

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

The Hidalgo County Regional Mobility Authority Board of Directors convened for a Regular Meeting on **Monday, December 15, 2014**, 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
	Ricardo Perez, Secretary/Treasurer	HCRMA
	David Guerra, Director	HCRMA
	Forrest Runnels, Director	HCRMA
	Michael G. Cano, Director	HCRMA
	Alonzo Cantu, Director	HCRMA
Absent:	Josue Reyes, Vice-Chairman	HCRMA
Staff:	Pilar Rodriguez, Executive Director	HCRMA
	Celia Gaona, Chief Auditor/Compliance Officer	HCRMA
	Carlos Moreno, Acquisition Coordinator	HCRMA
	Bianca Islas, Administrative Clerk	HCRMA
	Blakely Fernandez, Legal Counsel	HCRMA
	Daniel G. Rios, Legal Counsel	HCRMA
	Louis Jones, Program Manager	HCRMA

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Sweeten lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION

Chairman Sweeten lead the Invocation.

CALL TO ORDER FOR WORKSHOP

Chairman Sweeten called the workshop to order at 5:36 pm.

1. Review of proposed Fiscal Year 2015 Operating and Capital Budget.
Pilar Rodriguez, Executive Director, gave a brief presentation of the proposed Fiscal Year 2015 Operating and Capital Budget. No action taken.
2. Review of monthly Financial Report.
Cheryl Bellamy, Salinas Allen & Schmitt, gave a brief overview of the monthly financial report format. No action taken.
3. Review of Project Development Agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation for the State Highway 365 Project.
Blakely Fernandez, Bracewell & Giuliani, gave a review of the Project Development Agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation for the State Highway 365 Project. No action taken.

4. Interview of short list for Auditing Services for the Hidalgo County Regional Mobility Authority.
Burton McCumber & Cortez LLP, Padgett Stratemann Co., and PMB Helin Donovan gave a brief interview and were interviewed to provide Auditing Services for the Hidalgo County Regional Mobility Authority. No action taken.

ADJOURNMENT FOR WORKSHOP

CALL TO ORDER FOR REGULAR MEETING AND ESTABLISH A QUORUM

Chairman Sweeten called the regular meeting to order at 6:26 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 State Legislative changes - Rene Ramirez, Pathfinders.
Rene Ramirez, Pathfinders, reported on State Legislative changes. No action taken.

2. CONSENT AGENDA.

Motion by Alonzo Cantu, with a second by Rick Perez, to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

- A. Approval of Minutes for Regular Meeting held November 20, 2014.
Approved the Minutes for Regular Meeting held November 20, 2014 as presented.
- B. Approval of Project & General Expense Report for the period from November 12, 2014 to December 5, 2014.
Approved the Project & General Expense Report for the period of November 12, 2014 to December 5, 2014 as presented.
- C. Approval of Financial Report for November 2014.
Approved the Financial Report for November 2014 as presented.
- D. Resolution 2014-113 – Approval of Supplemental Number 2 to Work Authorization Number 13 with Dannenbaum Engineering for a No-cost time extension for the Regional Toll Analysis for State Highway 365 and International Bridge Trade Corridor Projects.
Approved Resolution 2014-113 – Supplemental Number 2 to Work Authorization Number 13 with Dannenbaum Engineering for a No-cost time extension for the Regional Toll Analysis for State Highway 365 and International Bridge Trade Corridor Projects.
- E. Resolution 2014-114 – Approval of Supplemental Number 1 to Work Authorization Number 16 with Dannenbaum Engineering for a No-cost time extension for offsite Hydrology & Hydraulics Study for State Highway 365 and International Bridge Trade Corridor Projects.
Approved Resolution 2014-114 - Supplemental Number 1 to Work Authorization Number 16 with Dannenbaum Engineering for a No-cost time extension for offsite Hydrology & Hydraulics Study for State Highway 365 and International Bridge Trade Corridor Projects.

