



**Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee**

May 1, 2024

Virtual Meeting

10:30AM – 12PM



# RGVMPO BPAC Meeting Agenda



## I. CALL TO ORDER

*Time:*

*By:*

- I. CALL TO ORDER ~10:30AM
- II. ROLL CALL ~10:30AM-10:35AM
- III. CITIZENS INPUT/PUBLIC COMMENT ~10:35AM-10:40AM
- IV. PRESENTATION, ACTION, AND DISCUSSION ITEMS
  - A. Consideration and Action to Approve the Minutes of March 6, 2024 ~10:40AM - 10:45AM
  - B. Consideration and Action to Approve the use of Meeting Recordings in lieu of Minutes for future RGVMPO BPAC Meetings ~10:45AM - 10:50AM
  - C. Consideration and Action to Open a 2024 Call for Committee Members ~10:50AM - 11:00AM
  - D. Presentation and Discussion on Texas Department of Transportation Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Updates ~11:00AM - 11:20AM
  - E. Presentation and Discussion on Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Update ~11:20AM - 11:30AM
  - F. Presentation and Discussion on Active Transportation Facility Inventory & Regional Data Portal ~11:30AM - 11:40AM
  - G. Presentation and Discussion regarding RGV Activities during National Walk & Bike Month ~11:40AM - 11:50AM
- V. PROJECT UPDATES ~11:50AM - 11:55AM
- VI. NEW OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS ~11:55AM-12PM
- VII. ADJOURNMENT ~12PM



# · RGVMPO BPAC Voting Membership ·

#	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	Agustin Ramirez	x	Sept. 2022 – Aug. 2024
4	Public Agency	2 yrs	Edinburg – Tom Reyna	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	Javier Dominguez	Nancy Sanchez	Oct. 2022 – Sept. 2024
9	Economic Dev. Agency	1 or 2	Vacant			July? 2024 – 2025/2026
10	Bike/Ped-Oriented Org.	2	Valley Off-Road Bicycling Association (VORBA)	David Hernandez	Marcel Fortuin	Oct. 2021 – Oct. 2024
11	Bike/Ped-Oriented Org.	1 or 2	Caracara Trails	Rose Gowen	Marisa Amaya	Sept. 2022 – Oct. 2024
12	Stakeholder Org.	2 yrs	UTRGV	Rodney Gomez	Pablo Aguilar	Sept. 2022 – Aug. 2024
13	Stakeholder Org.	2 yrs	TPWD	Javier De Leon	Orlando Carranco	Oct. 2022 – Sept. 2024
14	Bike/Ped Citizen	1 or 2	Vacant			July? 2024 – 2025/2026
15	Bike/Ped Citizen	1 or 2	At-Large	Robert Ordaz	x	Sept. 2022 – Aug. 2024
16	Bike/Ped Citizen	1 or 2	At-Large	Michael McNew	Jon Ray Bocanegra	Sept. 2022 – Aug. 2024
17	Bike/Ped Citizen	1 or 2	At-Large	Richard Cavin	x	Oct. 2022 – Sept. 2024



# I. ROLL CALL

*Membership Attendance will be tracked per the adopted bylaws.*

P = Present  
A = Absent

		Jan. 10th	Mar. 6 <sup>th</sup>	May 1 <sup>st</sup>	July 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Sept. 4 <sup>th</sup>	Nov. 6 <sup>th</sup>
1	Hidalgo County	P	P	A			
2	Sullivan City	P	A	P			
3	TxDOT	P	P	P			
4	Edinburg	P	P	A			
5	Pharr	P	P	P			
6	Brownsville	P	P	P			
7	ValleyMetro	P	P	P			
8	LRGVDC	P	P	A			
9	VORBA	P	A	P			
10	Caracara Trails	P	A	P			
11	UTRGV	P	P	P			
12	TPWD	A	A	A			
13	Robert Ordaz	P	P	A			
14	Richard Cavin	P	P	P			
15	Michael McNew/Jon Ray	P	P	A			

#### 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/programs.





# IV.A Discussion & Action to Approve the Minutes of March 6, 2024

- [RGVMPO BPAC Meeting Minutes](#) •

*Possible Action: Approve*

*Motion By: Rose*

*Seconded By: David*



# IV.B Consideration & Action to Approve the use of Meeting Recordings in lieu of Minutes

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**Meeting Minutes of the  
Rio Grande Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization  
Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC)**  
Wednesday, March 6, 2024, at 10:30 AM

**I. CALL TO ORDER**  
The RGVMPO Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) meeting was held in-person at the CIEDO Boardroom, located at LRGVDC's Main Campus, Building C, 301 W. Railroad Street, Weslaco, TX 78596. The meeting was called to order by Eva Garcia, RGVMPO, at 10:30 A.M.

**II. ROLL CALL**  
RGVMPO BPAC Representatives **PRESENT:**

Organization/Agency	Voting Membership	Alternate
Valley Off-Road Bicycling Association	David Hernandez, Chair	
Caracara Trails	Rose Gowen, Vice-Chair	
<b>Hidalgo County</b>	<b>Velinda Reyes</b>	Nick Perez
City of Sullivan City	Alma Salinas	Ana Mercado
<b>TxDOT Pharr District</b>	<b>Craig Wuensche</b>	Augustin Ramirez
<b>City of Edinburg</b>	<b>Larry Ayala</b>	Valentin Sanchez Jr.
<b>City of Pharr</b>	<b>Ruben Alfaro</b>	Maria Rangel
<b>City of Brownsville</b>	<b>Christopher Nelson</b>	Juan (Johnny) Pena
<b>Valley Metro</b>	<b>Claudia Olmedo</b>	<b>Stacie Garcia</b>
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<b>Bike/Ped Citizen</b>	<b>Richard Cavin</b>	
<b>Bike/Ped Citizen</b>	Michael McNew	<b>Jon Ray Bocanegra</b>

**Other Attendees:**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• James Campbell, Valley Metro</li> <li>• Tom Reyna, City of Edinburg</li> <li>• Tom Logan, Valley Metro Director</li> <li>• Elias Casas, General Land Office</li> <li>• Ashley Bennis, Half Associates</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yida Capriccioso, Half Associates</li> <li>• Julian Brown, Half Associates</li> <li>• Celina Gonzales, City Primera Manager</li> </ul>
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**RGVMPO Staff:**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Luis Diaz, Interim Director</li> <li>• Melany Rodriguez, GIS Specialist/Planner I</li> <li>• Klarissa Gonzalez, Planner I</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eva Garcia, Planner III Bike/Ped Program Coordinator</li> </ul>
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**III. CITIZENS INPUT**

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1. Tom Reyna, City of Edinburg:

- Commented on the need to review the complete streets policy, specifically the right-of-way sections, to ensure incorporation of the CS.
- Highlighted the importance of understanding the initiative, noting that Edinburg has a CS policy beneficial for grant requests.
- Proposed converting Freddy Gonzalez into a pedestrian area, with traffic allowed during school hours but restricted to active transportation only during games, covering a quarter-mile stretch.
- Discussed plans to work on a Park-n-Ride project in collaboration with UTRGV and ValleyMetro's transit services.
- Commented on ongoing projects including the TASA project, Closer crossing, and expansion, with three projects currently underway.
- Inquired about anticipated attendance for events, with an expectation of 9-10k per game at a stadium capable of holding up to 12k attendees.

2. Other Updates/Inputs:

- Weslaco hike & bike trail project: Richard Cavin, Bike/Ped Citizen, requested information.
- Commissioner Fuentes: Utilizing AARPA money, as mentioned by Velinda Reyes, Hidalgo County.
- Paving project: Robert Ordaz, Bike/Ped Citizen, discussed plans to pave the south side of the levee from Westgate to the border, emphasizing its role as a significant connector.
- Plans for a trail connection to Sal del Rey were mentioned.
- Pharr's advertisement for their hike & bike trail project was noted, which would enhance connectivity in Hidalgo County.
- Valley Metro's plan to extend the trail from Harlon block to recently purchased property was mentioned.

**IV. PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION, AND ACTION ITEMS**

**A. Consideration and Possible Action to Approve the Minutes of January 10, 2024.**  
The Minutes of the January 10, 2024, RGVMPO BPAC Meeting was presented. Jon Ray Bocanegra, Bike/Ped Citizen, made the motion to approve the Minutes of January 10, 2024. The motion was seconded by Velinda Reyes, Hidalgo County, and upon a vote, the **motion passed unanimously.**

**B. Consideration and Possible Action to Approve the BPAC Bylaws Amendments**  
Eva reviewed the BPAC Bylaw Amendments. Eva initiated a discussion regarding the following points:

1. Amending the bylaws to reflect geographic equity:
  - Should geographic equity only apply to 'Public Agency' Members or the entire membership?
  - How should geographic equity be ensured/enforced? Options include weighted votes by population or equal representation per County.
2. Identifying certain agencies as ex-officio members:
  - Which agencies should be considered ex-officio?
3. Examples of language referencing geographic equity.

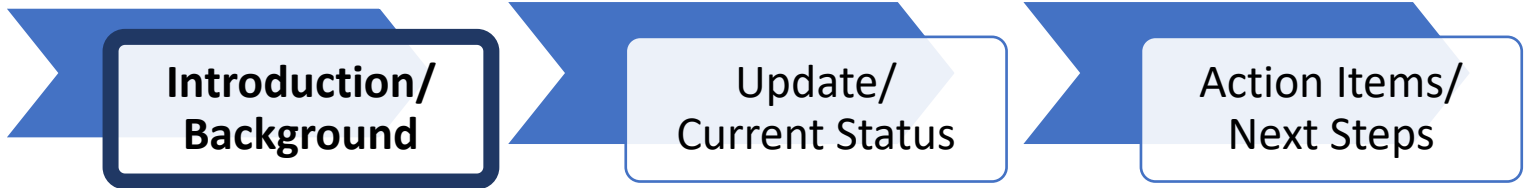
During the discussion, the following points were raised:

- Comparing BPAC Meetings vs. TASA Scoring
- The possibility of amending the TASA Program Guide for more support.
- Scoring Criteria reflecting social equity more than geographic equity.
- Concerns about extra calculations related to population and potential disadvantages for smaller communities.
- Considering project area criteria such as high need, transit dependence, low-income status, historically disadvantaged areas, and average elderly population.

Richard Cavin, Bike/Ped Citizen, made a motion to incorporate equitable geographic representation within the TASA competitive process - program guide, application, and scoring criteria. The motion was seconded by Larry Ayala, City of Edinburg, and upon a vote, the **motion passed unanimously.**

**C. Presentation and Discussion on the Pedestrian Egress Study**  
During the meeting, Elias Casas from the General Land Office (GLO) provided insights into the pedestrian egress study, particularly focusing on issues related to flooding disasters and the allocation of HUD funding. Following this discussion, Ashley Bennis, Half Associates, presented findings from the LRGV pedestrian egress study, emphasizing

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## V. Governmental Bodies

### A. Definition

Section 551.002 of the Government Code provides that “[e]very regular, special, or called meeting of a governmental body shall be open to the public, except as provided by this chapter.”<sup>84</sup> “Governmental body” is defined by subsection 551.001(3) as follows:

“Governmental body” means:

- (A) a board, commission, department, committee, or agency within the executive or legislative branch of state government that is directed by one or more elected or appointed members;
- (B) a county commissioners court in the state;
- (C) a municipal governing body in the state;
- (D) a deliberative body that has rulemaking or quasi-judicial power and that is classified as a department, agency, or political subdivision of a county or municipality;
- (E) a school district board of trustees;
- (F) a county board of school trustees;
- (G) a county board of education;
- (H) the governing board of a special district created by law;
- (I) a local workforce development board created under Section 2308.253;
- (J) a nonprofit corporation that is eligible to receive funds under the federal community services block grant program and that is authorized by this state to serve a geographic area of the state;<sup>85</sup> and
- (K) a nonprofit corporation organized under Chapter 67, Water Code, that provides a water supply or wastewater service, or both, and is exempt from ad valorem taxation under Section 11.30, Tax Code;
- (L) a joint board created under Section 22.074, Transportation Code; and

<sup>84</sup> TEX. GOV'T CODE § 551.002. An agency financed entirely by federal money is not required by the Act to conduct an open meeting. *Id.* § 551.077.

