Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee

Wednesday, November 1, 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: 11:01AM

By: Eva Garcia

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 17, 2023.

B. Consideration and Action to Approve the Minutes of October 4, 2023.

C. Presentation and Discussion on TxDOT's Statewide Active Transportation Plan.

D. Discussion and Possible Action regarding the approval of a RGVMPO BPAC 2024 Meeting Schedule.

V. PROJECT UPDATES

- RGVMPO Maps
- Passenger Rail Feasibility Study
- 5310 Program FY2024 Call for Projects

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

P = Present

· RGVMPO BPAC · ATTENDANCE TRACKING ·

A = Absent

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

IV. Maintaining Membership

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 voting privileges, members in ex-officio status must attend three (3) consecutive monthly/bi-monthly 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. ·

- *X*

IV.A Discussion & Possible Action to Approve the Minutes of August 17, 2023

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

Possible Action: Motion to approve

Motion By: Nancy Sanchez

Seconded By: Rodney Gomez

IV.A Discussion & Possible Action to Approve the Minutes of October 4, 2023

· ***RGVMPO BPAC · October 4, 2023 · Meeting Minutes*** ·

Possible Action: *Approve*

Motion By: *Rodney*

Seconded By: *Craig*

IV.C Presentation and Discussion on TxDOT's Statewide Active Transportation Plan

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Introduction/ Background

Update/ Current Status

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Do you walk, bike, or use a mobility device? Join us at one of the in-person meetings or share your input online!

Thurs., Nov. 9, 2023

4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Venezzia The Venue
5 Event Center Blvd.
Brownsville, TX 78526

Meetings will be conducted in English. If you need interpretation or translation services or are a person with a disability who requires an accommodation to participate, please contact TxDOT at (800) 671-9854 or at bikeped@txdot.gov at least five working days prior to the meeting.

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Visit the Virtual Meeting

All meeting materials and opportunities to share input will be available online Oct. 4 through Nov. 30. The virtual meeting will share information on Plan goals and development process. Input from communities will help identify a unified vision aligning with their specific needs. Visit the website to learn more and share your comments!

Open Comment Period: Oct. 4 to Nov. 30

Comments may be shared online and in-person through a survey, email, mail, text or voicemail to (800) 671-9854.

TxDOT.gov | Keywords: "Statewide Active Transportation"

IV.C Presentation and Discussion on TxDOT's Statewide Active Transportation Plan

· Discussion ·

IV.D Discussion & Possible Action regarding the approval of a 2024 RGVMPO BPAC Meeting Schedule

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

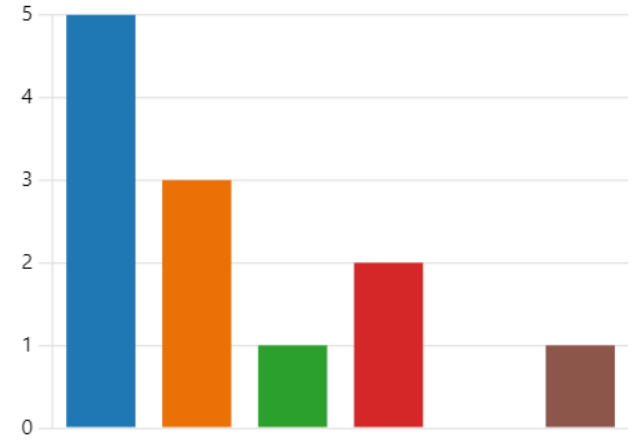
More Details Insights

Yes	6
No	1
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.	3
Yes: Dec., Mar., Jun., & Sept.	1
Maybe I'd support every-other ...	2
No: Please keep monthly meetin...	0
Other	1



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

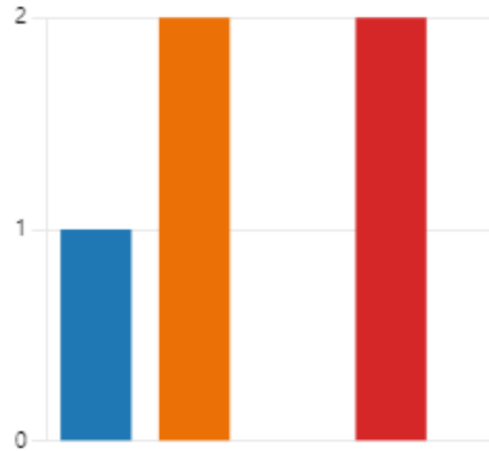
More Details

Yes	3
No	2
Maybe	0
Other	0

2. Would you support changing the meetings to quarterly?

More Details

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



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3. 2024 BPAC Meeting Schedule Input

