

**FULL TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD MEETING AGENDA**

**Wednesday, October 30, 2024 – 1:30 PM**

**RIO GRANDE VALLEY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (RGVMPO)**

*Pursuant to Chapter 551, Title 5 of the Texas Government Code, the Texas Open Meeting Act, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a meeting of the RGVMPO POLICY BOARD 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 minutes for: September 25, 2024.**

Action       Possible Action       Information

**Presenter:** Commissioner David L. Fuentes, **Chairman**

**Summary:** Approval of September 25, 2024, Regular Meeting minutes

**B. Approval of the 2024 RGVMPO Congestion Management Process**

Action       Information

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

**Summary:** The update to the 2024 RGVMPO Congestion Management Process (CMP) is complete. Staff will present the final report and identify changes that were recommended by federal planning partners after the report was last shared in July. Resolution 2024-18 will be presented to the Transportation Policy Board on October 30th, 2024, for the final approval of the CMP.

**Background:** July of 2024, the RGVMPO presented the first draft of the 2024 update to the CMP. This is a federally mandated activity for Transportation Management Areas (TMA), and the report will be considered during the certification of the RGVMPO in December. The purpose of a CMP is to identify, analyze, and monitor traffic congestion in urban areas to provide data-driven implementation strategies and evaluate their effectiveness over time.

**C. Discussion and Action on November 2024 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Revision Cycle**

Action       Information

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

**Summary:** RGVMPO staff are amending our short-range and long-range planning & programming tables: TIP & MTP. A 30-day Public Involvement period concluded on October 9th, 2024, and all revisions were approved by our TAC. MPO staff are seeking TPB members' approval.

**Background:** The Statewide TIP is updated quarterly and RGVMPO staff is revising the short-range Transportation Improvement Program, and long-range Metropolitan Transportation Plan (TIP & MTP). Public Involvement, both virtual and in-person, was scheduled from September 9th, 2024, to October 9th, 2024. All revisions require approval from our TAC & TPB members during the scheduled October meetings. Modifications are identified on both TIP & MTP tables, and a summary sheet has been provided.

**D. Out of State Travel – 2025 Transportation Research Board (TRB) Conference -Washington, DC  
January 5-9, 2025**

Action

Information

**Presenter:** Michael Medina, RGVMPPO Executive Director

**Summary:** In compliance to the requirements of TxDOT and the TPB RGVMPPO Staff is seeking approval for staff to attend the Annual TRB Conference to be held in Washington, DC – January 5-9, 2025. This conference is part of the 2024-2025 UPWP under Task 1.6. This Annual Conference allows staff an opportunity to coordinate with other Planners and GIS Specialists across the globe on best practices, and innovative initiatives on the horizon.

Attendees: Executive Director: Michael Medina, Planner III Eva Garcia, Planner Klarissa Gonzalez, Transportation Planner Clara Munoz, GIS Specialist Haoji He, and GIS Specialist Shana Bricker.

*General admission (2): \$1,125.00/person*

*Young Professional admission (4): \$620.00/person*

*Airfare: \$577.96/person*

*Hotel: \$874.26/person*

*Per Diem: \$478/person*

*Estimated total: \$16,311.32 for 6 attendees*

**V. Presentations & Reports**

**A. Discussion on current RGVMPPO Chairperson Term**

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**Presenter:** Michael Medina, RGVMPPO Executive Director /  
Commissioner David L Fuentes, RGVMPPO Transportation Policy Board Chairman

**Summary:** RGVMPPO will be discussing the current Chair position and the continuation or potential voluntary reappointment for the remainder of the Hidalgo County 2 Year Term in coordination with the RGVMPPO Bylaws.

**Background:** RGVMPPO Chair and Vice Chair will be from the entities that are the local government signatories to the Re-designation Agreement: Cameron County, Hidalgo County, Cities of Brownsville, Edinburg, Harlingen, McAllen, Mission, Pharr. The Chair and Vice Chair will also be Transportation Policy Board members. The Chair and Vice Chair must come from different counties and rotate at the end of the two (2) year terms. The RGVMPPO Chair shall be chosen by a simple majority vote of the membership present at the election with a quorum established. The Chair shall perform the duties usually assigned to the office, such as preside at all meetings of this committee, be an ex-officio member of any subcommittee formed within this body and vote as a regular member of the board. Both the Chair and the Vice Chair shall serve two (2) year terms. In any given term, the Chair shall be from either Cameron County or Hidalgo County with the Vice Chair being from the other county and succeeding the Chair when the Chair's term is complete. No one can serve twice unless all board members have served at least once.

