

**Meeting Minutes of the
Rio Grande Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization
Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC)**

Wednesday, March 1, 2023 at 11:00 AM

I. CALL TO ORDER

The RGVMPPO Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) meeting was held in-person at City Plaza – Mezzanine Level, 1034 E. Levee Street, Brownsville, TX and virtually via Microsoft Teams. The meeting was called to order by David Hernandez, Chair, at 11:01 A.M.

II. ROLL CALL

RGVMPPO BPAC Representatives **PRESENT:**

Organization/Agency	Voting Membership	Alternate
Valley Off-Road Bicycling Association	David Hernandez, Chair	
Caracara Trails	Rose Gowen, Vice-Chair	
City of Weslaco	Omar Rodriguez	Rebekah de la Fuente
City of Sullivan City	Alma Salinas	Ana Mercado
TxDOT Pharr District	Craig Wuensche	Roberto Garza
City of Edinburg	Larry Ayala	Valentin Sanchez Jr.
City of Pharr	Ruben Alfaro	Maria Rangel
City of Brownsville	Octavio Salazar	Joel Garza
Valley Metro	George Huerta	Claudia Olmedo
LRGVDC	Horacio Garza	Nancy Sanchez
UTRGV	Rodney Gomez	Pablo Aguilar
TPWD	Javier De Leon	Kelly Malkoski
Citizen At-Large	Nina Torkelson	Robert Ordez
Citizen At-Large	Richard Cavin	
Citizen At-Large	Ana Adame	Tracy Roberts
Citizen At-Large	Michael McNew	Jon Ray Bocanegra

Other Attendees:

- Juan Pena, City of Brownsville
 - Javier Mendez, City of Harlingen
 - Ben Medina, City of Rio Hondo
 - Lisa Mitchell-Bennet, UT School of Public Health
 - RGV Cycling
- RGVMPPO Staff:**
- Andrew Canon, Executive Director
 - Luis Diaz, Assistant Director
 - Melany Rodriguez, GIS Specialist/Planner I
 - Javier Dominguez, Planner I
 - Christopher Nelson, Planner I
 - Rudy Zamora, Planner II
 - Eva Garcia, Planner III Bike/Ped Program Coordinator

BPAC Minutes Approved
April 5, 2023

III. CITIZENS INPUT

- Jalapeno 100 this past weekend; was shy of 500 registrants.
- Weekly/monthly bike ride page (David).
- March 17th Harlingen's Saint Patrick's Day Run; at Lon C. Hill; 300 participants.
- TxDOT Pharr District Survey; last stitch effort.

IV. PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION, AND ACTION ITEMS

A. Consideration and Possible Action to Approve the Minutes of February 1, 2023

The Minutes of the February 1, 2023 RGVMPPO BPAC Meeting was presented. RGVMPPO BPAC Member Nancy Sanchez (Valley Metro) made the motion to approve the Minutes of February 1, 2023 as presented. The motion was seconded by RGVMPPO BPAC Member Alma Salinas (Sullivan City), and upon a vote; the **motion passed unanimously**.

B. Consideration and Action to Adopt the FY2023-2024 Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TASA) Program Materials

After some discussion, recommendations were made and RGVMPPO BPAC Member Alma Salinas (Sullivan City), made the motion to adopt the FY2023-2024 TASA Program Materials. The motion was seconded by RGVMPPO BPAC Member Joel Garza (City of Brownsville), and upon the vote the **motion passed unanimously**.

C. Consideration and Action to Open the FY2023-2024 RGVMPPO Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TASA) Call for Projects

After some discussion, recommendations were made and RGVMPPO BPAC Chair David Hernandez (V.O.R.B.A.), made the motion to Open the FY2023-2024 RGVMPPO TASA Call for Projects. The motion was seconded by RGVMPPO BPAC Member Alma Salinas (Sullivan City), and upon the vote the **motion passed unanimously**.

D. Presentation and Discussion on the RGV Bike/Ped Events Calendar No action was taken.

E. Presentation and Discussion on the RGV Bicycle & Pedestrian Counter Data Program Quarterly Update Chris Nelson, Planner I, gave an update on the regional counter program. No action was taken.

V. PROJECT UPDATES

VI. NEW OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- PeopleForBikes nationwide campaign: 1,000 bike projects
- International Mountain biking foundation

VII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, RGVMPPO BPAC Chair David Hernandez (V.O.R.B.A.) made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:59AM. The motion was seconded by RGVMPPO BPAC Member Robert Ordez (Bike/Ped Citizen At-Large), and upon a vote; the **motion passed unanimously**.