

# RGVMPO Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee

November 5, 2025

10:30AM – 12PM





# RGVMPO BPAC Meeting Agenda

## I. CALL TO ORDER

- **Time: 10:30am**
- **By: Rodney Gomez (UTRGV) - Vice Chair**

- I. CALL TO ORDER ~10:30AM
- II. ROLL CALL ~10:30AM-10:35AM
- III. CITIZENS INPUT/PUBLIC COMMENT ~10:35AM-10:40AM
- IV. PRESENTATION, ACTION, AND DISCUSSION ITEMS
  - A. Acknowledgement of the posted May 7<sup>th</sup>, Meeting Recordings (No Action Required) ~10:40AM – 10:45AM
  - B. Presentation and Discussion on the Regional Bikeshare (RGV BCycle) Program ~10:45AM – 11AM
  - C. Presentation and Discussion on project selection process via the electronic project request form, project readiness report, project schedule, project financial summary, and sponsoring agency resolution. ~11AM – 11:15AM
  - D. Presentation and Discussion of training on the Open Meetings Act for BPAC members ~11:15AM – 11:25AM
  - E. Presentation and Discussion on the U.S. Bicycle Route System (USBR) ~11:25AM – 11:35AM
  - F. Consideration and Action on the 2026 RGVMPO BPAC Meeting Schedule ~11:35AM – 11:45AM
- V. PROJECT UPDATES
  - A. RGVMPO FY 25-27 TASA Call for Projects Status ~11:45AM – 11:55AM
- VI. NEW OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS ~11:55AM - 12PM
- VII. ADJOURNMENT ~12PM



# • RGVMPO BPAC Voting Membership •

	Membership	Term	Organization/Agency	Primary Designee	Alternate Representative	Term
1	Public Agency	2 yrs	Vacant			
2	Public Agency	2 yrs	City of Harlingen	Daniel Diaz	Juan Mendiola III	Aug. 2024 – July 2026
3	Public Agency	2 yrs	City of Brownsville	Joel Garza	Eva Garcia	Aug. 2024 – July 2026
4	Public Agency	2 yrs	City of San Benito	Enrique Hernandez	Monica Rodriguez	Aug. 2024 – July 2026
5	Public Agency	2 yrs	City of Pharr	Maria Rangel	Edwin Manrique	Oct. 2024 – Sept. 2026
6	Public Agency	2 yrs	LRGVDC	Javier Dominguez	Nancy Sanchez	Oct. 2024 – Sept. 2026
7	Public Agency	2 yrs	TxDOT Pharr District	Augustin Ramirez	Eduardo Saenz	Oct. 2024 – Sept. 2026
8	Public Agency	2 yrs	City of Edinburg	Larry Ayala	Valentin Sanchez	Mar. 2025 – Mar. 2027
9	Economic Dev. Agency	1 or 2	Vacant			
10	Bike/Ped-Oriented Org.	2	Valley Off-Road Bicycling Association (VORBA)	David Hernandez	Marcel Fortuin	Oct. 2024 – Sept. 2026
11	Bike/Ped-Oriented Org.	1 or 2	Caracara Trails	Rose Gowen, Chair	Marisa Amaya	Dec. 2024 – Nov. 2026
12	Stakeholder Org.	2 yrs	UTRGV	Rodney Gomez, Vice Chair	Pablo Aguilar	Dec. 2024 – Nov. 2026
13	Stakeholder Org.	2 yrs	Vacant			
14	Bike/Ped Citizen	1 or 2	At-Large	Jon Ray Bocanegra	Michael McNew	Aug. 2024 – July 2026
15	Bike/Ped Citizen	1 or 2	At-Large	Richard Cavin	x	Oct. 2024 – Sept. 2026
16	Bike/Ped Citizen	1 or 2	At-Large	Nazanin Heydarian	x	Dec. 2024 – Nov. 2026
17	Bike/Ped Citizen	1 or 2	At Large	Robert Ordaz	Charlie Casanova	Mar. 2025 – Mar. 2027



# I. ROLL CALL

Membership Attendance will be tracked per the adopted bylaws.

P = Present  
A = Absent

	Organization/Agency	Nov. 6 <sup>th</sup>	Jan. 8 <sup>th</sup>	Mar. 5 <sup>th</sup>	Mar. 17 <sup>th</sup>	Mar. 27 <sup>th</sup>	May 7 <sup>th</sup>	July 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Sept. 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Nov. 5 <sup>th</sup>
1	City of Harlingen – Daniel & Juan (July 2026)	P	A	P	P	P	A	MEETING CANCELED	MEETING CANCELED	A
2	City of Brownsville – Joel & Eva (July 2026)	P	P	A	P	P	A			P
3	City of San Benito – Enrique & Monica (July 2026)	P	P	A	P	P	P			A
4	City of Pharr – Maria & Edwin (Sept. 2026)	P	P	P	P	P	P			A
5	LRGVDC – Javier & Nancy (Sept. 2026)	P	P	P	P	P	P			P
6	TxDOT Pharr District – Augustin & Eduardo (Sept. 2026)	P	P	P	P	P	P			P
7	City of Edinburg – Larry & Valentin (Mar. 2027)	<i>(Re-appointed)</i>			A	P	A			A
8	Valley Off-Road Bicycling Association (VORBA) – David & Marcel (Sept. 2026)	P	P	P	A	A	P			P
9	Caracara Trails – Rose & Marisa (Oct. 2026)	<i>(Re-appointed)</i>	P	P	P	P	P			P
10	UTRGV – Rodney & Pablo (Oct. 2026)	<i>(Re-appointed)</i>	P	P	P	A	P			P
11	At-Large – Jon Ray & Michael (July 2026)	A	A	P	P	P	A			P
12	At-Large - Richard Cavin (Sept. 2026)	P	A	P	A	A	P			P
13	At-Large – Nazanin Heydarian (Oct. 2026)	<i>(Appointed)</i>	P	P	P	P	P			P
14	At-Large – Robert & Charlie (Mar. 2027)	<i>(Re-appointed)</i>			P	P	P			A

