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INTRODUCTION

Federal regulations (23 C.F.R. § 420.117) require State DOTs to monitor activities of all subrecipients of Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) planning and research funds to ensure that work is being performed satisfactorily and schedules are being met. To comply with federal regulations, Texas Administrative Code (43 TAC §16.52(a)(5)) requires all Texas MPOs to annually prepare and submit to TxDOT an Annual Performance and Expenditure Report (APER).

The APER facilitates TxDOT oversight of each MPO's use of FHWA planning and research funds by tracking and updating progress and expenditures related to planning activities identified in the MPO's Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), which identifies the MPO's budget and planning activities.

23 C.F.R. § 420.117 requires that APERS must include, at a minimum;

- Comparison of actual performance with established goals;
- Progress in meeting schedules;
- Status of expenditures in a format compatible with the work program, including a comparison of budgeted (approved) amounts and actual costs incurred;
- Cost overruns or underruns;
- Approved work program revisions; and
- Other pertinent supporting data.

Planning Factors

The planning activities identified in the UPWP and described in this APER reflect RGVMPPO's ongoing commitment to addressing the federal planning factors outlined in 23 C. F. R § 450.306 (b);

- Support the economic vitality of the metropolitan area, especially by enabling global competitiveness, productivity, and efficiency.
- Increase the safety and security of the transportation system for motorized and nonmotorized users.
- Increase the accessibility and mobility options available for people and for freight.
- Protect and enhance the environment, promote energy conservation, improve the quality of life; and promote consistency between transportation

improvements and State and local planned growth and economic development patterns.

- Enhance the integration and connectivity of the transportation system, across and between modes throughout the State for people and freight.
- Promote efficient system management and operation.
- Emphasize the preservation of the existing transportation system.
- Improve the reliability of the transportation system and reduce or mitigate stormwater impacts of surface transportation; and
- Enhance travel and tourism.

These planning priorities are embedded across all UPWP tasks and are furthered through coordinated, performance-based, and collaborative partnerships with local jurisdictions, transit providers, and state and federal agencies to ensure that both short-and-long term transportation goals are met.

Performance Based Planning

The RGVMPO incorporates a performance-based approach in its transportation planning process by utilizing data-driven performance measures to guide decision making and align with both regional and national priorities. The RGVMPO is committed to regularly monitoring and updating regional performance measures and in collaboration with transportation planning partners.

Role of Staff and Consultants in Planning Process

Consultants provide specialized services and support transportation programs and planning processes, particularly in areas requiring technical expertise, modeling, or in-depth analysis that supplement staff capacity. These services include corridor studies, travel demand modeling, and other specialized planning tasks.

Staff play an integral role in the MPO planning process by managing day-to-day operations, coordinating with local, state, and federal partners, facilitating stakeholder engagement, and overseeing the development of core planning documents such as the Unified Planning Work Program, Metropolitan Transportation Plan, and Transportation Improvement Program. MPO staff actively monitor performance measures, conduct data collection and analysis, and ensure compliance with federal and state requirements. The use of both staff and consultant resources allows the MPO to maintain flexibility, meet deadlines, and effectively deliver a comprehensive, data-driven and inclusive transportation planning process.

I. TASK 1 – ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT

A. TASK SUMMARY

To execute, on an ongoing basis, the plans, programs, and activities necessary to implement federal transportation planning requirements and maintain the transportation planning process in and for the RGVMPPO's planning area.

B. SUBTASKS

Subtask 1.1: MPO Administration

This subtask comprises activities related to the development and implementation of policies and procedures necessary to carry out and maintain an effective and compliant transportation planning process. It covers daily coordination and planning functions such as budgeting, administrative oversight, and management of transportation planning funds.

Work Performed and Status

In alignment with the continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive (3C's) planning process, administrative functions were efficiently managed, including; budgeting and management of transportation funds; sponsoring and conducting meetings including providing support to policy and advisory bodies; the cost of operating the RGVMPPO, office lease, furniture, equipment lease/rental, servers, computer hardware and software, to include license maintenance. Administrative leadership also oversaw recruitment, contracting, and the acquisition of legal counsel. All activities within this subtask have been completed and meet the goals set in the FY 2024-2025 UPWP.

Work Produced/Deliverables

Tasks associated with monthly TPB, TAC, and TAC-Subcommittee meetings.

- Hosted and attended meetings.
- Set up and clean up before and after meetings.
- Prepared agendas, item summary pages, and backup documentation.
- Emailed members to ensure quorum.
- Prepared resolutions and minutes.
- Sent notices of meeting cancellations.
- Posted agendas as required under the Open Meetings Act.
- Verified legality of agenda and minutes with legal counsel.
- Provided executive director reports to Policy Board.

