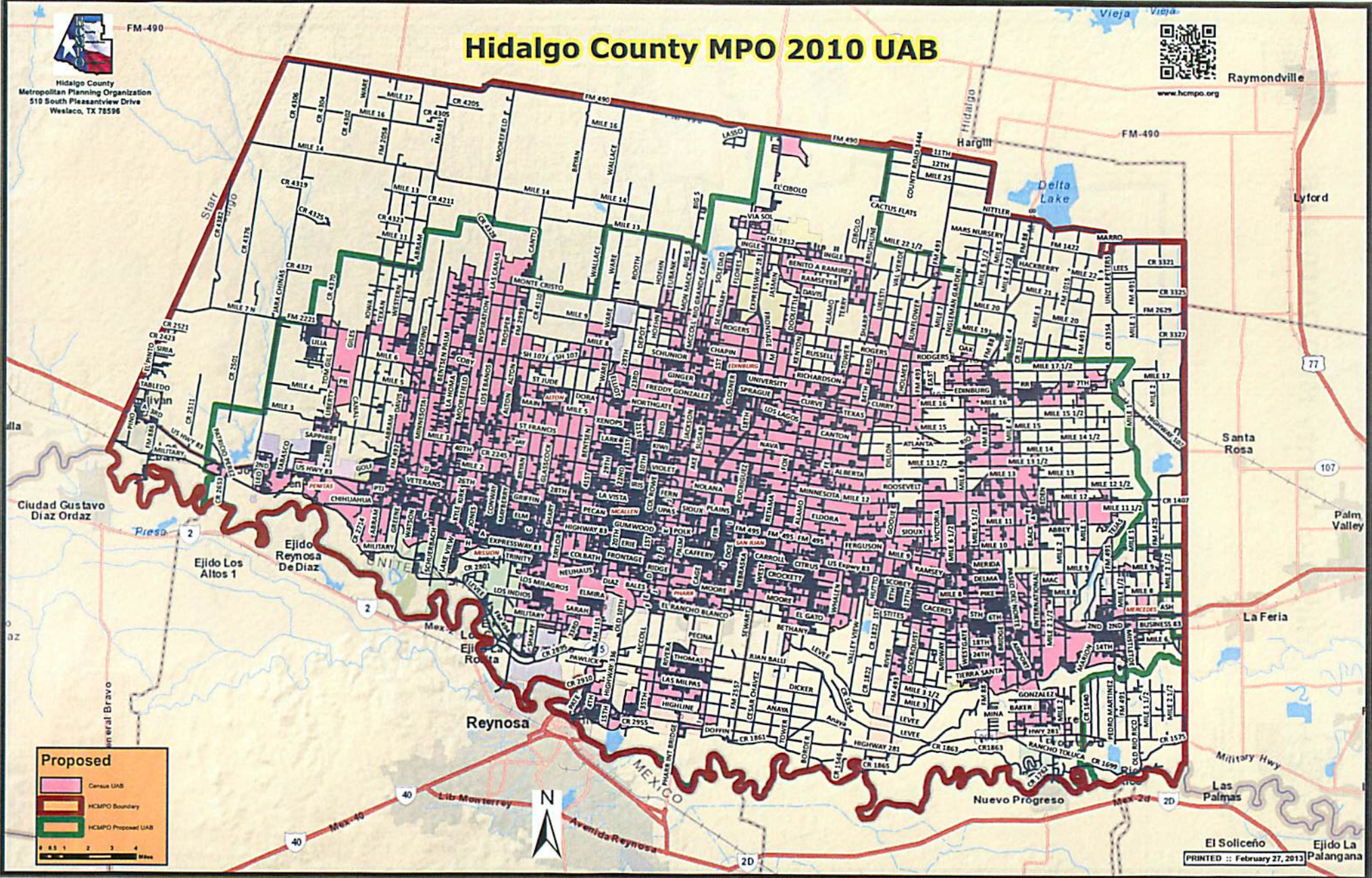
Hidalgo County Metropolitan Planning Organization
510 South Pleasantview Drive
Westaco, TX 78596