**B. Presentation and Discussion regarding the Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TASA; also known as Category 9) Program**

Action

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

**Summary:** RGVMPPO Staff will present Members with the results of the initial MentiMeter Questionnaire regarding the strategic direction of a revised Project Prioritization Process. As part of the development of the 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP; long-range plan), the project prioritization process aims to be designed to use key metrics to inform decision-making and compliment a revised performance management framework.

**Background:** As part of the ongoing conversations regarding utilization/carryover during the Project Readiness Subcommittee workshops, RGVMPPO Staff have been reviewing requirements within United States Code Title 23 Chapter 1 Section 134. Metropolitan transportation planning. Redeveloping the Project Prioritization Process is important to help us better understand how the investment of federal funds can impact regional mobility in different ways. Once a project is completed through the Transportation Performance Management (TPM) process, we know it is both possible to forecast the expected impact and validate the results, which Staff plans to further dive into in future Project Readiness Workshops.

**C. Presentation and Discussion regarding the RGVMPPO’s Project Prioritization Process for Metro Mobility and Rehab (STP MM; also known as Category 7) Funds**

Action  Information

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

**Summary:** RGVMPPO Staff will present Members with the results of the initial MentiMeter Questionnaire regarding the Project Prioritization Process and be asked further questions in a new MentiMeter. Staff aims to continue solicit feedback on the strategic direction, goals, objectives, and targets of the region’s priorities for improved performance-based planning and programming of Category 7 funds. Input gathered will be utilized for the future evaluation of Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP; long-range plan) projects prior to their addition to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP; short-range plan).

**Background:** As part of the development of the 2050 MTP and ongoing conversations regarding utilization/carryover during the Project Readiness Subcommittee workshops, RGVMPPO Staff have been reviewing requirements within United States Code Title 23 Chapter 1 Section 134. Metropolitan transportation planning. Redeveloping the Project Prioritization Process is important to help us better understand how the investment of federal funds can impact regional mobility in different ways. It is both possible to forecast the expected impact and validate the results once a project is completed through the Transportation Performance Management (TPM) process, which Staff plans to further dive into in future Project Readiness Workshops.

**D. TJKM - SS4A Comprehensive Plan Initial Project Status**

Action  Information

**Presenter:** Nayam Amin, TJKM President

**Summary:** The RGVMPPO is developing a Comprehensive Safety Action Plan as part of the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) initiative. This plan focuses on improving road safety, particularly in Starr County, Hidalgo County, City of Harlingen, and City of Brownsville, and aims to enhance safety for all users across the region. The update will cover progress on the plan’s development and upcoming steps.

**Background:** The RGVMPPO received SS4A grant funding to create the region’s first Comprehensive Safety Action Plan. With over 50% of the population living in HDCs, the plan targets critical safety needs by identifying key countermeasures and potential pilot locations (Starr County, Hidalgo County, City of Harlingen, and City of Brownsville) for future implementation. This update will highlight current efforts, stakeholder engagement, and the next steps in the project.

**E. RGVMPPO Executive Director's Report and Updates**

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**Presenter:** Michael Medina, RGVMPPO Executive Director

**Summary:**

1. Budget Update
2. 2024 Thoroughfare Update
3. Upcoming November and December meetings
4. TMA Certification Update

**F. TxDOT Project Status Report**

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**Presenter:** TxDot Pharr District TP&D Staff

**G. Cameron County RMA Project Status Report**

Action

Information

**Presenter:** Eric Davila, Cameron County RMA Chief Development Engineer

**H. Hidalgo County RMA Project Status Report**

Action

Information

**Presenter:** Ramon Navarro, Hidalgo County RMA Chief Construction Engineer

**I. Transit Status Report**

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**Presenter:** Robert De Leon, City of McAllen Assistant Transit Director

**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 Transportation Policy Board meeting is IN-PERSON at 1:30pm on November 27, 2024.