HR;

- RGVMPO Staffing Activities;
 - Posted job listings for 3 new positions.
 - Reviewed job descriptions.
 - Coordinated with HR to solicit applicants for open positions.
 - Reviewed applications from possible candidates.
 - Conducted interviews.
 - Conducted research on procurement and hiring policies.
 - Staff completed mandatory HR trainings.

Payroll/Accounting;

- Reviewed and approved staff timesheets to ensure accuracy and compliance with MPO policies; compiled weekly payroll records for processing and audit documentation.
- Processed vendor and consultant invoices in a timely manner, ensuring alignment with contract terms and federal/state funding requirements.
- Reviewed and approved travel reimbursement packets.
- Assisted in the development and monitoring of the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) budget.
- Maintained consistent communication with consultants to resolve invoice discrepancies and ensure accurate billing.

Operations;

- Conducted internal staff meetings on an as-needed basis.
- Coordinated and collaborated with multiple agencies involved in the planning, programming, and implementation of transportation projects and initiatives.
- RGVMPO TMA Federal Certification Desk Review
 - Communicated with planning partners.
 - Developed presentations and supporting documentation.
- Attended external monthly status meetings;
 - Attended RGVMPO/TxDOT Pharr District monthly status meeting.
 - Attended monthly project status meetings hosted by local governments.
- Administrative Tasks;
 - Developed and updated the RGVMPO letterhead.
 - Updated the mailing lists.
 - Assisted the Executive Director by compiling and preparing key documents, presentations, and informational materials.

- Ensured booking of meeting spaces.
- Coordinated with IT for software upgrades, technology purchases, and technical support services.
- Procured general office supplies and consumables to support daily operations.
- Procured a legal counsel contract.
- Public Information/Open Records Requests;
 - Responded to information requests as applicable.
 - Coordinated with legal counsel before proceeding with public information requests.

Subtask 1.2: Public Participation Plan

This activity supports the development and implementation of the RGVMPPO's Public Participation Plan as required under 23 CFR §450.316. This includes hosting public involvement sessions and open comment periods as required under the development and review process of the TIP, MTP, and other planning documents.

Work Performed and Status

The RGVMPPO carried out a series of activities to promote inclusive and transparent public engagement throughout the transportation planning process. These efforts included hosting public involvement sessions for key planning documents such as the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), the Public Participation Plan (PPP) and the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP).

In support of broader outreach, a variety of public participation tools were developed and utilized to enhance communication and gather meaningful feedback, such as surveys. Equal representation was ensured by hosting meetings in all three counties of the Metropolitan Area Boundary for the development of the MTP. Opportunities for public comment were consistently maintained by regularly updating the organization's website and keeping municipalities, the Technical Advisory Committee, and the Transportation Policy Board informed of upcoming public involvement opportunities. Additionally, the Public Participation Plan was formally updated to reflect the organization's current goals and priorities for engaging with the public.

All activities within this subtask have been completed and meet the goals set in the FY 2024-2025 Unified Planning Work Program.

Work Produced/Deliverables

- Outreach Activities;
 - Posted public involvement opportunities, and updates on the RGVMPPO website.
 - Created presentation materials for public involvement.
 - Hosted public input meetings for all major plans and updates.
 - Maintained record of public input related to major transportation plans such as the TIP and MTP.
 - Updated TAC and TPB on upcoming public involvement or open comment opportunities.
 - Developed a public input survey to be utilized in all public involvement meetings.
- Public Participation Plan Update;
 - Updated the Public Participation Plan.
 - Incorporated Title VI considerations and complaint procedures into the Public Participation Plan.
 - Presented updates to TAC, and TPB.

Subtask 1.3: Title IV Civil Rights/Environmental Justice/Justice 40

This subtask is intended to support the monitoring and evaluation of Title IV and Environmental Justice guidance and requirements, by developing and implementing documents and procedures to ensure compliance.

Work Performed and Status

Although funds were initially allocated, the implementation of Executive Order 14148, signed January 21, 2025, rescinded the requirement to integrate Environmental Justice into federal plans. As a result, activities under this subtask were suspended, and no expenses were incurred.

Subtask 1.4: TAC and TPB Workshops

To organize and facilitate relevant training and workshops for the Transportation Policy Board, its subcommittees, local governments, as well as participating agencies with planning funds. This includes preparing learning materials and covering any related expenses, such as venue fees or meal costs incurred.

Work Performed and Status

The RGVMPO coordinated a workshop for the TPB, TAC, and local government representatives. This workshop was facilitated by external consultants, providing relevant training sessions, and focused on various topics and focusing on topics related to the RGVMPOs mission, goal, and key activities, as well as federal regulations and requirements. All work activities under this task have been completed.

