



RIO GRANDE VALLEY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

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April 20, 2021

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CITY OF EDINBURG CITY

OF HARLINGEN

CITY OF McALLEN

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HIDALGO COUNTY RMA

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VALLEY METRO

**STAFF:
ANDREW A. CANON
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

**LUIS M. DIAZ
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR**

**EX-OFFICIO:
RIO GRANDE VALLEY
PARTNERSHIP**

Rio Grande Valley MPO
Transportation Policy Board (TPB)

RE: Regularly scheduled meeting on April 28, 2021 @ 9:30 a.m.

In preparation for the regularly scheduled Policy Board meeting to be held on April 28, 2021 at 9:30 a.m., I am providing some insight into the agenda items to be presented.

Let me first announce that the RGV MPO is very excited that Secretary of State, Ruth Hughs will be visiting this Policy Board meeting as part of a short tour she is having of the Rio Grande Valley. Staff will be presenting materials Starr County has provided, resolutions of support for the RGV MPO Policy Board to consider including the urbanized areas of Starr County as part of the RGV MPO Metropolitan Area Boundary (MAB). Staff has also prepared a revision of the RGV MPO By-Laws providing and identifying Starr County as a member of the Transportation Policy Board as well as the Technical Advisory Committee and a revised map reflecting the possible planning area of the RGV MPO if adopted. Staff will be reviewing the timeline and upcoming actions with regards to the TASA program call for FY2021-2022 funding. After failure to receive any materials from UTRGV and STC on creation of a possible RGV MPO logo, the LRGVDC provided three (3) samples for consideration by the TPB for possible adoption. Finally, staff will be updating the TPB of an grant program RGV MPO successfully received for the Traffic Safety Initiative.

We look forward to seeing you all at the TPB meeting and are here to address any questions you may have regarding this agenda or other items of concern.

Sincerely,

Andrew A. Canon
Executive Director
Rio Grande Valley
Metropolitan Planning Organization (RGV MPO)

**Administrative Agent: Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council
301 WEST RAILROAD - WESLACO, TX, 78596**

**NOTICE OF A PUBLIC MEETING OF THE
RIO GRANDE VALLEY
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
(RGVMPO)**

TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD
OPEN MEETING

Pursuant to Chapter 551, Title 5, Section 551.041, of the Texas Government Code, the Texas Open Act, notice is hereby given that the *RGVMPO POLICY BOARD* will conduct an **In Person Meeting** on Wednesday, **April 28, 2021 at 9:30 A.M. at the Pharr Event Center located at 3000 N. Cage Blvd, Pharr, Texas 78577**

This Notice and Meeting Agenda, are posted online at: [Click Here for Agenda / Packet](#)

Policy Members and the public wishing to participate in the meeting hosted through Microsoft Teams may do so by **Logging on at:** [Click here to join the meeting](#)

Members of the public who submitted a “Public Comment Form” will be permitted to offer public comments as provided by the agenda and as permitted by the presiding officer during the meeting.

A recording of the meeting will be made and will be available to the public in accordance with the Open Meetings Act.

Presiding: Chairman Mayor Ambrosio “Amos” Hernandez
Vice Chairman Judge Eddie Treviño, Jr.

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

IV. PRESENTATION, ACTION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Consideration and Action to Approve the Minutes of March 31, 2021
- B. Discussion and Possible Action on Starr County Merger
- C. Discussion and Possible Action on MAB Expansion Resolution 2021-07 to Include Starr County
- D. Discussion and Possible Action on Revising the RGVMPO Bylaws
- E. Discussion and Possible Action on FY2021-2022 TASA Program Call for Projects.
- F. Discussion and Possible Action on the New Logo for RGVMPO
- G. Discussion on RGV Traffic Safety Initiative

V. RGVMPO EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS’ REPORTS AND UPDATES

- A. Director Update
 - New Offices Location - Follow-up
 - Recognition of Policy Board Member

B. Financial Update

VI. STATUS REPORTS

- A. TxDOT Project Status Reports (**Action Taken as Required**)
- B. Cameron County RMA
- C. Hidalgo County RMA
- D. Regional Transit (Metro)

VII. NEW OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting of the Rio Grande Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization (RGV MPO) Policy Board

Wednesday, March 31, 2021

At
1:30 pm

Microsoft Teams Meeting **MINUTES**

Presiding: Chairman Ambrosio “Amos” Hernandez (Mayor City of Pharr)

I. Call to Order

Chairman Ambrosio “Amos” Hernandez called the meeting to order at 1:41 PM, a quorum was established. The Rio Grande Valley MPO Policy Board Meeting was held as a Microsoft Teams Virtual Meeting with members present.

II. Roll Call

Roll call was taken, and present were representatives from each respective entity:

Members Present:	
Entity	Individual
City of Pharr	Chairman Ambrosio “Amos” Hernandez
Cameron County	Judge Eddie Treviño, Jr. (Vice Chairman)
Hidalgo County	Comm. Eddie Cantu
City of Brownsville	Mayor Trey Mendez
City of McAllen	Mayor Jim Darling
City of Edinburg	Mayor Richard Molina
City of Mission	Mayor Armando O’Caña
City of Harlingen	Mayor Chris Boswell
City of San Benito	Mayor Ricardo “Rick” Guerra
Cameron County RMA	Frank Parker, Jr.
Hidalgo County RMA	Ramon Navarro, V
Valley Metro	Tom Logan
TxDOT Pharr District	Pedro “Pete” Alvarez
GUEST	
EX-OFFICIO	
RGV Partnership	Sergio Contreras
LRGVDC	Manuel Cruz
Others Present:	
RGVMPO	Andrew Canon
RGVMPO	Staff

III. Public Comment
NONE

IV. Presentation, Discussion and Action Items:

**A. Consideration and Action to Approve the Minutes From:
February 24, 2021**

Chairman Hernandez asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of February 24, 2021. No corrections were noted to the minutes of February 24, 2021. Mayor Boswell (City of Harlingen) made a motion to approve the minutes of February 24, 2021; as presented by staff. The motion was seconded by Mayor Darling (City of McAllen); and upon a vote, the motion passed unanimously.

B. Consideration and Concurrence on 2020 Thoroughfare Plan Amendment – Resolution 2021-05

Luis noted that staff received amendments from the County of Hidalgo - Pct. 4. The Amendments included on Resolution 2021-05 serve as an addendum to the 2020 Thoroughfare Plan Amendments previously approved via Resolution 2021-02 at the previous TAC meeting (See Below Table).

2020 Thoroughfare Plan Amendments Addendum				
Entity	Road Name	From	To	Requested Thoroughfare Classification
Hidalgo County PCT4	De la Rosa Street	Alamo Road	Brushline Road	Removal from Thoroughfare Plan
Hidalgo County PCT4	Terry Road	FM 88	FM 491	Removal from Thoroughfare Plan

No discussion took place on this item, Mayor O’Caña (City of Mission) made a motion to approve the 2020 Thoroughfare Plan Amendments – Resolution 2021-05 as requested by Hidalgo County Pct. 4 and presented by staff. The motion was seconded by Mayor Darling (City of McAllen); and upon a vote, the motion passed unanimously.

C. Consideration and Action on the 2020 – 2021 UPWP Amendment – Resolution 2021-06

Fernando Cantu, GIS II provided a brief explanation on the FY2020 – 2021 UPWP Amendment to Policy Members as follows: The RGVMPPO staff will be seeking to establish offices in the Cameron and Hidalgo Counties, due to space limitations of staff growth at the current Valley Metro Weslaco location. RGVMPPO will need to purchase laptops, monitors, keyboards, and peripherals as needed as well as GIS Devices and and/or GIS Desktop computers, to accommodate RGVMPPO Staff or replace existing units as they become outdated. This seamless Regional Planning process will provide ease in connectivity to RGVMPPO staff and the public, as well as members of local governments using the Satellite Office.

Staff will be acquiring “Moving Services” following all procurement requirements, for the possible relocation of RGVMPPO Staff to the Brownsville Transit Terminal and the Valley Metro Station in Edinburg. In doing so staff will be utilizing the following Cary Over Funds from FY2020-2021. Staff concluded by letting Policy Members know that the FY2020-2021 UPWP Amendment has been revised in “RED” to reflect the planning changes and is included in the packet (See Attachment).

Andrew noted that this was an exercise that staff needed to go through for the possibility of staff relocation to identify expensive which is part the approval from both TxDOT and FHWA, so that The Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council (Fiscal Agent) knows they will be reimburse for any expenses during that process.

Chairman Hernandez ask staff is the two new office locations have been selected.

Staff noted that both sights have been selected, one in (LRGVDC) Edinburg area and the other sight in Brownsville. Cities’ representatives (City Managers or Mayors) were contacted regarding the two new sights as requested at the previous Policy meeting by members. No hesitation was expressed from anyone on the Policy Board/Planning Partners.

TxDOT ask whether these buildings will be on a lease. Staff replied, yes, these facilities will be on a lease agreement, just as RGVMPPO current facility is with the LRGVDC. These lease agreements would have to come before the Policy Board for final approval.

No further discussion took place on this item, Mayor Darling (City of McAllen) made a motion to approve the FY2020-2021 UPWP Amendment – Resolution 2021-06 as presented by staff. The motion was seconded by Mr. Parker (Cameron County RMA); and upon a vote, the motion passed unanimously.

D. Discussion Regarding the 2022-2023 UPWP Program Call

Andrew informed Policy Members present, that an email was sent out on Wednesday, March 1, 2021 to both the Policy and TAC Committees, letting everyone know that the RGVMPPO is preparing its' FY2022-2023 UPWP, the Fiscal Budget by which the office operates and performs studies for the Regions. The RGVMPPO will be doing a Project Call to promote Plans and Studies for the Region that our Planning Partners may wish to undertake but may not have all the funding to address. IF there is a study or plan that Planning Partners would like the RGVMPPO to consider assisting in, staff will be taking request until **Friday, April 30, 2021 by 5PM.**

Andrew noted that the Studies need to include the following:

- ❖ Type of Study/Plan
- ❖ Geographical Area Study/Plan is to take place in
- ❖ Expected Timeline for the Plan;
- ❖ Funding Your Organization Is Providing for such Plan/Study and amount of Funding being requested of the RGVMPPO.

Chairman Hernandez asked if there were any cities that have reach out to staff regarding this Program Call as presented. Staff noted there have been several cities that have reached out, once those cities have submitted their projects, those projects will be brought forth to the Policy Board for approval.

No further discussion took place on this item, Policy members present acknowledged the 2022-2023 UPWP Program Call as presented by staff.

E. Discussion Regarding Category 9 Funding

Eva Garcia, Bike/Ped Program Coordinator gave a brief background on Category 9 Funding as follows: FY2021-2022 Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TASA) Program Call for Projects was postponed due to the Texas Transportation Commission adopting amendments relating to TASA, codified under Title 43, Texas Administrative Code, Part 1. Since the postponement, RGVMPPO staff has been working with TxDOT for guidance on the amendments and a consensus on funding availability for previously awarded projects and the upcoming Call for Projects.

RGVMPPO Staff, in collaboration with TxDOT Staff, are prepared now to move forward with the FY2021-2022 TASA Call for Projects. Approximately \$2.3M will be available for projects, with \$2.07M (90%) for construction and \$230,000 (10%) for planning. Staff will be presenting a draft project call announcement flyer, timeline, and revisions to the funding program guide at the April 7, 2021 Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) Meeting.

Staff provided an attachment for Policy Board Members' convenience and as a reminder, a list of previously awarded projects currently in development, the Sept. 2020 TASA amendments, and a TASA Budget Page Sample which highlights the Category 9 federal (80%) and local government (20%) participation split, the Direct and Indirect State Costs.

No discussion took place on this item, Policy members present acknowledged the Category 9 Funding as presented by staff.

F. Discussion on the APL FY2020 Update

Andrew provided a brief update on the APL FY2020 Annual Listing of Projects to Policy Board Members as follows: As required by FAST ACT, MPOs are to publish an annual listing of project for which funds have been obligated in the preceding year, including a listing of pedestrian and bicycle projects. This provision is intended to increase the transparency of government spending on transportation projects and strategies in metropolitan areas to state and local officials, and to the public at large. A copy of Highway, Bicycle & Pedestrian, and Grouped projects has been included in the Policy Packet for review.

No discussion took place on this item, Policy members present acknowledged the APL FY2020 Update as presented by staff.

G. Discussion on the Functional Classification Update

Luis provided a brief update on the Functional Classification to Policy Board members as follows: Staff informed Policy member present that 365 Tollway Phase II and South Parallel Corridor Phases I and II, all as Major Collectors have been approved by FHWA.

Staff also informed Policy members that pending approval are FM1599 and the FM509 Extensions and have been forward to TxDOT and TPP for their review and for final approval.

Staff concluded by letting Policy Members know that the complete Functional Classification Table has been included as part of the Policy packet (See Attachment).

Chairman Hernandez ask staff and TxDOT if there were any issues or concerns with any of the items on the Functional Classification Table as presented. Staff and TxDOT noted no issues or concerns at this time.

No further discussion took place on these items, Policy members present acknowledged Functional Classification Updated Reports as presented by staff.

V. RGVMP Executive Directors Reports and Updates

A. Directors Update

Andrew provided the 2021-2024 STIP Timetable that was updated March 2021 as follows:

- TPP Post 21-24 STIP, begins Public Comment PeriodFebruary 26, 2021
- Public Hearing Held.....March 18, 2021
- STIP PUBLIC Comment Period Ends.....March 29, 2021
- 2021-2024 STIP goes to the Commission for Approval.....April 29, 2021
- First Day FHWA / FTA can approve the 2021 – 2024 STIP.....*April 30, 2021
Or, once FHWA / FTA receives TxDOT letter of approval.
- STIP Public Comments period ends.....March 29, 2021
- Next Potential Revision.....*August 2021

*This will only be if the initial 21-21 gets approved and amicable time is allotted.

- Administrative Modifications & Revisions to 2021-2024 TIP & 2045 MTP

Staff provided to Policy Members a listing of Administrative Modification & Revisions to the 2021-2024 TIP & 2045 MTP, which do not require board approval. Staff has been working closely with these projects, to assure that everything moves forwards accordingly.

- Chairman Canales Introduces HB2219 – \$3 Billion toward Transportation Mobility Funds/Projects. Encourages Policy members to further listen to this Bill on how it could benefit our region.

- Introduction of New Staff – The following staff were introduced, Javier Dominguez, Planner I, GIS, Christopher Nelson, Planner I, and Juan Pena, GIS and one more Planner, which will be starting on April 26, 2021, given a total of 12 employees currently hired with the RGVMP.

- New Office Location – Staff noted that at the request of the Policy Board, staff has visited with Hidalgo and Cameron County City Officials regarding the new office locations, and City Officials from both Counties had no issues with having two offices in Edinburg and Brownsville. No final date is confirmed, still waiting on TxDOT and FHWA for final approval.

- April 28, 2021 Policy Meeting Update – Staff will be sending an email to both Policy and TAC members, letting them know that Policy Meeting for April 28, 2021 has been moved to 9:30 AM and will be held at the Pharr Event Center. Policy Meeting was moved to facilitate the visit from Secretary of State Hughs. Secretary of State Hughs is hoping to meet as many of the Policy members as time allows and meeting will be held In-Person. Staff is still working with the Secretary of State ‘and her staff to finalize agenda, once it is done, Policy members will be receiving a copy of that agenda.

Chairman Hernandez, noted that staff will be reaching out to the cities, food will be served and one other reason why the Policy Meeting was moved, because on that day Mayor Jim Darling will be delivering the State of the City Address in the afternoon, which many city officials will be in attendance. Also, being this will be Mayor Darlings’ last year as Mayor for the City of McAllen: The City of Harlingen will also be holding a State of the City Address, date still pending.

B. Financial Update

Staff provided the Financial Summary to members present; staff noted budget continues to be (96%) under budget. **(Report filed with RGVTPB Packet)**

- **STARR County** – Staff have received the following Resolutions from Starr County supporting the Annexation of the following cities: City of La Grulla, City of Roma, City of Escobares, and Starr County. Staff will be reviewing and updating the Amendment RGVMPPO Bylaws as needed and presenting to both the TAC and Policy for approval in April. Starr County total vote would be (1) for Starr County.

VI. Status Report

A. TxDOT Project Status Report (Action Taken as Required)

Both Jesus Garcia and Rene Davila with (TxDOT) provided an updated presentation Via Teams on current projects and activities within the Hidalgo and Cameron Counties. All projects are continuing to move forward as scheduled. **(Report filed with RGVTPB Packet)**

B. Cameron County RMA

Mr. Sepulveda (Cameron County RMA) provided an updated presentation Via Teams on projects that are currently within the Cameron County RMA. All projects continue to move forward as expected. **(Report filed with RGVTPB Packet)**

Veteran POV Expansion – CSJ: 0921-06-313 – Chairman Hernandez asked HCRMA, what is the hold-up on the Veteran Project. Mr. Sepulveda explained the following: 1) Letting is scheduled for 2026, and because of the TIP is not scheduled until August, that Letting is not possible at this time; and 2) HCRMA have been working with both TxDOT and RGVMPPO Staff, for any possibility of a future amendment.

Staff noted that \$15 Million is needed on projects that can be ready to go in Cameron County, which Cameron County does not have at this time. Staff has been making several calls with other MPOs’ to swap those funds and as soon as staff receives confirmation it will be shared with the Policy Members.

Chairman Hernandez did give staff directive to move forward and discuss possible swap of funds with other MPO’s as recommended by staff.

C. Hidalgo County RMA

Mr. Navarro provided an updated presentation Via Teams on projects that are currently within the Hidalgo County RMA. All projects are continuing to move forward. **(Report filed with RGVTPB Packet)**

D. Regional Transit (Metro)

Ms. Tracie Orcillez, Transit Manager for Brownsville provided an updated report for all (3) Three Transit Providers Via Teams that are currently within the Hidalgo/Cameron Regions. Details values on ridership could be found within the RGVTPB Packet. **(Report filed with RGVTPB Packet)**

VII. New or Unfinished Business

RGVMPO Office Closed – Good Friday – April 2, 2021

DAP Projects - Chairman Hernandez reminded Policy members present that “Session is On”, DAP Projects is on a positive review, encourages Partners to look out for that Session.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

No further items were discussed, Chairman Hernandez called for a motion to adjourn at 2:25 PM. Mayor O’Caña (City of Mission) made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Parker (Cameron County RMA) second the motion; and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST: _____
RGVMPO POLICY COMMITTEE
(TPB) VICE CHAIRMAN



RESOLUTION NO. 2021-6

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF RIO GRANDE CITY SUPPORTING THE ANNEXATION OF THE CITY OF RIO GRANDE CITY INTO THE RIO GRANDE VALLEY MPO.

WHEREAS, a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is federally mandated and federally funded transportation policy-making organization in the United States that is made up of representatives from local government and governmental transportation authorities; and

WHEREAS, transportation investment means allocating scarce federal and other transportation funding resources appropriately; and

WHEREAS, adequate transportation planning requires a comprehensive examination of the region's future and investment alternatives; and

WHEREAS, the City of Rio Grande City lies outside the boundaries of the RGVMP.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Commissioners that the City of Rio Grande City requests that the RGVMP Policy Committee annex the City of Rio Grande City into the boundaries of the RGVMP.


PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Mayor and City Commission, this 10th day of February, 2021, at a regular meeting of the City Commission of the City of Rio Grande City, Texas, at which a quorum was present and which was held in accordance with Chapter 551, Texas Government Code.



JOEL VILLARREAL, MAYOR

Attest:


Melissa Garza, City Secretary

Approved as to Form:


Calixtro Villarreal, City Attorney



RESOLUTION NO. 2021-6

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF
LA GRULLA SUPPORTING THE ANNEXATION OF THE CITY
OF LA GRULLA INTO THE RIO GRANDE VALLEY MPO.**

WHEREAS, a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is federally mandated and federally funded transportation policy-making organization in the United States that is made up of representatives from local government and governmental transportation authorities; and

WHEREAS, transportation investment means allocating scarce federal and other transportation funding resources appropriately; and

WHEREAS, adequate transportation planning requires a comprehensive examination of the region's future and investment alternatives; and

WHEREAS, the City of La Grulla lies outside the boundaries of the RGVMPPO.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Commissioners that the City of La Grulla requests that the RGVMPPO Policy Committee annex the City of La Grulla into the boundaries of the RGVMPPO.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Mayor and City Commission, this 10th day of February, 2021, at a regular meeting of the City Commission of the City of La Grulla, Texas, at which a quorum was present and which was held in accordance with Chapter 551, Texas Government Code.



PEDRO FLORES, MAYOR

Attest:



Marlen Garza, City Secretary

CITY COUNCIL

JAIME ESCOBAR, JR., *Mayor*
GABY RODRIGUEZ, *Councilwoman*
JOSE G. CANTU, JR., *Councilman*
GILBERTO RAMIREZ, JR., *Councilman*
JOEL HINOJOSA, JR., *Councilman*



RESOLUTION NO. 2021-03

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROMA SUPPORTING THE ANNEXATION OF STARR COUNTY AND THE ROMA AREA INTO THE RIO GRANDE VALLEY MPO.

WHEREAS, a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is a federally mandated and federally funded transportation policy-making organization in the United States that is made up of representatives from local government and governmental transportation authorities; and

WHEREAS, planning needs to reflect the region’s shared vision for its future; and

WHEREAS, adequate transportation planning requires a comprehensive examination of the region’s future and investment alternatives; and

WHEREAS, Starr County and the Roma Area lie outside the boundaries of the RGVMPPO.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Roma requests that the RGVMPPO Policy Committee annex Starr County and the Roma Area into the boundaries of the RGVMPPO.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS THE 10th DAY OF FEBRUARY 2021.