Hidalgo County MPO 2010 UAB



Raymondville

www.hcmapo.org



Proposed

- Census UAB
- HCMPPO Boundary
- HCMPPO Proposed UAB

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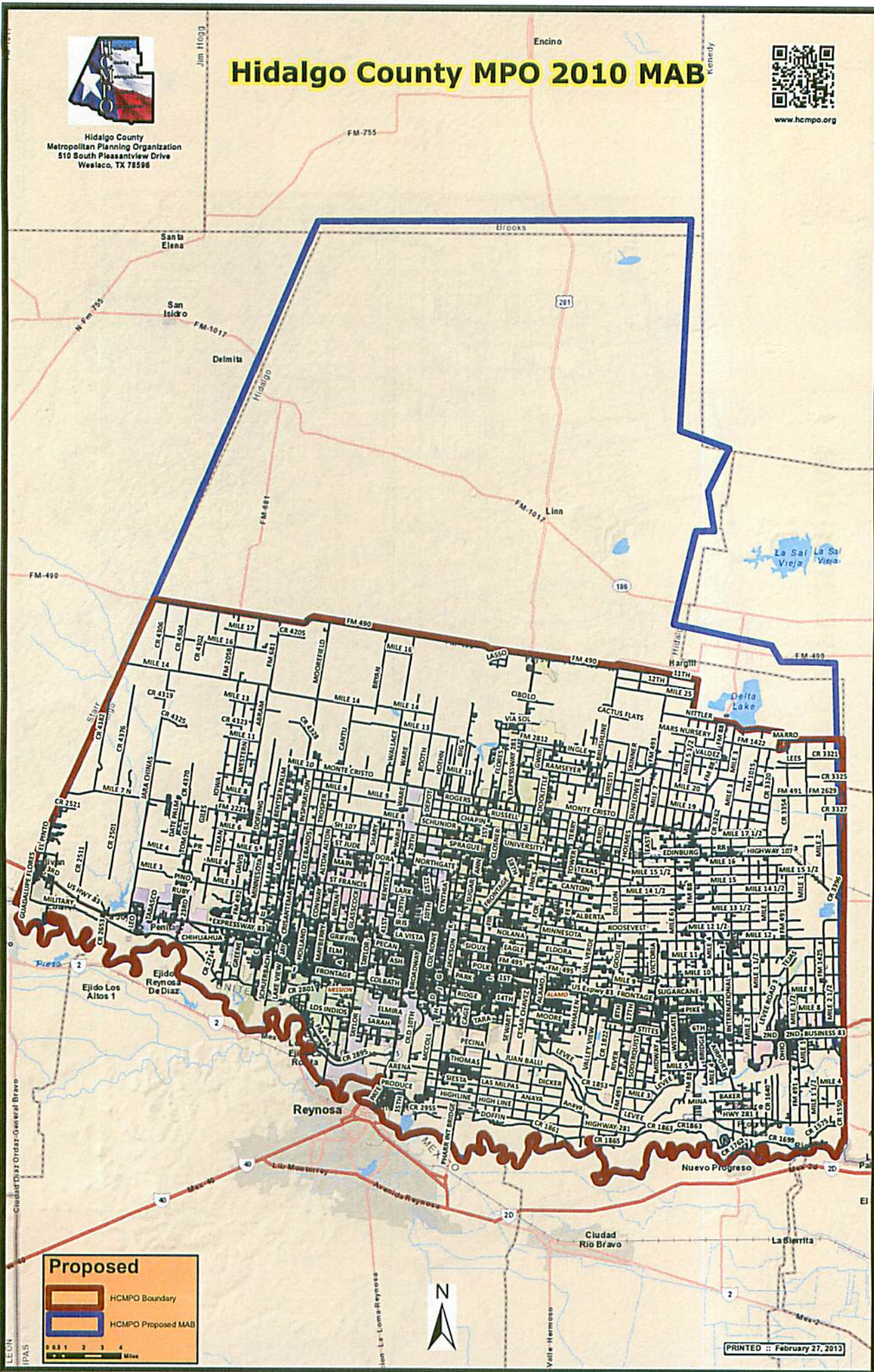


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Hidalgo County MPO 2010 MAB



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Proposed

- HCMPO Boundary
- HCMPO Proposed MAB

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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, MARCH 20, 2013
TIME: 5:30 PM
PLACE: PHARR CITY HALL
2nd FLOOR, CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS
118 SOUTH CAGE BOULEVARD
PHARR, TEXAS 78577