<sup>85</sup> See 42 U.S.C.A. §§ 9901–26 (Community Services Block Grant Program).

TRANSPORTATION CODE

TITLE 3. AVIATION

CHAPTER 22. COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL AIRPORTS

SUBCHAPTER A. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Sec. 22.074. JOINT BOARD. (a) Public agencies acting jointly under this subchapter shall create a joint board consisting of members appointed by the governing authority of each participating public agency. Subject to Section 22.0745, the joint agreement shall provide for the number to be appointed and the members' terms and compensation, if any. The joint board shall organize, select officers for terms to be provided by the agreement, and adopt rules for its own procedures.

(b) A joint board may exercise on behalf of its constituent agencies all the powers of each with respect to an airport, air navigation facility, or airport hazard area, subject to the limitations of Sections 22.079–22.082.

(c) A joint board may plan, acquire, establish, construct, improve, equip, maintain, operate, regulate, protect, and police an airport, air navigation facility, or airport hazard area jointly acquired, controlled, and operated. The joint board may also realign, alter, acquire, abandon, or close a portion of a roadway or alleyway without a showing of paramount importance if the portions to be realigned, altered, acquired, abandoned, or closed are in the geographic boundaries of the airport at the time of or after the realignment, alteration, acquisition, abandonment, or closing. A taking of a right-of-way that occurs in the exercise of this power shall be compensated at fair market value.

(d) If the constituent agencies of a joint board are populous home-rule municipalities, a power described by Subsection (c) is exclusively the power of the board regardless of whether all or part of the airport, air navigation facility, or airport hazard area is located in or outside the territory of any of the constituent agencies. Another local government or other political subdivision may not enact or enforce a zoning ordinance, subdivision regulation, construction code, or other ordinance purporting to regulate the use or development of property applicable in the geographic boundaries of the airport as it may be expanded.

(e) The powers exclusively given to a joint board under Subsection (d) do not affect the jurisdiction of a municipal court under Section 29.003, Government Code. The jurisdiction of a municipal court under that section does not authorize the officers or employees of a municipality that is not a constituent agency of the joint board to enter airport property to regulate, protect, or police the airport except as permitted by a valid interlocal agreement.

Acts 1995, 74th Leg., ch. 165, Sec. 1, eff. Sept. 1, 1995. Amended by Acts 1999, 76th Leg., ch. 611, Sec. 2, eff. Sept. 1, 1999; Acts 2001, 77th Leg., ch. 352, Sec. 1, eff. Sept. 1, 2001.



## E. Advisory Bodies

An advisory committee that does not control or supervise public business or policy is not subject to the Act,<sup>120</sup> even though its membership includes some members, but less than a quorum, of a governmental body.<sup>121</sup> For example, the multidisciplinary team established to review offenders' records under the Commitment of Sexually Violent Predators Act was not subject to the Act.<sup>122</sup> The team made an initial assessment of certain offenders to determine whether they should be subject to further evaluation for civil commitment. Subsequent assessments by other persons determined whether commitment proceedings should be filed. Thus, the team lacked ultimate supervision or control over public business or policy.<sup>123</sup>

However, if a governmental body that has established an advisory committee routinely adopts or "rubber stamps" the advisory committee's recommendations, the committee probably will be considered to be a governmental body subject to the Act.<sup>124</sup> Thus, the fact that a committee is called an advisory committee does not necessarily mean it is excepted from the Act.

The Legislature has adopted statutes providing that particular advisory committees are subject to the Act, including a board or commission established by a municipality to assist it in developing a zoning plan or zoning regulations,<sup>125</sup> the nursing advisory committee established by the statewide health coordinating council,<sup>126</sup> advisory committees for existing Boll Weevil Eradication zones appointed by the commissioner of the Official Cotton Growers' Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation,<sup>127</sup> and an education research center advisory board.<sup>128</sup>

<sup>118</sup> See Tex. Att'y Gen. Op. No. GA-0957 (2012) at 2–3.

<sup>119</sup> TEX. WATER CODE § 49.064 (applicable to general law water districts); see also *Tarrant Reg'l Water Dist. v. Bennett*, 453 S.W.3d 51, 58 (Tex. App.—Fort Worth 2014, pet. denied) (discussing Water Code section 49.064 in relation to the Act and questioning previous attorney general opinions' conclusions that an advisory committee could be subject to the Act as a governmental body).

<sup>120</sup> See Tex. Att'y Gen. Op. No. GA-0232 (2004) at 3–5 (concluding that student fee advisory committee established under Education Code section 54.5031 is not subject to the Act).

<sup>121</sup> Tex. Att'y Gen. Op. Nos. JM-331 (1985) at 3 (concluding that citizens advisory panel of Office of Public Utility Counsel, with no power to supervise or control public business, is not governmental body), H-994 (1977) at 3 (discussing fact question as to whether committee appointed to study process of choosing university president and make recommendations to Board of Regents is subject to the Act).

<sup>122</sup> See *Beasley*, 95 S.W.3d at 606.

<sup>123</sup> *Id.*

<sup>124</sup> Tex. Att'y Gen. Op. Nos. H-467 (1974) at 3–4, H-438 (1974) at 3.

<sup>125</sup> TEX. LOC. GOV'T CODE § 211.0075.

<sup>126</sup> TEX. HEALTH & SAFETY CODE § 104.0155(e).

<sup>127</sup> TEX. AGRIC. CODE § 74.1041(e).

<sup>128</sup> TEX. EDUC. CODE § 1.006(b).

## Records of Meetings

### X. Records of Meetings

#### A. Minutes or Recordings of Open Meeting

Section 551.021 of the Government Code provides as follows:

- (a) A governmental body shall prepare and keep minutes or make a recording of each open meeting of the body.
- (b) The minutes must:
  - (1) state the subject of each deliberation; and
  - (2) indicate each vote, order, decision, or other action taken.<sup>424</sup>

Section 551.022 of the Government Code provides:

The minutes and recordings of an open meeting are public records and shall be available for public inspection and copying on request to the governmental body's chief administrative officer or the officer's designee.<sup>425</sup>

If minutes are kept instead of a recording, the minutes should record every action taken by the governmental body.<sup>426</sup> If open sessions of a commissioners court meeting are recorded, the recordings are available to the public under the Public Information Act.<sup>427</sup> (For a discussion of record retention laws, refer to Part XII.F of this Handbook).



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**June 2023 Call for Members**

**2023 RGVMPPO Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee Membership Open Call**

Applications are due Friday July 21<sup>st</sup> 2023

**Vacancies Include:**

- Economic Development Agency
- Pedestrian-Oriented Agency
- Stakeholder Agency

Visit our website for more information: <https://tinyurl.com/bzrmaabac>

**August 2023 Meeting Minutes**

**B. Consideration and Action to Appoint New Members to the RGVMPPO BPAC**

Eva Garcia, RGVMPPO, presented the Membership Applications that were received:

1. City of Edinburg (Public Agency)
2. Hidalgo County (Public Agency)
3. Brownsville Community Improvement Corporation (Economic Development Agency)
4. Council for South Texas Economic Progress (COSTEP)
5. City of Brownsville (Pedestrian-Oriented)
6. City of Harlingen (Stakeholder Organization: Health/Fitness Community)
7. Even Gonzalez (Stakeholder Organization: Health/Fitness Community)

After some discussion, it was recommended to review potential appointments by membership category. Chris Nelson, Brownsville, made the motion to appoint Hidalgo County as a Public Agency member of the RGVMPPO BPAC. The motion was seconded by Jon Ray Boacanegra, Citizen At-Large, and upon the vote the motion passed. After further discussion, it was decided to proceed without further appointments.

David Hernandez

Eva Garcia, JB, Jon Boca..., RO, Robert O..., RG, Rodney..., MR, Melany..., LD, Luis M..., MR, Maria Ra..., Klarissa..., LO, LRGVDC..., CN, Christop..., RZ, Rodolfo...

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MEETING DATE	AGENDA	PACKET	MINUTES/RECORDINGS
May 1, 2024 (VIRTUAL)	<a href="#">Agenda</a>	<a href="#">Packet</a>	<a href="#">Minutes/Recording</a>
March 6, 2024 (IN-PERSON)	<a href="#">Agenda</a>	<a href="#">Packet</a>	<a href="#">Minutes/Recording</a>
January 10, 2024 (VIRTUAL)	<a href="#">Agenda</a>	<a href="#">Packet</a>	<a href="#">Minutes/Recording</a>

**2023**

MEETING DATE	AGENDA	PACKET	MINUTES/RECORDINGS
November 1, 2023 (hybrid; Edinburg)	<a href="#">Agenda</a>	<a href="#">Packet</a>	<a href="#">Minutes/Recording</a>
October 4, 2023 (hybrid; Edinburg)	<a href="#">Agenda</a>	<a href="#">Packet</a>	<a href="#">Minutes/Recording</a>
September 6, 2023 (hybrid; Weslaco)	<a href="#">Agenda</a>	<a href="#">Packet</a>	<a href="#">Minutes/Recording</a>
August 17, 2023 (hybrid; Weslaco)	<a href="#">Agenda</a>	<a href="#">Packet</a>	<a href="#">Minutes/Recording</a>
August 2, 2023 (hybrid; Weslaco)	<a href="#">Agenda</a>	<a href="#">Packet</a>	<a href="#">Minutes/Recording</a>
June 7, 2023 (hybrid; Harlingen)	<a href="#">Agenda</a>	<a href="#">Packet</a>	<a href="#">Minutes/Recording</a>
May 3, 2023 (hybrid; Harlingen)	<a href="#">Agenda</a>	<a href="#">Packet</a>	<a href="#">Minutes/Recording</a>
April 5, 2023 (virtual only)	<a href="#">Agenda</a>	<a href="#">Packet</a>	<a href="#">Minutes/Recording</a>
March 1, 2023 (hybrid; Brownsville)	<a href="#">Agenda</a>	<a href="#">Packet</a>	<a href="#">Minutes/Recording</a>
February 1, 2023 (hybrid; Brownsville)	<a href="#">Agenda</a>	<a href="#">Packet</a>	<a href="#">Minutes/Recording</a>
January 11, 2023 (hybrid; Brownsville)	<a href="#">Agenda</a>	<a href="#">Packet</a>	<a href="#">Minutes/Recording</a>

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**SUBCOMMITTEES**

**OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS**

- [RGV MPO BPAC Bylaws \(Amended January 2024\)](#)
- [RGV MPO BPAC Membership Application \(Revised January 2024\)](#)
- [RGV MPO Active Transportation Plan \(Adopted December 2020\)](#)
- [RGV Active Transportation Funding Matrix](#)

**RESOURCES FOR ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION**

- [TxDOT Local Government Project Toolkit](#)
- [Rails-to-Trails Conservancy's Trail Building Toolbox](#)
- [NACTO Guides and Publications](#)
- [AASHTO Guide for the Development of Bicycle Facilities](#)
- [TxDOT Bicycle Tourism Trails Study](#)
- [Local Government Project Procedures \(LGPP\) Qualification](#)