2 Responses

ID ↑	Name	Responses
1	anonymous	I think more meetings are better than fewer, but I can imagine the investment required by all of them. I am open to every other month. Maybe make them two hours instead of one hour if we're meeting half as often.
2	anonymous	See if we can start the meetings at 10:30am or earlier instead of 11am. The 11am meetings frequently run past noon and people are trying to get away to go to lunch. Some of the presentations are often rushed because of this as well. This is especially important if we move to quarterly meetings as there will likely be longer agendas for each meeting.

6. Please select your preferred RGVMPO BPAC Meeting time:

More Details

First-Tuesday at 10am	1
First-Wednesday at 10am	5
First-Thursday at 10am	1
Keep the same: First-Wednesda...	9
Other	2

2021 Survey Results

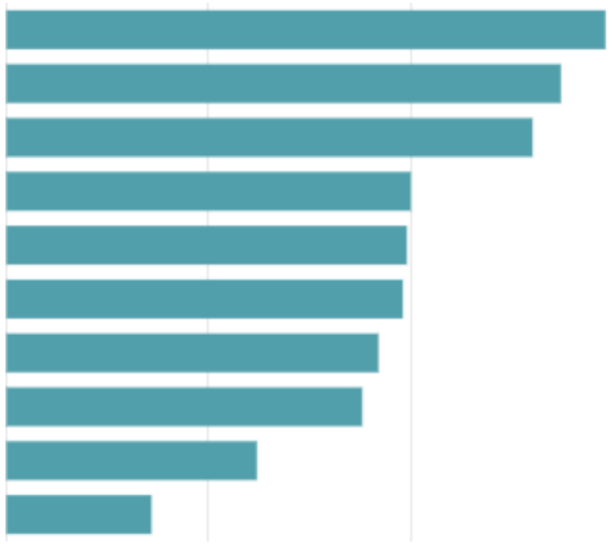
18 responses

2021 vs. 2023

39. Using the arrows to move recommendations up or down, rank your/your organization's priorities:

More Details

1 Regional Design Standards (Plan...
2 Regional Standards for Facility I...
3 Regional Bike/Ped Count Progra...
4 Regional Data Portal (Planning ...
5 Complete Street Policies (Policy ...
6 Regional BikeShare Program (Ed...
7 Law Enforcement Trainings (Safe...
8 Promotion of Walk and Bike Mo...
9 Design and Print Walking and Bi...
10 Establish a Wayfinding Program ...



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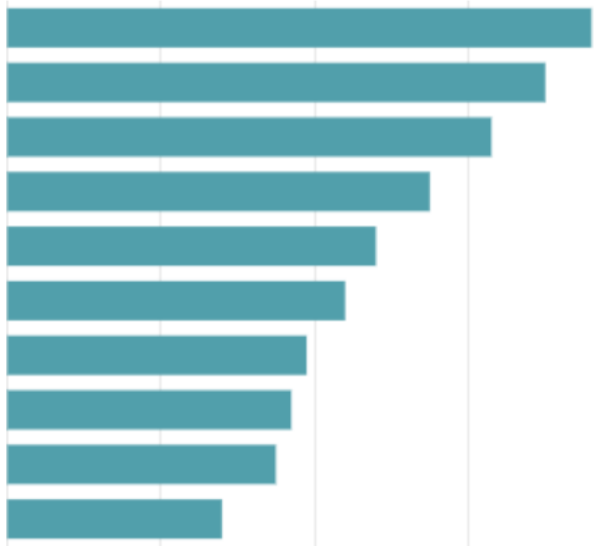

