

Meeting of the Rio Grande Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization
RGVMPO POLICY BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY, March 1, 2023 – 1:30 PM

MINUTES

Presiding: Chairman – Judge Eddie Treviño, Jr. (Cameron County)

I) Call to Order

Chairman (Judge) Eddie Trevino called the TPB meeting to order at 1:30 P.M, a quorum was established. The TPB Meeting was held in person at the Ken Jones Board Room located at 301 West Railroad Weslaco, Texas with members present.

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) PRESENT Comm. Ellie Torres (Alternate)
Starr County	Judge Eloy Vera (Designee) Reyna Guerra Proxy – PRESENT
City of Brownsville	Mayor Trey Mendez (Designee) PRESENT Nurith Galonsky-Pinana (Alternate)
City of Edinburg	Mayor Ramiro Garza (Designee) - PRESENT Comm. Daniel “Dan” Diaz (Alternate)
City of Harlingen	Mayor Norma Sepulveda (Designee) Gabriel Gonzalez (Alternate) – PRESENT
City of McAllen	Mayor Javier Villalobos (Designee) Roel “Roy” Rodriguez (Alternate) – PRESENT
City of Mission	Mayor Norie Gonzalez Garza (Designee) – PRESENT Comm. Jessica Ortega- Ochoa (Alternate)
City of Pharr	Mayor Ambrosio “Amos” Hernandez (Designee) ABSENT Comm. Daniel Chavez (Alternate)
City of San Benito	Mayor Ricardo “Rick” Guerra (Designee) ABSENT Manuel De La Rosa (Alternate)
Cameron County RMA	Frank Parker, Jr. (Designee) – PRESENT Arturo A. Nelson (Alternate)
Hidalgo County RMA	S. David Deanda Jr. (Designee) – PRESENT Ramon Navarro, V. (Proxy)
Valley Metro	Rick Guerra (Designee) – PRESENT Jose Luis Silva (Alternate)
TxDOT Pharr District	Pedro “Pete” Alvarez (Designee) - PRESENT Rex A. Costley (Alternate)
EX-OFFICIO	
RGV Partnership	Daniel Silva
LRGVDC	Sarah Dierlam
GUEST	
Others Present:	
RGVMPO	Andrew Canon
RGVMPO	Staff

III) PUBLIC COMMENT

None

IV) CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes

Consideration and Action to Approve the Minutes of January 25, 2023

Judge Trevino Chairman (Cameron County) asked if there were any corrections to the Policy minutes of January 25, 2023.

No corrections were noted to the minutes of January 25, 2023. Motion to approve was made by Hidalgo County David L. Fuentes and was seconded Starr County Reyna Guerra. The item was unanimously approved.

2. New RGVMPD Data Request Form

Fernando Cantu presented the newly created RGVMPD request form. He reviewed the form highlighting that it will serve as the new method for requesting data from the RGVMPD. Furthermore, he also highlighted that the form is available on the RGVMPD website.

Chairman Judge Trevino asked if there were any questions for the presenter, Sarah Dierlam asked if there were any fees associated to the form. Mr. Cantu confirmed that there were no fees given that this is public information. He added that any consultant would have to go through the local partner to request information.

After no additional questions or comments were presented Chairman Judge Trevino introduced item 3.

3. 2022 Thoroughfare Plan Amendments

Luis Diaz presented and sought the adoption of the 2022 Thoroughfare Plan Process Amendments. Mr. Diaz reviewed the details of each amendment.

2022 Thoroughfare Plan Amendments						
Entity:	Roadway:	From:	To:	Current ROW Type:	Requested ROW Type	ROW Amendment
City of Edinburg	Trenton Rd.	I-69C (US 281)	Raul Longoria Dr. (FM 1426)	*Existing	*Existing	Reducing from 120' to 100'
City of Edinburg	Roegiers Road	Rogers Road	FM 1925 (Monte Cristo Rd)	*Existing	*Existing	Reducing from 120' to 80'
City of Edinburg	De La Rosa Street	I-69C	East City Limits	*Expansion	*New	Removing from Thoroughfare Plan
City of McAllen	E Yuma	S 2nd	S McColl	*New	*Existing	Removing from Thoroughfare Plan
Hidalgo County Precinct 1	Baker Road	Progreso City Limits	Dead End	*Existing	*Existing	Reducing from 120' to 100'
Hidalgo County Precinct 4	Jaguar Drive	FM 907	Terry Road	*Expansion	*Expansion	Removing from Thoroughfare Plan
Hidalgo County Precinct 4	FM 1423	Wisconsin Road to Mile 15 North	Mile 15 North to State Highway 107	*Existing	*Expansion	Increasing from a 120' to 150'
City of Donna	FM 1423 (Val Verde)	County Road 14001	IH-2	*Existing	*Expansion	Increasing from a 120' to 150'
*RGVMPO Thoroughfare Plan only records ROW of 80' and above. *						

Mr. Diaz advised that amendments received were only from Hidalgo County therefore final approval would be done through Hidalgo County Commissioner's court.

