

#### **EDINBURG 2040 COMMITTEES**

# TRANSPORTATION/MOBILITY/CONNECTIVITY/DRAINAGE/BROADBAND

CITY OF EDINBURG, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS

Location: City of Edinburg

215 E. University Drive

Edinburg, TX 78539

NOVEMBER 16, 2023 REGULAR MEETING 6:00 P.M.

# **Meeting Details:**

# **People in Attendance:**

- Mayor Garza
- Andres Palma, Committee Chair
- Omar Anzaldua Jr, Committee Member
- Marty Meyer, Committee Member
- Chuck Salvia, Committee Member
- Omar Cano, Committee Member
- Ivan Garcia, Committee Member
- Patrizia Longoria, City Staff
- Alcinda Pardo, Committee Member
- Alfonso Quintanilla, Committee Member
- Leonila Pena, Committee Member
- Aurelio Aleman, City Staff
- Mardoqueo Hinojosa, City Staff

# **Departments in Attendance:**

- Engineering
- City Management

#### Agenda:

# I. CALL TO ORDER

# II. COORDINATOR'S REPORT

- Discussed total commitment funding for the 23-24 budget.
- Emphasized that although funding won't be immediately available, it will be addressed in future agendas/budgets.
- Approved funding of \$251,500.00 for transportation strategies/goals.

# III. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER COMMITTEE'S ACTION PLAN FOR GOALS AND STRATEGIES

# IV. GRANT UPDATES

# A. MON MACK

Did not receive grant.

# **B. CLOSNER/FREDDY INTERSECTION**

- Successfully funded.
- Waiting on costs to continue to finalize the design.
- Anticipating construction to begin at the end of the third quarter.
- Connected the trail that will be built to the canal, linking it to the Ebony Hills.
- Planned traffic signal update and an additional lane going east on the Freddy intersection.

# V. ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT UPDATE

# A. ROADWAYS

- Jackson ROW: Approximately 75% prepared, with appraisals expected by the end of January.
- Alberta Road: In construction, broken in milestones; completion of half the road within the next 10 days.
- Downtown 107 Improvement: ROW purchase ongoing; addressing a major AT&T line conflict, pushed to 2025. Separate plans for water and sewer lines are in progress.

#### **B. DRAINAGE**

- Sugar Detention Pond: In acquisition mode, projecting plans in February.
- Schunior Detention Pond: Almost complete; properties affected in 2018-2019 will be assisted.
- Veterans Detention Pond: Project nearing completion; construction expected late next year.
- Ebony Hills Detention Pond: To be done in phases, with the first phase funded. Bidding towards the end of the year, with construction planned for Feb or March.

# VI. OTHER BUSINESS

- Submitted more grants, including Sugar Road; working with consultants. Appraisals expected by January.
- Hidalgo County Drainage District #1 surplus soil offer.
- Positive feedback on drainage improvements by committee members.
- Aesthetically addressing cleanliness around the HEB Park stadium roads.
- Freddy Gonzalez: Grant from MPO received; waiting for the irrigation canal to be buried before design begins. Target completion by May 2025.
- Telecommunications update: Discussion on SpaceX progress.

#### **Action Items:**

- 1. [City Manager's Office]: Follow up on raised median proposal on TXDOT roads.
- 2. [2040 Committee]: Schedule a joint meeting with the Economic Development 2040 Committee.
- 3. [ACM Tom Reyna]: Review and adjust utility rates; discuss the utility rate study.
- 4. [Committee Members]: Explore measures to address public concerns, e.g., potholes.
- 5. [CM Office & Public Works Director]: Public Works presentation on street fixes and asphalt issues.
- 6. [Committee Members]: Evaluate state roadways and provide feedback.
- 7. [CM Office & TXDOT]: Future agenda item: SH68 proposal and its impact on the airport.

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