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2024	OPTION A @ 10AM	OPTION B @ 10:30AM	OPTION C @ 11AM
January 3		BPAC *Virtual* Mtg. (1.5 hrs.)	BPAC *Virtual* Mtg. (1 hour)
February 7	Q1 BPAC *In-Person* Mtg. (2 hrs.)		BPAC *Virtual* Mtg. (1 hour)
March 6		BPAC *In-Person* Mtg. (1.5 hrs.)	BPAC *Virtual* Mtg. (1 hour)
April 3			BPAC *Virtual* Mtg. (1 hour)
May 1	Q2 BPAC *In-Person* Mtg. (2 hrs.)	BPAC *Virtual* Mtg. (1.5 hrs.)	BPAC *Virtual* Mtg. (1 hour)
June 5			BPAC *Virtual* Mtg. (1 hour)
July 3		BPAC *In-Person* Mtg. (1.5 hrs.)	
August 7	Q3 BPAC *In-Person* Mtg. (2 hrs.)		BPAC *Virtual* Mtg. (1 hour)
September 4		BPAC *Virtual* Mtg. (1.5 hrs.)	BPAC *Virtual* Mtg. (1 hour)
October 2			BPAC *Virtual* Mtg. (1 hour)
November 6	Q4 BPAC *In-Person* Mtg. (2 hrs.)	BPAC *In-Person* Mtg. (1.5 hrs.)	BPAC *Virtual* Mtg. (1 hour)
December			

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23. Using the arrows to move recommendations up or down, rank your/your organization's priorities:

More Details

2024	
January 3 February 7 March 6	
April 3 May 1 June 5	
July 3 August 7 September 4	
October 2 November 6 December	

IV.D Discussion & Possible Action regarding the approval of a 2024 RGVMPO BPAC Meeting Schedule