Jaime Escobar, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:


Liliana Sandoval, City Secretary





RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY OF STARR SUPPORTING THE ANNEXATION OF STARR COUNTY INTO THE RIO GRANDE VALLEY MPO.

WHEREAS, a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is a federally mandated and federally funded transportation policy-making organization in the United States that is made up of representatives from local government and governmental transportation authorities; and

WHEREAS, transportation investment means allocating scarce federal and other transportation funding resources appropriately, and

WHEREAS, planning needs to reflect the region's shared vision for its future, and

WHEREAS, adequate transportation planning requires a comprehensive examination of region's future and investment alternatives, and

WHEREAS, the Starr County area lies outside the boundaries of RGVMPPO.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the County of Starr requests that the RGVMPPO Policy Committee annex the Starr County Area in the boundaries of the RGVMPPO.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 22nd Day of February 2021.

Eloy Vera, Judge
County of Starr

ATTEST:

Humberto Gonzalez, Jr.
Starr County Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-02

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ESCOBARES SUPPORTING THE ANNEXATION OF THE CITY OF ESCOBARES AREA INTO THE RIO GRANDE VALLEY MPO.

WHEREAS, A Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is a federally mandated and federally funded transportation policy-making organization in the United States that is made up of representatives from local government and governmental transportation authorities; and

WHEREAS, transportation investment means allocating scarce federal and other transportation funding resources appropriately; and

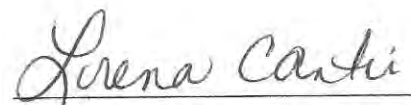
WHEREAS, planning needs to reflect the region's shared vision for its future; and

WHEREAS, adequate transportation planning requires a comprehensive examination of the region's future and investment alternatives: and

WHEREAS, the City Of Escobares area lies outside the boundaries of the RGVMPPO


NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that The City of Escobares requests the RGVMPPO Policy Committee annex The City of Escobares area into the boundaries of the RGVMPPO.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this 8 day of February 2021.



Lorena Cantu
Mayor Pro Tem

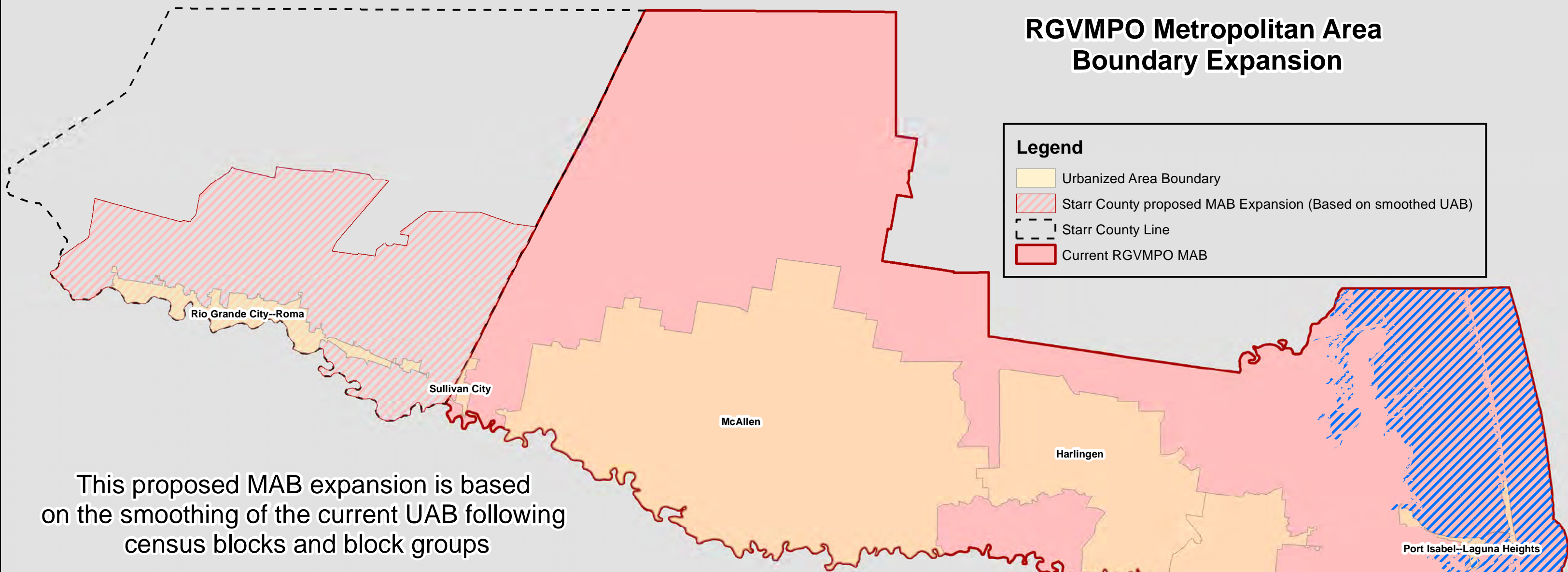
ATTEST:


Lynette Montemayor
City Secretary

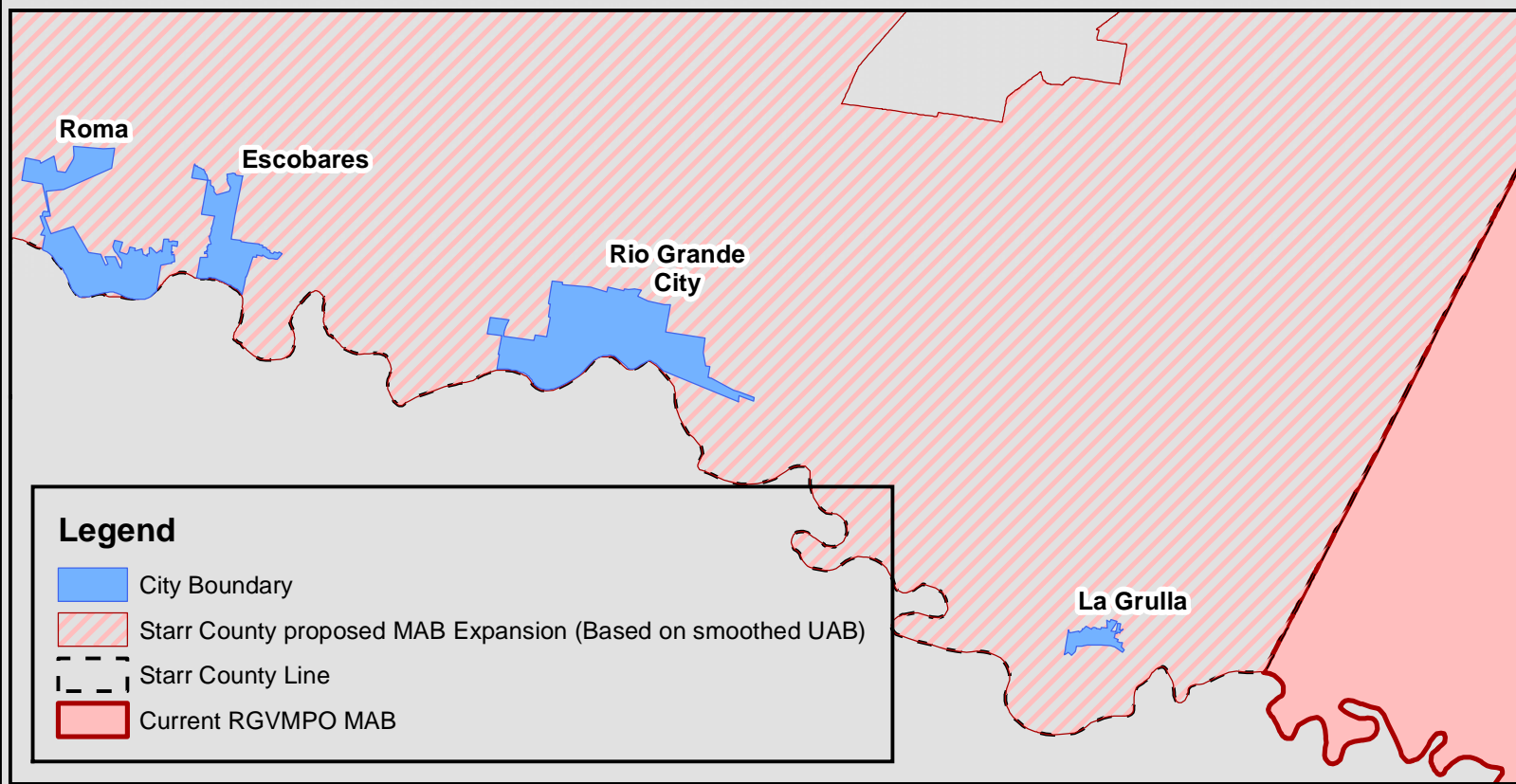
RGVMPO Metropolitan Area Boundary Expansion

Legend

- Urbanized Area Boundary
- Starr County proposed MAB Expansion (Based on smoothed UAB)
- Starr County Line
- Current RGVMPO MAB

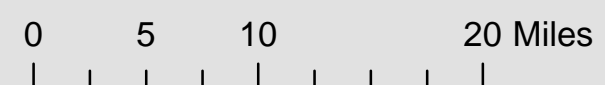


This proposed MAB expansion is based on the smoothing of the current UAB following census blocks and block groups



Legend

- City Boundary
- Starr County proposed MAB Expansion (Based on smoothed UAB)
- Starr County Line
- Current RGVMPO MAB



RESOLUTION 2021 – 07

A RESOLUTION OF THE RGV POLICY BOARD OF THE RIO GRANDE VALLEY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION, AFFIRMING EXPANSION OF THE METROPOLITAN PLANNING AREA BOUNDARY; FINDING AND DETERMINING THAT THE MEETING AT WHICH THIS RESOLUTION IS PASSED WAS NOTICED AND IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AS REQUIRED BY LAW

WHEREAS the Rio Grande Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization is designated as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Hidalgo and Cameron Area by the Governor of Texas; and

WHEREAS the boundaries of a Metropolitan Area Boundary (MAB) shall be determined agreement between the MPO and the Governor; and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Planning Area Boundary (MAB), at a minimum, shall encompass the entire existing urbanized area (as defined by the Bureau of the Census), plus the contiguous area expected to become urbanized within a 20-year forecast period for the metropolitan transportation plan; and

WHEREAS the RGVMPPO Policy Board, comprised primarily of local elected officials, is the regional transportation policy body and continues to be the regional forum for cooperative decisions on transportation; and

WHEREAS the RGVMPPO Policy Board amended the Bylaws on April 28, 2021 to illustrate that the Metropolitan Area Planning Boundary shall encompass all the Cameron, Hidalgo County and portions of Starr County areas as illustrated by the attached map.

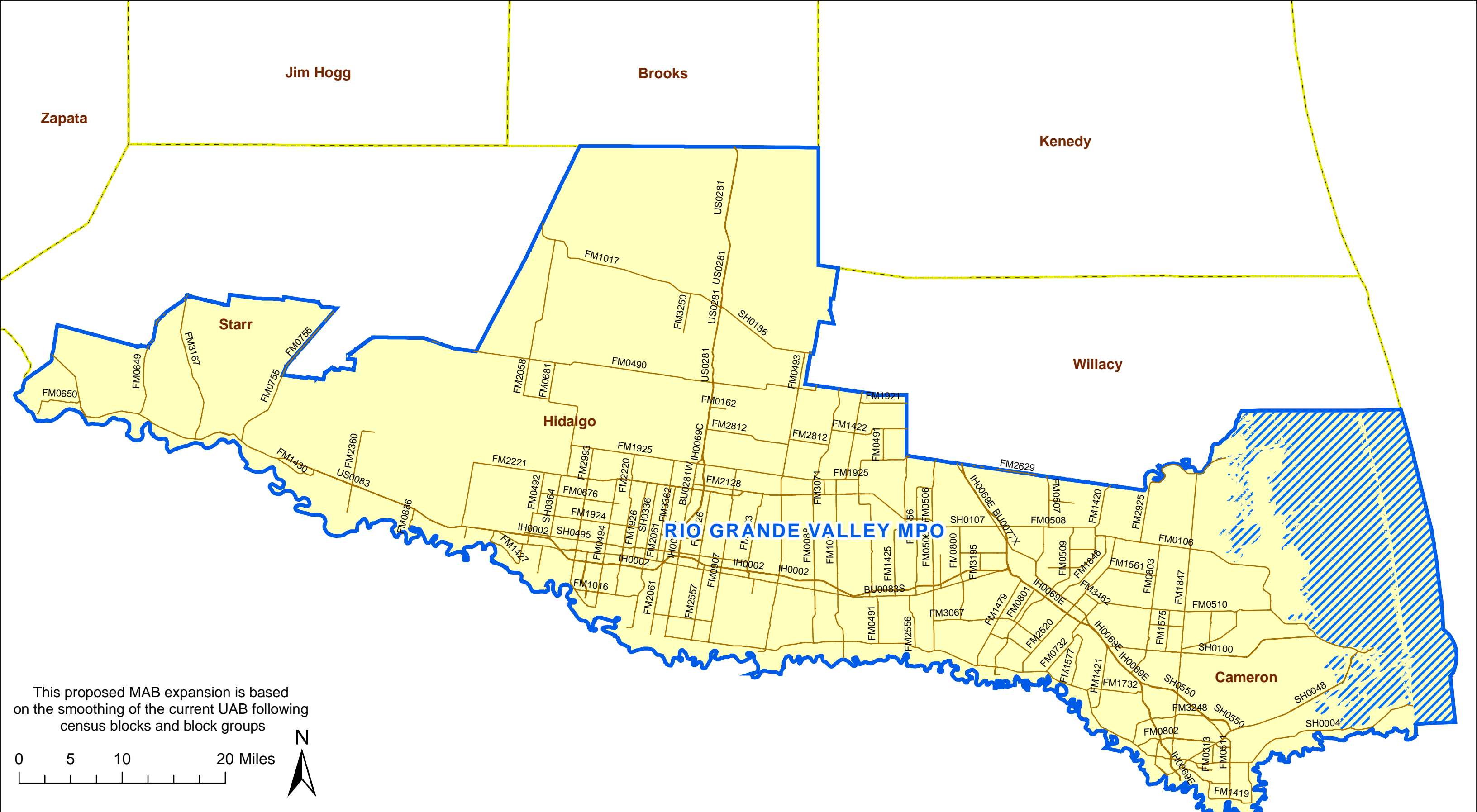
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE RGVMPPO POLICY BOARD OF THE RIO GRANDE VALLEY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION, that the Policy Board ratifies the expansion of the Rio Grande Valley Metropolitan Planning Area Boundary to include the areas delineated by the attached map.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this the 28th Day of April 2021.

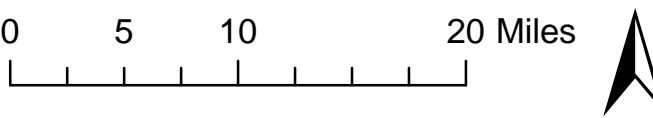
The Honorable Ambrosio “Amos” Hernandez
City of Pharr
Chairman of the RGVMPPO Policy Board

Pedro R. Alvarez, P.E.
District Engineer
TxDOT – Pharr District

Andrew A. Canon
RGV MPO Executive Director



This proposed MAB expansion is based on the smoothing of the current UAB following census blocks and block groups



Legend

- TxDOT Roadways
- Tricounty RGV MPO MAB
- US Counties Census 2013

RGV MPO Metropolitan Area Boundary



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April 28, 2021

PLANNING PARTNERS:

RE: Consideration and Action on Starr County Merger and RGVMPPO Bylaws

MAYOR AMBROSIO HERNANDEZ
CHAIRMAN
CITY OF PHARR

Transportation Policy Board,

JUDGE EDDIE TREVIÑO, JR.
VICE CHAIRMAN
CAMERON COUNTY

At the TAC Meeting scheduled on April 8, 2021, TAC members were presented for consideration and approval where appropriate several Resolutions from Starr County which included (Starr County, City of Rio Grande, City of La Grulla, City of Roma, and City of Escobares) the Annexation area into the Rio Grande Valley MPO. Previous discussion had been held with Mayor O’Caña, County Starr Judge Eloy Vera and staff regarding possible merger. Staff did inform TAC Members that **NO ADDITIONAL FUNDING** would be available for these areas. This proposed MAB Expansion is based on the smoothing of the current UAB following census blocks and block groups (**MAB Map Attached**).

CAMERON COUNTY RMA

CITY OF BROWNSVILLE

CITY OF EDINBURG

TAC members also acted on the RGVMPPO Bylaws to the Annexation of Starr County, the RGVMPPO Bylaws were updated in Red. Weighed votes after including Starr County, will be 31 to 32 as revised on Page 2 of the Bylaws. (**See Attachment**). Also, under Section 1.06 of the Technical Advisory Committee, Starr County will have TAC Representation on this Committee (TAC).

CITY OF HARLINGEN

CITY OF McALLEN

TAC members at their TAC Meeting on April 8, 2021, recommend approval of the Starr County Merger and Bylaws to the Policy Board as presented by staff.

CITY OF MISSION

Please feel free to contact me if, I may be of further assistance.

CITY OF SAN BENITO

Sincerely,

HIDALGO COUNTY

HIDALGO COUNTY RMA

Miguel Arispe, GIS II, Specialist
Rio Grande Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization (RGVMPPO)

TxDOT (PHARR DISTRICT)

VALLEY METRO

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Rio Grande Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization

Official Bylaws of the Transportation Policy Board (TPB)

Designated Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Rio Grande Valley

LATEST REVISION: June 26, 2019

**Transportation Planning Policy Board
Rio Grande Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization**

PREAMBLE

Articles of Organization

WHEREAS the Federal Aid Highway Act of 1962 required a continuing, comprehensive transportation planning process carried on cooperatively by the State and local communities of each urban area of more than 50,000 population in order to qualify transportation projects for federal aid, and;

WHEREAS, in the Rio Grande Valley area the transportation study process was established by agreement among the local governments and the State of Texas for the purpose of developing suitable transportation plans, with the prospectus for the Rio Grande Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization (RGVMPO) (FY 2020) establishing the organization and composition of the Transportation Policy Board (TPB), and;

WHEREAS, the RGVMPO shall work for the designated area, and;

WHEREAS, the main functions of the Transportation Policy Board shall be to provide policy guidance to the transportation planning process, approve the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP), the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), and promote the implementation of the TIP and UPWP.

Now THEREFORE, the members of this committee do hereby agree to the purposes stated in these articles of organization and do associate themselves for those purposes.

ARTICLE I

1.01 Name

The name of this committee shall be the Transportation Policy Board of the Rio Grande Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization (RGVMPO).

1.02 Purpose

The Transportation Policy Board provides regional transportation policy guidance for those participating government entities and agencies which comprise the Rio Grande Valley metropolitan planning area (Appendix A).

- a. The physical, economic, and social well-being of the region, its citizens, and business enterprises, now and in the future, is determined to a great extent by its transportation system. Therefore, decisions involving transportation systems and subsystems must consider the environmental, economic, and social impacts of the alternatives in the future development of the transportation system and must attain the principal objective of having an efficient, safe, and practical system for moving people, goods, and services in the region according to their needs.
- b. A transportation system can best be planned on a large-area basis involving city, county, regional, and state jurisdictional responsibilities and a proper mix of various modes of travel.
- c. Counties and cities have the local responsibility for anticipating and meeting the transportation needs for adequately moving people and goods within their jurisdictions. However, the Texas

Department of Transportation is charged, by law, with the responsibility for planning, designing, constructing, and maintaining the State Highway System. In addition, duly authorized transportation authorities are responsible for planning, developing, and operating public transportation services in their respective service areas. Under federal legislation, the RGVMPPO, has an expanded role in project selection, transportation project programming, and project funding.

- d. Evaluation of transportation alternatives and the determination of the most desirable transportation system can best be accomplished through a Transportation Policy Board of primarily elected officials from the counties and cities in the Rio Grande Valley Region. The Transportation Policy Board will be the forum for cooperative decision making by primarily elected officials of general purpose local governments (i.e., cities and counties) and including representatives of entities responsible for highway, toll road, mass transit improvements, and ground access to air carrier aviation.
- e. The Transportation Policy Board will make recommendations involving the regional transportation system, including the regional highway system, the regional public transportation system, and the regional aviation system, to the counties and cities, the State, and the authorities for all modes of transportation. Final decisions for implementing the Metropolitan Transportation Plan will be a cooperative effort between the governing bodies of the counties and cities, the Texas Transportation Commission, the Transportation Policy Board, and the authorities.
- f. The Transportation Policy Board will monitor the metropolitan transportation planning process to assure that it is conducted in a manner consistent with requirements of federal law and regulations.
- g. In an attempt to fulfill the above concepts and to meet the requirements of the Federal Aid Highway Act of 1973, the Governor, on May 14, 2019, designated the RGVMPPO Transportation Policy Board as the Metropolitan Planning Organization for transportation planning and to be the decision-making group for regional transportation policy for the Rio Grande Valley's urbanized areas. The Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council (LRGVDC) serves as the fiscal agent for the MPO. As the designated Rio Grande Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization, the RGVMPPO must assure that transportation planning in the urbanized area is satisfactorily coordinated and integrated with other comprehensive planning in the State Planning Region. These Bylaws and Operating Procedures set forth the manner in which the Transportation Policy Board shall fulfill its responsibilities as the cooperative transportation decision-making group of the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Rio Grande Valley metropolitan area.

