



Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee

July 3, 2024

In-Person Meeting

10:30AM – 12PM



RGVMPO BPAC Meeting Agenda

I. CALL TO ORDER

Time: 10:32 AM

By: Eva Garcia

- 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. Discussion and Update on BPAC Meeting Recordings ~10:40AM - 10:45AM
 - B. Consideration and Action to change the September 2024 BPAC Meeting date ~10:45AM - 10:50AM
 - C. Consideration and Action to Appoint New Members to the RGVMPO BPAC ~10:50AM - 11:00AM
 - D. Presentation and Discussion on RGV BCycle (Bikeshare) ~11:00AM - 11:10AM
 - E. Presentation and Discussion on RGV Bicycle and Pedestrian Counter Program ~11:10AM - 11:20AM
 - F. Presentation and Discussion on FY 2025-2026 Transportation Alternative Set-Aside (TASA) Program Call ~11:20AM - 11:30AM
 - G. Presentation and Discussion on Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Safety Action Plan Update ~11:30AM - 11:40AM
- V. PROJECT UPDATES ~11:40AM - 11:55AM
 - A. FY2019-2020 Projects: Reimbursement Phase
 - B. FY2021-2022 Projects: Obligation Phase
 - C. FY2023-2024 Projects: Programmed Phase
- VI. NEW OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS ~11:55AM-12PM
- VII. ADJOURNMENT ~12PM



· RGVMPO BPAC Voting Membership ·

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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

Last voting meeting. Thank you for your engagement and guidance on the RGVMPO BPAC!



I. ROLL CALL

Membership Attendance will be tracked per the adopted bylaws.

P = Present
A = Absent

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

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.



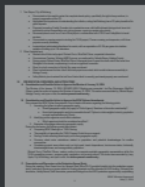


IV.A Discussion & Update on BPAC Meeting Recordings - May 1, 2024

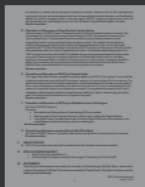
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Meeting Minutes of the Rio Grande Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC)

Wednesday, March 6, 2024, at 10:30 AM

I. CALL TO ORDER

The RGVMP 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, RGVMP, at 10:30 A.M.

II. ROLL CALL

RGVMP BPAC Representatives **PRESENT:**

Organization/Agency	Voting Membership	Alternate
Valley Off-Road Bicycling Association	David Hernandez, Chair	
Caracara Trails	Rose Gowen, Vice-Chair	
Hidalgo County	Velinda Reyes	Nick Perez
City of Sullivan City	Alma Salinas	Ana Mercado
TxDOT Pharr District	Craig Wuensche	Augustin Ramirez
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Other Attendees:

- James Campbell, Valley Metro
 - Yida Capriccioso , Half Associates
 - Tom Reyna, City of Edinburg
 - Julian Brown, Half Associates
 - Tom Logan, Valley Metro Director
 - Celina Gonzales ,City Primera Manager
 - Elias Casas, General Land Office
 - Ashley Bennis, Half Associates
- RGVMP Staff:**
- Luis Diaz, Interim Director
 - Eva Garcia, Planner III Bike/Ped Program Coordinator
 - Melany Rodriguez, GIS Specialist/Planner I
 - Klarissa Gonzalez, Planner I

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, Closner 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/Input:

- 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, RGVMP 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.

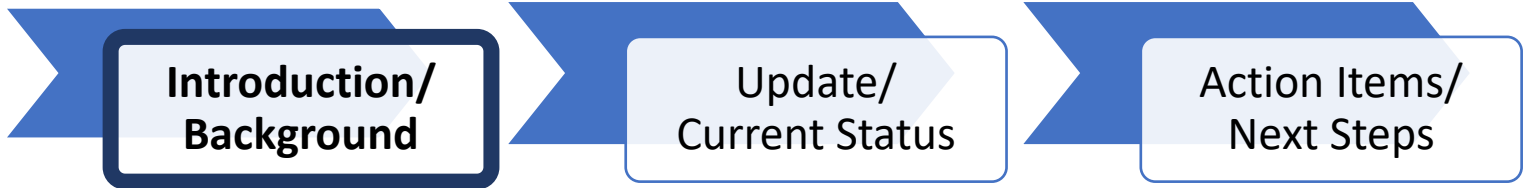
Richard Cavin, Bike/Ped Citizen, made a motion to incorporate equitable geographic representation within the TASA competitive process - program guide, application, and scoring criteria. The motion was seconded by Larry Ayala, City of Edinburg, and upon a vote; the **motion passed unanimously.**

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.”⁸⁴ “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;⁸⁵ 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

⁸⁴ 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.

⁸⁵ 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,¹²⁰ even though its membership includes some members, but less than a quorum, of a governmental body.¹²¹ For example, the multidisciplinary team established to review offenders' records under the Commitment of Sexually Violent Predators Act was not subject to the Act.¹²² 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.¹²³

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.¹²⁴ 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,¹²⁵ the nursing advisory committee established by the statewide health coordinating council,¹²⁶ advisory committees for existing Boll Weevil Eradication zones appointed by the commissioner of the Official Cotton Growers' Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation,¹²⁷ and an education research center advisory board.¹²⁸

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

¹¹⁹ 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).

¹²⁰ 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).

¹²¹ 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).

¹²² See *Beasley*, 95 S.W.3d at 606.

¹²³ *Id.*

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

¹²⁵ TEX. LOC. GOV'T CODE § 211.0075.

¹²⁶ TEX. HEALTH & SAFETY CODE § 104.0155(e).

¹²⁷ TEX. AGRIC. CODE § 74.1041(e).

¹²⁸ 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.⁴²⁴

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.⁴²⁵

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



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June 2023 Call for Members

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.

Virtual RGVMPPO BPAC Mtg.

