



Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee

Wednesday, October 4, 2023
11:00 A.M.

JOIN VIRTUALLY
[MICROSOFT TEAMS MEETING LINK](#)

JOIN IN-PERSON

RGVMPO CONFERENCE ROOM

617 W UNIVERSITY DR, EDINBURG, TX 78539



RGVMPO BPAC

Meeting Agenda

I. CALL TO ORDER

Time: 11:02am

By: Rose Gowen

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 August 2, 2023.

B. Consideration and Action to Approve the Minutes of August 17, 2023.

C. Consideration and Action to Approve the Minutes of September 6, 2023.

D. Presentation and Discussion on the RGVMPO BPAC + ATP Survey Results

E. Presentation and Discussion on the RGVMPO Bicycle & Pedestrian Counter Data Program Update

V. PROJECT UPDATES

A. FY2021-2022 TASA Projects & Programmed Funds

VI. NEW OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS

VII. ADJOURNMENT



I. ROLL CALL · *Membership Attendance will be tracked per the adopted bylaws ·*

	Membership	Term	Organization/Agency	Primary Designee	Alternate Representative	Term
1	Public Agency	2 yrs	Hidalgo County	Velinda Reyes	Nick Perez	Aug. 2023 - July 2025
2	Public Agency	2 yrs	Sullivan City	Alma Salinas	Ana Mercado	Sept. 2022 – Aug. 2024
3	Public Agency	2 yrs	TxDOT	Craig Wuensche	Agustin Ramirez	Sept. 2022 – Aug. 2024
4	Public Agency	2 yrs	Edinburg	Larry Ayala	Valentin Sanchez Jr.	Sept. 2022 – Aug. 2024
5	Public Agency	2 yrs	Pharr	Ruben Alfaro	Maria Rangel	Sept. 2022 – Aug. 2024
6	Public Agency	2 yrs	Brownsville	Christopher Nelson	Juan (Johnny) Pena	Sept. 2022 – Aug. 2024
7	Public Agency	2 yrs	Valley Metro	Claudia Olmedo	Stacie Garcia	Oct. 2022 – Sept. 2024
8	Public Agency	2 yrs	LRGVDC	Horacio Garza	Nancy Sanchez	Oct. 2022 – Sept. 2024
	Economic Dev. Agency	1 or 2	Vacant			
9	Bicycle-Oriented	2	Valley Off-Road Bicycling Association (VORBA)	David Hernandez	x	Oct. 2021 – Sept. 2024
10	Bicycle-Oriented	1 or 2	Caracara Trails	Rose Gowen	Lisa Neergaard	Sept. 2022 – Aug. 2024
	Pedestrian-Oriented	1 or 2	Vacant			
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11	Stakeholder Org.	2 yrs	UTRGV	Rodney Gomez	Pablo Aguilar	Sept. 2022 – Aug. 2024
12	Stakeholder Org.	2 yrs	TPWD	Javier De Leon	Orlando Carranco	Oct. 2022 – Sept. 2024
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13	Bike/Ped Citizen	1 or 2	At-Large	Ana Adame	Tracy Roberts	Sept. 2022 – Aug. 2024
14	Bike/Ped Citizen	1 or 2	At-Large	Nina Torkelson	Robert Ordez	Sept. 2022 – Aug. 2024
15	Bike/Ped Citizen	1 or 2	At-Large	Michael McNew	Jon Ray Bocanegra	Sept. 2022 – Aug. 2024
16	Bike/Ped Citizen	1 or 2	At-Large	Richard Cavin	x	Oct. 2022 – Sept. 2024



• RGVMPO BPAC • ATTENDANCE TRACKING •

P = Present

A = Absent

#	Organization/Agency	January 11 th	February 1 st	March 1 st	April 5 th	May 3 rd	June 7 th	August 2 nd	August 17 th	September 6 th	October 4 th	November 1 st
1	Hidalgo County	Appointed August 2 nd							P	P	P	
2	Sullivan City	P	A	P	A	A	P	A	P	P	A	
3	TxDOT	P	P	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	
4	Edinburg	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
5	Pharr	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
6	Brownsville	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
7	Valley Metro	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	A	A	
8	LRGVDC	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
9	Valley Off-Road Bicycling Association (VORBA)	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	
10	Caracara Trails	P	P	P	A	P	A	P	P	A	P	
11	UTRGV	P	P	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	
12	TPWD	P	P	A	P	A	P	P	P	P	P	
13	Nina Torkelson/Robert Ordez	P	P	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	
14	Richard Cavin	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
15	Ana Adame/Tracy Roberts	A	P	P	P	P	P	A	P	P	A	
16	Michael McNew/Jon Ray Bocanegra	A	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	

