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Rio Grande Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization Safe Streets for All Action Plan Steering Committee Meeting #1 11 AM – 12 PM, Monday, April 29th, 2024

- I. Welcome
- II. Introductions
- III. Project Background – RGVMPO
Melany Rodriguez, RGVMPO Planner II, provided an overview of the Safe Streets for All (SS4A) project and highlighted the significance of addressing safety concerns in historically disadvantaged communities.
- IV. Project Vision and Goal – TJKM
Discussion led by Nayan Amin, TJKM Lead SS4A consultant, on the vision and goals of the SS4A project which included discussion on the public outreach plan, outlining the strategy for in-person and virtual open houses, the development of a project website, and the inclusion of educational programs in the safety action plan. Allison Moore, TJKM, elaborates on the number and goals of the public outreach meetings, and Melany Rodriguez, RGVMPO Planner II, announces the date for the first in-person open house meeting, which will include a Safe Streets for Texans training on June 5th, 2024 at the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council, Ken Jones Executive Board Room in Weslaco, TX.
- V. Brief Review of Steering Committee Purpose and Goals – TJKM
Nayan Amin, TJKM, emphasized the purpose and goals of the steering committee meeting. Jaime Gutierrez, City of Elsa, initiated the discussion on Identifying and Prioritizing Safety Projects. Nayan Amin and Ruta Jariwala, TJKM, explained the process of identifying and prioritizing safety projects, emphasizing the use of EPDO scores and various criteria such as injury collisions and equity analysis. Eric Davila, CCRMA, raises questions about the inclusion of previous safety action plans and the potential for federal funding for the identified projects, while also highlighting the importance of different lists at different phases of development.
- VI. Scope of Work - TJKM
Outline of the project scope was presented by Nayan Amin, TJKM.





VII. Schedule and Where we Are – TJKM

Nayan Amin discussed the proposed project schedule, including upcoming milestones and deliverables. Nayan proceeded with tentative dates for the five steering committee meetings and the completion of specific tasks. He emphasized the flexibility of the schedule and encouraged input from the attendees regarding their areas of concern and focus areas for the project. The discussion also touched on the presentation of information to the Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee, Technical Advisory Committee, and the Transportation Policy Board, with potential adjustments to the timeline.

VIII. Discussion with Steering Committee Members

- Areas of concern/focus area

There was an open discussion on areas of concern and focus areas for the project. During the discussion, Nayan Amin, TJKM, outlined plans to visit the high injury network and stressed the significance of local input for community safety. Eva Garcia, RGVMPO Planner III, highlighted the need for improved capacity within the MPO and fiscal agents, and the group agreed to address construction funding after the new RGVMPO executive director is in place.

IX. Next Steps

Melany Rodriguez, RGVMPO Planner II, suggested discussing areas of concern and focus areas on the next subcommittee meeting and gave a closing remark.

