

Special Meeting of the Rio Grande Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization
POLICY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Monday, July 21, 2025 – 10:00 AM
Presiding: Chair Commissioner Ellie Torres (Hidalgo County Pct. 4)

Call to Order

Chair Hidalgo County Commissioner Ellie Torres called the Transportation Policy Board meeting to order at 10:00 A.M., and a quorum was established. The Meeting was held in person with members present.

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) Michelle Rivera (Proxy) - PRESENT
City of Edinburg	Mayor Ramiro Garza (Designee) Tomas Reyna (Proxy) - PRESENT
City of Mission	Mayor Norie Gonzalez Garza (Designee) - PRESENT Assistant City Manager Juan Pablo “JP” Terrazas
City of Harlingen	Mayor Norma Sepulveda (Designee) - PRESENT City Manager Gabriel Gonzalez (Alternate)
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	

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Isaac Sulemana, Chief of Staff, Office of Hidalgo County Judge Richard F. Cortez
- Armando Garza Jr., Deputy Director, Hidalgo County Urban County Program
- Jorge Arcaute, Chief of Staff, Hidalgo County Pct. 3
- Mike Perez, City Manager, City of Mission
- Eddie Cantu, Commissioner Hidalgo County Pct. 2
- Martin Garza

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Authorize the MPO chair to sign Resolution 2025-10 to appoint Michael Medina, MPO Executive Director to the Border Trade Advisory Committee.

Presenter: RGVMPPO Chair

Judge Eddie Trevino from Cameron County made a motion to approve the item as presented. The motion was seconded by Reyna Guerra from Starr County. The item was unanimously approved.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION

2. Approval of minutes for June 25, 2025.

Presenter: Commissioner Ellie Torres (RGVMPO Chair)

Robert Lozano of the Hidalgo County RMA requested a revision to item 7 of the minutes, stating it should reflect only one vote against from the Hidalgo County RMA, rather than two. Mr. Lozano then moved to approve the minutes as revised. The motion was seconded by Reyna Guerra of Starr County and passed unanimously.

3. Discussion and Action to approve the Unified Planning Work Plan. Resolution 2025-8.

Presenter: RGVMPPO Staff

Frank Parker from Cameron County RMA made a motion to approve item as presented. d. The motion was seconded by Reyna Guerra from Starr County. The item was unanimously approved.

4. Discussion and Action to approve the Public Participation Plan. Resolution 2025-9.

Presenter: RGVMPPO 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.

5. Discussion and Action to approve the CAT 7 and CAT 10 call for projects to be submitted for the August Statewide Transportation Improvement Program revisions.

Presenter: TAC Chair and RGVMPPO Staff

Mayor Norie Gonzalez-Garza from the City of Mission made a motion to approve the item as presented and recommended table C without allocating the \$14 million. The motion was seconded by Judge Eddie Trevino Jr. from Cameron County. The item was approved.

Ayes: Hidalgo County, City of Brownsville, Cameron County, City of McAllen, City of Edinburg, City of Mission, City of Harlingen, City of San Benito, Starr County, Cameron County RMA, Hidalgo County RMA, Valley Metro.

Nays: City of Pharr

Abstain: TxDOT Pharr District

6. Discussion and Action to approve the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program August Revision Cycle and Amendments to the Highway and Transit Transportation Improvement Program and 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan.

Presenter: RGVMPO Staff

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

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

7. 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Development Update

Presenter: RGVMPO Staff

EXECUTIVE SESSION

8. **Closed Session:**

None

9. **Open Session:**

None

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

The next regular meeting is scheduled for **1:30am** on **August 27, 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 11:45 a.m.

Minutes Approved as to content: Wednesday September 24, 2025