



**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), RGVMPPO 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 RGVMPPO has been responsible for gathering the traffic congestion data on its own. The RGVMPPO 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 RGVMPPO 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**

**Action**       **Possible Action**     **Information**

**Presenter:** Luis Diaz, Asst. Director

**Summary:** The RGVMPPO 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

## 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 30-day 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**

Action       Possible Action       Information

**Presenter:**                      **Andrew A. Canon, RGVMPO**

Item Summary:                   Financial Update

Item Summary:                   CAT 7 – Project Scoring

Item Summary:                   **2022 TxDOT Transportation Planning Forum  
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       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:**      **Nancy Sanchez**

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