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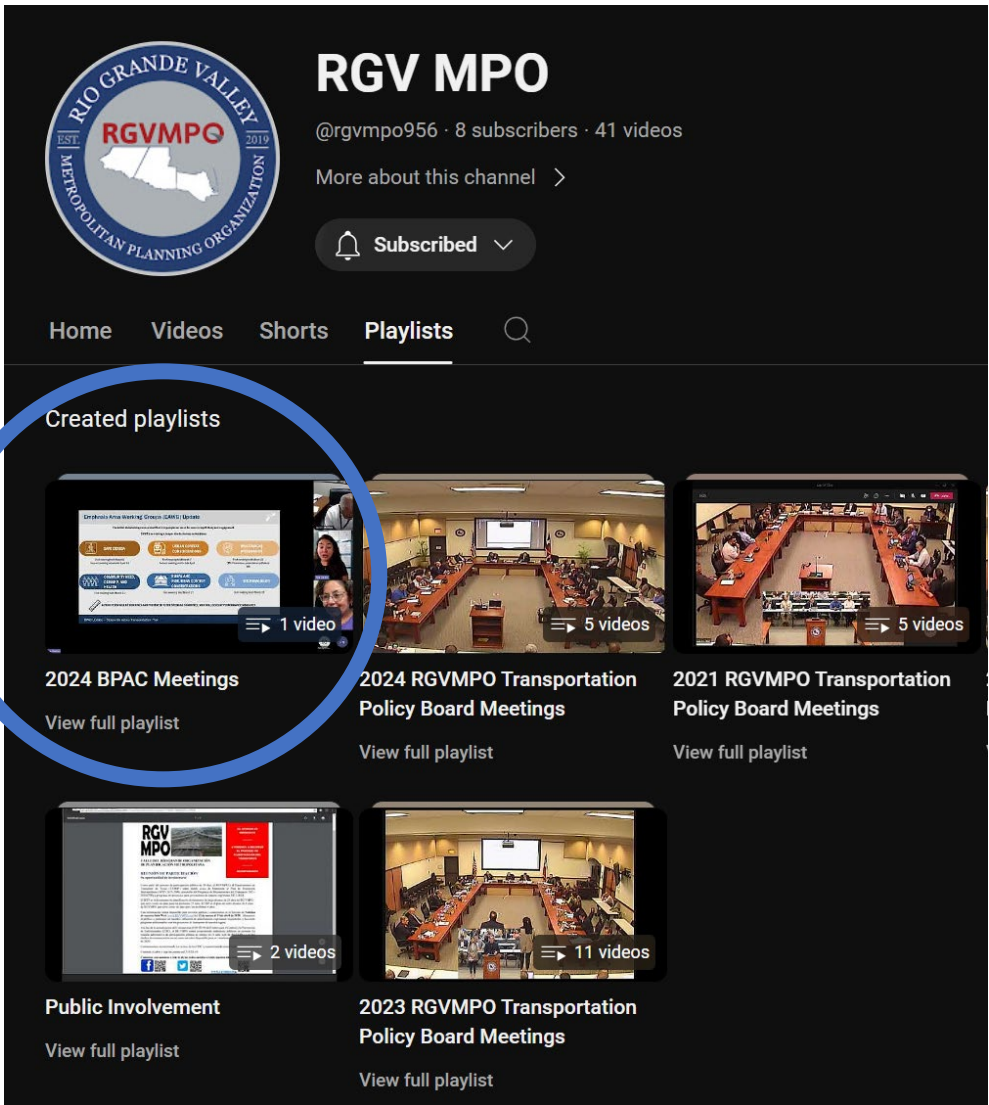
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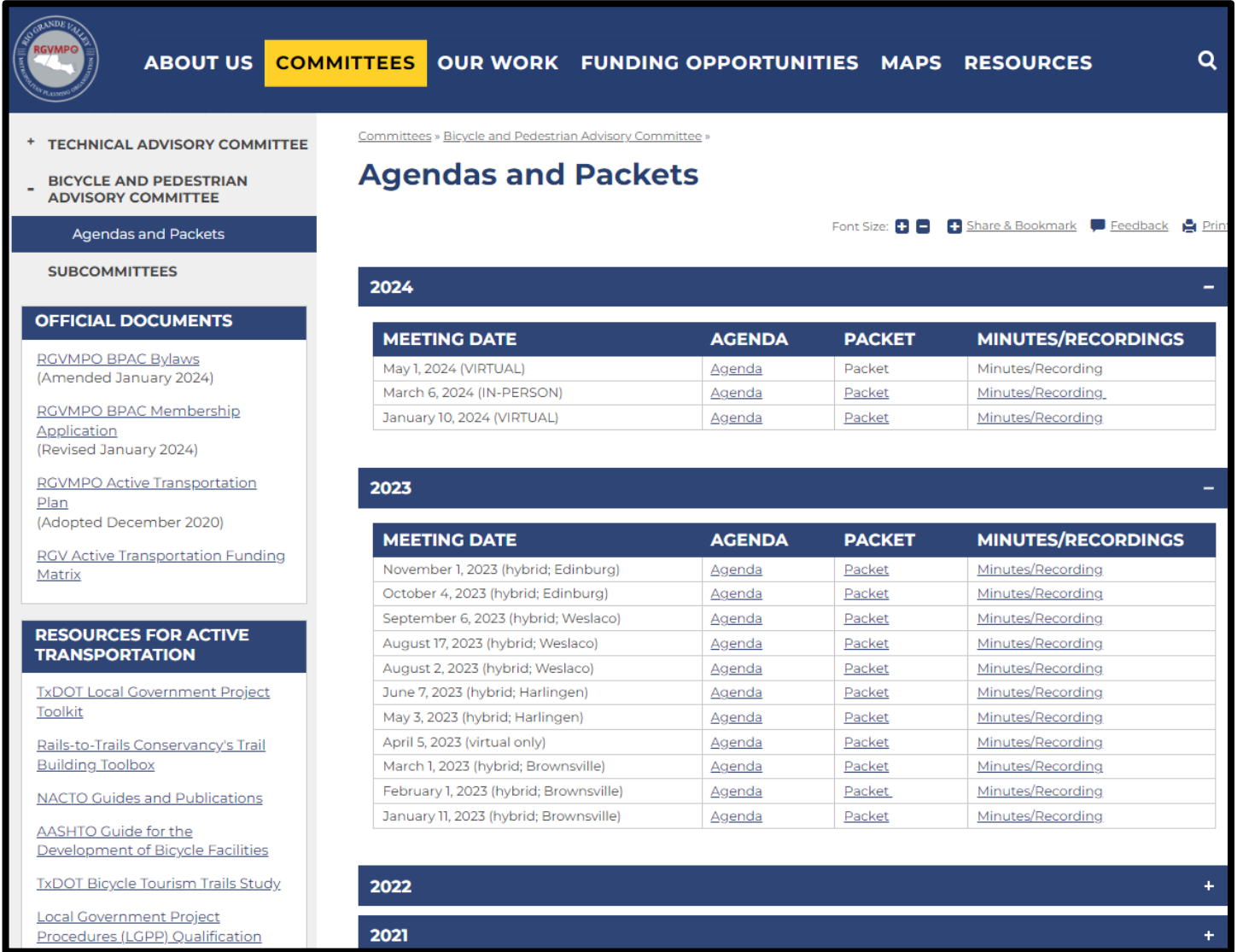
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SUBCOMMITTEES

OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS

- [RGVMPO BPAC Bylaws \(Amended January 2024\)](#)
- [RGVMPO BPAC Membership Application \(Revised January 2024\)](#)
- [RGVMPO 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](#)

Agendas and Packets

2024

MEETING DATE	AGENDA	PACKET	MINUTES/RECORDINGS
May 1, 2024 (VIRTUAL)	Agenda	Packet	Minutes/Recording
March 6, 2024 (IN-PERSON)	Agenda	Packet	Minutes/Recording
January 10, 2024 (VIRTUAL)	Agenda	Packet	Minutes/Recording

2023

MEETING DATE	AGENDA	PACKET	MINUTES/RECORDINGS
November 1, 2023 (hybrid; Edinburg)	Agenda	Packet	Minutes/Recording
October 4, 2023 (hybrid; Edinburg)	Agenda	Packet	Minutes/Recording
September 6, 2023 (hybrid; Weslaco)	Agenda	Packet	Minutes/Recording
August 17, 2023 (hybrid; Weslaco)	Agenda	Packet	Minutes/Recording
August 2, 2023 (hybrid; Weslaco)	Agenda	Packet	Minutes/Recording
June 7, 2023 (hybrid; Harlingen)	Agenda	Packet	Minutes/Recording
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January 11, 2023 (hybrid; Brownsville)	Agenda	Packet	Minutes/Recording

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IV.B Consideration and Action to change the September 2024 BPAC Meeting date

- <https://ttatconference.org/> September 4th – 6th
- [TxDOT's Transportation Planning Conference](#) September 3rd – 5th

**Reschedule of RGVMPO
September BPAC 2024 Survey**

<https://forms.office.com/r/bvt1iAsGzh>





IV.B Consideration and Action to change the September 2024 BPAC Meeting date

· Discussion ·

10 responses submitted

Please rank the best alternative date to hold the upcoming September 2024 BPAC meeting.