PRESIDING: DENNIS BURLESON, CHAIRMAN

CALL TO ORDER FOR WORKSHOP

1. Review of State Highway 68 (Segment D) Project Development Cost, Construction Cost and Schedule
2. Review of update to Strategic Plan – Program Manager Strategy No. 8 for SH 365, IBTC and SH 68 (Segment D)
3. Discussion regarding Depository Services for the Hidalgo County Regional Mobility Authority

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 February 20, 2013.
- B. Approval of Project Expense Report for Period from February 13, 2013 to March 12, 2013
- C. Approval of Financial Report for January 2013

3. REGULAR AGENDA

- A. Resolution 2013-11 – Approval of update to Strategic Plan – Program Manager Strategy No. 8 for SH 365, IBTC and SH 68 (Segment D)
- B. Resolution 2013-09 – Approval of Supplemental No. 1 to Professional Surveying Service Agreement with Quintanilla, Headley & Associates, Inc. to revise Scope of Service and Work Authorization No. 1 for SH 365 from SH 336 (10th Street) to FM 3072 (Dicker Road)
- C. Resolution 2013-10 – Approval of Supplemental No. 1 to Professional Surveying Service Agreement with DOS Land Surveying, LLC, to revise Scope of Service and Work Authorization No. 1 for SH 365 from FM 1016 (Conway Avenue) to SH 336 (10th Street)

4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

- A. Report on Public Meetings for SH 365 to be held on March 26, 27 & 28, 2013, in McAllen, Mission and Pharr, Texas

5. TABLED ITEMS

- A. Resolution 2013-05 – Approval of Request from Rio Grande Valley Partnership to Participate with the 2013 Regional Mobility Study

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 proposed agreement with McAllen Economic Development Corporation (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) 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 14th day of March, 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.



WORKSHOP AND BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 2013 5:30 PM
PHARR CITY HALL
118 S. CAGE BLVD., 3RD FLOOR
PHARR, TEXAS

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An individual letter is provided to each member of the court.

March 22, 2013

Ramon Garcia, Hidalgo County Judge
1615 S. Closner
Suite J
Edinburg, TX 78539

**RE: Hidalgo County Regional Mobility Authority (HCRMA) Meeting,
March 20, 2013 at 4:30 P.M. – Progress Report**

Dear Judge Garcia:

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 March 20, 2013 at 5:30 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.

CALL TO ORDER FOR WORKSHOP

1. Review of State Highway 68 (Segment D) Project Development Cost, Construction Cost and Schedule

Mr. Jody Ellington, the TxDOT Pharr District Deputy District Engineer, gave an update on the status of the SH 68 project (Formerly known as "Section D" or the "Mid-Valley Connector" – see attached map). On February 28, 2013 the TxDOT transportation commission designated this portion of the Hidalgo County Loop System as SH 68 (see attached TxDOT Minute Order and exhibit).

Mr. Ellington reported that the TxDOT commission and State Representative Armando Martinez coordinated with the TxDOT Pharr District in February 2013 to identify a regionally significant transportation project in the range of \$60 million dollars that could potentially receive state and federal funding in the near future. After reviewing projects in the area, primarily projects listed at the MPO, TxDOT identified Section D project as a viable candidate for this funding. Currently, TxDOT has proposed complete the project as follows:

- 1) Environmentally clear the project from the US 83 Expressway north to US 281
- 2) Acquire the Right-of-Way (ROW) from US 83 to FM 1925
- 3) Construct an at grade facility (frontage roads and no overpasses) along the proposed route from US 83 to FM 1925.

According to Mr. Ellington the cost for project development (environmental and engineering) and Right of Way (ROW) acquisition for the section of the project would be approximately \$30 million. The construction cost for the 4 lane divided at grade facility would be approximately \$55 million for a total of \$85 million dollars. Mr. Ellington reported that the amount of \$85 million dollars is expected to be funded by the TxDOT Transportation Commission at the March 28, 2013 meeting (agenda attached – SH 68 is not identified by a specific agenda item).