1.03 Definitions

The following definitions shall apply to terms used in these Bylaws and Operating Procedures:

- a. Transportation Planning Process. The transportation planning process is the process of estimating future travel demand, identifying transportation improvement alternatives, and evaluating those alternatives and financial resources to determine the best combination of facilities and services for all modes of travel.

- b. Metropolitan Transportation Plan. The Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) is the delineation of projects, programs, and policies associated with highway, transit, aviation, and other multimodal facilities that would serve the projected travel demand for a forecast year. The Metropolitan Transportation Plan will include a listing of projects, policies, and programs anticipated to be funded over the next approximately 20+ years, and to be developed consistent with federal guidelines.
- c. Transportation Improvement Program. The Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is a multimodal listing of all transportation projects and programs expected to be implemented over an approximately four-year period, as well as projects that are funded but not yet ready for implementation. This includes all projects or programs which are expected to utilize federal funds and those projects or programs which will utilize other funds (state or local), including toll road projects. The TIP will be developed consistent with federal guidelines and Transportation Policy Board selection criteria.
- d. Unified Planning Work Program. The Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) is a listing of planning projects to be performed by the RGVMPPO in support of a continuous, comprehensive, and coordinated transportation planning process. The UPWP also contains a listing of planning projects performed by other agencies which will have regional significance.
- e. Regional Transportation System. The Regional Transportation System is the continuous network of roadways, transit services, aviation, and other multimodal facilities that provides for movement and interchange of people and goods, primarily between local jurisdictions within the region. Included in the Regional Transportation System, but are not limited to, are the Regional Highway System, Regional Public Transportation System, Regional Aviation System, International Bridges, Sea and Space Ports, and Air Carrier airports.
- f. Regional Highway System. The regional highway system includes, but is not limited to, those freeways, principal and minor arterials, tollways, managed lanes, intermodal terminals, parking facilities, and autonomous passenger vehicle services which make up the system for travel by automobile or truck.
- g. Regional Public Transportation System. The regional public transportation system includes, but is not limited to, light rail, commuter rail, high-speed rail, and other emerging transit technologies, local and express bus routes, rapid transit, paratransit and ridesharing services operated by public or private entities, and taxi or other for-hire transportation services.
- h. Regional Aviation System. The regional aviation system includes, but is not limited to, the collective airports and vertical flight facilities in the Metropolitan Area Boundary which provide terminals for commercial air travel, general aviation, and air cargo activities.
- i. Metropolitan Area Boundary. The Metropolitan Area is comprised of Cameron and Hidalgo Counties. This area is expected to be principally urbanized by the appropriate planning horizon (approximately 20 years).
- j. Primary Member. A primary member is the principal individual appointed to represent an entity or group of entities on the Transportation Policy Board.

- k. Alternate Member. An alternate member is the individual appointed to represent an entity or group of entities on the Transportation Policy Board in the absence of the primary member. An alternate member will receive all meeting materials provided to the primary member and is encouraged to attend RGVMPPO Transportation Policy Board meetings on a regular basis in order to be knowledgeable on issues and prepared to vote should the primary member be unable to attend a particular meeting. In order to ensure coordination between primary and alternate members, all information requests by the alternate member should be coordinated through the primary member.

- l. Fiscal Agent. The fiscal agent for the RGVMPPO is the entity responsible for providing fiscal, human resource and staff support services to the RGVMPPO. The responsibilities of the fiscal agent are to maintain required accounting records for state and federal funds consistent with current federal and state requirements; to provide all appropriate funding, as identified by fiscal year in the RGVMPPO, to allow the RGVMPPO staff to effectively and efficiently operate the program, to provide human resource services to the RGVMPPO, to provide benefits for the RGVMPPO staff that shall be the same as the fiscal agent normally provides its own employees, or as determined through an agreement between the RGVMPPO Transportation Policy Board and the fiscal agent. Costs incurred by the fiscal agent for these benefits shall be reimbursed by the RGVMPPO, may establish procedures and policies for procurement and purchasing in cooperation with the RGVMPPO Transportation Policy Board.

- m. Fiscal Year. The fiscal year for the RGVMPPO shall be from October 1st to September 30th.

1.04 Code of Ethics

Voting members of the RGVMPPO Transportation Policy Board must adhere to the ethical standards required of MPO members, as identified in Texas Senate Bill No. 585. Also, RGVMPPO staff members and Technical Advisory Committee shall adhere to the ethical standards required of MPO employees, as identified in Texas Senate Bill No. 585.

These standards state that RGVMPPO employees, members of Technical Advisory Committee, and/or voting members of the RGVMPPO Transportation Policy Board are prohibited from engaging in the following:

1. Accepting or soliciting any gift, favor or service that might reasonably tend to influence he/she in the discharge of official duties, or that he/she should know is being offered with the intent to influence the his/her official conduct;
2. Accepting employment or engaging in a business or professional activity that he/she might reasonably expect would require or induce he/she to disclose confidential information acquired by reason of the official position;
3. Accepting employment or compensation that could reasonably be expected to impair his/her judgment in the performance of his/her official duties;
4. Making personal investments that could reasonably be expected to create a substantial conflict between the his/her private interest and the public interest;

5. Intentionally or knowingly solicit, accept or agree to accept any benefit for having exercised his/her official powers or performing his/her official duties in favor of another.

To ensure that RGVMPPO employees, members of the Technical Advisory Committee, and RGVMPPO Transportation Policy Board members are made aware of this RGVMPPO ethics policy, the RGVMPPO Executive Director shall furnish a copy of the RGVMPPO Bylaws, (with this ethical standards section), to all new RGVMPPO Transportation Policy Board members and Technical Advisory Committee members no later than the third business day after the person qualifies for office. Further, the RGVMPPO Executive Director shall furnish a copy of the RGVMPPO Bylaws, (with this ethical standards section), and to all new RGVMPPO employees no later than the third business day after the person begins employment.

In addition, the RGVMPPO Executive Director shall develop and distribute an Ethical Standards Affidavit. This affidavit is to be signed by all MPO Policy Committee members, Technical Advisory Committee members and MPO employees.

1.05 Membership of the Transportation Policy Board

Based upon the 2010 Census, the composition of the Transportation Policy Board (TPB) voting membership is as follows:

There shall be an initial thirty-one (31)-**VOTE** Transportation Policy Board as set forth and structured as provided below. The signatories identified below to the Re-designation Agreement will be required to make any changes to the Re-designation Agreement (i.e., changes cannot be made by simply amending the bylaws). The Transportation Policy Board structure shall be as follows:

- a. The signatory cities are allocated board votes as follows: Brownsville - 4, McAllen - 3, Harlingen - 2, Edinburg - 2, Pharr - 2 and Mission - 2. All other cities over fifty thousand (50,000) population are allocated one (1) board member.
- b. Cities with a population over fifty thousand (50,000) are allocated one or more **VOTES** on the Transportation Policy Board, along with the two (2) counties and other transportation partners.
- c. Cities will be given membership on the Transportation Policy Board based on one (1) member with one vote once the city reaches fifty thousand (50,000) population in an official census (the federal threshold for the creation of an MPO) and one (1) additional **VOTE** for each additional fifty thousand (50,000) population bracket marker reached. By way of example, McAllen would be given three (3) **VOTES** to start, with an additional one (1) **VOTE** once the city population reaches one hundred and fifty thousand (150,000).
- d. Counties will be assigned **VOTES** as follows: Cameron County - five (5) **VOTES**; Hidalgo County - seven (7) **VOTES**. Counties will add one (1) **VOTE** when population reaches five hundred thousand (500,000) population bracket marker, i.e., Cameron County will receive one (1) additional **VOTE** at five hundred thousand (500,000); Hidalgo County will receive one (1) additional **VOTE** at one million (1,000,000) mark.
- e. For Cameron County's five (5) **VOTES**, one of their allotted **VOTES** shall be an elected official or City Manager from the governing body of the next largest city in the county that is not otherwise represented on the Transportation Policy Board (currently San Benito).

- f. All population requirements will be determined based on the most recent U.S. Decennial Census. Transportation Policy Board membership shall be adjusted following publication of each official decennial census. The total initial board membership will be thirteen (13) members with thirty-one (31) corresponding **WEIGHTED VOTES**, as set forth in Table 1.
- g. Smaller cities are represented through the vote of the county in which it is located, through non-voting membership, or through the Technical Advisory Committee.
- h. Additional ex-officio members may be added. Ex-officio members do not vote or count for the purposes of a quorum.
- i. The 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.

Table 1. Transportation Policy Board			
	2010 Population by City	Members	Weighted Votes
Hidalgo County	240,273	1	7
City of Brownsville	175,023	1	4
Cameron County	136,486	1	4
City of McAllen	129,877	1	3
City of Edinburg	77,100	1	2
City of Mission	77,058	1	2
City of Pharr	70,400	1	2
City of Harlingen	64,849	1	2
City of San Benito (<i>*reference section 1.05, e.</i>)	24,250	1	1
Cameron County RMA		1	1
Hidalgo County RMA		1	1
Starr County	60,968	1	1
Valley Metro		1	1
TxDOT Pharr District		1	1
Additional cities (N=number of cities that reach the 50,000-population threshold)			
Total		13 14	31 32

- j. Title 23, U.S.C. Section 134(d) (2) outlined the membership goal stating that Transportation Policy Boards shall consist of local elected and appointed officials. Therefore, member entities shall appoint elected and appointed officials to the Transportation Policy Board. In the event an elected official is unseated from their elected status, their term on the Transportation Policy Board will end at the next Annual Meeting. All Transportation Policy Board members are appointed and may be removed by their Governing Body at any time. Additionally, if a Transportation Policy Board member will be unable to attend a meeting, that member may, in writing, appoint a voting proxy to vote in his stead and be counted for quorum purposes.
- k. Each of the following agencies or offices shall be represented by one (1) non-voting member and they shall be referred to as ex-officio members:
 - i. United States Senators, United States Representatives, State Senators, and State Representatives, serving the RGVMPPO area.
 - ii. Federal Highway Administration
 - iii. Federal Transit Administration
 - iv. Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
 - v. Federal Aviation Administration
 - vi. Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council (LRGVDC)
 - vii. Others, as may be appropriate
- l. Individuals serving on this Transportation Policy Board shall be designated in writing by the following:

County Member	County Commissioners' Court
City Members	Mayor, City Council, or City Manager
Cameron County RMA	CCRMA Board of Directors
Hidalgo County RMA	HCRMA Board of Directors
Valley Metro	LRGVDC Board of Directors
TxDOT Pharr District	Pharr District Engineer
- m. Attendance records of the Transportation Policy Board meetings shall be kept in accordance to the Open Meetings Act. These records shall be sent to members annually.
- n. Members of the Transportation Policy Board who have missed two (2) consecutive meetings shall be informed of their absences by a letter from the Director. Appointing bodies will be asked if they wish to change their member representative due to the absences. Any voting member who has missed three (3) consecutive meetings shall be placed on ex-officio status and be so informed by letter from the Chairman.
- o. In order for the member to regain full voting status, the suspended member must show good faith effort to regain the voting status. A good effort is attending two (2) consecutive meetings as an ex-officio member. Attendance at three (3) consecutive meetings by the member who has been placed on ex-officio status shall restore said member to full voting membership.
- p. Proxies or alternates for all positions on the Transportation Policy Board will be allowed, provided all of the following conditions are satisfied:

- i. The proxy appointment must be confirmed in writing and said correspondence is to be filed and acknowledged by the RGVMPPO staff.
- ii. The proxy acts on behalf of and under the supervision of the Transportation Policy Board member who appointed the proxy; and
- iii. The proxy member is authorized to vote for the policy member who appointed the proxy.

1.06 Technical Advisory Committee

a. The purpose of the Technical Advisory Committee is to review technical issues and develop preferred technical alternatives for Transportation Policy Board action. The following entities shall have one voting seat on the Technical Advisory Committee:

- i. Each city represented on the Transportation Policy Board
- ii. Cameron County
- iii. Hidalgo County
- iv. TxDOT Pharr District
- v. Valley Metro
- vi. Brownsville Metro
- vii. McAllen Metro
- viii. Navigation District: Port of Brownsville, Port of Harlingen, Port Isabel - San Benito Navigation District
- ix. Airports: Valley International Airport, Brownsville/South Padre Island International Airport, McAllen International Airport, South Texas International Airport

(Note: Airports shall be represented by each corresponding city and shall not have a specific member appointed or additional vote.)

- x. Cameron County RMA
- xi. Hidalgo County RMA
- xii. Cameron County Spaceport Development Corporation
- xiii. Starr County**

b. The following entities shall have one non-voting seat on the Technical Advisory Committee: Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council, Federal Highways Administration, and Federal Transportation Administration. TxDOT may appoint up to two non-voting members.

c. Individuals serving on this Technical Advisory Committee shall be designated in writing by the appointing jurisdiction.

d. Non-voting entities are welcome to participate in discussions as ex-officio members. Ex-officio members can become voting members if the need develops and the action is approved by the RGVMPPO Transportation Policy Board.

e. Alternates will be allowed to vote in the place of the member they are representing provided they are designated in writing prior to the start of any Technical Committee Meeting.

f. Other Sub-committees may be established by the RGVMPPO Transportation Policy Board as deemed necessary, including specifying the membership and duration of each. Transportation Policy Board members and Technical Advisory Committee members may be designated for

sub-committee membership.

1.07 Regular Meetings

- a. Frequency: Regular meetings will be called on a schedule with a specific time and day to be determined by the RGVMPPO Transportation Policy Board at its first meeting with at least four (4) public meetings per year.
- b. Method of Calling Special Meetings:
 - i. The Chair and Vice-Chair collectively may call meetings.
 - ii. Any six (6) members may request that a meeting be called by written request to the Chair.
- c. Meeting Notices

The RGVMPPO Executive Director or his/her designee will be responsible for all meeting notices and publicity. Specifics of the meeting will be provided to each Transportation Policy Board member in writing and to the general public in accordance with the provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Act. The Transportation Policy Board members will be notified of all meetings at least three (3) days prior to the meeting, other than emergency meetings which will be called in accordance with the Open Meetings Act.

- d. Meeting Facilities

The RGVMPPO Transportation Board shall designate the location for the meetings. It will be the responsibility of the RGVMPPO Executive Director or his/her designee to make arrangements for the meeting place.

- e. Minutes

The RGVMPPO Executive Director or his/her designee shall keep a record of the proceedings of the board. These minutes will be recorded and summarized in writing.

1.08 RGVMPPO Executive Director

- a. The RGVMPPO Transportation Policy Board shall be responsible for establishing staffing needs and hiring, supervising, terminating, annual evaluation and establishing salary compensation of the RGVMPPO Executive Director.

The RGVMPPO Executive Director shall serve at the pleasure of the RGVMPPO Transportation Policy Board, performing all duties assigned and implementing all resolutions adopted by the RGVMPPO Transportation Policy Board. The RGVMPPO Executive Director shall at all times provide all information to the entire RGVMPPO Transportation Policy Board.

- b. In addition, the RGVMPPO Executive Director:

- i. Shall be responsible for general management, hiring and termination of employees, and day-to-day operations of the RGVMPPO under applicable policy and law;
 - ii. Will make presentations to the RGVMPPO Transportation Policy Board on pending issues and provide the staff support necessary to enable the smooth functioning of both the RGVMPPO Transportation Policy Board and the RGVMPPO Technical Committee meetings;
 - iii. Assure compliance with federal and state transportation planning regulations and provide certifications to the appropriate funding agencies;
 - iv. Administer and coordinate RGVMPPO activities with member agencies and the Texas Department of Transportation;
 - v. Provide staff support for the RGVMPPO Transportation Policy Board and the RGVMPPO Technical Advisory Committee;
 - vi. Prepare the RGVMPPO Transportation Policy Board meeting agenda and distribute it accordingly;
 - vii. The RGVMPPO Executive Director may delegate the foregoing duties and responsibilities as the Executive Director deems appropriate provided such delegation does not conflict with applicable law or any express direction of the RGVMPPO Transportation Policy Board.
- c. Interim RGVMPPO Executive Director. The RGVMPPO Transportation Policy Board may designate an Interim RGVMPPO Executive Director to perform the duties of RGVMPPO Executive Director during such times as the position of Executive Director is vacant. The Interim RGVMPPO Executive Director need not be an employee of the RGVMPPO.

1.09 Contracts and Purchases

All contracts and purchases on behalf of the RGVMPPO shall be entered into and made in accordance with rules of procedure prescribed by LRGVDC as the fiscal agent and applicable laws and rules of the State of Texas.

1.10 Sovereign Immunity

The RGVMPPO will not by agreement or otherwise waive or impinge upon its sovereign immunity or of any constituent member.

1.11 Quorum

Sixty-five percent (65%) of the weighted vote, and a minimum of six (6) members of the RGVMPPO Transportation Policy Board (excluding ex-officio members) must be present to constitute a quorum.

If sixty-five percent (65%) of the weighted vote of the RGVMPPO Transportation Policy Board is a partial number, said number shall be rounded up to the nearest whole number (21 weighted votes).

1.12 Vote of the Membership

- a. A supermajority seventy-five percent (75%) of the quorum is sufficient to authorize action of the RGVMPO Transportation Policy Board.
- b. The RGVMPO Executive Director or his/her designee will serve to validate membership credentials.
- c. Bylaws may be amended by independent action of the Transportation Policy Board within the time limit set by the Transportation Policy Board for approval of the proposed amendment. Voting may be at a meeting or by written ballots delivered within the time limit set by the RGVMPO Transportation Policy Board to receive written ballots. The following is required to amend the bylaws:
 - i. A supermajority seventy-five percent (75%) of the full RGVMPO Transportation Policy Board (regardless of presence or quorum) must agree to adopt the amendment; and,
 - ii. The supermajority voting to adopt the amendment must include all RGVMPO Transportation Policy Board members from Cameron County, Hidalgo County, Cities of Brownsville, Edinburg, Harlingen, McAllen, Mission, Pharr voting for the amendment.

The bylaws may not be amended to change the composition of the RGVMPO Transportation Policy Board or sub-region allocation. Any change to these items can be made only by amendment to the Re-designation Agreement requiring the agreement to all of the signatories thereto.

1.13 Lower/Central/Upper RGV Subregion Funding Split

- a. All funding distributions and scenarios shall be in compliance with federal and state laws and regulations. Should funding distribution not be in compliance, funding shall be distributed by the RGVMPO Transportation Policy Board in a manner consistent with this Re-designation Agreement, RGVMPO bylaws and federal and state statutes and regulations.
- b. The boundaries of sub-regions will be automatically adjusted to include any changes in Census Designated Urbanized Areas. Any other changes in the boundaries of the sub-regions must be approved by the Transportation Policy Board members and a majority of the signatories from the affected sub-region. The creation of any new sub-region by the addition of territory not originally included in the RGVMPO must be approved by a majority of Transportation Policy Board members and the signatories.
- c. Assuming that anticipated funding does not change for the life of the projects, the RGVMPO will honor all the existing projects currently within the Unified Transportation Program (UTP) period (2020-2029) of the three (3) existing MPOs. Beginning with the 2020 UTP the RGVMPO will select projects utilizing their project selection procedures as funding becomes available.
- d. The RGVMPO is divided into three (3) sub-regions for the distribution of Category 2 (including all funds allocated through the Category 2 formula) and Category 7 funds to the region. The Lower RGV Sub-region consists of the eastern portion of Cameron County that lies within the

Metropolitan Planning Area. The Central RGV Sub-region consists of the western portion of Cameron County that lies within the Metropolitan Planning Area. The Upper RGV Sub-region consists of all of Hidalgo County which is also within the Metropolitan Planning Area. To ensure an equitable distribution of funding between the three (3) sub-regions the RGV MPO Transportation Policy Board applies a funding distribution that fairly credits each sub-region within all applicable federal and state laws.

- e. The sub-allocation of funding to each sub-region will be determined using the Category 2 Transportation Management Area funding formula as provided in the Texas Administrative Code Title 43, Part 1, Chapter 1, Subchapter D, Rule 16.154 or as amended hereafter by action of the Texas Transportation Commission. Any change to the sub-allocation of funding sources or sub-allocation funding formula must be approved by a majority of the Transportation Policy Board members and a majority of the signatories from the effected sub-region.

ARTICLE II

2.00 Officers

2.01 Chair

The 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.

2.02 Vice Chair

The Vice Chair shall be chosen by a simple majority vote of the membership present at the election with a quorum established. In the absence of, or in case of the inability of the Chair to act it shall be the duty of the Vice Chair to perform all the duties of the Chair.

2.03 Term of Office

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.

2.04 Time of Election

After the initial election of officers, the officer election will be held during the first meeting after the beginning of the defined fiscal year.


2.05 Special Elections


In the event the Chair is unable to serve, the Vice Chair shall assume the office of Chair and call a special election at the next regular, special, or Annual Meeting to fill the office of Vice Chair for the remaining portion of the term. Should the Vice Chair be unable to serve, the Chair shall call a special

election at the next regular, special, or Annual Meeting to fill the office of Vice Chair for the remaining portion of the term. If both the Chair and Vice Chair are unable to serve, the RGVMPPO Executive Director or his/her designee shall call a special election at the next regular, special, or Annual Meeting to fill these vacancies for the remaining portion of the term.

Approved

These bylaws were approved by a two-thirds affirmative vote of the voting members of the RGVMPPO Transportation Policy Board with a quorum present on the 26 day of June, 2019.


