



# Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee

**January 10, 2024**

Virtual Meeting

**10:30AM – 12PM**



# Meeting Agenda

## I. CALL TO ORDER

*Time: 10:30AM*

*By: David Hernandez*

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** ~10:30AM
- II. **ROLL CALL** ~10:30AM-10:35AM
- III. **CITIZENS INPUT/PUBLIC COMMENT** ~10:35AM-10:40AM
- IV. **PRESENTATION, ACTION, AND DISCUSSION ITEMS**
  - A. Consideration and Action to Approve the Minutes of November 1, 2023 ~10:40AM-10:45AM:
  - B. Consideration and Action to Approve RGVMPO BPAC Bylaw amendments ~10:45AM-11:15AM
  - C. Presentation and Discussion regarding the Hidalgo County Active Transportation and Active Tourism Plan ~11:15AM-11:30AM
  - D. Presentation and Discussion on RGVMPO Active Transportation Plan Initiatives ~11:30AM-11:45AM
- V. **PROJECT UPDATES**
  - A. TASA FY19-20 ~11:45AM-11:50AM
  - B. TASA FY21-22 ~11:50AM-11:55AM
  - C. TASA FY23-24 ~11:55AM-12PM
- VI. **NEW OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
- VII. **ADJOURNMENT** ~12PM



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# • RGVMPO BPAC • 2023 ATTENDANCE TRACKING •

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Organization/Agency	January 11 <sup>th</sup>	February 1 <sup>st</sup>	March 1 <sup>st</sup>	April 5 <sup>th</sup>	May 3 <sup>rd</sup>	June 7 <sup>th</sup>	August 2 <sup>nd</sup>	August 17 <sup>th</sup>	September 6 <sup>th</sup>	October 4 <sup>th</sup>	November 1 <sup>st</sup>
1 <b>Hidalgo County</b>	Appointed August 2 <sup>nd</sup>							P	P	P	P
2 Sullivan City	P	A	P	A	A	P	A	P	P	A	A
3 TxDOT	P	P	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	P
4 <b>Edinburg</b>	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
5 <b>Pharr</b>	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
6 <b>Brownsville</b>	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
7 <b>Valley Metro</b>	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	A	A	P
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10 Caracara Trails	P	P	P	A	P	A	P	P	A	P	A
11 UTRGV	P	P	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	P
12 TPWD	P	P	A	P	A	P	P	P	P	P	P
13 Nina Torkelson/Robert Ordez	P	P	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	A
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# I. ROLL CALL · *Membership Attendance will be tracked per the adopted bylaws ·*

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8	LRGVDC	P					
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## III. CITIZENS INPUT / PUBLIC COMMENT

- All are encouraged to provide input or make comments on bike/ped projects/programs ·

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## IV.A Discussion & Possible Action to Approve the Minutes of November 1, 2023

- [RGVMPO BPAC Meeting Minutes](#) •

*Possible Action: Approve*

*Motion By: Chris Nelson, Brownsville*

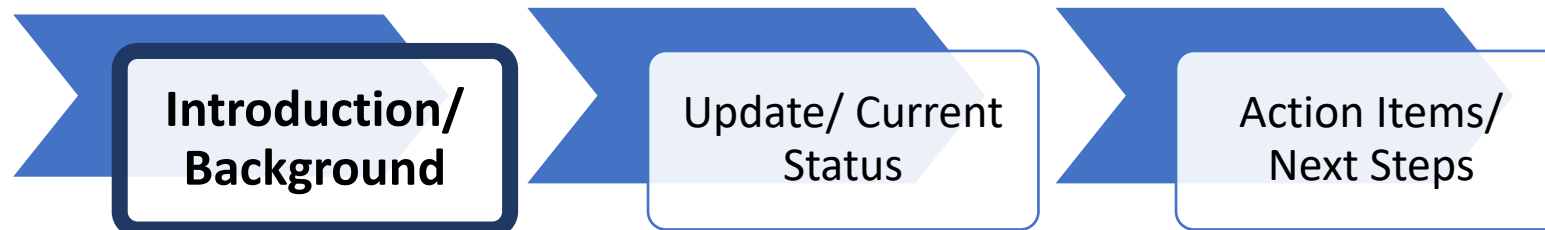
*Seconded By: Rodney Gomez, UTRGV*



# IV.B Consideration and Action to Approve the RGVMPO BPAC Bylaw Amendments

## • Recap •

- March 2020: BPAC Bylaws are adopted, shortly after the inception of the RGVMPO.
- January 2023: BPAC Bylaws were amended to update the 'Purpose' and 'Procedures' sections.
- June 2023: Call for Membership Applications is opened and promoted in preparation of a vacancy.
- August 2023: Seven (7) membership applications are reviewed, and Hidalgo County is appointed to fill one (1) public agency vacancy. After a discussion regarding the other applicants, it is decided a review of the 'Membership' section is necessary to provide clarity regarding membership position categories.
- September 2023: Guidance on potential Bylaw amendments is solicited from BPAC participants via Mentimeter survey/questions.
- January 2024: The feedback gathered is reflected in the proposed revisions being presented today.





## Introduction/ Background

## Update/ Current Status

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### • March 2020 Original Bylaws •

#### 1. Purpose:

The purpose of the Rio Grande Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization's (RGVMPO) Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) is to support continuous and consistent infrastructure improvements to encourage cyclist and pedestrian activity and mobility. The RGVMPO-BPAC will provide technical and community input to the RGVMPO Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and the Transportation Policy Board (TPB) to help develop an efficient, sustainable and active transportation system that includes walking and bicycling facilities which support the livability and economic vibrancy of our communities and the safety and health of all members of the community.

#### The BPAC will:

- Consider all technical and public outreach issues related to bicycle and pedestrian mobility, including but not limited to urban design, construction standards, design standards, maintenance, access management, connectivity and safety.
- Participate in all regional transportation planning activities
- Recommend funding options and opportunities for bicycle and pedestrian related projects
- Participate in the promotion and implementation of the Regional Bike and Pedestrian Plans
- Recommend bicycle and pedestrian related planning studies to be conducted
- Promote and participate in the Annual Walk N Rolla events
- Communicate and educate cyclists, pedestrians, and motorists on each of their rights and responsibilities on the road
- Communicate with and educate the public and elected officials on the importance of bicycling and walking through a speaker's bureau as well as periodic articles and opinion pieces to appropriate agency and mass media.

#### 4. Maintaining Membership

- Voting members will be in ex-officio status after missing three (3) consecutive meetings. Members with ex-officio status wishing to regain voting privileges must attend (3) meetings before voting privileges are reinstated for the remainder of their term.
- Members wishing to resign their positions may be replaced by their alternative for the remainder of their term or allow for the BPAC to select from a pool of applicant for a new one-year or two-year term.

#### 6. Procedures:

- The RGVMPO-BPAC shall meet monthly on the first-Wednesday of the month with the exception of November and December, unless otherwise agreed upon by the RGVMPO-BPAC, but no less than quarterly.
- The RGVMPO as the lead agency will be responsible for coordinating the meeting's date, time and place, and will provide an agenda, packet, minutes and other attachments electronically to all the members of the RGVMPO-BPAC no later than a week before the meeting.
- Meeting minutes shall be made of each meeting and will be posted on the MPO's website following approval by the RGVMPO-BPAC.
- Each agenda will include a "Citizens' Input" item. Participation by interested citizens in attendance is encouraged.
  - A meeting quorum shall be defined as one-half plus one of the existing voting memberships. Vacancies shall not count against quorum. A quorum shall be present for all actions taken by the RGVMPO-BPAC. The quorum shall continue until adjournment regardless of the departure of any members.
- Bylaws can be expanded or modified as agreed upon by the RGVMPO-BPAC.
- Following Robert's Rules of Order, meetings will proceed in an orderly fashion, giving all members an opportunity to speak.



