

**RIO GRANDE VALLEY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
VIRTUAL MEETING**

December 8, 2022

I) CALL TO ORDER

JP Terrazas, Chairman (City of Mission) called the TAC Meeting to order at 10:00 AM. The TAC Meeting was held “Virtually”.

II) ROLL CALL

RGVTAC Representatives in attendance were as follows:

MEMBERS PRESENT	
ENTITY	VOTING MEMBERS
City of Mission	JP Terrazas, Chairman
Cameron County	Benjamin Worsham, Vice Chairman
City of Brownsville	Joel Garza
City of Edinburg	Tom Reyna
City of Harlingen	Craig Cook
City of McAllen	Rene Gonzalez
City of Pharr	Daniel Chavez
City of San Benito	Manny De La Rosa
Hidalgo County	Armando Garza, Jr.
Starr County	Absent
TxDOT Pharr District	Melba Schaus
Valley Metro	Jose Luis Silva / Nancy Sanchez
Cameron County RMA	Pete Sepulveda / Eric Davila
Hidalgo County RMA	Ramon Navarro
Brownsville Metro	Absent
McAllen Metro	Jon Bocanegra/ Robert De Leon
Port of Brownsville	Absent
Port of Harlingen	
Port Isabel-San Benito Navigation District	Ricardo Guerra
Cameron County Spaceport Dev. Corp.	Mark Yates
GUEST	
LRGVDC	Manuel Cruz
STAFF	
RGVMPO	Andrew A. Canon
RGVMPO	Luis Diaz
RGVMPO	Staff

III) PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments

IV) CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes

Consideration and Action to Approve the Minutes of:

- **September 8, 2022**

Chairman JP Terrazas asked if there were any corrections to the TAC minutes of September 8, 2022.

No corrections or comments were noted to the minutes of September 8, 2022, TxDOT made a motion to approve the Minutes of September 8, 2022, as presented by staff. The motion was seconded by Joel Garza (City of Brownsville) and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.

2. RFP Presentation

Fernando Cantu presented the results from the grading committee that met on 11/17/2022. Four organizations scored high; therefore, agencies were asked to present to the members.

Kimley-Horn & TEDSI will be providing a presentation to the Advisory committee about their RFP submittals on FM 509 Corridor study. ATG & TRC will be providing a presentation to the Advisory committee about their RFP submittals on Comprehensive Sustainability and Resilience Analysis.

The presenters were not signed on ready for the presentation, therefore Andrew Canon recommended to chairman to move to Item 5 to give them an opportunity to log on. Chairman JP Terrazas agreed to move to Item 5.

Item 5 was not presented, presenter having technical difficulties, therefore Andrew Canon recommended to chairman to move to Item 6.

The meeting continued with Item 2 once the presentation for item 6 was completed.

Cont. Item 2. Mr. Canon confirmed that the presenters were ready, and Mr. Cantu went ahead and gave an overview of the project and selection process before the first presenter started with their presentation. Each consulting firm had 10 minutes to present to the members and 5 minutes for questions and answers.

FM 509 Corridor

Kimberly Horn presented first and once the floor was opened for comments or questions, City of Edinburg, Tom Reyna asked about having bilingual format for public reach and the answer was yes.

TEDSI presented second and there were no questions afterwards

Sustainability & Resilience

ATG presented and there were no questions afterwards

TRC presented and there were no questions afterwards

Once all consulting firms were done, Mr. Canon informed the Chairman that a recommendation for each of the projects is needed so an analysis of the cost and scope for a possible presentation for a contract to be executed by the Policy Board. The Chairman asked if there were any questions, concerns, or any recommendations. Eric Davila with Cameron RMA recommended to move forward with TEDSI for FM 509 Corridor as scored. The motion was seconded by Joel Garza (City of Brownsville), the motion carried unanimously.

Chairman JP Terrazas asked if there were any recommendations for the Comprehensive Sustainability and Resilience Analysis. Joel Garza with City of Brownsville motioned to move forward with ATG. The motion was seconded by Hidalgo County. City of Harlingen abstain from voting due to his participation in the advisory committee. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Presentation on the Final Report for the Spring 2022 CMP Multimodal Transportation Performance and Assesses Alternative Strategies

Steve Taylor provided an update to the committee on the study development and update. He also discussed possible additional actions to address identified areas of concern and operational improvement updates.

Marlene Garza with the city of McAllen asked if a comparison of before and after would be available and the answer was yes.

Mr. Canon confirmed that there will be a subcommittee meeting on the 15th of December.

After no more questions or comments Chairman JP Terrazas asked for a motion to approve the Final Report. Hidalgo RMA, Ramon Navarro made a motion to approve the report. The motion was seconded by Nancy Sanchez (Valley Metro) and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.