April the amendments would be reflected on the RGVMPD's UMap and local governments can review amendments and submit new ones for the following next thoroughfare plan process.

Once the floor was opened for questions or comments, Vice Chairman David L Fuentes from Hidalgo County reminded Mr. Diaz about court dates.

Chairman Judge Trevino confirmed with Mr. Diaz that other entities have agreed or acknowledge the current process.

Once no more questions or comments were presented, motion to approve was made by City of Edinburg's mayor Ramiro Garza Jr., and was seconded TxDOT's Pedro "Pete" Alvarez. The item was unanimously approved.

4. Adoption of the 2023 Safety Performance Targets (PM1)

Miguel Arispe gave a review of the item's background; MAP-21 and the FAST Act requires MPO's to integrate performance measures into the transportation planning process. Safety performance targets are established annually by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) for each performance measure. States and MPO's collaborate to set targets to establish performance measures. The requirement for these safety measures is an annual requirement as the RGVMPPO has been doing it since 2019.

Mr. Arispe added that the RGVMPPO has started work with Alliance transportation group at looking at set targets a lot closer and analyzing data that is provided by TxDOT.

Mr. Arispe advised the board that the RGVMPPO is recommending approval the adoption of targets as established by TxDOT:

1. Number of Fatalities
2. Rate of Fatalities per 100 million Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT),
3. Number of Serious Injuries,
4. Rate of Serious Injuries per 100 million VMT, and
5. Number of Non-Motorized Fatalities and Serious Injuries

Mr. Arispe reiterated that this is an annual process and that the data will be analyzed a lot more closely.

Pharr Mayor Amos Hernandez asked if the performance measures are the same, Mr Arispe confirmed that to be correct.

Once no more questions or comments were presented, a motion to approve was made by City of Brownsville's mayor Trey Mendez and was seconded City of Mission's Mayor Norie Gonzalez Garza. Resolution 2023-05 was unanimously approved.

5. Discussion and Update on the Annal Bike/Ped Program

Eva Garcia presented a summary of the various Bike/Ped programs and 2022 activities. The update detailed information regarding the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee, Bicycle and Pedestrian Counter Data Program, Active Transportation Map, and the 2023 planned activities.

Eva Garcia also informed the board that the application for the TASA call for projects for fiscal year 2023-2024 funding commenced today. She also shared details of the timeline until the application deadline.

- 1st workshop - March 15th, 2023, 1:30pm
- 2nd Workshop - March 22nd, 2023, 1:30pm
- Responding to any pending/additional questions – March 31st, 2023
- Programing to Policy Board – September 2023.
- -Handouts available at the sign-in counter.

Chairman Judge Trevino asked about the timeframe of the application period, Mrs. Garcia confirmed that it's from March 1st, - May 31st, 2023. Chairman asked to be sure to inform everyone due to the tight timeline.

Mrs. Garcia gave an overview of the process for application.

- May 31st, 2023- deadline to submit applications.
- June & July- Review of applications
- August – Presentations and evaluations
- September – TAC & Policy presentations

This item was informational only, no action required.

Chairman Judge Trevino advised the board that the timelapse of the Executive Session would determine if the status reports were presented, but in any case, the reports can be located within the agenda packet.

V) **Executive Session**

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

Motion to proceed to executive session made by City of Pharr's mayor Ambrosio Hernandez and was seconded by Starr County Reyna Guerra.

Motion to reconvene into Open Session was made by City of Mission's mayor Norie Gonzalez Garza and was seconded by San Benito's mayor Ricardo "Rick" Guerra.

B. Reconvene into Open Session for **NO ACTION** for Executive Session as Described above.

VI) **RGVMPO Executive Director's Report and Updates**

Andrew Cano reviewed the UTP numbers, he highlighted that the funding directly impacts the MPO's CAT 7 & CAT 2 – minimal increase. Mr. Canon added that the numbers by area would be shared as soon as they became available.

This item was informational only, no action required.

VII) **Status Report – Chairman Judge Trevino informed the board that the status reports would not be presented at this time.**

VIII) **New or Unfinished Business**

Chairman Judge Trevino asked the board if there were any issues or concerns if the next meeting was changed from March 29th, 2023, to April 5th, 2023. No issues or concerns expressed; the meeting date changed as suggested.

IX) **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the RGVMPO TPB Members, Chairman Judge Treviño called for a motion to adjourn. TxDot Pharr District Engineer Pedro "Pete" Alvarez and second by City of Mission's mayor Norie Gonzalez Garza. Motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:



RGVMPO POLICY COMMITTEE
(TPB) VICE CHAIRMAN