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### • January 2023 Amendments •

#### I. Purpose

The purpose of the Rio Grande Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization's (RGVMPO) Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) is to advise the RGVMPO's Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and Transportation Policy Board (TPB) on bicycle and pedestrian projects, initiatives, and issues. By involving representatives of the public, including bicyclists, pedestrians, and other interested parties, the RGVMPO helps ensure their needs and positions are considered, implemented, and executed in the development of regional policies, programs, and projects.

The RGVMPO BPAC prioritizes improving connectivity, accessibility, and community health while planning for a comprehensive active transportation system. The Committee will guide the implementation of the key principles, goals, and supporting initiatives outlined in the RGVMPO Active Transportation Plan (ATP), adopted in December 2020.

RGVMPO ATP Key Principles and Supporting Goals:

- Increasing mobility across active transportation modes, *while creating an integrated regional transportation network.*
  - Connecting the first and last mile of public transit trips to create a realistic and comprehensive network.
  - Link existing pedestrian routes, increase connectivity, and increase user comfort via a system of safe facilities.
  - Filling sidewalk gaps and improving the quality of the pedestrian network.
- Establishing a comprehensive system of transportation options and allowing *users of all ages and abilities to access resources across the region.*
  - Improving connections to key destinations promotes more frequent participation in active transportation.
  - Enhancing travel choices for underserved people while increasing access to basic needs, services, and employment.
  - Encouraging user participation through education and empowering residents to engage with the community.
- Promoting active transportation modes that *improve public health and support local economies.*
  - Supporting job creation and local spending through active tourism.
  - Integrating activity to lower the effects of obesity, heart disease, mental health issues and other chronic conditions.
  - Reducing speeds and minimizing conflicts with motorized vehicles to increase safety for all users.

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Members who fail to regain voting privileges and continue to miss meetings shall be subject to removal from the Committee. Members wishing to resign their position may be replaced by their alternate for the remainder of their term, or they may vacate their position to allow the existing voting membership to select an applicant after the RGVMPO opens a Call for Membership Applications.

Excused absences may include but are not limited to illness-related absences, significant family events and circumstances, pre-planned events that cannot easily be changed, and employment conflicts that cannot easily be resolved. If an absence is not reported within two (2) days after the start of the meeting, it is automatically unexcused.

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Regular meetings of the RGVMPO BPAC shall be held at least quarterly with written notice and agenda submitted to all members at least (3) business days prior to the meeting date. RGVMPO BPAC Meeting Schedules will be considered during the first meeting of the calendar year (January to December). Special meetings may be called more frequently at the discretion of the Advisory Committee or RGVMPO designated staff member with written notice and agenda submitted to all members at least (3) business days prior to the meeting date. Meetings shall be open to the public.

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The RGVMPO BPAC bylaws may be expanded or modified as agreed upon when proposed amendments to bylaws are presented for consideration and action at regular or special meetings.



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**2023 RGVMPO  
Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory  
Committee Membership Open Call**

Applications are due Friday July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023

**Vacancies Include:**

- Economic Development Agency
- Pedestrian-Oriented Agency
- Stakeholder Agency

Visit our website for more information: <https://tinyurl.com/rgvmpobbac>

• June 2023 Call for Members •

• August 2023 Meeting Minutes •

**B. Consideration and Action to Appoint New Members to the RGVMPO BPAC**  
 Eva Garcia, RGVMPO, presented the Membership Applications that were received:

1. City of Edinburg (Public Agency)
2. Hidalgo County (Public Agency)
3. Brownsville Community Improvement Corporation (Economic Development Agency)
4. Council for South Texas Economic Progress (COSTEP)
5. City of Brownsville (Pedestrian-Oriented)
6. City of Harlingen (Stakeholder Organization: Health/Fitness Community)
7. Even Gonzalez (Stakeholder Organization: Health/Fitness Community)

After some discussion, it was recommended to review potential appointments by membership category. Chris Nelson, Brownsville, made the motion to appoint Hidalgo County as a Public Agency member of the RGVMPO BPAC. The motion was seconded by Jon Ray Bocanegra, Citizen At-Large, and upon the vote the **motion passed**. After further discussion, it was decided to proceed without further appointments.



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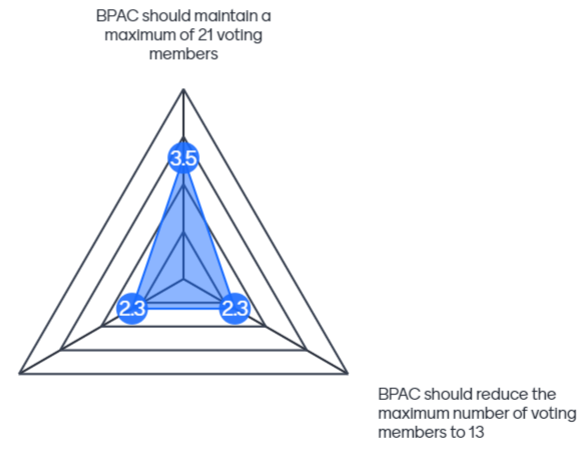
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# Do you agree with the following statements?





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- Eight (8) public agency positions from any of the following within the RGVMPO MAB:
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- ~~Two (2) pedestrian-oriented organization positions~~
- ~~Two~~Four (4) stakeholder organization positions from any of the following:
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  - Educational Institutions
  - Medical Institutions
  - Advocates for At-Risk Populations
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## • Proposed 2024 Bylaw Amendments •

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**WHICH MEMBERSHIP POSITION ARE YOU APPLYING FOR:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Chamber/Economic Development (1 position)    | <input type="checkbox"/> Pedestrian-Oriented Organizations (2 positions) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bicycle-Oriented Organizations (2 positions) | <input type="checkbox"/> Bike/Ped Citizen At-Large (4 positions)         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Stakeholder Organizations (4 positions)      | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Agency Staff (8 positions)               |
| o State Park (1)  | o Municipalities   |
| o Federal Park (1)  | o Counties   |
| o Low-income/colonia resident advocates                               | o Transit Providers  |
| o Senior/elderly advocates  | o TxDOT  |
| o Community college/university  | o Law Enforcement  |
| o Health/fitness community  |  |

REPRESENTING AGENCY (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF PRIMARY MEMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF ALTERNATE MEMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

HOW LONG ARE YOU INTERESTED IN SERVING:    One-year term    Two-year term    No preference

HAS YOUR ORGANIZATION SERVED ON THE RGVMPO BPAC BEFORE:    Yes    No    Not sure

AREAS OF ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION INTEREST (Check all that apply):    Transportation Funding  
 RGVMPO Bicycle & Pedestrian Counter Data Program    RGVMPO Bicycle Bikeshare Program    Public Health  
 RGVMPO Active Transportation Facility Inventory    RGVMPO Traffic Safety Initiative    Public Transit

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Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

*Interested candidates are asked to submit a completed version of this form to Eva Garcia,  
RGVMPO BikePed Program Coordinator, at [egarcia@rgvmpo.org](mailto:egarcia@rgvmpo.org) \* Revised May 2022*



## Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee Membership Application

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The purpose of the Rio Grande Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization's (RGVMPO) Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) is to advise the RGVMPO's Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and the Transportation Policy Board (TPB) on active transportation projects, initiatives, or issues.

The BPAC prioritizes improving connectivity, accessibility, and community health while planning for a comprehensive active transportation system. BPAC Members guide the implementation of the key principles, goals, and supporting initiatives outlined in the RGVMPO Active Transportation Plan (ATP).

RGVMPO BPAC Membership Applications will be available to download from the RGVMPO website. Individuals interested in serving shall email their completed membership application to [info@rgvmpo.org](mailto:info@rgvmpo.org). Appointments may occur on a rolling-basis by the existing voting membership for one- or two-year terms.

