

FULL POLICY BOARD AGENDA

POLICY BOARD MEETING

WEDNESDAY, September 28, 2022 – 1:30 PM

RIO GRANDE VALLEY

METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (RGVMPO)

Pursuant to Chapter 551, Title 5 of the Texas Government Code, the Texas Open Meeting Act, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a meeting of the RGVMPO POLICY BOARD will be held In Person at the LRGVDC Main Campus, 301 W. Railroad Street, Building B, Ken Jones Executive Board Room in Weslaco, TX.

- I. Call To Order
II. Roll Call
III. Public Comments – May be submitted online or may be submitted in paper form specifying the matter you wish to address.
IV. Consent Agenda

1. Approval of Minute(s) for: August 31, 2022

[x] Action [ ] Possible Action [ ] Information

Presenter: Judge Eddie Trevino, Jr., Chairman

Item Summary: Approval of the August 31, 2022, Regular Meeting minutes will be requested.

Background: N/A

2. Presentation on the Executive Summary for the Spring 2022 CMP Multimodal Transportation Performance and Assesses Alternative Strategies

[ ] Action [ ] Possible Action [x] Information

Presenter: Steve Taylor, CoPlan, LLC

Summary: The CMP is a regionally accepted approach for measuring congestion that provides accurate, up-to-date information on multimodal transportation performance and assesses alternative strategies or mitigating congestion that meets state and local needs. While a CMP is required in urbanized areas of over 200,000. The CMP Analysis has been underway since March 2022.

Background: CoPlan will be providing an update to the Advisory Committee as well as the Policy Board on study development and update as well as providing possible additional actions the RGVMPO may wish to undertake to address identified areas of concern and operational improvement updates.

3. Discussion and Action to Extend the Winter Congestion Study Contract

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Presenter: Andrew A. Canon, Executive Director

**Item Summary:** Staff is seeking to extend the Winter Congestion Study contract to include the following items, Traffic Signal Hardware Assessment and Prioritization, Develop planning level Synchro Model, Collect intersection turning movement traffic counts, Review of existing timing plans, Develop baseline signal timing optimization models, Facilitate discussion with respective cities to come to agreement on corridor / intersection phasing, Develop subsequent coordinated planning level signal optimization models,

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#### 4. Discussion and Action on Category 7 Funding Requests for Highway Projects

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**Presenter:** Rudy Zamora Jr., Transportation Planner II

**Item Summary:** Prioritized requests for Category 7 funding have been previously reviewed by TAC & TPB members. Recommendations from our planning partners and guidance from TXDOT have been considered and incorporated. If approved, the funding requests will be programmed during the next quarterly revision cycle. MPO staff will conduct the required 30-day public involvement during the month of October. MPO staff is kindly requesting TPB members' final review and approval before preparing drafts of our short and long-range planning tables.

**Background:** MPO staff received Category 7 funding requests and held meetings with our planning partners to establish prioritized projects. In addition to allocated funding from the newly adopted 2023 Unified Transportation Program, there are unobligated funds, identified by TXDOT's Transportation Planning & Programming Division to consider as well. As a result of our planning efforts, staff is proposing the highest of priorities for additional CAT 7 funding, including the priority #1 projects, and in some cases a priority #2 & 3. **Staff is seeking approval of the project listing to begin Public Involvement before returning to the TPB for final approval (Please note this item was tabled at the TAC Meeting on September 8, 2022).**

#### 5. Discussion on the RGV Thoroughfare Plan Amendment

**Action**       **Possible Action**       **Information**

**Presenter:** Luis Diaz, RGVMPPO

**Summary:** As part of the Yearly RGV Thoroughfare Plan Amendment Process, Staff will be accepting amendments to the RGV Thoroughfare Plan until December 21, 2022. Please keep in mind that all Thoroughfare Plan Amendments must be accompanied by a Thoroughfare Plan Amendment Submittal Form and Approved Resolution or Ordinance from the Jurisdictions Governing Body.

**Background:** The RGVMPPO performs a yearly Thoroughfare Plan Amendment Process. Where planning partners throughout the region are asked to compare their jurisdiction's Right of Way (ROW) data with the RGVMPPOs UMAP Interactive Map Thoroughfare Plan Data and provide any amendments to the data reflected. The 2021 RGV Amendments Thoroughfare Plan was presented and approved on March 22, 2021, by Hidalgo County Commissioner's Court. Thoroughfare Plan Amendments received were solely from within **Hidalgo County.**

**6. Presentation and Discussion on RGVMPPO Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (Category 9) Funds**

Action       Possible Action       Information

**Presenter:**      **Eva Garcia, Planner II**

**Summary:**      RGVMPPO staff will report on the status of FY2019-2020 and FY2021-2022 TASA projects to ensure transparency with the RGVMPPO's policymakers and transportation professionals.

**Background:**      RGVMPPO staff continues to work with TxDOT and local government agencies to monitor projects that have been awarded TASA funds to ensure the timely obligation of funds.

**V. RGVMPPO EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS' REPORT AND UPDATES**

Action       Possible Action       Information

**Presenter:**      **Andrew A. Canon, RGVMPPO**

**Item Summary:**      Financial Update

**Item Summary:**      **Policy Meeting in October** – Discussion and Possible Action to postpone or hold Policy Meeting with Andrew via Teams. Andrew is scheduled to attend the **2022 Annual AMPO Conference in Minnesota (October 25-28,2022).**

**Item Summary:**      **Freight and Trucking – House Transportation** – Staff will be providing a presentation given by Ms. Caroline Mays at the Transportation Hearing last week. Slides 10 and 13 are most telling as it impacts our region directly. It shows us that border delays have had a \$2.3B gross loss in GDP in both countries, (US/Mexico) in 2019. If nothing is done to address this, we are looking at \$116B in loss of GDP by 2050.

**VI. STATUS REPORTS**

**A. TxDOT Project Status Report**

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**Presenter:**      **TxDOT**

**B. Cameron County RMA**

Action       Possible Action       Information

**Presenter:**      **Pete Sepulveda**

**C. Hidalgo County RMA**

Action       Possible Action       Information

**Presenter:**      **Ramon Navarro**

**D. Regional Transit Metro**

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**Presenter:            Simon Ortiz**

- VII. Other Business (Old or New):** This item provides an opportunity for members to bring items of interest before the group.
  
- VIII. Next Meeting:** The next RGVMPPO Policy Meeting is scheduled in Person **October 26, 2022, at 1:30 PM at Ken Jones Boardroom.**