#### IV. Maintaining Membership

Voting members will be in ex-officio status and lose their voting privileges after missing three (3) consecutive monthly/bi-monthly meetings, or two (2) consecutive quarterly meetings. To regain

voting privileges, members in ex-officio status must attend three (3) consecutive monthly/bi-monthly meetings, or two (2) consecutive quarterly meetings.



## III. CITIZENS INPUT / PUBLIC COMMENT

- All are encouraged to provide input or make comments on bike/ped projects/programs.

➤ *Walk to School Day :*

[https://rubybridges.foundation/?gad\\_source=1&gad\\_campaignid=20609393694&gclid=Cj0KCQiAiKzIBhCOARIsAKpKLAOjz50RAdd3CizSS\\_uBjlqzCZP3PoeczmrEdeKO7vcvhVdpS9cygVUaAgkiEALw\\_wcB](https://rubybridges.foundation/?gad_source=1&gad_campaignid=20609393694&gclid=Cj0KCQiAiKzIBhCOARIsAKpKLAOjz50RAdd3CizSS_uBjlqzCZP3PoeczmrEdeKO7vcvhVdpS9cygVUaAgkiEALw_wcB)



# IV.A. Acknowledgement of the posted May 7<sup>th</sup>, Meeting Recording

· FOR REFERENCE ·

The May 7, 2025, RGVMPO BPAC Meeting Recordings have been posted to the RGVMPO's YouTube channel and linked to the BPAC Agendas and Packets webpage.

### Agendas and Packets

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**2025**

MEETING DATE	AGENDA	PACKET	MINUTES/RECORDINGS
November 5, 2025 (VIRTUAL)	<a href="#">Agenda</a>	<a href="#">Packet</a>	<a href="#">Minutes/Recording</a>
September 3, 2025 (VIRTUAL) <b>[CANCELED]</b>			
July 2, 2025 (VIRTUAL) <b>[CANCELED]</b>			
May 7, 2025 (VIRTUAL)	<a href="#">Agenda</a>	<a href="#">Packet</a>	<a href="#">Minutes/Recording</a>
March 27, 2025 (IN-PERSON)	<a href="#">Agenda</a>	<a href="#">Packet</a>	<a href="#">Minutes/Recording</a>
March 17, 2025 (IN-PERSON)	<a href="#">Agenda</a>	<a href="#">Packet</a>	<a href="#">Minutes/Recording</a>
March 5, 2025 (VIRTUAL)	<a href="#">Agenda</a>	<a href="#">Packet</a>	<a href="#">Minutes/Recording</a>
January 8, 2025 (VIRTUAL)	<a href="#">Agenda</a>	<a href="#">Packet</a>	<a href="#">Minutes/Recording</a>



# IV.B. Presentation and Discussion on the Regional Bikeshare (RGV BCycle) Program



# BPAC Report

November 05, 2025

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# RGVMPO NOTICE OF AWARD 09/10/2025



## Transportation Policy Board

**Ellie Torres, Chair**  
Commissioner Pct. 4,  
Hidalgo County

**John Cowen, Vice-Chair**  
Mayor, City of Brownsville

**Eddie Trevino, Jr.**  
Judge, Cameron County

**Javier Villalobos**  
Mayor, City of McAllen

**Ramiro Garza Jr.**  
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**Ambrosio Hernandez**  
Mayor, City of Pharr

**Norma Sepulveda**  
Mayor, City of Harlingen

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Regional Mobility Authority

**Robert L. Lozano**  
Chairman, Hidalgo County  
Regional Mobility Authority

**Tom Logan**  
Director of Transit Operations,  
Valley Metro

**Pedro "Pete" R. Alvarez PE**  
District Engineer, TxDOT

*Ex-Officio*  
**Manuel Cruz**  
Executive Director, LRGVDC

**Michael Medina, PTP**  
Executive Director

Wednesday, September 10, 2025

Thomas F. Logan, CCTM  
Director of Regional Transit  
Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council - Valley Metro  
510 S Pleasantview Dr,  
Weslaco, TX 78596

RE: Bike Share Project

Subject: Award of Category 7 (STBG Carryover) Funds – RGV BCycle Upgrade Project

Dear Mr. Logan,

On behalf of the Rio Grande Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization (RGVMPO) Transportation Policy Board, I am pleased to inform you that the RGV BCycle Upgrade Project has been selected to receive funding as part of the Call for Projects for Category 7 – Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Carryover Funds / Category 10 – Carbon Reduction Program (CRP).

The awarded project is described as follows:

**Project Title:** *RGV BCycle Upgrade Project*

**Project Description:** *Purchase of 150 new 3-speed BCycle bikes with protective shrouds, batteries, BCycle 3.0 docking stations, installation kits, and dock communication technology to ensure reliable system performance.*

As the project sponsor, LRGVDC–Valley Metro will work with RGVMPO staff to complete all required programming steps.