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REPRESENTING AGENCY (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF APPLICANT: \_\_\_\_\_ TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF ALTERNATE: \_\_\_\_\_ TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

I AM APPLYING FOR A (check one):    ONE-YEAR TERM    TWO-YEAR TERM

I AM APPLYING FOR THE FOLLOWING MEMBERSHIP POSITION (check one):

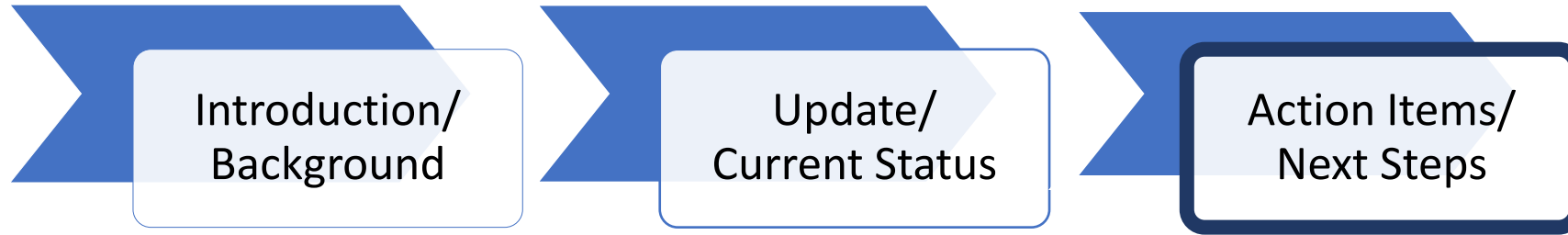
- PUBLIC AGENCY** (Municipality, County, Transit Provider, Public Safety, or TxDOT)
- ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** (independently funded and operated nonprofit organization responsible for marketing and promoting Texas as premier business/tourist location)
- BICYCLE- OR PEDESTRIAN- ORIENTED** (nonprofit or grassroots advocacy group/org purposed for, or focused on, cycling, pedestrian, or alternative transportation-related activities.)
- STAKEHOLDER ORGANIZATION** (parks and wildlife agencies, educational institutions, medical institutions, and advocates for at-risk populations)
- BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN CITIZENS AT-LARGE** (a local resident for bicycle/pedestrian interests; not associated with any agency, group or organization)

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DATE

To learn more about the BPAC Bylaws, current membership information, or meeting materials please visit <https://rgvmptx.prod.govaccess.org/committees/bicycle-and-pedestrian-advisory-committee>.

- REVISED JANUARY 2024 -



### • Considerations •

- Six (6) prior applicants need to be contacted to determine if they're still interested in being appointed.
  - Edinburg + BCIC + COSTEP + Brownsville + Harlingen + Even Gonzalez (Mission)
- Two (2) positions are currently vacant (if proposed amendments are approved).
  - One (1) economic development agency
  - One (1) bike/ped citizen at-large
- Apart from Hidalgo County, most of the Membership's terms expire this year!
  - August 2024: Five (5) Public Agency + One (1) Stakeholder + One (1) Bike/Ped Citizen At-Large
  - September 2024: Two (2) Public Agency + One (1) Stakeholder + One (1) Bike/Ped Citizen At-Large
  - October 2024: Two (2) Bicycle- or Pedestrian-Oriented Agency positions



# IV.B Consideration and Action to Approve the RGVMPO BPAC Bylaw Amendments

## • Discussion •

- *Make a correction to the last sentence of the proposed amendments.*
- *Review geographic equal representation and identification of potential ex-officio agencies.*

*Possible Action: Approve proposed amendments with corrections  
(come back with future amendments/survey)*

*Motion By: David, VORBA*

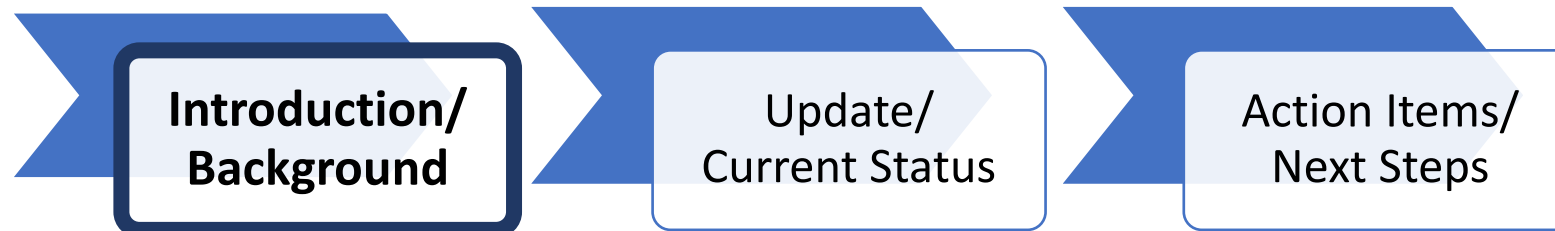
*Seconded By: Alma, Sullivan City*



# IV.C Presentation and Discussion regarding the Hidalgo County Active Transportation and Active Tourism Plan

## • Recap •

- \$319,550 of FY2019-2020 HCMPO TASA Funds were programmed for this planning project.
- In coordination with TxDOT, the LRGVDC successfully obligated funds during the procurement process.
- HALFF Associates was selected and a contract for professional services was executed November 2023.
- The Responsible Person In Charge (RPIC; must be LGP101 Certified) and Project Manager for the LRGVDC is Emmanuel Escobedo, Valley Metro Project Management Specialist.
- A few meetings have occurred between HALFF + LRGVDC/VM + RGVMPO + TxDOT and a tentative timeline for the planning process' activities is being developed.
- Additionally, a draft steering committee list has been drafted in preparation of a kickoff meeting.



# Hidalgo County Active Transportation Plan Overview

## Main Goal:

To Implement a comprehensive system encouraging biking and pedestrian activity throughout the region.

- ▶ Intent of this Plan:
  - ▶ To identify opportunities for the development of a regional network of bike and pedestrian infrastructure.
  - ▶ To display a comprehensive network of trails and facilities utilizing existing and planned roadway infrastructure.
  - ▶ To analyze existing marketing and programming for active tourism
- ▶ Anticipated completion in 12 months **(December 2024)**

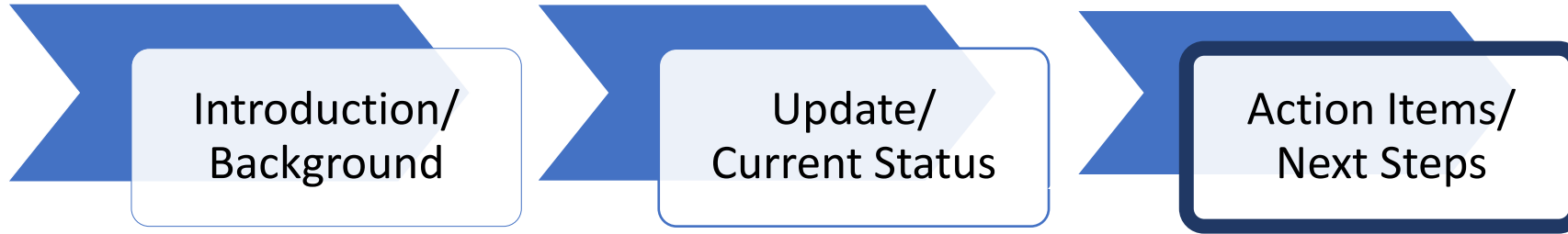
# Projected Timeframe

PROJECTED TIMEFRAME (12 months)												
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
PHASES												
Project Management	*											
Phase 1: Startup, Define Study Areas, Existing Conditions												
Phase 2: Public Engagement			•		◇	•		•		•		•
Phase 3: Needs Assessment												
Phase 4: Strategies and Recommendations												
Phase 5: Strategies and Recommendations												
Phase 6: Active Tourism Recommendations												

\*NTP (anticipated on or before 11.1.2023)

