AGENDA

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

THURSDAY, MARCH 10, 2022 - 10:00 AM

RIO GRANDE VALLEY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (RGVMPO)

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I.	Cal	l To Ord	ler						
II.	Rol	Roll Call							
III.	Puk	Public Comments – Maybe submitted online or maybe submitted in paper form specifying the matter you wish to address.							
IV.	Cor	nsent Aç	genda						
	1. Approval of Minute(s) for: February 10, 2022								
				Action			Possible Action	☐ Information	
		Presenter:		JP1	JP Terrazas, TAC Chairman				
		Item Summary:		min	Approval of the February 10, 2022, Regular Meeting minutes contained in Electronic Item "A" will be requested.				
			Backgı	ound:	N/A				
	2. Discussion and Action to approve the Federal Functional Classification of Russel Road CSJ: 0921-02-362.							nal Classification of Russel	
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	Presenter:			Luis	Diaz	, Asst. Director			
			Item Summary:					ng project requesting Federa ussel Road CSJ: 0921-02-362	
			Backgı	ound:	Federal legislation continues to use functional classi determining eligibility for funding under the Fe program. Transportation agencies describe roadway performance, benchmarks, and targets by classification. As agencies continue to move toward performance-based management approach, classification will be an increasingly important consin setting expectations and measuring outcompreservation, mobility, and safety.		unding under the Federal-aid encies describe roadway system and targets by functional ontinue to move towards a more gement approach, functional easingly important consideration and measuring outcomes for		
	3. C)iscussi	on and	l Action o	n the F	Y20	22 Spring CMP		
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	Presenter:		Andre	Andrew Canon, Executive Director					

Summary:

The Safe Accountable Flexible Efficient Transportation Equity Act - A Legacy for the Users (SAFETEA-LU) stipulated the requirement for the use of the Congestion Management Process (CMP) in Transportation Management Areas (TMA). The CMP is a regionally-accepted approach for managing congestion that provides accurate, up-to-date information on multimodal transportation performance and assesses alternative strategies (Travel Demand Management, Transportation Systems Management, and Asset Optimization) for mitigating congestion that meets state and local needs. While a CMP is required in urbanized areas of over 200,000 (also known as Transportation Management Areas), RGVMPO and other Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO) have the flexibility to design their own methods and approaches when developing the CMP.

Background:

In the past, the RGVMPO has been responsible for gathering the traffic congestion data on its own. The RGVMPO has examined the network of roads and highways in the urbanized areas of Cameron and Hidalgo Counties, which is approximately 500 miles of roadways. The scope of this project is to gather data on congestion levels in the urbanized areas of Cameron and Hidalgo County. This CMP network consists of roadways within the RGVMPO MAB area that are either FHWA functionally classified or identified as a transit route. The information to be gathered, include but is not limited to, the travel times and delays for each identified road segment in the network.

4. Discussion and Action on 2021 Annual Project Annual Project Listing (APL) for both Highway and Bicycle and Pedestrian Projects

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Presenter: Luis Diaz, Asst. Director

Summary: The RGVMPO has reviewed the Annual Project List (APL) set

forth by TxDOT which outlines how funds have been obligated in the preceding year, for all Highway and Bicycle / Pedestrian Projects. Staff is seeking approval for continuing the process

for overall submittal to TxDOT.

Background:

As required by the new transportation bill passed on December 4th, 2015, the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act outlines the requirement for Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) to publish an annual listing of projects for which funds have been obligated in the preceding year including a listing of pedestrian and bicycle projects. From FAST-Act, 23 U.S.C. 134(j)(7)(B), 23 U.S.C. 135(g)(5)(B), 49U.S.C.5303(j)(7)(B), and 49U.S.C.5304(g)(5)(B): "...an

Annual Listing of projects, including investments in pedestrian walkways and bicycle transportation facilities, for which Federal funds have been obligated in the preceding year shall be published or otherwise made available by the cooperative effort of the State, transit operator, and metropolitan planning organization for public review. The listing shall be consistent with the funding categories identified in each metropolitan transportation improvement program (TIP)." 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. Realizing this objective involves promoting accuracy and responsiveness in financial planning and adoption of a proactive approach to

sharing information with the public in a meaningful way, at an appropriate time, and in a user-friendly format.

5. Discussion on Updates for the FY 2023-2026 TIP Tables & 2045 MTP Amendment # 6

Action **Possible Action ☑** Information

Presenter: Rudy Zamora Jr., Transportation Planner II

Item Summary: The FY 2023-2026 Highway & Transit TIP tables are

> undergoing development prior to submitting to TXDOT TP&P for review. All project updates submitted have been reviewed and a draft Summary Sheet has been provided within the TAC meeting packet. Further discussion regarding approval of the MTP and TIP tables will continue during the

workshop scheduled for March 17th.

Background: Existing projects (whether programmed into TIP or MTP

years) and new projects required submission of an update. A timetable for completion of the FY 2023-2026 STIP is also included within the meeting packet. After conducting a 30day Public Involvement, final approval of MTP & TIP tables will be needed from both TAC & TPB during the month of

May.

V. **RGVMPO EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS' REPORT AND UPDATES**

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Presenter: Andrew A. Canon, RGVMPO

Item Summary: Financial Update

CAT 7 - Project Scoring Item Summary:

2022 TxDOT Transportation Planning Forum Item Summary:

May 2-5, 2022 - Omni Hotel - Houston

The focus of the 2022 planning conference is to connect you with Texas planning: sharing knowledge and experience and provide other updated information about planning and programming processes, procedures, and tools used to coordinate the development of transportation projects. Transportation workshops and presentations will showcase various topics such as environmental affairs, federal and state legislation, sustainability, public

involvement, freight, and multi-modal planning.

Item Summary: 2022 AMPO Planning Tools & Training Symposium May 16-19 - Riverside Hotel - Fort Lauderdale, FL

> The symposium takes place over the course of two and a half days and consists of multiple roundtable workshops. The workshops are divided into two tracks: Core Functions and Hot Topics. The Core Functions track is developed with junior staff in mind and seeks to provide practical training by topic area (i.e., MPO process and products, public involvement/environmental justice/Title XI, performance management, etc.). The Hot Topics track is developed with senior-level staff in mind and provides peer-to-peer exchange and training opportunities to discuss the state of the practice, innovation, and identify efficiencies.

STATUS REPORTS

A. TxDOT Project Status Report

	☐ Action Presenter:	☐ Possible Action TxDOT	✓ Information			
B. Cameron C	County RMA Action Presenter:	☐ Possible Action Pete Sepulveda	☑ Information			
C. Hidalgo County RMA						
	☐ Action Presenter:	☐ Possible Action Eric Davila	☑ Information			
D. McAllen Me	etro	☐ Possible Action Jon Bocanegra	☑ Information			
E. Brownsville	e Metro					
	☐ Action Presenter:	☐ Possible Action Antonio Zubieta	✓ Information			
F. Valley Met	ro	☐ Possible Action Nancy Sanchez	✓ Information			
Other Business (Old or New): This item provides an opportunity for members to bring items of interest before the group.						

Next Meeting: The next "Virtual Meeting" of the RGVMPO Technical Advisory Committee is scheduled for *10:00 am on April 14*, **2022**.

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