

Meeting of the Rio Grande Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization
POLICY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday September 24, 2025 – 1:30 PM
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) Commissioner Pepe Cabeza De Vaca (Proxy) - PRESENT
City of Edinburg	Mayor Ramiro Garza (Designee) Tomas Reyna (Proxy) - PRESENT
City of Mission	Mayor Norie Gonzalez Garza (Designee) 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) - ABSENT 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) Arturo A. Nelson (Alternate) – PRESENT
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
RGVMPO Staff	

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Nazanin Heydarian, Assistant Professor, University of Texas Rio Grande Valley School of Social Work

DISCUSSION AND ACTION

1. Approval of minutes for June 25, 2025.

Presenter: Commissioner Ellie Torres (RGVMPO Chair)

Pedro “Pete” Alvarez of TxDOT Pharr District made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Reyna Guerra of Starr County and passed unanimously.

2. Discussion and Action to approve the deprogramming of the Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside amount of \$1,274,851, and the Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) amount of \$1,179,724, from the Hidalgo County Precinct 1 & City of Weslaco Hike and Bike Trail – Phase I project.

Presenter: RGVMPO Staff

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

3. Discussion and Action to approve the Transportation Policy Board to allow a call for Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) projects for transit eligible activities.

Presenter: RGVMPO Staff

Tom Logan from Valley Metro made a motion to approve the item. The motion was seconded by Reyna Guerra from Starr County. The item was unanimously approved.

4. Discussion and Action to approve the Chair to sign Resolution 2025-12 and the Policy Board adopting a 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan’s 10-year Plan.

Presenter: TAC Chair and RGVMPO Staff

Pedro “Pete” Alvarez from TxDOT Pharr District made a motion to approve Scenario B as presented. The motion was seconded by Cameron County Region Mobility Authority. The item was approved.

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

5. Agencies Reports

5.1 TxDOT

EXECUTIVE SESSION

6. Closed Session:

None

7. Open Session:

None

8. ADJOURNMENT

Tom Logan with Valley Metro made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Reyna Guerra from Starr County. Adjournment at 2:11 p.m.

Minutes Approved as to content: Friday October 24, 2025