• Steering Committee Meetings

◇ Stakeholder



• **Steering Committee** •

ORG	#	NAME	TITLE
PCT1	1	David Fuentes	Commissioner
	2	Saul Garcia	Chief of Staff
	3	David Balderrama	GIS/Data
	4	Luis Diaz	Project Manager
PCT2	5		
PCT3	6		
PCT4	7	Ellie Torres	Commissioner
	8	Velinda Reyes	Chief of Staff
	9	Joe Ochoa	ROW Specialist
	10	Nick Perez	Project Manager
Edinburg	11	Tom Reyna	Asst. City Manager
	12	Claudia	Grants Manager
	13	Patrizia Longoria	Engineer
McAllen	14	Roy Rodriguez	City Manager
	15	Rene Gonzalez	Engineer

ORG	#	NAME	TITLE
Pharr	16	Ambrosio Hernandez	Dr./Mayor
	17	Maria Rangel	Engineer
Weslaco	18	Josh Pedraza	Commissioner
	19	Omar Rodriguez	Parks Director
	20	Robert Ordaz	Public
San Juan	21	Daniel Tijerina	Planning Director
Mission	22	Michael Elizalde	Grants Manager
	23	Brad B	Parks Director
Sullivan City	24	Alma Salinas	Mayor
TPWD	25	Javier De Leon	Superintendent
LRGVDC	26	Javier Dominguez	Exec. Analyst
McAllen Metro	27	Jon Ray Bocanegra	Transit Planner
RGV Partnership	28	Daniel Silva	President/CEO
TxDOT	29	Craig Wuensche	Landscape Architect
UTRGV	30	Rodney Gomez	Director of Transportation & Parking
HCDD1	31		
UT SPH	32	Belinda Reininger	Dean

# Upcoming Milestones

- ▶ First reimbursement check issued  
**January 2024**
- ▶ Selection of Steering Committee members  
**January 2024**
- ▶ Request for Information (RFI) Completion  
**Q1 2024**
- ▶ First Steering Committee Meeting  
**February 2024**
- ▶ Public Involvement  
**March 2024**





# IV.C Presentation and Discussion regarding the Hidalgo County Active Transportation and Active Tourism Plan

· Discussion ·

➤ *Stakeholders to include: VORBA, USFWS,*



# IV.D Presentation and Discussion on RGVMPO Active Transportation Plan Initiatives

## • Key Principles & Supporting Goals •

- **Connectivity:** increasing mobility across active transportation modes, while creating an integrated regional transportation network.
- **Accessibility:** Establishing a comprehensive system of transportation options and allowing users of all ages and abilities to access resources across the region.
- **Community Health:** Promoting active transportation modes that improve public health and support local economies.

Figure 3-1: Success Areas for Walking and Biking Action Plan



Introduction/  
Background

Update/  
Current Status

Action Items/  
Next Steps



# 1. Planning & Design

## • 4 of 6 Initiatives •

- **1.1 Design Standards:** Adopt Regional Design Standards for active transportation facilities.
- **1.2 Facility Inventory:** Develop regional standards for a facility inventory. Develop strategy for cyclical review and updates.
- **1.3 Bicycle & Pedestrian Counts:** Establish a regional bicycle, pedestrian, and trail count program. Participate in the TxDOT BP|CX at regional level.
- **1.4 Regional Data Portal:** Establish a regional data portal. Garner initial regional data.
- **1.5 End of Trip Facilities:** Develop end of trip facilities policy and/or programming.
- **1.6 Pilot Projects:** Obtain collection of resources and supplies for implementing pilot projects.

Table 3-1: Planning & Design Initiatives

Initiative	Action	Entity	Term	Measures of Success
<b>Design Standards</b>	Adopt Regional Design Standards for active transportation facilities.	MPO, Local	Short	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adopted design standards are incorporated into municipal roadway design manuals or other similar documents.</li> </ul>
<b>Facility Inventory</b>	Develop regional standards for a facility inventory. Develop strategy for cyclical review and updates.	MPO, Local	Short	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Complete facility Inventory.</li> <li>• Annual data collection and reporting effort taking place.</li> <li>• Established data benchmarks according to community goals.</li> </ul>
<b>Bicycle and Pedestrian Counts</b>	Establish a regional bicycle, pedestrian, and trail count program. Participate in the TxDOT BP CX at regional level.	MPO, Local	Short	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Annual count reporting.</li> <li>• Number of automated counters.</li> </ul>
<b>Regional Data Portal</b>	Establish a regional data portal. Garner initial regional data.	MPO, State, Local	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Establishment of regional data portal.</li> <li>• Portal used for future plans or project development.</li> </ul>
<b>End of Trip Facilities</b>	Develop end of trip facilities policy and/or programming.	Local, Transit Agencies, Local Business, Schools	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• End of trip facilities installed at public locations.</li> <li>• Ordinances passed requiring end of trip facilities.</li> </ul>
<b>Pilot Projects</b>	Obtain collection of resources and supplies for implementing pilot projects.	MPO, Local	Long	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of projects implemented.</li> <li>• Number of attendees or facility users</li> <li>• Public input supporting project.</li> </ul>

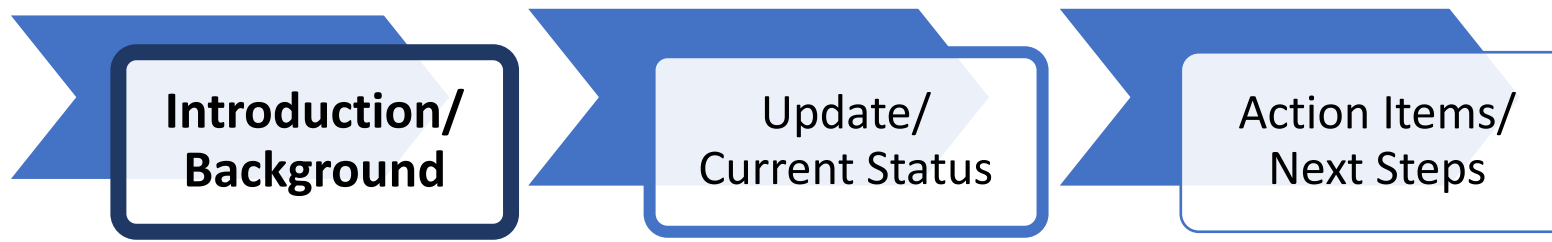


## · 1.1 Regional Design Standards ·

· Klarissa Gonzalez · Planner I · [kgonzalez@rgvmpo.org](mailto:kgonzalez@rgvmpo.org) ·

2024	Program Milestones	Program Stakeholders
Q1	Review existing federal and state design standards.	TXDOT + AASHTO + NACTO
Q2	Determine regional standard goals and objectives.	BPAC
Q3	Present draft regional design standards for feedback.	Project Managers + Engineers
Q4	Present final regional design standards for adoption.	Transportation Policy Board
2025	Incorporate regional design standards into municipal roadway design manuals (or similar).	

- Review federal and state design standards/guidelines.
- Develop and adopt regional design guidelines consistent with other regional plans.
- Incorporate regional design standards into municipal roadway design manuals or similar.



## • 1.2 Active Transportation Facility Inventory •

- Melany • GIS Specialist/Planner I • mrodriguez@rgvmpo.org •
- Miguel Arispe • Planner III • marispe@rgvmpo.org •

CY	Program Milestones	Program Stakeholders
2021	Active Transportation Facility Inventory	RGVMPO GIS Team
2022	Quality Check Data + Active Transportation Map	RGVMPO BPAC + Public
2023	Annual Data Update	Project Sponsors
2024	Annual Data Collection + Add Transit Data	Gov. Agencies + RTAP
2025	Establish data benchmarks according to community goals.	

- ✓ Develop regional standards for a facility inventory; complete facility inventory.
- ❑ Develop a strategy for cyclical review and updates; annual data collection + reporting effort.
- Establish data benchmarks according to community goals.



