

AGENDA

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
THURSDAY, May 13, 2021 – 10:00 AM
RIO GRANDE VALLEY
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (RGVMPO)

Full TAC Business Agenda (Meeting Will be Held as a Videoconference)

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I. Call To Order

II. Roll Call

III Public Comments – Maybe submitted online or maybe submitted in paper form specifying the matter you wish to address.

1.. Approval of April 8, 2021, Minutes

Action Possible Action Information

Presenter: **Pete Sepulveda, TAC Chairman**

Item Summary: Approval of the April 8, 2021, meeting minutes contained in Electronic Item "A" will be requested.

Background: N/A

2. Consent Agenda

2.1 Discussion and Possible Action on FY 2022-2023 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Possible Action Information

Action Possible Action Information

Presenter: **Andrew Canon, RGVMPO**

Item Summary: A recommendation for Transportation Policy Board (TPB) approval of new staff budget (UPWP) for FY 2022-2023.

Background: The Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) is the office budget used to meet the daily needs of RGVMPO staff. This budget provides funding for salaries, fringe, and indirect fees as well as funding for contract services as needed, replacement and upgrading of office equipment and staff travel when needed. The UPWP also provides funding for planning partners such as transit providers and local governments when appropriate. TxDOT has identified an approximate budget of \$2.2M annually not including any carryover amounts from unexpended funds of previous years. **Staff recommends approval.**

2.2. Discussion and Possible Action on “Trade Fair” Partnership with NCTCOG

Action Possible Action Information

Presenter: **Andrew Canon, RGVMPPO Executive Director**

Item Summary: The Committee will be briefed on a proposed “Trade Fair” partnership with North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) MPO and Rio Grande Valley MPO and will be asked to recommend Transportation Policy Board (TPB) approval of the partnership.

Background: The Rio Grande Valley MPO Executive Director approached NCTCOG with a proposal of creating a trade of Cat. 7, Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funds. The Rio Grande Valley MPO is requesting to borrow cash flow/allocation authority from RTC/NCTCOG for a total of \$14,578,845 of STBG funds in FY2022. In turn, the RGVMPPO would repay the full \$14,578,845 of STBG funds back to NCTCOG in FY2026. The purpose of the request is to advance the Veterans International Bridge project, CSJ # 0921-06-313 which is presently identified in FY 2026 but is capable of being let to construction in FY 2022 should the funding be identified and approved. The terms of the repayment are still to be determined.

Staff recommends approval.

2.3. Discussion and Possible Action of Re-Designation Amendment

Action Possible Action Information

Presenter: **Andrew Canon, RGVMPPO**

Item Summary: A Re-designation Agreement is required by law to effectuate the consolidation of MPOs.

Background: The amended Re-Designation is needed to define the Composition of the Policy Board: There is an initial thirty-one (31) **VOTE** Policy Board and is seeking to amend to a 32**VOTE** Policy Board. The signatories 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 Policy Board approved the MAB expansion and By-Law amendment at the previous April 28th meeting. **Staff recommends approval.**

2.4. Discussion on 2021-2024 STIP Timeline Update

Action Possible Action Information

Presenter: **Andrew Canon, RGVMPPO/TxDOT**
Item Summary: Staff will be providing and seeking additional information on the STIP timeline and MTP/TIP amendment process.

Background: The STIP was approved by James Bass and forwarded to FHWA. Staff is seeking an update from TxDOT on next steps in the process and how this will impact the TIP/MTP update/amendment timeline.

IV. RGVMPPO EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS' REPORT AND UPDATES

Action Possible Action Information

Presenter: Andrew A. Canon, RGVMPPO

Item Summary: **New Offices Location – Follow-up**

Action Possible Action Information

Item Summary: **FY2021-2022 TASA Update**

Action Possible Action Information

Item Summary: **Financial Update**

V. Status Report

A. TxDOT Project Status Report

Action Possible Action Information

Presenter: **TxDOT**

B. Cameron County RMA

Action Possible Action Information

Presenter: **Pete Sepulveda**

C. Hidalgo County RMA

Action Possible Action Information

Presenter: **Eric Davila**

D. McAllen Metro

Action Possible Action Information

Presenter: **Jon Bocanegra**

E. Brownsville Metro

Action Possible Action Information

Presenter: **Antonio Zubieta**

F. Valley Metro

Action Possible Action Information

Presenter: **Frank Jaramillo**

VI. **Other Business (Old or New):** This item provides an opportunity for members to bring items of interest before the group.

VII. **Next Meeting:** The next meeting of the RGVMPPO Transportation Technical Committee is scheduled for **10:00 am on June 10, 2021.**