

**FULL POLICY BOARD MEETING AGENDA**

**Wednesday, January 31, 2024 – 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 minutes for: December 13, 2023.**

Action                       Possible Action                       Information

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

**Summary:** Approval of the December 13, 2023, Regular Meeting minutes

**B. Discussion and Action on the February 2024 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Revision Cycle.**

Action                       Possible Action                       Information

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

**Summary:** RGVMPO staff are amending our short-range and long-range planning & programming tables: TIP & MTP. A 30-day Public Involvement period concluded on January 11, 2024, and all revisions/modifications were approved by TAC members. Projects have been updated on the E-STIP Portal and MPO staff is kindly requesting TPB members' approval.

**Background:** The Statewide TIP is updated quarterly and RGVMPO staff is revising the short-range Transportation Improvement Program, and long-range Metropolitan Transportation Plan (TIP & MTP). Public Involvement, both virtual and in-person, was scheduled from December 11, 2023, to January 11, 2024. All revisions and modifications have been incorporated and are identified on both TIP & MTP tables. A summary sheet has been provided for additional reference.

**C. Discussion and Action on the Adoption of Safety Performance Measures and Targets (PM1)**

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

**Presenter:**      **Miguel Arispe, RGVMPPO Transportation Planner III**

**Summary:**      RGVMPPO Staff is seeking the adoption of the TXDOT Statewide Safety Targets for the year 2024 as reported to FHWA. The Texas Strategic Highway Safety Plan targets are updated annually. MPO's around the state are required to either support these targets or create their own.

**Background:**      The RGVMPPO is required to establish Safety Performance Targets annually. 3 U.S.C. 148 established the HSIP per the FAST Act. The final rule was codified in 23 CFR 924. The State PM-1 Targets inform the development of the Texas Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP). States must establish and report HSIP targets no later than August 31 of each year. MPOs must establish HSIP targets within 180 days of the State establishing and reporting its HSIP targets, thus a 2/27/2024 deadline. RGVMPPO staff is seeking approval to continue supporting the Statewide Targets for the year 2024 (Resolution 2024-01).

**D. Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) – RFP Subcommittee Score and Consultant Selection**

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

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

**Summary:**      On January 8th, the RPF subcommittee evaluated the three proposals submitted by consultants. The resulting scores are included within the packet.

**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 for the RGVMPPO.

**E. Executive Session**

- I. Personnel Matters Pursuant to Section 551-074 (1) to Deliberate the Appointment, Employment, Evaluation, Reassignment, Duties, Discipline, or Dismissal of a Public Officer or Employee

**RE: Interim Executive Director**

- II. Reconvene into Open Session to Consider ACTION, if any, on Items Related to in Executive Session as Described above:

## V. Presentations & Reports

### A. Request for Donation of Promotional Items for Public Outreach

Action       Possible Action       Information

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

**Summary:** We are seeking donations of promotional items that can effectively engage and attract the public during our community outreach events. These items serve as valuable tools to increase awareness about our organization's mission and services. Collected donations will be distributed at our outreach tables to capture the attention of event attendees and initiate conversations. Please email Adriana Estrada ([aestrada@rgvmppo.org](mailto:aestrada@rgvmppo.org)) to make arrangements.

**Background:** According to 23 CFR § 645.117, Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) cannot seek reimbursement for advertising or promotional items as part of their outreach activities. This regulation stresses the importance of seeking alternative means to support and enhance our public outreach efforts.

### B. GIS Data Requesting

Action       Possible Action       Information

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

**Summary:** Staff is requesting GIS data from all municipalities to provide elected officials with the most updated information. Please email updates to Alma Provencio ([aprovencio@rgvmppo.org](mailto:aprovencio@rgvmppo.org)).

**Background:** We are looking to update our City Limit and ETJ boundary data. We want to take this opportunity to request all planning partners; please provide the most up-to-date data, preferably in GIS Format; if not available, please provide it in PDF format. These vital data sets will allow the MPO to plan for the RGV's future transportation needs. Please take a moment to visit our online interactive mapping tool, RGVMPPO UMAP. Please remember that if discrepancies are identified, please notify our office to allow us to work on amending data to reflect most accurately.

### C. RGVMPPO Executive Director's Report and Updates

Action       Possible Action       Information

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

**Summary:** 1. Budget Update

### D. 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 1:30pm on February 28, 2024.