# IV.B Consideration & Action to Approve the use of Meeting Recordings in lieu of Minutes

· Discussion ·

➤ *Recordings are useful and minutes may not fully capture the discussion.*



*Possible Action: to Approve*

*Motion By: David*

*Seconded By: Rose*





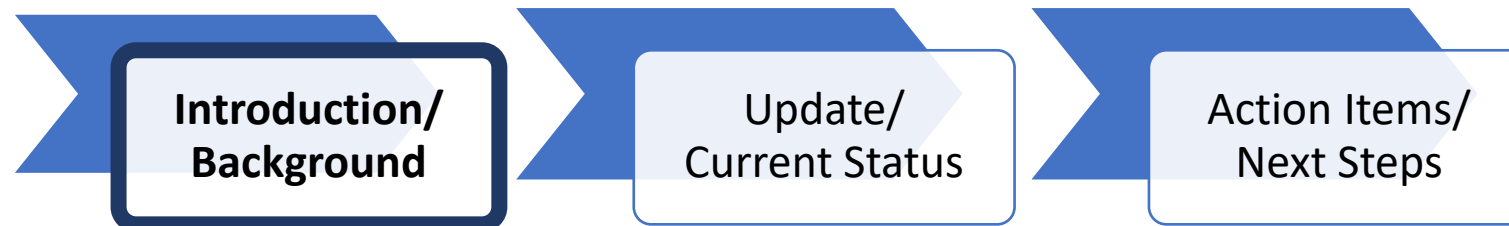
# IV.C Consideration & Action to Open a 2024 Call for Committee Members

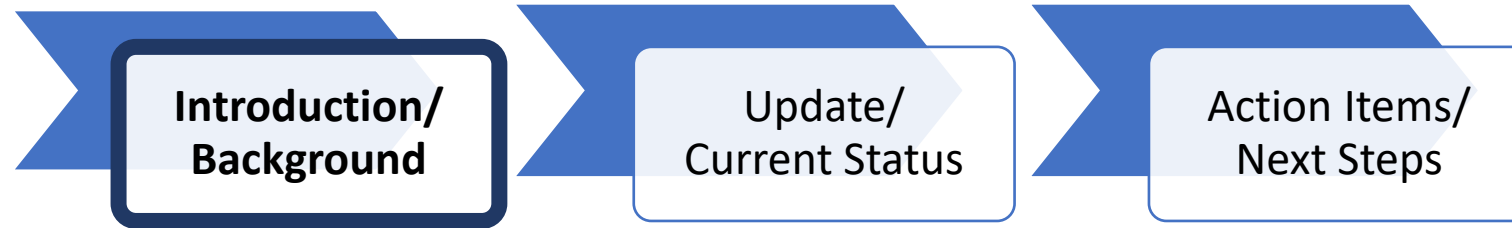
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## II. Membership

RGVMPO BPAC Membership Applications will be available to download from the RGVMPO website. Individuals interested in serving shall email their application to the RGVMPO and may be appointed, on a rolling-basis, by the existing voting membership. Members shall be selected to serve a one-year or two-year terms. The 'voting membership' of the RGVMPO-BPAC shall consist of a maximum of seventeen (17) members made up of the positions listed.

Appointed members may nominate an alternate with full voting privileges in their absence. Members shall reside or work within the RGVMPO's Metropolitan Area Boundary (MAB) and is entitled to one (1) vote on each item submitted for action/vote of the members. When one or more of the membership positions becomes vacant, the RGVMPO shall open a Call for Membership Applications.





· *RGVMPO BPAC Bylaws* ·

III. **Executive Committee**

Elections for the Executive Committee shall occur on a bi-annual (every other year) basis during the first meeting of the fiscal year (October to September).

Chair shall preside meetings and be nominated from the existing membership and appointed by the RGVMPO BPAC for a two-year term from the date elected. In the event of a vacancy, the Vice-Chair shall succeed the Chair for the remainder of their term.

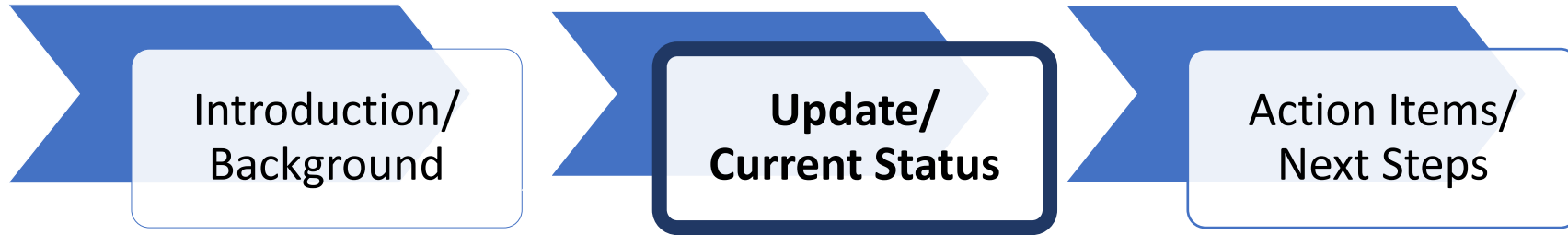
The Vice-Chair shall act on behalf of the Chair during absences and be nominated from the existing membership and appointed by the RGVMPO BPAC for a two-year term from the date elected. In the event of a vacancy, the RGVMPO will coordinate an election for Vice-Chair.

The Chair and Vice-Chair may serve consecutive terms by recommendation of the Committee.



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5	Public Agency	2 yrs	Pharr	Sept. 2022 – Aug. 2024	
6	Public Agency	2 yrs	Brownsville	Sept. 2022 – Aug. 2024	
7	Public Agency	2 yrs	Valley Metro	Oct. 2022 – Sept. 2024	
8	Public Agency	2 yrs	LRGVDC	Oct. 2022 – Sept. 2024	
9	<i>Economic Dev. Agency</i>	<i>1 or 2</i>	<i>Vacant</i>	<i>July? 2024 – 2025/2026</i>	
10	Bike/Ped-Oriented Org.	2	Valley Off-Road Bicycling Association (VORBA)	Oct. 2021 – Oct. 2024	Sept. 4 <sup>th</sup>
11	Bike/Ped-Oriented Org.	1 or 2	Caracara Trails	Sept. 2022 – Oct. 2024	
12	Stakeholder Org.	2 yrs	UTRGV	Sept. 2022 – Aug. 2024	July 3 <sup>rd</sup>
13	Stakeholder Org.	2 yrs	TPWD	Oct. 2022 – Sept. 2024	Sept. 4 <sup>th</sup>
14	<i>Bike/Ped Citizen</i>	<i>1 or 2</i>	<i>Vacant</i>	<i>July? 2024 – 2025/2026</i>	
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**Terms ending Aug. 2024:**

1. Public Agency #1
2. Public Agency #2
3. Public Agency #3
4. Public Agency #4
5. Public Agency #5
6. Stakeholder Org. #1
7. Bike/Ped Citizen #2
8. Bike/Ped Citizen #3

**Terms ending Sept./Oct. 2024:**

1. Public Agency #1
2. Public Agency #2
3. Bike/Ped-Oriented Org. #1
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5. Stakeholder Org. #1
6. Bike/Ped Citizen #1

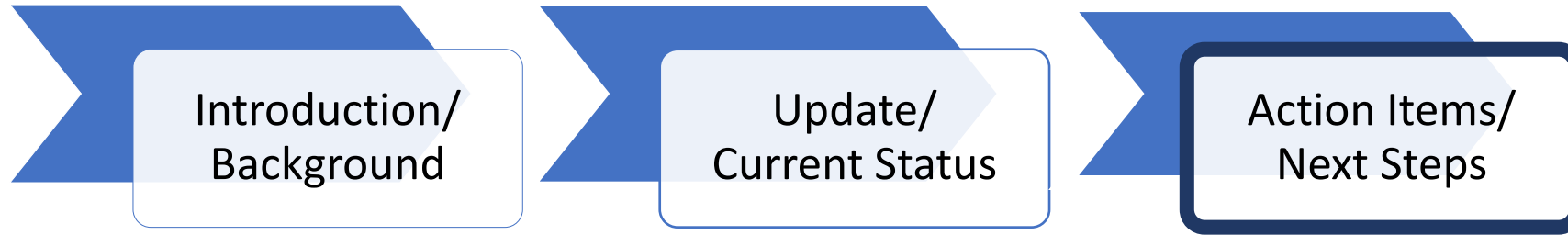
**Vacant Positions:**

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2. Bike/Ped Citizen #1

**Term ending July 2025:**

1. Public Agency #1





**· Open for Discussion & Revisions ·**

MEETING	2024	ACTIVITIES	ALTERNATIVE OPTION
<b>Virtual</b>	<b>May 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Open Call for Committee Members</b>	
	June 24 <sup>th</sup>	2024 Round 1 Application Deadline	
<b>In-Person</b>	<b>July 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>2024 Round 1 Appointments</b>	<b>~Bylaw Amendments Open Call for Committee Members</b>
	August 26 <sup>th</sup>	2024 Round 2 Application Deadline	
<b>Virtual</b>	<b>September 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>2024 Round 2 Appointments</b>	
	October 28 <sup>th</sup>	Chair & Vice Chair Nominations Deadline	
<b>In-Person</b>	<b>November 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>2024 Election of Executive Committee</b>	



# IV.C Consideration & Action to Open a 2024 Call for Committee Members

· Discussion ·



*Possible Action: Open a Call*

*Motion By: David*

*Seconded By: Rose*

 RIO GRANDE VALLEY  
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION  
BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

## 2024 CALL FOR MEMBERS

APPLY BY: JUNE 24TH  
APPOINTMENTS: JULY 3RD  
FIRST MEETING: SEPT. 4TH

APPLY BY: AUG. 26TH  
APPOINTMENTS: SEPT. 4TH  
FIRST MEETING: NOV. 6TH

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT [RGVMP.O.ORG/BPAC](https://rgvmpo.org/bpac)

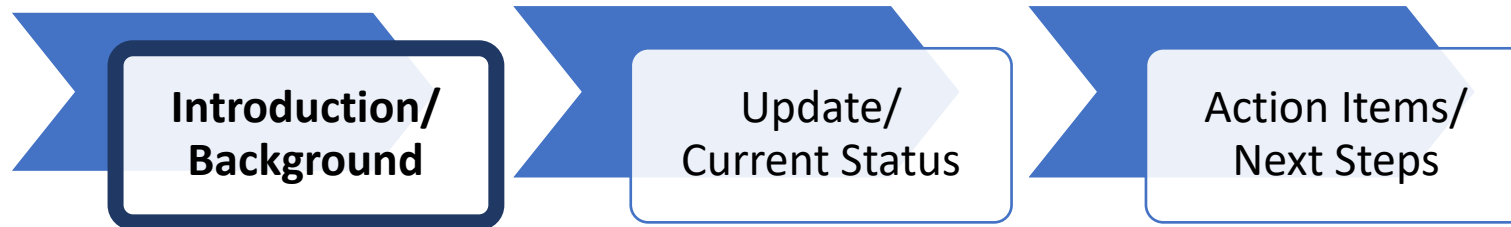


# IV.D Presentation & Discussion on Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) Updates

TxDOT Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) Meeting  
April 12, 2024 - 9:30 A.M.  
Note: 6230 E. Stassney Lane, Auditorium  
Austin, TX 78744

1.	Call to Order.
2.	Safety briefing.
3.	Approval of minutes from January 26, 2024 BPAC meeting. (Action)
4.	Report from TxDOT's Public Transportation Division (PTN) Director regarding statewide bicycle and pedestrian matters.
5.	Update and discussion on TxDOT's Statewide Active Transportation Plan.

6.	Presentation on TxDOT's District Bicycle Plan Pilot.
7.	Presentation from North Central Texas Council of Governments on Safe Routes to School.
8.	Updates from committee members on local and statewide issues.
9.	Public comment – Comments will be accepted by email to BikePed@txdot.gov by April 22, 2024, to be included as part of the meeting record.
10.	Discussion of agenda items for future BPAC meetings.
11.	Adjourn. (Action)



# Schedule



★ = Steering Committee



# Developing Tools to Determine Active Transportation Improvement Need



- Identified geographies with the greatest need for new/improved active transportation infrastructure.
- Factors considered :



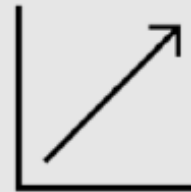
SAFETY RISK



COMMUNITY NEED



HEALTH



DEMAND



CONNECTIVITY



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**ACTIVE  
TRANSPORTATION  
IMPROVEMENT  
NEED**

- Analyses are still under development. For example, we are currently reviewing some of the more rural areas with large Census tracts.
- Following slides will show more detail about the factors considered.