Alternative Date and Time	Number of Responses (Approximate)
Wednesday, September 11th @ 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM	6
Friday, September 13th @ 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM	4
Wednesday, September 11th @ 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM	3
Friday, September 13th @ 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM	2
Not Available / Other	1

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Possible Action: Approve September meeting

Motion By: David

Seconded By:



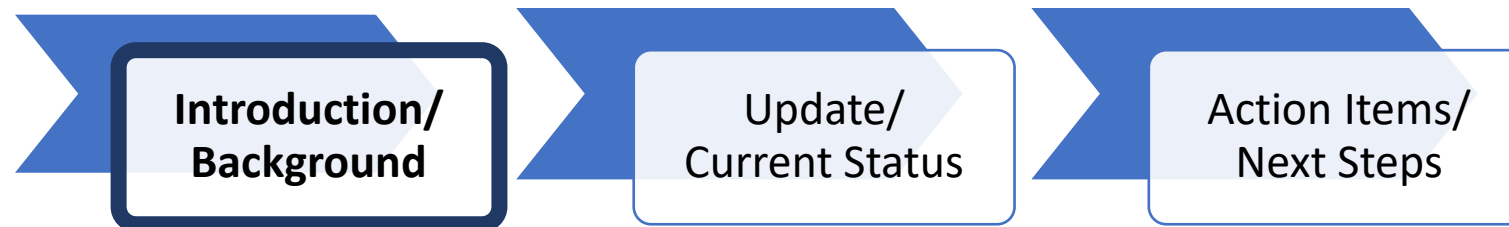
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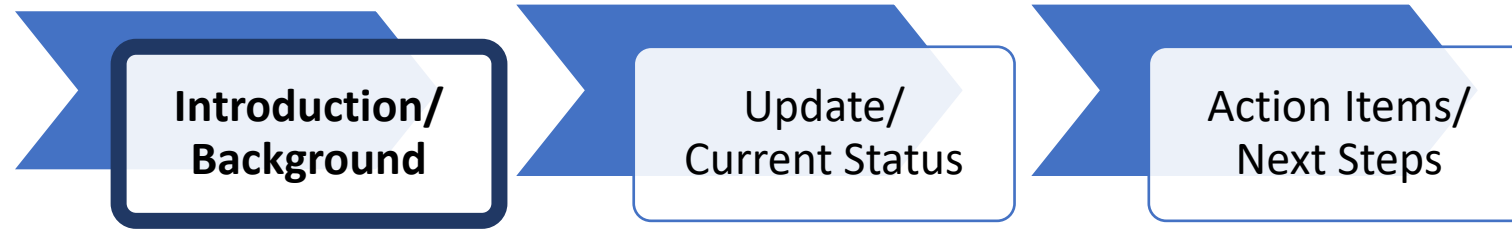
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II. Membership

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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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

Last voting meeting. Thank you for your engagement and guidance on the RGVMPO BPAC!



· *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	TaBDC	Agustin Ramirez		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	<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)	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
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Last voting meeting is the September BPAC meeting.

PUBLIC AGENCY

• **Discussion Notes** •

Motion from Jon ray

Second: Richard

REPRESENTING AGENCY (if applicable): City of Harlingen

NAME OF APPLICANT: Javier Mendez TITLE: Director of Parks & Recreation

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NAME OF ALTERNATE: Armando Villela TITLE: Assistant Parks & Recreation Director

EMAIL ADDRESS: avillela@harlingentx.gov PHONE: (956) 216-5959

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I AM APPLYING FOR THE FOLLOWING MEMBERSHIP POSITION (check one):

- PUBLIC AGENCY** (Municipality, County, Transit Provider, Public Safety, or TxDOT)
- ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** (independently funded and operated nonprofit organization responsible for marketing and promoting Texas as premier business/tourist location)
- BICYCLE- OR PEDESTRIAN- ORIENTED** (nonprofit or grassroots advocacy group/org purposed for, or focused on, cycling, pedestrian, or alternative transportation-related activities.)
- STAKEHOLDER ORGANIZATION** (parks and wildlife agencies, educational institutions, medical institutions, and advocates for at-risk populations)
- BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN CITIZENS AT-LARGE** (a local resident for bicycle/pedestrian interests; not associated with any agency, group or organization)


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May 1, 2024
DATE

PUBLIC AGENCY

• *Discussion Notes* •

Motion:

Second:

REPRESENTING AGENCY (if applicable): City of Brownsville

NAME OF APPLICANT: Joel Garza TITLE: Multimodal Transportation Director

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NAME OF ALTERNATE: Chris Nelson TITLE: Bike/Ped Planner

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05-02-2024
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PUBLIC AGENCY

• **Discussion Notes** •

Motion from Jon ray

Second: Richard

REPRESENTING AGENCY (if applicable): City of San Benito

NAME OF APPLICANT: Johanna Maldonado TITLE: Planning Director

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NAME OF ALTERNATE: Monica Rodriguez TITLE: Planner I

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Johanna Maldonado
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5-9-24
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BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN CITIZEN AT-LARGE

• Discussion Notes •

Motion: Richard

Second: Ruben

REPRESENTING AGENCY (if applicable): _____

NAME OF APPLICANT: Jon Ray Bocanegra TITLE: _____

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NAME OF ALTERNATE: Michael McNew TITLE: _____

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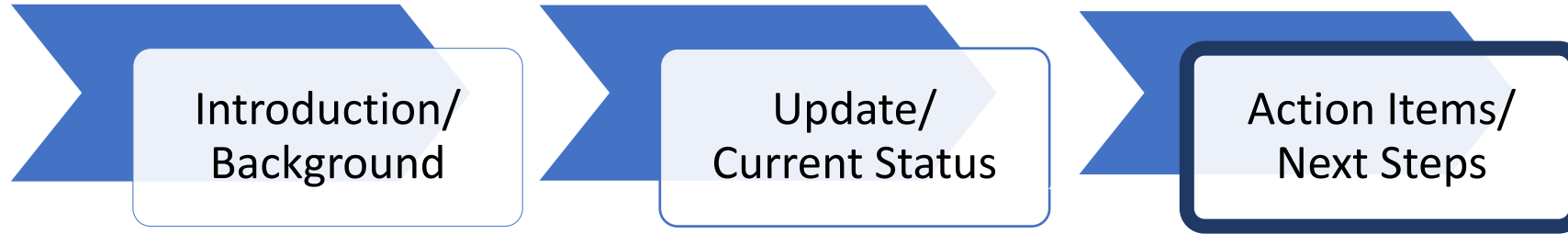
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[Signature] 6-19-24

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· Open for Discussion & Revisions ·

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



IV.C Consideration and Action to Appoint New Members to the RGVMPO BPAC

· *Discussion* ·

➤ *committee of all EDC's to fill vacancy.*

Possible Action:

Motion By:

Seconded By:

RIO GRANDE VALLEY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

2024 CALL FOR MEMBERS

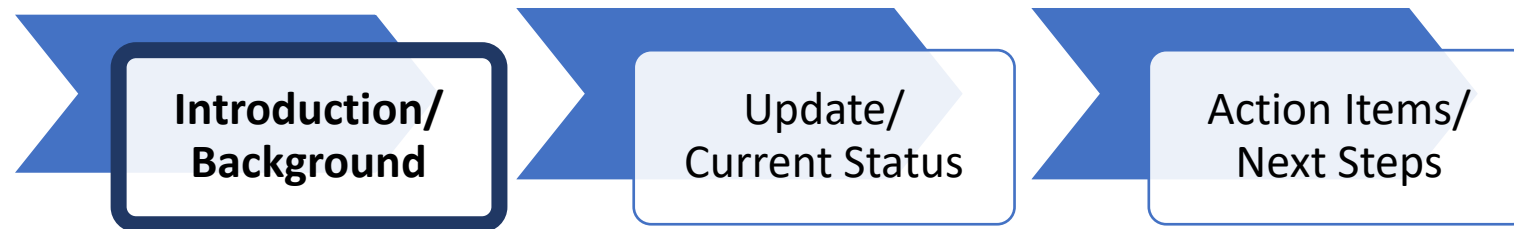
**APPLY BY: JUNE 24TH
APPOINTMENTS: JULY 3RD
FIRST MEETING: SEPT. 4TH**

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

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



IV.D Presentation and Discussion on RGV BCycle (Bikeshare)





