

**STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF HIDALGO
HIDALGO COUNTY REGIONAL MOBILITY AUTHORITY**

The Hidalgo County Regional Mobility Authority Board of Directors convened for a Workshop and Regular Meeting on **Tuesday, October 27, 2015**, at 5:30 pm at the Pharr City Hall, City Commission Chambers, 2nd Floor, 118 South Cage Boulevard, Pharr, Texas, with the following present:

Board Members:	Rance G. Sweeten, Chairman	HCRMA
	Josue Reyes, Vice-Chairman	HCRMA
	Ricardo Perez, Secretary/Treasurer	HCRMA
	David Guerra, Director	HCRMA
	Alonzo Cantu, Director	HCRMA
	Forrest Runnels, Director	HCRMA
	Julian Ybarra, Director	HCRMA

Staff:	Pilar Rodriguez, Executive Director	HCRMA
	Ramon Navarro IV, Construction Engineer	HCRMA
	Celia Gaona, Chief Auditor/Compliance Officer	HCRMA
	Carlos Moreno, Acquisition Coordinator	HCRMA
	Flor Koll, Program Administrator	HCRMA
	Jose Castillo, Chief Financial Officer	HCRMA
	Blakely Fernandez, Legal Counsel	HCRMA
	Louis Jones, Program Manager	HCRMA

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Sweeten led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION

Ms. Gaona led the Invocation.

CALL TO ORDER FOR REGULAR MEETING AND ESTABLISH A QUORUM

Chairman Sweeten called the Regular Meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

Motion by David Guerra, with a second by Julian Ybarra, to enter into Executive Session to consult with the Board Attorney on legal issues pertaining to Items 6A, 6B, and 6C under Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Sweeten recessed the meeting to enter into Executive Session at 5:31pm. Chairman Sweeten reconvened the recessed the Regular Meeting to enter in Workshop at 6:11 pm with no action taken on the item discussed in Executive Session.

CALL TO ORDER FOR WORKSHOP

Chairman Sweeten called the workshop to order at 6:11 pm.

1. Discussion regarding Underwriting Pool for Financial Underwriting Services for various financings for the Hidalgo County Regional Mobility Authority.
Pilar Rodriguez and Richard Ramirez, First Southwest, discussed the underwriting pool for Financial Underwriting Services for various findings for the Hidalgo County Regional Mobility Authority. No Action Taken.
2. Discussion regarding qualifications of Construction Material Testing Firms for Hidalgo County Regional Mobility Authority Projects.
Pilar Rodriguez discussed the qualifications of Construction Material Testing firms for the Hidalgo County Regional Mobility Authority Projects. Chairman Sweeten asked representatives from Raba Kistner, L&G Labs, and Terra Con if they have any conflicts of interest with any other municipalities or public agencies in which they currently have project agreements. Isidor Arjon with Raba Kistner, Richard Gallaga with L&G Labs, and Alfoso Soto with Terra Con all confirmed that they do not have a conflict of interest involving any municipalities or public agencies and agreed that HCRMA Projects were of the highest priority for the firm. No action taken.

ADJOURNMENT FOR WORKSHOP

Chairman Sweeten reconvened the Regular Meeting at 6:24 pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

1. REPORTS

- A. Report on Program Manager Activity for SH 365 and IBTC – Louis Jones, Dannenbaum Engineering.
Louis Jones and Eric Davila, Dannenbaum Engineering, reported on the progress to date for the SH 365 and IBTC Projects. No action taken.
- B. Report on US 281/Military Highway Overpass/BSIF Connector Project – Pilar Rodriguez, HCRMA.
Pilar Rodriguez reported on the US 281/Military Highway Overpass/BSIF Connector Project bid opening and advised the Board of Directors that ground breaking will take place in January 2016. Chairman Sweeten indicated he had sent a formal invitation to Governor Abbott and Lieutenant Governor Patrick for the ground breaking. No action taken.

CONSENT AGENDA.

Motion by Julian Ybarra, with a second by Rick Perez, to approve the Consent Agenda with the exception of item 2B. Motion carried unanimously.

- C. Approval of Minutes for Regular Meeting held September 22, 2015.
Approved the Minutes for Regular Meeting held September 22, 2015 as presented.
- D. Approval of Project & General Expense Report for the period from September 9, 2015 to October 8, 2015.
Motion by Alonzo Cantu, with a second by David Guerra, to approve the Expense Report for the period from September 9, 2015 to October 8, 2015 with the exception of invoice from L&G for \$172,397.14. Approval of the L&G invoice is subject to Chairman Sweeten's review and approval. Motion carried unanimously.
- E. Approval of Financial Report for September 2015.
Approved the Financial Report for September 2015 as presented.
- F. Resolution 2015-71 – Approval of Work Authorization Number 3 to the Professional Service Agreement with DOS Land Surveying to revise Parcel 10 for the State Highway 365 Project.