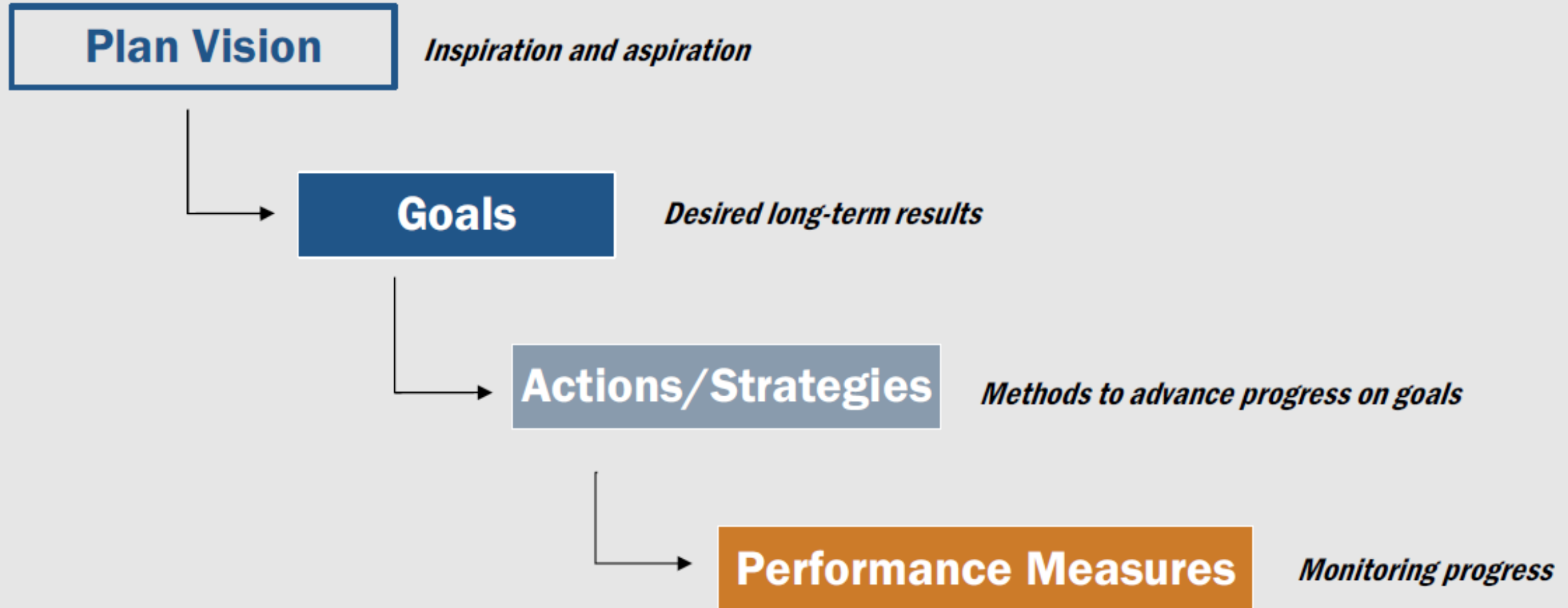




- Forecast the economic impact of active transportation improvements based on:
  - Health outcomes (mortality)
  - Traffic fatalities
  - Environmental impact
- Leverages safety risk analysis and travel flows modeled using [Replica](#)
- Utilizes World Health Organization [Health Economic Assessment Tool](#)
  - Validated by Texas A&M Transportation Institute/TxDOT Economic Impact of Bicycling in Texas report

The screenshot shows the HEAT v5.2.0 website interface. The top navigation bar includes 'HEAT v5.2.0' and the HEAT logo. A sidebar on the left contains a menu with items: HOME, NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS, HOW HEAT WORKS, START USING THE TOOL, HEAT USER GUIDE, EXAMPLE APPLICATIONS, ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS, ARCHIVE, and COPYRIGHT. The main content area is titled 'Scope for the use of HEAT' and includes a sub-header 'Back to Homepage' and 'How HEAT works'. The text explains that users should read the explanations carefully to ensure HEAT is applicable to their case. It lists several key points: HEAT is for population-level assessments, not individuals; it is designed for habitual behaviors like commuting; it is based on studies of regular activity; it is for adult populations; it distinguishes between conventional cycling, e-biking, and bike share; it is not suited for very high activity levels; it should not be used in high air pollution environments; and results involve uncertainty. The page concludes by stating that the HEAT project is an ongoing effort to translate research into a harmonized methodology.

# Sample Framework





# Plan Goals and Working Group Strategies



## GOALS

## ACTION/STRATEGIES - POSSIBLE EAWG TOPICS



### Improve Safety, Comfort, and Accessibility

Design for safety and comfort by providing low stress level facilities.

- Context-based design
- Supportive policies (ex. speed limits)
- ADA compliance measures
- All Ages and Abilities (AAA) facilities



### Enhance Connectivity

Connect community destinations through plans and project identification activities; and build more connective infrastructure.

- Identifying gaps and key destinations
- New/increased funding, eliminate barriers



### Address Community Needs

Providing mobility options for people who don't have vehicle access or rely on active transportation modes.

- Connect people with opportunities and essential needs
- Modernize prioritization



### Support Economic Vitality

Increase accessibility and connect our workforce.

- Support creation of vibrant places
- Support tourism
- Connect workforce with jobs and education



### Promote Healthy Communities

Make it easier for Texans to live healthy and safe lifestyles.

- Increase accessibility to safe and comfortable bike and pedestrian facilities.
- Connect people with community features

# Emphasis Area Working Groups (EAWG) Update



The initial stakeholder process identified 6 key emphasis areas for more in-depth study and engagement.

EAWG's are taking a deeper dive to develop action items.



## SAFE DESIGN

First meeting held March 6  
Second meeting scheduled April 18



## URBAN CONTEXT CONSIDERATIONS

First meeting held March 7  
Second meeting mid to late April



## MULTIMODAL INTEGRATION

First meeting held March 20  
(TTA Conference presentation on March 18)



## COMMUNITY NEED, DEMAND, AND HEALTH

First meeting held March 21



## RURAL AND SUBURBAN CONTEXT CONSIDERATIONS

First meeting held March 27



## MICROMOBILITY

First meeting held March 28

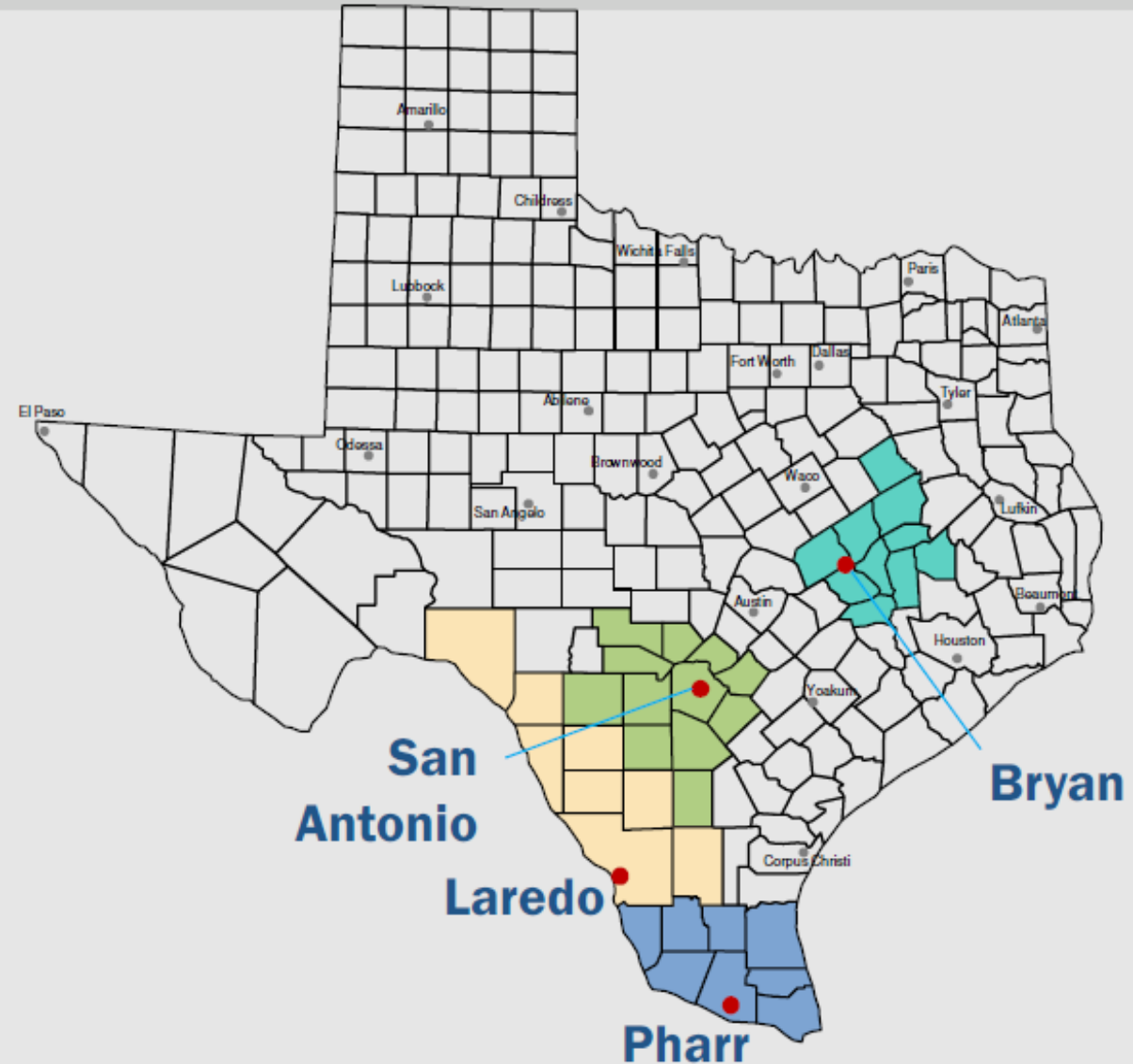


**ACTION ITEMS WILL BE COMBINED AND PRESENTED TO THE STEERING COMMITTEE, WHO WILL DEVELOP PERFORMANCE MEASURES.**

# Four Pilot District Bicycle Plans



- Participating Districts:
  - Bryan
  - Laredo
  - Pharr
  - San Antonio
- Basis for future district planning and project development
- Establish methods that other districts can replicate





