

FULL POLICY BOARD AGENDA
POLICY BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5, 2023 – 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
- II. Roll Call
- III. Public Comments – Maybe submitted online or maybe submitted in paper form specifying the matter you wish to address.
- IV. Consent Agenda

1. Approval of Minutes:
March 1, 2023

Action Possible Action Information

Presenter: Judge Eddie Trevino, Jr., Chairman

Item Summary: Approval of March 1, 2023, Policy meeting minutes.

2. Discussion on Draft 2024 UTP Allocation for Category 7 Funding
 Action Possible Action Information

Presenter: Rudy Zamora Jr., Transportation Planner II

Item Summary: The Draft 2024 Unified Transportation Program (UTP) planning targets been shared with TXDOT Districts & MPO staff. Projected totals for all 12 UTP funding categories have been included within members' meeting packets. Category 7 – Metropolitan Mobility and Rehabilitation funds are listed with a slight increase, from the previous 2023 UTP. A summary and analysis of funding is also included. RGVMPO staff is requesting discussion and recommendations for programming Category 7 funds.

Background: The Unified Transportation Program is updated and approved annually. Federal and State funding for transportation projects is approved by the Texas Transportation Commission and the 2024 UTP is slated for adoption in August of 2023. The RGVMPO TPB approved increases to Category 7 funding for prioritized projects in September of 2022. The 2024 UTP includes allocation for FY 2024-2033 and our TPB has approved over \$406 million of Cat. 7 funding, for those fiscal years. Federal allocation and transaction reports are sent to RGVMPO staff monthly. As of 2/28/23, over \$74 million of Cat. 7 funds are unobligated.

3. Local Transportation Planning Project

Action Possible Action Information

Presenter: **Fernando Cantu, RGVMPPO Planner III**

Item Summary: Staff update on calling for the Local Transportation Plan Project for the RGVMPPO FY 24-25 Unified Planning Work Program.

Background: Deadline for submitting a project for the UPWP was on April 1,2023. 3 projects were submitted, and their cost estimate are below:

Project	Organization	Local Contribution	MPO Contribution
Weslaco SW Loop Planning Corridor/ Alignment Study	Hidalgo County Pct.1 / City of Weslaco	\$62,500	\$187,500
Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2024-2050	RGVMPO		\$300,000
RGVMPO Passenger Rail Study	RGVMPO		\$250,000

4. Discussion of IJA Infrastructure BIL and grants submitted by the RGMPO.

Action Possible Action Information

Presenter: **Javier Dominguez Jr., RGVMPPO Transportation Planner I**

Item Summary: Presentation on the four grants that were submitted by the RGVMPPO during this funding round.

Background: In partnership with the local planning partners, The RGVMPPO was able to submit four grant applications during this funding round of the IJA Infrastructure Bill. The RGVMPPO will present on which grants they applied for as well as share updates, submission dates, and goals for these applications.

5. Border Master Plan

Action Possible Action Information

Presenter: **Juan Flores, TxDOT Freight, International Trade Director**

Summary: Update on implementation plans for the Border Master Plan as adopted by the TxDOT Commission

Background: As freight and international trade continues to be imperative to address the needs of freight movement and financial tools that may be available to address some concerns.

V. Executive Session (for consideration)

A. Personnel Matters Pursuant to Section 551-074 (1) to Deliberate the Appointment, Employment, Evaluation, Reassignment, Duties, Discipline, or Dismissal of a Public Officer or Employee

RE: Executive Director

B. Reconvene into Open Session to Consider ACTION, if any, on Items Related to in Executive Session as Described above:

VI. RGVMPD EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS' REPORT AND UPDATES

Action Possible Action Information

Presenter: Andrew A. Canon, RGVMPD

VII. STATUS REPORTS

A. TxDOT Project Status Report

Action Possible Action Information

Presenter: Melba Schaus, TxDOT

B. Cameron County RMA

Action Possible Action Information

Presenter: Eric Davila

C. Hidalgo County RMA

Action Possible Action Information

Presenter: Ramon Navarro

D. Transit Report

Action Possible Action Information

Presenter: Nancy Sanchez

VIII. Other Business (Old or New): This item provides an opportunity for members to bring items of interest before the group.

XI. Next Meeting: The next meeting of the RGVMPD Policy Board Meeting is scheduled for **1:30 pm on April 26, 2023, at the Ken Jones Boardroom - Weslaco**