## · 1.3 RGV Bicycle & Pedestrian Counter Data Program ·

· Eva Garcia · Planner III · [egarcia@rgvmppo.org](mailto:egarcia@rgvmppo.org) ·

CY	Program Milestones	Program Stakeholders
2020	Grant Coordination + Procurement of Eco-counters	VBLF + RTC + UTSPH + TTI + TXDOT
2021	Agreement Coordination + TTI Training + Installation	Brownsville, Elsa, Harlingen, Pharr, Los Fresnos, McAllen, Mission, Primera, San Benito
2022	Temporary Counter Deployment + Data Reporting	Weslaco + La Feria + Port Isabel
2023	Maintenance/Repairs	RGVMPO + Program Partners
2024	Replace Loggers/Batteries + MOU Revisions	Eco-Counter + LRGVDC + Partners
2025	Procure RGVMPO set of temporary counters.	

- ✓ Establish a regional bicycle, pedestrian & trail count program; annual count reporting.
- ✓ Participate in the TxDOT BP | CX at a regional level; temporary counter loan program.
- Number of automated counters; potential expansion of program.



**• 1.4 Regional Data Portal •**

- Miguel Arispe · Planner III · mrodriguez@rgvmpo.org ·
- Melany Rodriguez · GIS Specialist/Planner I · mrodriguez@rgvmpo.org ·
- Alma Provencio · GIS Specialist · aprovencio@rgvmpo.org ·

CY	Program Milestones	Program Stakeholders
2023	FY21-22 & FY23-24 TASA Projects Mapped 2022 CRIS Dashboard	Project Sponsors TxDOT
2024	<b>Add Proposed Routes &amp; Transit Projects</b>	<b>Hidalgo Co. Active Plan + 5310 Program</b>
2025	Create ability to easily upload, maintain, access, and download key data from the region.	

- ✓ Establishment of regional data portal.
- Portal used for future plans or project development.
- *include the connectivity of the Hidalgo proposed routes to the Cameron County proposed routes*



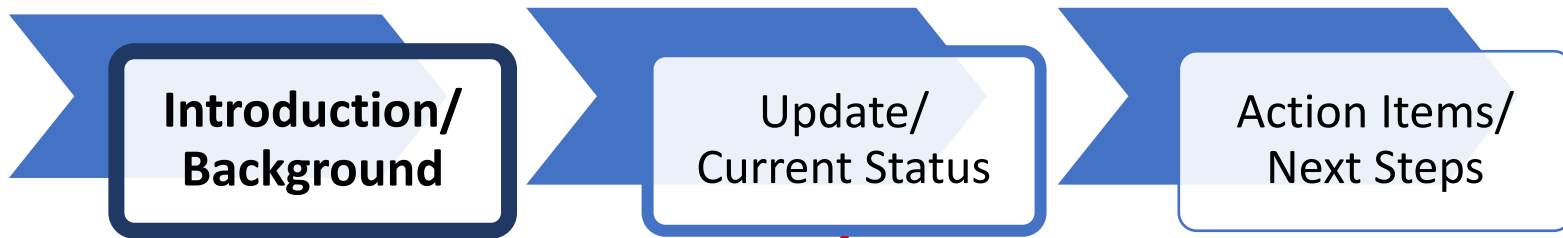
# 2. Policy & Program

## • 2 of 4 Initiatives •

- **2.1 Complete Streets Policies:** Adopt Complete Street policies. Incorporation of Complete Streets policies into local planning documents implementation of Complete Streets policies.
- **2.2 Safe Routes to School:** Develop regional Safe Routes to School program.
- **2.3 Supportive Land Use Policy:** Review land use policies and amend where needed. Incorporation of bicycle and pedestrian connectivity needs in future policy.
- **2.4 Advisory Committees:** Continued support of the RGVMPO Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee, and collaboration with the Caracara Trails Advisory Committee (CTAC). Create municipal advisory committees.

Table 3-2: Policy and Program Initiatives

Initiative	Action	Entity	Term	Measures of Success
<b>Complete Streets Policies</b>	Adopt Complete Streets policies. Incorporation of Complete Streets policies into local planning documents. Implementation of Complete Streets policies.	Local, MPO, State	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Complete Streets Policy adopted.</li> <li>• All modes accommodated with safe facilities during resurfacing or expansion projects.</li> </ul>
<b>Safe Routes to School</b>	Develop regional Safe Routes to School program.	MPO, State, School Districts	Long	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Measured increase in biking and walking activity in school children.</li> <li>• Number of lane miles of added all ages and abilities facilities within ¼ mile of schools.</li> </ul>
<b>Supportive Land Use Policy</b>	Review land use policies and amend where needed. Incorporation of bicycle and pedestrian connectivity needs in future policy.	Local, State	Long	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Updates to land use policy that support mixed use development along regional trails.</li> <li>• Connectivity requirements implemented in land use policy.</li> </ul>
<b>Advisory Committees</b>	Continued support of the RGVMPO Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee, and collaboration with the CTAT. Create municipal advisory committees.	Local, MPO	Short	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of municipal committees created.</li> </ul>



• **2.1 Complete Streets** •

• Klarissa Gonzalez • Planner I • [kgonzalez@rgvmppo.org](mailto:kgonzalez@rgvmppo.org) •

CY	Program Milestones	Program Stakeholders
2021	Federal Requirements changed (BIL)	FHWA
2022	RGV Literature Review	Brownsville + BetterBlock
2023	Adopt RGVMPO Complete Streets Policy + Regional Workshop	RGVMPO + TxDOT/FHWA + ATG
2024	Incorporate Complete Streets recommendations into SS4A Action Plan & Regional Design Standards	Regional Design Standards + SS4A Safety Action Plan
2025	Incorporate Complete Streets policies into local planning documents.	

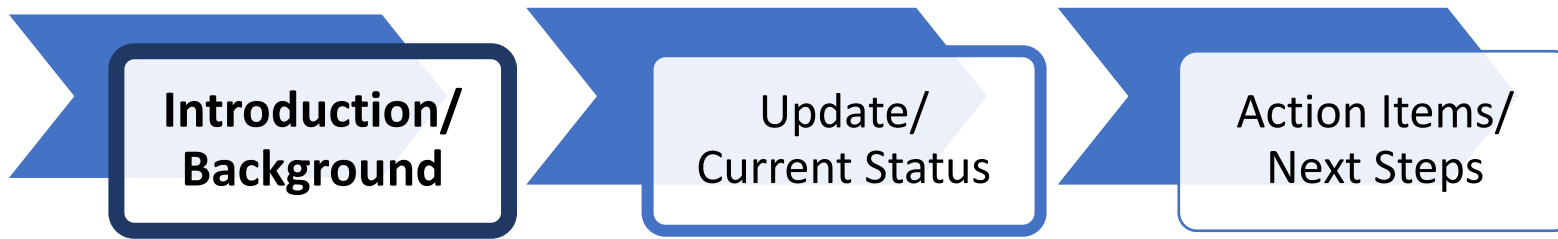
✓ Adopt Complete Streets policies.

❑ Implementation of Complete Streets policies.

➤ Incorporation of Complete Streets policies into local planning documents.

➤ All modes accommodated with safe facilities during resurfacing or expansion projects.

• *Regional SS4A Action Plan allows other cities to apply for SS4A Implementation funds!*



· **2.4 Advisory Committee** ·

· Melany Rodriguez · GIS Specialist/Planner I · mrodriguez@rgvmopo.org ·

CY	Program Milestones	Program Stakeholders
2020	Adopted bylaws + Develop RGVMPO ATP	RGVMPO BPAC
2021	RGVMPO FY2021-2022 TASA Program Call	TxDOT
2022	Appointment of new members	VORBA + Sullivan City + ValleyMetro
2023	Bylaw amendments + FY23-24 TASA Call	TASA Working Group
2024	Bylaw amendments + TxDOT BPAC/CTAC Updates	BPAC + TXDOT BPAC + CTAC
2025	FY25-26 TASA Call for Projects	

- ✓ Continued support of the RGVMPO Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee;
- ✓ Collaboration with the Caracara Trails Advisory Committee (CTAC).
- ✓ Texas Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (TxDOT BPAC).
- Create municipal advisory committees; number of committees created.



