# STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF HIDALGO

## HIDALGO COUNTY REGIONAL MOBILITY AUTHORITY

The Hidalgo County Regional Mobility Authority Board of Directors convened for a Regular Board Meeting on Tuesday, November 19, 2024, at 5:30 pm at the Hidalgo County Regional Mobility Authority, Large Conference Room, 203 W. Newcombe Ave., Pharr, Texas 78577, with the following participating:

**Board Members:** 

Robert L. Lozano, Chairman Ezeguiel Reyna, Vice-Chairman

Juan Carlos Del Ángel, Secretary/Treasurer

Gabriel Kamel, Director Frank Pardo, Director Sergio Saenz, Director

Michael Williamson, Director

Absent:

None

Staff:

Pilar Rodriguez, Executive Director

Ramon Navarro, Chief Construction Engineer

Ruben Alfaro, Development Engineer

Celia Gaona, Chief Auditor/Compliance Officer

Jose Castillo, Chief Financial Officer Ivonne Rodriguez, Program Coordinator

Blakely Fernandez, Bracewell, LLP, Legal Counsel Richard Ramirez, Hilltop Securities, Financial Advisor

# PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Lozano led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### INVOCATION

Mrs. Ivonne Rodriguez led the invocation.

OATH OF OFFICE - Robert L. Lozano

## CALL TO ORDER OF A WORKSHOP AT 5:33 P.M.

- 1. Review of the proposed Fiscal Year 2025 Operating and Capital Budget.

  Mr. Pilar Rodriguez reviewed the proposed Fiscal Year 2025 Operating and Capital Budget.
- 2. Review of the 2024 Strategic Plan Update for the Hidalgo County Regional Mobility Authority.

  Mr. Ruben Alfaro reviewed the 2024 Strategic Plan Update for the Hidalgo County Regional Mobility Authority.

3. Review of the 2024 Annual Report for submission to the Texas Department of Transportation. Mr. Pilar Rodriguez reviewed the 2024 Annual Report for submission to the Texas Department of Transportation.

#### ADJOURNMENT OF WORKSHOP

# CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM FOR A REGULAR MEETING

Chairman Lozano called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:21 p.m.

#### **PROCLAMATION**

S. David Deanda (May 2016 to September 2024)

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No Comments

## 1. REPORTS

- A. Report on Program Management Activity for 365 Tollway Project HCRMA Staff

  Mr. Ruben Alfaro reported on Program Manager Activity for 365 Tollway Project. No action taken.
- B. Report on Construction Activity for 365 Tollway Project Ramon Navarro IV, HCRMA.

  Mr. Ramon Navarro reported on the construction activity for 365 Tollway Project. No action taken.

# 2. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Ezequiel Reyna, Jr. with a second by Michael Williamson, to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

- A. Approval of Minutes for the Regular Board Meeting held October 22, 2024 and Special Board Meeting held October 29, 2024.
  - Approved the Minutes for the Regular Board Meeting held October 22, 2024 and Special Board Meeting held October 29, 2024.
- B. Approval of Project & General Expense Report for the period from October 8, 2024 to November 6, 2024. Approved the Project & General Expense Report for the period from October 8, 2024 to November 6, 2024.
- C. Resolution 2024-43 Authorization to remove S. David Deanda as a signatory and the addition of Robert L. Lozano, Chairman, as an authorized signatory on the PlainsCapital account.

  Approved Resolution 2024-43 Authorization to remove S. David Deanda as a signatory and the addition of Robert L. Lozano, Chairman, as an authorized signatory on the PlainsCapital account.
- D. Resolution 2024-44— Approval of the Hidalgo County Regional Mobility Authority Designee, Alternate, and Proxy to the Rio Grande Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization.

  Approved Resolution 2024-44— Approval of the Hidalgo County Regional Mobility Authority Designee, Alternate, and Proxy to the Rio Grande Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization.

#### 3. REGULAR AGENDA

- A. Resolution 2024-45 Resolution Supporting State Highway 68 Design Modification Route Number 7. **No Action.**
- B. Resolution 2024-46 Consideration & Approval of Work Authorization Number 3 with B2Z Engineering for material testing services on the proposed wetland mitigation for the 365 Tollway Project.

  Motion by Sergion Saenz, with a second by Frank Pardo to approve Resolution 2024-46 Consideration & Approval of Work Authorization Number 3 with B2Z Engineering for material testing services on the proposed wetland mitigation for the 365 Tollway Project in the amount of \$278,067.32. Motion carried unanimously.
- C. Resolution 2024-47 Consideration and Approval of Contract Amendment Number 2 to the Professional Service Agreement with B2Z Engineering to increase the maximum payable amount for Work Authorization Number 3.

Motion by Michael Williamson, with a second by Carlos Del Angel to approve Resolution 2024-47 – Consideration and Approval of Contract Amendment Number 2 to the Professional Service Agreement with B2Z Engineering to increase the maximum payable amount to \$2,224,729.98 for Work Authorization Number 3. Motion carried unanimously.

#### 4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

A. Rio Plex Presentation.

#### 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)

Motion by Michael Williamson, with a second by Carlos Del Angel, to enter into Executive Session to consult with board Attorney on legal issues pertaining to Item 6A under section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code at 7:12 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

A. Consultation with Attorney on legal issues pertaining to the advance project development of the 365 Tollway Segment 4, Section "A" West and Section "C" of the Hidalgo County Loop System (Section 551.071 T.G.C.).

No Action taken.

B. Consultation with Attorney on legal issues pertaining to the Joint Use Agreement between Hidalgo County Irrigation District Number 2 and the Hidalgo County Regional Mobility Authority for the 365 Tollway Project (551.071 T.G.C.).

No Action taken.

- C. Consultation with Attorney on legal issues pertaining to Change Order Number 1-13 to that certain contract with Pulice Construction Inc. for the 365 Tollway Project (551.071 T.G.C.).

  No Action taken.
- D. Consultation with Attorney on legal issues pertaining to the Financial Assistance Agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation for the 365 Tollway Project (551.071 T.G.C.).

  No Action taken.
- E. Consultation with Attorney on legal issues pertaining to Professional Service Agreements for Inspection, Engineering, Surveying and Environmental Services to include construction material testing (Section 551.071 T.G.C.).

No Action Taken.

F. Consultation with Attorney on legal issues pertaining to the voluntary acquisition of real property for various parcels for the 365 Tollway Project and International Bridge Trade Corridor Project (Sections 551.071 and 551.072 T.G.C.).

No Action Taken.

G. Consultation with Attorney on legal issues pertaining to the acquisition, including the use of Eminent Domain, for property required to complete the project alignments of the 365 Tollway Project (Sections 551.071 and 551.072 T.G.C.).

No Action Taken.

- H. Consultation with Attorney on legal issues pertaining to the Environmental Clearance Document for the International Bridge Trade Corridor Project (Section 551.071 T.G.C.).

  No Action taken.
- I. Consultation with Attorney on legal issues pertaining to Professional Services Agreements (Section 551.071 T.G.C.).

No Action taken.

Motion by Michael Williamson, with a second by Carlos Del Angel, to reconvene the regular board meeting at 8:17 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

# **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no other business to come before the Board of Directors, motion by Ezequiel Reyna, with a second by Michael Williamson, to adjourn the meeting at 8:19 p.m.

Robert L. Lozano, Chairman

Attest:

Juan Carlos Del Ángel, Secretary/Treasurer