Work Produced/Deliverables

- Coordination of informational workshop facilitated by external consultants covering a wide range of transportation planning-related topics.
- Provided TPB and TAC with updates and reminders leading up to the event.
- Provided attendees with copies of presentations.
- Developed informational materials.
- Provided a transportation planning workshop in May 2025.

Subtask 1.5: Equipment/Office Spaces & Computer Hardware/Software

This subtask supports the upgrading and maintenance of office equipment, such as desks and chairs, as well as technological assets, including server equipment, computer hardware, and essential software.

Work Performed and Status

These activities are complete, and all purchases align with set compliance and procurement requirements. These efforts ensure that the MPO has the tools and infrastructure necessary to effectively support its operational and planning activities.

Work Produced/Deliverables

- Purchased new printer and established a maintenance contract.
- Procured new IT contract to provide necessary maintenance to software, hardware, and technological office equipment.
- Coordinated with IT for software upgrades, technology purchases, and technical support services.
- Extended contract for GIS software credits.

Subtask 1.6: Travel and Training

To enhance and promote the technical efficiency and expertise of staff, the RGVMPPO allocates funds to support staff professional development by facilitating attendance at applicable conferences, courses, seminars, and workshops relevant to transportation planning.

Work Performed and Status

RGVMPO staff attended and participated in various professional development opportunities, such as seminars, conferences, workshops, and webinars. For out-of-state travel, the RGVMPPO ensured TxDOT and TPB approval prior to incurring any expenses as per 43 TAC §16.52(b). All activities programmed under this subtask have been completed.

Work Produced/Deliverables

- Attended seminars, webinars, and trainings to include;
 - AMPO Webinars
 - TEMPO meetings
 - TxDOT Commission Meetings
 - TxDOT hosted training and workshops
 - TRB hosted webinars
 - Grant Writing Seminar
 - Attended Texas House Transportation Virtual Meetings
 - Attended Texas Transportation Funding Sub-Committee Meetings
 - Border Trade Advisory Committee Meetings
- Attended In-Person Conferences;
 - Transportation Research Board (TRB) Annual Meeting
 - TxDOT Transportation Forum
 - TxDOT Environmental Conference

Subtask 1.7: Transit Planning-Brownsville Metro

This subtask is meant to utilize FTA Section 5307 and local funds to conduct various applicable transit planning activities for the Brownsville urbanized area.

Work Performed and Status

Brownsville Metro initiated activities related to the updating of the Transit Asset Management plan, and of the Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan. These work efforts are continuous, and expected to be completed in FY 2026.

Work Produced/Deliverables

- Worked on updating the Public Transportation Agency Report for adoption in FY 2026.

Subtask 1.8: Transit Planning: Metro McAllen

Metro McAllen allocated FTA Section 5307 funds to cover the salary of a Transit Planner for a period of 12 months or longer, with the intent of ensuring continuity in key planning efforts such as local transit studies and operational planning. The Transit Planner is expected to contribute to the update of the Transit Asset Management (TAM) Plan and to the development of a Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP).

Work Performed and Status

No expenditures or work activities were recorded under this subtask in FY 2025. Although funds were initially allocated under the FY 2024-2025 UPWP for FY 2025, the associated funding and activities have been reprogrammed to the FY 2026-2027 UPWP, with completion scheduled for FY 2026.

II. TASK 2 - DATA DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTENANCE

A. TASK SUMMARY

Work activities focused on collecting, updating, and reporting data necessary for long and short-range transportation planning.

B. SUBTASKS

Subtask 2.1: General GIS Activities

Activities undertaken to ensure the accurate and comprehensive compilation of comprehensive data for effective transportation planning. Such as refining and documenting demographic data, as well as conducting inventories and evaluation of data.

Work Performed and Status

To support ongoing planning and decision-making, the RGVMPO undertook various data-driven activities, including reviewing and guiding new geospatial data layers for MTP and TIP development and amendments. Maps and presentation materials were also developed for work groups, public meetings, and program calls.

Work Produced/Deliverables

- Updated the mapping database UMAP to reflect TIP and MTP Amendments.
- Designed and prepared maps for presentations, working groups, and public meetings as needed.
- Developed maps for Category 9 TASA program call.

Subtask 2.2: Performance Measures and Targets

This subtask focuses on the monitoring of federal performance measures and collaborating with transportation planning partners to evaluate and establish regional performance targets. These efforts ensure consistency with federal requirements and alignment with regional goals and priorities.

Work Performed and Status

Performance data was actively assessed and reviewed to ensure alignment with national goals and priorities. The organization evaluated regional targets and presented them to TAC and TPB for adoption in accordance with federal guidelines, including safety, system reliability, pavement and bridge conditions, as well as transit performance measures such as TAM and PTASP. All work programmed has been completed.