# 3. Education & Encouragement

## • 3 of 6 Initiatives •

- **3.1 Bikeshare:** Develop regional bikeshare plan. Continue financial and political support of local BCycle program.
- **3.2 Open Streets Events:** Coordinate and implement a series of Open Streets Events.
- **3.3 Walk & Bike Month:** Promote the official Bike/Bus/Walk to Work Day/Week/Month.
- **3.4 Media Awareness Campaigns:** Develop and implement a regional and/or local bicycle and pedestrian safety education and encouragement campaign strategy.
- **3.5 LCI Instructor Training & Skills Programs:** Organize annual LCI training program. Organize Smart Cycle classes led by LCIs for children and adults.
  - **3.6 Employer Incentive Programs:** Develop network of employer incentive programs. Develop relationship with Economic Development Councils or Chambers of Commerce.

Table 3-3: Education & Encouragement Initiatives

Initiative	Action	Entity	Term	Measures of Success
<b>Bike Share</b>	Develop regional bike share plan. Continued financial and political support of local BCycle program.	MPO, Local	Short	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of bike share programs established.</li> <li>• Number of annual trips.</li> </ul>
<b>Open Streets Events</b>	Coordinate and implement a series of Open Streets Events.	Local, Advocacy Orgs	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Event attendance.</li> <li>• Number of communities hosting events.</li> <li>• Number of events annually.</li> </ul>
<b>Walk &amp; Bike Month</b>	Promote the official Bike/Bus/Walk to Work Day/Week/Month.	MPO, Local, Advocacy Orgs	Short	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of events.</li> <li>• Participating entities and individuals.</li> <li>• Cumulative miles ridden/walked.</li> </ul>
<b>Media Awareness Campaigns</b>	Develop and implement a regional and/or local bicycle and pedestrian safety education and encouragement campaign strategy.	MPO, Local, Law enforcement, Non-profits, Advocacy Orgs	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Distribution of print materials.</li> <li>• Public service announcements.</li> </ul>
<b>LCI Instructor Training &amp; Skills Programs</b>	Organize annual LCI training program. Organize Smart Cycle classes led by LCIs for children and adults.	MPO, Local	Long	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LCIs completed training. LCI-led classes.</li> <li>• Number of attendees.</li> </ul>
<b>Employer Incentive Programs</b>	Develop network of employer incentive programs. Develop relationship with Economic Development Councils or Chambers of Commerce.	MPO, Local	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of incentive programs.</li> <li>• Rates of participation</li> <li>• Number of reduced VMT.</li> </ul>



### • 3.1 Bikeshare •

• Tom Logan • Valley Metro Director • [tlogan@lrgvdc.org](mailto:tlogan@lrgvdc.org) •

CY	Program Milestones	Program Stakeholders
2020	McAllen B-Cycle	Valley Baptist Legacy Foundation (VBLF)
2021	Brownsville + Harlingen Launch	Regional Bikeshare Coordinator
2022	New Kiosk Updates	BCycle
2023	Harlingen Station Replacement	LRGVDC + ValleyMetro
2024	Operational Management	Program Partners/Municipalities
2025		

- ❑ Continued financial and political support of local Bcycle program; number of annual trips.
- Develop regional bike share plan; number of bike share programs established.



### · 3.3 Walk & Bike Month ·

· Eva Garcia · Planner III · [egarcia@rgvmppo.org](mailto:egarcia@rgvmppo.org) ·

2024	Program Milestones	Program Stakeholders
Q1	Review existing federal and state resources.	BikeTexas + The League + RTC
Q2	Promote National Bike/Bus/Walk Day/Week/Month	Advocates + Gov. Agencies
Q3	Discuss 2025 Walk & Bike Month Goals	BPAC + UT SPH CAB
Q4	Draft plans/activities for 2025 Walk & Bike Month	BPAC + Nonprofits + Gov. Agencies
2025	Establish benchmarks based on community goals.	

Promote the official Bike/Bus/Walk to Work Day/Week/Month.

Number of events.

➤ Participating entities and individuals.

➤ Cumulative miles ridden/walked.



**· 3.4 Media Awareness Campaign ·**  
 · Eva Garcia · Planner III · [egarcia@rgvmppo.org](mailto:egarcia@rgvmppo.org) ·

CY	Program Milestones	Program Stakeholders
2021	Apply to TxDOT Traffic Safety Program	RGVMPO BPAC + TxDOT
2022	Distribute 1,505 bike helmets + 5,000 bike lights	Law Enforcement Agencies + BikeTexas
2023	Distribute safety educational materials	Public Involvement
2024	Share publicly available media awareness materials.	TxDOT + RTC + The League
2025	Reference SS4A Safety Action Plan recommendations.	

- ✓ Distribution of print materials (educational notebooks + coloring books + bookmarks).
- Public service announcements.
- Develop & implement a regional bicycle & pedestrian safety education & encouragement campaign strategy.
- *bring awareness to the need to REPORT bike/ped accidents for more accurate data on crashes*



# 4. Safety

## • 2 of 3 Initiatives •

- **4.1 Law Enforcement Trainings:** Work with local law enforcement to schedule reoccurring trainings.
- **4.2 Ordinance Enforcement:** Work with local law enforcement to schedule reoccurring trainings.
- **4.3 Vision Zero (SS4A):** Pass Vision Zero Policy at the regional and municipal level. Develop and implement a regional Vision Zero (**Safe Streets for All**) Action Plan

Table 3-4: Safety Initiatives

Initiative	Action	Entity	Term	Measures of Success
<b>Law Enforcement Trainings</b>	Work with local law enforcement to schedule reoccurring trainings.	Local, MPO	Short	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• More accurate and informative citations.</li></ul>
<b>Ordinance Enforcement</b>	Work with local law enforcement to schedule reoccurring trainings.	Local	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Reduction in crashes involving people walking or biking.</li></ul>
<b>Vision Zero</b>	Pass Vision Zero Policy at the regional and municipal level. Develop and Implement a regional Vision Zero Action Plan.	MPO, Local, Law enforcement, Non-profits, Advocacy Orgs	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Vision Zero Policy adopted.</li><li>• Distribution of print materials.</li><li>• Public service announcements.</li></ul>



· **4.1 Law Enforcement Trainings** ·  
· Eva Garcia · Planner III · [egarcia@rgvmpo.org](mailto:egarcia@rgvmpo.org) ·

CY	Program Milestones	Program Stakeholders
2021	Apply to TxDOT Traffic Safety Program	RGVMPO BPAC + TxDOT
2022	Hosted 2 hybrid Law Enforcement Trainings	Law Enforcement Agencies
2024	Present at South TX All-Hazards Conference	Public Safety Agencies
2025		

- ✓ Launch the first regional traffic safety training for law enforcement.
- ❑ Work with local law enforcement to schedule reoccurring trainings.
- More accurate and informative citations.



· **Safe Streets for All Action Plan** ·

· Melany Rodriguez · GIS Specialist/Planner I · [mrodriguez@rgvmppo.org](mailto:mrodriguez@rgvmppo.org) ·

CY	Program Milestones	Program Stakeholders
2022	SS4A Action Plan Grant Application	RGVMPO Team Lead (Javier Dominguez)
2023	RGVMPO Award Announcement + Execute Agreement	RGVMPO Policy Board
2024	<b>SS4A Action Plan Development</b>	<b>RGVMPO Team + Consultants</b>
2025		

- SS4A Safety Action Plan adoption.
- Implement Action Plan recommendations.
- Establish benchmarks and metrics.