- Approved Resolution 2015-71 – Approval of Work Authorization Number 3 to the Professional Service Agreement with DOS Land Surveying to revise Parcel 10 for the State Highway 365 Project.*
- G. Resolution 2015-72 – Approval of Supplemental Number 1 to Work Authorization Number 4 to the Professional Service Agreement with R. Gutierrez Engineering to provide a revised metes and bounds for Parcel 238 for ETT acquisition as part of the International Bridge Trade Corridor Project.
Approved Resolution 2015-72 – Approval of Supplemental Number 1 to Work Authorization Number 4 to the Professional Service Agreement with R. Gutierrez Engineering to provide a revised metes and bounds for Parcel 238 for ETT acquisition as part of the International Bridge Trade Corridor Project.
- H. Resolution 2015-73 – Approval of Supplemental Number 1 to Work Authorization Number 2 to the Professional Service Agreement with Raba Kistner for a no-cost time extension for a Phase II/Hazardous Material Site assessment for the State Highway 365 Project.
Approved Resolution 2015-73 – Approval of Supplemental Number 1 to Work Authorization Number 2 to the Professional Service Agreement with Raba Kistner for a no-cost time extension for a Phase II/Hazardous Material Site assessment for the State Highway 365 Project.

2. REGULAR AGENDA

- A. Resolution 2015-70 – Authorization to Support a Constitutional Amendment for increased State Funding for Transportation (Proposition 7).
Motion by David Guerra, with a second by Rick Perez, to approve Resolution 2015-70 – Authorization to Support a Constitutional Amendment for increased State Funding for Transportation (Proposition 7). Motion carried unanimously.
- B. Resolution 2015-74 – Approval of the Financial Underwriting Pool from which Financial Underwriter Syndicates will be selected and approved by the Hidalgo County Regional Mobility Authority for various financings for the period commencing November 1, 2015 and ending October 30, 2016; and Selecting the Syndicate for the Proposed Series 2016 Toll Revenue Bonds.
Motion by Alonzo Cantu, with a second by Josue Reyes, to approve Resolution 2015-74 – Approval of the Underwriting Pool of Bank of America/Merrill Lynch, Citigroup, JP Morgan, Jefferies, Morgan Stanley, Coastal Securities, Frost, Piper Jaffray, Raymond James, Stifel Nicolaus, Cabrera and Ramirez as the Financial Underwriters for the Authority for various financings for the period commencing November 1, 2015 and ending October 30, 2016 and selection of the Underwriting Syndicate of Morgan Stanley as Senior Manager at 49% and Co-Managers Raymond James, Frost Bank, and Cabrera Capital Markets, each at 17% as the Syndicate for the Proposed 2016 Toll Revenue Bonds.

3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

- A. Report on Hidalgo County Metropolitan Planning Organization action.
Chairman Sweeten reported on the Hidalgo County Metropolitan Planning Organization action.
- B. Report on State Infrastructure Bank Loan with the Texas Department of Transportation for the State Highway 365 Project.
Chairman Sweeten reported on the State Infrastructure Bank Loan with the Texas Department of Transportation for the State Highway 365 Project.

4. TABLED ITEMS

- A. None

5. 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)

Motion by David Guerra, with a second by Julian Ybarra, to enter into Executive Session to consult with the Board Attorney on legal issues pertaining to Items 6A, 6B, and 6C under Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Sweeten recessed the Regular Meeting to enter into Executive Session at 5:32 pm. Chairman Sweeten reconvened the Regular Meeting at 6:24 pm with no action taken on the item discussed in Executive Session.

- A. Consultation with Board Attorney on legal issues pertaining to the Project Development, Operation & Maintenance Agreement for State Highway 365 and Advance Funding Agreement for US 281/Military Highway Overpass Projects (Section 551.071 T.G.C.).
No action taken.

- B. Consultation with Board Attorney on legal issues pertaining to the deliberation of real property for the State Highway 365 and International Bridge Trade Corridor Projects (Sections 551.071 and 551.072 T.G.C.).
No action taken.

- C. Consultation with Board Attorney on legal issues pertaining to Early Right of Way Acquisition and environmental clearance process for the State Highway 365 and International Bridge Trade Corridor Projects (Section 551.071 T.G.C.).
No action taken.

- D. Consultation with Board Attorney on legal issues pertaining to the use of Eminent Domain to acquire property required to complete the project alignments of the State Highway 365 and the International Bridge Trade Corridor Projects (Sections 551.071 and 551.072 T.G.C.).
No action taken.

- E. Consultation with Board Attorney on legal issues pertaining to the proposed South Texas Class I Rail Project (Section 551.071 T.G.C.).
No action taken.

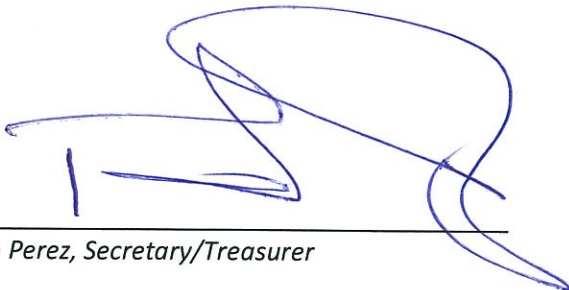
ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before the Board of Directors, the meeting was adjourned at 6:52 pm.



Rance G. Sweeten, Chairman

Attest:



Ricardo Perez, Secretary/Treasurer