_____, **Chair**

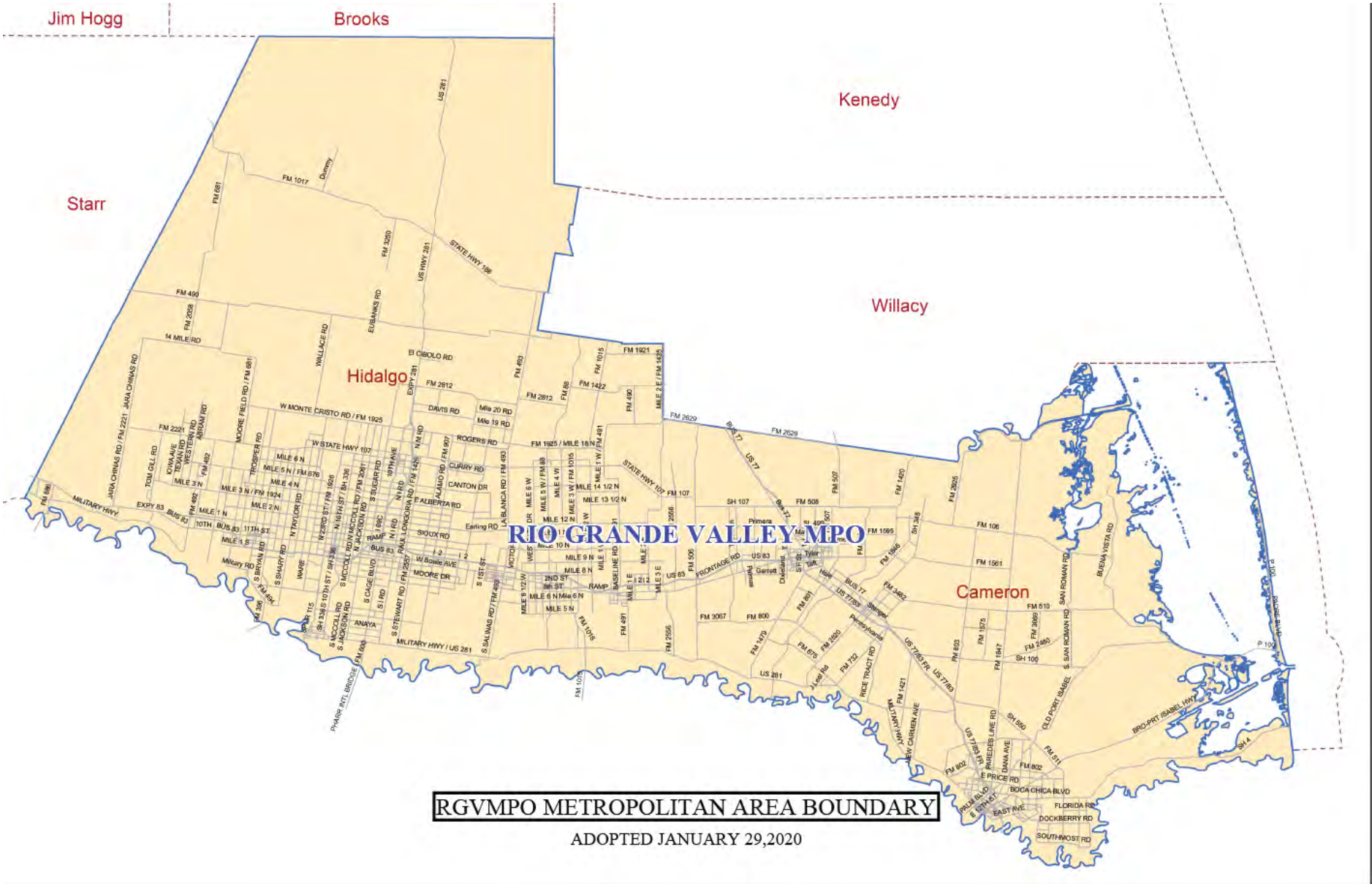

_____, **RGVMPO Executive Director**

These bylaws were amended by a two-thirds affirmative vote of the voting members of the RGVMPPO Transportation Policy Board with a quorum present on the 28th day of April, 2021.

_____, **Chairman**

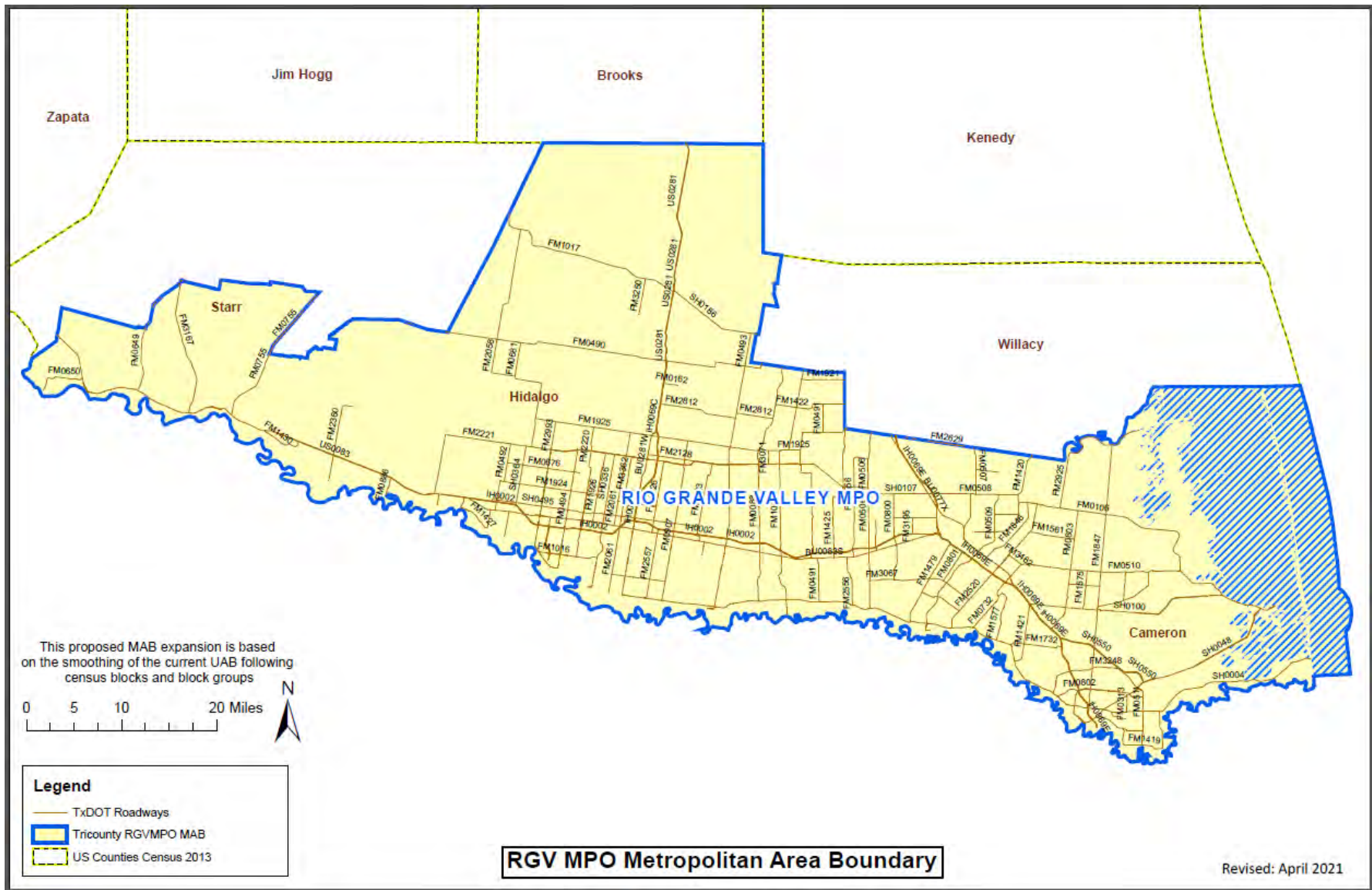
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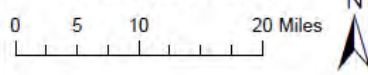


RGVMPO METROPOLITAN AREA BOUNDARY

ADOPTED JANUARY 29, 2020



This proposed MAB expansion is based on the smoothing of the current UAB following census blocks and block groups



Legend

- TxDOT Roadways
- Tricounty RGVMPO MAB
- US Counties Census 2013

RGV MPO Metropolitan Area Boundary

Revised: April 2021



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Ms. Jessica Butler, P.E.
Director of Transportation Planning and Programming Texas Department of
Transportation
P.O. Box 49217
Austin, TX 78714-9217

RE: Rio Grande Valley MPO Metropolitan Area Boundary Expansion

Ms. Butler,

On April 28, 2021, the Rio Grande Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization (RGVMPO), in accordance with 23 U.S.C. §134(b)(1), as implemented by 23 C.F.R. §450.308, approved a resolution to expand its boundary to include Cities of Escobares, La Grulla, Rio Grande City, Roma and Starr County. I am submitting the following items for your consideration.

- Minutes of the April 28, 2021 Transportation Policy Board meeting approving expansion of the Metropolitan Area Boundary (MAB).
- Minutes of the April 28, 2021 Transportation Policy Board meeting adopting the RGVMPO Bylaws amendment reflecting new Metropolitan Area Boundary (MAB).
- Resolution from the City of Escobares requesting annexation into the RGVMPO planning area (MAB).
- Resolution from the City of La Grulla requesting annexation into the RGVMPO planning area (MAB).
- Resolution from the City of Rio Grande City requesting annexation into the RGVMPO planning area (MAB).
- Resolution from the City of Roma requesting annexation into the RGVMPO planning area (MAB).
- Resolution from Starr County requesting annexation into the RGVMPO planning area (MAB).
- Map of the Previous MAB
- Bylaws as amended on April 28, 2021.
- Resolution affirming the expansion by the RGVMPO Policy Board
- Written description of the MAB as adopted April 28, 2021.

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Please feel free to the RGVMPO Executive Director, Andrew Canon, at your convenience at acanon@rgvmopor.org or via cell phone at 956-330- 3380 should you need to address any further details or information to assure this transition is complete.

Sincerely,



Andrew A. Canon
Executive Director
Rio Grande Valley
Metropolitan Planning Organization (RGVMPO)



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RE: ITEM IV (E) Discussion and Possible Action on FY2021-2022 TASA Program Call for Projects

As announced at the March 2021 Meeting, RGV MPO Staff, in collaboration with TxDOT Staff, are moving forward with the FY2021-2022 TASA Call for Projects. Approximately \$2.3M will be available for projects, with ~\$2.07M (90%) for construction and ~\$230,000 (10%) for planning. The following Program Timeline was presented to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee at their April 7, 2021 Meeting. Today, RGV MPO Staff presents the proposed timeline for your attention, feedback, and potential approval.

- **April** – BPAC reviews revised Program Call documents and approves activity timeline
- **May** – FY2021-2022 TASA Program Call for Projects Workshop, *May 25th at 1:30p.m.*
- **June + July** – Call for Projects opens June 1st and closes July 30th at 5:00p.m.
- **August** – BPAC reviews, evaluates and scores submitted project applications
- **September** – TAC and TPB will review the scored submitted projects and take action to award selected projects with TASA funding
- **October** – 30-day public involvement period for November 2021 STIP Revisions
- **November** – Selected projects will be included in the November 2021 STIP Revision

If there are any questions, please feel free to contact me.

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RE: ITEM IV (G) Discussion on RGV Traffic Safety Initiative

Background: On November 6, 2020 the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) posted the FY 2022 Request for Proposals (RFP) notice for projects that support the targets and strategies of its Traffic Safety Program to reduce the number of motor vehicle related crashes, injuries and fatalities in Texas. At the request of the RGV MPO Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC), the funding constraints and requirements were presented by RGV MPO Staff and discussed with BPAC Members at the December 2020 BPAC meeting.

Update: Motivated to implement the recommendations from the recently adopted RGV MPO Active Transportation Plan, and to further support the goals of the Texas Highway Safety Plan and the USDOT Pedestrian Safety Action Plan, RGV MPO Staff developed and submitted a grant application on January 6, 2021. The *RGV Traffic Safety Initiative* proposes a comprehensive approach to addressing traffic safety as a region. Subject to the approval of the Texas Transportation Commission, the RGV MPO has been selected to receive \$41,5000 to fund the *Initiative's* objectives and activities.

If there are any questions, please feel free to contact me.

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MEMO
April 28, 2021

To: Rio Grande Valley M.P.O.
From: Andres Espinoza, P.E. / Rene Garza, P.E.
San Benito Area Engineer / Pharr Area Engineer
Subject: Project Status (Cameron County & Hidalgo County)

CAMERON COUNTY CONSTRUCTION

1. Traffic Signal Installation (0220-05-070, etc.) – Various Locations throughout the city of Brownsville
Installation and optimization of traffic signals
Est. Cost: \$1,800,000 Contractor: The Levy Company, Inc.
96.74% Complete Estimated Completion Date: May 2021
2. SH 48 (0220-05-075) - IH-69E to SH 4 (Four Corners)
Construction of raised median
Est. Cost: \$3,400,000 Contractor: Texas Cordia Construction, LLC
56.15 % Complete Estimated Completion Date: August 2021
3. FM 1847 (1801-02-017) – FM 106 to FM 2893
Rehabilitation of existing roadway along FM 1847
Est. Cost: \$19,989,898 Contractor: Foremost Paving Inc.
55.89 % Complete Estimated Completion Date: March 2022
4. PR 100 (0331-04-069) – Queen Isabella Causeway
Bridge Widening or Rehabilitation
Est. Cost: \$9,934,198 Contractor: Southern Road & Bridge, LLC
17.59 % Complete Estimated Completion Date: January 2023
5. FM 1732 (0684-03-022) – U.S. 281 to IH-69E
Rehabilitation of a Non-Freeway Facility.
Est. Cost: \$6,603,453.60 Contractor: Foremost Paving, Inc.
12.63 % Complete Estimated Completion Date: October 2022
6. FM 802 (1140-02-038) – FM 1847 to Old Port Isabel Rd.
Construction of Raised Concrete Medians, Roadway Widening & Overlay
Est. Cost: \$6,262,978.18 Contractor: Texas Cordia Construction, LLC
35.56% Complete Estimated Completion Date: February 2022

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7. IH-69E (0039-07-256, etc.) – Whalen Rd. to FM 2994
Construct Concrete Sidewalks, Ramps, Curbs, Signage & Striping
Estimated Cost: \$1,135,328 Contractor: Earthwork Enterprise
34.38 % Complete Estimated Completion Date: July 2021
8. SH 100 (0331-01-052) – Mesquite St to 567 ft East of Ebanos St
Rehabilitation of existing roadway
Est. Cost: \$6,262,978.18 Contractor: Foremost Paving, Inc.
0.00% Complete Estimated Completion Date: March 2022

HIDALGO COUNTY CONSTRUCTION

9. Preventive Maintenance Project – Overlays – CSJ: 0698-03-099, etc
Five locations throughout Hidalgo County
Estimated Cost: \$4,998,521 Contractor: Foremost Paving, Inc.
0.00 % Complete Pending Pre-Con) Estimated Completion Date: September 2021
10. Traffic Signal Installation (0039-02-068, etc) – 15 locations district wide
Installation of traffic signals
Est. Cost: \$6,096,123 Contractor: Austin Traffic Signal
89.00 % Complete Estimated Completion Date: July 2021
11. Preventative Maintenance Project – Overlays – CSJ: 0865-01-112, etc.
Six locations throughout Hidalgo County
Estimated Cost: \$9,895,598 Contractor: Foremost Paving
47.00% Complete Estimated Completion Date: June 2021
12. IH 2 & Bicentennial Blvd (0039-17-180) – FM 2220 to McColl Rd
Interchange Improvements
Est. Cost: \$46,372,657 Contractor: Anderson Columbia Co., Inc
99.00 % Complete Estimated Completion Date: May 2021
13. US 83 (0039-02-070) - 2.164 Miles W of FM 2221 to FM 2221
Rehabilitation of Existing Travel Lanes
Est. Cost: \$7,824,996 Contractor: Foremost Paving, Inc
54.00% Complete Estimated Completion Date: July 2021
14. Preventative Maintenance Project - Overlays – CSJ:0039-17-198, etc
2 locations (IH 2 from FM2220 to Los Ebanos overpass; FM2061 from Trenton to FM3461)
Estimated Cost: 6,469,160 Contractor: Anderson Columbia Co., Inc
94.00% Complete Estimated Completion Date: May 2021
15. SH 186 (0433-01-030) - US 281 to Hidalgo/Willacy County Line
Rehabilitate roadway and add passing lanes
Est. Cost: \$12,318,939 Contractor: ASAGO, LLC.
76.00 % Complete Estimated Completion Date: July 2021
16. SS 115 (1804-01-078) – Lucille Rd. to FM 3072
Landscape Improvements
Est. Cost: \$338,037 Contractor: Lucania Construction LLC
47.00 % Complete Estimated Completion Date: July 2021

17. Traffic Signal Installation (0698-03-095, etc) – 24 locations district wide
Installation of traffic signals
Est. Cost: \$1,620,585 Contractor: Austin Traffic Signal
94.00 % Complete Estimated Completion Date: June 2021
18. FM 493 (0863-01-047) - BUS 83 to US 281 (Military Rd.)
Reconstruction and widening of a non-freeway facility
Est. Cost: \$12,108,924 Contractor: Foremost Paving, Inc.
85.00% Complete Estimated Completion Date: August 2021
19. Preventive Maintenance Project – Seal Coats – CSJ: 1227-04-022, etc.
Eighteen locations throughout Hidalgo, Cameron and Willacy Counties
Estimated Cost: \$5,380,487 Contractor: Brennan Paving Co, LTD
0.00% Complete (Pending Pre-Con) Estimated Completion Date: August 2021
20. Preventive Maintenance Project – Seal Coats – CSJ: 1227-01-027, etc.
Twelve locations throughout Cameron, Jim Hogg and Zapata Counties
Estimated Cost: \$5,725,979 Contractor: Brennan Paving Co, LTD
0.00% Complete (Pending Pre-Con) Estimated Completion Date: August 2021
21. Traffic Signal Installation (0039-04-129, etc.) – 13 locations district wide
Installation of traffic signals
Est. Cost: \$2,216,223 Contractor: Austin Traffic Signal
0.00% Complete (Pending Pre-Con) Estimated Completion Date: February 2022
22. SH 107 (0342-02-054) – West Levee to FM 1425
Rehabilitation of Existing Roadway
Est. Cost: \$10,978,593 Contractor: Foremost Paving, Inc
79.00 % Complete Estimated Completion Date: December 2021
23. Border Safety Inspection Facility (BSIF) (0921-02-173) - US Customs to US 281
Construction of Border Safety Inspection Facility (BSIF)
Est. Cost: \$20,172,428 Contractor: Anderson Columbia Co., Inc.
62.00 % Complete Estimated Completion Date: March 2022
24. US 83 Relief Route (0039-02-040) – FM 2221 to 0.85 Miles East of FM 886
New Location Expressway Facility
Est. Cost: \$97,457,423.00 Contractor: Anderson Columbia Co., Inc.
58.00 % Complete Estimated Completion Date: April 2022
25. SH 107 (0342-01-074) - IH 69C to FM 493
Widen to 6 lane divided urban roadway
Est. Cost: \$21,387,479 Contractor: Foremost Paving, Inc
0.00 % Complete Estimated Completion Date: September 2022
26. US 83 Relief Route Phase II (0039-02-063, etc) – FM 2221 to 0.28 Mi W of Showers Road
Construct new location expressway facility
Est. Cost: \$95,994,023 Contractor: Pulice Construction, Inc.
50.00% Complete Estimated Completion Date: August 2023

- 27. Preventative Maintenance Project – Overlays – CSJ: 1427-01-040,etc.
Seven locations throughout Hidalgo, Cameron and Willacy Counties
Est. Cost: \$5,388,775 Contractor: IOC Company LLC
00.00% Complete (Pending Pre-Con) Estimated Completion Date: November 2021
- 28. FM 2221 (0862-01-059) – FM 492 to FM 681
Rehabilitation of Existing Roadway
Est. Cost: \$3,118,300 Contractor: Texas Cordia Construction, LLC
0.0% Complete (Pending Pre-Con) Estimated Completion Date: August 2022

CAMERON COUNTY DESIGN

- A. FM 511 Bridge Replacement – CSJ: 0684-02-014
Construction of New Bridge and Approaches
Limits: .4 miles south of SH 4 to over the drain ditch
Estimated Cost: \$911,397
Tentative Letting Date: June 2021
- B. South Parallel Corridor – CSJ: 0921-06-252
New Roadway Construction
Limits: FM 509 to FM 1577
Estimated Cost: \$8,368,925
Tentative Letting Date: December 2021
- C. SH 550 4 Lane Toll Facility – CSJ: 0684-01-068
Construction of a 4 lane Toll Facility
Limits: .23 miles south of FM 1847 TO 1.13 miles South of Union Pacific Rail Road overpass at FM 3248
Estimated Cost: \$21,072,461
Tentative Letting Date: September 2021
- D. Stuart Place Road – sidewalks - CSJ: 0921-06-311
Construction of new 5 to 6 ft. sidewalks
Limits: .18 miles North of Primera Rd. to FM 2994/Wilson Rd.
Estimated Cost: \$525,391
Tentative Letting Date: October 2021
- E. FM 1846 – CSJ: 1065-02-039
Rehabilitation of Existing Roadway
Limits: San Jose Ranch to BUS 77
Estimated Cost: \$3,100,000
Tentative Letting Date: November 2021
- F. IH-69E –0039-07-257
North Bound & South Bound Ramp Reversal
Limits: Industrial Blvd. to Loop 499 (Primera Rd.)
Estimated Cost: \$2,813,725
Tentative Letting Date: August 2022

