

**Meeting Minutes of the
Rio Grande Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization
Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC)**

Wednesday, October 4, 2023 at 11:00 AM

I. CALL TO ORDER

The RGVMPPO Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) meeting was held in-person at RGVMPPO Conference Room, 617 W. University Dr., Edinburg, TX and virtually via Microsoft Teams. The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Rose Gowen, Vice Chair, at 11:02 A.M.

II. ROLL CALL

RGVMPO BPAC Representatives **PRESENT:**

Organization/Agency	Voting Membership	Alternate
Valley Off-Road Bicycling Association	David Hernandez, Chair	
Caracara Trails	Rose Gowen, Vice-Chair	
Hidalgo County	Velinda Reyes	Nick Perez
City of Sullivan City	Alma Salinas	Ana Mercado
TxDOT Pharr District	Craig Wuensche	Augustin Ramirez
City of Edinburg	Larry Ayala	Valentin Sanchez Jr.
City of Pharr	Ruben Alfaro	Maria Rangel
City of Brownsville	Christopher Nelson	Juan (Johnny) Pena
Valley Metro	Claudia Olmedo	Stacie Garcia
LRGVDC	Horacio Garza	Nancy Sanchez
UTRGV	Rodney Gomez	Pablo Aguilar
TPWD	Javier Deleon	Orlando Carranco
Citizen At-Large	Nina Torkelson	Robert Ordez
Citizen At-Large	Richard Cavin	
Citizen At-Large	Ana Adame	Tracy Roberts
Citizen At-Large	Michael McNew	Jon Ray Bocanegra

Other Attendees:

RGVMPO Staff:

- Andrew Canon, Executive Director
- Luis Diaz, Assistant Director
- Melany Rodriguez, GIS Specialist/Planner I
- Javier Dominguez, Planner I
- Klarissa Gonzalez, Planner I
- Miguel Arispe, Planner III
- Eva Garcia, Planner III Bike/Ped Program Coordinator

BPAC Minutes Approved
November 1, 2023

III. CITIZENS INPUT

No comments were made.

IV. PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION, AND ACTION ITEMS

A. Consideration and Action to Approve the Minutes of August 2, 2023

The Minutes of the August 2, 2023 RGVMPD BPAC Meeting was presented. Rodney Gomez, UTRGV, made the motion to approve the Minutes of August 2, 2023. The motion was seconded by Johnny Pena, Brownsville, and upon a vote; the **motion passed unanimously**.

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

The Minutes of the August 17, 2023 RGVMPD BPAC Meeting was presented. Rodney Gomez, UTRGV, made the motion to table the Minutes of August 17, 2023. The motion was seconded by Johnny Pena, Brownsville, and upon a vote; the **motion passed unanimously**.

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

The Minutes of the September 6, 2023 RGVMPD BPAC Meeting was presented. Johnny Pena, Brownsville, made the motion to approve the Minutes of September 6, 2023. The motion was seconded by Rodney Gomez, UTRGV, and upon a vote; the **motion passed unanimously**.

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

RGVMPD Staff provided a lengthy presentation on the results and feedback from the two surveys and Members engaged with questions and discussion at length. It was determined that the results would be emailed out to BPAC members for their review. Additionally, it was agreed that survey responses could still be submitted for RGVMPD Staff review although new results wouldn't be presented.

No action was taken.

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

Bicycle and Pedestrian Counter Data from September 3, 2023 through October 3, 2023 was presented. Staff reiterated that Program Partners had access to their community's data through their Eco-Visio account. It was also communicated that the potential application to the Valley Baptist Legacy Foundation was not submitted during the Fall grant cycle, but that staff was working for the Spring grant cycle.

No action was taken.

V. PROJECT UPDATES

A. FY2021-2022 TASA Projects & Programmed Funds

RGVMPD Staff reiterated that the FY2019-2020 TASA Projects were all getting ready to let and had successfully obligated their funds. Regarding the FY2021-2022 TASA Projects, all but one of six projects had fully executed AFAs. All projects are also having their kickoff meetings with TxDOT Staff.

VI. NEW OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS

VII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, David Hernandez, VORBA, made a motion to adjourn meeting at 11:55AM. The motion was seconded by Johnny Pena, Brownsville, and upon a vote; the **motion passed unanimously**.