RIO GRANDE VALLEY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (RGVMPO) <u>TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA</u>

Thursday May 9, 2024 – 10:00 AM

The RGVMPO Technical Advisory Committee Meeting will be held <u>IN-PERSON</u> 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 March 14, 2024 & April 11, 2024
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Presenter: Benjamin Worsham, TAC Chairman

Summary: Approval of the March 14, 2024, Regular Meeting minutes Approval of the April 11, 2024, Regular Meeting minutes

B. Discussion and Action on the FY 2025-2028 Comprehensive Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Document & Programming Tables

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- Presenter: Rudy Zamora Jr., RGVMPO Transportation Planner II
- **Summary:** The FY 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program is under review and a 30-day public involvement process has begun. A comprehensive document has been prepared by RGVMPO staff, including programming tables and supporting materials required by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) & Federal Transit Administration (FTA). Both Technical Advisory Committee & Transportation Policy Board members' approval is needed before uploading documentation & programming tables to the E-STIP Portal.
- Background: Every two years, MPO's and Departments of Transportation prepare a new TIP with supporting materials including federal compliance, performance measures, resolutions, and programming tables for both TIP & MTP years. Public involvement for the FY 2025-2028 TIP will be held from May 1st May 31st, 2024. Both in-person and online/social media outreach will be conducted by MPO staff. The deadline to upload our comprehensive document is June 5th, 2024.

- C. Discussion and Action regarding the Transit Asset Management (TAM) & the Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP) Targets
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 - Presenter: Rudy Zamora Jr., RGVMPO 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.
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 - Presenter: Rudy Zamora Jr., RGVMPO Transportation Planner II
 - **Summary:** RGVMPO'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, RGVMPO Planner III
 - **Summary:** RGVMPO 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 RGVMPO'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 RGVMPO CRP projects.
 - **Background:** In March, RGVMPO 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 RGVMPO) that the project is eligible and may be programmed with the RGVMPO's governing body's approval.
- F. TASA Update
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 - Presenter: Eva Garcia, RGVMPO Planner III
 - **Summary:** RGVMPO 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 RGVMPOs 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:** RGVMPO Staff continues to communicate with RGVMPO 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 RGVMPO Members. Thank you to all those involved for their continued communication and coordination.

V. Presentations & Reports

A. RGVMPO Executive Director's Report and Updates

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Presenter:	Fernando Cantu, RGVMPO Planner III	
Summary:	1. Budget Update	

B. TxDOT Project Status Report

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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 RGVMPO Technical Advisory Committee is <u>VIRTUAL</u> at 10:00am on June 13, 2024.