· Discussion · Action ·

- **Leave in-person meetings in Weslaco**

Possible Action: Motion to approve Option B for 2024 meeting schedule

Motion By: Jon Ray Bocanegra

Seconded By: Chris Nelson

V. PROJECT UPDATES

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

A. RGVMPO Map Updates

- Draft Transit Data Map

B. Passenger Rail Feasibility Study

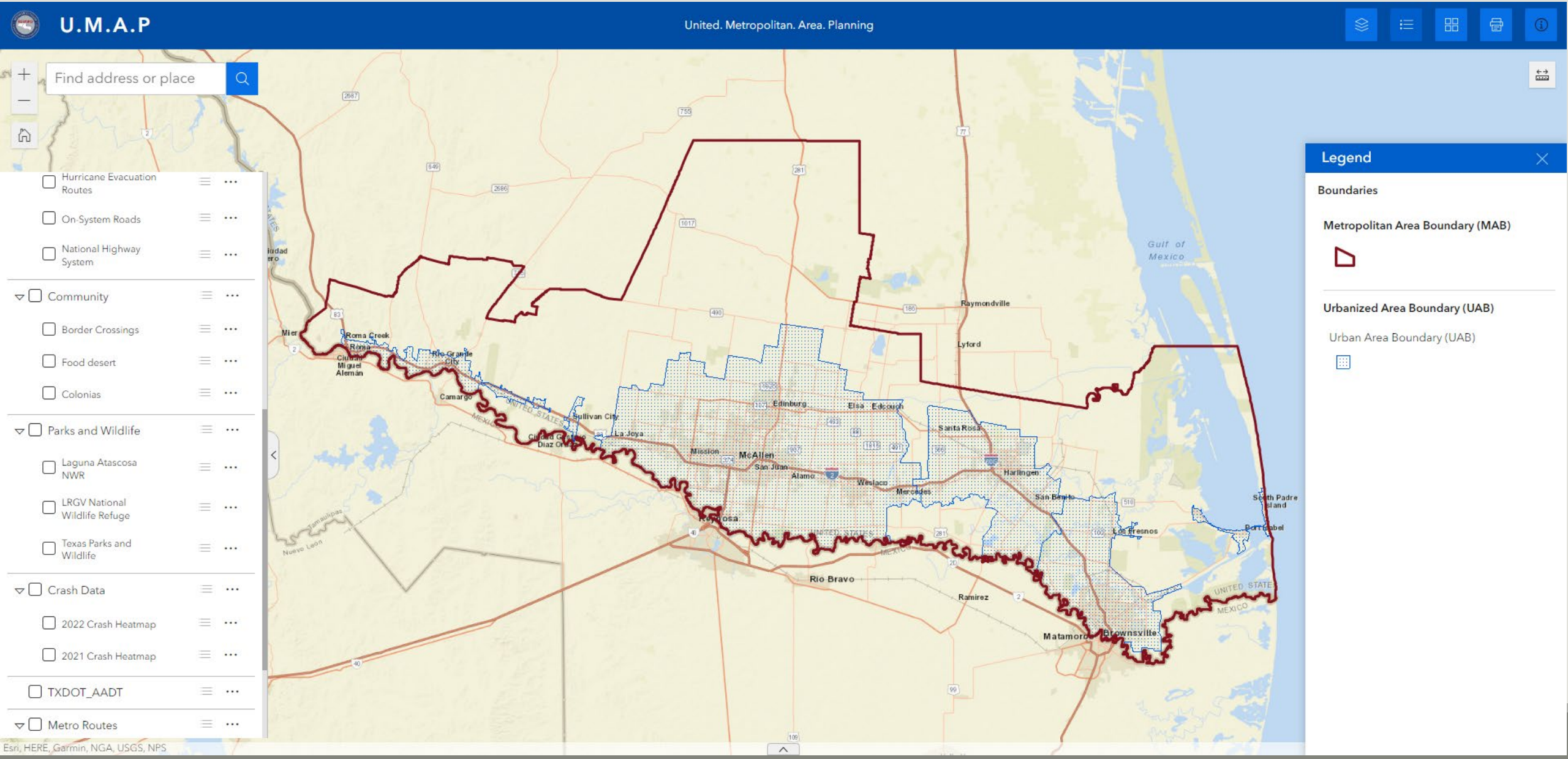
- New Subcommittee for 2024

C. 5310 Program FY2024 Call for Projects