IV.D Presentation and Discussion on RGV BCycle (Bikeshare)

· *Discussion* ·

- *Deuteriation of b-cycle bikes in McAllen.*
- *Meeting with the department of energy at the LRGVDC. Questions about bikeshare and costs were brought up.*
- *B-Cycle has been going through financial problems other cities are facing same problem with B-Cycle.*
- *Need ways to maintain the RGV B-Cycle (Bikeshare) Program.*



IV.E Presentation and Discussion on RGV Bicycle and Pedestrian Counter Program



Sites

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Filters

User Types

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- Cellular Transmission
- Manual

Domain

- Lower Rio Grande Valley Development
- City of Brownsville

Tags

- Brownsville

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ID	Attachment Date	Last Data	Interval	Tags
YAH20042604	09/02/2021	10/31/2023	10 months	
Precinct 2 Trail north of E. Ridge Rd (west bank)				
		First Data: 09/04/2021	Last Data: 06/26/2024	Interval: 15 minutes
Counter: YAH20042602	Attachment Date: 09/04/2021	Last Data: 06/26/2024	Depleted for: 9 months	Icons: Bidirectional, Cellular, Pedestrian, Cyclist
Primera City Trail				
		First Data: 09/01/2021	Last Data: 06/11/2024	Interval: 15 minutes
Counter: YAH20042603	Attachment Date: 09/01/2021	Last Data: 06/11/2024	Depleted for: 10 months	Icons: Bidirectional, Cellular, Pedestrian, Cyclist
San Benito Heavin Resaca Trail				
		First Data: 08/31/2021	Last Data: 06/30/2024	Interval: 15 minutes
Counter: YAH20042610	Attachment Date: 08/31/2021	Last Data: 06/30/2024	Depleted for: 10 months	Icons: Bidirectional, Cellular, Pedestrian, Cyclist
San Benito Heavin Resaca Trail at W Brooks St				
		First Data	Last Data	Interval



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Subject Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council- Batteries, Expert GSM, 4G Logger Upgrades
SF00047237 05/24

Date : 5/13/2024

4G Logger Replacement - Discount 30%

Production dates 2020 or later

- YAH20042605 San Benito Heavin Resaca Trail at W Brooks St
- YAH20042610 San Benito Heavin Resaca Trail
- YAH20042603 Primera City Trail
- YAH20042602 Precinct 2 Trail north of E. Ridge Rd (west bank)
- YAH20042604 Mission Trail west of Conway Ave
- YAH20042607 Mission Mission Trail at FM 2062 & Military Rd
- YAH20042609 McAllen 2nd St Trail south of Pecan Blvd
- YAH20042608 McAllen 2nd St Trail south of Larkspur Ave
- YAH20042614 BrownsvilleSouth of Palo Alto Battlefield National Park
- YAH20042606 Harlingen Meg Jorn Trail
- YAH20042611 Harlingen Arroyo Trail at Boggus Car Dealership
- YAH20042612 Brownsville HBT east of Habana Street at Bus Transfer Station
- YAH20042613 Brownsville HBT south of South Price Road

Code	Description	Unit Price	Discount (%)	Discounted price	Qty	Price
Components					13	\$ 16,289.00
2101	RAYGEL XS Waterproof Case with Protective Covers	\$ 35.00	30 %	\$ 24.50	13	\$ 318.50
BCB2E4GBOP40	Eco-Combo 2 4G Logger GLOBAL Urban Post V2	\$ 1,755.00	30 %	\$ 1,228.50	13	\$ 15,970.50
993	Activated	\$ 0.00			13	\$ 0.00
Components						
756	15-minute interval data recording	\$ 0.00			13	\$ 0.00



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4G Logger Replacement - Discount 30%

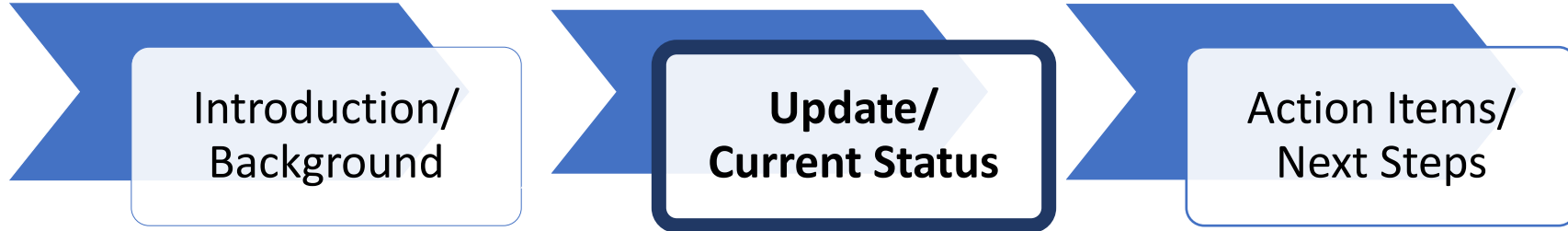
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Y2H20042618 Elsa Trail east of Extrumberto Solis St
 Y2H20042616 2nd St Trail north of Houston St
 Y2H20042617 0
 Y2H20042619 Brownsville SNT Detention Area

Code	Description	Unit Price	Discount (%)	Discounted price	Qty	Price
Components					4	\$ 5,012.00
2101	RAYGEL XS Waterproof Case with Protective Covers	\$ 35.00	30 %	\$ 24.50	4	\$ 98.00
BCB2E4GPIN40	Eco-Combo 2 4G GLOBAL Logger for Manhole	\$ 1,755.00	30 %	\$ 1,228.50	4	\$ 4,914.00
993	Activated	\$ 0.00			4	\$ 0.00
Components						
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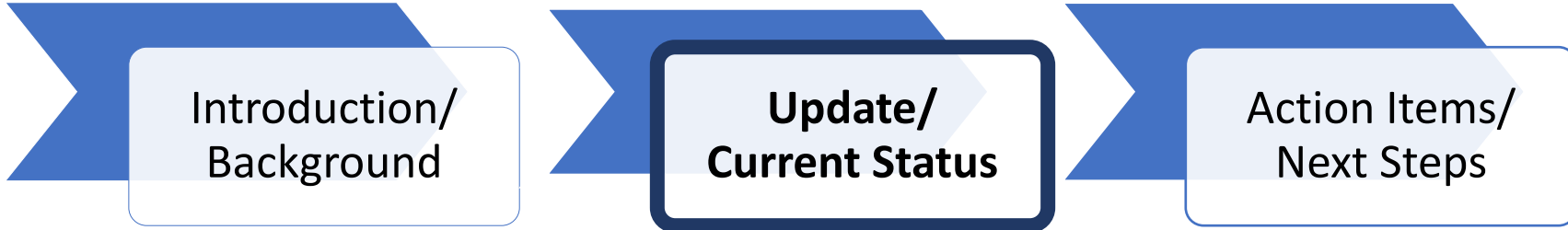
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Tool kit to change PIN or FEN Logger					2	\$ 60.00
2591	Combo 2 PIN FEN toolkit	\$ 30.00			2	\$ 60.00
Tool kit to change BOP Logger					3	\$ 75.00
2590	Combo 2, Urban Post V2 toolkit	\$ 25.00			3	\$ 75.00



Batteries

Y2H20042616: 898
 Y2H20042617: 898
 Y2H20042618: 898
 Y2H20042619: 898
 YAH20042602: 1701 & 1794
 YAH20042603: 1701 & 1794
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 YAH20042610: 1701 & 1794
 YAH20042611: 1701 & 1794
 YAH20042612: 1701
 YAH20042614: 1701 & 1794