Voting members will be in ex-officio status and lose their voting privileges after missing three (3) consecutive monthly/bi-monthly meetings, or two (2) consecutive quarterly meetings. To regain

meetings, or two (2) consecutive quarterly meetings.



III. CITIZENS INPUT / PUBLIC COMMENT

• All are encouraged to provide input or make comments on bike/ped projects or programs. •

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IV.A Discussion & Possible Action to Approve the Minutes of August 2, 2023

· *RGVMPO BPAC · August 2, 2023 · Meeting Minutes* ·

Possible Action: Motion to approve the minutes

Motion By: Rodney Gomez

Seconded By: Johnny Pena



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· RGVMPO BPAC · August 17, 2023 · Special Meeting Minutes ·

Possible Action: Motion to table minutes

Motion By: Rodney

Seconded By: Johnny



IV.A Discussion & Possible Action to Approve the Minutes of September 6, 2023

· RGVMPO BPAC · September 6 , 2023 · Meeting Minutes ·

Possible Action: motion to approve

Motion By: Johnny Pena

Seconded By: Rodney Gomez



IV.D Presentation and Discussion on the RGVMPO BPAC + ATP Survey Results

• Discussion • Action •

RGVMPO Staff received input and guidance from BPAC Members and other Stakeholders regarding regional initiatives to implement the RGVMPO Active Transportation Plan.

The survey included information and questions on:

- RGVMPO BPAC Administration
- RGVMPO TASA Project Call(s)

[September 2023 RGVMPO BPAC + ATP Implementation Survey Results](#)

Responses **10**



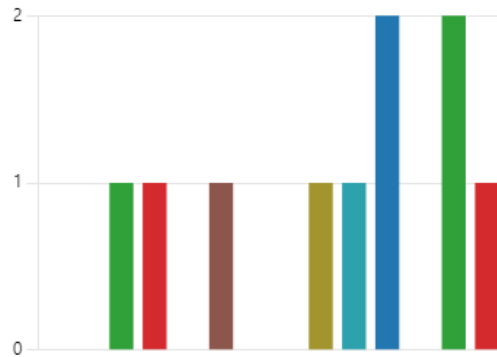
BPAC Administration Results

• Discussion •

3. Organization:

[More Details](#)

● Cameron County	0
● City of Brownsville	0
● City of Edinburg	1
● City of Pharr	1
● City of Sullivan City	0
● Hidalgo County	1
● TPWD	0
● TxDOT Pharr District	0
● LRGVDC/ ValleyMetro	1
● TxDOT	1
● UTRGV	2
● VORBA / CaraCara Trails	0
● Bike/Ped Citizen - At large	2
● Other	1

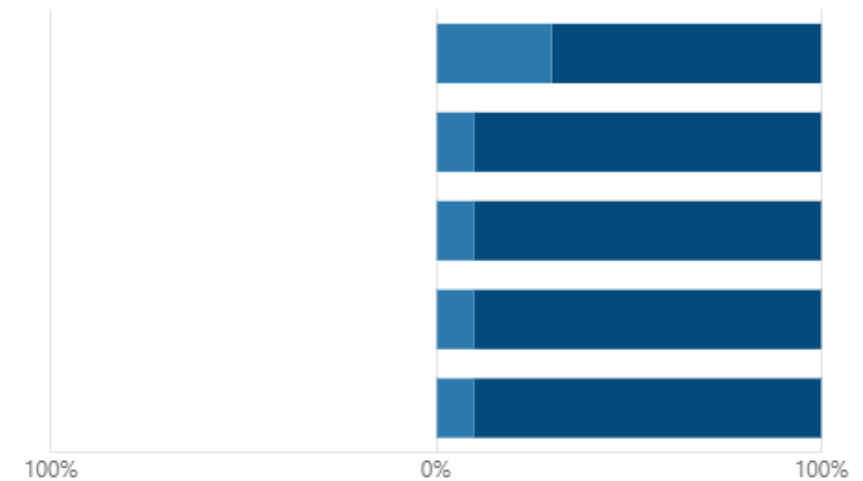


4. How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the following:

[More Details](#)

