

RIO GRANDE VALLEY
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee

MEETING AGENDA
Wednesday, October 6, 2021, at 11:00 A.M.
[via Microsoft Teams](#)

- I. CALL TO ORDER**
- II. ROLL CALL**
- III. CITIZENS INPUT / PUBLIC COMMENT**
- IV. PRESENTATION, ACTION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS**
 - A. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve the Minutes of August 4, 2021
 - B. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve the Minutes of September 1, 2021
 - C. Discussion and Possible Action regarding RGV Bicycle & Pedestrian Count Data Program
 - D. Discussion and Possible Action regarding RGV B-Cycle BikeShare Program
 - E. Discussion and Possible Action regarding the RGVMPPO BPAC Membership
 - F. Discussion and Possible Action regarding RGVMPPO Category 9: TASA Program Funds
- V. PROJECT UPDATES**
- VI. NEW OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
- VII. ADJOURNMENT**



**Meeting Minutes of the
Rio Grande Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization
Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC)**

Wednesday, August 4, 2021 at 11:00 AM

Via Microsoft Teams

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) meeting was held VIA Microsoft Teams and called to order by BPAC Chair, Rose Gowen, at 11:03am

II. ROLL CALL

RGVBPAC Representatives **PRESENT:**

Organization/Agency	Voting Membership	Alternate Voting Member
Caracara Trails	Chair <i>Commissioner Dr. Rose Gowen</i>	<i>Adrienne Wheatly</i>
At-Large	Vice-Chair <i>Michael McNew</i>	
City of Brownsville	<i>Frank Gudino</i>	<i>Joel Garza</i>
City of Edinburg	<i>Larry Ayala</i>	<i>Valentin Sanchez</i>
City of Harlingen	<i>Andy Vigstol</i>	<i>Javier Mendez</i>
City of McAllen	<i>Marlen Garza</i>	<i>Rosvel Hinojosa</i>
City of Pharr	<i>Omar Anzaldua</i>	<i>Maria Rangel</i>
City of Weslaco	<i>Omar Rodriguez</i>	<i>Rebecca de la Fuente</i>
TxDOT Pharr District	<i>Joseph Leal</i>	<i>Craig Wuensche</i>
Valley Metro	<i>Frank Jaramillo</i>	<i>Tom Logan</i>
Museum of South Texas History	<i>Rene A. Ballesteros</i>	
Bicycle World RGV	<i>Ana Adame</i>	
TPWD Estero Llano Grande SP	<i>Javier de Leon</i>	<i>Kelly Malkowski</i>
USFWS Santa Ana NWR	<i>Christine Donald</i>	<i>Imer de la Garza</i>
At-Large	<i>Eudenia "Eudy" Carrillo</i>	
At-Large	<i>Richard Cavin</i>	
At-Large	<i>Michael Padgett</i>	

Other Attendees:

- Kathleen de Gennaro, Texas Sea Grant
- Rodney Gomez, UTRGV
- Anthony Garza + Corina Argullin
- Alberto Espinoza + Evelyn Garza + Bernadette Perez, Valley Baptist Legacy Foundation
- Shawn Turner + Robert Benz, TTI
- Crystal Gonzalez, Cameron County
- Jared Hockema, City of Port Isabel
- Maria Villarreal, TxDOT
- City of Hidalgo
- City of Elsa

RGVMPO Staff:

- Andrew Canon, Executive Director
- Melany Rodriguez, Planner I
- Chris Nelson, Planner I
- Miguel Arispe, GIS Specialist II
- Johnny Pena, GIS Specialist I
- Eva Garcia, Planner III Bike/Ped Program Coordinator

III. CITIZENS INPUT – NONE

IV. PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION, AND ACTION ITEMS

A. Consideration and Possible Action to Approve the Minutes of June 2, 2021

Eva Garcia, RGVMPO BikePed Program Coordinator, notified staff that the Minutes of June 2, 2021 had not been sent out to the BPAC Members with sufficient review time and recommended tabling this item until the September 2021 RGVMPO BPAC Meeting. Javier de Leon (TPWD) made a motion to table the Minutes of June 2, 2021. The motion was seconded by Larry Ayala (City of Edinburg) and upon a vote; the **motion passed unanimously**.

B. Presentation and Discussion regarding RGV BikePed Count Data Program

- Texas Transportation Institute · BikePed Counter Program Resource
- August 30th – September 3rd · Eco-Counter Installation Week

RGVMPO Staff presented RGV BikePed Count Data Program objectives, background information, and an update. Chris Nelson, RGVMPO Planner I, was introduced as the Counter Program Manager. Mr. Nelson then introduced the TTI Team: Shawn Turner, Robert Benz, and Michael Martin. The Counter Installation Team discussed the upcoming temporary counter installation activities and notified members of the scheduled Eco-Counter Installation Week at the end of the month. The [‘2020 Eco Counter Install Resource List’](#) was shared.