4. Discussion and Action on FY 2023 – 2026 tip & 2045 MTP Amendments

Rudy Zamora presented the FY 2023-2026 TIP & 2045 MTP Amendments for review and approval. He mentioned public involvement dates, locations, and outcomes. He mentioned Amendment number one for TIP and Amendment number 7 for MTP.

Mr. Zamora reviewed the details of deadlines, projects, and resolution

Review and approval required for final approval by TPB members on December 14th, 2022.

Ramon Navarro with Hidalgo RMA asked if the numbers under Hidalgo and Cameron Counties lump sums or individual projects were and Mr Zamora confirmed that they were lump sums.

Mr. Zamora also reviewed the funds summary sheet and confirmed that projects would be locked by the end of the day.

After no more questions or comments Chairman JP Terrazas asked for a motion to approve. San Benito made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Ramon Navarro with Hidalgo County RMA, the motion carried unanimously.

5. Discussion on TASA

Item was not presented due to technical difficulties

6. Draft 2024 UTP CAT 2

Melba Schaus reminded the members that the review is an exercise that is done every year in preparation for UTP. Mrs. Melba went ahead and reviewed the Draft 2024 UTP and highlighted the impact of inflation on funding amounts.

Ramon Navarro asked if the report would be available to members and yes it will be available as confirmed by Mrs. Melba.

After no more questions or comments Chairman JP Terrazas asked for a motion to approve. Ramon Navarro with Hidalgo County RMA made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Eric Davila with Cameron County RMA, the motion carried unanimously.

7. City of McAllen – 2018 Traffic Improvement Bond

Marlene Garza gave an overview of the City of McAllen's Traffic Improvement bond that was passed in 2018 to improve traffic flow on major city streets.

Dr. James Robertson with Lee Engineering join in the presentation providing a summary of improvement that helped improve traffic flow along corridors within the City of McAllen limits. He mentioned that the improvements included upgrades to traffic signal infrastructure, communications to traffic signals with software that provides updates on intersection performance and signal timing study.

Once the floor was opened for questions, Steve Taylor asked and requested to the chairman to have Mrs. Garza present at the Policy upcoming meeting.

Andrew Canon confirmed that it is possible to have the Cit of McAllen present during the policy meeting.

Ramon Navarro asked if about issues with the internet connections and Marlene Garza responded that there have been no issues reported.

(Report only, no action taken at this time.)

V) RGVMPD Executive Director's Report and Updates

Andrew Canon provided the financial update and updates

1. Financial Update- Andrew Canon reported that the budget is at 34.7%, which will increase with the upcoming contracts.
2. Introduction of new staff
3. Legislative Workshop- Mr. Canon reviewed the workshop notes, highlighting the visit of Rene Ramirez with Path finders providing some insight to the legislative session. Mr. Canon also gave some highlight on the meeting held with city and county leaders and chairman Terry Canales.
4. Transportation Forum – reminder to register for event
5. RGV Days – February 21st – February 23rd, contact Daniel Silva for details.
6. 2023 Meeting Calendar – reviewed calendar as mirror the LRGVDC

7. Lastly Andrew Canon recognized RGVMPPO staff for the Excellence in Staff Achievement Award received in Minnesota from TEMPO.
(Report only, no action taken at this time.)

VI) Status Reports

A. TXDot Project Status Report

Melba Schaus, (TxDOT) provided an updated TxDOT Project Status Report (Virtually) withing the RGVMPPO area. She presented the monthly letting update and asked if there were any questions.

After no questions presenter moved on to an overview of CRSSA funding projects and obligation date.

Presenter highlighted that we might revisit reports and work towards obligating the funds before September 2024 before they lapse.

No questions were posed after presentation.

B. Cameron County RMA

Eric Davila (Cameron County RMA) provided an updated presentation (Virtually) on projects that are currently within the Cameron County RMA.

No questions were posed after presentation.

C. Hidalgo County RMA

Ramon Navarro (Hidalgo County RMA) provided an updated presentation (Virtually) on projects that are currently within the Cameron County RMA.

No questions were posed after presentation.

D. McAllen Metro

Jon Bocanegra provided an updated report of the organization's ridership numbers

No questions were posed after presentation.

E. Brownsville Metro

No one available to present from Brownsville Metro.

No questions were posed after presentation.

F. Valley Metro

Nancy Sanchez provided an updated report of the organization's ridership numbers

No questions were posed after presentation.

(Report only, no action taken at this time.)

VII) NEW OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Andrew Canon clarified that the Next meeting will be held virtually on January 12, 2023, and not in person as noted on the agenda.

VIII) ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the RGV TAC Members, Vice Chairman called for a motion to adjourn. City of San Benito made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:07am the motion was seconded by Hidalgo County; and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.