

Meeting of the Rio Grande Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization
POLICY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, March 26, 2025 – 1:30 PM
Presiding: Chair Commissioner Ellie Torres (Hidalgo County Pct. 4)

1. Call to Order

Chair Hidalgo County Commissioner Ellie Torres called the Transportation Policy Board meeting to order at 1:30 P.M., and a quorum was established. The Meeting was held in person with members present.

2. Roll Call

RGVMPO Transportation Policy Board Representatives in attendance were as follows:

Members Present:	
Entity	Individual
Hidalgo County	Comm. Ellie Torres (Chair) – PRESENT Comm. Everardo Villarreal (Alternate) -
City of Brownsville	Mayor John Cowen (Vice-Chair) – ABSENT Comm. Pedro Cardenas (Alternate)
Cameron County	Judge Eddie Treviño, Jr. Com. David A. Garza (Alternate) - PRESENT
City of McAllen	Mayor Javier Villalobos (Designee) Michelle Rivera (Proxy) - PRESENT
City of Edinburg	Mayor Ramiro Garza (Designee) - ABSENT Comm. Daniel “Dan” Diaz (Alternate)
City of Mission	Mayor Norie Gonzalez Garza (Designee) City Manager Mike R. Perez (Proxy) - PRESENT
City of Harlingen	Mayor Norma Sepulveda (Designee) City Manager Gabriel Gonzalez (Alternate) – PRESENT
City of Pharr	Mayor Ambrosio “Amos” Hernandez (Designee) Maria Rangel (Proxy) – PRESENT
Starr County	Judge Eloy Vera (Designee) Reyna Guerra (Proxy) - PRESENT
City of San Benito	Mayor Ricardo “Rick” Guerra (Designee) Tom Goodman (Proxy) – PRESENT
Cameron County RMA	Frank Parker, Jr. (Designee) – PRESENT Arturo A. Nelson (Alternate)
Hidalgo County RMA	Robert L. Lozano (Designee) – PRESENT Ezequiel Reyna Jr. (Alternate)
Valley Metro	Tom Logan (Designee) - PRESENT Nancy Sanchez (Alternate)
TxDOT Pharr District	Pedro “Pete” Alvarez (Designee) - PRESENT Rex A. Costley (Alternate)
EX-OFFICIO	
LRGVDC	Manuel Cruz
Others Present:	
RGVMPO Executive Director	Michael Medina
Caso Law Firm	Jose Caso
RGVMPO Staff	

3. PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

DISCUSSION AND ACTION

4. Approval of minutes for February 26, 2025.

Presenter: Commissioner Ellie Torres (RGVMPO Chair)

Tom Logan from Valley Metro made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Pedro "Pete" Alvarez from the TxDOT Pharr District. The item was unanimously approved.

5. Discussion and Action to rescind January 15th, 2025, approval to the amendment of the contract with Alliance Transportation Group (ATG) to include Task 8.

Presenter: Michael Medina, RGVMPO Executive Director

Pedro "Pete" Alvarez from the TxDOT Pharr District made a motion to approve the item. The motion was seconded by the City Manager of Mission Mike R. Perez. The item was unanimously approved.

6. Discussion and Action to amend the 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan to include non-toll projects of Western Inner Loop Section A1 and Western Inner Loop Section A2 in the unfunded project list with Hidalgo County as the project sponsor.

Presenter: City of Mission/Hidalgo County Pct. 3

The RGVMPO is recommended to take no action on item 6. A motion to take no action was made by Robert L. Lozano with Hidalgo County RMA. The motion was seconded by the City Manager of Mission Mike R. Perez.

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

7. Report and Discussion of Executive Order 14148

Presenter: Michael Medina, RGVMPO Executive Director

8. Report and Discussion of TMA Planning Certification Report for the Rio Grande Valley MPO

Presenter: Michael Medina, RGVMPO Executive Director

9. Agencies Reports

1. TxDOT

Presenter: TxDOT Pharr District TP&D Staff

2. CCRMA

Presenter: Eric Davila, Cameron County RMA Chief Development Engineer

3. HCRMA

Presenter: Ramon Navarro, Hidalgo County RMA Chief Construction Engineer

4. Transit Reports

Presenters: Transit Representatives

The **next meeting** of the TPB is scheduled for **1:30pm** on **April 30, 2025**, at the Ken Jones Executive Board Room, 301 W. Railroad Street, Building B Weslaco, TX 78596

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment at 2:23 p.m.

Approved as to content:



**RGVMPO POLICY COMMITTEE
(TPB) VICE CHAIRMAN**