We commend your commitment to expanding active transportation and improving regional mobility. The RGVMPO looks forward to working with you to ensure the successful delivery of this project.

Congratulations on your award and thank you for your continued partnership.

Respectfully,

Michael Medina, PTP  
Executive Director

Hidalgo/Starr/Willacy *					HARLINGEN					BROWNSVILLE					PROJECT GRAND TOTAL																								
Part no.	BCYCLE ELECTRIC BIKES	UNIT \$	QTY	TOTAL \$	Part no.	BCYCLE ELECTRIC BIKES	UNIT \$	QTY	TOTAL \$	Part no.	BCYCLE ELECTRIC BIKES	UNIT \$	QTY	TOTAL \$	Part no.	BCYCLE ELECTRIC BIKES	UNIT \$	QTY	TOTAL \$																				
590839	Bikes (3-speed) includes shroud	\$ 2,715.00	70	\$ 190,050	590839	Bikes (3-speed) includes shroud	\$ 2,715.00	30	\$ 81,450	590839	Bikes (3-speed) includes shroud	\$ 2,715.00	50	\$ 135,750	590839	Bikes (3-speed) includes shroud	\$ 2,715.00	150	\$ 407,250.00																				
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580908	-Battery Charger	\$ 83.00	13	\$ 1,079	580908	-Battery Charger	\$ 83.00	5	\$ 415	580908	-Battery Charger	\$ 83.00	10	\$ 830	580908	-Battery Charger	\$ 83.00	28	\$2,324.00																				
596163	-Battery Charger Cable set	\$ 5.00	13	\$ 65	596163	-Battery Charger Cable set	\$ 5.00	5	\$ 25	596163	-Battery Charger Cable set	\$ 5.00	10	\$ 50	596163	-Battery Charger Cable set	\$ 5.00	28	\$140.00																				
598812	-Basket Lock	\$ 56.49	0	\$ 0	598812	-Basket Lock	\$ 56.49	0	\$ 0	598812	-Basket Lock	\$ 56.49	0	\$ 0	598812	-Basket Lock	\$ 56.49	0	\$-																				
5268780	-Bike Battery Tracker - Bike Module	\$ 99.00	0	\$ 0	5268780	-Bike Battery Tracker - Bike Module	\$ 99.00	0	\$ 0	5268780	Tracker - Bike	\$ 99.00	0	\$ 0	5268780	-Bike Battery Tracker - Bike Module	\$ 99.00	0	\$-																				
5261049	-Secondary Battery Lock	\$ 81.67	0	\$ 0	5261049	-Secondary Battery Lock	\$ 81.67	0	\$ 0	5261049	-Secondary Battery Lock	\$ 81.67	0	\$ 0	5261049	-Secondary Battery Lock	\$ 81.67	0	\$-																				
	-Bike Shipping	\$ 90.00	75	\$ 6,750		-Bike Shipping	\$ 90.00	35	\$ 3,150		-Bike Shipping	\$ 90.00	50	\$ 4,500		-Bike Shipping	\$ 90.00	160	\$14,400.00																				
				<b>Bike Sub-Total:</b>					<b>\$ 209,319</b>					<b>\$ 89,590</b>					<b>\$ 150,230</b>					<b>Bike Sub-Total:</b>					<b>\$ 449,139.00</b>										
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600903	3.0 Dock	\$ 1,885.00	60	\$ 113,100.00	600903	3.0 Dock	\$ 1,885.00	20	\$ 37,700.00	600903	3.0 Dock	\$ 1,885.00	40	\$ 75,400.00	600903	3.0 Dock	\$ 1,885.00	120	\$226,200.00																				
5257547	Battery Charger	\$ 32.21	15	\$ 483.15	5257547	Battery Charger	\$ 32.21	5	\$ 161.05	5257547	Battery Charger	\$ 32.21	10	\$ 322.10	5257547	Battery Charger	\$ 32.21	30	\$966.30																				
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5255793	-Spare Battery	\$ 222.00	15	\$ 3,330.00	5255793	-Spare Battery	\$ 222.00	5	\$ 1,110.00	5255793	-Spare Battery	\$ 222.00	10	\$ 2,220.00	5255793	-Spare Battery	\$ 222.00	30	\$6,660.00																				
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5255801	-Manual Bike Release Key	\$ 11.42	0	\$ 0.00	5255801	-Manual Bike Release Key	\$ 11.42	0	\$ 0.00	5255801	-Manual Bike Release Key	\$ 11.42	0	\$ 0.00	5255801	-Manual Bike Release Key	\$ 11.42	0	\$-																				
5268777	-Bike Battery Tracker - 3.0 Dock Module	\$ 99.00	0	\$ 0.00	5268777	-Bike Battery Tracker - 3.0 Dock Module	\$ 99.00	0	\$ 0.00	5268777	Tracker - 3.0 Dock	\$ 99.00	0	\$ 0.00	5268777	-Bike Battery Tracker - 3.0 Dock Module	\$ 99.00	0	\$-																				
1052305	-Baseplate (2 dock single sided, 3 dock doublesided)	\$ 665.00	6	\$ 3,990.00	1052305	single sided, 3 dock	\$ 665.00	2	\$ 1,330.00	1052305	single sided, 3	\$ 665.00	3	\$ 1,995.00	1052305	-Baseplate (2 dock single sided, 3 dock doublesided)	\$ 665.00	11	\$7,315.00																				
5252597	- Endcap Kit	\$ 599.68	3	\$ 1,799.04	5252597	- Endcap Kit	\$ 599.68	1	\$ 599.68	5252597	- Endcap Kit	\$ 599.68	2	\$ 1,199.36	5252597	- Endcap Kit	\$ 599.68	6	\$3,598.08																				
5252598	- Ballast Kit	\$ 713.38	6	\$ 4,280.28	5252598	- Ballast Kit	\$ 713.38	2	\$ 1,426.76	5252598	- Ballast Kit	\$ 713.38	3	\$ 2,140.14	5252598	- Ballast Kit	\$ 713.38	11	\$7,847.18																				
5252599	- Ballast Removal Tool	\$ 53.65	1	\$ 53.65	5252599	- Ballast Removal Tool	\$ 53.65	1	\$ 53.65	5252599	- Ballast Removal Tool	\$ 53.65	1	\$ 53.65	5252599	- Ballast Removal Tool	\$ 53.65	3	\$160.95																				
5268526	- Dock Fastener Pack (Baseplate install) (2 docks)	\$ 29.02	3	\$ 87.06	5268526	(Baseplate install) (2	\$ 29.02	2	\$ 58.04	5268526	Pack (Baseplate	\$ 29.02	2	\$ 58.04	5268526	- Dock Fastener Pack (Baseplate install) (2 docks)	\$ 29.02	7	\$203.14																				
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5270017	Wayfinding Panel	\$ 2,458.53	0	\$ 0.00	5270017	Wayfinding Panel	\$ 2,458.53	0	\$ 0.00	5270017	Wayfinding Panel	\$ 2,458.53	0	\$ 0.00	5270017	Wayfinding Panel	\$ 2,458.53	0	\$-																				
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				<b>Station Sub-Total:</b>					<b>\$ 133,123</b>					<b>\$ 87,388</b>					<b>\$ 264,950.65</b>																				
ONGOING BCYCLE SOFTWARE & DATA FEES					SOFTWARE & DATA					SOFTWARE &					ONGOING BCYCLE SOFTWARE & DATA FEES																								
	- Annual Enterprise Software Fee (per dock)*	\$ 143.33	60	\$ 8,600		Software Fee (per	\$ 143.33	20	\$ 2,867		Enterprise Software Fee (per	\$ 143.33	40	\$ 5,733		- Annual Enterprise Software Fee (per dock)*	\$ 143.33	120	\$17,199.60																				
	Communication Fees (per	\$ 60	60	\$ 3,600		Communication Fees	\$ 60	20	\$ 1,200		Communication	\$ 60	40	\$ 2,400		Communication Fees (per	\$ 60	120	\$7,200.00																				
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				<b>Software/data fees Sub-Total:</b>					<b>\$ 12,200</b>					<b>\$ 8,133</b>					<b>Software/data fees Sub-Total:</b>					<b>\$85,910.35</b>															
				<b>Total Hidalgo/Starr/Willacy:</b>					<b>\$ 354,642</b>					<b>Total Harlingen:</b>					<b>\$ 138,096</b>					<b>Total Brownsville:</b>					<b>\$ 245,751</b>					<b>Total RGV Bicycle Project:</b>					<b>\$ 800,000</b>