Code	Description	Unit Price	Discount (%)	Discounted price	Qty	Price
Battery					1	\$ 1,610.00
898	Battery Pack - ZELT + GSM - 4-Pin Connector (Red Disk)	\$ 145.00			4	\$ 580.00
1701	Battery Pack - GSM for Urban Post V2 / PYRO-Box V2	\$ 40.00			12	\$ 480.00
1794	Battery Pack – ZELT for Urban Post V2	\$ 50.00			11	\$ 550.00



Expert Subscription

January 1st, 2024 to December 31st, 2024

Code	Description	Unit Price	Discount (%)	Discounted price	Qty	Price
<p>Eco-Counter Inc. 604-3981 Saint-Laurent Blvd - Montreal, QC H2W 1Y5 Canada Phone: 514-849-9779 - Toll Free: 1-866-518-4404 - Email: sales@eco-counter.com EIN: 980662778 - DUNS: 246844323</p>						2 / 3

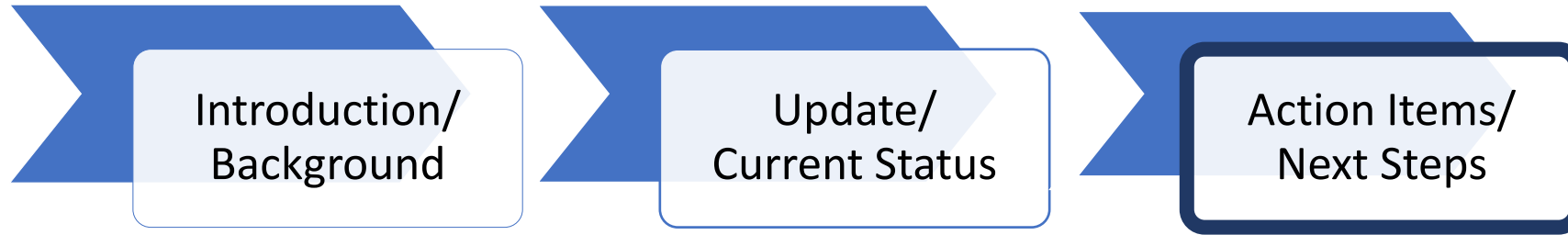
Services		Qty	Price
2613	EXPERT Package (1 year) Eco-Visio Software subscription, incl. Alert service, Dashboards, Quarterly Data Validation & Reconstruction, weather module, Eco-Visio API Yearly Cost, Public Web Page	17	\$ 12,240.00

Shipping

Code	Description	Unit Price	Discount (%)	Discounted price	Qty	Price
Services						\$ 150.00
SH9696666	Shipping	\$ 150.00			1	\$ 150.00

Delivery lead time 4 to 5 weeks
 Payment by check or direct deposit, EFT, ACH within 30 days
 Please provide tax ID for customs clearance
 All prices are in US dollars
 Please note that this quote does not include sales tax, but it
 may be added to your invoice depending on state tax
 requirements

Total \$ 35,436.00



• Data Subscription •

Regarding the data validation and reconstruction, since the Expert subscription dates back to January first, your counters should have two quarters of data validated. I spoke with our team and based on their workload and the timing of the order confirmation we propose the follow schedule for the reoccurring quarterly validation and reconstructions:

- Quarter 1: December to February
- Quarter 2: March to May
- Quarter 3: June to August
- Quarter 4: September to November

• Logger & Batteries •

- July 22-26, 2024: Program Partnership Meeting
- August: MOU Revisions (will include language on contributions to data subscription costs)
- September: Program Partnership Logger & Battery Replacement Training (distribution)
- October: RGV Bicycle & Pedestrian Counter Program back on track



IV.E Presentation and Discussion on RGV Bicycle and Pedestrian Counter Program

· *Discussion* ·

➤ *Lifespan of batteries*



IV.F Presentation and Discussion on FY 2025-2026 Transportation Alternative Set-Aside (TASA) Program Call

• New BIL MPO TASA Guidelines •

- The MPO must provide adequate **public involvement and transparency** throughout the development of the competitive process. **A competitive process** should allow **project sponsors to understand the project selection evaluation criteria and how projects will be evaluated.**
- The BIL added a provision requiring that the competitive process, used by the MPO, include prioritization of project location and impact in high-need areas as defined by the State, such as:
 - low-income
 - transit-dependent
 - rural
 - or other areas (23 U.S.C. 133(h)(4)(D)).
- All Recreational Trails projects are now eligible for TASA funds.

TA Set-Aside funds are contract authority with obligations reimbursed from the Highway Account of the Highway Trust Fund. **TA Set-Aside funds are available for obligation for a period of 3 years after the last day of the fiscal year for which the funds are authorized.** This includes funds set aside for the RTP. **Thus, funds are available for obligation for up to 4 years** (23 U.S.C. 118). New obligations of STBG, TA Set-Aside, and RTP funds must follow the requirements and eligibilities of applicable law as amended by the BIL.



IV.F Presentation and Discussion on FY 2025-2026 Transportation Alternative Set-Aside (TASA) Program Call

• *Discussion* • *Action* •

RGVMPO Staff received input and guidance from BPAC Members and other Stakeholders regarding regional initiatives to implement the RGVMPO Active Transportation Plan.

The survey included information and questions on:

- RGVMPO BPAC Administration
- **RGVMPO TASA Project Call(s)**

[September 2023 RGVMPO BPAC + ATP Implementation Survey Results](#)