■ Very dissatisfied
 ■ Somewhat dissatisfied
 ■ Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
 ■ Somewhat satisfied
 ■ Very satisfied

- Your experience as a BPAC member or stakeholder
- Meeting agenda items, topics & discussions
- Quality of information sharing & presentations
- RGVMPO Staff knowledge of projects and initiatives
- Communication and interactions with RGVMPO Staff





5. Do you support reducing the maximum number of BPAC voting members from 21 to 17?

[More Details](#)

[Insights](#)

Yes	5
No	3
Other	2



6. Do you support defining 'ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGENCY' as 'an independently funded and operated 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization whose goal is to help develop and support economic growth within the Rio Grande Valley by providing necessary resources and assistance.'?

[More Details](#)

[Insights](#)

Yes	8
No	0
Other	2



7. Do you support defining 'BICYCLE-ORIENTED AGENCY' as 'an organized/grassroots group whose goal is to help advocate for cycling infrastructure and/or promote activities (includes nonprofit organizations).'??

[More Details](#)

[Insights](#)

Yes	10
No	0
Other	0





BPAC Administration Results

• Discussion •

8. Do you support defining 'PEDESTRIAN-ORIENTED AGENCY' as 'an organized/grassroots group whose goal is to help advocate for walking/running/ADA-compliant infrastructure and/or promote activities (includes nonprofit organizations).'?

[More Details](#)

Yes	10
No	0
Other	0



9. Do you support defining 'BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN CITIZEN AT-LARGE' as 'a local resident whose goal is to help advocate for cyclist and pedestrian interests'?

[More Details](#)

[Insights](#)

Yes	9
No	0
Other	1



10. RGVMPO Staff is requesting guidance on how to potentially develop a voting membership with an equitable balance of representation from the counties.

[More Details](#)

[Insights](#)

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Responses

Latest Responses

- "I am still learning this committee but I'd like to see that Bike Ped citizen for ...
- "Apps.....or presentations to the City Organizations and place on their socia...
- "equal qty of representative, but weight distribution determined by attendan...

3 respondents (30%) answered **voting** for this question.





BPAC Administration Results

• Discussion •

11. Would you support returning to a virtual-only meetings?

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[Insights](#)

Yes	5
No	0
Maybe	4
Other	1

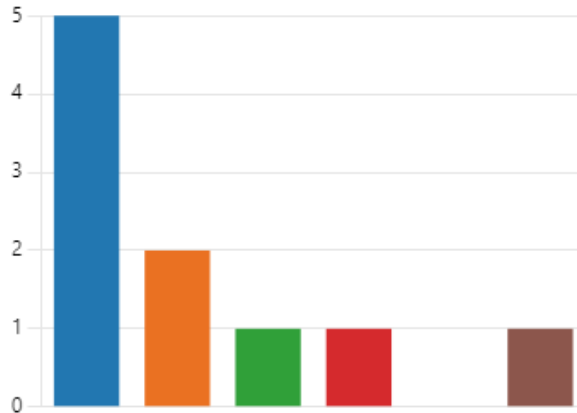


12. Would you support changing the meetings to quarterly?

[More Details](#)

[Insights](#)

Yes: Oct., Jan, Apr., & July	5
Yes: Nov., Feb., May, & Aug.	2
Yes: Dec., Mar., Jun., & Sept.	1
Maybe I'd support every-other ...	1
No: Please keep monthly meetin...	0
Other	1



13. BPAC Evaluation Feedback:

[More Details](#)

[Insights](#)

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Responses

Latest Responses

"So far the staff has been very informative and provides assistance as necess..."

"New members "

"Virtual meetings would be more effective. "

5 respondents (71%) answered **meeting** for this question.





17. In regards to the TASA Program Guide, which factor(s) need(s) to be considered for revision:

15.

