

**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, February 25, 2025, at 5:30 pm at the Pharr City Hall, 2nd Floor City Commission Chambers, 118 S. Cage, Blvd, Pharr, TX 78577, with the following participating:

Board Members: Robert L. Lozano, Chairman
Ezequiel Reyna, Vice-Chairman
Frank Pardo, Director
Roel "Roy" Rodriguez, P.E., Director
Sergio Saenz, Director
Michael Williamson, Director

Absent: Juan Carlos Del Ángel, Secretary/Treasurer

Staff: Pilar Rodriguez, Executive Director
Ramon Navarro, Chief Construction Engineer
Ruben Alfaro, Development Engineer
Jose Castillo, Chief Financial Officer
Maria Alaniz, Program Coordinator
Ivonne Rodriguez, Program Coordinator
Blakely Fernandez, Bracewell, LLP, Legal Counsel
Richard Ramirez, Hilltop Securities, Financial Advisor
Colby Echols, Hilltop Securities, Financial Advisor

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Lozano led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION

Mrs. Maria Alaniz led the invocation.

CALL TO ORDER OF A WORKSHOP AT 5:34 P.M.

1. Pathfinder Public Affairs presentation.
Mr. Rene A. Ramirez of Pathfinder Public Affairs presented on the legislative session agenda.
2. Presentation by Hilltop Securities on Authority Project Financing.
Mr. Richard Ramirez and Colby Eckols presented on Hilltop Securities HCRMA Project Financing.

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

Gabriel Kamel, Director (February 2023 to December 2024)

PUBLIC COMMENT

No Comments

1. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

- A. Western Hidalgo County Loop System Development.
- B. Annual election of Vice Chairman and Secretary/Treasurer for the Hidalgo County Regional Mobility Authority.
Motion by Sergio Saenz, with a second by Roel "Roy" Rodriguez, to re-elect Ezequiel Reyna as Vice-Chairman for the Hidalgo County Regional Mobility Authority Board of Directors. Motion carried unanimously.
Motion by Frank Pardo, with a second by Roel "Roy" Rodriguez, to re-elect Juan Carlos Del Angel as Secretary/Treasurer for the Hidalgo County Regional Mobility Authority Board of Directors. Motion carried unanimously.
- C. Recognition of award presented to the Hidalgo County Regional Mobility Authority by Texas Society of Professional Engineer Rio Grande Valley Chapter for Entity of the Year.

2. 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 the 365 Tollway Project – Ramon Navarro IV, HCRMA.
Mr. Ramon Navarro reported on the construction activity for the 365 Tollway Project. No action taken.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

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

- A. Approval of Minutes for the Regular Board Meeting held January 24, 2025.
Approved the Minutes for the Regular Board Meeting held January 24, 2025.
- B. Approval of Project & General Expense Report for the period from January 11, 2025, to February 7, 2025.
Approved the Project & General Expense Report for the period from January 11, 2024, to February 7, 2025.

- C. Approval of Financial Reports for December 2024.
Approved the Financial Reports for December 2024.
- D. Resolution 2025-09 – Resolution 2025-09 – Consideration and Approval of Public Fund Investment Act Training for Pilar Rodriguez, Executive Director.
Approved Resolution 2025-09 – Resolution 2025-09 – Consideration and Approval of Public Fund Investment Act Training for Pilar Rodriguez, Executive Director.