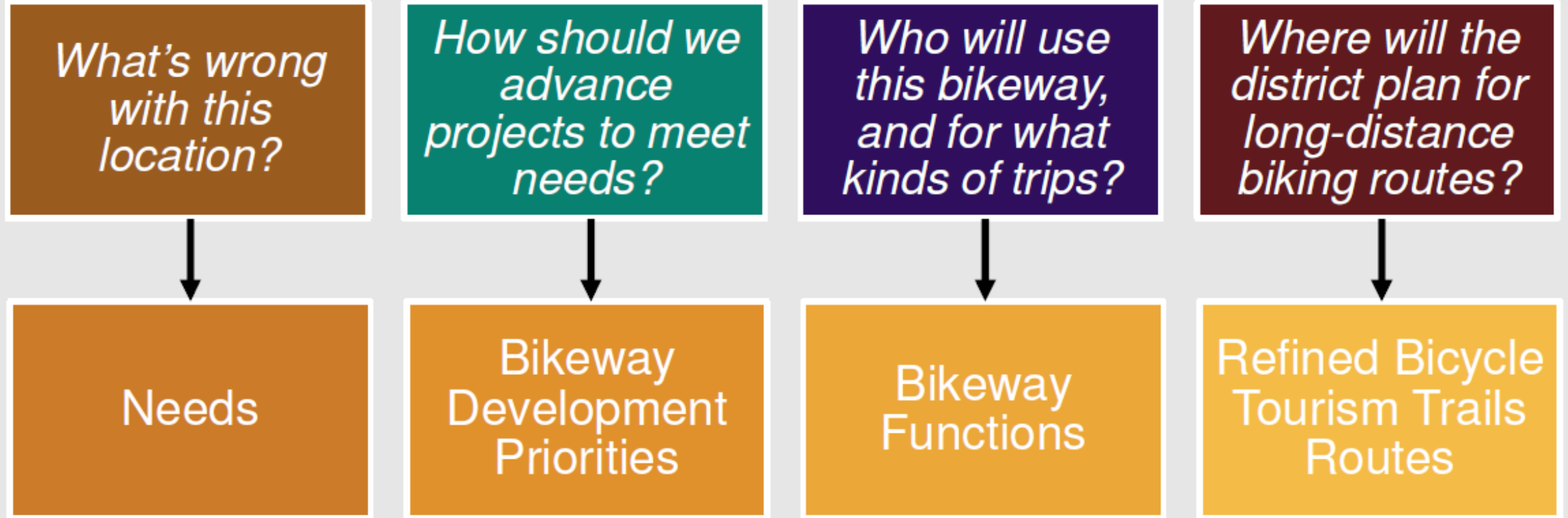
## District Bike Plans Overview

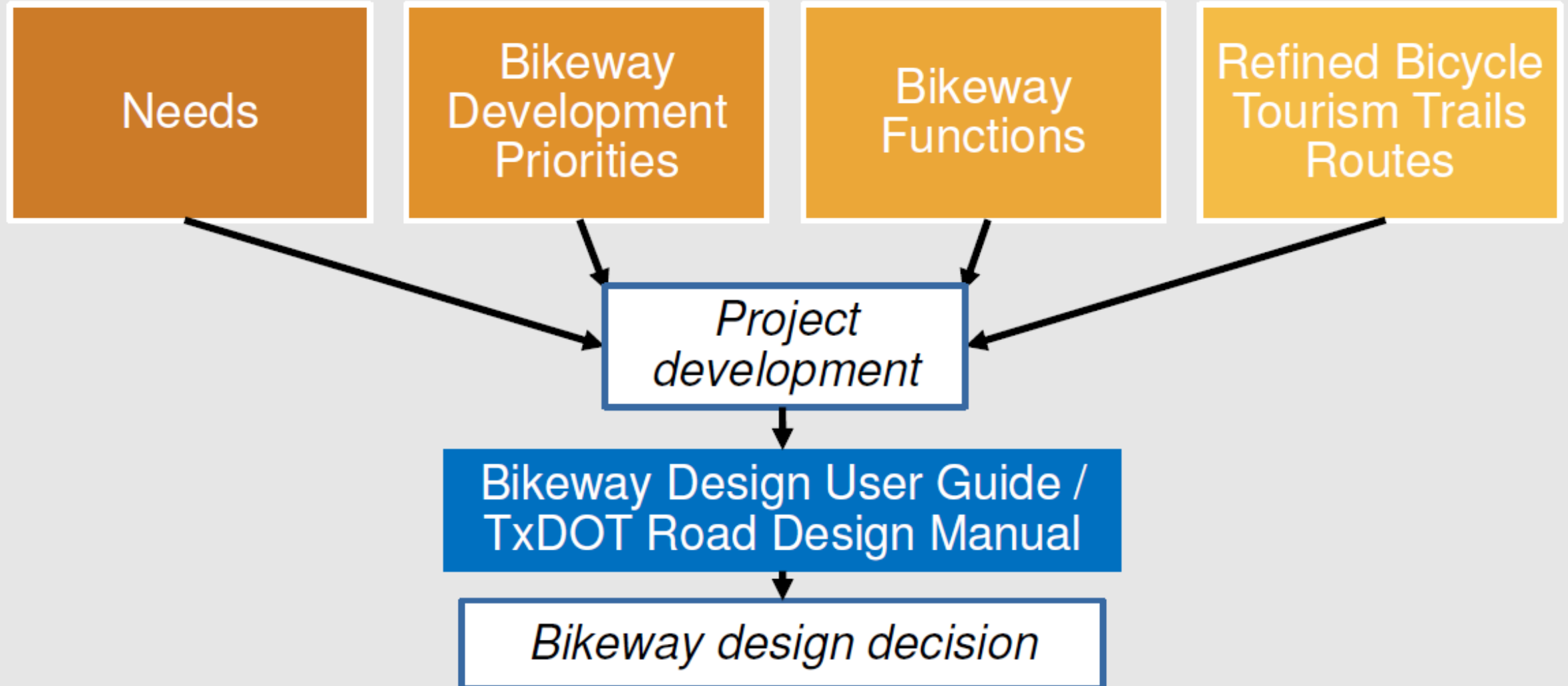
- Gather existing conditions related to bicycling on TxDOT highways
- Identify bicycling needs
- Prioritize routes/crossing locations across the district
- Refine BTT routes
- Provide guidance for future projects

District bike plans will not adopt a list of biking projects (i.e. specific design solutions at specific locations)

## Pilot Plan Schedule



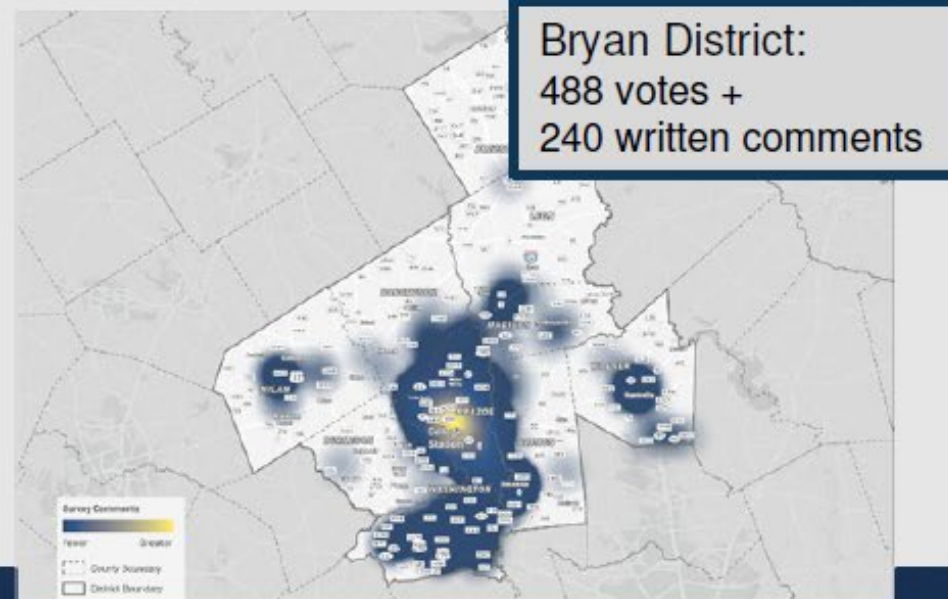
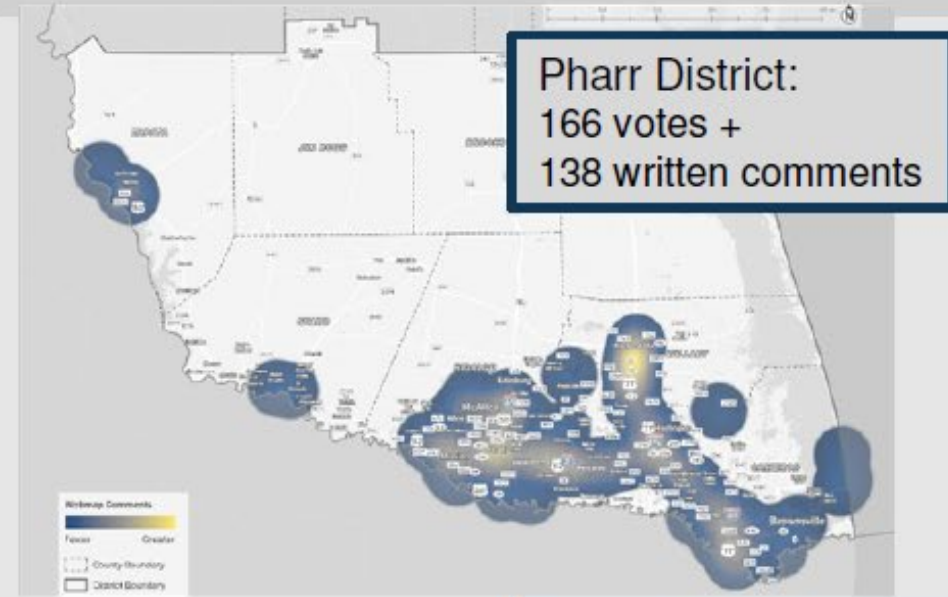




# Plan Recommendations Survey



- District surveys open during public meeting period
- Collected location-specific comments on:
  - Bike network functions
  - BTT routes (example network and refinements)
  - Prioritization results
- Participants could “agree” or “disagree” on plan recommendations
- District staff reviewed comments and provided direction on whether to update plan contents





# Pharr District Plan





# Key Takeaways From District Plans: Pharr District

## Latent Demand and Potential Community Benefits

- **Strong interest in biking**, if conditions were improved
  - 88% of respondents bike for recreation
  - only 31% bike for utilitarian purposes
  - Bicycling rates among participants increased since pandemic
  - Key priorities
    - Improving safety
    - Building a connected network
- **Transportation costs:** High share of residents below 200% of federal poverty line (56.1% versus 33.6% statewide)
- **Public health:** Local initiatives promote active transportation to counter disproportionately high rates of obesity and heart disease
  - *Lower Rio Grande Valley Active Transportation and Active Tourism Plan*
  - *Pharr Pedestrian Safety and Wellness Plan*





# Key Takeaways From District Plans: Pharr District

## Emphasis on Bicycle Tourism Trails

- Opportunity to build upon regional planning and emphasis on outdoor recreation
- Improve access to tourism destinations (National Wildlife Refuges, battlefield sites, South Padre Island)
- Complement statewide BTT with regional trails network

## Border Dynamics

- High levels of freight travel → stressful conditions for bicyclists
- Transnational communities
- High number of daily pedestrian and bicycle crossings





- Most bicycling trips are for recreational purposes → opportunity to support a wider range of trip types
- Heavy trucks/freight travel are barriers to bicycling
- Strong preferences among survey respondents for separated facilities
- Bicycle Tourism Trails network consistently generated public and stakeholder interest and enthusiasm



# Online Story Maps

- Story Map *in development* for each district; contents focus on state highway system
- Will contain publicly-accessible interactive maps for each of the key plan products and components
  - Bicycle needs analysis
  - Bikeway network functions
  - Priority segments
  - Bicycle Tourism Trails Network

## Where Bicycling is Permitted / Prohibited



## Bicycle Needs Analysis



## Bicycle Tourism Trails Network





# IV.D Presentation & Discussion on Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) Updates

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➤ <https://ttatconference.org/> September 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>

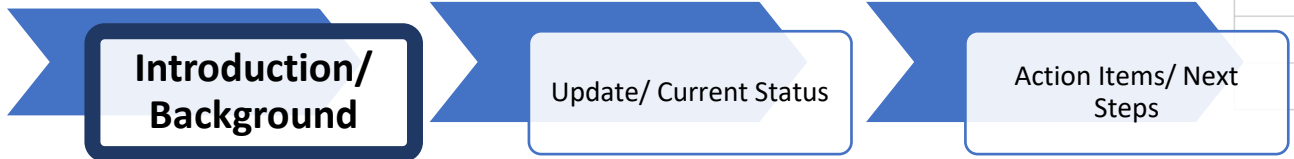




# IV.E Presentation & Discussion on Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Updates



- ✓ Executed Contract with TJKM consultant firm.
- ✓ Quarterly reporting to FHWA
- ✓ Kick-off Steering Committee meeting on 4/29.