# RGV B-Cycle

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## What is the project

- RGV B-Cycle is a regional bike-share program covering the Rio Grande Valley (particularly the counties of Cameron and Hidalgo) operated/managed by Valley Metro and allied agencies.
- The program uses self-service bike stations, docks or kiosks, and app/unlock systems to enable trips by bicycle as part of the mobility network.
- The program is coordinated in planning with the RGVMPPO (which handles federal/regional transportation funding and planning for the RGV) — i.e., the bikeshare is part of the region’s multimodal strategy.

## Main goals & how it fits regionally

- First/last-mile connectivity: By placing bikeshare stations near transit hubs, bus stops, campuses, downtowns, the idea is that people can use the bike share to easily get to/from the fixed-route transit or to destinations not directly served. For example, the development council notes bikes could be “picked up or dropped off near public bus stops”.
- Regional coverage: Unlike only a single city, the RGV program is region-wide, covering multiple urbanized areas (McAllen, Brownsville, Harlingen) thereby aiming for a broader mobility network rather than isolated local systems.
- Affordability & equity: Because it covers regional mobility and underserved areas, the bikeshare system offers a more affordable mobility option and helps fill gaps where car-ownership or transit may be limited. The 2020 Annual Report of LRGVDC describes the focus on “providing equitable options to the community” including micro-transport like bike share.
- Sustainability / active transportation: By encouraging bicycle travel (rather than car trips) the system supports active modes, reduces emissions, and aligns with broader regional transportation/health goals. The upgrade project document mentions “reduces vehicle dependency ... encourages sustainable, active transportation”.

## Key project elements / status

- There is an “RGV BCycle Upgrade Project” underway: which will modernize and expand the bikeshare system (smart/app-connected bikes and docking stations) across the region.
- The system already has a website and operations in cities such as McAllen, Harlingen, Brownsville. <https://rgv.bcycle.com>
- The RGVMPPO has referenced bike/pedestrian infrastructure and bike share as part of its planning directives (site prep, collaboration) in its memo/code. For example, the RGVMPPO in one packet includes “participate in joint planning ... which includes ... the promotion of a regional bikeshare program for the Rio Grande Valley region (RGV BCycle), Valley Metro, and regional trail networks across Cameron and Hidalgo Counties.”