Work Produced/Deliverables

- Monitored current and projected performance levels to ensure alignment with regional goals and priorities.
- Regularly assessed National and State targets for each performance measure to ensure alignment with our regional goals and priorities.
- Presented performance targets to the TAC and ensured TPB approval.
- Aligned with set guidelines to adopt performance measure targets (Safety, pavement and bridge conditions, system reliability, as well as TAM and PTASP).

Subtask 2.3: Model Work

This activity ensures active engagement in conducting transportation modeling activities to accurately forecast future demand. A comprehensive approach was implemented to capture the diverse travel patterns and needs of the community. As well as supporting data collection efforts, and development of the 2050 Travel Demand Model through collaboration with TxDOT, TTI and contracted consulting team.

Work Performed and Status

Transportation modeling activities were conducted to accurately forecast future demand for the region's transportation system. Modeled data was also reviewed to ensure alignment with the MTP. The RGVMPPO, together with the consulting team, collaborated with TxDOT and the Texas A&M Transportation Institute (TTI) for data collection, travel surveys, and traffic counts within the MPO regions.

Work Produced/Deliverables

- Consulting team completed development of the TDM model with a 2019 base year and 2050 horizon year.
- Reviewed draft TDM and provided comments.
- Conducted a comparative analysis of the 2050 TDM and the 2045 MTP project list.

- Attended TxDOT TPP Travel Demand Modeling Training in collaboration with TTI and consulting team.
- Began coordination for the development of the Four-Step 2055 Travel Demand as programmed under the FY 2026-2027 UPWP.

Subtask 2.4: Land Use Map

This task covers the collection and preparation of parcel data to support the development of a comprehensive regional planning framework. This helps the agency track growth patterns and understand how changes in development may influence future travel behavior.

Work Performed and Status

No expenditures or work activities were recorded under this subtask in FY 2025. Although funds were initially programmed, the work was halted due to RGVMPO's lack of land use authority.

Subtask 2.5: Transit Planning/Brownsville Metro Geographic Information System

Subtask was meant to support the production of transit route maps and service area maps needed for connectivity within the Brownsville Metro service area.

Work Performed and Status

Although funds were allocated under FY 2024-2025 UPWP, no expenditures or work activities were recorded under this subtask in FY 2025.

III. TASK 3 – SHORT-RANGE PLANNING

A. TASK SUMMARY

To conduct a variety of short-range transportation and transportation-related planning activities focused on near-term project development, implementation, and coordination.

B. SUBTASKS

Subtask 3.1: Service Coordination

This subtask encompasses various short-range activities, including providing local governments with essential feedback and guidance, as well as contributing to program calls and coordination efforts to support regional transportation planning.

Work Performed and Status

A variety of short-range planning and coordination activities were carried out to support regional transportation efforts. This included providing member agencies with essential feedback and guidance, as well as managing and contributing to program and project calls, such as the Category 10 CRP Flex funding for transit, the UPWP PL call, and the Category 7 call for projects. These efforts ensured that local governments and regional partners were informed, engaged, and able to effectively participate in planning and funding opportunities. Work programmed has been completed.

Work Produced/Deliverables

- Provided member agencies with essential feedback and guidance.
- Maintained clear communication of available funding opportunities.
- Sent localities and applicable members correspondence and deadline reminders.
- Conducted project and Program calls;
 - 5310 transit project call
 - Category 10 CRP Flex funding for Transit
 - UPWP PL Project Call
 - Category 7 Call for Projects

Subtask 3.2: Planning Assistance

This subtask focuses on providing planning assistance through activities such as data sharing, map preparation, coordination with planning partners, attending meetings, and offering transportation planning support. As well as assessing alternative fueling and charging infrastructure opportunities, increasing access to public transportation, and shifting to lower emission modes of transportation.

Work Performed and Status

RGVMPO provided planning assistance through data sharing, map preparation, coordinating with planning partners, and other general transportation planning support. Under this subtask, RGVMPO was tasked with assisting the City of Brownsville in developing its local transit plan through a Transit Study focused on improving public transportation options and strengthening community connectivity. However, Brownsville did not submit any invoices or provide deliverables for fiscal year 2025.

Work Produced/Deliverables

- Provided general planning support.
- Attended coordination meetings.