[More Details](#)

- Leave 'As Is'
- add more detailed information/description
- minimize or simplify description
- add more Terminology
- Consider Eliminating
- Other Change

A. Summary of Funding Opportunity



B. 18. TASA Program Guide Feedback:

2 Responses

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H. Project Implementation



I. Bikeway Terminology



J. Additional Weblinks



K. Definitions and Terminology



100% 0% 100%

14. In what way(s) did you...

[More Details](#)

- submitted a project app
- evaluated submitted prc
- observed the Call for Prc
- attended working group
- Other



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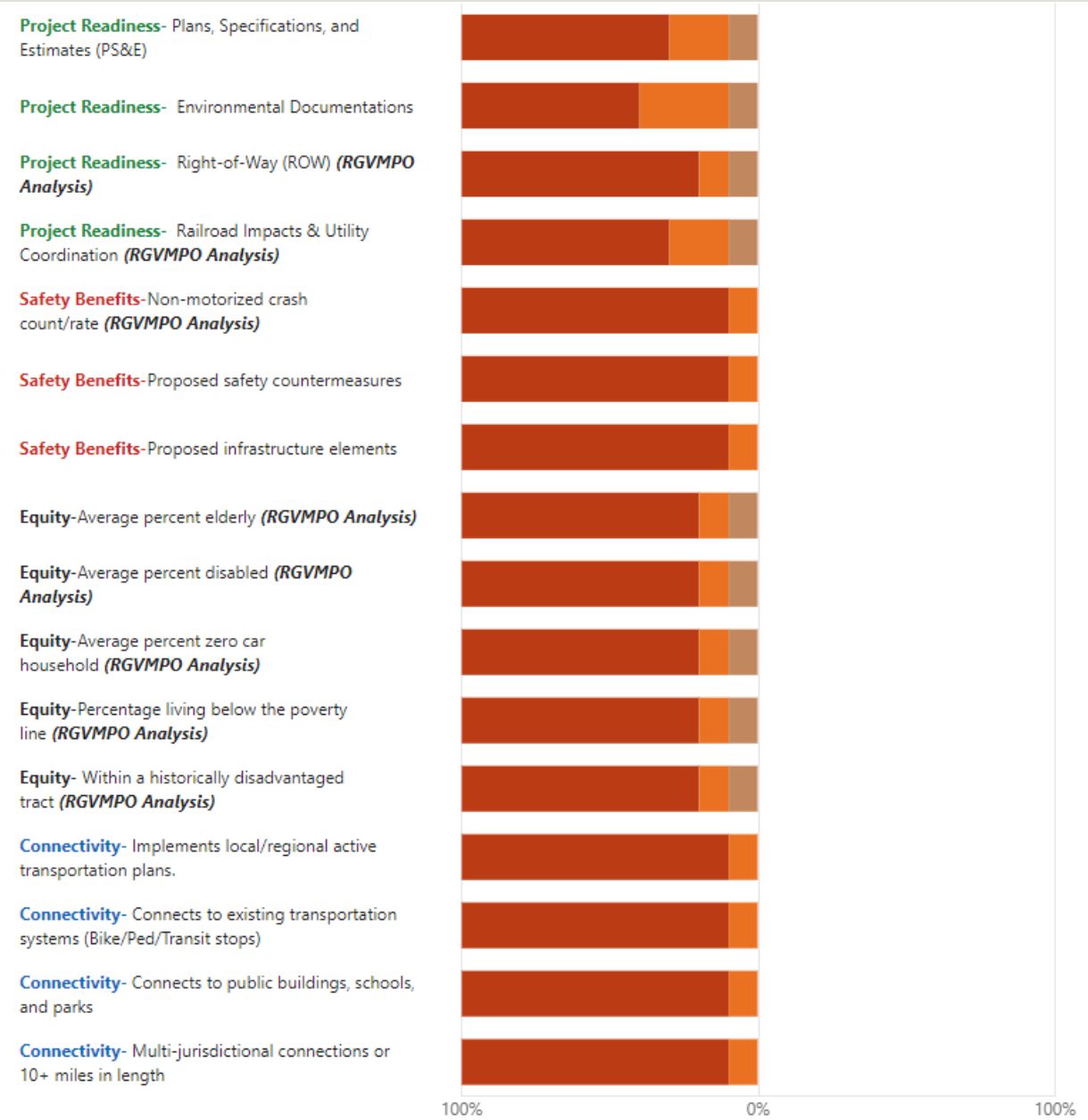
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- observed the Call for Prc
- attended working group
- Other



