

C. Discussion and Action regarding the Transit Asset Management (TAM) & the Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP) Targets

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

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

Summary: Transit Asset Management & Transportation Agency Safety Plan targets are required for TIP fiscal years 2025-2028. Our regional transit providers submit these targets to MPO staff to report as part of the FY 2025-2028 Comprehensive TIP submittal. FTA requires these targets be submitted to approve federal funding for listed projects. Both Technical Advisory Committee & Transportation Policy Board members' approval is needed before publishing these targets.

Background: TAM & PTASP targets are reported by transit providers with the requirement from FTA that transit agencies and MPO's coordinate to the maximum extent practicable in selecting targets. MPO's are encouraged to provide resources and grant support where plausible in support of transit agencies achieving their targets. These measures will undergo public involvement during the month of May 2024 as part of our new FY 2025-2028 TIP development.

D. Discussion and Action regarding Grouping of Category 10 – Carbon Reduction Program funded projects.

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

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

Summary: RGVMPPO's Carbon Reduction projects qualify for grouping and MPO staff is asking for approval to program these allowable projects more efficiently. Grouped project categories for both Safety and Bicycle & Pedestrian will be utilized for TIP years, but projects will still be listed on our MTP programming tables for reference. TAC, TPB, and TXDOT TP&P approval are needed prior to execution of grouping.

Background: FHWA allows STIP/TIP projects to be grouped. Within the allowances, groupable projects are those of a common type/scope and those not considered to be appropriate for individual identification in a given program year. Grouped projects are not individually listed on STIP/TIP tables but are regularly monitored by MPO & TXDOT staff. Amendments to grouped projects are carried out administratively without need for public involvement or federal approval.

E. Discussion and Action to Program FY28 Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) Funds to the Hidalgo County & City of Weslaco Hike & Bike Trail Phase I.

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

Presenter: **Eva Garcia, RGVMPPO Planner III**

Summary: RGVMPPO Staff, in coordination with TxDOT Pharr District, is recommending the programming \$1,179,724 of Fiscal Year (FY) 2028 Carbon Reduction Program (CRP; also known as Category 10) Funds to Hidalgo County & City of Weslaco's Hike & Bike Trail Phase I project. If approved, this project will be listed under the Grouped Project List in the RGVMPPO's FY2025-2028. This project should be prepared to be Ready-to-Let prior to FY2028. This discussion will be prefaced with an update on all programmed RGVMPPO CRP projects.

Background: In March, RGVMPPO Staff presented a shortlist of projects as potential candidates for FY28 CRP Funds, and the Hike & Bike Trail Phase I project was submitted to Federal Highway Administration for concurrence on eligibility. Since March, FHWA has notified TxDOT (who subsequently notified the RGVMPPO) that the project is eligible and may be programmed with the RGVMPPO's governing body's approval.

F. TASA Update

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

Presenter: **Eva Garcia, RGVMPPO Planner III**

Summary: RGVMPPO Staff will report the status of FY2019-2020 projects (working to reimburse funds), FY2021-2022 projects (working to obligate funds) and FY2023-2024 projects (recently programmed) to ensure transparency with the RGVMPPOs policymakers and transportation officials. Members may take action by acknowledging the update as presented or members may choose to recommend awards/funding changes on one, or more, of the Transportation Alternatives (TASA) projects.

Background: RGVMPPO Staff continues to communicate with RGVMPPO Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) & Transportation Policy Board (TPB) Members regarding TASA project to ensure the timely obligation and reimbursement of programmed funds. Staff continues to work with the Texas Department of Transportation Pharr District (TxDOT) and Local Government (LG) projects sponsors to provide these updates to RGVMPPO Members. Thank you to all those involved for their continued communication and coordination.

V. Presentations & Reports

A. RGVMPPO Executive Director's Report and Updates

Action Possible Action Information

Presenter: Fernando Cantu, RGVMPPO Planner III

Summary: 1. Budget Update

B. TxDOT Project Status Report

Action Possible Action Information

Presenter: TxDot Phar 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 Technical Advisory Committee is VIRTUAL at 10:00am on June 13, 2024.