

2010 - 2035

# Metropolitan Transportation Plan



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# RESOLUTION 2009-24

## SUBJECT: Adoption of FY2035 MTP

**WHEREAS**, the Hidalgo County Metropolitan Planning Organization, is the designated agency for the Transportation Planning in the Transportation Management Area; and

**WHEREAS**, the MPO is required to have a systematic way to gather citizen input on transportation issues; and

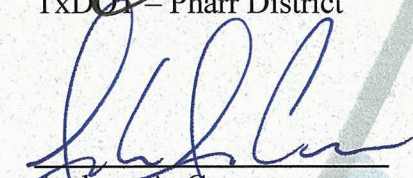
**WHEREAS**, these procedures have been duly discussed and gone through the required public comment period; and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Hidalgo County Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Policy Committee agreed by a majority vote to adopt the FY2035 MTP in compliance to federal requirements to have a fiscally constrained 20 year horizon planning document.

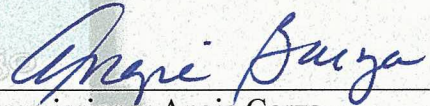
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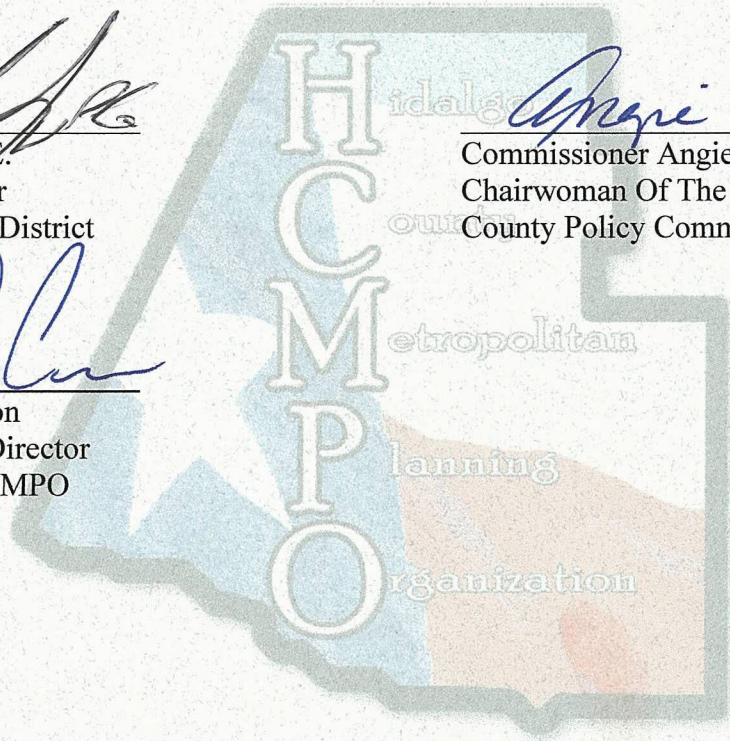
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RE: 2035 Metropolitan Transportation Plan

Greetings,

It is with great pleasure that I present to you, the 2035 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). This plan has taken the better part of the 2009 calendar year to produce and has countless people hours involved in its evolution. It is because of the excellent guidance, feedback, and support HCMPO staff received over the past year that the HCMPO staff has been able to produce a tool that will be used to provide guidance for planning of projects and continuing to develop improved methods of transportation planning. This MTP not only identifies the financially constrained projects, but also the NEEDS of Hidalgo County and its citizens. The MTP is a tool that can be used by many as Hidalgo County continues to evolve into a major metropolitan area, and the “front door” into the United States for economic development. I hope that this tool will be as invaluable to you as it is to this organization and the citizens of Hidalgo County.

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