21. In regards to the TASA scoring criteria, which factor(s) need(s) to be considered for revision:

[More Details](#)





- Leave 'As Is' ■ Criteria Description and Factors ■ Maximum Points ■ Evaluation Method
- Evaluation Details (analysis of application responses / RGVMPO GIS analysis) ■ Consider Eliminating ■ Other Change



23. Would you support dedicating more than 10% of available TASA funds for *planning* projects?

[More Details](#)

 Insights

	Yes	2
	No	2
	Maybe	5
	Other	1





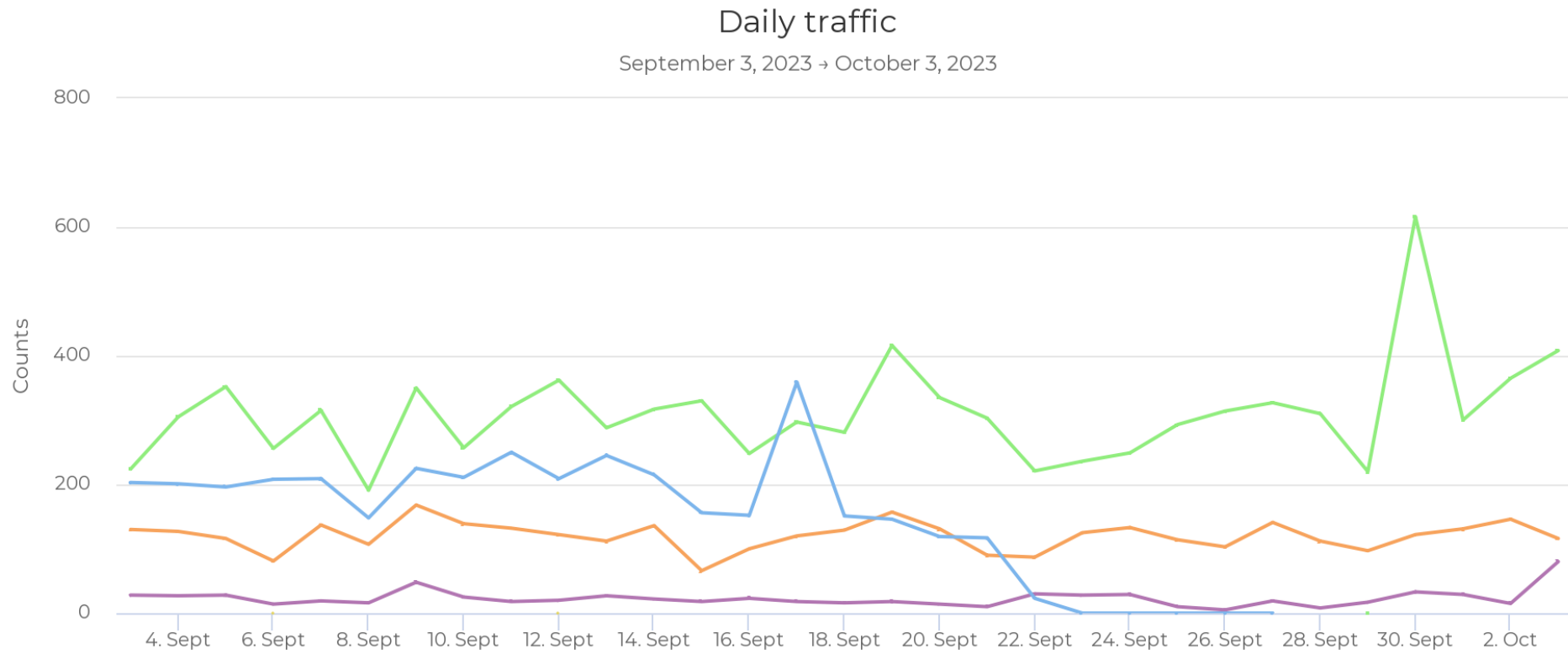
IV.D Presentation and Discussion on the RGVMPO BPAC + ATP Survey Results

• *Discussion* • *Action* •

- *Email out all results as in*
- *Others can continue to respond to survey but staff will be viewing*



