

FULL POLICY BOARD AGENDA

POLICY BOARD MEETING WEDNESDAY, December 14, 2022 – 1:30 PM RIO GRANDE VALLEY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (RGVMPO)

Pursuant to Chapter 551, Title 5 of the Texas Government Code, the Texas Open Meeting Act, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a meeting of the RGVMPO POLICY BOARD will be held In Person at the LRGVDC Main Campus, 301 W. Railroad Street, Building B, Ken Jones Executive Board Room in Weslaco, TX.

I) CALL TO ORDER

Judge Eddie Trevino (Cameron County) called the TPB meeting to order at 1:30 P.M. The TPB Meeting was held in person at the Ken Jones Board Room.

II) ROLL CALL

RGVMPO TPB Representatives in attendance were as follows:

Members Present:	
Entity	Individual
Cameron County	Judge Eddie Treviño, Jr. (Chairman) -PRESENT Com. David Garza (Alternate)
Hidalgo County	Comm. David L. Fuentes (Vice-Chairman) Comm. Ellie Torres (Alternate) -PRESENT
Starr County	Judge Eloy Vera (Designee) Comm. Raul Pena, III (Alternate) ABSENT
City of Brownsville	Helen Ramirez, Interim City Manager (Designee) Nurith Galonsky-Pinana (Alternate) PRESENT
City of Edinburg	Mayor Ramiro Garza (Designee) - PRESENT Comm. Daniel “Dan” Diaz (Alternate)
City of Harlingen	Mayor Chris Boswell (Designee) Gabriel Gonzalez (Alternate) – PRESENT
City of McAllen	Mayor Javier Villalobos (Designee) Eduardo Mendoza (Alternate) - PRESENT
City of Mission	Norie Gonzalez Garza (Designee) - PRESENT Comm. Jessica Ortega- Ochoa (Alternate)
City of Pharr	Mayor Ambrosio “Amos” Hernandez (Designee) PRESENT Comm. Daniel Chavez (Alternate)
City of San Benito	Mayor Ricardo “Rick” Guerra (Designee) Manuel De La Rosa (Alternate - PRESENT
Cameron County RMA	Frank Parker, Jr. (Designee) – PRESENT Arturo A. Nelson (Alternate)
Hidalgo County RMA	S. David Deanda Jr. (Designee) Ramon Navarro, V. (Proxy) – PRESENT
Valley Metro	Maribel Contreras (Designee) Sara Dalleum – PRESENT
TxDOT Pharr District	Pedro “Pete” Alvarez (Designee) - PRESENT Rex A. Costley (Alternate)
EX-OFFICIO	
RGV Partnership	Daniel Silva – PRESENT
LRGVDC	Manuel Cruz - ABSENT
GUEST	
Others Present:	
RGVMPO	Andrew Canon
RGVMPO	Staff

III) PUBLIC COMMENTS

State Representative Terry Canales commented on transportation funds not moving due to stalled projects. He added that due to the exponential growth of the RGV, we cannot afford to have transportation dollars not moving. Finally, he commented that we cannot go to Austin to request more funds when we don't spend what we have.

Judge Treviño thanked and agreed with State Representative and reminded members that we have to do what we say. He added that is up to us to make sure funds are kept within our region.

IV) CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes

Consideration and Action to Approve the Minutes of September 28, 2022

Judge Trevino Chairman (Cameron County) asked if there were any corrections to the Policy minutes of September 28, 2022.

No corrections were noted to the minutes of September 28, 2022. motion to approve was made by the City of Mission, Mayor Norie Gonzalez Garza and was seconded TxDot Pharr District Engineer Pedro "Pete" Alvarez. The item was unanimously approved.

2. RFP Presentations

Fernando Cantu asked for action to approve two contracts: Performance Measures and Comprehensive Sustainability & Resilience Study. Mr. Cantu informed of meeting with TAC and the recommendation of consultant Alliance Transportation Group. He added that selected consultant for FM 509 TEDSI would be held back until January once all items are received.

Judge Treviño asked Mr. Cantu for the recommendation and ATG was recommended.

After no questions or comments were presented; motion was made by TxDot Pharr District Engineer Pedro "Pete" Alvarez and second by Cameron County Frank Parker, Jr. Item unanimously approved.

3. Presentation on the Executive Summary for the Spring 2022 CMP Multimodal Transportation Performance and Assesses Alternative Strategies

Steve Taylor with CoPlan, LLC provide a brief update presentation of the Spring 2022 CMP. Mr Taylor presented the new items on the report since the last presentation on September. The report of the network analysis was reviewed by Mr. Taylor; the City of McAllen is not included because they are doing the project inhouse. Delays and congestion are occurring at intersections. About 43% of the network is founded to be congested. Mr. Taylor added that between years 2016- 2020 funding has been dedicated along with city efforts to resolve congestion and delays issues. Mr. Taylor recommends to continue with that effort and work with 172 intersections/signals within the region. The results of the CMP include; assessment of intersections to determine capability, condition and the life of the equipment. Mr. Taylor highlighted the rest of the findings and open the floor for any questions.

After some discussion on this item, Chairman Trevino, along with TPB members present acknowledged and thanked Mr. Taylor for his presentation and asked for a motion to acknowledge the report; motion was made by TxDot Pharr District Engineer Pedro "Pete" Alvarez and second by Hidalgo County Ramon Navarro.

