

Meeting of the Rio Grande Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization
POLICY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, June 25, 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) – PRESENT Comm. Pedro Cardenas (Alternate)
Cameron County	Judge Eddie Treviño, Jr. - PRESENT Com. David A. Garza (Alternate)
City of McAllen	Mayor Javier Villalobos (Designee) Eduardo Mendoza (Proxy) - PRESENT
City of Edinburg	Mayor Ramiro Garza (Designee) - ABSENT Comm. Daniel “Dan” Diaz (Alternate)
City of Mission	Mayor Norie Gonzalez Garza (Designee) - PRESENT Assistant City Manager Juan Pablo “JP” Terrazas - 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) - ABSENT Tom Goodman (Proxy)
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 May 28, 2025.

Presenter: Commissioner Ellie Torres (RGVMPO Chair)

Mayor Norie Gonzalez-Garza from the City of Mission made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Reyna Guerra from Starr County. The item was unanimously approved.

5. Discussion and Action and presentation of Category 7 Project Readiness Report

Presenter: TAC Chair/RGVMPO Staff

Presentation only, action not required.

6. Discussion and Action to approve the use of an electronic project request form, project readiness report, project schedule, project financial summary, and sponsoring agency resolution.

Presenter: TAC Chair/RGVMPO Staff

Mayor Norie Gonzalez-Garza from the City of Mission made a motion to approve the item. The motion was seconded by Reyna Guerra from Starr County. The item was unanimously approved.

7. Discussion and Action to include Western Inner Loop Sections A1 and A2 as non-toll facilities in the RGVMPO’s Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) unfunded project list, with Hidalgo County serving as the project sponsor.

Presenter: Hidalgo County/RGVMPO Chair Ellie Torres

Mayor Norie Gonzalez-Garza from the City of Mission made a motion to approve the item. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ellie Torres from Hidalgo County. The item was approved.

Against	Abstain	Favor
Hidalgo County RMA	City of Brownsville	Hidalgo County
	TxDOT Pharr District	City of Mission
	Cameron County	
	City of McAllen	
	City of Pharr	
	City of Harlingen	
	City of San Benito	
	Starr County	
	Valley Metro	
	Cameron County RMA	

8. Discussion and Action to support the Hidalgo County Active Tourism and Active Transportation Plan and to authorize RGVMPO Chair Ellie Torres to execute Resolution 2025-7 confirming its adoption.

Presenter: Valley Metro/RGVMPO Executive Director

Tom Logan from Valley Metro made a motion to approve the item. The motion was seconded by Engineer Pedro “Pete” Alvarez from TxDOT. The item was unanimously approved.

9. Discussion and action to approve a joint application with Cameron County for the “Rural Roadway Departure Reduction Project” regarding the USDOT FY25 Safe Streets and Roads for All Notice of Funding Opportunity.

Presenter: TAC Chair

Judge Eddie Trevino from Cameron County made a motion to approve the item. The motion was seconded by Tom Logan from Valley Metro. The item was unanimously approved.

10. Discussion and action to approve the creation and appointment of an Executive Committee and to begin the process of amending the RGVMPPO Bylaws.

Presenter: RGVMPPO Staff

Judge Eddie Trevino from Cameron County made a motion to table the item to provide time to the board to obtain more information and review the RGVMPPO Bylaws. The motion was seconded by the City Manager from the City of Harlingen Gabriel Gonzalez. The item was tabled.

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

11. Agencies Reports

TxDOT

Presenter: TxDOT Pharr District Engineer Pedro “Pete” Alvarez

EXECUTIVE SESSION

12. Closed Session:

12.1 MPO office lease contract.

12.2 Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Comprehensive Safety Action Plan

Robert Lozano from Hidalgo County RMA made a motion to enter into Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Reyna Guerra from Starr County.

13. Open Session:

The Policy Board reconvene in Open Session to take action on items discussed in Closed Session. Judge Eddie Travino from Cameron County made a motion to reconvene, the motion was seconded by Reyna Guerra from Hidalgo County.

13.1 Action on MPO office lease contract.

13.2 Action on Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Comprehensive Safety Action Plan

Frank Parker from Cameron County RMA made a motion to approve items as discussed. The motion was seconded by Harlingen’s City Manager Gabriel Gonzalez.

OTHER BUSINESS:

NONE

ADJOURNMENT

A special TPB meeting is scheduled for **10:00am** on **July 17, 2025**, at the Ken Jones Executive Board Room, 301 W. Railroad Street, Building B Weslaco, TX 78596

Reyna Guerra from Starr County made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Engineer Pedro “Pete” Alvarez from TxDOT. Adjournment at 3:29 p.m.

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