



RIO GRANDE VALLEY  
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION  
BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

RGVMPO BPAC Meeting Agenda  
Wednesday, April 6, 2022

*Join In-Person:*

UTRGV Center for Innovation & Commercialization  
307 E. Railroad St., Weslaco, TX

*Or Virtually:* [Microsoft Teams Meeting Link](#)

**VOTING MEMBERS:**

**COMMISSIONER DR. ROSE  
GOWEN BPAC CHAIR  
CARACARA TRAILS**

**MICHAEL MCNEW  
BPAC VICE CHAIR  
BIKE/PED CITIZEN AT-LARGE**

CITY OF BROWNSVILLE

CITY OF EDINBURG

CITY OF HARLINGEN

CITY OF McALLEN

CITY OF PHARR

CITY OF WESLACO

TxDOT (PHARR DISTRICT)

VALLEY METRO

TPWD ESTERO LLANO GRANDE  
STATE PARK

USFWS SANTA ANA NATIONAL  
WILDLIFE REFUGE

VALLEY OFF-ROAD BICYCLING  
ASSOCIATION

RENE A. BALLESTEROS

RICHARD CAVIN

ANA ADAME

EUDENIA "EUDY" CARRILLO

MICHAEL PADGETT

**RGVMPO STAFF:**  
**EVA LIZETTE GARCIA**  
PLANNER III: BIKE-PED  
PROGRAM COORDINATOR

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. CITIZENS INPUT/PUBLIC COMMENT

IV. PRESENTATION, ACTION, AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Consideration and Action to Approve the Minutes of March 2, 2022

B. Presentation and Discussion regarding Federal Funding Opportunities

C. Presentation and Discussion on the Quarterly RGV BCycle Program

D. Presentation and Discussion on the Quarterly RGV Bicycle and Pedestrian Counter Data Program

E. Consideration and Action regarding the RGV Active Transportation Facility Inventory

F. Consideration and Action regarding the RGVMPO BPAC Membership

V. PROJECT UPDATES

VI. NEW OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS

VII. ADJOURNMENT

**Meeting Minutes of the  
Rio Grande Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization  
Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC)**

Wednesday, March 2, 2022 at 11:00 AM

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) meeting was held in-person\* at the UTRGV Center for Innovation & Commercialization, and virtually via Microsoft Teams. The meeting was called to order by RGVMPPO BPAC Chair, Rose Gowen at 11:05 A.M.

**II. ROLL CALL**

RGVBPAC Representatives *PRESENT*:

Organization/Agency	Voting Membership	Alternate Voting Member
<b>Caracara Trails</b>	<b>Chair Commissioner Dr. Rose Gowen</b>	<i>Adrienne Wheatly</i>
<b>At-Large</b>	<b>Vice-Chair Michael McNew*</b>	
<b>City of Brownsville</b>	<b>Frank Gudino</b>	<i>Joel Garza</i>
<b>City of Edinburg</b>	<b>Larry Ayala*</b>	<i>Valentin Sanchez</i>
<b>City of Harlingen</b>	<i>Andy Vigstol</i>	<b>Javier Mendez</b>
City of McAllen	<i>Marlen Garza</i>	<i>Rosvel Hinojosa</i>
<b>City of Pharr</b>	<i>Omar Anzaldua</i>	<b>Maria Rangel</b>
<b>City of Weslaco</b>	<b>Omar Rodriguez</b>	<i>Rebecca de la Fuente</i>
<b>TxDOT Pharr District</b>	<i>Joseph Leal</i>	<b>Craig Wuensche</b>
VORBA	<b>David Hernandez</b>	
<b>Museum of South Texas History</b>	<b>Rene A. Ballesteros</b>	
<b>Bicycle World RGV</b>	<b>Ana Adame</b>	
<b>TPWD Estero Llano Grande SP</b>	<i>Javier de Leon</i>	<b>Kelly Malkowski</b>
<b>USFWS Santa Ana NWR</b>	<b>Christine Donald</b>	<i>Imer de la Garza</i>
At-Large	<i>Eudenia "Eudy" Carrillo</i>	
<b>At-Large</b>	<b>Richard Cavin</b>	
<b>At-Large</b>	<b>Michael Padgett*</b>	

Other Attendees:

