

**FULL POLICY BOARD AGENDA**  
**POLICY BOARD MEETING**  
**Wednesday, September 27, 2023 – 1:30 PM**

**RIO GRANDE VALLEY**  
**METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (RGMPO)**

*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 RGMPO 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 on a paper form specifying the matter you wish to address.

**IV. Consent Agenda**

**1. Approval of Minute(s) for: August 30, 2023**

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

**Presenter:**                      **Judge Eddie Trevino, Jr., Chairman**

**Item Summary:**                      Approval of the August 30, 2023, Regular Meeting minutes

**2. Discussion on the Upcoming November 2023 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Revision Cycle**

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

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

**Summary:**                      RGMPO staff will be amending our short-range and long-range planning & programming tables: TIP & MTP. A 30-day Public Involvement period will be held, and all revisions/modifications will require TAC & TPB members' approval.

**Background:**                      The Statewide TIP is updated quarterly and RGMPO staff will be revising the short-range Transportation Improvement Program, and long-range Metropolitan Transportation Plan (TIP & MTP). Public Involvement, both virtual and in-person, will commence on September 11<sup>th</sup> and conclude on October 11<sup>th</sup>. All revisions and modifications will require approval by our TAC & TPB during the scheduled October meetings.

**3. Update on Performance Management Framework project with Alliance Transportation Group**

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

**Presenter:**                      **Miguel Arispe, RGMPO Planner III**

**Summary:**                      The RGMPO staff will provide a brief update on the Performance Management Framework project that is being developed with Alliance Transportation Group (ATG). ATG developed a survey that was sent out to the TAC committee for feedback on the proposed project-prioritization criteria that was closed on September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023. To collect more feedback and provide an opportunity for discussion on the proposed criteria, a workshop was scheduled for September 25<sup>th</sup>,

2023. RGVMPPO Staff will discuss the workshop and next steps for the project.

**Background:** The RGVMPPO is currently in contract with Alliance Transportation Group on the development of a performance management framework. This framework will help the RGVMPPO better address and comply with federal and state requirements on performance measures. As part of the development of this framework, The contract between the RGVMPPO and ATG group runs through December of 2023. RGVMPPO staff will also provide an update on pending items for the remainder of the contract.

#### 4. Presentation and Discussion regarding Transit Planning Updates

Action       Possible Action       Information

**Presenter:** Eva Garcia, RGVMPPO Planner III: Bike Ped Program Coordinator  
Javier Dominguez Jr., RGVMPPO Transportation Planner I

**Summary:** Staff will provide RGVMPPO Members with a comprehensive overview of various transit/public transportation-related efforts including: regional transit data/mapping, passenger rail study and complete streets initiatives.

**Background:** Reflective of the FY2022-2023 RGVMPPO Unified Planning Work Program's Task 3.0 – Short Range Planning, Subtask 3.2: Planning Assistance, RGVMPPO Staff is working to develop transit service areas through data sharing, the preparation of maps, attending meetings, and providing general planning expertise to this effort. Additionally, the efforts are reflective of Subtask 3.3: Transit Planning as RGVMPPO Staff is working to better understand Transit Asset Management (TAM) and Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP).

#### 5. Discussion and Possible Action regarding FY2019-2020 and FY2021-2022 Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TASA) Projects

Action       Possible Action       Information

**Presenter:** Eva Garcia, RGVMPPO Planner III: Bike-Ped Program Coordinator

**Summary:** Staff will provide an update regarding the obligation of FY2019-2020 TASA funds and developments to programmed FY2021-2022 TASA projects.

**Background:** TASA funding is time-sensitive and are available for obligation for a period of three (3) years after the last day of the fiscal year for which the funds are apportioned to the state/MPO.

#### 6. Consideration and Action to Approve Resolution 2023-19 Programming FY2023-2024 Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TASA) Funds

Action       Possible Action       Information

**Presenter:** Eva Garcia, RGVMPPO Planner III: Bike-Ped Program Coordinator

**Summary:** The RGVMPPO Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) and Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) recommend the programming of \$9,000,000 in FY2023-2024 RGVMPPO TASA funds to four (4) planning projects and six (6) construction projects.

**Background:** RGVMPPO Staff will provide a brief overview of the competitive process and scoring criteria prior to presenting recommendations.

Maps and basic information for the recommended projects are provided.

**7. Discussion on Annual RGV Thoroughfare/ROW Plan Amendment Process**

Action                       Possible Action                       Information

**Presenter:**                      **Luis Diaz, RGVMPPO Executive Assistant Director**

**Summary:**                      As part of the Yearly RGV Thoroughfare Plan Amendment Process, Staff will be accepting amendments to the RGV Thoroughfare Plan until December 21, 2023. Please keep in mind that all Thoroughfare Plan Amendments must be accompanied by an online [ThoroughfarePlan 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 2022 RGV Amendments Thoroughfare Plan was presented and approved on March 7, 2023, by Hidalgo County Commissioner's Court. Thoroughfare Plan Amendments received were solely from within Hidalgo County.

**8. Discussion and interactive SWOT (Strength, Weakness, Opportunities, and Threats) Analysis from RGVMPPO Staff**

Action                       Possible Action                       Information

**Presenter:**                      **Javier Dominguez Jr., Transportation Planner I**

**Summary:**                      The RGVMPPO will be asking the Technical Advisory Committee Members partake in a SWOT Analysis based on the transportation infrastructure of the region.

**Background:**                      On Thursday, July 20<sup>th</sup>, RGVMPPO staff prepared and presented an MPO 101 to members of the various committees and transportation policy board. Due to time restraints, the SWOT Analysis had to be skipped and it was agreed upon to partake during a future Technical Advisory Committee Meeting and Transportation Policy Board Meeting. Staff would like to record the various committees thoughts on the Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats of our region's transportation infrastructure system.

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

Action                       Possible Action                       Information

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

**Summary:**                      Budget Update

**VI. STATUS REPORTS**

**A. TxDOT Project Status Report**

Action                       Possible Action                       Information

**Presenter:**                      TxDOT Area Office Staff

**B. Cameron County RMA**

Action

Possible Action

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**Presenter:** Eric Davila

**C. Hidalgo County RMA**

Action

Possible Action

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**Presenter:** Ramon Navarro

**D. Transit Report**

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**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 Policy Board Meeting is scheduled at **1:30 p.m. on October 25, 2023.**