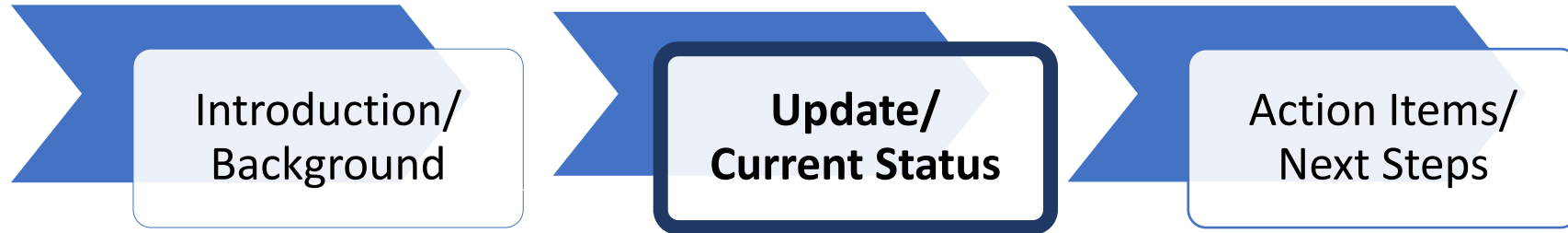


## Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Subcommittee

The Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Steering Subcommittee members will be involved in the development of the 1st Region-wide Comprehensive Safety Action Plan. This committee will play a pivotal role in selecting proven safety countermeasures for implementation, aiding in the identification of potential pilot locations for future grants, and integrating a safe streets network accessible to all.

MEETING	LOCATION	AGENDA	MINUTES/RECORDING
April 29, 2024 at 11AM - 12PM	<a href="#">Virtual Meeting</a>	<a href="#">Meeting #1 Agenda</a>	<a href="#">Minutes/Recording</a>

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS	ORGANIZATION
Benjamin L. Worsham, PE, PTOE	Cameron County
Christopher Nelson	City of Brownsville
Johnny Peña Jr. (Alternate for Chris Nelson)	City of Brownsville
Armando Garza	Hidalgo County Precinct 2
Eric Davila	Cameron County Regional Mobility Authority
Claudia Olmedo	LRGVDC-Valley Metro
Robert Ordaz	Citizen At Large
Tom Reyna	City of Edinburg
Alberto J. Aldana	City of Weslaco
Javier Dominguez	LRGVDC
Robert Carrillo	City of Pharr
Robert Vale	Starr County
Jon Ray Bocanegra	McAllen Metro
Ana Hernandez	City of Harlingen
Jaime Gutierrez	City of Elsa
Edgar O. Perez	TxDOT Pharr District
	LRGVDC-911



Deliverables:

- ✓ Project kick off meeting
- Project Management Plan
- ✓ Project Organizational Chart
- ✓ Monthly Project Status and Schedule updates
- ✓ Bi-Weekly Project management meeting, agendas, and summary notes
- **Technical Memorandum with a Summary of literature review** highlighting current best-practices, summarizing suggested methodology, and past relevant projects and initiatives, *vision and goal* for the Safety Action Plan
- Existing Conditions Chapter, HIN Methodology, All Maps (pdf format), HIN ArcGIS Map Package and Shapefiles (DashBoard)
- Existing Policies, Programs, Regulations, Projects, Staffing, and Funding Summary Report
- One-Page profiles for each program area
- *Outreach Plan*
- Minimum of two rounds of in-person open houses/meetings will be held (**1<sup>st</sup> in-person open house meeting held on June 5<sup>th</sup> for the Safe Streets for Texans Training**)
- Minimum of two virtual meetings
- Minimum of three Board meetings
  - Delivery of a comprehensive presentation summarizing the Action Plan to stakeholders, highlighting key findings, strategies, and implementation steps.
  - Facilitation of a workshop to gather feedback and refine the Action Plan based on stakeholders' input.
- **Matrix of Top 10 Safety Projects and evaluation criteria**
- **List of Top 30 Intersections and roadway segments with highest crash rates**
- Dashboard
- **Roadway Safety Assessment Report for 10 locations** identified based on highest crash rates.
- **Matrix of 20 Strategies**
- Appendix with additional CSAP actions
- **Recommended policies.** New guidelines, or standards to support implementation strategy.
- Technical Memorandum summarizing
- Disproportionate Environmental Burden analysis summary and Land Use Analysis
- Draft and Final **SS4A Action Plan**
  - An executive summary summarizing the main objectives, strategies, and expected impact of the Action Plan.
  - Compilation of all findings, analyses, plans, and strategies into a final, cohesive Comprehensive Safety Action Plan document.
  - A comprehensive final report detailing the entire project lifecycle, including methodologies, analyses, engagement activities, and project outcomes.
  - All relevant documentation, data sources, and materials used during the project.



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## [REGISTER HERE](#)

The training will include:

- What the federal Safe Streets & Roads for All grant is and how you can apply
- How to align action plans with USDOT priorities to receive these grants
- Vision Zero goals and action plans and why are they important
- The many ways to manage speed using engineering and human behavior
- Your most dangerous roads and how to make them safe for all road users
- Data tools, maps, and resources for improving safety in your community
- Group and Walk Audit activities

[Farm&City](#) and its [Vision Zero Texas](#) program has secured safety grant funding to provide - free of charge - every city, county, tribal agency, and MPO the opportunity to learn more about the Vision Zero / Safe Systems approach.

**Wednesday, June 5, 2024 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM CT**

**[Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council, Ken Jones Board Room,  
301 W Railroad St, Weslaco, TX 78596](#)**

Lunch and morning coffee service will be provided!

**VISION ZERO TEXAS**

# WE CAN END TRAFFIC DEATHS IN TEXAS

**JUNE 5, 2024**  
 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM  
 KEN JONES EXECUTIVE BOARD ROOM  
 LRGVDC MAIN CAMPUS, BULG. B  
 301 W RAILROAD STREET  
 WELASCO, TX, 78596

**YOU'RE INVITED**

Farm&City is offering training sessions on how local governments can improve traffic safety and secure federal funding for doing so.

**WHAT WE'LL DO**

- Walk audit activity
- Demos on tools, maps, and techniques for improving safety
- Group activities
- Have lunch and coffee on us!

**WHAT WE'LL DISCUSS**

- What the federal Safe Streets & Roads for All grant is and how you can apply.
- How to align action plans with USDOT priorities to receive these grants.
- What are Vision Zero goals and action plans and why are they important?
- The many ways to manage speed using engineering and human behavior.
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For more information, email:  
david@farmandcity.org

**WHO WE ARE**

Farm&City is an independent 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to high-quality urban and rural human habitat in Texas in perpetuity. Our biggest project is Vision Zero Texas, leading the advocacy movement to end traffic deaths in Texas, and working with all levels of government across the state to support solutions to reduce severe crashes and give Texans the freedom of safe, multimodal options.

[www.visionzerotexas.org/adopt/ss4t/](http://www.visionzerotexas.org/adopt/ss4t/)



# IV.E Presentation & Discussion on Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Updates

· *Discussion* ·



# IV.F Presentation & Discussion on Active Transportation Facility Inventory & Regional Data Portal

## • 1.2 Active Transportation Facility Inventory •

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- Miguel Arispe · Planner III · marispe@rgvmppo.org ·

## • 1.4 Regional Data Portal •

- Miguel Arispe · Planner III · mrodriguez@rgvmppo.org ·
- Melany Rodriguez · GIS Specialist/Planner I · mrodriguez@rgvmppo.org ·
- Alma Provencio · GIS Specialist · aprovincio@rgvmppo.org ·

CY	Program Milestones	Program Stakeholders
2021	Active Transportation Facility Inventory	RGVMPO GIS Team
2022	Quality Check Data + Active Transportation Map	RGVMPO BPAC + Public
2023	Annual Data Update	Project Sponsors
2024	Annual Data Collection + Add Transit Data	Gov. Agencies + RTAP
2025	Establish data benchmarks according to community goals.	

CY	Program Milestones	Program Stakeholders
2023	FY21-22 & FY23-24 TASA Projects Mapped 2022 CRIS Dashboard	Project Sponsors TxDOT
2024	Add Proposed Routes & Transit Projects	Hidalgo Co. Active Plan + 5310 Program
2025	Create ability to easily upload, maintain, access, and download key data from the region.	

✓ Develop regional standards for a facility inventory; complete facility inventory.

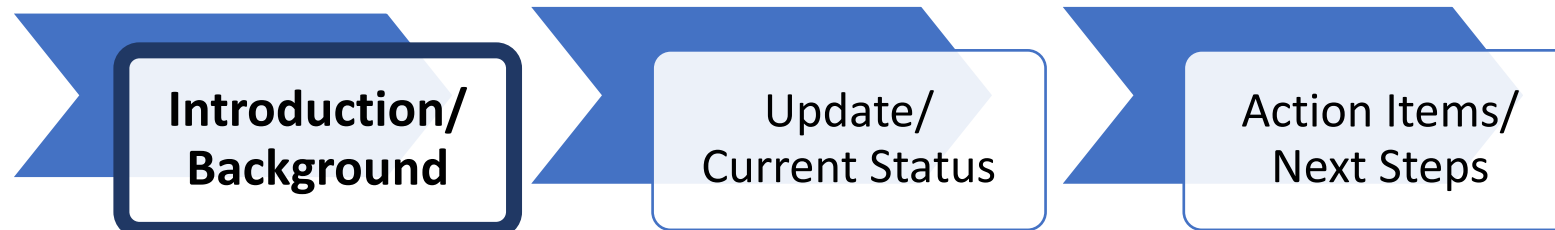
❑ Develop a strategy for cyclical review and updates; annual data collection + reporting effort.

➤ Establish data benchmarks according to community goals.

✓ Establishment of regional data portal.

➤ Portal used for future plans or project development.

• include the connectivity of the Hidalgo proposed routes to the Cameron County proposed routes







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## Unified Metropolitan Area Planning

**RGV MPO U.M.A.P.** United. Metropolitan. Area. Planning

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**Layers**

- Metropolitan Area Boundary (MAB)
- TIP (Short Range Plan) Amendment #3
- Colonias
- Food desert
- 2021 Crash Heatmap
- County Commissioner Boundaries
- City Limits
- ETJ
- Border Crossings
- National Highway System
- On-System Roads
- TXDOT AADT
- Hurricane Evacuation Routes
- Texas Parks and Wildlife
- LRGV National Wildlife Refuge
- Laguna Atascosa NWR
- Valley Metro
- Urbanized Area Boundary (UAB)
- MTP (Long Range Plan) Amendment #8
- Functional Classification
- 2020 Census Tracts

**How to Navigate in U.M.A.P.**

- Click on the list of layers on the left side of the screen to activate/disactivate layers
- (Example below)  
**Layers**
  - Long Range Plan
  - Short Range Plan
- Some layers may be expandable and sub-layers may be turned on/off
- Layer List, Basemap, and Print options available on the top right of the screen
- Click on desired feature for a pop-up information box
- More Basemap options available:

Colored Pencil Map

## Active Transportation Map

**RGV MPO Active Transportation**

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**Layer List**

**Layers**

- RGV MPO TASA Projects 2021-2022
- Construction
- Planning
- Off Street Trail
- On Street Bike Facility
- Carecra Trails Map
- Planned Multi-Use Trail
- Planned USBR
- Existing Multi-Use Trail
- Planned Paddling Trail
- Existing Paddling Trail
- Sidewalk
- RGV MPO City Limit
- RGV MPO MAB



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UMAP (INTERACTIVE MAP)

2022 CRIS DASHBOARD

- ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION MAP

Active Transportation Data  
Collection

[Active Transportation Map](#)

Requesting GIS Data? Please fill out  
the [RGVMPO GIS Data  
Request Form](#).