4. Discussion and Action on FY 2023 – 2026 TIP & 2045 MTP Amendments

Rudy Zamora Jr., discussed the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) & 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and the requirement for amendment. He presented tables that incorporated modifications and revisions.

After no questions or comments were presented; motion was made by TxDot Pharr District Engineer Pedro "Pete" Alvarez and second by Cameron County Frank Parker, Jr. Item unanimously approved.

5. Discussion on TASA Project

Eva Garcia presented the TASA updates as a follow up to the September meetings. Ms. Garcia reviewed the two pending projects for FY2019-2020. Ms. Garcia reminded the panel about outside of MPO funds availability and workshop information for it. Ms. Garcia opened the floor for comments or questions. The City of McAllen, Eduardo Mendoza requested the link to the workshop, Ms. Garcia will make it available to the panel.

After no more questions or comments were presented; Chairman Judge Trevino thanked Mrs. Garcia and moved to item 6.

This item was informational only, no action required.

6. Draft 2024 UTP CAT 2

Melba Schaus reviewed CAT 2 Projects in the 2024 UTP that have shifted out of the year due to fiscal constraints and project development. Mrs. Schaus requested action to approve to move projects around due to the fiscal constrains discussed.

Mrs. Schaus opened the floor for questions, City of Pharr Mayor Ambrosio asked about the local sponsor's knowledge about the project's movement. Mrs. Schaus confirmed there have not been any comments after the presentation at TAC Meeting.

After no questions or comments were presented; motion was made by TxDot Pharr District Engineer Pedro "Pete" Alvarez and second by Cameron County Frank Parker, Jr. Item unanimously approved.

7. City of McAllen- 2018 Traffic Improvement Bond

Item was tabled.

Motion to table item was made by TxDot Pharr District Engineer Pedro "Pete" Alvarez and second by City of Pharr mayor Ambrosio Hernandez. Item unanimously approved.

8. RGVMPPO Meeting Dates

Executive Director Andrew Canon provided a listing of meeting dates that mirror the proposed meeting dates of the LRGDV. Mr. Canon requested approval of 2023 RGVMPPO TAC and Policy meeting calendar.

After no questions or comments were presented; motion to approve was made by City of Mission Mayor Norie Gonzalez Garza and second by TxDot Pharr District Engineer Pedro "Pete" Alvarez. Item unanimously approved.

V. RGVMPPO EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS' REPORT AND UPDATES

1. Executive Director Andrew Canon introduced new RGVMPPO's staff member executive assistant Adriana Estrada.
2. Financial Update
Report contained within the packet shows that the RGVMPPO is where it should be at 50% mark.
3. Legislative Workshop
Notes contained within the packet
4. Transportation Forum, Jan. 29-31, 2023, Austin, TX
Detailed information sent out within an invitation via email.
5. RGV Days Feb. 21-23, 2023.
Hosted by RGV Partnership, contact Daniel Silva for additional information
Feb. 21st, - Several buses and block of rooms available
Feb 22nd, - meeting at the capital in groups and learning legislative material and visiting offices to meet staff to voice concerns and issues. Lunch at the Sheraton with some of the speakers and a reception that evening.
Feb. 23rd, - Speakers at the delegation in the small conference rooms available for one-on-one time. There would also be a recognition at the senate and house floor.

6. Staff Excellence Award from AMPO

Mr. Canon recognized staff for receiving the Excellence Award and briefly reviewed the accomplishments completed to receive it.

After recognizing MPO staff for award, Chairman Judge Trevino along with TxDot Pharr District Engineer Pedro "Pete" Alvarez went ahead and presented Pharr Mayor Ambrosio Hernandez with the Road Hand Award.

7. State Safety Taskforce

Andrew Canon informed that as the regular meetings have continued and led to the conclusion part of them and moving forward to safety studies. Talks with TxDot continue with one goal in mind, which is to have no deaths in Texas in our roadways. Mr. Canon concluded by stating that funding is available in house to be able to fulfill that goal. He added that the MPO is looking into conducting a study by next year to complement what the district already prepares. Once the study is complete, the Policy Board will be involved for some implementation.

VI) **STATUS REPORTS**

A. **TxDOT Project Status Report**

(TxDOT) provided an updated TxDOT Project Status Report within the RGVMPPO area.

B. **Cameron County RMA**

Eric Davila (Cameron County RMA) provided an updated presentation on projects that are currently within the Cameron County RMA.

C. **Hidalgo County RMA**

Ramon Navarro, (Hidalgo County RMA) provided an updated presentation on projects that are currently within the Hidalgo County RMA.

D. **Valley Metro/ McAllen Metro**

Sarah Dierlam with the LRGVDC/interim Director for Transportation Department provided ridership statistics for Valley and McAllen Metro.

VII) **NEW OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

No New or unfinished business

VIII) **ADJOURNMENT:**

The next meeting of the RGVMPPO Transportation Policy Board Meeting is scheduled for January 25, 2023, at 1:30pm at the Ken Jones Boardroom.

No further business to come before the RGVMPPO TPB Members, Chairman Judge Treviño called for a motion to adjourn. TxDot Pharr District Engineer Pedro "Pete" Alvarez and second by Cameron County Frank Parker, Jr. Motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:



RGVMPO POLICY COMMITTEE
(TPB) VICE CHAIRMAN