

**RIO GRANDE VALLEY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (RGVMPO)**  
**TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA**

**Thursday August 8, 2024 – 10:00 AM**

*The RGVMPO Technical Advisory Committee Meeting 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 July 11, 2024**

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

**Presenter:** Benjamin Worsham, TAC Chairman

**Summary:** Approval of the July 11, 2024

**B. Discussion and Action Federal Functional Classification of Nolana Loop**

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

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

**Summary:** Hidalgo County Commissioner Precinct 1 is requesting Federal Functional Classification for Nolana Loop Section 4 as a Major Collector. From: Victoria Road To: FM 88 Texas Blvd.

**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 (Resolution 2024-11 and Resolution 2024-12 to be presented to the Policy Board for Approval on April 24, 2024).

**C. Discussion and Action for Clean Cities Coalition**

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

**Presenter:** Javier Dominguez, LRGVDC Executive Analyst

**Summary:** The LRGVDC is working to form the South Texas Clean Cities & Communities Coalition, which will cover the areas within the South Texas Development Council, the Coastal Bend Council of Governments, and the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council. The Department of Energy seeks a single entity to host this coalition for all regions south of San Antonio. To support this initiative, the LRGVDC aims to recruit 9 to 15 stakeholders to join the application for this apprenticeship application

**Background:** Clean Cities and Communities aims to advance the nation's environmental, energy security, and economic prosperity goals by fostering collaboration with communities and building partnerships with public and private stakeholders. These partnerships focus on the equitable deployment of clean transportation solutions for all. The LRGVDC has been actively reaching out to regional partners to form the South Texas Clean Cities & Communities Coalition. Given the crucial role that the RGVMPPO will play in the second phase of the TxDOT NEVI plan, the LRGVDC believes that the RGVMPPO can significantly contribute to coordinating the Coalition's efforts. Today, the LRGVDC is here to provide a background on this initiative, offer a status update, and respectfully request that the RGVMPPO Transportation Policy Board sign a letter of commitment to join the Coalition as a stakeholder. This commitment will help guide the initiatives and goals of the organization.

## V. Presentations & Reports

### A. House Bill 3697 Presentation

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Possible Action

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**Presenter:** John Jameson, Director of TxDot Local Government Programs Section

**Summary:** TxDOT will be providing a presentation of House Bill 3697 out of the 88th Regular Session, 2023 County Corridor Agreement Program.

**Background:** Texans have noted that subdivision regulation and the approval of subdivision plats can differ from county to county. Given that Texas is a diverse state with vast changes in topography and widely differing population densities, counties understandably have different requirements for subdivision regulation and subdivision plat approval. H.B. 3697 seeks to help address this issue by requiring a county commissioners court to post and continuously maintain on the county's website the most current version of the list of documentation and other information that must be submitted with a plat application in order to provide more consistency throughout Texas for future development and to provide the public with as much notice as possible regarding the requirements for a plat application. H.B. 3697 amends current law relating to county regulation of subdivisions and approval of subdivision plans or plats.

### B. National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) Program Phase II Update

Action

Possible Action

Information

**Presenter:** Klarissa Gonzalez, RGVMPPO Transportation Planner

**Summary:** The Texas Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Plan developed by TxDOT and approved by FHWA in 2022 is undergoing the deployment of Phase II as scheduled. Phase II allows for MPOs to propose a selection of study areas and power ratings for EV charging stations to be located equitably within the Metropolitan Area Boundary. The RGVMPPO is tasked with proposing six to eight study areas considering specific criteria by December 2024. TxDOT will subsequently designate a specific site within each study area for the placement of charging stations. Thereafter, private entities may participate in a TxDOT-managed competitive grant application process.

**Background:** The BIL appropriates \$5 billion over the period of 2022 through 2026 in the NEVI Formula Program allowing for states to develop EV charging infrastructure along Electric Alternative Fuel Corridors. The construction of publicly accessible electric vehicle (EV) chargers funded under the NEVI Program should be consistent with the relevant minimum standards and requirements identified in [23 CFR 680](#)

### C. Presentation of RGVMPPO CAT 7 Utilization Report

Action

Possible Action

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

**Summary:** The RGVMPPO will be presenting a Utilization Report of CAT 7 Programming in relation to DRAFT 2025 UTP Allocations.

**Background:** TxDOT's Unified Transportation Program (UTP) plays a prominent role in this effort. Updated annually and approved by the [Texas Transportation Commission](#), the UTP serves as an intermediate programming and development "roadmap" that is used to define, prioritize and assign available funding to thousands of Texas transportation projects over a continuous 10-year period.

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

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Possible Action

Information

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

**Summary:** 1. Budget Update

### E. TxDOT Project Status Report

Action

Possible Action

Information

**Presenter:** TxDot Pharr District TP&D 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 IN-PERSON at 10:00am on September 12, 2024.