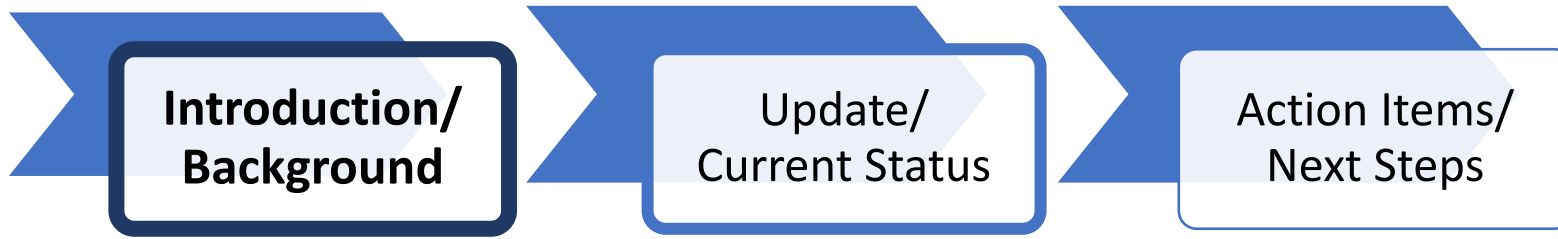
# 5. Active Tourism

## • 0 of 3 Initiatives •

- **5.1 Walking & Biking Maps:** Design, print, and distribute regional walking and biking maps.
  - **5.2 Wayfinding:** Establish regional trail wayfinding program.
  - **5.3 Bicycle Friendly Designation:** Develop network of bicycle friendly designated cities, public institutions, and local businesses.
    - **USBRS Designation:**

*Table 3-5: Active Tourism Initiatives*

Initiative	Action	Entity	Term	Measures of Success
<b>Walking &amp; Biking Maps</b>	Design, print, and distribute regional walking and biking maps.	MPO	Short	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maps printed or published online or on app.</li> <li>• Number of locations maps are distributed.</li> </ul>
<b>Wayfinding</b>	Establish regional trail wayfinding program.	Local, MPO	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of signs placed.</li> </ul>
<b>Bicycle Friendly Designation</b>	Develop network of bicycle friendly designated cities, public institutions, and local businesses.	MPO, Local, Local businesses, Local institutions	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Local government &amp; businesses achieving BFA designation.</li> <li>• Number of designated businesses</li> </ul>



• **USBRS Designation** •

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2024	Program Milestones	Program Stakeholders
Q1		
Q2		
Q3		
Q4		
2025		

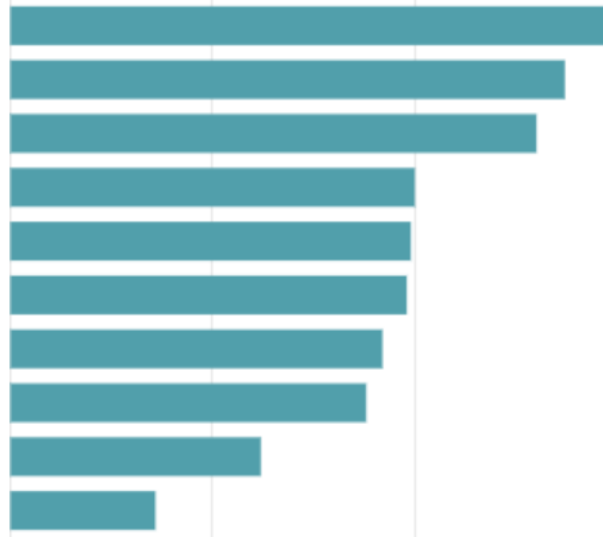


# 2021 vs. 2023 BPAC Priorities

39. Using the arrows to move recommendations up or down, rank your/your organization's priorities:











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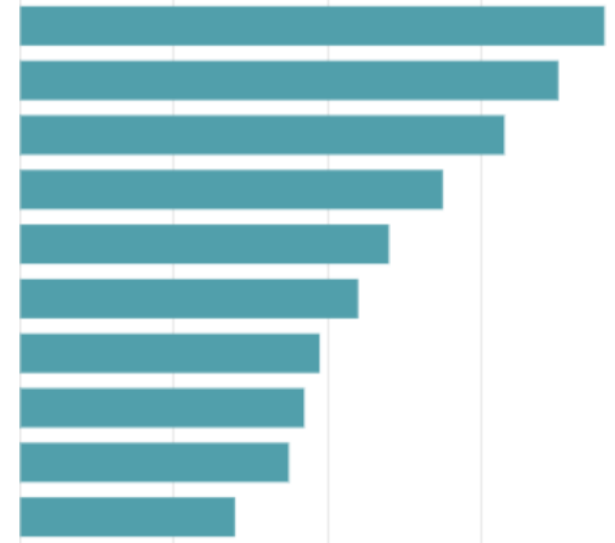
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- 2 Regional Standards for Facility I...
- 3 Regional Bike/Ped Count Progra...
- 4 Regional Data Portal (Planning ...
- 5 Complete Street Policies (Policy ...
- 6 Regional BikeShare Program (Ed...
- 7 Law Enforcement Trainings (Safe...
- 8 Promotion of Walk and Bike Mo...
- 9 Design and Print Walking and Bi...
- 10 Establish a Wayfinding Program ...



23. Using the arrows to move recommendations up or down, rank your/your organization's priorities:

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2024	Initiative	Jan. 10 <sup>th</sup> V	Mar. 6 <sup>th</sup> IP	May 1 <sup>st</sup> V	July 3 <sup>rd</sup> IP	Sept. 4 <sup>th</sup> V	Nov. 6 <sup>th</sup> IP
1.1	Design Standards	x	Regional Design Standard goals & objectives (other goal alignments)	Literature review summary (NACTO + TXDOT + AASHTO guidelines)			
1.2	Facility Inventory	x	X		x		
1.3	Bike/Ped Counts	<i>MOU Revisions + add RGV data to TX BP CX</i>	Quarterly Program Update <i>Coordinate training</i>	<i>Procure loggers/batters for distribution at training</i>	Quarterly Program Update <i>Replace loggers/batteries</i>	<i>Quality check &amp; add RGV data to TX BP CX</i>	Quarterly Program Update <i>Inventory new Counters</i>
1.4	Regional Data Portal	X	X		x		
2.1	Complete Streets	TASA FY19-20 + FY21-22 + FY23-24 Project Updates	5310 Program Project Award Notice	X	TASA FY19-20 + FY21-22 + FY23-24 Project Updates	X	Discuss incorporating CS policies into TASA scoring
2.4	Advisory Committees	BPAC Bylaw Amendments + Revise Membership Application	Fill Vacancies on BPAC	Caracara Trails Advisory Committee (CTAC) or TxDOT BPAC Update	Open 2024 Call for Members + CTAC/TXDOT BPAC Update	Appoint new members + Nominations for Chair & Vice-Chair	Appoint new members + Elections + 2025 BPAC Meeting Schedule
3.1	Bikeshare	<i>New Bikeshare Coordinator</i>	Quarterly Program Update	<i>MOU Revisions with Program Partners</i>	Quarterly Program Update	X	Quarterly Program Update
3.2	Walk & Bike Month	X	Walk & Bike Month Overview	Present RGV Activities during National Walk & Bike Month	X		
3.3	Media Awareness Campaigns	X	Share publicly available resources to promote national walk & bike mo.	x	August is National Traffic Awareness Month; share public resources	x	
4.1	Law Enforcement Trainings	X	<i>Present to law enforcement at the South Texas All-Hazards Conf.</i>				
4.3	Vision Zero (SS4A)	<i>RGVMPO Transportation Policy Board approves contract/consultants</i>	Comprehensive Safety Action Plan (CSAP) vision & goal development	<i>Safe Streets for All Public Open Houses</i>	Identify Projects & Strategies (Safety Toolkit)	Review draft SS4A Safety Action Plan & provide feedback for revisions	<i>RGVMPO Transportation Policy Board adopts SS4A Safety Action Plan</i>