Subtask 3.3: 2.5% Set-Aside for Increasing Safe and Accessible Transportation Options

Under Section 11206 of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), Metropolitan Planning Organizations are required to dedicate at least 2.5% of their Metropolitan Planning (PL) funds to "Complete Streets" planning activities. This subtask encompasses multiple initiatives such as integrating Complete Streets principles into MPO planning documents, enhancing project evaluation criteria, and assisting municipal partners in developing their own Complete Streets Policies. It also aids in aligning Complete Streets activities with the Safe Streets for All grant received for the development of a coordinated and comprehensive Regional Safety Action Plan.

Work Performed and Status

Although the 2.5% set-aside funds were originally programmed under this subtask; no work was completed during the reporting period, and the funds remain unexpended. The unused funds have been carried forward and reprogrammed in FY the 2026-2027 UPWP.

Subtask 3.4: Resiliency Planning

The development of strategies that connect regional sustainability and resilience with transportation infrastructure impacts. Such as producing a framework and supporting materials that integrate resilience considerations into project prioritization and the long-range planning process.

Work Performed and Status

This subtask received no funding FY 2025 funding under the FY 2024-2025 UPWP, and the activity was not carried out due to recission under Executive Order 14148.

Subtask 3.5: Performance Based Planning and Programming

The development and implementation of a performance management approach to transportation planning and programming includes the development and use of transportation performance measures, target setting, performance reporting, and transportation investments that support the achievement of performance targets. It focuses on the ongoing assessment, review, and integration of performance data to ensure alignment with organizational goals and external requirements.

Work Performed and Status

Performance data was actively assessed and reviewed to ensure alignment with both internal goals and regulatory frameworks. Support was also provided for the integration of performance indicators into everyday operations. Using a data-driven framework, transportation priorities were evaluated and selected based on their ability to support established performance goals. The RGVMPO analyzed federal performance measures across three key categories: PM1 (Highway Safety), PM2 (Pavement and Bridge conditions), and PM3 (System Reliability). Work has been completed with similar activities programmed under the FY 2026-2027 UPWP.

Work Produced/Deliverables

- Applied performance measures to MTP, TIP amendments and revisions.
- Analyzed federal performance goals and applied adopted goals into our plans.
- Presented performance measures in federal certification review.

Subtask 3.6: Feasibility Rail Study

The primary objective of this subtask was to complete a comprehensive update to the Hidalgo County Commuter Rail Feasibility Study. The update would identify passenger rail feasibility across the Rio Grande Valley and reflect regional changes and priorities.

Work Performed and Status

A Request for Proposals (RFP) was issued in FY 2024, with a contract date of Friday December 27, 2024. The Contract was subsequently cancelled due to inability to negotiate a fee. The cancellation occurred prior to the initiation of any work, and no expenses were incurred. Similar work has not been re-programmed.

Subtask 3.7: Transit Planning/Brownsville Metro Short-Range Planning

Subtask supports improvements to the existing Brownsville bus stop system and the development of new bus stops that incorporate pedestrian and bicyclist amenities according to grant compliance.

Work Performed and Status

Under this subtask, RGVMPPO was tasked with assisting the City of Brownsville in enhancing its existing bus stop system and developing new bus stops that integrate pedestrian and bicyclist amenities. However, Brownsville did not submit any invoices or provide deliverables for fiscal year 2025.

Subtask 3.8: Transit Planning/McAllen Metro-Short Range Planning

The effort focuses on assessing current transit service levels and evaluating the feasibility of high-capacity transit options to help exceed pre-COVID 19 performance.

Work Performed and Status

Work completed in FY 2024.

Subtask 3.9: Transit Planning/McAllen Metro Transit-Oriented Development

Subtask was implemented to aid Metro McAllen staff in conducting a Transit-Oriented Development Study. The plan was meant to increase housing and enhance walkability around McAllen's Central Station. As well as explore opportunities for mixed-use development and multimodal connections that would connect transit services offered with the North Transfer Station.

Work Performed and Status

Although funds were initially programmed for FY 2025, the associated funding and activities have been reprogrammed to FY 2026-2027 UPWP, with completion scheduled for FY 2026. No expenditures or work activities were charged under this subtask in FY 2025.

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IV. TASK 4 - METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN

A. TASK SUMMARY

Activities associated with the development and updating of the area's long-range multi-modal transportation plan or the Metropolitan Transportation Plan.

B. SUBTASKS

Subtask 4.1: Project Selection Criteria

This subtask focuses on strengthening performance-based decision-making by developing and refining project selection criteria for the MTP, TIP and other federally funded programs. Efforts emphasize aligning project evaluation with established performance goals and targets through a transparent, objective, and data-driven scoring process. Project assessment considers readiness, priority, and other relevant factors to ensure fairness, consistency, and the selection of projects that best support regional transportation goals and priorities.