IV.E Presentation and Discussion on the RGV Bicycle & Pedestrian Counter Data Program Update



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|---|--|
| — 2nd St Trail north of Houston St | — Alton Gloor |
| — Brownsville HBT east of Habana Street at Bus Transfer Station | — Brownsville HBT south of South Price Road |
| — Brownsville Inside Palo Alto Battlefield National Park | — Brownsville Northern Extension Palo Alto Battlefield |
| — Brownsville SNT Detention Area | — Elsa Trail east of Extrumberto Solis St |
| — Harlingen Arroyo Trail at Boggus Car Dealership | — Harlingen Meg Jorn Trail |
| — McAllen 2nd St Trail south of Larkspur Ave | — McAllen 2nd St Trail south of Pecan Blvd |
| — Mission Trail at FM 2062 & Military Rd | — Mission Trail west of Conway Ave |
| — Precinct 2 Trail north of E. Ridge Rd (west bank) | — Primera City Trail |
| — San Benito Heavin Resaca Trail | — San Benito Heavin Resaca Trail at W Brooks St |
| — Test_To be reactivated | |



IV.E Presentation and Discussion on the RGV Bicycle & Pedestrian Counter Data Program Update

• *Discussion* •





V. PROJECT UPDATES

• *Members are encouraged to share updates on bike/ped projects or programs* •

➤ 2021-2022

FY2021-2022 TASA Projects = \$2,293,784

CSJ #	PROJECT NAME	PROJECT SPONSOR	FEDERAL AWARD
0921-02-495	Elsa Getting Connected	Elsa	\$ 46,920
0921-02-496	Bridge Street BikePed Plan	Hidalgo	\$ 70,000
0921-02-497*	Freddy Gonzalez Trail	Edinburg	\$ 699,996
0921-06-349	Arroyo Colorado Phase III Study	Harlingen	\$ 141,568
0921-06-350	West Rail Trail - Amenities	Brownsville	\$ 900,000
0921-06-351*	Bejarano-McFarland-Gonzalez Trail Ext.	Port Isabel	\$ 435,300
Total FY2021-2022 Programmed RGVMPO TA Funds:			\$2,293,784

Resolution 2021-15, approved by the RGVMPO TPB in September 2021, officially programmed FY2021-2022 TASA funds. Award notice letters, outlining program and project details, were sent to Project Sponsors in October 2021.

Projects with a fully executed AFA for awarded TASA funds.

* = project received Economically Disadvantaged Counties (EDC) funds

All projects must obligate federal funds *by August 2025*

FY2021-2022 TASA Program Schedule of Activities	
April 2023	Deadline to fully execute Advanced Funding Agreement (AFA) for programmed projects.
May-July 2023	Potential re-programming of funds for projects without executed AFAs.
July-Sept. 2023	Deadline for final consideration(s) of funding/project changes - Resolutions to Policy for Action.
January 2024	Deadline to fully execute AFA Amendment(s) for final approved funding/project changes.
June 2024	100% Plans + BID Documents + Final Project Certifications = Ready-To-Let (RTL)
July 2024	Federal Participation Authorization Agreement (FPAA) + State Letter Of Authority (SLOA) Request
August 2024	Funds obligated by receipt of FPAA + SLOA
June 2025	100% Plans + BID Documents + Final Project Certifications = Ready-To-Let (RTL)
July 2025	Federal Participation Authorization Agreement (FPAA) + State Letter Of Authority (SLOA) Request
August 2025	FINAL OPPORTUNITY to have funds obligated by receipt of FPAA + SLOA
September 2025	FY2021-2022 FUNDS EXPIRE!!!

A+

C-

F+

The obligation of funds occurs through the receipt of a State Letter of Authority (SLOA; TxDOT's approval of project/funds) and Federal Participation Agreement Authorization (FPAA; FHWA's approval of project/funds). Prior to submitting a request for an FPAA/SLOA, the Final Project Certifications must be completed to signal the project's Ready-to-Let (RTL) status.



VI. NEW OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- *Members are encouraged to bring up ideas and considerations for future meetings, or to inquire about past items/ideas.* ·

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VII. ADJOURNMENT

· Next Meeting · November 1, 2023 ·

➤ X

Motion to Adjourn: at 11:55

Motion By:

Seconded By: Johnny