

**FULL POLICY BOARD MEETING AGENDA**

**Wednesday, April 24, 2024 – 1:30 PM**

**RIO GRANDE VALLEY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (RGMPO)**

*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 RGMPO 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** – May be submitted online or may be submitted on a paper form specifying the matter you wish to address.

**IV. Action & Discussion Items**

**A. Approval of minutes for: March 27, 2024.**

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

**Presenter:**      **Commissioner David L. Fuentes, Chairman**

**Summary:**      Approval of the March 27, 2024, Regular Meeting minutes

**B. Discussion and Action on Weslaco Loop – RFP Subcommittee Score**

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

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

**Summary:**      On March 18th, the subcommittee came together to evaluate the two proposals presented by ETSI and TEDSI. The resulting score is as follows:

Study	Firm	Score
Weslaco Loop Corridor Study	ETSI	92.6
	TEDSI	85.9

On April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024, the Technical Advisory Committee unanimously approved ETSI to conduct the study.

**Background:**      The RGMPO selectively outsources tasks that exceed our in-house capabilities or scope. To maintain compliance with the fiscal guidelines and regulations, we adhere to the procurement process established by the LRGVDC, serving as the fiscal agents of our MPO.

**C. Discussion and Possible Action regarding Category 7 Utilization & Carryover**

Action                       Possible Action                       Information

**Presenter:**     **Eva Garcia, RGVMPD Planner III**

**Summary:** Continuation of the Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Chapter 16 revisions discussion. RGVMPD Staff will recapitulate questions and comments from the Transportation Policy Board and a summary of the March 2024 meeting with TxDOT's FIN Division.

**Background:** The Texas Transportation Commission approved Minute Order (MO) 116630 on January 17, 2024, officially amending the TAC. This MO impacts Transportation Allocation Funding Formulas for the Unified Transportation Program (UTP). The new TAC rules will require the RGVMPD to increase allocation utilization and decrease carryover to prevent the transfer of Category 7 funds exceeding the 200% fiscal year allocation threshold.

**D. Discussion and Action for approval of Federal Functional Classification requests of SL 195 Projects Phase I and II.**

Action                       Possible Action                       Information

**Presenter:**     **Luis Diaz RGVMPD Interim director**

**Summary:** The RGVMPD is presenting projects requesting Federal Functional Classification:

- State Loop (SL) 195 Phase I
  - Project Limits: from FM 3167 to FM 755
  - CSJ: 3632-01-001
  - Rural principal arterial
- State Loop (SL) 195 Phase II
  - Project Limits from FM 649 to FM 3167
  - CSJ: 3632-01-002
  - Rural principal arterial

**Background:** Federal legislation continues to use functional classification in determining eligibility for funding under the Federal-aid program. Transportation agencies describe roadway system performance, benchmarks, and targets by functional classification. As agencies continue to move towards a more performance-based management approach, functional classification will be an increasingly important consideration in setting expectations and measuring outcomes for preservation, mobility, and safety (**Resolution 2024-11 and Resolution 2024-12 to be presented to Policy Board for Approval on April 24, 2024**).

**E. ESRI User Conference – Out of State Travel request**

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

**Presenter:**      **Luis Diaz RGVMPPO Interim director**

**Summary:**      ESRI is hosting its annual GIS conference in San Diego CA, where three staff members will be attending to participate in the plenary sessions, specialized training sessions, and connect with peers and experts in the field.

**Background:**      The Esri Annual GIS Conference is a premier gathering for GIS professionals, offering unparalleled opportunities for learning and networking. Attendees engage in plenary sessions, specialized training, and connect with peers and experts in the field. This event serves as a hub for innovation and collaboration, empowering individuals to harness the full potential of geospatial technology. Participation in the conference signifies a commitment to excellence and community within the GIS community.

**V. Presentations & Reports**

**A. Presentation and Discussion regarding Active Transportation Media Awareness Campaigns (Education and Encouragement)**

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

**Presenter:**      **Eva Garcia, RGVMPPO Planner III**

**Summary:**      RGVMPPO Staff will present members with a summary of annual bike/bus/walk/etc. day/week/months and initiate a discussion regarding the marketing and promotion of the region’s hike and bike trails (in addition to safe on-street active transportation infrastructure). Resources will be shared for National Bike Month (May), which is a celebration of biking as transportation, as recreation, as essential to our well-being and everyday lives. In 2024, Bike to Work Week will be celebrated May 13-19, with Bike to Work Day on Friday, May 17, 2024.

**Background:**      Media awareness campaigns present an opportunity to further reach the community through online, print, radio, and television materials. Campaigns can bring more awareness to the region’s investments in active transportation facilities and help encourage the use of trails for their many benefits.

**B. Update on RGVMPPO Executive Director Selection Process**

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

**Presenter:**      **Manuel Cruz, LRGVDC Executive Director**

**C. RGVMPPO Executive Director's Report and Updates**

Action                       Possible Action                       Information

**Presenter:**                      Luis Diaz, RGVMPPO Interim Executive Director

**Summary:**                      1. Budget Update

**D. TxDOT Project Status Report**

Action                       Possible Action                       Information

**Presenter:**                      TxDot Phar Area Office Staff

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

A.     The next RGVMPPO Policy Board Meeting is scheduled for 1:30pm on May 29, 2024.