Work Performed and Status

Project submittals were reviewed and analyzed to ensure alignment with established performance measures, using a transparent, objective scoring and ranking system. Staff also developed the use of an electronic project request form, project readiness report, and required documentation, including project schedules, financial summaries, sponsoring agency resolutions, to ensure project readiness and consistency throughout the evaluation and project selection process. These plans were approved by the policy board. All work programmed has been completed.

Work Produced/Deliverables

- Reviewed project submittals.
- Adopted the use of a project schedule, project financial summary, and sponsoring agency resolutions to be submitted as supporting documentation for any project request or submission.
- Developed project criteria and ranking system for submitted CAT 9 TASA projects.
- Presented to TAC-Subcommittee and TAC for subsequent TPB approval.

Subtask 4.2: Truck Route & Freight Planning

This task is intended to ensure that the RGVMPPO's transportation planning efforts incorporate a robust freight plan, promoting effective and sustainable freight movement throughout the region. As well as addressing the specific needs and priorities of local trucking companies and freight stakeholders through on-going collaboration.

Work Performed and Status

RGVMPO staff attended the Texas Freight Advisory Committee meetings as needed. Participation in these meetings is vital to stay informed on the latest developments and discussion pertaining to freight transportation and is a valuable outlet to share insight from RGVMPPO's perspective.

Work Produced/Deliverables

- Attended the Texas Freight Advisory Committee meetings hosted by TxDOT.

Subtask 4.3: County Thoroughfare & Functional Classification Plan

This task includes the collection and consolidation of thoroughfare data and collaborating with planning partners to uphold functional classification documentation for the RGVMPPO's MAB. This task also includes continuous activities such as monitoring the status of functional classification submittals and making amendments as requested by partners.

Work Performed and Status

Tasks associated with monitoring and assisting with functional classification request submittals. The RGVMPPO participated in a Functional Classification Pilot study, led by the TxDOT Transportation Planning & Programming Division, which assessed the current network and analyzed potential changes. The MPO assisted in housing thoroughfare plans and making the information available to the public via the website. This information is available for viewing and downloading.

Work Produced/Deliverables

- Coordinated with local governments and reviewed their FC requests for submission to TxDOT District.
- Updated Federal Functional Classification request documentation to address TxDOT district comments.
- Participated in a Functional Classification Pilot Study, facilitated by TxDOT.

Subtask 4.4: Metropolitan Transportation Plan

Activities related to maintenance of the 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), and development of the 2050 MTP. This subtask involves continuous plan development, stakeholder engagement, visioning activities, refinement, and documentation of the region's long-range transportation system.

Work Performed and Status

Activities included updates, amendments, and administrative modifications to the 2045 MTP, alongside ongoing collaboration with consulting team, TPB, TAC, subcommittee, and planning partners to support the development of the 2050 MTP. As well as continuous collaboration with consulting teams, board, local entities, and planning partners to aid in development of the 2050 MTP. Engagement efforts included subregional meetings and 30-day open comment period. Visualization techniques were employed to help the public understand the impact, location, and functionality of future transportation projects. The RGVMPPO continued development of the fiscally constrained long-term plan that complies with federal regulations and policies and reflects input from multiple stakeholders to assess regional trends and future needs. Activities relating to the maintenance of the 2045 MTP have been completed, development and adoption of the 2050 MTP is expected in FY 2026.

Work Produced/Deliverables

- Processed quarterly amendments and administrative amendments for consistency with amendments submitted to STIP.
- Continued maintenance of the 2045 MTP.
- Reviewed and responded to comments received from TxDOT and FHWA in MTP review process.
- The Policy Board adopted a 10-year plan.
- Continued development of the 2050 MTP;
 - Adopted the use of a project readiness report, project schedule, resolutions, and financial summary as well as an electronic project request form.
 - Attended monthly coordination meetings with MTP consultant team reviewed the 2050 MTP development schedule, outreach strategy, branding, a draft material, and provided comments and revisions to consulting team.

V. TASK 5 - SPECIAL STUDIES

A. TASK SUMMARY

This task encompasses non-recurring studies, reports, and planning documents not typically programmed in the UPWP, as well as planning activities funded through federal, state, or local grants that are of regional significance.

B. SUBTASKS

Subtask 5.1: Incident Management & Safety Study

This subtask involves ongoing monitoring and analysis of crash locations to identify statistically significant 'hot spots' using data from TxDOT's Crash Records Information System. As well as the development of a broader Transportation Safety Study which identifies transportation safety areas within the Metropolitan planning area.