	Government Agency	Hike & Bike Trail	Counters	AUGUST 4 TH	ACTIVITIES	LEAD
1	Brownsville	Historic Battlefield Trail	3	8:30 a.m.	Preliminary visit to Harlingen trails (Meg Jorn Trail and Arroyo Trail)	Shawn/Robert/Michael
	Brownsville	Southmost Nature Trail	2	11:00 a.m.	BPAC meeting to give a brief presentation on preliminary visit and next steps.	Eva/Chris Shawn/Robert/Michael
2	Elsa	Elsa Hike & Bike Trail	1	Afternoon	Maroon Team Stops:	Maroon Team Lead – Robert
3	Harlingen	Arroyo Colorado Trail	1		➢ Harlingen - Meg Jorn Trail (1 Counter)	Maroon Team Member – Michael
	Harlingen	Meg Jorn Trail (25 th St. Trail)	1	➢ Harlingen – Arroyo (1 Counter)		
4	Hidalgo County	Pct. 2 Regional Hike & Bike Trail	1	➢ Primera – City Trail (1 Counter)	White Team Lead – Shawn	
5	Los Fresnos	Los Fresnos Hike & Bike Trail	1	➢ San Benito – Heavin Resaca (2 Counters)		White Team Member - Chris
6	McAllen	2 nd Street Trail	3			
7	Mission	Mission Mountain Biking Trails	2	White Team Stops:		
8	Primera	Primera Hike & Bike Trail	1	➢ Pharr – Precinct 2 Trail (1 Counter)		
9	San Benito	Resaca Heavin Trail	2	➢ McAllen – 2 nd Street Trail (3 Counters)		
Total BikePed Counters to be installed on RGV Hike & Bike Trails			18	AUGUST 5TH	ACTIVITIES	LEAD
				8:30 a.m.	Maroon Team Stops:	Maroon Team Lead – Robert
					➢ Los Fresnos – Hike and Bike Trail (1 Counter)	Maroon Team Member - Michael
					➢ Brownsville – Southmost Nature Trail (2 Counters)	
					➢ Brownsville – Hike and Bike Trail (2 Counters)	
					White Team Stops:	White Team Lead – Shawn
					➢ Mission – Hike and Bike Trail (2 Counters)	White Team Member - Chris
					➢ Elsa – Hike and Bike Trail (1 Counter)	

No action was taken.

C. Consideration and Possible Action regarding potential FY2019 TASA AFA Amendments

- RGVMPO Technical Advisory Committee · Meeting at 10 A.M. on August 12th
- RGVMPO Transportation Policy Board · Meeting at 1:30 P.M. on August 25th

RGVMPO Staff presented item objectives, an update on FY2017 TASA projects and potential next steps for FY2019 TASA Projects. To ensure regional FY 2019 funds are obligated by September 2022, staff has been working with local government agencies to identify project challenges and potential AFA Amendments. Eva Garcia highlighted the RGV BikeShare (CSJ: 0921-02-429) project and the Jackson Hike & Bike Project Phase II (CSJ: 0921-02-431) because there will be more significant changes to these projects. It was explained that a meeting would be held between the project sponsor(s), TxDOT Staff and RGVMPO Staff for clarification of proposed changes prior to the changes being presented to the RGVMPO TAC and Transportation Policy Board.

No action was taken.

D. Consideration and Possible Action on FY2021-2022 TASA Program

- Program Call Summary
- Project Review and Presentations
- Project Evaluation and Scoring

- **Project Recommendation List**

RGVMPO Staff presented item objectives and allowed TASA Applicants to present their items. BPAC Members discussed each project after each presentation. It was agreed that there was nearly enough to fund all three (3) planning projects and all local government project sponsors agreed to get a pro-rated award of TASA funds so all three applicants could receive funding. There was conversation regarding the time constraint to submit construction project evaluations, but RGVMPO Staff gave a deadline of 2pm to submit all evaluations. Eva stated she would follow up via email with the evaluation scores the following day after calculating each project's scores and rank.

No action was taken.

V. PROJECT UPDATES - NONE

VI. NEW OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS – NONE

VII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the BPAC Committee, Andy Vigstol (City of Harlingen) made a motion to adjourn meeting at 1:12 PM. The motion was seconded by Larry Ayala (City of Edinburg), and upon a vote; the motion passed unanimously.

