

AGENDA
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
THURSDAY, MARCH 16, 2023 – 10:00 AM
RIO GRANDE VALLEY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (RGVMPO)
VIRTUAL MEETING
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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: February 9, 2023

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

Presenter: **JP Terrazas, TAC Chairman**

Item Summary: Approval of the February 9, 2023, Regular Meeting minutes

2. Discussion on Draft 2024 UTP Allocation for Category 7 Funding

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

Presenter: **Andrew Canon, Executive Director (on behalf of Rudy Zamora)**

Item Summary: The Draft 2024 Unified Transportation Program (UTP) planning targets been shared with TXDOT Districts & MPO staff. Projected totals for all 12 UTP funding categories have been included within members' meeting packets. A list of current programming totals has also been provided for review. Category 7 – Metropolitan Mobility and Rehabilitation funds are listed with an increase, from the previous 2023 UTP, of \$654,715 over a ten-year span. RGVMPO staff is requesting discussion and recommendations for our Transportation Policy Board (TPB) regarding programming of additional Category 7 funds.

Background: The Unified Transportation Program is updated and approved annually. Federal and State funding for transportation projects is approved by the Texas Transportation Commission and the 2024 UTP is slated for adoption in August of 2023. The RGVMPO TPB approved increases to Category 7 funding for prioritized projects in September of 2022. After factoring allocation for the Harlingen-San Benito planning area, RGVMPO is carrying a negative balance of \$32.53 Million in Category 7 programming.

3. Local Transportation Planning Project

Action Possible Action Information

Presenter: Fernando Cantu, RGVMPPO Planner III

Summary: Staff update on calling for the Local Transportation Plan Project for the RGVMPPO FY 24-25 Unified Planning Work Program.

Background: In our last call for planning projects, the city of Harlingen requested a study for its FM 509 corridor. The Unified Planning Work Program Planning funds can be used to carry out transportation planning activities within our jurisdiction. Local transportation planning activities include but are not limited to Corridor Studies, Access and Mobility Analysis, Traffic, Alignment Alternatives, Feasibility Studies, Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning Initiatives, and the Economic Impact of Transportation Investments. Engineering, design, and construction projects are not eligible for Planning funds.

4. Discussion of IJA Infrastructure BIL and grants submitted by the RGVMPPO.

Action Possible Action Information

Presenter: Javier Dominguez Jr., RGVMPPO Transportation Planner I

Summary: Presentation on the four grants that were submitted by the RGVMPPO during this funding round.

Background: In partnership with the local planning partners, The RGVMPPO was able to submit four grant applications during this funding round of the IJA Infrastructure Bill. The RGVMPPO will present on which grants they applied for as well as share updates, submission dates, and goals for these applications.

5. Border Master Plan

Action Possible Action Information

Presenter: Juan Flores, TxDOT Freight, International Trade Director

Summary: Update on implementation plans for the Border Master Plan as adopted by the TxDOT Commission.

Background: As freight and international trade continues imperative to address the needs of freight movement and financial tools that may be available to address some concerns

V. RGVMPPO EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS' REPORT AND UPDATES

Action Possible Action Information

Presenter: Andrew A. Canon, RGVMPPO

Item Summary:

VI. STATUS REPORTS

A. TxDOT Project Status Report

Action Possible Action Information

Presenter: Melba Schaus, TxDOT

B. Cameron County RMA

Action Possible Action Information

Presenter: Pete Sepulveda

C. Hidalgo County RMA

Action Possible Action Information

Presenter: Ramon Navarro

D. Transit Report

Action Possible Action Information

Presenter: Transit representative

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 Technical Advisory Committee is schedule "VIRTUAL" at **10:00 am on April 13, 2023.**