- G. SH 107 – CSJ:0342-03-037
Rehabilitate Existing Roadway
Limits: from Louisiana St. to Hooks E. Hodges St.
Estimated Cost: \$7,000,000
Tentative Letting Date: August 2022

- H. FM 510 – CSJ: 1057-03-051
Rehabilitation of Existing Roadway
Limits: FM 1847 to FM 2480
Estimated Cost: \$5,200,000
Tentative Letting Date: September 2022

- I. BSIF Facility – CSJ: 0921-06-207
Vicinity of GSA Facility in Brownsville/Los Tomates International Bridge
Estimated Cost: \$16,230,240
Tentative Letting Date: September 2022

HIDALGO COUNTY DESIGN

- J. FM 676 – CSJ:1064-01-032
Widen to four lane divided
Limits: SH 364 to SH 107
Estimated Cost: \$15,000,000
Tentative Letting Date: September 2021

- K. Preventative Maintenance Project – Overlays – CSJ: 0528-01-121, etc
Four locations throughout Hidalgo and Cameron Counties
Estimated Cost: \$6,092,922
Tentative Letting Date: September 2021

- L. Preventive Maintenance Project – Seal Coats – CSJ: 1801-01-051, etc
Fourteen locations throughout Hidalgo, Cameron, Brooks and Starr Counties
Estimated Cost: \$4,153,375
Tentative Letting Date: September 2021

- M. FM 3072 – CSJ: 3098-01-016
Rehabilitation of existing roadway
Limits: FM 2061 to Veterans Road
Estimated Cost: \$6,183,970
Tentative Letting Date: October 2021

- N. FM 907 – CSJ:1586-01-079
Rehabilitation of existing road
Limits: FM 3072 to US 281
Estimated Cost: \$3,080,000
Tentative Letting Date: December 2021

- O. Preventative Maintenance Project – Overlays – CSJ: 0255-08-108, etc.
2 locations (IH69C from Nolana to Canton; IH69E from FM 1018 to SP112 in Willacy Co)
Estimated Cost: \$8,657,096
Tentative Letting Date: April 2022

- P. Bridge Replacement Project – CSJ: 0921-02-445, etc
2 locations – Nittler Road (W) – 1.25 Mile W of FM 88
Nittler Road (E) – 0.2 Mile W of FM 88
Estimated Cost: \$1,200,000
Tentative Letting Date: August 2022

PROJECT STATUS REPORT CAMERON & HIDALGO COUNTY

CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS		
NUM	CSJ	HWY
2	0220-05-075	SH 48
3	1801-02-017	FM 1847
4	0331-04-069	SH 100
5	0684-03-022	FM 1732
6	1140-02-038	FM 802
7	0039-07-256	IH-69E
8	0331-01-052	SH 100
12	0039-17-180	IH-2 & Bicentennial
13	0039-02-070	US 83
14	0039-17-198	IH-2 & FM 2061
15	0433-01-030	SH 186
16	1804-01-078	SS 115
18	0863-01-047	FM 493
22	0342-02-054	SH 107
24	0039-02-040	US 83
25	0342-01-074	SH 107
26	0039-02-063	US 83 Relief Route Phase II
28	0862-01-059	FM 2221

DESIGN PROJECTS		
NUM	CSJ	HWY
A	0684-02-014	FM 511
B	0921-06-252	S PARALLEL CORRIDOR
C	0684-01-068	SH 550
D	0921-06-311	STUART PLACE RD
E	1065-02-039	FM 1846
F	0039-07-257	IH-69E
G	0342-03-037	SH 107
H	1057-03-051	FM 510
I	0921-06-207	BSIF FACILITY
J	1064-01-032	FM 676
M	3098-01-016	FM 3072
N	1586-01-079	FM 907
O	0255-08-108	IH-69C



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Project Status Presentation
RGVMPO Policy Committee

April 28, 2021



South Port Connector

CSJ: 0921-06-288



Recent Activity:

- Currently Under Construction - 45% Complete

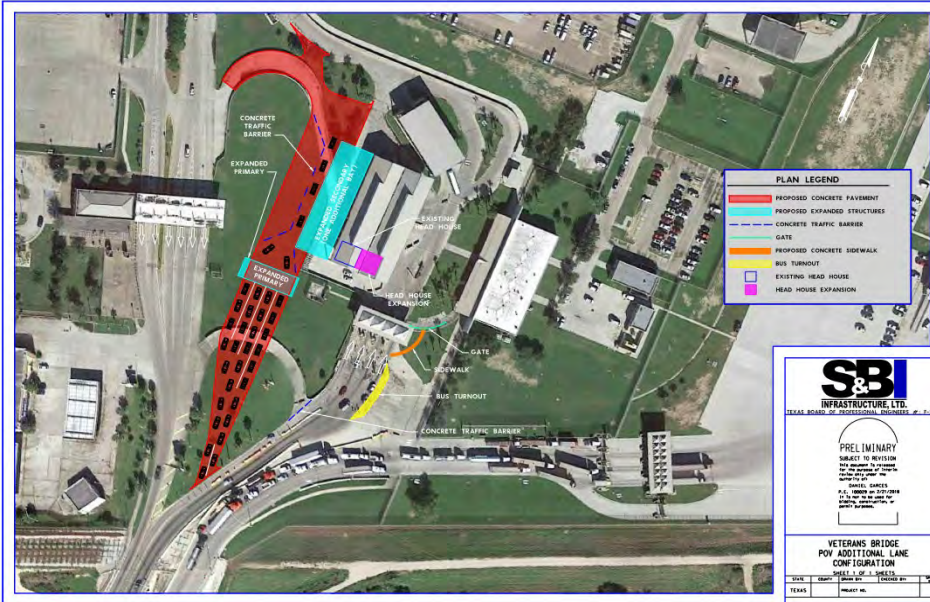
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| 1 | Environmental | ✓ |
| 2 | Preliminary Engineering | ✓ |
| 3 | ROW & Utilities: | ✓ |
| 4 | Design | ✓ |
| 5 | Funding | ✓ |



Under Construction

Veterans POV Expansion

CSJ: 0921-06-313



Recent Activity:

- Included in Border Master Plan- High Impact Project
- CBP/GSA Approval Received – DAA Executed
- Received TxDOT concurrence on Public Interest Finding for specialized equipment
- Pending – TxDOT Final Approval for Project Letting / Approval of 100% PS&E

- 1 Environmental** ✓
- 2 Preliminary Engineering** ✓
- 3 ROW & Utilities:** ✓
- 4 Design** ✓
- 5 Funding** ✓



Shovel Ready

SH 550 GAP 2 Project

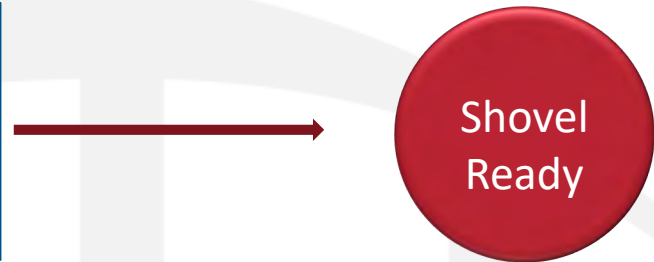
CSJ: 0684-01-068



- 1 **Environmental** ✓
- 2 **Preliminary Engineering** ✓
- 3 **ROW & Utilities:** ✓
- 4 **Design** - 90% PS&E Completed
- 5 **Funding** ✓

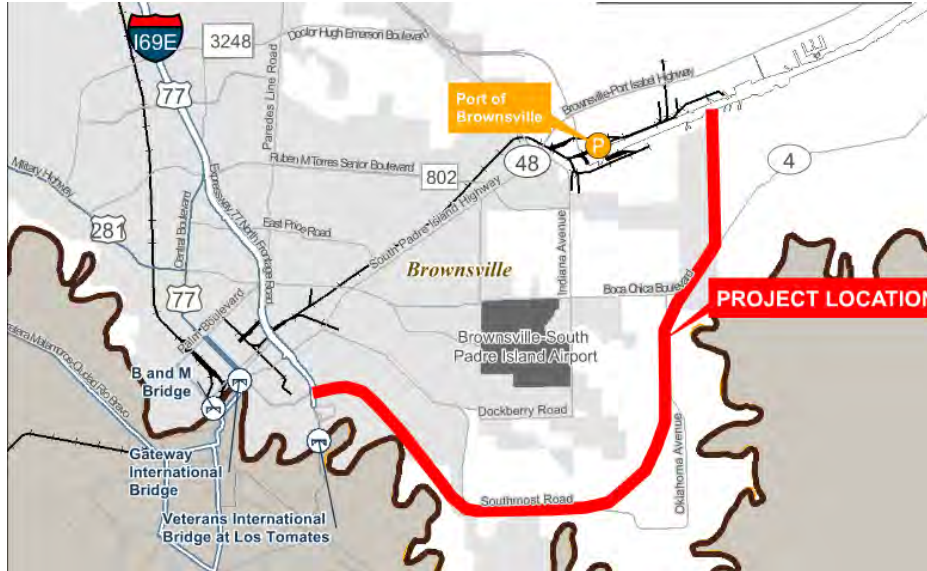
Recent Activity:

- Included in Border Master Plan- High Impact Project
- ROW in Place / Utilities Adjusted
- Environmental Re Evaluation Underway
- PS&E-90% complete
- TxDOT Commission Approved 2.5 Miles of Interstate Designation - March 2020
- UPRR comments addressed



East Loop

CSJ: 0921-06-315



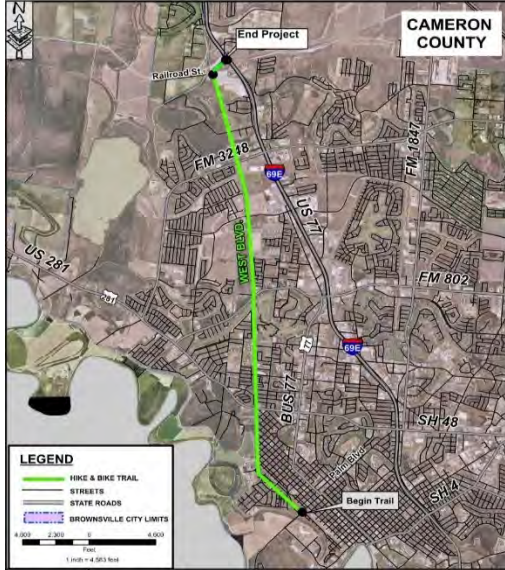
1	Environmental	- 80% complete
2	Preliminary Engineering	✓
3	ROW & Utilities:	- In Process
4	Design	- Under Design
5	Funding	- Partially Funded

Recent Activity:

- Included in Border Master Plan- High Impact Project
- USFWS Land Swap Agreement FONSI Issued
- Environmental Documents are 80% complete
- USFWS and IBWC Addressing 90% schematic comments

West Rail Trail

CSJ: 0921-06-293



1	Environmental	- Underway
2	Preliminary Engineering	✓
3	ROW & Utilities:	- Existing ROW
4	Design	- In Process
5	Funding	✓

Recent Activity:

- Included in Border Master Plan- High Impact Project
- Bi-National Hike & Bike Trail
- Environmental Documents at 80%.
- ROW is in place
- PS&E Design 60% Complete
- Virtual Public Meeting held on February 23, 2021
- All public comments addressed on March 22, 2021

Flor De Mayo Bridge

CSJ: TBD



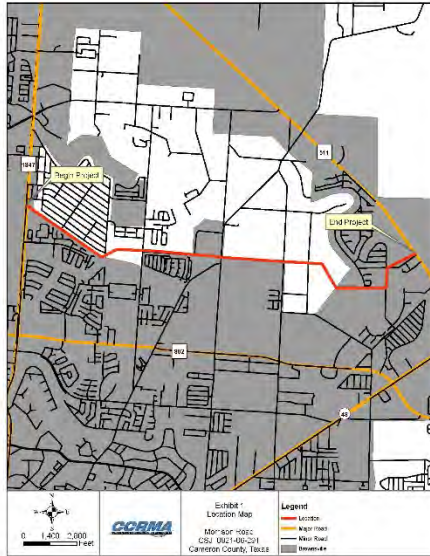
1	Environmental	- Underway
2	Preliminary Engineering	- Underway
3	ROW & Utilities:	✓
4	Design	- Pending
5	Funding	- Pending

Recent Activity:

- Included in Border Master Plan- High Impact Project
- Recently selected consultant
- Recently began development of Presidential Permit Application
- Feasibility study Complete

Morrison Road

CSJ: 0921-06-291



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| 1 | Environmental | - Underway |
| 2 | Preliminary Engineering | - Underway |
| 3 | ROW & Utilities: | - Pending |
| 4 | Design | - Pending |
| 5 | Funding | ✓ |

Recent Activity:

- Included in Border Master Plan- High Impact Project
- Consultant selected and environmental and schematic are under development
- Preliminary Coordination with City and Drainage / District Underway
- Functional Classification under review by FHWA

Old Alice Rd

CSJ: 0921-06-290



1	Environmental	- 95% Complete
2	Preliminary Engineering	✓
3	ROW & Utilities:	✓
4	Design	- Pending
5	Funding	✓

Recent Activity:

- Included in Border Master Plan- Medium Impact Project
- 60% PS&E submitted to TxDOT. 100% by end of July
- Virtual Public Meeting Held August 11, 2020
- ROW Acquisition Complete
- Ready to Let in FY 2021

FM 509

CSJ: 0921-06-254



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| 1 | Environmental | - Pending |
| 2 | Preliminary Engineering | - Pending |
| 3 | ROW & Utilities: | - Pending |
| 4 | Design | - Pending |
| 5 | Funding | ✓ |

Recent Activity:

- Included in Border Master Plan- Medium Impact Project
- TxDOT is developing On-System Minute Order
- TxDOT has funded the project fully in the 2021 UTP
- Consultant negotiations for Preliminary Engineering Underway
- Functional Classification under review by FHWA

SPI 2nd Access CSJ: TBD



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Environmental - Underway

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Preliminary Engineering - Underway

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ROW & Utilities: - Pending

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Design - Pending

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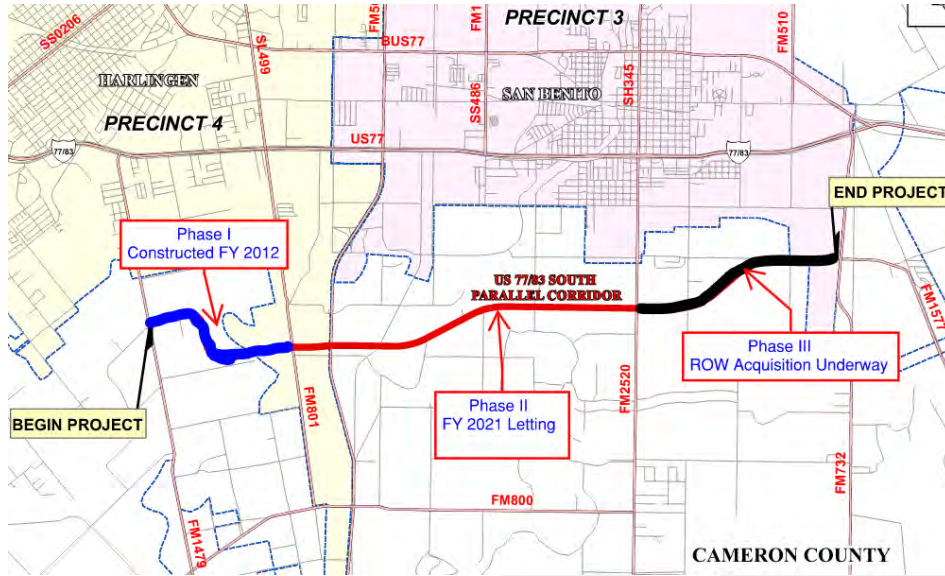
Funding - Pending

Recent Activity:

- Included in Border Master Plan- Medium Impact Project
- Recently redesignated to a Non-Tolled project development strategy
- Environmental Status
- Design Status

S. Parallel Corridor Phase II

CSJ: 0921-06-252



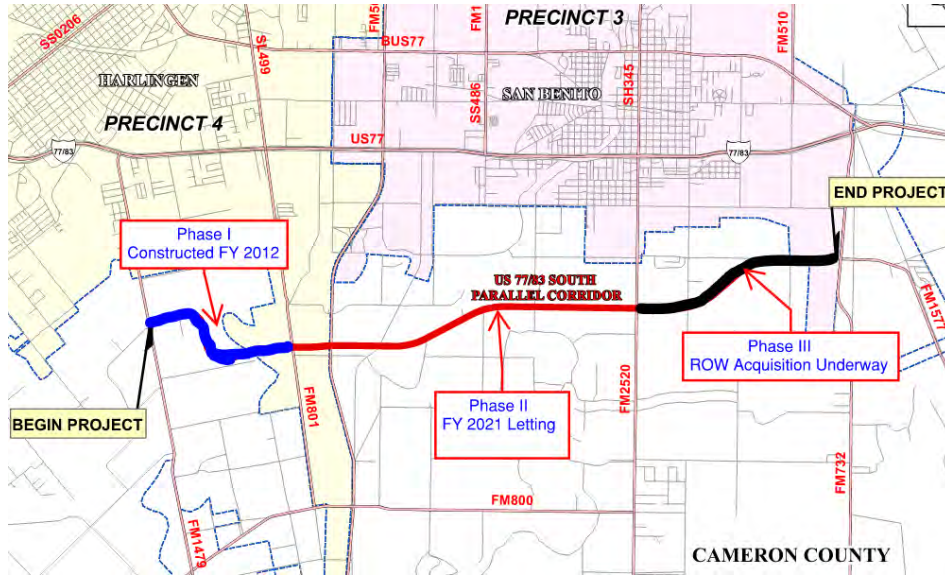
1	Environmental	✓
2	Preliminary Engineering	✓
3	ROW & Utilities:	✓
4	Design	✓
5	Funding	✓

Recent Activity:

- Included in Border Master Plan- Medium Impact Project
- 100% PS&E Approved by TxDOT
- 100% of ROW Acquired, 100% Utilities Adjusted
- Fully Funded for Construction
- December 2021 Letting

S. Parallel Corridor Phase III

CSJ: 0921-06-257



1	Environmental	✓
2	Preliminary Engineering	✓
3	ROW & Utilities:	- Underway
4	Design	- Underway
5	Funding	- Pending

Recent Activity:

- Included in Border Master Plan- Medium Impact Project
- ROW Acquisition Underway
- Utility Coordination Underway
- Needs Funding to construct the entire 10-Mile Corridor to a 5-Lane Urban Section

US 281 Connector



1	Environmental	- Pending
2	Preliminary Engineering	- Pending
3	ROW & Utilities:	- Pending
4	Design	- Pending
5	Funding	- Pending

Recent Activity:

- Included in Border Master Plan- Medium Impact Project
- CCRMA Conceptual Project to provide a connection between US281 (Military Highway) and I69E. Ultimately connecting the International Bridges Directly with the Port of Brownsville Via SH 550

West Blvd – Roadway CSJ:



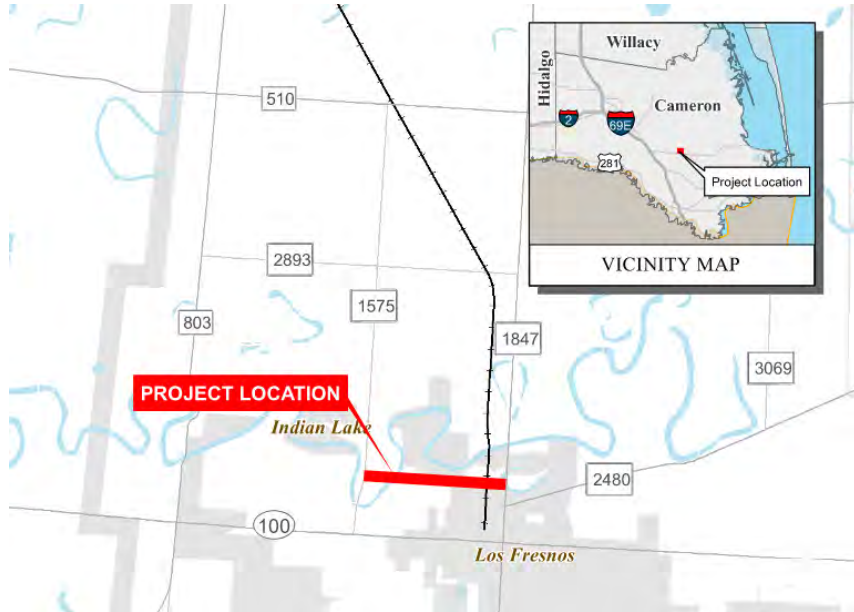
- 1 **Environmental** - Underway
- 2 **Preliminary Engineering** - Underway
- 3 **ROW & Utilities:** - Existing ROW
- 4 **Design** - Pending
- 5 **Funding** ✓

Recent Activity:

- Preliminary Engineering is being completed with 100% Local Funds
- Functional Classification under development
- Roadway Construction Funding - FY 2022 of the TIP / MTP
- Environmental Documents Under Development In-House (CCRMA)
- ROW is in place

Whipple Road

CSJ: 0921-06-292



Recent Activity:

- Construction 100% Funded in 2021 UTP
- DCC held on September 14, 2020
- Schematic 60% submitted to TxDOT
- Environmental at 60%