**Meeting Minutes of the
Rio Grande Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization Bicycle
Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC)**

Wednesday, September 1, 2021 at 11:00 AM

Via Microsoft Teams

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) meeting was held VIA Microsoft Teams and called to order by BPAC Chair, Rose Gowen, at 11:02am

II. ROLL CALL

RGVBPAC Representatives **PRESENT:**

Organization/Agency	Voting Membership	Alternate Voting Member
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At-Large	<i>Eudenia "Eudy" Carrillo</i>	
At-Large	Richard Cavin	
At-Large	<i>Michael Padgett</i>	

Other Attendees:

- Kathleen de Gennaro, Texas Sea Grant
- Shaun Morin, UTRGV
- Rick Carrera, LRGVDC
- Carlos Sanchez, City of Harlingen
- Ana Hernandez, City of Harlingen
- Patty Alexander, with City of Port Isabel
- Lizbeth Campos, with the City of Elsa

BPAC Minutes Approved
October 6, 2021

RGVMPO Staff:

- Andrew Canon, Executive Director
- Luis Díaz, Assistant Director
- Rudy Zamora, Planner II
- Melany Rodriguez, Planner I
- Javier Dominguez, Planner I
- Chris Nelson, Planner I
- Fernando Cantu, GIS Specialist II
- Miguel Arispe, GIS Specialist II
- Nick Cousineau, GIS Specialist I
- Gloria Banda-Gonzalez, Administrative Assistant
- Eva Garcia, Planner III Bike/Ped Program Coordinator

III. CITIZENS INPUT – NONE.

IV. PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION, AND ACTION ITEMS

A. Consideration and Possible Action to Approve the Minutes of June 2, 2021

Eva Garcia, RGVMPO BikePed Program Coordinator, presented the Minutes of June 2, 2021. Craig Wuensche (TxDOT) made a **motion to approve** the Minutes of June 2, 2021. The motion was seconded by Omar Rodriguez (City of Weslaco) and upon a vote; the motion **passed unanimously**.

B. Consideration and Possible Action to Approve the Minutes of August 4, 2021

Eva Garcia, RGVMPO BikePed Program Coordinator, notified members that the Minutes of August 4, 2021 had not been completed due to an issue with the meeting recording, and recommended tabling this item until the September 2021 RGVMPO BPAC Meeting. Andy Vigstol (City of Harlingen) made a **motion to table** the Minutes of August 4, 2021. The motion was seconded by Omar Rodriguez (City of Weslaco) and upon a vote; the motion **passed unanimously**.

C. Discussion & Possible Action regarding the RGVMPO's FY2021-2022 TASA Program

RGVMPO Staff presented the agenda item objectives, reminded BPAC Members of the Action taken during the August meeting to award/program funding to the three (3) TASA planning project proposals at a pro-rated amount, and reviewed the evaluation and scoring results of the five (5) TASA construction project proposals. BPAC Members engaged in a discussion about the amount of funding available to award to projects. It was determined that the top three (3) ranked projects could be fully awarded their federal funding request and that a balance of \$34,705 would remain. In addition, BPAC Members and TASA Applicants discussion challenges to the program call, project evaluation, scoring criteria and timeline of activities. Input was captured in the meeting presentation.

Frank Gudino (City of Brownsville) made a **motion to recommend the programming of FY2021-2022 TASA Funds to the following projects for the following amounts:**

- Elsa – Getting Connected - \$46,920
- Arroyo Colorado Trail Phase III Planning and Design - \$141,568
- Bridge Street Pedestrian and Bicycle Development - \$70,000
- West Rail Trail - \$900,000
- Freddy Gonzalez Hike-and-Bike Trail - \$699,995.80
- Bejarano-McFarland-Galvan Trail Extension \$435,300

The motion was seconded by Richard Cavin (BikePed Citizen At-Large) and upon a vote; the **motion passed** with City of Harlingen opposing the motion.

D. Discussion & Possible Action regarding the RGVMPO BPAC Membership

RGVMPO Staff presented updates to the RGVMPO BPAC Membership website, showed which members needed to identify alternates and make members aware of vacancies. **No action was taken.**

E. Discussion and Possible Action on FY2019-2020 TASA Projects

Eva Garcia, RGVMPO BikePed Program Coordinator, provided members with an update on FY2017-2018 and FY2019-2020 TASA Projects. She particularly highlighted that the LRGVDC had shared an interest to de-obligate their previously awarded funds due to the increasing cost of the RGV B-Cycle BikeShare project. Eva explained that, of the projects currently underdeveloped and with an executed AFA, the City of McAllen's Jackson Rd. Trail

TASA Project is the only project that could potentially obligate the funds on time and was already seeking AFA Amendments. Omar Rodriguez (City of Weslaco) made a **motion to support the potential re-programming of TASA Funds from FY2019-2020**. The motion was seconded by Craig Wuensche (TxDOT) and upon a vote; the motion **passed unanimously**.

V. **PROJECT UPDATES**

- A. **RGV Bicycle & Pedestrian Count Data Program** installation training was a success, Eva thanked all those who participated and assisted.
- B. **ADA Compliance Questionnaire** is on the RGVMPPO Website, in coordination with TxDOT.

VI. **NEW OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS – NONE**

VII. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the BPAC Committee, Frank Gudino (City of Brownsville) made a motion to adjourn meeting at 12:11 PM. The motion was seconded by Javier de Leon (TPWD), and upon a vote; the motion passed unanimously.