

**FULL POLICY BOARD MEETING AGENDA**

**Wednesday, December 13, 2023 – 1:30 PM**

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

*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 RGVMPO 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. Action & Discussion Items**

**A. Approval of Minute(s) for: October 25, 2023, and November 30, 2023**

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

**Presenter:**                      **Commissioner David L. Fuentes, Chairman**

**Summary:**                      Approval of the October 25, 2023, Regular Meeting minutes  
Approval of the November 30, 2023, Special Meeting minutes

**B. Metropolitan Transportation Plan – RFP Subcommittee Score and consultant selection**

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

**Presenter:**                      **Fernando Cantu, RGVMPO Transportation Planner III**

**Summary:**                      On November 2nd, the subcommittee came together to evaluate the singular proposal presented by Alliance Transportation Group. The resulting score is within packet.

**Background:**                      The RGVMPO selectively outsources tasks that exceed our in-house capabilities or scope. To maintain compliance with the fiscal guidelines and regulations, we adhere to the procurement process established by the LRGVDC, serving as the fiscal agents of our MPO.

**C. Passenger Rail Feasibility Study – RFP Subcommittee Score and Consultant Selection**

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

**Presenter:**                      **Fernando Cantu, RGVMPO Transportation Planner III**

**Summary:**                      On November 2nd, the subcommittee came together to evaluate the two proposals presented by AECOM and Triangle Railroad Holding Co. The resulting score is within packet.

**Background:**                      The RGVMPO selectively outsources tasks that exceed our in-house capabilities or scope. To maintain compliance with the fiscal guidelines and regulations, we adhere to the procurement process established by the LRGVDC, serving as the fiscal agents of our MPO.

**D. Weslaco, TX Southwest Loop Planning Corridor/Alignment Study – RFP  
Subcommittee Score and consultant selection**

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

**Presenter:**      **Fernando Cantu, RGVMPPO Transportation Planner III**

**Summary:**      On November 2nd, the subcommittee came together to evaluate the singular proposal presented by TEDSI. The resulting score is within your packer. On November 30th, TAC recommended reopening the Request for Proposals for an additional 60 days to encourage broader participation and gather more comprehensive bids.

**Background:**      The RGVMPPO selectively outsources tasks that exceed our in-house capabilities or scope. To maintain compliance with the fiscal guidelines and regulations, we adhere to the procurement process established by the LRGVDC, serving as the fiscal agents of our MPO.

**V. Presentations & Reports**

**A. Presentation of the RGVMPPO Resilience and Sustainability Analysis produced by ATG**

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

**Presenter:**      **Javier Dominguez, Executive Analyst  
Ben Magallon, Project Manager with Alliance Transportation Group**

**Summary:**      Alliance Transportation Group (ATG) completed a regionwide comprehensive Resilience and Sustainability Analysis and is presenting the final deliverable listed on the RFP from 2022. The study determines how planning and policy driven mechanisms affect the resiliency and sustainability of our community. The report identifies chronic and acute stressors experienced in the RGV and includes a recommendations memo based on a cost-benefit and equity analysis. The report also identifies possible grant opportunities as this study serves as data driven research that supports the regions' need for funding related to sustainability and resilience such as the PROTECT grant.  
\*This is the final deliverable for this study from ATG which would allow for contract closeout.

**Background:**      In 2022, Alliance Transportation Group (ATG) won a bid to perform a regionwide Resilience and Sustainability Analysis. Over the last year, ATG has been performing extensive research on natural disasters prevalent in the RGV Metropolitan Area Boundary. ATG utilized data gathered from a variety of sources to produce a "Recommendations Memo", "Equity Analysis", and "Cost Benefits Analysis". This is the final deliverable for the study from ATG which would allow for contract closeout.

**B. Discussion and update on Performance Management Framework Project with Alliance Transportation Group**

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

**Presenter:**      **Ben Magallon, ATG**

**Summary:**      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. The contract with ATG on the Performance Management Framework Study runs through December 2023. \*This is the final deliverable for this study from ATG which would allow for contract closeout.

**Background:** Alliance Transportation Group will be sharing an update on the development of a Performance Management Framework for the RGVMPPO. As part of this, a series of meetings, workshops, and staff interviews have been held to assess and evaluate the status of performance management work being done at the RGVMPPO and the areas for improvement.

### C. Discussion and update on FM 509 Corridor Study with TEDSI

Action                       Possible Action                       Information

**Presenter:**                      **Eric Dietrich, TEDSI**

**Summary:**                      The RGVMPPO is presently engaged in a contract with TEDSI for the development of the FM 509 Corridor study. This comprehensive study encompasses planning services that include data collection analysis, preliminary drainage analysis, and traffic projections. The focus of the study extends from US 281 to I-69E in Harlingen, Texas, aiming to enhance planning and infrastructure considerations for FM 509.  
\*Final Presentation for contract closure.

**Background:**                      The city of Harlingen sought assistance for a corridor study, aiming to make informed decisions regarding alignment choices. This study is crucial for evaluating and determining the most effective route, providing valuable insights to enhance planning and infrastructure development in the region.

### D. 5310 Call for Projects

Action                                       Possible Action  
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**Presenter:**                      **Eva Garcia, RGVMPPO Transportation Planner III**

**Summary:**                      The RGVMPPO opened FY2024 Call for Projects for the 5310 Program on November 1st. Interested applicants should visit our website to view the 5310 Program Guide, the 5310 Scoring Criteria, and the 5310 Application. Applications should be submitted via email to [info@rgvmppo.org](mailto:info@rgvmppo.org) no later than 5PM on Wednesday, December 20, 2023.

**Background:**                      The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) provides formula funding in the form of the 5310 Program 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 RGVMPPO follows the LRGVDC's 5310 Program Management Plan (PMP) which describes the process for administering, managing, programming, selection, and overseeing the implementation of the projects.

#### **E. Federal Functional Classification (FC) Post TxDOT Training Update**

Action       Possible Action       Information

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

**Summary:**      The RGVMPPO will provide an update from the recent Federal Functional Classification Process Training held with TxDOT. Included within the packet is the training presentation provided by TxDOT.

**Background:**      Federal legislation continues to use functional classification in determining eligibility for funding under the Federal-aid program. Transportation agencies describe roadway system performance, benchmarks, and targets by functional classification. As agencies continue to move towards a more performance-based management approach, functional classification will be an increasingly important consideration in setting expectations and measuring outcomes for preservation, mobility, and safety.

#### **F. RGVMPPO Executive Directors' Report and Updates**

Action       Possible Action       Information

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

**Summary:**      1. Budget Update  
2. Website Update

#### **G. TxDOT Project Status Report**

Action       Possible Action       Information

**Presenter:**      TxDOT Pharr Area Office Staff

#### **VI. Other Business (Old or New): This item provides an opportunity for members to bring items of interest before the group.**

- A. The next RGVMPPO Policy Board Meeting is scheduled for **1:30 pm on January 31, 2024**