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# IV.B. Presentation and Discussion on the Regional Bikeshare (RGV BCycle) Program

## • Discussion •

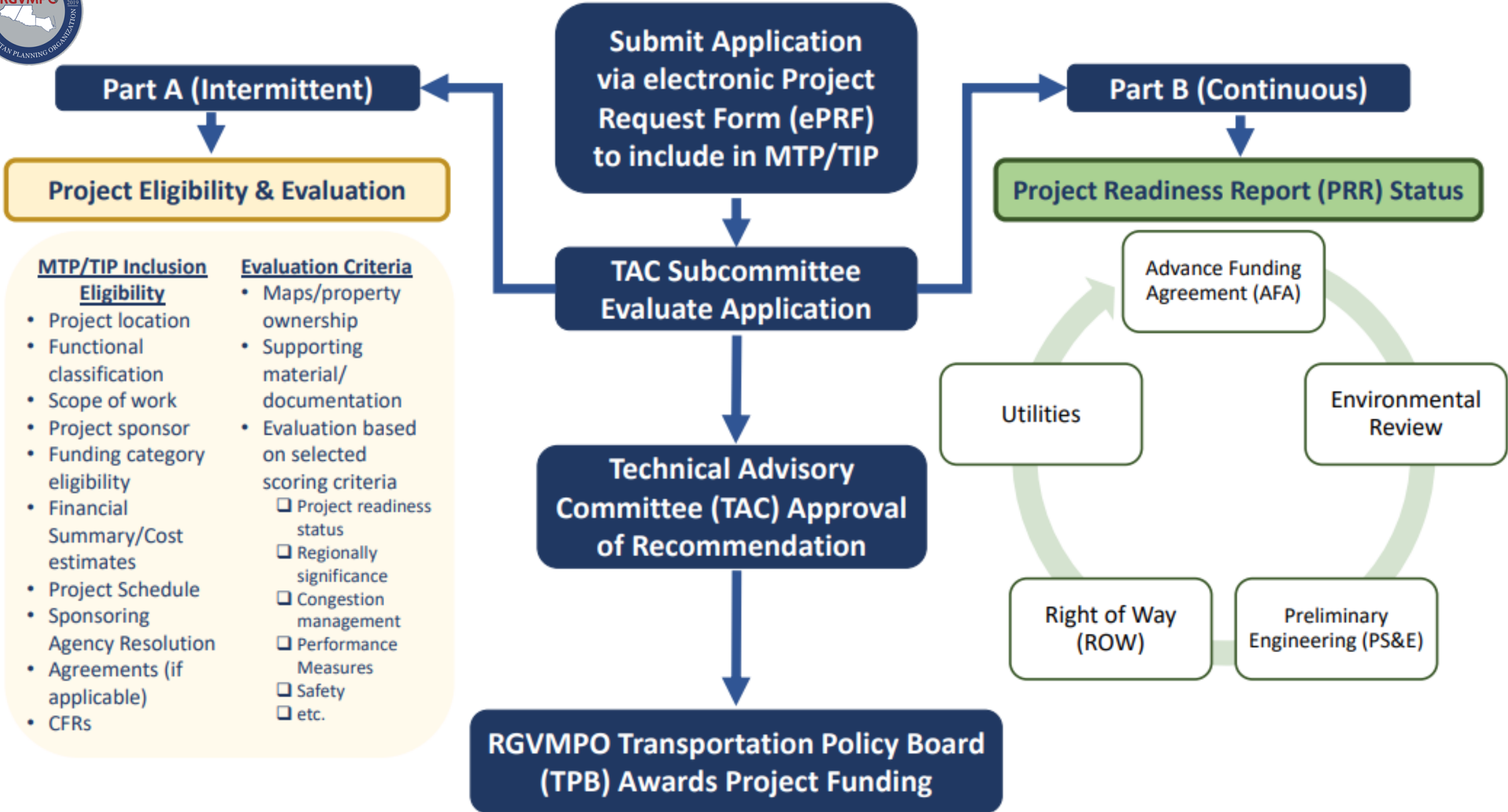
- *Project obligates FY 2026.*
- *Locations to be identified.*



IV.C. Presentation and Discussion on project selection process via the electronic project request form, project readiness report, project schedule, project financial summary, and sponsoring agency resolution.



[electronic Project Request Form Link](#)





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· Discussion ·

- *BPAC to be notified of future program calls.*



# IV.D. Presentation and Discussion of training on the Open Meetings Act for BPAC members

## Open Meetings Act Training

*Learn about important legislative changes to the Open Meetings Act made during the past session.*

Members of a governmental body subject to the Open Meetings Act (OMA) are required to participate in education training sessions pursuant to section 551.005 of the Texas Government Code. The training requirement applies to all elected or appointed officials who participate in meetings subject to the OMA. However, it does not apply to public officials who do not conduct business in meetings subject to the OMA. For example, law enforcement officials, auditors, or county clerks are not required to complete training under the OMA.

The law requires that members subject to the OMA complete training within 90 days of taking the oath of office or otherwise assuming the responsibilities of office. The training must include information regarding the:

1. General background of the legal requirements for open meetings;
2. Applicability of the Open Meetings Act to governmental bodies;
3. Procedures and requirements regarding quorums, notice, and recordkeeping under the OMA;
4. Procedures and requirements for holding an open meeting and for holding a closed meeting under the OMA; and
5. Penalties and other consequences for failure to comply with the OMA.