1	Environmental	- Underway
2	Preliminary Engineering	- Underway
3	ROW & Utilities:	✓
4	Design	- Pending
5	Funding	✓



U.S. 77 – I69E Plan

Fully Funded by TxDOT - 2021 UTP

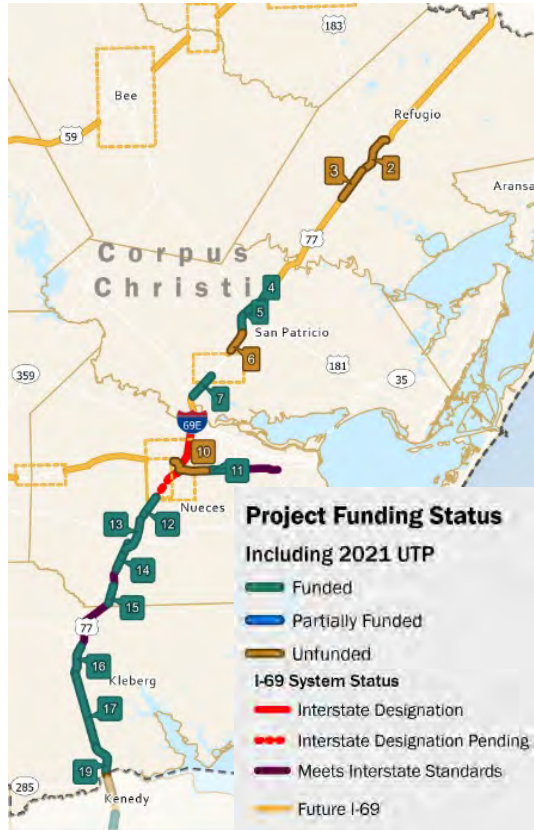


#	CSJ	HWY	Current XSE	Limits	Description	EST. UTP COST (M)	EST. TOTAL COST ²	MILES	FUNDING STATUS ³	LET YEAR
1	0327-02-055	US 77	4D+	KENEDY/KLEBERG COUNTY LINE to 0.71 MILES N. OF LA PARRA AVE.	Interstate Designation	\$23.3	\$28.0	1.0	Unfunded	2025
2	0327-02-056	US 77	4D+	0.87 MILES S. OF LA PARRA AVE. to 8 MILES S. OF LA PARRA AVE.	Interstate Designation	\$66.9	\$80.3	7.1	Full	2026
4	0327-03-048	US 77	4D+	8 MILES S. OF LA PARRA AVE. to 0.6 MILES N. OF NORIAS RD.	Interstate Designation	\$60.4	\$72.5	12.5	Full	2026
6	0327-04-037	US 77	4D+	3.6 MILES NORTH OF NORIAS RD to NORIAS RD.	Interstate Designation	\$84.6	\$101.5	9.6	Full	2024
8	0327-05-041	US 77	4D+	NORIAS RD to 1.34 MILES N OF WILLACY/KENEDY COUNTY LINE	Interstate Designation	\$108.3	\$130.0	11.6	Partial	2024
10	0327-05-043	US 77	4D+	1.34 MILES N OF WILLACY/KENEDY COUNTY LINE to 1.19 MILES S OF CRYSTAL GATE/NORIAS DR	Construct Main lanes & Overpasses	\$24.5	\$29.4	3.5	Unfunded	2035
11	0327-05-042	US 77	4D+	1.34 MILES N OF WILLACY/KENEDY COUNTY LINE to WILLACY/KENEDY COUNTY LINE	Construct Main lanes & Overpasses (Under Construction; Completion date Nov. 2020)	\$7.2	\$8.8	1.3	Full	2018
12	0327-10-062	US 77	4D+	WILLACY/KENEDY COUNTY LINE to 0.93 MILES S OF WILLACY/KENEDY C.L.	Construct Main lanes & Overpasses (Under Construction; Completion date Nov. 2020)	\$8.2	\$9.9	0.9	Full	2018
13	0327-10-057	US 77	4D+	0.93 MILES S OF WILLACY/KENEDY COUNTY LINE to BUSINESS 77	Construct Main lanes & Overpasses (Under Construction; Completion date Nov. 2020)	\$22.7	\$27.2	4.0	Full	2017
15	0684-01-058	SH 550	4D+	.203 MILES S OF FM 1847 to 1.13 MILES SE OF LIPRR OVRPASS AT FM 3248	Construct New Toll Road	\$17.3	\$20.8	3.9	Full	2022
Total						\$1,085.2	\$1,302.8	103.8		

Included in Border Master Plan

U.S. 77 – I69E Plan

Fully Funded by TxDOT - 2021 UTP



#	CSJ	HWY	Current XS ²	Limits	Description	EST CONST COST (\$)	EST TOTAL COST (\$)	MILES	FUNDING STATUS ⁵	LET YEAR
2	0371-03-090	US 77	4CTL, 4D+	N OF REFUGIO to S OF REFUGIO (RELIEF ROUTE)	Construct New Roadway Lanes	\$360.0	\$432.0	10.1	Unfunded	2029
3	0371-03-130	US 77	4D+	S OF REFUGIO RR to S OF WOODSBORO	Convert Non-Freeway	\$70.0	\$84.0	4.1	Unfunded	2029
4	0371-04-062	US 77	4D+	CHILTIPI CREEK BR (CONTROL BREAK) to BUSINESS NORTH (SINTON)	Convert Non-Freeway	\$40.0	\$48.0	2.9	Full	2024
5	0372-01-101	US 77	4D+	BUSINESS SOUTH (SINTON) to CHILTIPI CREEK BR (CONTROL BREAK)	Convert Non-Freeway	\$40.0	\$48.0	2.9	Full	2024
6	0372-01-109	US 77	4D+	NORTH OF ODEM to BUSINESS SOUTH (SINTON)	Convert Non-Freeway	\$60.0	\$72.0	2.2	Unfunded	2029
7	0372-01-106	US 77	4D+	IH 37 AND INTERCHANGE to SOUTH OF ODEM	Convert Non-Freeway	\$127.5	\$153.0	4.3	Full	2028
12	0102-02-101	US 77	4D+	NORTH OF FM 2826 to SOUTH OF CR 28 (CONTROL BREAK)	Construct Main Lanes, Frontage Roads And Structures	\$12.7	\$15.2	2.4	Full	2018
13	0102-16-001	US 77	NA	CR 28 to CR 16	Construct New Roadway Lanes	\$82.4	\$98.9	5.1	Full	2018
14	0102-03-082	US 77	4D+	CR 16 to SOUTH OF FM 3354	Convert Non-Freeway	\$23.2	\$27.9	2.9	Full	2018
15	0102-03-087	US 77	4D+	CR 4 to FM 70	Construct Ramps	\$9.0	\$10.8	2.0	Full	2021
16	0102-04-099	US 77	4D+	FM 1356 to CR 2130	Convert Non-Freeway	\$55.2	\$66.3	3.4	Full	2020
17	0102-04-097	US 77	4D+	CR 2130 to 1.5 MILES N. OF SH 285	Convert Non-Freeway	\$115.0	\$138.0	8.6	Full	2022
19	0327-09-002	US 77	NA	1.5 MILES N. OF SH 285 INTERSECTION to KENEDY/KLEBERG COUNTY LINE	Construct New Roadway Lanes	\$110.0	\$132.0	4.0	Full	2024

Included in Border Master Plan



CCRMA TOLL SYSTEM PROJECTS

CCRMA Back Office Update

- Estimated Go Live – May 2021
- Customer Tag Functionality
- Electronic Communications
- Customization of Accounts to accommodate Bridges & Parks
- Redesigned reporting for Interoperability
- Account migration to Prepaid accounts
- New interfaces with Neopost (print & mail), Interop Systems, and Collections

Vendors:
TollPlus, LLC

CC Intl Bridge Toll Collection System

- Estimated Go Live – October 2021
- New lane functionality with ETC Tags and RFID Cards
- Improved Lane processing logic
- Improved transaction accountability and Cash Management process
- Account migration from current system to CCRMA Back Office
- Improvements to increase electronic payment versus cash payment
- Improved system accountability with Digital Video Auditing System

Vendors:
TollPlus, LLC
A to Be, LLC
Etransit – (sub to A to Be, LLC)

CC Parks User Fee Collection System

- Estimated Go Live - TBD
- Complete new system design leveraging ETC in the lanes
- Daily passes can now be offered to ETC customers
- CCRMA tag functionality to replace current monthly, annual, and RV passes
- Improved revenue enforcement using automatic license plate readers (ALPR)
- Improved system accountability with Digital Video Auditing System

Vendors:
TollPlus, LLC
A to Be, LLC
Etransit – (sub to A to Be, LLC)



CCRMA PARTNERSHIP PROJECTS WITH CAMERON COUNTY

Cameron County Parks Administration Building Project

- New construction with site work of the two-story 8,695 SF County Parks Administration Building, located within Isla Blanca Park.
- Estimated project cost: \$3.2 Million

Cameron County Parks

- Wi-Fi Connectivity
- Estimated project cost: \$.5 Million

Isla Blanca Toll Booths

- Construction of toll booth for Cameron County Beach Access #1
- Estimated project cost: \$.3 Million

Cameron County Parks Warehouse

- New construction with site work of the Cameron County Parks Warehouse
- Estimated project cost: \$2 Million

Mountain Bike Trail

- Enhancements to existing mountain bike trail at the Pedro “Pete” Benavides County Park, Cameron County Texas
- Estimated project cost: \$.1 Million



CCRMA Project Executive Summary

\$30 Million in Projects Currently Under Construction
\$1.5 Billion CCRMA Overall Project Portfolio

Shovel Ready Projects

- SH 550 Gap II
 - \$21 M
- Old Alice Road
 - \$ 17.75 M
- West Rail Trail
 - \$7.5 M
- South Parallel Corridor Ph. II
 - \$8.5 M
- Veterans Intl. Bridge Expansion
 - \$15 M

\$70 Million in Locally Developed Shovel Ready Projects.

Projects in Design

- East Loop
 - \$100 M
- FM 509 Extension
 - \$9 M
- Whipple Rd.
 - \$6M
- Morrison Road Project
 - \$17M
- South Parallel Corridor Ph. III
 - \$10 M
- South Parallel Corridor Ultimate 5 Lane
 - \$30 M
- West Rail Roadway
 - \$6 M
- Misc. Projects

\$185 Million in Locally Developed Shovel Ready Projects.

Projects In Development

- US 77 / I69E
 - \$140M
- SPI 2nd access
 - \$500M
- Outer Parkway
 - \$200M
- Flor de Mayo International Bridge
 - \$40M
- I69 Connector
 - \$160M
- US 281 Connector
 - \$140M

\$1.18 Billion
Planning Phase

14 CCRMA Projects Currently included in the TxDOT Border Master Plan



HCRMA
HIDALGO COUNTY REGIONAL MOBILITY AUTHORITY

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING FOR APRIL 2021

HCRMA Board of Directors

S. David Deanda, Jr., Chairman
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Ezequiel Reyna, Jr., Secretary/Treasurer
Alonzo Cantu, Director
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Francisco “Frank” Pardo, Director
Joaquin Spamer, Director

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Ramon Navarro IV, PE, CFM, Chief Constr. Eng.
Celia Gaona, CIA, Chief Auditor/Compliance Ofcr.
Jose Castillo, Chief Financial Ofcr.

General Engineering Consultant

HDR ENGINEERING, INC.

*Report on HCRMA Program Management Activity
Chief Development Engineer – Eric Davila, PE, PMP, CCM*

▶ OVERVIEW

- ❑ 365 TOLL Project Overview
- ❑ IBTC Project Overview
- ❑ Overweight Permit Summary
- ❑ Construction Economics Update

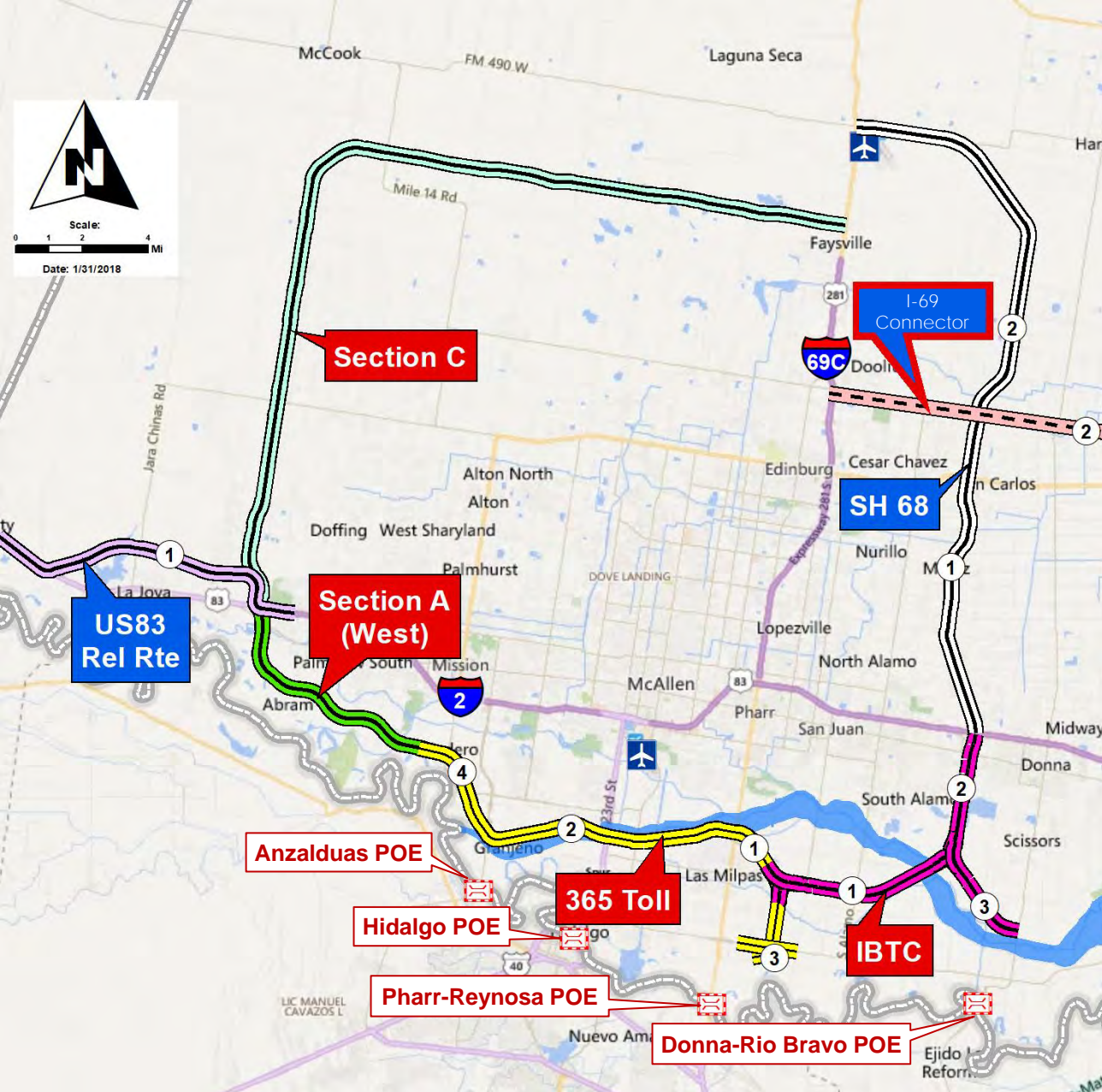
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“To provide our customers with a rapid and reliable alternative for the safe and efficient movement of people, goods and services”



HCRMA STRATEGIC PLAN

DEVELOP THE
INFRASTRUCTURE TO
SERVE A POPULATION
OF APPROXIMATELY
800,000 RESIDENTS
AND
5 INTERNATIONAL
PORTS OF ENTRY

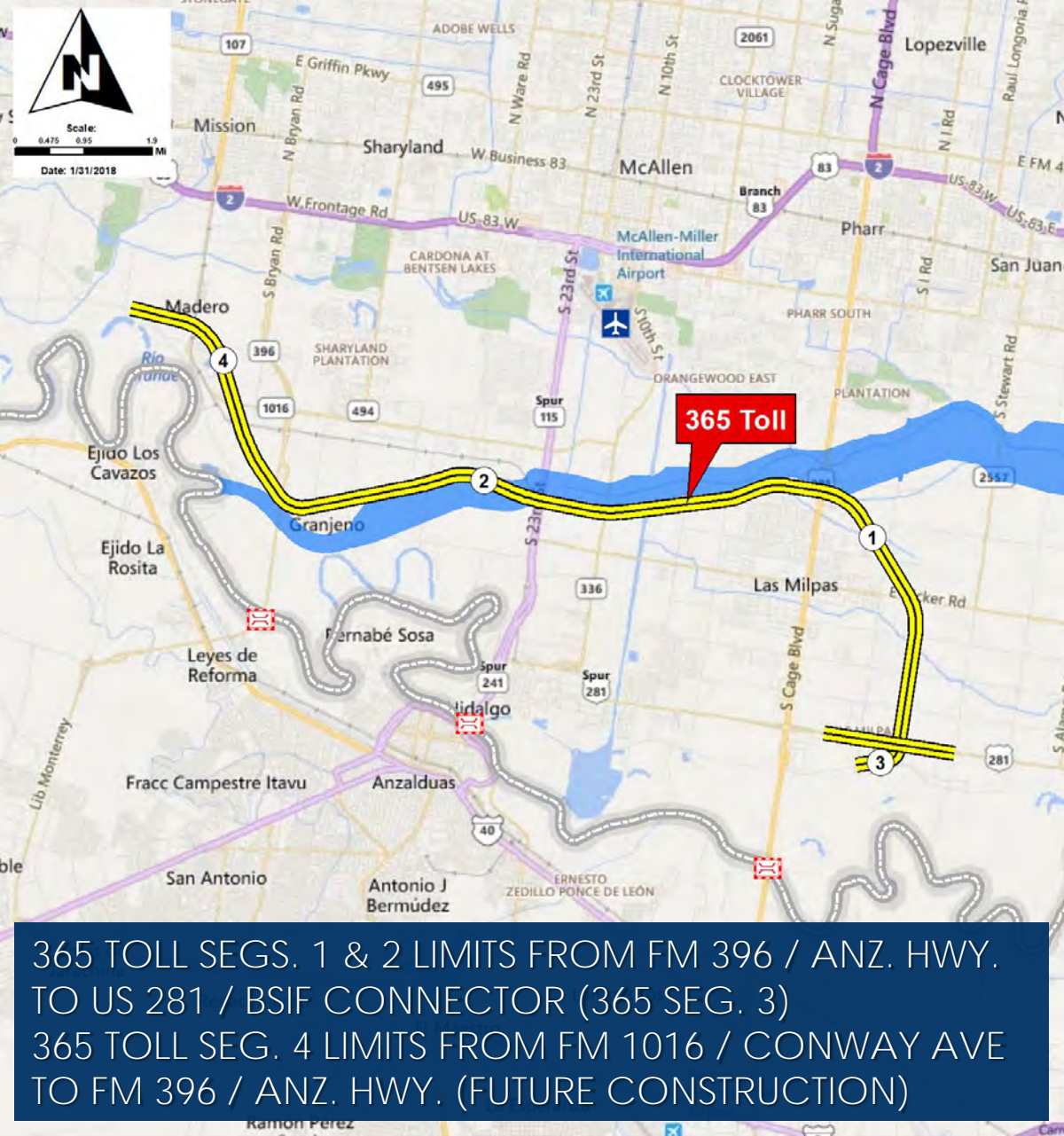


► Post 2021 UTP APPROVAL

- ❑ Approval of 2021 UTP (Aug 2020)
 - 365 Toll: gap-funded construction funding was budgeted in 2021 UTP Update in 12/2020. Now need a 1st /2nd reading of a PDA/FAA to allocate funding for HCRMA's use.
 - IBTC: the \$15.5M listed under Cat 12 / TBD needs revised PDA and direction from TxDOT as to whether approved funding can be used for advanced planning (e.g. design, ROW, and/or utility) work.
- ❑ What's in the RGV MPO (Local Plan)
 - 365 Toll Project (TIP / MTP) thru construction
 - IBTC Project (TIP / MTP) thru design (pending funding commitments for construction)

PDA – Project Development Agreement
FAA – Financial Assistance Agreement
TIP – Transportation Improvement Program (Short range)
MTP – Metropolitan Transportation Plan (Long Range)





MAJOR MILESTONES:

NEPA CLEARANCE
07/03/2015

98% ROW ACQUIRED

PH 1: 365 SEG. 3 –
LET: 08/2015
COMPLETED

PH 2: 365 TOLL
SEGS. 1 & 2 –
RE-LET: 2021

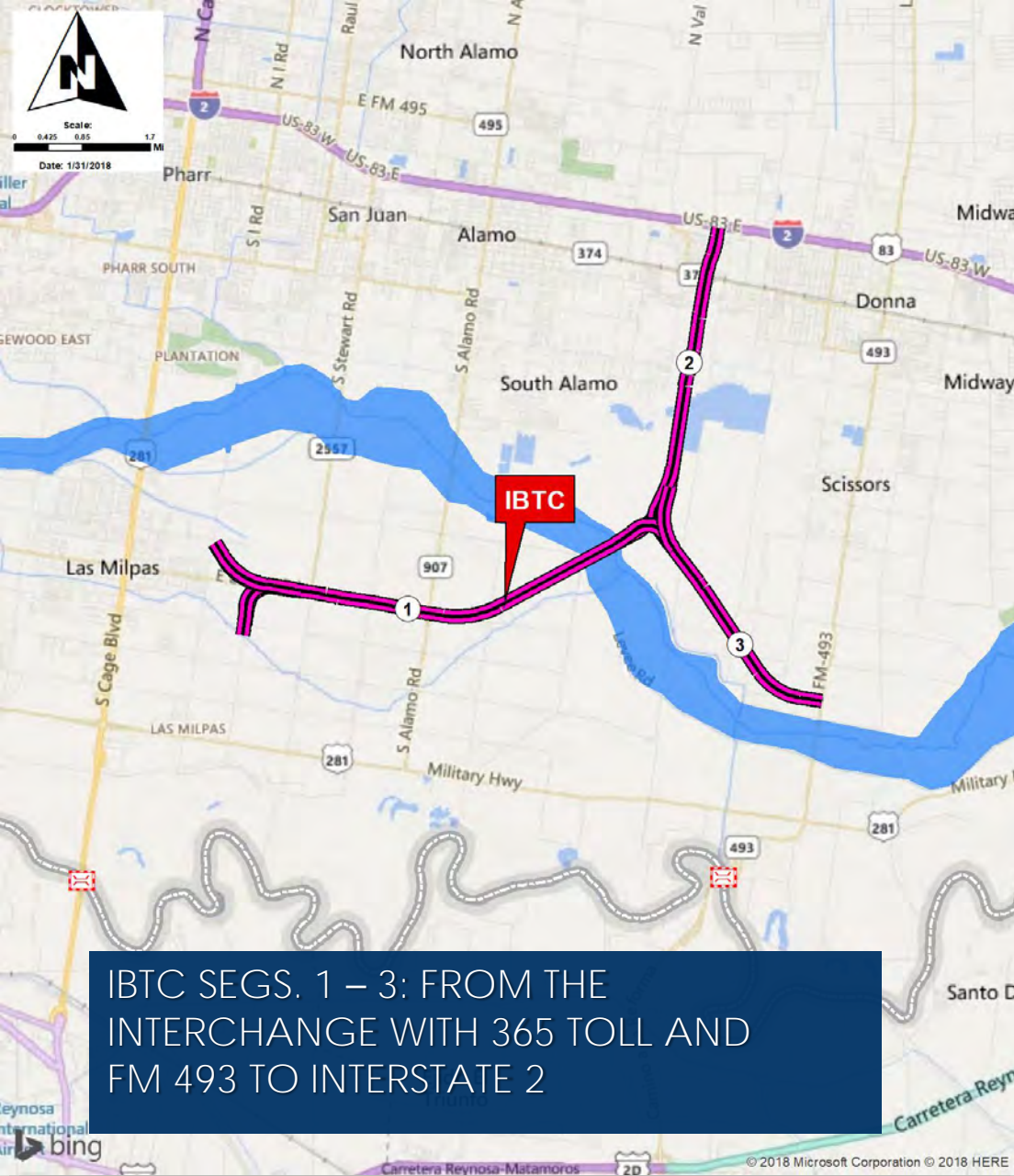
365 TOLL SEGS. 1 & 2 LIMITS FROM FM 396 / ANZ. HWY.
TO US 281 / BSIF CONNECTOR (365 SEG. 3)
365 TOLL SEG. 4 LIMITS FROM FM 1016 / CONWAY AVE
TO FM 396 / ANZ. HWY. (FUTURE CONSTRUCTION)



365 TOLL

► SCHEDULE:

- ~~❑ 04/2020-05/2020, Submit RGVMPPO TIP Revisions based on draft 2021 UTP Funding Tables that are up for potential adoption by the Texas Transportation Commission (TTC) in 08/2020,~~
- ~~❑ 08/2020, Obtain addl. funding commitments via adoption of 2021 UTP,~~
- ~~❑ 08/2020, HCRMA to provide NTP on Investment Grade T&R Study with a 5-month completion period ending 04/2021,~~
- ~~❑ 11/2020-12/2020, TxDOT initiated a 2021 UTP Update to include grandfathered sources of funding,~~
- ❑ 04/2021 - 05/2021, TTC to read then adopt a new Minute Order (M.O.) for a new FAA to incorporate the gap funding into the project,
- ❑ 05/2021 - 06/2021, TxDOT to process the FPAA Modification for the gap funding on 365 Tollway,
- ❑ 05/2021, HCRMA to submit Utility Mitigation Plan for approval by TxDOT ahead of Federal Project Authorization and Agreement (FPAA) Modification request,
- ❑ 06/2021, TxDOT to provide “release to advertise” notice to HCRMA,
- ❑ 06/2021 - 07/2021, HCRMA to advertise the 365 Toll (60 days) & hold prebid last week in that period,
- ❑ 08/2021, Open Bids by 1st week & by 2nd week conditionally award contract,
- ❑ Mid 09/2021, Receive TxDOT / FHWA concurrence with award of contract,
- ❑ Mid 09/2021- 10/2021, HCRMA meets with rating agencies, prices bonds, and conducts toll revenue bond sale,
- ❑ 10/2021, Purchase remaining 5% of ROW and finalize remaining utility relocation agreements,
- ❑ 11/2021, Commence 42-month construction, and
- ❑ 05/2025, Open to traffic.



IBTC SEGS. 1 – 3: FROM THE INTERCHANGE WITH 365 TOLL AND FM 493 TO INTERSTATE 2

IBTC

MAJOR MILESTONES:

OBTAINED EA ENV CLASSIF.: 11/2017

EST. NEPA CLEARANCE: MID 2021

EST. OPEN: 12/2025

▶ IBTC SCHEDULE

International Bridge Trade Corridor (IBTC) (CSJ: 0921-02-142)

(From the Interchange with 365 Toll and FM 493 to Interstate 2)

Project Milestones	2021												2022												2023											
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Environmental (Ongoing)	■	■	■																																	
Surveys (65%)				■	■	■	■	■	■																											
ROW Title Research / Appraisals					■	■	■	■	■	■	■																									
ROW Acquisition (5% Adv. Acq.)						■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■													
Plans, Specs., & Estimates (50%)										■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■													
Utility Coord / Relocation								■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■													
Constr. Contract Letting Phase																																				
Constr. Award / Commence																												◆	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	

CONSTRUCTION FROM 2023-2025

▶ **ADVANCE PLANNING**

- ❑ Env.: Classification Letter and Scoping Toolkit Submitted Aug 2017
- ❑ Held IBTC Environmental Kick off with TxDOT PHR / ENV April 6, 2018.
- ❑ VRF UTP Matching Funds request processed at the HCMPO—pending adoption by TxDOT at State Level.
- ❑ All env. fieldwork complete: Waters of the US and Archeological trenching—Internal ROE efforts were instrumental to accelerating this work.
- ❑ Meeting held with EPA/TCEQ/TxDOT to discuss Donna Reservoir site for the Hazmat portion of the NEPA Document Oct 2018.
- ❑ Public Meeting took place at Donna High School March 29, 2019.
- ❑ All major milestone reports submitted and undergoing reviews: Project Description, Hazmat, Historic Resources, Public Meeting Summary Report, Waters of the US, and Archaeological Resources.
- ❑ Pending review / approval from TxDOT on: Noise Report, Archaeological Mitigation Plan, and CIC Report – so that final document can be submitted.

▶ **OTHER:**

- ❑ Surveys (65% complete) – anticipate new survey pool procurement once TxDOT approves new federalized procurement procedures by end of Fall 2019.
- ❑ ROW Acquisition (5% complete)
- ❑ Utility Relo. (SUE 100%, coordination initiated, Overall 20%)
- ❑ Design (PS&E, 50% complete): On Hold



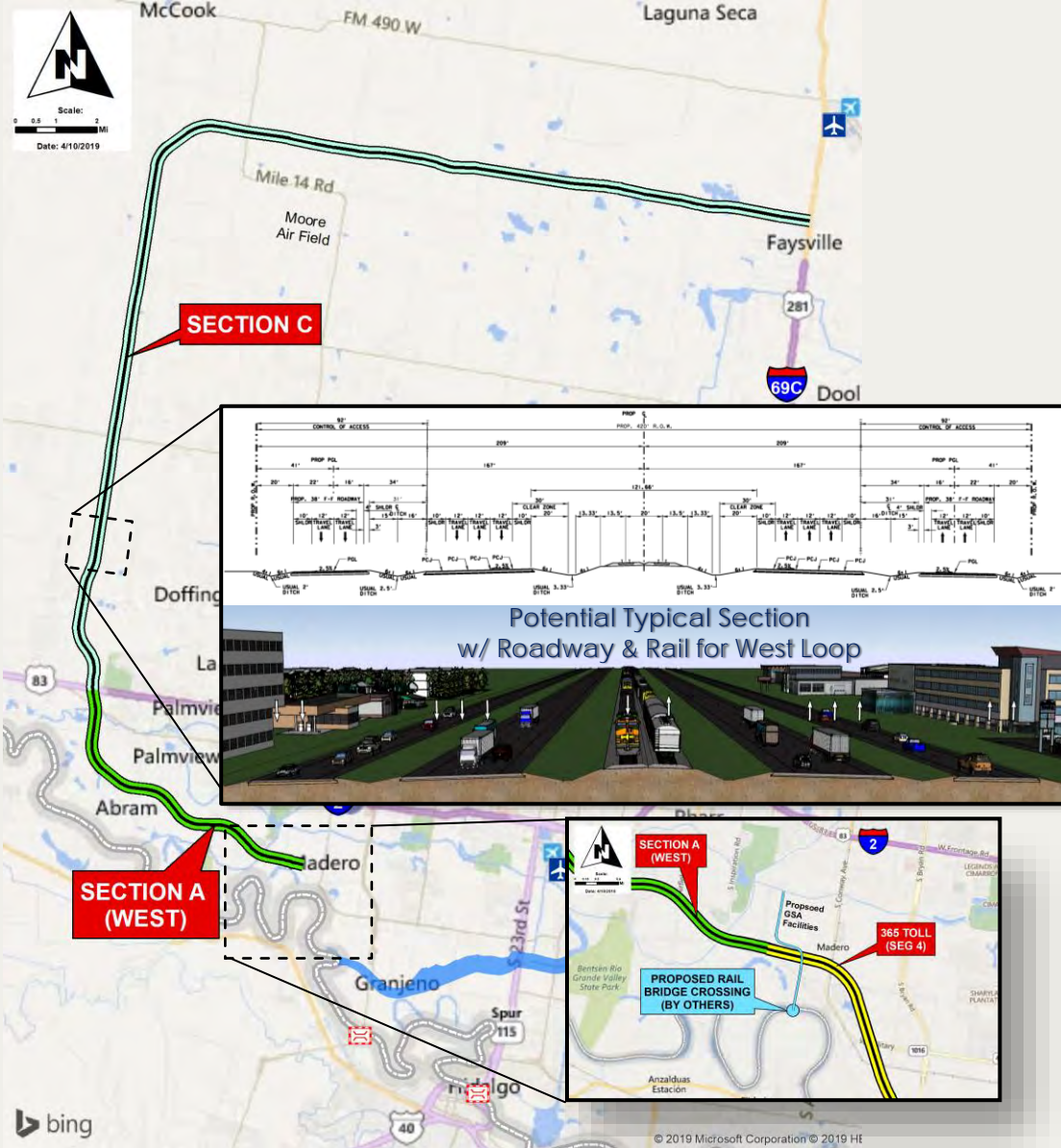
WEST LOOP

SECTION A(WEST) / SECTION C

*COMPLIMENTS PROPOSED MISSION/MADERO-REYNOSA INTERNATIONAL BORDER CROSSING (BY OTHERS)

DESCRIPTION:

- ▶ COMBINED PROJECT LENGTH: 38 MILES FROM FM 1016 / CONWAY AVE (MISSION/MADERO) TO I-69C (NORTH EDINBURG)
- ▶ LIKELY TO BE CLASSIFIED AS AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (EIS) NEPA DOCUMENT (36 TO 48 MONTHS)—TO BE ENGAGED AFTER IBTC ENV.
- ▶ POTENTIAL FOR CLASS I RAIL WITHIN THE ROW PENDING DEVELOPMENTS FOR RAIL CROSSING IN MISSION AREA.
- ▶ INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT IN PLACE WITH CITY OF MISSION FOR HCRMA'S ASSISTANCE WITH ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE EFFORTS.
- ▶ MARCH 2020 - HELD AN ILA KICK OFF MEETING WITH THE CITY OF MISSION TO BEGIN ALIGNING ENV. CLEARANCE EFFORTS WITH THE CITY'S INTENDED OVERALL PROJECT PLAN.
- ▶ MAY 2020 – HCRMA PROVIDED CITY OF MISSION W/ DRAFT SCOPES FOR ENV / TRAFFIC ENG. FOR THEIR PROPOSED ENV. CLEARANCE EFFORTS AT THE PROPOSED RAIL BRIDGE CROSSING.
- ▶ SEPTEMBER 2020 – TXDOT APPROVED CITY OF MISSION PROCUREMENT RULES TO ALIGN WITH THE "FEDERAL PROCESS"

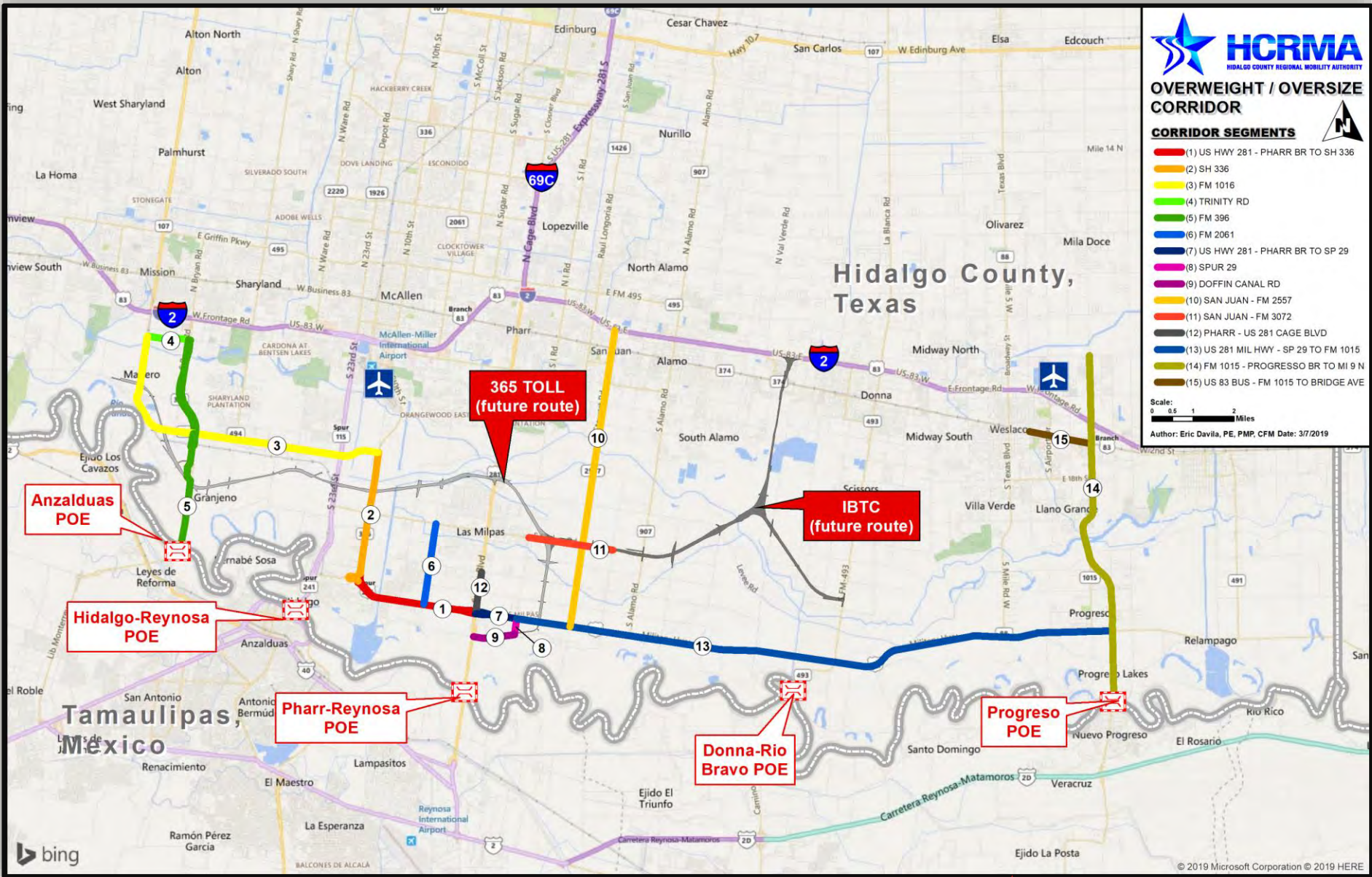


**OVERWEIGHT / OVERSIZE
CORRIDOR**

CORRIDOR SEGMENTS

- (1) US HWY 281 - PHARR BR TO SH 336
- (2) SH 336
- (3) FM 1016
- (4) TRINITY RD
- (5) FM 396
- (6) FM 2061
- (7) US HWY 281 - PHARR BR TO SP 29
- (8) SPUR 29
- (9) DOFFIN CANAL RD
- (10) SAN JUAN - FM 2557
- (11) SAN JUAN - FM 3072
- (12) PHARR - US 281 CAGE BLVD
- (13) US 281 MIL HWY - SP 29 TO FM 1015
- (14) FM 1015 - PROGRESSO BR TO MI 9 N
- (15) US 83 BUS - FM 1015 TO BRIDGE AVE

Scale: 0 0.5 1 2 Miles
Author: Eric Davila, PE, PMP, CFM Date: 3/7/2019



**Anzalduas
POE**

**Hidalgo-Reynosa
POE**

**Pharr-Reynosa
POE**

**Donna-Rio
Bravo POE**

**Progreso
POE**

**365 TOLL
(future route)**

**IBTC
(future route)**

▶ OVERWEIGHT REPORT FOR PERIOD:
 JAN 1, 2014 – MAR 31, 2021

OW

Total Permits Issued:	194,362
Total Amount Collected:	\$ 30,367,658
■ Convenience Fees:	\$ 659,058
■ Total Permit Fees:	\$ 29,708,600
– Pro Miles:	\$ 583,086
– TxDOT:	\$ 25,252,310
– HCRMA:	\$ 3,873,204

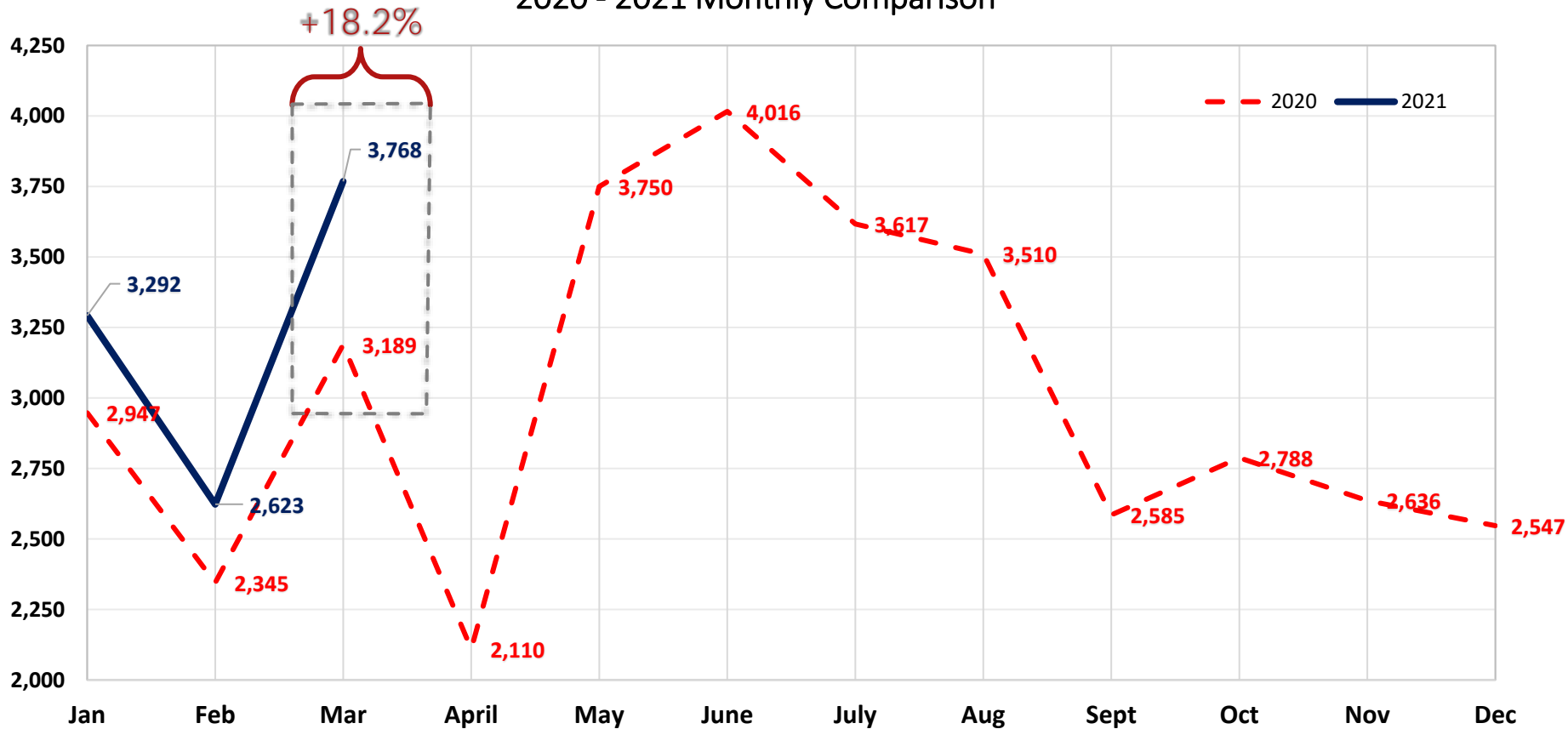
▶ OVERWEIGHT REPORT FOR PERIOD:
 JAN 1, 2021 – MAR 31, 2021

OW

Total Permits Issued:	9,683
Total Amount Collected:	\$ 1,963,498
■ Convenience Fees:	\$ 26,898
■ Total Permit Fees:	\$ 1,936,600
– Pro Miles:	\$ 29,049
– TxDOT:	\$ 1,646,110
– HCRMA:	\$ 261,441



Overweight/Oversized Permit Count 2020 - 2021 Monthly Comparison

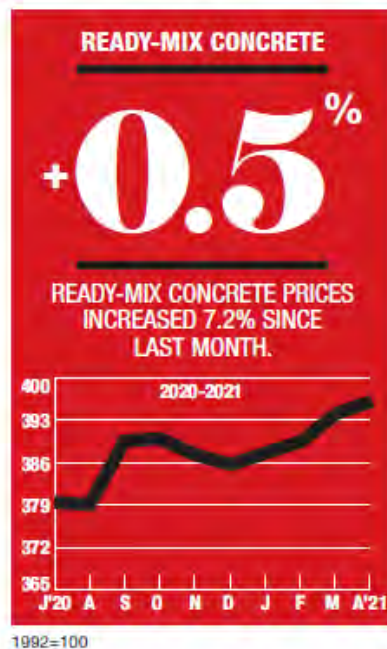


Notes:

1. The permit count for 2020 (36,040) ended with a +6.7% increase compared to 2019 (33,790).
2. For the year 2021, the total monthly permit count of 2,623 represents an +18.2% increase compared to the same month in 2020.