Work Performed and Status

The RGVMPPO focused on ensuring that transportation planning processes, policies, and investments support the safe and accessible movement of all users. Tasks associated with the development of the Regional Safety Action Plan were completed, including reviewing materials, providing comments, facilitating presentations to relevant bodies, and collaborating with consultants and stakeholders. RGVMPPO secured \$250,000 through the Safe Streets for All grant, including a \$50,000 local match, which funded a consultant to aid in development of the plan. CRIS data was utilized to inform the SS4A initiative. The RGVMPPO also continued coordination with the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee as it relates to incident management and safety. All work activities under this task have been completed.

Work Produced/Deliverables

- Review and analysis of materials related to the development of the Regional Safety Action Plan.
- Consultant coordination and oversight, including guidance provided to the SS4A funded consultant team.
- Attended project status meetings to monitor progress on deliverables.
- Use of CRIS data to support safety analysis and inform plan development.

Subtask 5.2: Congestion Data Collection

This subtask involves ongoing congestion monitoring, as required for all Transportation Management Areas, and the implementation of a consultant-led Congestion Management Process study. The study compares past CMP efforts and collects new data in key corridors to inform congestion performance measures. Findings will guide regional recommendations to reduce delays and improve regional transportation efficiency.

Work Performed and Status

Data collection activities informed the development of the Congestion Management Process. The CMP identified congested areas, key contributors to congestion, and potential strategies and funding sources to improve mobility. The Transportation Policy Board adopted the Congestion Management Process in FY 2026.

Work Produced/Deliverables

- Data collection for the development of the Congestion Management Process.
- Evaluated the efficiency of congestion management strategies.

Subtask 5.3: Traffic Counts/Bike Ped Counts

This subtask encompasses the collection, management, and analysis of motor vehicle, bicycle, and pedestrian traffic data to provide accurate, regionally consistent information.

Work Performed and Status

One traffic count was conducted within the RGVMPPO MAB before operations were halted due to insufficient authority and lack of appropriate equipment needed to safely and accurately conduct traffic counts. In addition, support was provided to local jurisdictions in the deployment of bicycle eco-counters.

Work Produced/Deliverables

- Aided in distribution of Eco Bike counters to local municipalities.
- Conducted traffic count to analyze vehicle usage on a Minor Arterial roadway.
- Prepared inventory and distribution of bicycle eco-counter.

Subtask 5.4: Corridor Study

At the request of the City of Weslaco, and Hidalgo County, the RGVMPPO procured a consultant to conduct a corridor and alignment study assessing the feasibility and necessity of the proposed Weslaco Southwest loop. The study evaluated the potential impacts of implementing the Weslaco Southwest Loop, considering alignment alternatives, environmental factors, economic development opportunities, and community needs.

Work Performed and Status

RGVMPO staff managed the development of the Weslaco Corridor Study by coordinating stakeholder working group meetings in accordance with the project schedule and maintaining consistent communication with the consulting team. Draft chapters and materials were reviewed to provide comments and ensure compliance with project requirements. This study incorporated a local match from the City of Weslaco and Hidalgo County Precinct 1.

The project remains active and pending submission of consultant's final deliverable for closeout.

Work Produced/Deliverables

- Produced internal review comments and revision requests.
- Maintained documented correspondence with the consulting team to track progress, resolve issues, and ensure adherence to project requirements.

VI. FUNDING SOURCE BUDGET TABLES

Table 1: FY 2025 TPF¹ and 2.5% Safe and Accessible Set-Aside Funding Summary Table

UPWP Task	Amount Budgeted	Amount Expended	Balance	% Expended
TPF (excluding 2.5% Safe and Accessible Set-Aside Funds)				
1.0	\$916,005.40	\$988,981.37	(\$72,975.97)	107.97%
2.0	\$226,776.00	\$77,342.30	\$149,433.70	34.11%
3.0	\$340,818.80	\$110,013.67	\$230,805.13	32.28%
4.0	\$223,442.00	\$303,448.92	(\$80,006.92)	135.81%
5.0	\$121,229.00	\$141,735.90	(\$20,506.90)	116.92%
Total	\$1,828,271.20	\$1,621,522.16	\$206,749.04	88.69%
2.5% Safe and Accessible Set-Aside Funds				
1.0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0%
2.0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0%
3.0	\$44,160.88	\$0	\$44,160.88	0%
4.0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0%
5.0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0%
Total	\$44,160.88	\$0	\$44,160.88	0%
Combined TPF and 2.5% Safe and Accessible Set-Aside Funds				
1.0	\$916,005.40	\$988,981.37	(\$72,975.97)	107.97%
2.0	\$226,776.00	\$77,342.30	\$149,433.70	34.11%*
3.0	\$384,979.68	\$110,013.67	\$274,966.01	28.58%*
4.0	\$223,442.00	\$303,448.92	(\$80,006.92)	135.81%
5.0	\$121,229.00	\$141,735.90	(\$20,506.90)	116.92%
Total	\$ 1,872,432.08	\$1,621,522.16	\$250,909.92	86.60%

*The variance in fund usage less than 75% of the programmed amounts is due to :

***Task 2.0 Funding Summary Variance Explanation:**

The programmed amount was not fully utilized because several planned activities were either scaled back or not implemented.