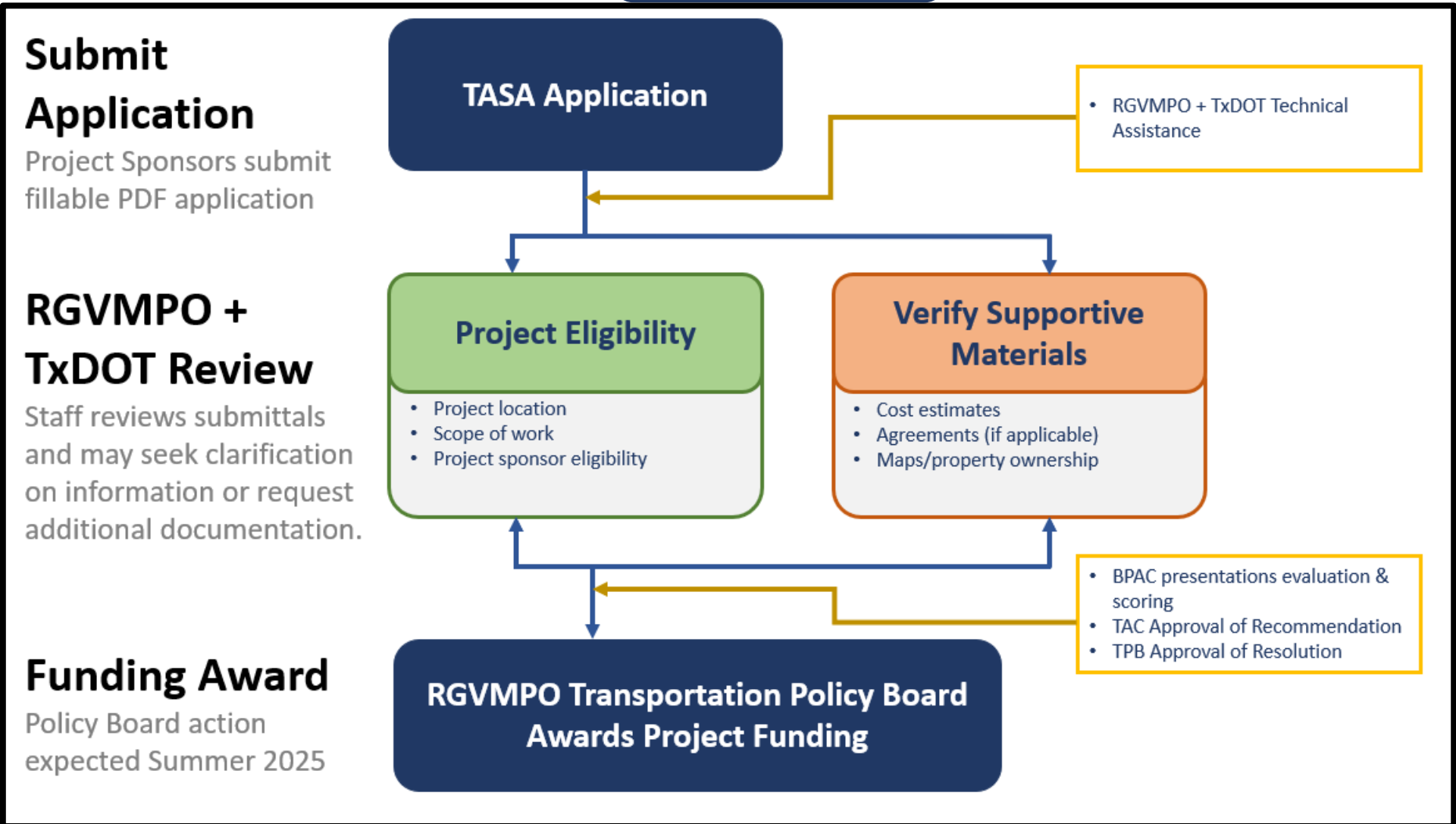
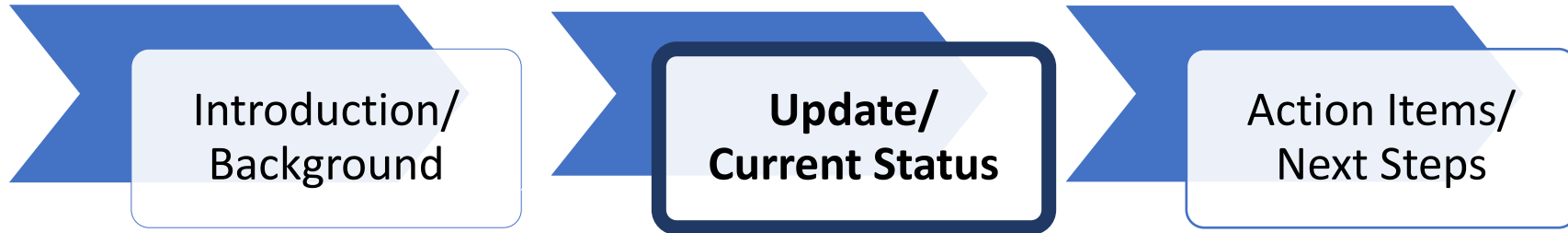
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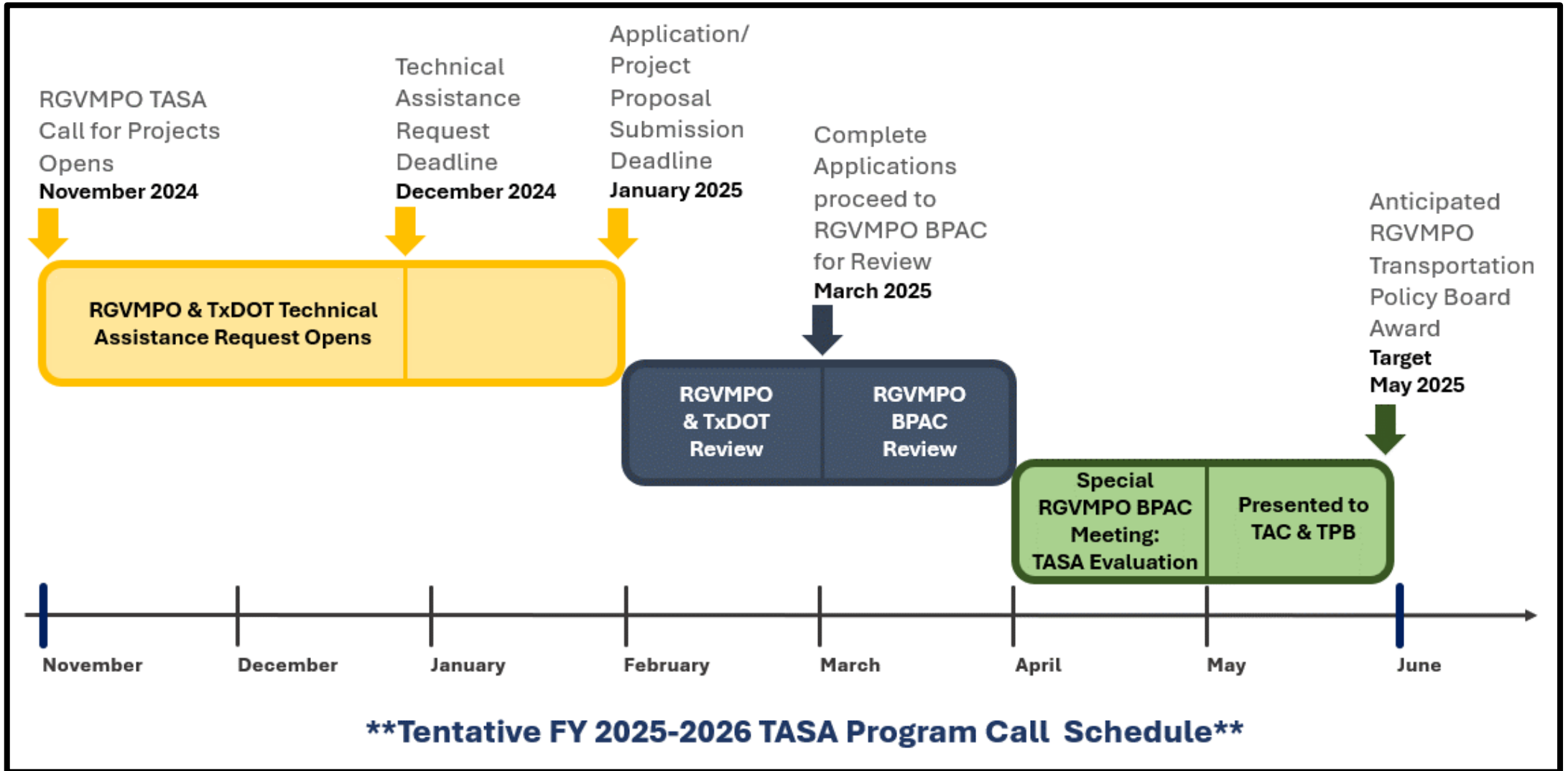
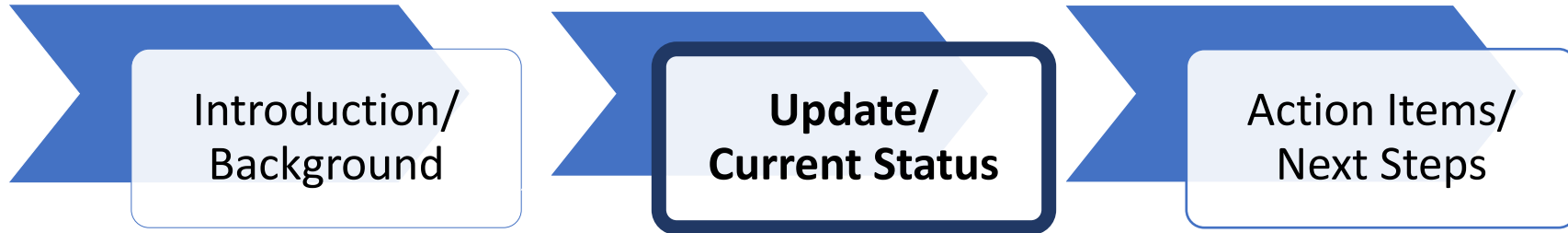


10. RGVMPO Staff is requesting guidance on how to potentially develop a voting membership with an equitable balance of representation from the counties.