Construction Cost Index (CCI) Change (%)
Year-to-Year for the month of April





20-CITY AVERAGE

ITEM	UNIT	\$PRICE	%MONTH	%YEAR
ASPHALT PAVING				
PG 58	TON	412.99	+1.0	+0.1
Cutback, MC800	TON	370.68	+0.4	-1.6
Emulsion, RAPID SET	TON	355.06	+0.5	-0.8
Emulsion, SLOW SET	TON	366.14	+0.4	-0.7
PORTLAND CEMENT				
Type one	TON	151.56	+0.3	+3.6
MASONRY CEMENT				
70-lb bag	TON	11.19	+1.8	+2.9
CRUSHED STONE				
Base course	TON	12.63	+0.6	+2.0
Concrete course	TON	11.82	+0.6	+0.3
Asphalt course	TON	13.93	+0.9	+1.8
SAND				
Concrete	TON	10.52	-0.4	+0.8
Masonry	TON	12.60	+0.4	+1.9
READY-MIX CONCRETE				
3,000 psi	CY	127.28	+0.5	+7.2
4,000 psi	CY	142.77	+0.8	+2.8
5,000 psi	CY	190.66	+1.1	+0.5
CONCRETE BLOCK				
Normal weight: 8" x 8" x 16"	C	157.56	-0.5	+7.2
Lightweight: 8" x 8" x 16"	C	157.11	-1.5	-8.5
12" x 8" x 16"	C	197.68	+8.0	+7.8



Transit Reports April 2021

Presented by Frank Jaramillo

Planner

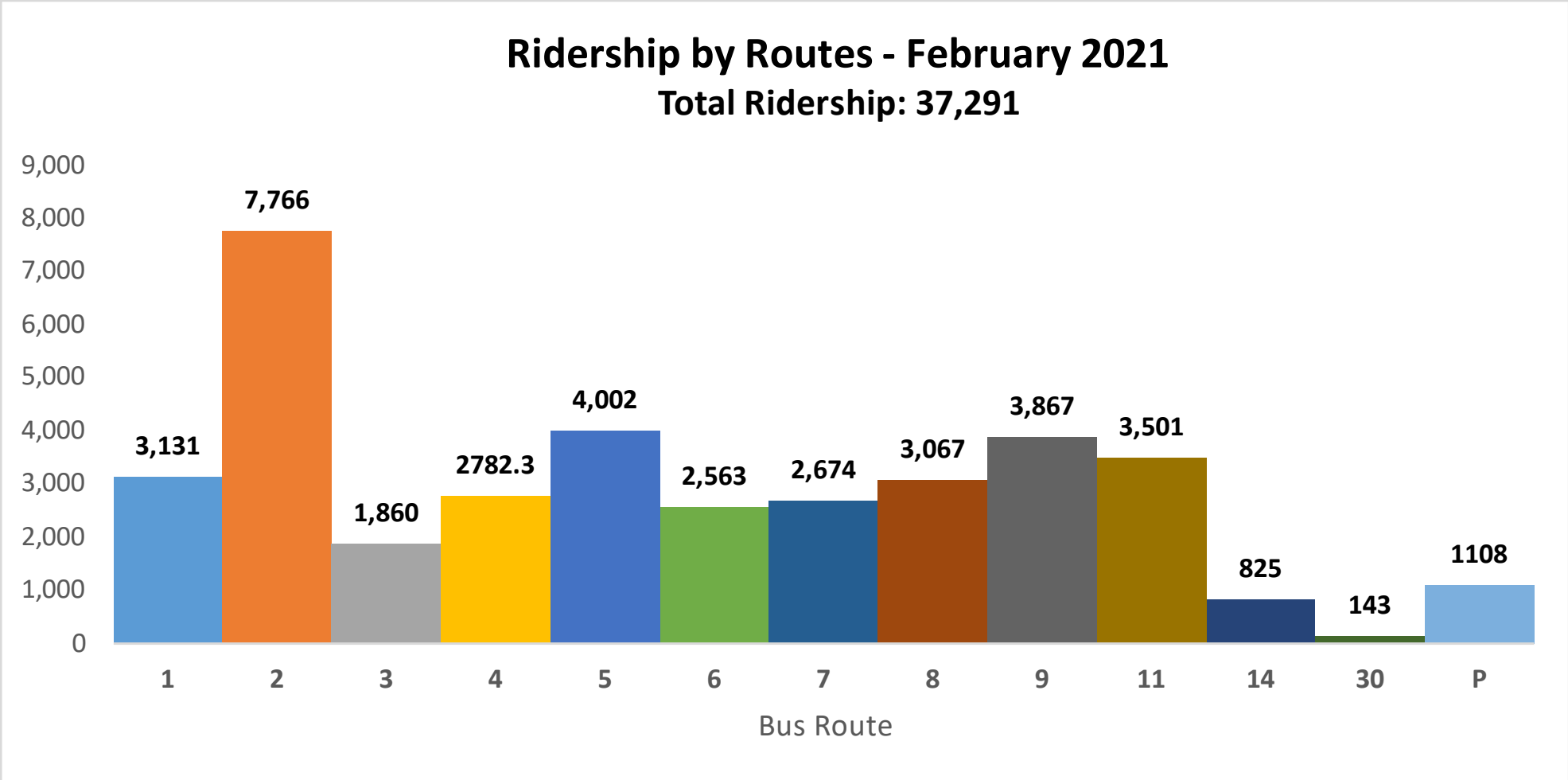
Valley Metro

Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council



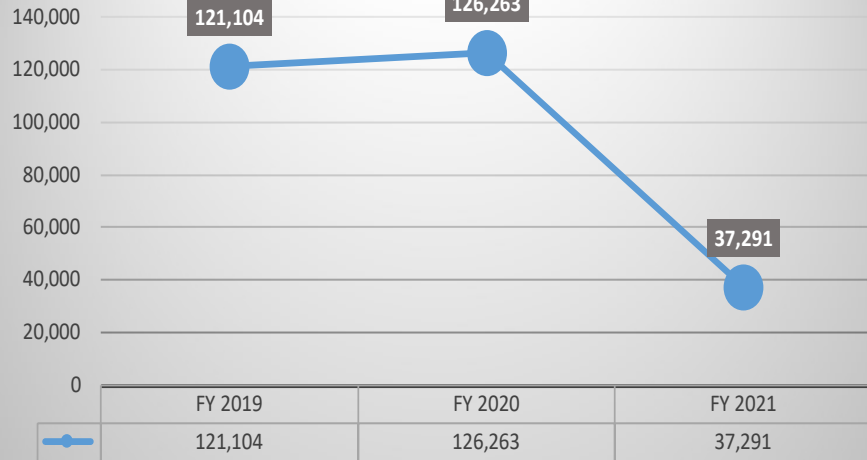
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Ridership by Routes - February 2021
Total Ridership: 37,291

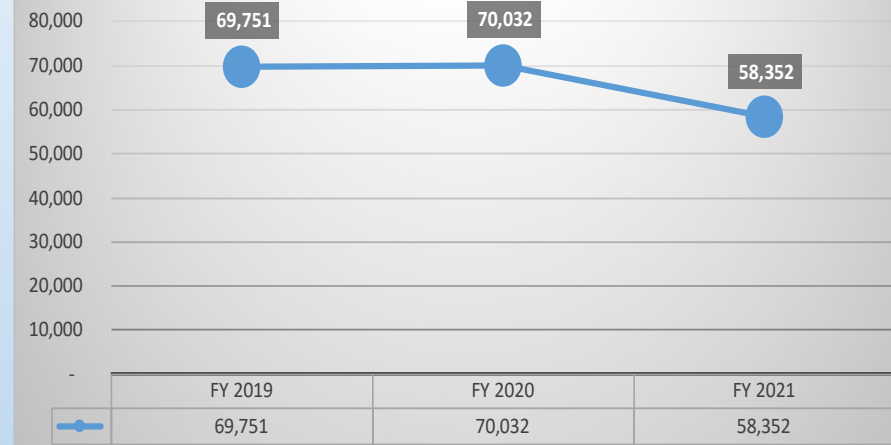


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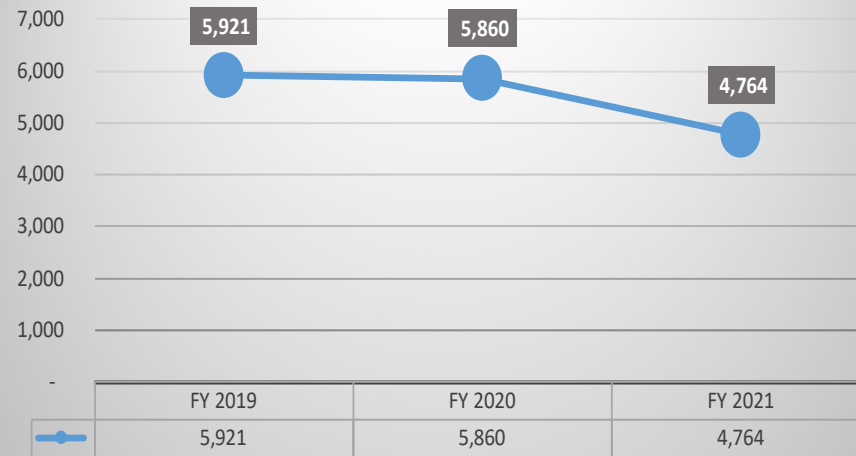
February 2021 Ridership



February 2021 Revenue Miles



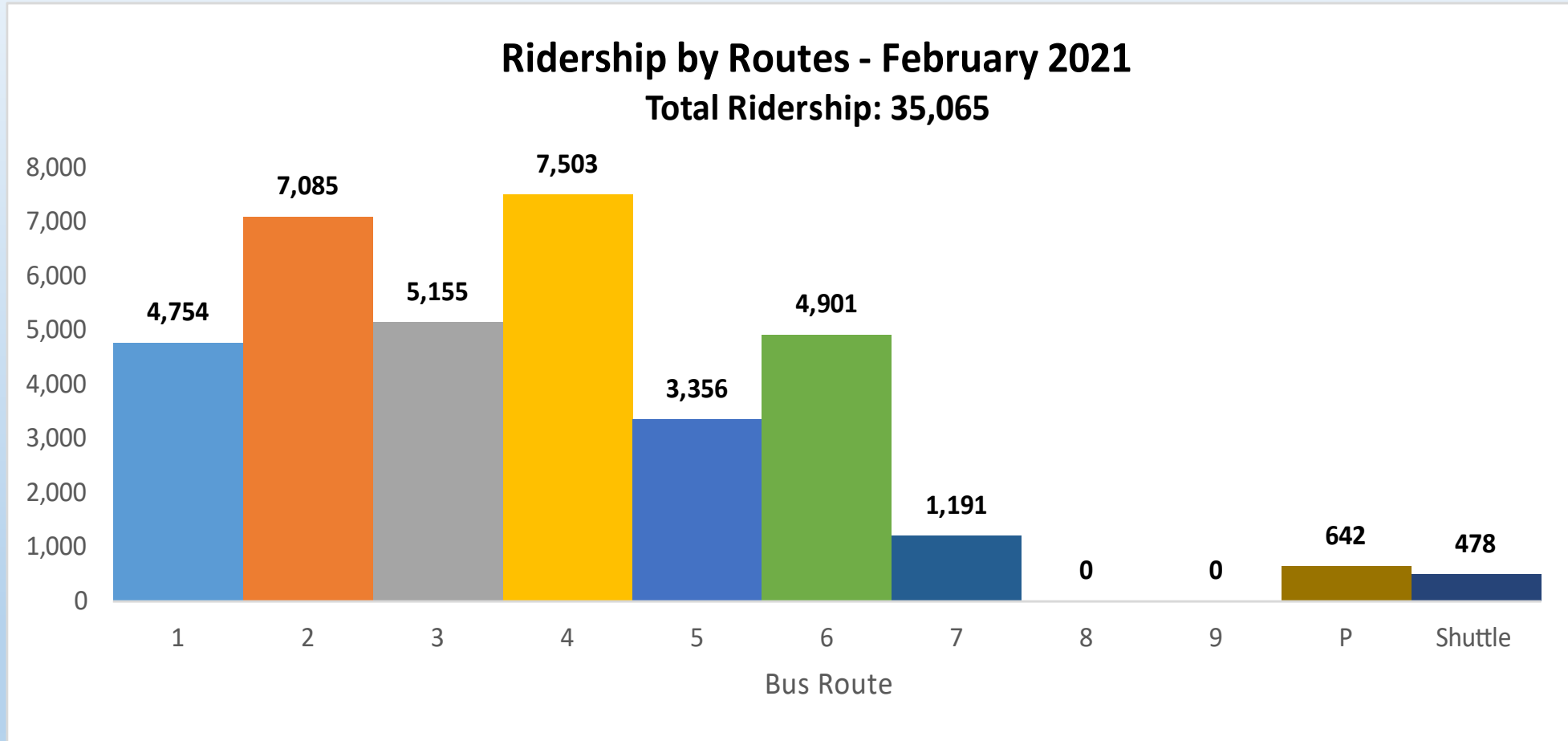
February 2021 Revenue Hours





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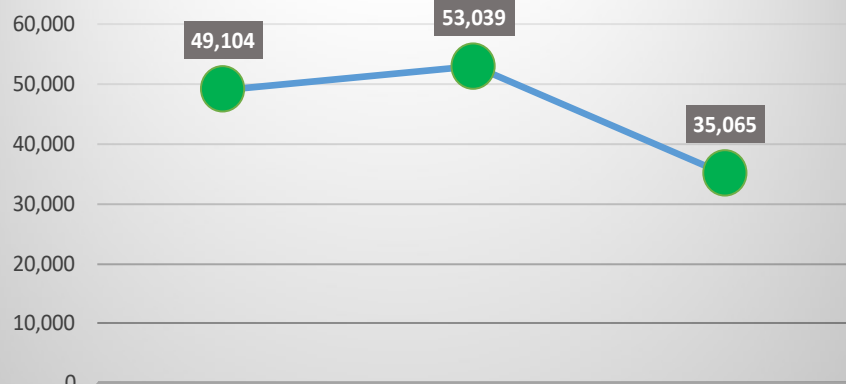
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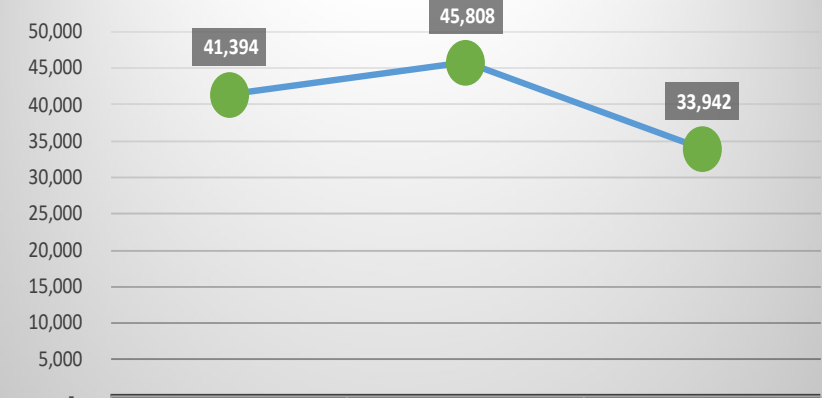
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February Ridership



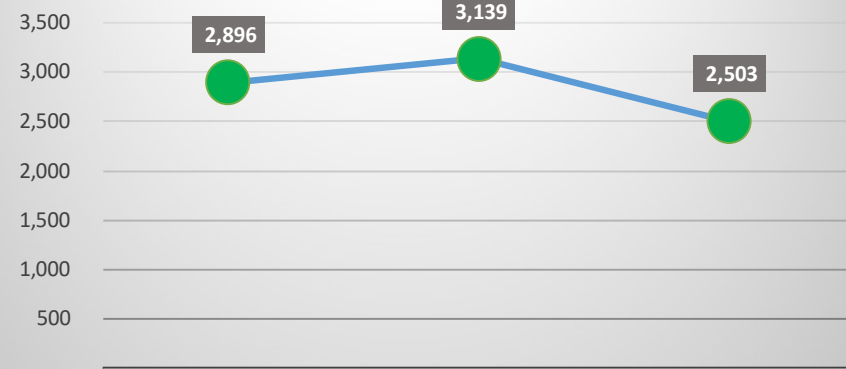
	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
Series1	49,104	53,039	35,065

February Revenue Miles



	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
Series1	41,394	45,808	33,942

February Revenue Hours



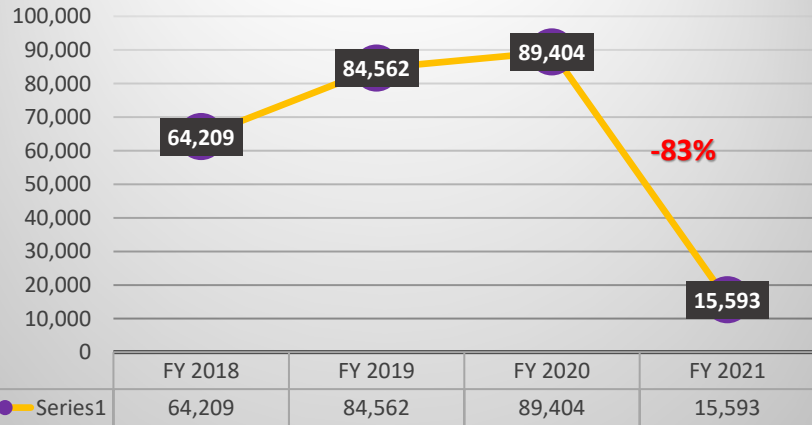
	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
Series1	2,896	3,139	2,503



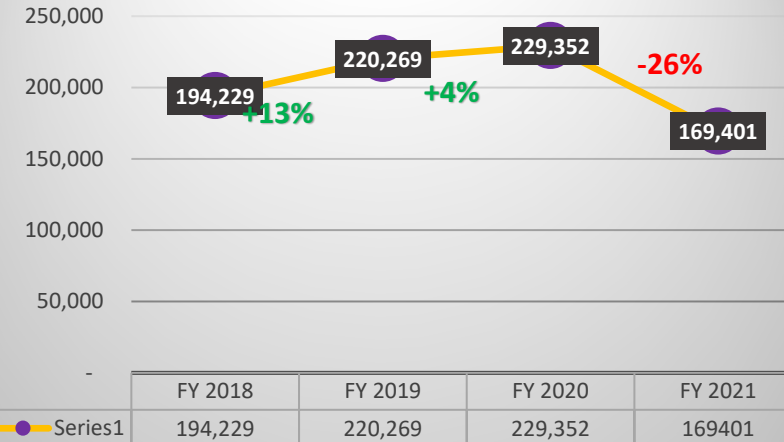


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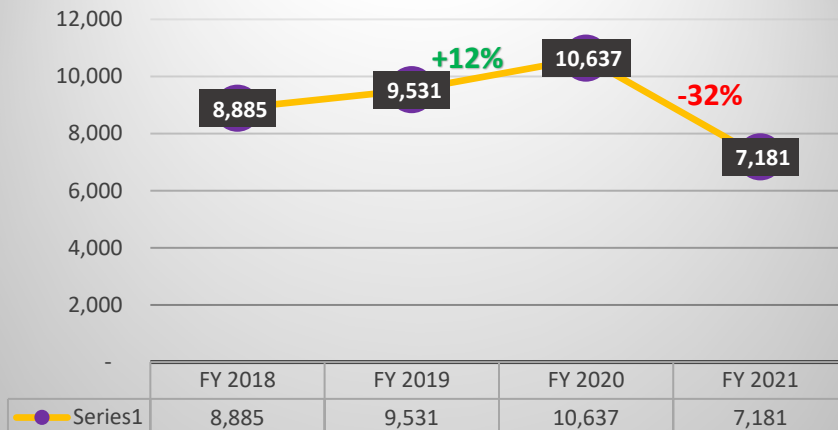
Yearly Ridership



Yearly Revenue Miles



Yearly Revenue Hours





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