***Task 3.0 Funding Summary Variance Explanation:**

The variance largely reflects deferred activities and minimal direct costs. Key subtasks- such as Brownsville transit planning and the McAllen TOD study were intentionally shifted to FY 2026 to align with partner readiness and consultant availability. The 2.5% PL set-aside for Complete Streets was carried forward to coordinate with SS4A deliverables.

The feasibility rail study contract was cancelled prior to initiation, incurring no expenses.

¹ TPF - This includes both FHWA PL-112 and FTA Section 5303 Funds. TxDOT will apply transportation development credits sufficient to provide the match for TPF. As the credits reflect neither cash nor work hours, they are not reflected in the funding tables.

Table 2: FY 2025 FTA Section 5307 Funds Summary Table

UPWP Task	Amount Budgeted	Amount Expended	Balance	% Expended
1.0	\$140,000.00	\$80,000.00	\$60,000.00	57.14%*
2.0	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00	-	100%
3.0	\$516,000.00	\$16,000.00	\$500,000.00	3.10%*
4.0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0%
5.0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0%
Total	\$668,000.00	\$108,000.00	\$560,000.00	16.16%

***Task 1.0 Funding Summary Variance Explanation:**

The expenditure for this task was significantly below the programmed amount because planned activities under Subtask 1.8 Transit Planning-Metro McAllen were delayed and reprogrammed to the next UPWP cycle to align with updated timeliness and staffing availability. While Subtask 1.7 Transit Planning-Brownsville Metro progressed as scheduled, including updates to the Transit Asset Management (TAM) Plan, development of the Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP), no work occurred under Subtask 1.8 during the reporting period. The variance reflects a scheduling adjustment rather than a reduction of scope, and all deliverables remain on track for completion in the following fiscal year.

***Task 3.0 Funding Summary Variance Explanation:**

The lower expenditure percentage is primarily attributed to project delays, activity reprogramming, and implementation timing. Several planned subtasks such as McAllen Metro short-range planning and the Transit Oriented Development study were deferred to the next UPWP cycle. While other activities faced procurement and contracting delays.

Table 3: FY 2025 Local Planning Funds Summary Table

UPWP Task	Amount Budgeted	Amount Expended	Balance	% Expended
1.0	\$35,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$15,000.00	57.14%*
2.0	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$0	100%
3.0	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$0	100%
4.0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0%
5.0	\$45,971.57*	\$45,971.57	\$0	100%
Total	\$87,971.57	\$72,971.57	\$15,000.00	82.95%

***Task 1.0 Funding Summary Variance Explanation:**

The local funds allocated for this subtask were not utilized because the planned activities were postponed and rescheduled for inclusion in the FY 2026–2027 UPWP. The adjustment was made to align staffing and planning timelines with updated agency priorities and resource availability.

*Local match provided for Weslaco Loop Corridor Study.

Table 4: FY 2025 Grant Funds Summary Table

UPWP Task	Amount Budgeted	Amount Expended	Balance	% Expended
5.0	\$250,000.00	\$250,000.00	\$0	100%
Total	\$250,000.00	\$250,000	\$0	100%

Federal Share: \$200,00.00 Local Funds: \$50,000.00

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APPENDIX A

Amendment Summary Rio Grande Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization FY 2024-2025 UPWP Amendment Summary

Policy Board Action DATE	Federal Approval DATE (Pending if not approved)	UPWP Amendment Resolution Number	UPWP Page #(s)	UPWP Amendment Summary
10/25/2023	4/2/2024	2023-21	pg. 26	Established subtask 3.8 Transit Planning/McAllen Metro, with \$500,000 5307 Funds and \$125,000 in Local Funds.
2/28/2024	4/2/2024	2024-08	pg. 15	Broadened verbiage regarding additional organizational functions to subtask 1.1 MPO Administration.
7/31/2024	9/13/2024	2024-16	pg. 14-17, pg. 24-25	Integrated language addressing the 2021 PEA's and updated to reflect 2.5% Set-Aside requirement. Broadened verbiage throughout Task 1 and Task 3.
12/12/2024	2/21/2025	2024-20	pg. 17, pg. 26-27	Inclusion of subtask 1.8 Transit Planning/Metro McAllen with \$120,000 FTA funds and \$30,000 local funds. Also established subtask 3.9 Transit Planning/McAllen Metro Short-Range Planning.