[Maps](#) » [Active Transportation MAP](#) »

## Active Transportation Data Collection

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Planning efforts depend upon the availability of a comprehensive inventory of bicycle and pedestrian facilities. It is recommended that municipalities and the RGVMPO work together to maintain an accurate inventory of geocoded facilities. ([RGVMPO Active Transportation Plan](#), page 35)

With guidance from the RGVMPO BPAC, Staff is in the process of developing regional standards for a facility inventory and a strategy for cyclical review and updates.

As of April 2022, the RGVMPO is focusing on two types of active transportation facilities: [off-street trails](#) and [on-street bike facilities](#). Sidewalks and other related facilities will be inventoried in the future, as the size of the data to collect and quality check is significant.

This webpage is dedicated to the on-going collection of active transportation facility data and continuous quality checking of the data currently reflected in the geospatial database.

**Everyone is encouraged to participate in this effort.**

To assist, please observe the following steps:

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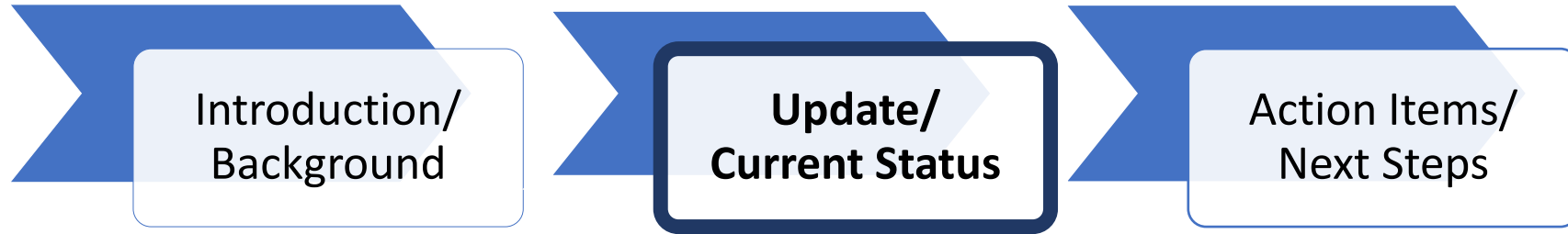
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- *CH4: Gap Analysis*
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- *CH 6: Integrated Planning Processes*
- ***CH7: Vision, Mission, Goals, & Objectives***
- *CH8: Capacity to Sustain Planning & Implement Plan*
- *CH9: Performance Measures to Evaluate Effectiveness*



Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council

**Regional Public Transportation Coordination Plan**

FINAL REPORT  
DECEMBER 2021



## CH7: Vision, Mission, Goals & Objectives

- *Goal 1: Improve the quality of the customer's transit experience.*
- **Goal 2: Provide increased transit alternatives to people in the region.**
  - *Objective 1: Greatly expand transit in the region.*
  - *Objective 2: Public transit agencies will continuously integrate with multiple modes of non-traditional transportation.*
  - **Objective 3: The MPO will develop a regional map identifying sidewalks, hike and bike trails, bike lanes, bus routes, bus stops, and bus shelters.**
  - *Objective 4: Expand the vanpool program.*
  - *Objective 5: Add projects from the strategies and partnerships of the 2021 RPTCP.*
- *Goal 3: Coordinate transit agency functions.*
- *Goal 4: Improves the image of transit across the region.*
- *Goal 5: Develop a sustainable fiscal system for transit in the region.*





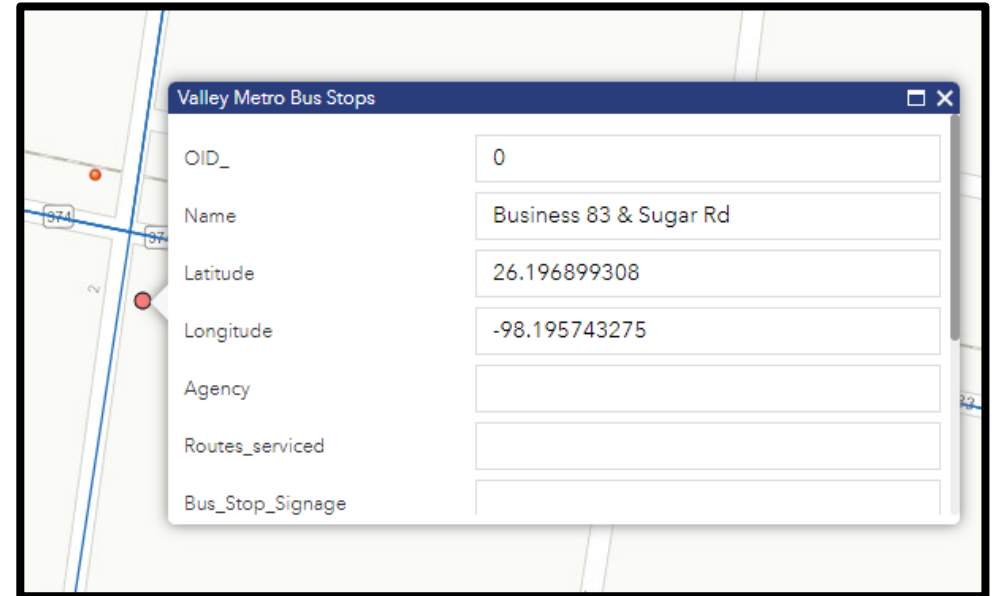
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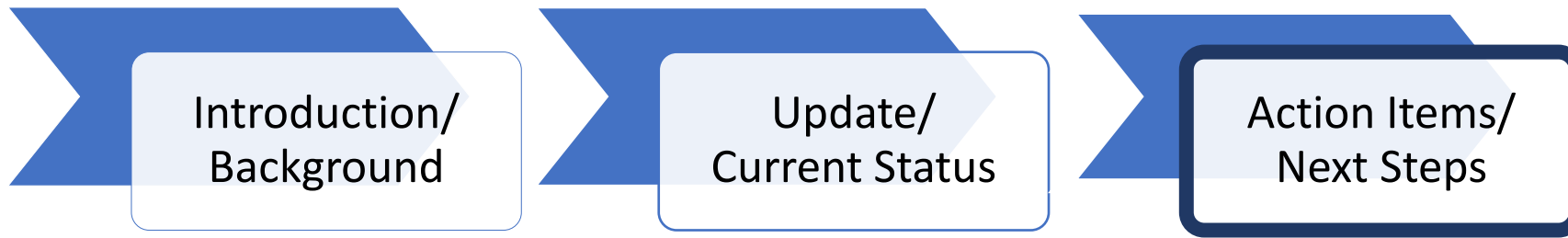
## Transit Data Mapping Training

- ✓ Review basic map features.
- ✓ Review data editing tools.
- ✓ How to edit points/lines.
- ✓ How to add a new feature.
- ✓ How to edit the attributes table.



Id	Metro_Syst	Route_	Route_Name	Agency	Route_Type	Operating_Times	Web_link	Num
0	Brownsville Metro	30	South East	B-Metro		Sample		
0	Brownsville Metro	11	Old Port Isabel					
0	Brownsville Metro	20	Old Route					
0	Brownsville Metro	4	Los Ebanos					
0	Brownsville Metro	3	Boca Chica					
0	Brownsville Metro	14	Scorpion Connector					
0	Brownsville Metro	6	Southmost					

15 features 0 selected



### Define Business Goals

Define the business goals for data quality improvement

### Develop Improvement Plans

Design and develop improvement plans based on prior analysis

### Assess Existing Data State

Assess existing data against multiple quality dimensions

### Implement Solutions

Implement solutions determined in Improvement stage

### Analyze Results

Analyze the assessment results for gaps with respect to goals

### Setup Control Process

Verify at periodic intervals that the data is consistent with business goals

1. **DEFINITION:** Provide increased transit alternatives to people in the region.
2. **ASSESSMENT:** Survey transit stakeholders for feedback on desired improvements.
3. **ANALYSIS:** Review existing data against for regional consistency and gaps.
4. **IMPROVEMENT:** Implement solutions (add/correct data) determined from feedback.
5. **IMPLEMENTATION:** Analyze the assessment results for gaps with respect to goals.

# IV.F Presentation & Discussion on Active Transportation Facility Inventory & Regional Data Portal

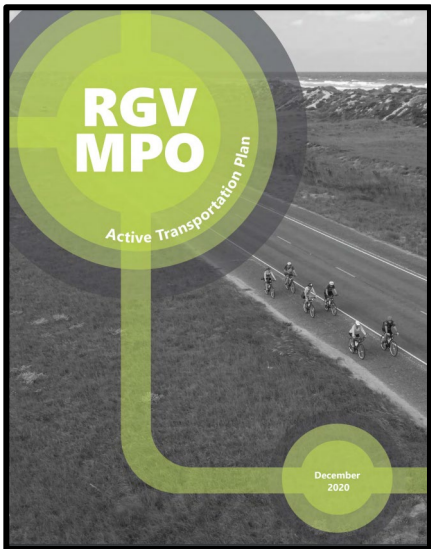
· Discussion ·

- User/tourism friendly maps for future.
- Coordination with RGV Partnership? CVBs?
- Transit agencies are considering adding updated maps
- VORBA has helped produce MTB trail maps.
  - TrailForts? App? Used by out-of-region MTBikers
  - Helps people access existing trails.





# IV.G Presentation & Discussion regarding RGV Activities during National Walk/Bike Month



<b>Walk &amp; Bike Month</b>	Promote the official Bike/Bus/Walk to Work Day/Week/Month.	MPO, Local, Advocacy Orgs	Short	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of events.</li> <li>• Participating entities and individuals.</li> <li>• Cumulative miles ridden/walked.</li> </ul>
<b>Media Awareness Campaigns</b>	Develop and implement a regional and/or local bicycle and pedestrian safety education and encouragement campaign strategy.	MPO, Local, Law enforcement, Non-profits, Advocacy Orgs	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Distribution of print materials.</li> <li>• Public service announcements.</li> </ul>

## Connectivity

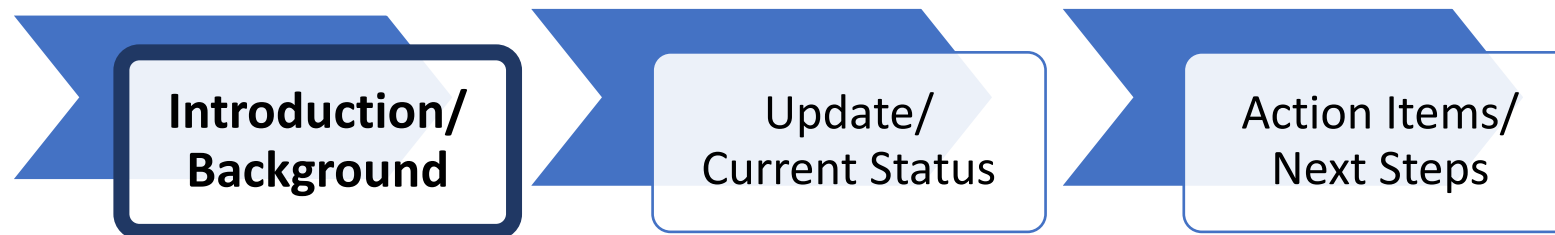
Increasing mobility across active transportation modes, while creating an integrated regional transportation network.

## Accessibility

Establishing a comprehensive system of transportation options and allowing users of all ages and abilities to access resources across the region.

## Community Health

Promoting active transportation modes that improve public health and support local economies.