RMA Board Directors expressed some concerns regarding the development funding of SH 68 and the status of the project development. Primarily that the SH 68 project was less developed than the IBTC project and that the influx of \$85 million from TxDOT to the RMA would help close some of the funding gaps on current RMA projects, primarily the \$18 million dollar gap that exists on the SH 365 (west) project and the \$162 million dollar gap that exists on the IBTC (east) project (see attached map). Mr. Cano expressed that the \$85 million dollars would be sufficient to fully fund the SH 365 project for construction and make the IBTC project "shovel ready" (environmental clearance and ROW in place). Having the IBTC project shovel ready would make it more attractive for state and federal funding and help to complete the RMA roadway system to the south and include a connection to US 83.

Mr. Ellington discussed how the development of the IBTC project could trigger an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on the SH 365 project and would significantly delay the environmental clearance for both projects. Mr. Ellington further explained that the SH 68 project would be designed to connect to the IBTC project in the future. Furthermore TxDOT would only construct at grade frontage roads and the RMA would have the first right to develop tolled, expressway type, main lanes in the center of the proposed ROW in the future. This would be similar to the agreement currently in place on the La Joya Relief Route to the west. The RMA could also utilize the environmental clearance to acquire ROW from FM 1925 to US 281 and develop the remainder of the SH 68 project.

2. Review of update to Strategic Plan – Program Manager Strategy No. 8 for SH 365, IBTC and SH 68 (Segment D)

Mr. Pilar Rodriguez reported M on the funding strategies for HCRMA projects and potential changes to the strategic plan. The board acknowledged the report.

3. Discussion regarding Depository Services for the Hidalgo County Regional Mobility Authority

As requested by the board, Mr. Pilar Rodriguez reported on the status of the depository services utilized by the RMA. Currently the RMA is contractually obligated to retain the current depository services until the existing debt of approx. \$12 million is retired.

CALL TO ORDER FOR REGULAR MEETING

1. REPORTS

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

Mr. Louie Jones of Dannenbaum Engineering, the HCRMA's Program Manager, reported on milestones that have been reached in the last 30 days by the RMA. Progress on the Environmental document for the SH 365 project (west) is underway. Fieldwork has been completed and the consultants are coordinating with the TxDOT Pharr District to expedite the environmental review. The SH 365 Draft Environmental Assessment is scheduled to be submitted to TxDOT in April 2013 and has a projected environmental decision date of April 2014.

Additionally Mr. Jones reported that coordination was ongoing with the county for the sale of bonds from the vehicle registration fee.

3. REGULAR AGENDA

A. Resolution 2013-11 – Approval of update to Strategic Plan – Program Manager Strategy No. 8 for SH 365, IBTC and SH 68 (Segment D)

Mr. Pilar Rodriguez reported that the RMA has prepared the annual report and strategic plan update for of HCRMA projects.

The item was approved as presented.

B. Resolution 2013-09 – Approval of Supplemental No. 1 to Professional Surveying Service Agreement with Quintanilla, Headley & Associates, Inc. to revise Scope of Service and Work Authorization No. 1 for SH 365 from SH 336 (10th Street) to FM 3072 (Dicker Road)

C. Resolution 2013-10 – Approval of Supplemental No. 1 to Professional Surveying Service Agreement with DOS Land Surveying, LLC, to revise Scope of Service and Work Authorization No. 1 for SH 365 from FM 1016 (Conway Avenue) to SH 336 (10th Street)

Items B & C relate to the contracts with the two surveyors currently working on the SH 365 (west) project. The proposed amendments to the contract make the scope more clear and account for additional parcels and sections of the project not included under the original contract.

The Board approved these items as presented.

4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

A. Report on Public Meetings for SH 365 to be held on March 26, 27 & 28, 2013, in McAllen, Mission and Pharr, Texas

Mr. Dennis Burleson reported that the RMA will be holding Public Meetings on the SH 365 project in the coming week (notice attached)

5. TABLED ITEMS

A. Resolution 2013-05 – Approval of Request from Rio Grande Valley Partnership to Participate with the 2013 Regional Mobility Study

The RMA board voted to remove this item from the table and approved the request to fund the Rio Grande Valley Partnership 2013 Regional Mobility Study in the amount of \$40,000.

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)

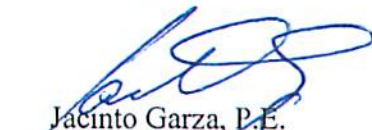
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No action was taken in executive session

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,



Jacinto Garza, P.E.
CEO / President