

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

Wednesday, September 7, 2022 at 11:00 AM

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) meeting was held in-person at the UTRGV Center for Innovation & Commercialization, and virtually via Microsoft Teams. The meeting was called to order by Eva Garcia, Planner III: BikePed Program Coordinator, at 11:02 A.M.

II. ROLL CALL

RGVBPAC Representatives **PRESENT:**

Organization/Agency	Voting Membership	Alternate Voting Member
City of Weslaco	Omar Rodriguez	Rebekah de la Fuente
City of Sullivan City	Alma Salinas	Ana Mercado
TxDOT Pharr District	Craig Wuensche	Roberto Garza
City of Edinburg	Larry Ayala	Valentin Sanchez Jr.
City of Pharr	Ruben Alfaro	Maria Rangel
City of Brownsville	Frank Gudino	Octavio Salazar
Valley Metro	George Huerta	Claudia Olmedo
LRGVDC	Horacio Garza	Nancy Sanchez
VORBA	David Hernandez (CHAIR)	
Caracara Trails	Rose Gowen (VICE-CHAIR)	
UTRGV	Rodney Gomez	Pablo Aguilar
TPWD	Javier De Leon	Kelly Malkoski
Citizen At-Large	Ana Adame	Tracy Roberts
Citizen At-Large	Nina Torkelson	Robert Ordez
Citizen At-Large	Michael McNew	Jon Ray Bocanegra
Citizen At-Large	Richard Cavin	

Other Attendees:

- Sarah Dierlam, LRGVDC

RGVMPO Staff:

- Andre Canon, Executive Director
- Luis Diaz, Assistant Director
- Melany Rodriguez, Planner I
- Javier Dominguez, Planner I
- Christopher Nelson, Planner I
- Rodolfo Zamora, Planner II
- Juan Pena, GIS Specialist I
- Miguel Arispe, GIS Specialist II
- Eva Garcia, Planner III Bike/Ped Program Coordinator

III. CITIZENS INPUT

- Rene Ballesteros gave a shout out to VORBA and David Hernandez shared that he was interested in giving a presentation regarding VORBA to the BPAC. Additionally, Rene added that there was going to be a Town Hall meeting at the South Texas Museum. Members also recognized RGVMPPO Staff for going to the community events to distribute bike lights and helmets.

IV. PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION, AND ACTION ITEMS

A. Consideration and Possible Action to Approve the Minutes of August 3, 2022

Eva Garcia, RGVMPPO BikePed Program Coordinator, presented the Minutes of August 3, 2022. BPAC Member Craig Wuensche made a motion to approve the Minutes of August 3, 2022. The motion was seconded by Larry Ayala and upon a vote; **the motion passed unanimously.**

B. Consideration and Possible Action to Appoint RGVMPPO BPAC Members

Eva Garcia reviewed the RGVMPPO BPAC Application and activities to promote the Call for Members. It was reiterated that applications and appointments are accepted on a rolling basis. Eva then reviewed the list of candidates available for possible appointment:

- o Valley Metro
- o LRGVDC
- o TPWD
- o Richard Cavin

Omar Rodriguez made a motion to appoint all candidates. The motion was seconded by Craig Wuensche and upon a vote; **the motion passed unanimously.**

C. Presentation and Discussion regarding Showdown at the Arroyo Cross Country Mountain Bike Race by Valley Off-Road Bicycling Association

- **October 1-2, 2022 at Arroyo Park, 1101 E. New Hampshire, Harlingen, TX**

Javier Dominguez, RGVMPPO Planner I, presented an introduction to the SS4A funding opportunity and highlighted the grant requirements. He shared that the RGVMPPO would be applying for a regional Safety for All Comprehensive Action Plan. RGVMPPO BPAC Members added that longitudinal rumble strips help keep motorists aware of the road; that shoulder widths equate to cyclist safety. Pavement friction management is one of the countermeasures discussed and a question was posed as to whether chip seal is being replaced with something smoother. Additionally, it was recommended that the Safety for All plan work in conjunction with McAllen's Vision Zero Plan and Pharr's Pedestrian Wellness Plan. **No action was taken.**

D. Consideration and Possible Action regarding the submittal of a Valley Baptist Legacy Foundation (VBLF) grant proposal

- RGV Bicycle and Pedestrian Counter Data Program
- RGV BCycle bikeshare program

No action was taken.

E. Consideration and Possible Action regarding the RGV Active Transportation Facility Inventory

- Potential to add/include proposed routes and transit routes

F. Presentation and Discussion regarding potential revisions to the RGVMPPO Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TASA) Call for Projects Application, Program Guide and Scoring Criteria

- **Accepting feedback through dedicated RGVMPPO webpage**

Melany Rodriguez, RGVMPPO Planner I, gave a brief overview of the new BIL guidelines and requirements regarding TASA. She shared that RGVMPPO Staff has been reviewing BPAC feedback from a survey earlier this year. **No action was taken.**

V. PROJECT UPDATES

- Donna Sidewalk project has been terminated, unable to re-program funds.
- Lapsing notification letters have been sent to each project sponsor for FY2019-2020.
- Should have executed AFAs or in the process of finalizing an AFA

VI. NEW OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS – NONE

VII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Omar Anzaldua made a motion to adjourn meeting at 12:00 P.M. The motion was seconded by Javier Mendez, and upon a vote; **the motion passed unanimously.**