

FULL POLICY BOARD AGENDA
POLICY BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26, 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:

April 5, 2023

Action **Possible Action** **Information**

Presenter: **Judge Eddie Trevino, Jr., Chairman**

Item Summary: Approval of April 5, 2023, Policy meeting minutes.

2. Discussion and action on FY 2023-2026 STIP & 2045 MTP Amendments – May 2023 Quarterly Revision Cycle

Action **Possible Action** **Information**

Presenter: **Rudy Zamora Jr., Transportation Planner II**

Item Summary: The Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) - May 2023 Revision Cycle is upon us. Amendments to both short-range (TIP) & long-range (MTP) planning tables are included within this meeting packet for review & approval. Public involvement is currently underway, and all revisions will be uploaded by April 28th. Final approval by our Policy Board (TPB) is scheduled for April 26, 2023. Staff is available to address questions and/or concerns.

Background: The Statewide TIP is updated quarterly and MPO staff has prepared draft tables for review and approval. Public involvement was scheduled for March 20 - April 20 both virtually and in-person, at four locations region-wide. Revisions are highlighted on our long-range, Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), and notated in red text on our short-range Transit/Highway TIP tables.

3. Continued Discussion on Draft 2024 UTP - Category 7 Funding Allocation and Programming of Projects

Action Possible Action Information

Presenter: **Rudy Zamora Jr., Transportation Planner II**

Summary: The Draft 2024 Unified Transportation Program (UTP) planning targets have 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. RGVMP staff is requesting discussion and recommendations for programming Category 7 funds.

Background: This item was presented to the TAC during our last meeting. Members requested updated figures and additional project development & programming information. MPO staff presented updated tables and a summary during the April 5th TPB meeting. TPB members requested a re-evaluation of Category 7 projects funded within FY 2023-2032. Concerns regarding project scoring and project history were expressed, with an emphasis on programming "shovel-ready" projects.

4. Discussion on and Possible Action on the Updated CAT 7 Scoring and Evaluation Form

Action Possible Action Information

Presenter: **Fernando Cantu, RGVMP Transportation Planner III**

Summary: The RGVMP is presenting amendments to the current Unified Transportation Program (UTP 10 Year Plan) CAT 7 Project Evaluation Form. After presentation to our Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) it was decided to move forward with a workshop to further discuss amendments and concerns expressed by the committee held on April 17, 2023. Comments and recommendations from TAC committee were collected on April 18, 2023 and the latest project scoring form was produced on April 19, 2023 and sent out to TAC Committee for a project scoring submittal period of April 19, 2023 through May 19, 2023.

Background: Through an iterative discussion, the RGVMP staff and TAC refined a scoring for Category 7 projects to both leverage the technical expertise embodied in the TAC and reference performance criteria and regional goals to provide a robust scoring process for vetting and promoting projects geared to contribute towards targets. This scoring process likewise provides a platform to communicate with project sponsors and decision makers about project implications. The process also investigates what conditions a proposed project is improving and asks the sponsor to reflect on why they are submitting the project being reviewed. The continuity of this process invariably will refine and improve the process by which projects are submitted for consideration as well as the projects themselves. The latest version of the RGVMP Off System Project Evaluation Form is reflective of 3 TAC workshops and TPB approval June 30, 2022.

5. FY2023-2024 Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Call for Projects

Action Possible Action Information

Presenter: **Eva Garcia, RGVMPD Planner III: Bike Ped Program Coordinator**

Summary: Overview and summary of the FY2023-2024 TASA Call for Projects that is currently open. Deadline for project proposals/applications is May 31, 2023. The RGVMPD has \$9 million available to program for planning and construction projects.

Background: The call for projects opened on March 1, 2023, after several working group meetings and revisions to the competitive process. The RGVMPD Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) voting members will be evaluating submittals in August. Recommendations for funding projects will be presented to the RGVMPD Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and Transportation Policy Board (TPB) in September.

II. RGVMPD EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS' REPORT AND UPDATES

Action Possible Action Information

Presenter: **Andrew A. Canon, RGVMPD Executive Director**

Item Summary:

III. 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

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

V. **Next Meeting:** The next meeting of the RGVMPD Policy Board Meeting is scheduled for **1:30 pm on May 31, 2023, at the Ken Jones Boardroom - Weslaco**