13 Responses

ID ↑	Name	Responses
7	anonymous	I believe having a balanced voting membership within counties would consider fair voting throughout the Rio Grande Valley.
8	anonymous	equal qty of representative, but weight distribution determined by attendance and participation (such as survey requests).
9	anonymous	Apps.....or presentations to the City Organizations and place on their social media.
10	anonymous	I am still learning this committee but I'd like to see that Bike Ped citizen for example is a reflection by county, so you have four positions and I am assuming that may exist already but if not, I'd like to see that. Same goes for the other positions, a representative by county covers everyone and everyone has a voice.
11	anonymous	I think a voting score balance is worth looking into.
12	anonymous	8 of the 17 voting members can be from Hidalgo County agencies, while 4 can be from Cameron County agencies. The final voting member can be from Starr County or from either of the other two counties if not filled by Starr County. This is roughly proportional to the populations in each county.
13	anonymous	Anonymous voting will most likely allow people to express their truest opinions in voting.







• *Discussion* • *Action* •

- We anticipate three VIRTUAL TASA working group meetings held in the months of:
 - **August 2024**
 - **September 2024**
 - **October 2024**
- The TASA Working Group will assist with the selection of an equitable group of TASA evaluators for scoring the TASA project proposals, as well as determine any amendments needed for the FY 2025-2026 RGVMPO TASA Program Calls' Guide, Scoring Criteria, and Application.

[TASA Working Group Meeting Schedule Survey](#)

IV.F Presentation and Discussion on FY 2025-2026 Transportation Alternative Set-Aside (TASA) Program Call

· Discussion ·

➤ [TASA Working Group Meeting Schedule Survey](#)

➤ *Submission Deadline: July 12, 2024*

FY 2025-2026 RGVMPPO TASA
Program Call Working Group
Meeting Schedule Survey





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



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.

For more information and to provide your input, please visit the Comprehensive Safety Action Plan (CSAP) Webpage at:

[Rio Grande Valley MPO Comprehensive Safety Action Plan](#)

- ✓ Executed Contract with TJKM consultant firm.
- ✓ Quarterly reporting to FHWA
- ✓ Kick-off Steering Committee meeting on 4/29.
- ✓ Safe Streets for Texans Training & Safe Streets Open House 6/5.
- Process of Contract Amendment

MEETING	LOCATION	AGENDA	MINUTES/RECORDING
April 29, 2024 at 11AM - 12PM	Virtual Meeting	Meeting #1 Agenda	Minutes/Recording
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	
Luis A. Vargas		City of Harlingen	
Jaime Gutierrez		City of Elsa	
Edgar O. Perez		TxDOT Pharr District	
Dennis Moreno		RGVECD-911	

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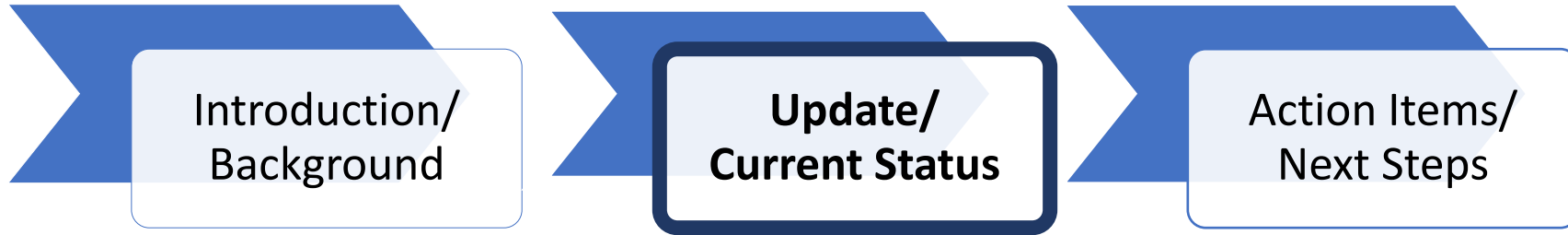
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Action Items/ Next Steps



Current Contract 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 (**1st in-person open house meeting held on June 5th 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.



Rio Grande Valley MPO Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Action Plan Contract Amendments

Project Deliverables to include:

TASK 3 COMMUNICATION & ENGAGEMENT

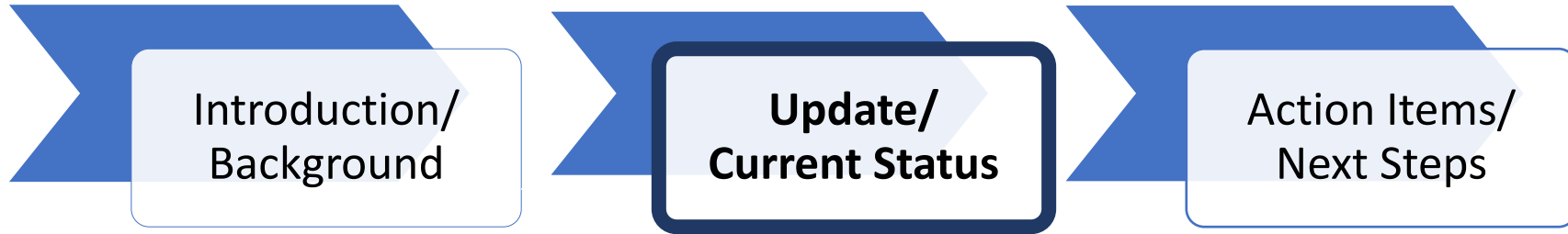
Added Deliverables:

- Minimum of three SS4A Comprehensive Plan Project Reporting to each RGVMPO committee (initial project status, mid project status, final project status) total of nine project reports/presentations:
 - Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) – 3 virtual reporting, [September 2024; November 2024; January 2025]
 - Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) – 3 flexible reporting,
 - Transportation Policy Board (TPB) – 3 mandatory in-person reporting.

TASK 7 DOCUMENTATION & ACTION PLAN (DRAFT & FINAL SS4A ACTION PLAN)

Added Deliverables:

- The Comprehensive safety action plan will include potential pilot locations (Starr County, Hidalgo County, City of Harlingen, and City of Brownsville) that can be implemented in a future grant proposal.
- The Comprehensive safety action plan to include proven safety countermeasures for our region (general recommendations)



Other Rio Grande Valley MPO Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Action Plan Contract Amendments

Project Contract Period and Timeline/Milestones to be amended to:

Article 1 Contract Period

This contract becomes effective when fully executed by all parties hereto and shall terminate upon the RGVMPO's final approval of work completed by the Consultant or on **Monday, March 31, 2025**, whichever occurs earlier, unless otherwise terminated or modified as hereinafter provided.

Timeline/Milestones

- Kickoff Meeting:.....03/2024
- Monthly Staff meeting.....03/24 - **03/25**
- Quarterly Sub-Committee Meeting..... 03/24 - **03/25**
- Midway Status report to TAC & TPB**01/2025**
- Planned draft action plan completion date:**12/2025**
- Planned Action Plan due date:.....**01/2025**
- Planned Action Plan Adoption date:**03/2025**
- Planned SS4A Final Report date:**03/2025**



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Webpage: <https://www.rgvmpo.org/our-work/public-participation/ss4a-safety-action-plan>

SS4A Safety Action Plan

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Project Overview

The Rio Grande Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization (RGVMPO) is working to create a Comprehensive Safety Action Plan, which will outline data-driven initiatives to minimize the number of fatalities and serious injuries that are related to transportation across the MPO planning area. Improving transportation safety is a top priority for the MPO.

