Meeting Minutes of the
Rio Grande Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization
Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC)
Wednesday, October 5, 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 Rose Gowen, BPAC Chair, at 11:00 A.M.

II. ROLL CALL
RGVMPO BPAC 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**	**Rene Ballesteros**

<u>Other Attendees:</u>
- Herbert Camacho
- Rosvel Hinojosa
- Lisa Neerguard
- Jaime Gutierrez

<u>RGVMPO Staff:</u>
- Luis Diaz, Assistant Director
- Melany Rodriguez, Planner I
- Christopher Nelson, Planner I
- Rodolfo Zamora, Planner II
- Miguel Arispe, GIS Specialist II
- Eva Garcia, Planner III Bike/Ped Program Coordinator

BPAC Minutes Approved
November 2, 2022

III. CITIZENS INPUT

No comments were made.

IV. PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION, AND ACTION ITEMS

A. Consideration and Possible Action to Approve the Minutes of September 7, 2022
Eva Garcia, RGVMPO BikePed Program Coordinator, asked the Committee to Table the Minutes of September 7, 2022. BPAC Member Omar Rodriguez made a motion to table the approval of Minutes for September 7, 2022. The motion was seconded by Frank Gudino and upon a vote; the **motion passed unanimously**.

B. Consideration and Possible Action to Elect a RGVMPO BPAC Chair and Vice-Chair
Eva Garcia presented the nominations for RGVMPO BPAC Chair and Vice-Chair that were received:

CHAIR
- Rose Gowen, Caracara Trails
- Frank Gudino, City of Brownsville
- David Hernandez, VORBA

VICE-CHAIR
- David Hernandez, VORBA
- Alma Salinas, City of Sullivan
- Craig Wuensche, TxDOT Pharr

Elections were completed via Mentimeter. Michael McNew made a motion to elect David Hernandez as RGVMPO BPAC Chair. The motion was seconded by Rose Gowen and upon a vote; **the motion passed unanimously.**
Frank Gudino made a motion to elect Rose Gowen as RGVMPO BPAC Vice Chair. The motion was seconded by Michael McNew and upon a vote; **the motion passed unanimously.**

C. Presentation and Discussion regarding the potential amendment of the RGVMPO BPAC Bylaws
Eva Garcia presented the April 2020 adopted RGVMPO BPAC Bylaws for discussion with the Committee. It was discussed to make revisions to the Purpose, Membership, Maintaining Membership and Procedures. Eva will bring a revised copy of the bylaws at the next meeting. **No action was taken.**

D. Presentation and Discussion regarding the revision of the RGVMPO BPAC and Active Transportation Implementation webpages.
- RGV Bicycle and Pedestrian Counter Data Program
- RGV Traffic Safety Initiative
- RGV Active Transportation Data Collection

Members gave Staff the following feedback.
- Resources are valuable – keep
- Test with mobile devices – Richard
- Link to regional organizations (i.e. VORBA; City Cruiser; Jalapeno 100 event)
- Links to transit agencies!!!
- List volunteer opportunities (trail maintenance, open streets events, adopt a highway, etc.)

No action was taken.

V. PROJECT UPDATES
Eva gave a status update on each TASA project from FY2019-2022.

VI. NEW OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS – NONE

VII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Michael McNew made a motion to adjourn meeting at 12:08 P.M. The motion was seconded by Craig Wuensche, and upon a vote; the motion passed unanimously.