- F. Resolution 2014-115 – Approval of Supplemental Number 1 to Work Authorization Number 18 with Dannenbaum Engineering for a No-cost time extension for non-destructive utility locations for the International Bridge Trade Corridor Project.
Approved Resolution 2014-115 – Supplemental Number 1 to Work Authorization Number 18 with Dannenbaum Engineering for a No-cost time extension for non-destructive utility locations for the International Bridge Trade Corridor Project.
- G. Resolution 2014-116 – Approval of Supplemental Number 1 to Work Authorization Number 1 with R. Gutierrez Engineering to provide revised parcel plats and descriptions for ETT/Cross Valley Transmission Line Project as part of the International Bridge Trade Corridor Project.
Approved Resolution 2014-116 – Supplemental Number 1 to Work Authorization Number 1 with R. Gutierrez Engineering to provide revised parcel plats and descriptions for ETT/Cross Valley Transmission Line Project as part of the International Bridge Trade Corridor Project in the amount of \$34,152.00.
- H. Resolution 2014-117 – Approval of Supplemental Number 1 to Professional Service Agreement with R. Gutierrez Engineering to increase the maximum payable amount for Supplemental Number 1 to Work Authorization Number 1.
Approved Resolution 2014-117 – Supplemental Number 1 to Professional Service Agreement with R. Gutierrez Engineering to increase the maximum payable amount for Supplemental Number 1 to Work Authorization Number 1 by \$34,152.00 for a revised maximum payable amount of \$109,720.00.
- I. Resolution 2014-118 – Approval of Supplemental Number 1 to Work Authorization Number 1 with Quintanilla, Headley & Associates to provide revised parcel plats and descriptions for ETT/Cross Valley Transmission Line Project as part of the International Bridge Trade Corridor Project.
Approved Resolution 2014-118 – Supplemental Number 1 to Work Authorization Number 1 with Quintanilla, Headley & Associates to provide revised parcel plats and descriptions for ETT/Cross Valley Transmission Line Project as part of the International Bridge Trade Corridor Project in the amount of \$17,053.00.
- J. Resolution 2014-119 – Approval of Supplemental Number 1 to Professional Service Agreement with Quintanilla, Headley & Associates to increase the maximum payable amount for Supplemental Number 1 to Work Authorization Number 1.
Approved Resolution 2014-119 – Supplemental Number 1 to Professional Service Agreement with Quintanilla, Headley & Associates to increase the maximum payable amount for Supplemental Number 1 to Work Authorization Number 1 by \$17,053.00 for a revised maximum payable amount of \$42,164.00.
- K. Resolution 2014-120 – Approval of Supplemental Number 1 to Work Authorization Number 1 with Melden & Hunt to provide revised parcel plats and descriptions for ETT/Cross Valley Transmission Line Project as part of the International Bridge Trade Corridor Project.
Approved Resolution 2014-120 – Supplemental Number 1 to Work Authorization Number 1 with Melden & Hunt to provide revised parcel plats and descriptions for ETT/Cross Valley Transmission Line Project as part of the International Bridge Trade Corridor Project in the amount of \$4,842.00.
- L. Resolution 2014-121 – Approval of Supplemental Number 2 to Professional Service Agreement with Melden & Hunt to increase the maximum payable amount for Supplemental Number 1 to Work Authorization Number 1.
Approved Resolution 2014-121 – Supplemental Number 2 to Professional Service Agreement with Melden & Hunt to increase the maximum payable amount for Supplemental Number 1 to Work Authorization Number 1 by \$4,842.00 for a revised maximum payable amount of \$36,594.00

3. REGULAR AGENDA

- A. Resolution 2014-111 – Adoption of Hidalgo County Regional Mobility Authority Fiscal Year 2015 Operating and Capital Budget.

Motion by Michael Cano, with a second by Rick Perez, to approve Resolution 2014-111 – Adoption of Hidalgo County Regional Mobility Authority Fiscal Year 2015 Operating and Capital Budget. Motion carried unanimously.

- B. Resolution 2014-112 – Approval of ranking for Auditing Services for the Hidalgo County Regional Mobility Authority and authorization for staff to negotiate fees and execute an engagement letter.

Motion by Michael Cano, with a second by Alonzo Cantu, to approve Resolution 2014-112 – Approval of ranking for Auditing Services for the Hidalgo County Regional Mobility Authority and authorization for staff to negotiate fees with highest ranking firm, Burton McCumber & Cortez, and execute an engagement letter. Motion carried unanimously.

4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

- A. Report on upcoming Texas Transportation Forum to be held January 14-16, 2015, in Austin, Texas.

Chairman Sweeten reported on the upcoming Texas Transportation Forum to be held January 14-16, 2015, in Austin, Texas.

5. TABLED ITEMS

- A. Resolution 2014-49 – Approval of Work Authorization Number 4 to Professional Service Agreement with L&G Engineering to provide final plans, specifications and estimates for the State Highway 365 Project from FM 396 (Anzalduas Highway) to FM 1016 (Conway Avenue).

No action taken.

- B. Resolution 2014-70 – Approval of Interlocal Agreement with the City of Mission for participation with a waterline adjustment in conflict with the State Highway 365 Project Segment 4 from FM 396 to FM 1016.

No action taken.

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)

Motion by Rick Perez, with a second by Michael Cano, to enter into Executive Session to consult with the Board Attorney on legal issues pertaining to Items 6D under Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Sweeten recessed the meeting to enter into Executive Session at 6:57 pm. Chairman Sweeten reconvened the meeting at 7:21 pm with no action taken on any of the items discussed in Executive Session items.

- A. 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 (Section 551.072 T.G.C.).

No action taken.

- B. 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.

- C. 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.

- D. 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.

- E. Consultation with Board Attorney on legal issues pertaining to an Interlocal Agreement with the Donna Irrigation District for the acquisition of real property and construction of improvements for the International Bridge Trade Corridor Project (Section 551.071 T.G.C.)
No action taken.


- F. Consultation with Board Attorney on legal issues pertaining to a Project Development Agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation for the State Highway 365 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 7:21 pm.



Rance G. Sweeten, Chairman *Josue Reyes, Vice-Chairman*

Attest:


Ricardo Perez, Secretary/Treasurer