The Office of the Attorney General's training video includes information on each of these elements and satisfies the requirements imposed by section 551.005 of the OMA. A public official may obtain a course completion certificate by following the directions at the end of the training video. The certificate must be maintained by the member's governmental body and made available for public inspection upon request.

### Open Government Hotline

[\(512\) 478-6736](tel:(512)478-6736)

Toll Free: [\(877\) 673-6839](tel:(877)673-6839)

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### Open Meetings Act Handbook

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# Open Meetings Act Basic Training

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After completing the training course, you may [print your certificate.](#)



## IV.D. Presentation and Discussion of training on the Open Meetings Act for BPAC members

· Discussion ·

- *Question from Rodney (UTRGV Vice Chair): When is the certification expiration date?*
  - **Answer:** *There is no specific expiration date for a Texas Open Meetings Act (OMA) training certificate. Instead, members of governmental bodies must complete the training within 90 days of taking the oath of office or assuming their duties. The training itself is a one-time requirement to ensure officials understand their responsibilities under the OMA.*
- **Resources:**
  - [Open Meetings Act Training](#)
  - [Open Meetings Handbook 2024](#)



## IV.E. Presentation and Discussion on the U.S. Bicycle Route System (USBR)



USBR 55  
DESIGNATION

# BACKGROUND

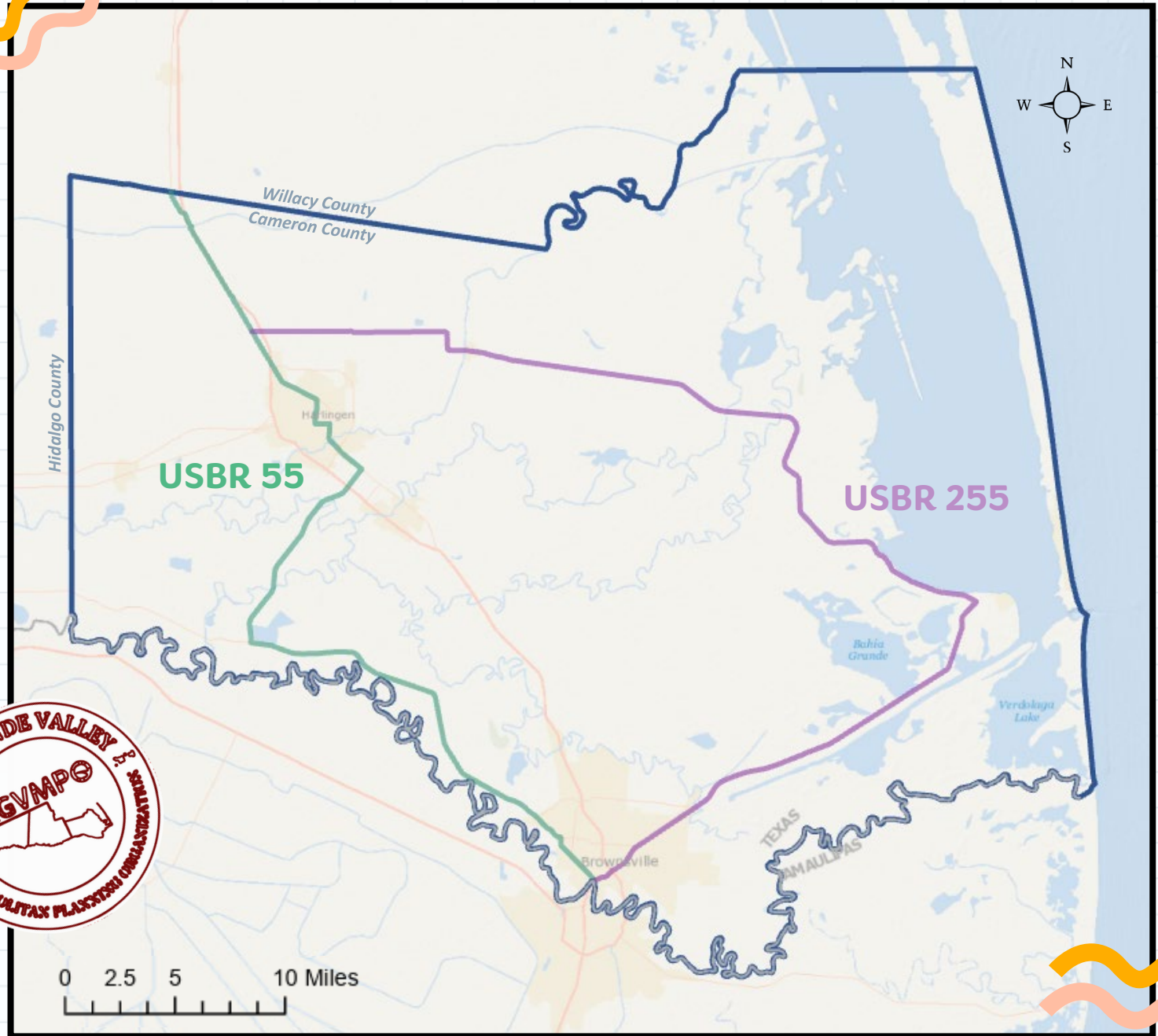
The Adventure Cycling Association (ACA) and American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) work together to designate nationally recognized bicycle routes across the country.

Texas has ZERO national bike routes.

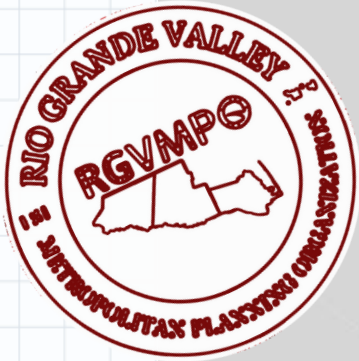
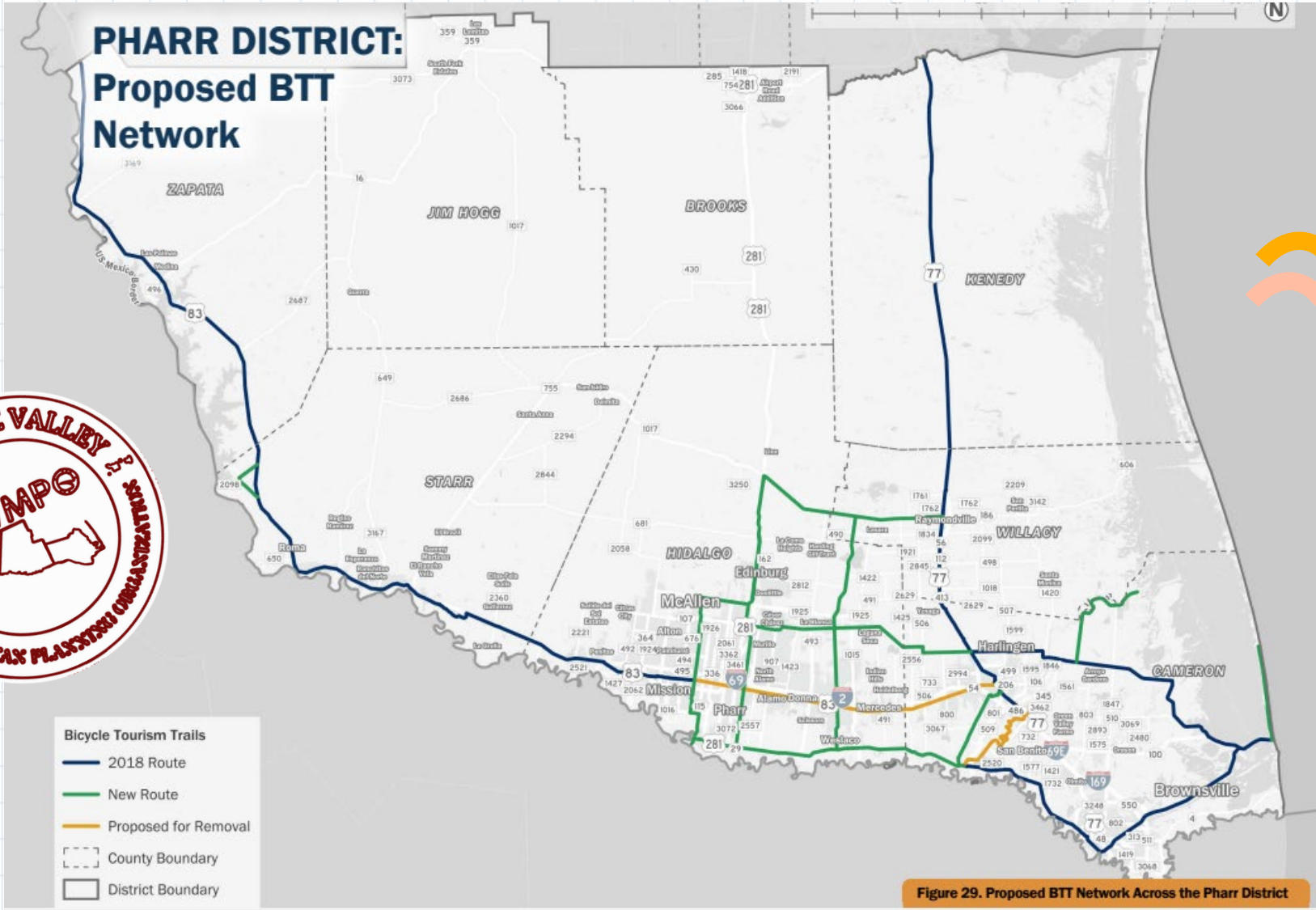
# EXPLANATION

The RGVMPO was approached by ACA about USBR 55 and Loop 255, but these routes would only exist in Cameron County. Looking at previous plans for bicycle facilities, the RGVMPO would like to propose adding an extension of the route into Hidalgo and Starr Counties.

Let's see a map!



Source: Proposed Route from Adventure Cycling Association



Source: Pharr District Bike Plan, Sept. 2024

# WHY DESIGNATE A ROUTE?

Identifies the best and/or safest route for bicycle travel.

Alerts motorists to the existence of bicyclists on the roadway.

Encourages bike travel and tourism.

Allows state DOTs to show their support of bike travel.

Confirms that bicyclists are legitimate roadway users.

# WHAT'S NOW?

The MPO is working to compile data and write a proposal for TxDOT to look over and approve. Currently, we are organizing TxDOT crash data along the route.

# WHAT'S NEXT?

Once TxDOT approves the route, the local “pavement owners” will be asked to sign letters of support. The “pavement owners” are the county, cities, and other municipalities that own the pavement along the route.

Once all the letters of support are acquired, then the route proposal, the letters of support, and the AASHTO application are submitted to AASHTO by TxDOT. AASHTO will then decide to approve the designation at their first biannual meeting in the spring of 2026.

# FAQ'S

## Route Expansion?

There is a desire to expand the route designations into Hidalgo and Starr Counties in the TxDOT Pharr District Bicycle Plan and the RGV MPO Active Transportation Plan.

## Signage?

There will be signage along the route, though the responsibility of acquiring signage has yet to be discussed.





# CONCLUSION

Be on the lookout for our email asking for your community's support in designating USBR 55, Loop 255, and the Hidalgo County extension. This is a very exciting endeavor and will be the **VERY FIRST** national designation of a bicycle route in Texas.

Let's make history!



Q&A



THANK YOU



## IV.E. Presentation and Discussion on the U.S. Bicycle Route System (USBRS)

• Discussion •

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# IV.F. Consideration and Action on the 2026 RGVMPO BPAC Meeting Schedule





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## 1. How frequently should the RGVMPO BPAC meet?

<span style="color: blue;">●</span> every-other-month (Jan, Mar, ...)	2
<span style="color: orange;">●</span> Quarterly (Feb, May, Aug, Nov)	10
<span style="color: green;">●</span> Other	0



## 3. Morning or afternoon meetings?

<span style="color: blue;">●</span> Morning	12
<span style="color: orange;">●</span> Afternoon	0



## 2. What day of the week should we meet?

<span style="color: blue;">●</span> Wednesdays	9
<span style="color: orange;">●</span> Thursdays	2
<span style="color: green;">●</span> Fridays	1



## 4. How should we meet?

<span style="color: blue;">●</span> In-Person Quorum with virtual...	6
<span style="color: orange;">●</span> 100% Virtually	6
<span style="color: green;">●</span> 100% In-Person	0





## IV.F. Consideration and Action on the 2026 RGVMPO BPAC Meeting Schedule

· Discussion ·

- *How frequently should the RGVMPO BPAC meet?*
  - ✓ *Quarterly (Feb, May, Aug, Nov)*
- *What day of the week should we meet?*
  - ✓ *Wednesday*
- *Morning or Afternoon meeting?*
  - ✓ *Morning*
- *100% Virtually (3/4 days); 100% In-Person(1/4 days) (upon legal approval)*


*Action: Approve 2026 RGVMPO BPAC Meeting Schedule upon legal approval - 100% virtual (3 out of 4 days) ; 100% in-person (1 out of 4 days)*

*Motion By: Eva Garcia (Brownsville)*

*Seconded By: David Hernandez (VORBA)*



# V. A. RGVMPO TASA Project Status

 <b>RGVMPO 2025-2027 TASA Program Call</b> <b>Awarded Projects</b>						
#	LG/Sponsor	Planning/ Construction	TASA 80% Funding Request \$	TASA Funding Request \$	Project Name (or street name)	
1	City of Harlingen	Planning	\$344,000	\$430,000	Harlingen North-South Corridor Link	
2	City of Edinburg	Planning	\$184,000	\$230,000	Update to the City of Edinburg's 2017 Bicycle & Pedestrian Master Plan	
3	City of Palmview	Planning	\$136,000	\$170,000	Palmview Hike and Bike Trail Planning	
4	Hidalgo County Pct #4	Planning	\$433,723	\$542,154	Russell Rd / Chapin St Hike and Bike Trail	
5	City of San Juan	Planning	\$154,390	\$192,988	Ridge Road Hike and Bike-Transportation Alternatives	
1	City of Harlingen	Construction	\$2,504,161	\$3,130,201	Arroyo Colorado Hike and Bike Trail East Extension	
2	Hidalgo County Pct #1	Construction	\$1,019,881	\$1,274,851	[TERMINATED - Hidalgo County Precinct 1 & City of Weslaco Hike & Bike Trail - Phase I]	
3	Hidalgo County Pct #2	Construction	\$558,490	\$698,113	Cesar Chavez Rd. Sec. I	
4	Hidalgo County Pct #1	Construction	\$608,491	\$760,614	Mile 6 W (SH 107 - Mile 14 1/2 N)	
5	City of McAllen	Construction	\$509,884	\$637,355	Nolana Loop	
6	Hidalgo County Pct #1	Construction	\$1,752,892	\$2,191,115	Mile 10 N	
7	Hidalgo County Pct #2	Construction	\$1,055,232	\$1,319,040	Cesar Chavez Rd. Sec. II	
TASA Projects Award Total=			\$10,301,580		Amount Available	Funding Category
					\$1,161,053	Planning Projects (minimum 10%)
Planning Award Total =			\$1,565,142		\$10,449,480	Construction Projects (maximum 90%)
					\$11,610,533	Total RGVMPO TASA Funds Available
Construction Award Total=			\$10,011,289		Remaining Available: <b>\$1,308,953</b>	



## VI. NEW OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Members are encouraged to bring ideas for future meetings or inquire about past items.

- *City of Brownsville Cyclobia event – next event on Friday*
- *Week without driving sept 9-oct5 - panels included transit and active transportation experts. Hopes to expand to Brownsville next year.*
- *VORBA- Pump track built with company called Alliance. Upcoming Nov 23<sup>rd</sup> event at Benevidez park*



# V. ADJOURNMENT

· Next Meeting February 2026 ·

- 100%Virtual (3days)/ 100% In-person (1day) meeting

*Action: to Adjourn at 11:19am*

*Motion By: Eva Garcia (Brownsville)*

*Seconded By: Naz Heydarian (Citizen At-Large)*