# IV.D Presentation and Discussion on RGVMPO Active Transportation Plan Initiatives

· *Discussion* ·

- *VORBA leading new cycling events in RGV*
- Chainbreaker 10/50 MTB Race 1/21/24 <https://www.bikereg.com/chainbreaker1050>
- Resaca Bike Tour San Benito 2/17/24 <https://allevents.in/san%20benito/7th-annual-resaca-city-bike-tour/200025954177751>  
- GRAVEL OPTION
- Jalapeño 100 2/24/24 <https://www.athleteguild.com/event/harlingen-tx/2024-33rd-henry-roberts-memorial-jalapeno-100>
- *Brownsville counter data = < 200,000 trips (does not include SNT or full year of WRT)*
  - *Will help with future applications and designation request\$*



## V. PROJECT UPDATES

· Members are encouraged to share updates on bike/ped projects/programs ·

- *McAllen Vision Zero Plan is kicking off*
- *Lot of work and clear way to set the tone for the year*

# FY2019-2020 TASA Projects

<b>PROJECT NAME:</b>	<b>FPAА APPROVED:</b>	<b>RELEASE TO ADVERTISE:</b>	<b>BID OPENING:</b>
Hidalgo County Mobility Plan	8/28/23	7/25/23	8/14/23
Jackson Rd. Hike & Bike Trail	8/28/23	8/31/23	9/28/23
PSJA Tri-City Ped. Safety, Phase II	8/26/23	9/5/23	10/13/23
Brownsville to Los Fresnos Connect	<i>With FHWA</i>	<i>Pending</i>	10/19/23
North High School Park Connection	7/22/23	7/24/23	8/30/23
Olmito Sidewalks	8/28/23	8/29/23	10/3/23
Las Palmas Sidewalks	8/28/23	8/29/23	10/3/23
Hike & Bike Trail + Bike Racks	<i>With FHWA</i>	<i>Pending</i>	11/16/23

Prior to submitting a request for an FPAА/SLOA, the Final Project Certifications must be completed to signal the project's Ready-to-Let (RTL) status.

This Table reflects a few of the milestones that occur shortly after the receipt of the FPAА and are related to the letting process to initiate the construction phase.

# FY2019-2020 TASA Projects

## \$4,546,377

January 2024

CSJ #	PROJECT NAME	PROJECT SPONSOR	FEDERAL AWARD	% REIMBURSED
0921-02-430	Hidalgo County Mobility Plan	LRGVDC	\$ 264,000	
0921-02-431	Jackson Rd. Hike & Bike Trail	McAllen	\$ 808,232	
0921-02-432*	PSJA Tri-City Ped. Safety, Phase II	Pharr	\$ 1,296,136	
0921-06-322	Brownsville to Los Fresnos Connect	Brownsville	\$ 512,000	
0921-06-325*	North High School Park Connection	Los Fresnos	\$ 308,810	
0921-06-326	Olmito Sidewalks	Cameron Co.	\$ 318,965	
0921-06-327	Las Palmas Sidewalks	Cameron Co.	\$ 240,934	
0921-02-480	Hike & Bike Trail + Bike Racks	UTRGV	\$ 285,300	
<b>Total FY2019-2020 OBLIGATED RGVMPPO TA Funds:</b>			<b>\$4,034,377</b>	

This Table reflects the FY2019-2020 RGVMPPO Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TASA; also known as Category 9) Projects that have successfully **obligated** funds and are progressing in receiving **reimbursement** of the federal funds.

# FY2021-2022 TASA Projects

## \$2,293,784

January 2024

CSJ #	PROJECT NAME	PROJECT SPONSOR	FEDERAL AWARD	% RTL
<a href="#">0921-02-495</a>	Elsa Getting Connected	Elsa	\$ 46,920	
<a href="#">0921-02-496</a>	Bridge Street BikePed Plan	Hidalgo	\$ 70,000	
<a href="#">0921-02-497*</a>	Freddy Gonzalez Trail	Edinburg	\$ 699,996	
<a href="#">0921-06-349</a>	Arroyo Colorado Phase III Study	Harlingen	\$ 141,568	
0921-06-350	West Rail Trail - Amenities	Brownsville	\$ 900,000	
0921-06-351*	Bejarano-McFarland-Gonzalez Trail Ext.	Port Isabel	\$ 435,300	
<b>Total FY2021-2022 Programmed RGVMPPO TA Funds:</b>			<b>\$2,293,784</b>	

The Table reflects the list of RGVMPPO TASA projects **programmed** with the FY2021-2022 federally **apportioned** funds (Resolution 2021-15; September 2021). Award notice letters, outlining program and project details, were sent to Project Sponsors in October 2021.

Prior to submitting a request for an FPAA/SLOA, the 100% Plans + Bid Documents + Final Project Certifications must be completed to signal the project's Ready-to-Let (RTL) status.

# FY2021-2022 TASA Projects

FY2021-2022 TASA Program Schedule of Activities	
Jan.-Mar. 2024	Deadline for final consideration(s) of <i>funding/project changes</i> - Resolutions to Policy for Action.
March 2024	Deadline to fully execute <i>AFA Amendment(s)</i> for final approved funding/project changes.
June 2024	100% Plans + Bid Documents + Final Project Certifications = Ready-To-Let (RTL)
(A+) July 2024	Federal Participation Authorization Agreement (FPAA) + State Letter Of Authority (SLOA) Request
August 2024	Funds obligated by receipt of FPAA + SLOA
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August 2025	FINAL OPPORTUNITY to have funds obligated by receipt of FPAA + SLOA
(F+) September 2025	<b>FY2021-2022 FUNDS EXPIRE!!!</b>

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The **obligation** of funds occurs through the receipt of a State Letter of Authority (SLOA; TxDOT's approval of project/funds) and Federal Participation Agreement Authorization (FPAA; FHWA's approval of project/funds).

# FY2023-2024 TASA Projects

## \$9,000,000

CSJ #	PROJECT NAME	PROJECT SPONSOR	FEDERAL AWARD	% AFA
	Dixieland Reservoir/Park Corridor PE	Harlingen	\$276,000	
	Mission Comprehensive TA Assessment	Mission	\$200,000	
	West Rail Trail to Brownsville Sports Park PE	Brownsville	\$325,820	
	Morrison Road to Monte Bella Park PE	Brownsville	\$153,457	
	I Road/Hike & Bike Phase I	Pharr	\$952,224	
	Cano St. & Veterans Blvd. Trail Improvements	Edinburg	\$886,025	
	Arroyo Colorado Hike & Bike Trail Safety Improvements	Harlingen	\$890,836	
	FM2220 Underground Crossing at Houston & Ware	McAllen	\$2,237,711	
	Downtown Port Isabel Bicycle & Pedestrian Safety	Port Isabel	\$1,124,628	
	Old Alice Road Sidewalks	CCRMA	\$1,953,299	
<b>Total FY2023-2024 Programmed RGVMPO TA Funds:</b>			<b>\$9,000,000</b>	

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# FY2023-2024 TASA Projects

FY2023-2024 TASA Program Schedule of Activities	
October 2024	All projects should have fully executed Advanced Funding Agreements (AFA) with TxDOT.
January 2025	Deadline for final consideration(s) of <i>funding/project changes</i> - Resolutions to Policy for Action.
May 2026	Deadline to fully execute <i>AFA Amendment(s)</i> for final approved funding/project changes.
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## VI. NEW OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Members are encouraged to bring ideas for future meetings or inquire about past items.
- *How do municipalities apply for bike/ped counters?*
  - *VORBA is affiliated with Eco-Counters and can get temporary*



## VII. ADJOURNMENT

· *Next Meeting · March 6, 2024 ·*



*Motion to Adjourn: 11:38am*

*Motion By: David Hernandez, VORBA*

*Seconded By: Rose Gowen, Caracara Trails*