LEAGUE OF AMERICAN BICYCLISTS  
*presents*

# BIKE MONTH

MAY 2024

NAT'L RIDE A BIKE DAY • SUN MAY 5  
BIKE TO WORK WEEK • MAY 13-19  
BIKE TO WORK DAY • FRI MAY 17



BIKELEAGUE.ORG/BIKEMONTH





## Get Out and Ride!

### BIKE MONTH RIDE(S)

Bike to Work Day is certainly a highlight but it's just one day in the month of May. Keep the momentum going by hosting rides with different themes, destinations or target constituencies. The options are endless!

### OPEN STREETS EVENTS

Open Streets events create a community celebration around healthy mobility options by temporarily closing the street to cars and opening it to people. Learn more and find examples at [openstreetsproject.org](http://openstreetsproject.org).



### CYCLOFEMME – RIDE WITH MOM

Celebrate another May event—Mother's Day—by organizing, promoting or taking part in Cyclofemme, an international day of women's rides ([cyclofemme.com](http://cyclofemme.com))

### RIDE WITH THE MAYOR

Getting local officials to ride shows important support for bicycling. Use this opportunity to highlight good bike facilities, tour the local trail system, and show the elected official how important it is to maintain them!

### BIKE TO THE MOVIES

Team up with your local theater or community organization to set up a bike-themed movie event. Work with your local bike advocacy organization or bike club to determine a short route to the theater and invite the community on the group ride.



## Why Bikes?



**BIKING IS FUN:** Biking brings people together, encourages discovery, and fosters community engagement



**BIKING IS HEALTHY:** Bicycling can integrate physical activity into our daily routines



**BIKING IS GREEN:** Biking curbs your carbon footprint, reduces air pollution and reliance on fossil fuels



**BIKING SAVES MONEY:** Biking cuts parking, gas and other driving costs while reducing traffic congestion

## Engage Local Partners

### NATIONAL BIKE TO SCHOOL DAY

In partnership with the League, the National Center for Safe Routes to School now organizes an annual Bike to School Day during the first week of Bike Month. Organize a bike-pool or bike train for parents at your school and engage the next generation of bicyclists. Learn more and get tips at [walkbiketoschool.org](http://walkbiketoschool.org).



### GRADUATION PARADE

Many colleges and universities host graduation in the month of May. Consider working with the local Bicycle Friendly Universities on organizing a graduation bike parade.

### RESTAURANT WEEK

Work with local restaurants to set up a Bike Month Restaurant Week. Those who can show they rode their bike to get a bite to eat receive a discount from participating restaurants.

### BICYCLE-THEMED PARTY

Whether it's a fashion show, a happy hour or a festival, there are so many ways to share the joy, diversity and camaraderie of cycling. What's unique about bike culture in your community? Put it on display!

# Sample Bike Month Proclamation



COPY AND PASTE THIS TEMPLATE TEXT AND CUSTOMIZE TO YOUR COMMUNITY!

The City/County of \_\_\_\_\_

## Proclamation

Whereas, throughout the month of May, [insert city/county] will celebrate biking and the freedom, the joy, and the well-being it imbues within us, as well as the power that more people riding bikes has in making life better for everyone; and

Whereas, May 15-21, 2023 is "Bike to Work Week" and May 19, 2023 is "Bike to Work Day"; and

Whereas, throughout the month of May, the residents of [insert city/county] and its visitors will experience the joys of bicycling through group rides, races, commuting events, educational programs, charity events, and/or by simply getting out and going somewhere by bike; and

Whereas, bicycling has been shown to improve citizens' health, well-being, and quality of life, growing the economy of [insert city/county], attracting tourism dollars and local business spending and reducing pollution, congestion and parking costs on our streets and roads; and

Whereas, [insert local bicycle club/ organization/chamber/tourism bureau/regional planning organization], schools, parks and recreation departments, police departments, public health districts, hospitals, businesses and civic groups will be joining the League of American Bicyclists in promoting bicycling during the month of May 2023; and

Whereas, these groups are also promoting the use of the bicycle as both a means of transportation and recreation year-round to attract more visitors to enjoy our local parks and trail systems, as well as restaurants, hotels, retail establishments, and cultural and scenic attractions; and

Whereas, these groups are also promoting greater public awareness of bicycle operation and safety education during Bike Month and year-round in an effort to reduce collisions, injuries and fatalities and improve health and safety for everyone on the road; and

Now therefore, I, \_\_\_\_\_, Mayor/Executive of [insert city/county], do hereby proclaim May 2023 as

Bike Month

in [insert city/county], and I urge all residents to join me in this special observance

Signed this \_\_\_\_ day of May, 2023

Mayor/Executive \_\_\_\_\_

# LEAGUE OF AMERICAN BICYCLISTS BIKE MONTH Bingo

Logged my miles in the National Bike Challenge	Biked in the rain	Rode someplace I'd never ridden before	Said hello to another bicyclist	Added air to tires
Biked at least 10 miles in one day	Encouraged a friend to start riding	Rode to school or work	Rode to the grocery store	Rode to a community meeting
Joined a group ride	Participated in a special Bike Month event!		Rode to a place I would normally drive to	Rode with kids
Rode on a trail	Explored another city's infrastructure	Rode farther than I ever have before	Changed a bike tire	Went mountain biking
Visited bikeleague.org	Tweeted about biking	Rode an e-bike for the first time	Shopped at a local bike shop	I'm a member of the League





# WALK BIKE & ROLL TO SCHOOL

**PLAN**

an event

How to Plan

Event Ideas

Get Media Attention

Downloadable

**SEE**

who's signed up

**BEYOND**

the event

**LEARN**

more

**REGISTER**

Sign up today!

## Downloadable Materials

Downloadable materials will help with promoting your Walk & Roll to School Day or Bike & Roll to School Day events, decorating the school, or getting the students involved in and excited about the celebration.

Graphics and Logos

Signs and Banners

Customizable Fliers

Stickers and Puzzles

Certificates and Punchcards



**BIKE & WALK TO SCHOOL CHALLENGE!**

MAY 1ST-31ST

**WALK & BIKE TO SCHOOL**

Log your trips to school to win a safety prize pack!

VISIT THE QR FOR REGISTRATION

CATY@RIDEWISE.ORG FOR MORE INFO

**RideWise** Let's go!

NEW JERSEY Safe Routes



Join Us  
**Ground Breaking Ceremony**

Brownsville to Los Fresnos Hike & Bike Trail

Date: Tuesday  
May 7, 2024

Time: 10:00 AM

Location: Palo  
Alto Battle Field  
(Visitor location)



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# CYCLE THE STREETS

**FRIDAY,  
May 24, 2024**  
6:30 PM TO 9:00 PM



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[www.cyclobiabrownsville.com](http://www.cyclobiabrownsville.com)







# MAY 4, 2024

## PHARR NATATORIUM

ENTRY FEE **\$50**  
STUDENTS UNDER 18 **\$25**

CASH PRIZES  
1ST: \$250  
2ND: \$150  
3RD: \$50  
T-SHIRT DEADLINE APRIL 24TH

**REGISTER NOW!**

 **VISIT [WWW.PHARR-TX.GOV](http://WWW.PHARR-TX.GOV) TO REGISTER**

**100 METER SWIM • 6-MILE BIKE • 2-MILE RUN • OBSTACLE COURSE**

*\*BRING YOUR BIKE AND HELMET | NO RELAYS*



McAllen Critical Mass Group Create a


**McAllen Critical Mass**  
Admin Top contributor · 12h ·

This poor baby was killed riding his bike in his own neighborhood. Would anyone be down to do a ride to his neighborhood and fill his street with bikes to pay our respects. Maybe bring some flowers to his parents? This makes me so sad. I'd like to do something. Any ideas?

<https://www.krgv.com/.../mother-of-child-killed-in-pharr...>

# Mother of child killed in Pharr while riding his bike speaks out

Apr 30, 2024 in News - Local  
By: Sarah Cervera



MOTHER OF CHILD KILLED WHILE RIDING BIKE SPEAKS OUT  
PHARR **5**

Channel 5 News @krgv.5 KRGV.com 81°



McAllen Critical Mass's Post

**McAllen Critical Mass**  
Admin Top contributor · April 14 at 11:56 PM ·

**Heads up! Here's your monthly reminder to set your calendar for the last Friday of the month. 🕒**

You and 11 others 2 comments

Love Comment Share

Top comments

Roel Gonzales Can you tell me where and what time everyone meets? 1w Like Reply Share

McAllen Critical Mass Author Admin +1  
Roel Gonzales Check out the page events for more details.  
McAllen Critical Mass



VIVA STREETS

# Cinco de Mayo

**MAY 03, 2024**

LIVE MUSIC, TACO CONTEST, FOOD, SOCIAL BIKE RIDE, FUN RUNS, AND MORE!

Event starts at 6 PM | Fun Run starts at 6:15PM

Destination Park  
1216 Fair Park Blvd

Prominence Medicare Advantage

ASAS HEALTH

(956) 245-1222

This coming Saturday, 5/4/24, is Women's MTB Day! Join the ladies for a group ride at Mission Trails.



Valley Off-Road Bicycling Association

PRESENTS

SUNDAY, 5/26/24  
0800 AM - TIME TRIAL

TOP 16 QUALIFY FOR ELIMINATOR RACE

SHORT TRACK

Race #3 of the 2024 South Texas Mountain Bike Race Series

- PODIUM TOP 3
- CHIP TIMING
- TOP 16 FASTEST TIMES IN TIME TRIAL ADVANCE TO CROSS-COUNTRY ELIMINATOR STYLE RACE

REGISTRATION \$25

# THE DOOLIMINATOR



MEN - WOMEN - JUNIORS  
BEGINNER - INTERMEDIATE - OPEN  
MASTERS - SINGLESPEED

Doolittle Nature Park and Trails  
1300 N. Doolittle Road  
Edinburg, Texas 78542

← REGISTER

[www.vorbargv.org](http://www.vorbargv.org)







# IV.G Presentation & Discussion regarding RGV Activities during National Walk/Bike Month

## · Discussion ·

- Friday, 5/24/24 - Cyclobia in downtown Brownsville, 6:30 to 9pm
- Sunday, 5/26/24 - The Doolinator MTB Race @ Doolittle Nature Trail and Parklike 1
- Friday, 5/3/24 - Harlingen Social Bike Ride @ Cinco de May event 6:00pm
- Saturday, 5/4/24 - Women's MTB Day at Mission Trails
- VivaStreets
- *Sullivan City commuters' safety gear –*
  - *BikeTexas – safety products*
  - *TxDOT Safety division – potential distribution materials*
    - *Texas Bicycle Safety webpage*
  - *Texas Pediatrics Association – free helmets for kids*
- *VORBA has been asked for assistance to train the public how to ride the bike.*
  - *The League of American Bicyclists have an LCI Training*



## V. PROJECT UPDATES

- Members are encouraged to share updates on bike/ped projects/programs.
  - TASA & Carbon Reduction Program Updates to TAC/Policy in May.
    - Phase II of the Tri-City Sidewalks projects will re-advertise.
    - Harlingen in Phase II of the asphalt pump track at Arroyo Park!
      - WRT Amenities received 30% comments, working on 60%
  - SNT Ph IV AFA executed with kickoff mtg this morning, working on 30%.
    - Brownsville to LF Groundbreaking next week.
    - Pre-construction documents for TxDOT review!
- Completed construction of 1.1 mi. trail at Lon C Hill (in-house labor) with solar lighting (in progress), with potential ribbon-cutting in a couple weeks!



## VI. NEW OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Members are encouraged to bring ideas for future meetings or inquire about past items.



# VII. ADJOURNMENT

· *Next Meeting July 3<sup>rd</sup> (In-Person)* ·



*Motion to Adjourn.*

*Motion By: David*

*Seconded By: Claudia*

*11:45am.*