The Comprehensive Safety Action Plan will:

- Analyze recent crash trends and contributing factors based on crash data
- Identify emphasis areas and priorities for safety improvements
- Develop system-wide safety countermeasures and location-specific project recommendations
- Coordinate efforts across jurisdictions within the MPO region
- Establish performance measures to track and monitor progress toward reducing fatalities and serious injuries



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- Report Your Area of Concern** +
- Collision History** +
- Project Updates** +



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Report Your Area of Concern

Your input is essential for the success of this Comprehensive Safety Action Plan. Click the button below to provide us with your concerns regarding traffic and safety.

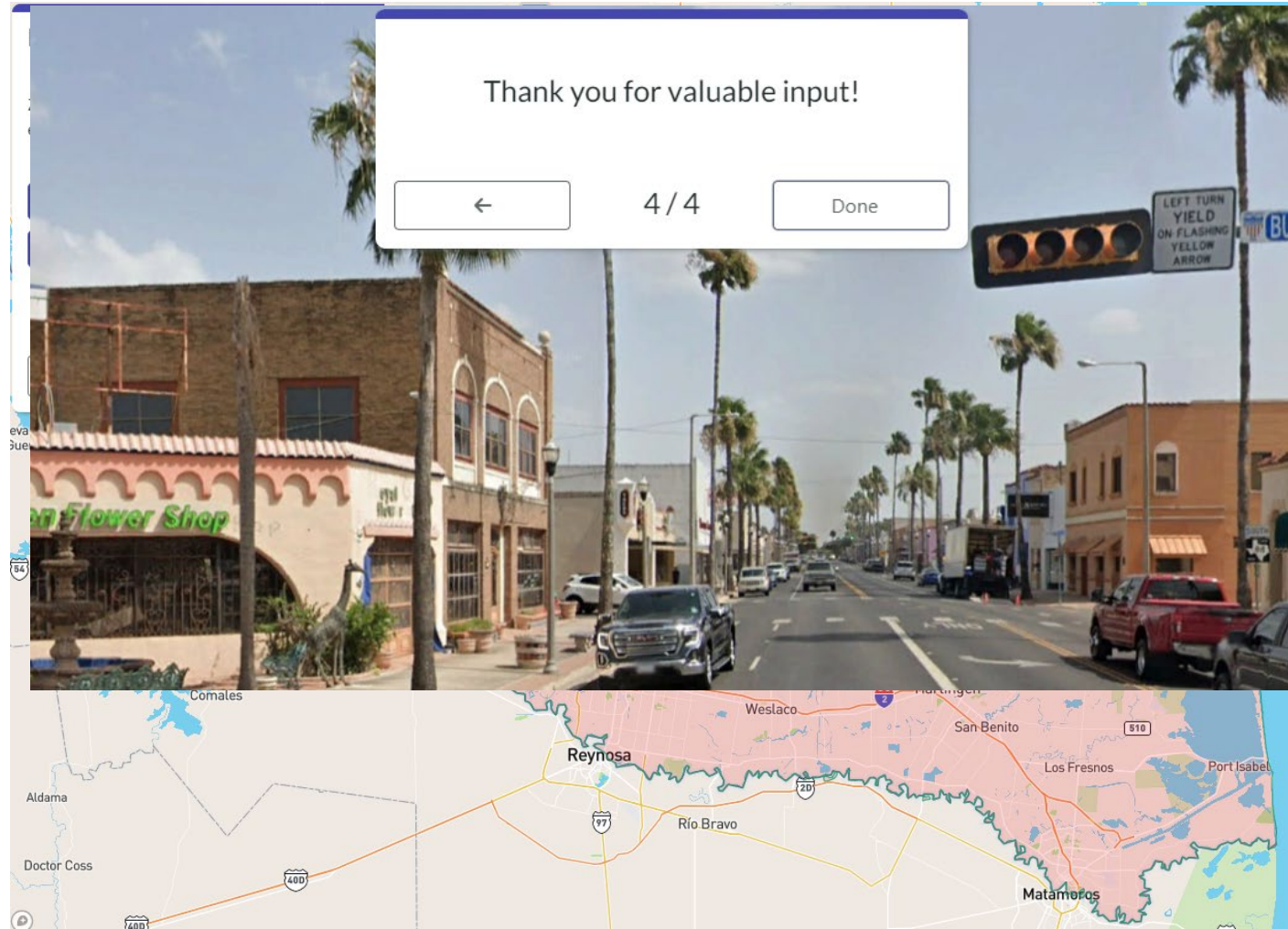
Sample comments -

- This roadway segment is unsafe for walking and biking.
- Cars don't stop at this stop-controlled intersection.
- Speeding on this roadway segment.

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Maptionnaire Link:

<https://app.maptionnaire.com/q/97vyw2miy7e8>





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Provide Feedback

Let us know if you have any comments or suggestions about the project by filling the feedback form below.

*** Name**

First Name
Last Name

*** Email**

*** Subject**

200 characters

*** Comment**

500 Character limit
500 characters

To receive a copy of your submission, please fill out your email address below and submit.

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

· *Discussion* ·

- *City of McAllen Vision Zero, some projects noted to mitigate safety.*



V. PROJECT UPDATES

- Members are encouraged to share updates on bike/ped projects/programs.
- <https://americanrampcompany.com/velosolutions-asphalt/> a multi-purpose track planned at arroyo park in Harlingen by VORBA.
- City of McAllen launched a new route 10 and then routes 8, 11, and 12 planned to launch after.
- WRT amenities project to be started by the end of this month.

FEDERAL FUNDING PROCESS RECAP
with related documents and potential outcomes at different phases.



Per the BIL, FHWA apportions funds to the State.

Apportionment = BIL & CFR
(Feds commit funds to States)

Allocation = TAC & UTP
(States commit funds to MPOs)

Apportioned funds are **suballocated** to the MPO for programming.

Programming = MTP & TIP
(MPOs commit funds to LGs)

Funding for the MPO-selected/programmed/LG-awarded projects is available to be obligated for four fiscal years (the year funds were apportioned plus three additional fiscal years).

Obligation = FPAA & SLOA
(Feds & State commit funds to LGs)

Unobligated amounts will lapse after the fourth fiscal year, starting with the oldest program funds first. The region will lose that portion of funds.

Risks.

Extra details.

The region **gains** the funds when MPO obligated projects successfully get federal reimbursement.

Reimbursement = RFR? APL?
(LG secures federal funds)

Not following federal or state requirements will **jeopardize** the reimbursement. Therefore, losing the regions portion of funds.

RGVMPO TASA Funding Groups

FY2019-2020

- The are the oldest group of funds being tracked and reflect ‘inherited’ projects.
- The projects presented successfully obligated their awarded funds.
- This group is in the ‘Reimbursement’ phase of the federal funding process.

FY2021-2022

- These funds were the first to be awarded/programmed by the merged RGVMPO.
- These projects have scheduled letting dates and are working to obligate the federal funds.
- This group is in the ‘Obligation’ phase of the federal funding process.

FY2023-2024

- These funds were officially awarded through resolution by the Policy Board in Oct. 2023
- These projects were added to the MPO’s TIP and MTP during the Nov. 2023 Revision Cycle.
- This group is in the ‘Programmed’ phase of the federal funding process and are working with TxDOT to execute Advance Funding Agreements (AFA).



VI. NEW OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- **Members are encouraged to bring ideas for future meetings or inquire about past items.**
- In-Person Procurement Workshop in Austin TX
- Cyclobia City of Brownsville
- July 14th VORBA update
- RMAC first meeting in February for a regional transit authority.
- Application submitted for



VII. ADJOURNMENT

· Next Meeting September 11th At 10:30 AM- 12 PM (Virtual) ·

Motion to

Motion By:

Seconded By: