



RESOLUTION 2025-14

SUBJECT: EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE NATIONAL DESIGNATION OF UNITED STATES BICYCLE ROUTE 55 ("USBR 55"), LOOP 255, AND AN EXTENSION INTO HIDALGO, CAMERON, AND STARR COUNTIES.

WHEREAS, the Rio Grande Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization is the designated agency for transportation planning in the Transportation Management Area consisting of Hidalgo County, Cameron County, and Starr County in the State of Texas; and

WHEREAS, the Transportation Policy Board, as a proponent of active tourism and active transportation planning, acknowledges the importance of expanding transportation options within its long-range Metropolitan Transportation Plan and short-range Transportation Improvement Program; and

WHEREAS, bicycle tourism is a growing industry in North America, contributing to the economic development of communities that provide facilities for such tourists; and

WHEREAS, the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials ("AASHTO") has designated a corridor crossing Texas to be developed as USBR 55; and

WHEREAS, the Adventure Cycling Association and the Texas Department of Transportation ("TxDOT") have proposed a specific route to be designated as USBR 55 and its Loop 255; and

WHEREAS, the Rio Grande Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization has proposed an extension of USBR 55 and its Loop 255 into Hidalgo and Starr Counties, the designation number of which is yet to be determined, including a loop in Hidalgo County that follows SH 107 westward, turns north on BUS 281, west on FM 1925, south on FM 2220, east on FM 1016, south on FM 115, then eastward on US 281 until it meets USBR 55 at US 281 and FM 509 in Los Indios, and a spur splitting off the Hidalgo County loop at the intersection of FM 2220 and BUS 83 heading westward along BUS 83 through Starr County toward Zapata County ("the RGV Bicycle Route"); and

WHEREAS, there is an existing designated bicycle route in Cameron County, and the newly proposed RGV Bicycle Route serves to connect and extend this corridor into Hidalgo and Starr Counties, as well as other portions of Cameron County, thereby creating a continuous regional network that enhances bicycle mobility and tourism opportunities throughout the Rio Grande Valley;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Transportation Policy Board hereby expresses its approval and support for the development of USBR 55; its Loop 255; an extension into Hidalgo,

Cameron, and Starr Counties; respectfully requests that TxDOT apply for the RGV Bicycle Route to be officially designated by AASHTO; and encourages the posting of signs along right-of-ways within the Rio Grande Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization Planning Area identifying the RGV Bicycle Route once the official designation has been made.

Passed and approved on this 5th day of December 2025.

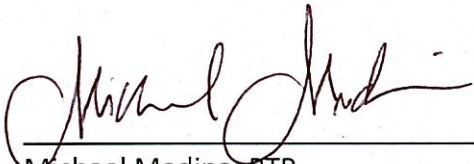


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