4. REGULAR AGENDA

- A. Resolution 2025-10 – Consideration and approval of Work Authorization Number 1 to the Professional Services Agreement with ATSER, LP for the Phase I Report to TxDOT and FHWA for the 365 Tollway Project construction material testing.
Motion by Ezequiel Reyna, with a second by Michael Williamson to approve Resolution 2025-10 - Consideration and approval of Work Authorization Number 1 to the Professional Services Agreement with ATSER, LP for the Phase I Report to TxDOT and FHWA for the 365 Tollway Project construction material testing in the amount of \$167,000.00. Motion carried unanimously.
- B. Resolution 2025-12 – Consideration and approval of Work Authorization Number 17 to the Professional Service Agreement with C&M Associates, Inc. for a Sketch Level Traffic and Revenue study for sections A, C, E, & F of the Hidalgo County RMA Loop System.
Motion by Frank Pardo, with a second by Ezequiel Reyna to approve Resolution 2025-12 – Consideration and approval of Work Authorization Number 17 to the Professional Service Agreement with C&M Associates, Inc. for a Sketch Level Traffic and Revenue study for sections A, C, E, & F of the Hidalgo County RMA Loop System in the amount of \$98,018.00. Motion carried unanimously.
- C. Resolution 2025-11 – Consideration and approval of Contract Amendment Number 18 to the Professional Service Agreement with C&M Associates, Inc. for Work Authorization Number 17.
Motion by Michael Williamson, with a second by Sergio Saenz to approve Resolution 2025-11 – Consideration and approval of Contract Amendment Number 18 to the Professional Service Agreement with C&M Associates, Inc. to increase the maximum payable amount for Work Authorization Number 17 in the amount of \$98,018.00 for a revised maximum payable amount of \$1,127,181.20. Motion carried unanimously.
- D. Resolution 2025-13 - Consideration and approval of Supplemental Number 4 to Work Authorization Number 8 to Professional Service Agreement with HDR Engineering, Inc. for Construction Management Services for the 365 Tollway Project.
Motion by Ezequiel Reyna, with a second by Sergio Saenz to approve Resolution 2025-13 - Consideration and approval of Supplemental Number 4 to Work Authorization Number 8 to Professional Service Agreement with HDR Engineering, Inc. for Construction Management Services for the 365 Tollway Project in the amount of \$447,385.83. Motion carried unanimously.
- E. Resolution 2025-14 – Consideration and approval of Contract Amendment Number 12 to the Professional Service Agreement with HDR Engineering, Inc. to increase the maximum payable amount for Supplemental Number 4 to Work Authorization Number 8.
Motion by Ezequiel Reyna, with a second by Sergio Saenz to approve Resolution 2025-14 – Consideration and approval of Contract Amendment Number 12 to the Professional Service Agreement with HDR Engineering, Inc. to increase the maximum payable amount for Supplemental Number 4 to Work Authorization Number 8 in the amount of \$447,385.83 for a revised maximum payable amount of \$6,948,195.49. Motion carried unanimously.

- F. Resolution 2015-15 – Consideration and approval of Resolution 2025-15 Acknowledging the Authority’s 2025 – 2029 Strategic Plan, including maintaining primacy over the Hidalgo County Loop; initiating pre-development activities over 365 Toll Segment 4, Section A (West), Section C, Section E and Section F; and working with the Texas Department of Transportation and the Rio Grande Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization, along with other local stakeholders, to establish funding plans using available revenue sources for pre-development, design, and construction of the remaining projects to complete the Hidalgo County Loop.

Motion by Ezequiel Reyna, with a second by Michael Williamson to table Resolution 2015-15 – Consideration and approval of Resolution 2025-15 Acknowledging the Authority’s 2025 – 2029 Strategic Plan, including maintaining primacy over the Hidalgo County Loop; initiating pre-development activities over 365 Toll Segment 4, Section A (West), Section C, Section E and Section F; and working with the Texas Department of Transportation and the Rio Grande Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization, along with other local stakeholders, to establish funding plans using available revenue sources for pre-development, design, and construction of the remaining projects to complete the Hidalgo County Loop. Motion carried unanimously.

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 Ezequiel Reyna, to enter into Executive Session to consult with Board Attorney on legal issues pertaining to Items 4F, 6A, 6B, 6K, 6L, and 6F under section 551-071 of the Texas Government Code at 7:24 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 statutory requirements for the Board of Directors (Section 551.071 T.G.C.).
No Action taken.
- C. 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 (Section 551.071 T.G.C.).
No Action taken.
- D. 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 (Section 551.071 T.G.C.).
No Action taken.

- E. Consultation with Attorney on legal issues pertaining to the Financial Assistance Agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation for the 365 Tollway Project (Section 551.071 T.G.C.).
No Action taken.
- F. 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.
- G. 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.
- H. 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.
- I. 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.
- J. Consultation with Attorney on legal issues pertaining to Professional Services Agreements (Section 551.071 T.G.C.).
No Action taken.
- K. Consultation with Attorney on legal issues pertaining to permitting overweight corridors (Section 551.071 T.G.C.).
No Action taken.
- L. Consultation with Attorney on legal issues pertaining to rule making guidance for Board appointments (Section 551.071 T.G.C.).
No Action taken.

Motion by Roel "Roy" Rodriguez, with a second by Michael Williamson, to reconvene the regular board meeting at 8:24 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Roel "Roy" Rodriguez, with a second by Michael Williamson to remove item 4F from the table and take no action on Resolution 2015-15 – Consideration and approval of Resolution 2025-15 Acknowledging the Authority's 2025 – 2029 Strategic Plan, including maintaining primacy over the Hidalgo County Loop; initiating pre-development activities over 365 Toll Segment 4, Section A (West), Section C, Section E and Section F; and working with the Texas Department of Transportation and the Rio Grande Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization, along with other local stakeholders, to establish funding plans using available revenue sources for pre-development, design, and construction of the remaining projects to complete the Hidalgo County Loop. 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 8:24 p.m.



Robert L. Lozano, Chairman

Attest:



Juan Carlos Del Ángel, Secretary/Treasurer