- Rodney Gomez, UTRGV
- Horacio Garza, RGV BCycle
- Alberto Espinoza, VBLF
- Jim Carillo, Texas Trails & AT Conf.
- Octavio Salazar, City of Brownsville
- Sarai, City of McAllen
- Rick Carrera, LRGVDC
- Martina Mejia, City of McAllen

BPAC Minutes Approved  
April 6, 2022

**RGVMPO Staff:**

- Luis Diaz, Assistant Director
- Rudy Zamora, Planner II
- Melany Rodriguez, Planner I
- Javier Dominguez, Planner I
- Chris Nelson, Planner I
- Nick Cousineau, GIS Specialist I
- Juan Pena, GIS Specialist I
- Miguel Arispe, GIS Specialist II
- Gloria Banda, Administrative Assistant
- Eva Garcia, Planner III Bike/Ped Program Coordinator

**III. CITIZENS INPUT – NONE.**

**IV. PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION, AND ACTION ITEMS**

**A. Consideration and Action to Approve the Minutes of January 5, 2022**

Eva Garcia, RGVMPO BikePed Program Coordinator, presented the Minutes of January 5, 2022. BPAC Member Frank Gudino (City of Brownsville) made a motion to approve the Minutes of January 5, 2022. The motion was seconded by Craig Wuensche (TxDOT) and upon a vote; the **motion passed unanimously**.

**B. Consideration and Action to Approve the Minutes of February 2, 2022**

Eva Garcia, RGVMPO BikePed Program Coordinator, presented the Minutes of February 2, 2022. RGVMPO BPAC Vice-Chair, Michael McNew (Citizen At-Large) made a motion to approve the Minutes of February 2, 2022. The motion was seconded by Frank Gudino (City of Brownsville) and upon a vote; the **motion passed unanimously**.

**C. Consideration and Action regarding the RGVMPO BPAC Membership**

RGVMPO Staff explained that most RGVMPO BPAC Members applied for membership in March 2020 and have been serving a two-year term. RGVMPO Executive Director, Andrew Canon, suggested that the Committee start with a clean slate this year, meaning all members will need reapply for membership. RGVMPO BPAC Vice-Chair, Michael McNew made a motion requesting RGVMPO Staff to provide guidance for application reviews on RGVMPO BPAC Membership. The motion was seconded by RGVMPO BPAC Chair, Rose Gowen and upon a vote; the **motion passed unanimously**.

**D. Presentation and Discussion on RGVMPO ATP Initiatives**

Eva Garcia, RGVMPO BikePed Program Coordinator, provided BPAC Members with the following updates:

- **Safety Initiatives** – will be providing more information at the April 6<sup>th</sup> BPAC Meeting.
- **RGV Facility Inventory** – *Send all existing active transportation data by Friday, April 1, 2022.* RGVMPO Staff will begin to annually collect active transportation data every fourth quarter of the calendar year, October through December.
- **USBRS Designation** – new data is needed to revise USBRS proposed route maps.

RGVMPO BPAC Vice-Chair, Michael McNew (Citizen At-Large) made a motion to proceed with USBRS Designation for proposed Cameron County routes. The motion was seconded by Frank Gudino (City of Brownsville) and upon a vote; the **motion passed unanimously**.

**V. PROJECT UPDATES**

- Horacio Garza, RGV BCycle, advised BPAC Members that the bikeshare's operating systems are being updated. He advised that updates cause a rolling blackout of the stations, however the entire system will remain in service. Cities are notified via email, and the public is advised via social media.
- Frank Gudino, City of Brownsville, advised BPAC Members that the Southmost Nature Trail, Phase II project would be having a groundbreaking ceremony on Friday, March 11<sup>th</sup> at the Southmost Public Library.
- David Hernandez, VORBA, announced that there will be a large mountain biking race October 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. He also added that there will be an International Mountain Biking Association (IMBA) Conference in the fall.
- Jim Carillo announced that the Texas Trail and Active Transportation Conference would be taking place virtually from April 27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>. Early bird registration is \$250.
- Michael Padgett, Citizen At-Large, announced that the City of McAllen would be having an Arbor Day 10k social ride/celebration (registration for in-person only), on March 5<sup>th</sup>.

**VI. NEW OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS – NONE**

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the RGVMPO BPAC Vice-Chair, Michael McNew (Citizen At-Large) made a motion to adjourn meeting at 12:00 P.M. The motion was seconded by David Hernandez (VORBA), and upon a vote; the **motion passed unanimously**.