CAMINO REAL REGIONAL MOBILITY AUTHORITY BOARD

(CRRMA Board)
Council Chambers, 2nd Floor of El Paso City Hall
Thursday, July 28, 2011
11:00 AM

BOARD MINUTES

The Camino Real Regional Mobility Authority (CRRMA) Board met at the above place and date. The meeting was called to order at 11:02 a.m. CRRMA Board Chair Scott McLaughlin present and presiding. The following board members were present:

Scott McLaughlin David Marcus Rosario Holguin James Volk Susan Melendez Tony Payan

Not Present: Ralph Adame

AGENDA

1. Call to Order.

The meeting was called to order at 11:02 a.m.

2. Public Comments

No public comments were made.

3. Adoption of Minutes for the CRRMA Board meeting of May 11, 2011.

Motion made by Mr. Marcus, seconded by Ms. Melendez and unanimously carried to approve the minutes from May 11, 2011.

AYES:

Mr. McLaughlin, Mr. Marcus, Ms. Melendez, Dr. Payan, Ms. Holguin and Mr. Volk

NAYS:

None

ABSTAIN:

None

ABSENT:

Mr. Adame

- 4. Discussion and action on Board Resolutions authorizing the Executive Director to execute the following instruments, as they relate to the development of the Loop 375 César Chávez Border Highway Managed Lanes Project:
 - (a) an amendment to that Amended and Restated Financial Assistance Agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation;
 - (b) Project Agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation; and
 - (c) Amended and Restated Work Authorization No. 7 with Atkins North America, Inc. as the CRRMA's general engineering consultant.

Raymond Telles, Executive Director, provided background on the item noting that the final agreements had not yet been completed and recommended that the item be deleted.

Motion made by Ms. Melendez, seconded by Mr. Marcus and unanimously carried to delete this item 3, including all subparts (a)-(c).

AYES:

Mr. McLaughlin, Mr. Marcus, Ms. Melendez, Dr. Payan, Ms. Holguin and Mr. Volk

NAYS: None ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Mr. Adame

- 5. Discussion and action on Board Resolutions authorizing the Executive Director to execute the following instruments, as they relate to the Loop 375 at FM659 (Zaragoza) Direct Connector Project:
 - (a) a Pass-Through Toll Agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation in an amount not to exceed \$7 million;
 - (b) a State Infrastructure Bank Loan Agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation in an amount not to exceed \$20 million; and
 - (c) Work Authorization No. 8 with Atkins North America, Inc. as the CRRMA's general engineering consultant.

Raymond Telles, Executive Director, provided background on the item noting that the draft agreements for items 4(a) and 4(b) had not yet been received from the Texas Department of Transportation and therefore recommended that the entire item be deleted.

Motion made by Ms. Melendez, seconded by Mr. Marcus and unanimously carried to delete this item 5, including all subparts (a)-(c).

AYES:

Mr. McLaughlin, Mr. Marcus, Ms. Melendez, Dr. Payan, Ms. Holguin and Mr. Volk

NAYS:

None

ABSTAIN:

None

ABSENT:

Mr. Adame

6. Discussion and action regarding the 82nd Texas Legislative Session and Special Session relative to the CRRMA's legislative priorities.

Raymond Telles, Executive Director, provided information on passed legislation in relation to the legislative priorities of the CRRMA with discussion from the CRRMA Board Members. No action was taken on this item.

7. Discussion and action on a Board Resolution authorizing the Executive Director to issue a Request for Qualifications seeking professional auditing services relative to the CRRMA's annual audit requirements.

Raymond Telles, Executive Director, provided background on this item and explained the proposed process while also providing details on the content of the proposed request for qualifications.

Motion made by Mr. Marcus, seconded by Dr. Payan and unanimously carried to approve a Board Resolution authorizing the Executive Director to issue a Request for Qualifications seeking professional auditing services relative to the CRRMA's annual audit requirements.

AYES:

Mr. McLaughlin, Mr. Marcus, Ms. Melendez, Dr. Payan, Ms. Holguin and Mr. Volk

NAYS: ABSTAIN: None

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None

ABSENT:

Mr. Adame

8. Discussion and action regarding the CRRMA's Request for Proposals for Marketing and Outreach Services.

Raymond Telles, Executive Director, provided the results of the request for proposals process, noting the limited interest from marketing firms despite its distribution to the industry. Mr. Telles recommended that the CRRMA continue with its existing provider on an as-needed basis. No action was taken on this item.

9. Discussion and action on a Board Resolution approving the Executive Director's Annual Performance Evaluation, authorizing the CRRMA Chair to communicate the results of the Evaluation to the City of El Paso and to take other actions as necessary.

Norman Gordon, outside attorney to the CRRMA, managed this evaluation process on behalf of the CRRMA and presented this agenda item to the Board.

Motion made by Mr. Marcus, seconded by Ms. Melendez and unanimously carried to approve the Executive Director's Annual Performance Evaluation, authorizing the CRRMA Chair to communicate the results of the Evaluation to the City of El Paso and to take other actions as necessary.

AYES:

Mr. McLaughlin, Mr. Marcus, Ms. Melendez, Dr. Payan, Ms. Holguin and Mr. Volk

NAYS:

None

ABSTAIN:

None

ABSENT:

Mr. Adame

- 10. Discussion and action on the Executive Director's Report:
 - (a) Proposition 12 Bond Program;

An update on the project selection process underway through the El Paso Metropolitan Planning Organization was provided by Raymond Telles. Mr. Eduardo Calvo from TxDOT also provided some background and answered questions. No action was taken on this item.

(b) Fiscal Year 2012 Budget - Finance Committee; and

The CRRMA Board was advised that the proposed Fiscal Year 2012 Budget would be finalized and presented to the Finance Committee Meeting for a recommendation and would be brought to the CRRMA's August Board meeting for review and adoption. No action was taken on this item.

(c) I-10 Corridor Aesthetic Improvement Project – Master Plan.

An update was provided by Raymond Telles, including the note that the Master Plan is complete and can be found on the CRRMA website. No action was taken on this item

Motion made by Dr. Payan, seconded by Mr. Volk and unanimously carried to adjourn at 11:47 a.m..

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Approved as to Content:

Susan A. Melendez, Board Secretary