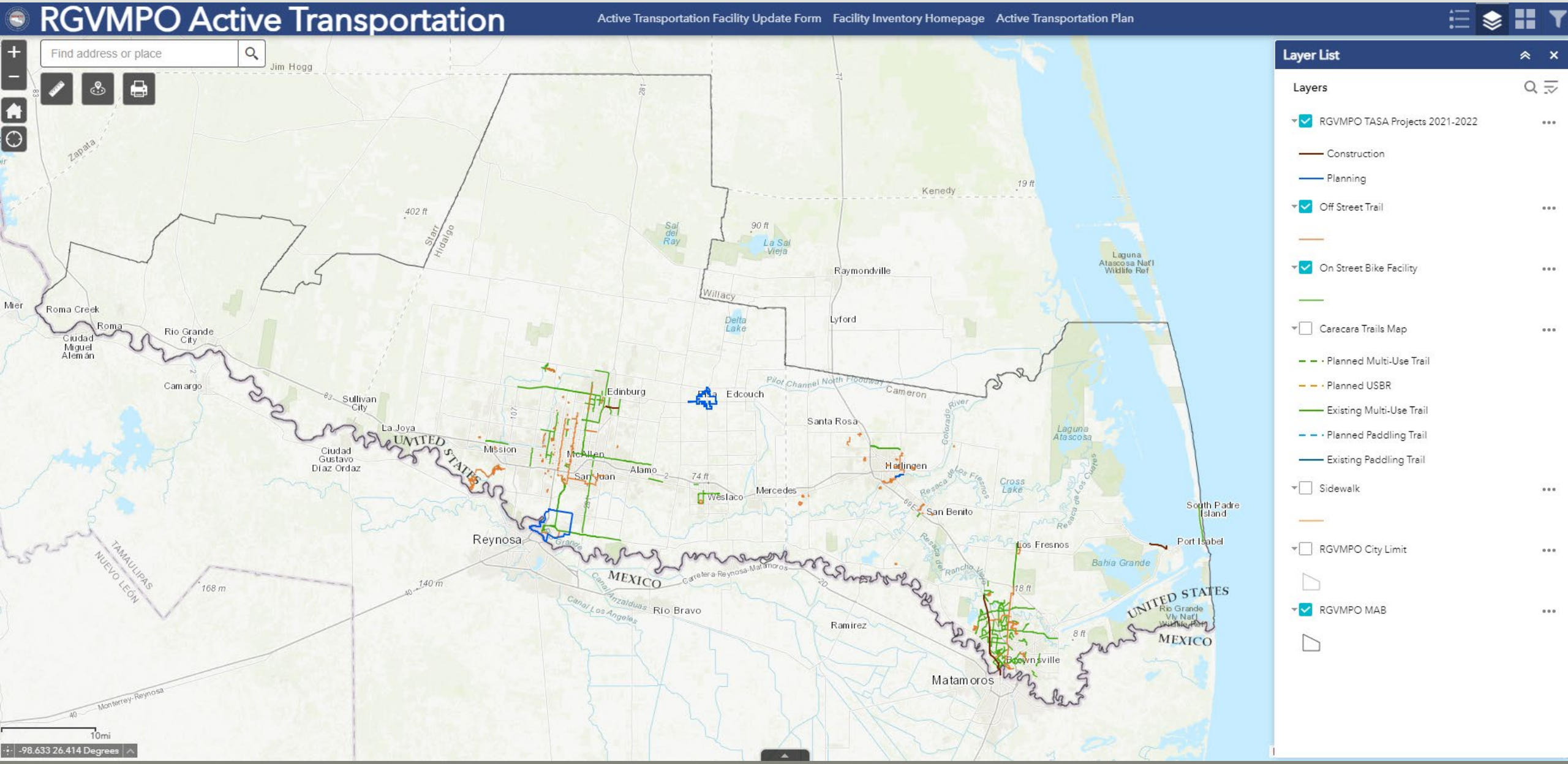
- McAllen Urbanized Area apportionment

- Richard Cavin, map for new trail extensions
- TPWD, November 18th there is a Outdoor Family Fiesta at Estero Llano Grande State Park
- November 10th Main Street McAllen Incubator – Art Walk!! Pedestrian friendly & near new bike lane

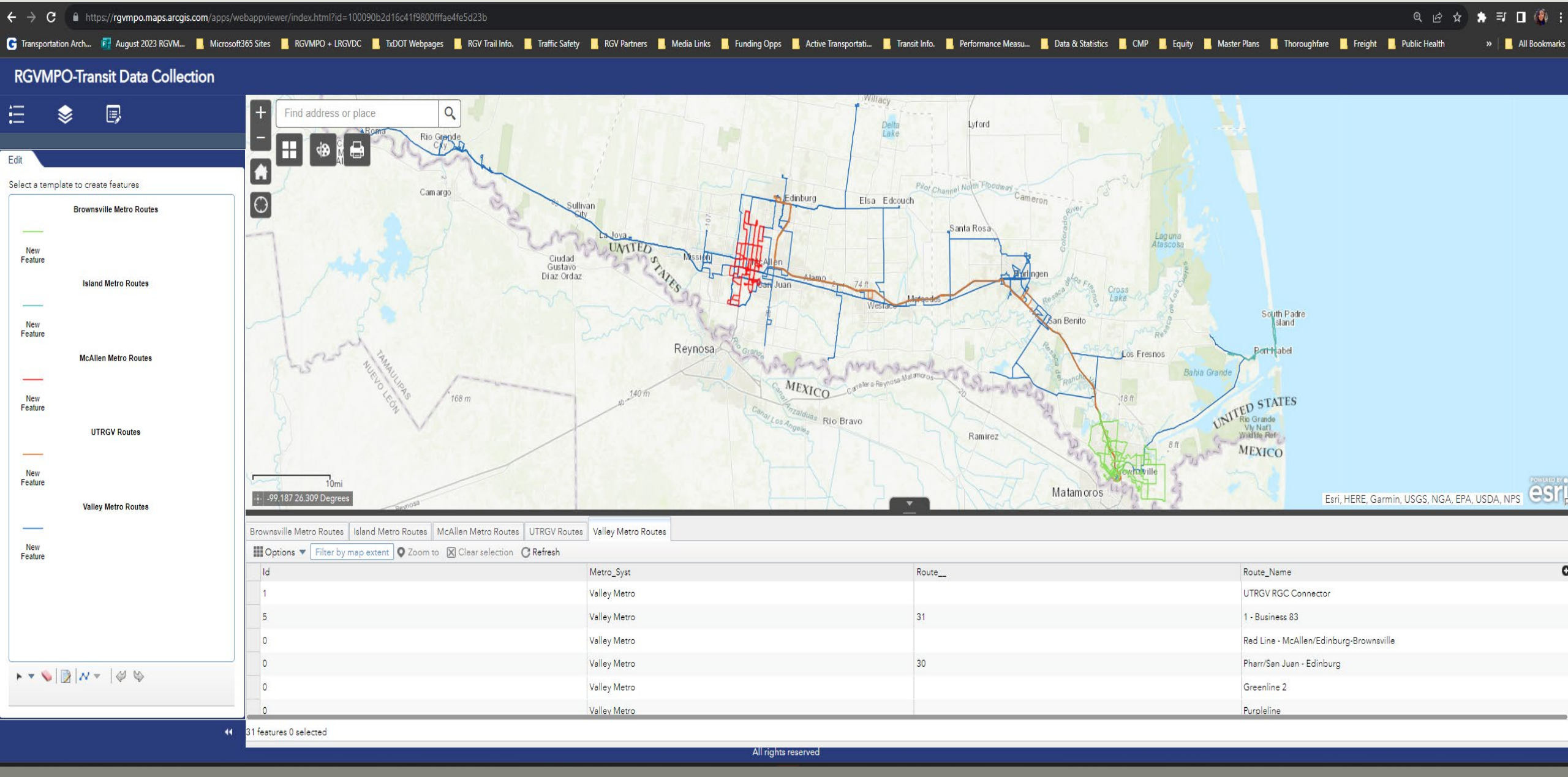
UNIFIED METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING (U.M.A.P.)



ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION MAP



Transit Data Collection



Passenger Rail Feasibility Study

· RFP Process ·

- October 27th: RFP closed/deadline
- November 2nd: Proposal scoring by Subcommittee
- November 9th or 16th: Recommendations to Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)
- December 13th: Approval of recommendations/consultant for Study.

· Subcommittee Members ·

- Hidalgo County: Robert "Bobby" Carrillo
- Edinburg: Tom Reyna
- McAllen: Jon Ray Bocanegra
- Weslaco: Maggie Perez
- LRGVDC: Javier Dominguez
- CCRMA: Eric Davila
- Starr County: Robert Vale

5310 Program: FY2024 Call for Projects

· $1,596,012 Available ·

- November 1st: FY2024 Call for Projects officially opens (for McAllen Urbanized Area).
- November 15th: 5310 Program Workshop for all interested applicants.
- December 20th: 5 PM Deadline to submit project application/proposals.
- Dec. 2023 & Jan. 2024: RGVMPO Staff evaluates and scores project proposals.
- February 8, 2024: Award recommendations are presented to TAC for action.
- February 28, 2024: 5310 Program funds are programmed to projects by the TPB.
- March 1, 2024: Project Sponsors (Applicants) are notified of outcome(s).
- March 2024: Subrecipient Orientation Meeting with LRGVDC & RGVMPO.
- March-April 2024: LRGVDC coordinates agreement(s) with Project Sponsors.

+ METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN
+ TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
+ ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION IMPLEMENTATION
- FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES
Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program
5310 Progam

Additional Resources

- LRGVDC 5310 Program Management Plan

5310 Progam

The FY 2024 5310 Program Call for Projects is NOW OPEN!

The 5310 Program (49 U.S.C. 5310) provides formula funding to states and designated recipients to meet the transportation needs of older adults and people with disabilities when the transportation service provided is unavailable, insufficient, or inappropriate to meeting these needs. The program aims to improve mobility for older adults and people with disabilities by removing barriers to transportation service and expanding transportation mobility options. This program supports transportation services planned, designed, and carried out to meet the transportation needs of older adults and people with disabilities in all areas.

5310 Program Guide

FY 2022-2023 5310 Program Guide

5310 Scoring Criteria

FY 2022-2023 5310 Scoring Criteria

5310 Application

FY 2022-2023 5310 Application

VI. NEW OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

- X

VII. ADJOURNMENT

· Next Meeting · January 3, 2024 ·

- X

Motion to Adjourn: at 11:54am

Motion By: Chris Nelson

Seconded By: David Hernandez