

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

Wednesday, November 2, 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, RGVMPPO BPAC Vice 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
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	Michael McNew	Jon Ray Bocanegra

Other Attendees:

- Sarah Dierlam, LRGVDC
  - Javier Mendez, City of Harlingen
  - Rick Carrera, LRGVDC
  - Jaime Gutierrez, City of Elsa
  - Hebert Camacho
  - Lindsay McClune
- RGVMPO Staff:**
- Luis Diaz, Assistant Director
  - Melany Rodriguez, Planner I
  - Javier Dominguez, Planner I
  - Christopher Nelson, Planner I
  - Eva Garcia, Planner III Bike/Ped Program Coordinator

**III. CITIZENS INPUT**

**No comments were made.**

BPAC Minutes Approved  
January 4, 2022

#### IV. PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION, AND ACTION ITEMS

##### A. Consideration and Possible Action to Approve the Minutes of September 7, 2022

Eva Garcia, RGVMPPO Bike/Ped Program Coordinator, asked the Committee to Approve the Minutes of September 7, 2022. BPAC Member Larry Ayala made the motion to approve the Minutes for September 7, 2022. The motion was seconded by Javier de Leon and upon a vote; the **motion passed unanimously**.

##### A.2 Consideration and Possible Action to Approve the Minutes of October 5, 2022

Eva Garcia, RGVMPPO Bike/Ped Program Coordinator, asked the Committee to Approve the Minutes of October 5, 2022. BPAC Member Craig Wuensche made the motion to approve the Minutes for October 5, 2022. The motion was seconded by Jon Ray Bocanegra and upon a vote; the **motion passed unanimously**.

##### B. Consideration and Action regarding the potential amendment(s) to the RGVMPPO BPAC Bylaws

Eva Garcia presented the proposed amendment(s) to the RGVMPPO BPAC Bylaws. BPAC Member Omar Rodriguez made the motion to table the approval of the amendment(s) until the next meeting. The motion was seconded by Alma Salinas; the **motion passed unanimously**.

##### C. Consideration and Action to Approve the 2023 RGVMPPO BPAC Meeting Schedule

Eva Garcia presented a poll to determine the frequency, day of the week, time of day, type (in-person, virtual or hybrid), and location(s) of 2023 RGVMPPO BPAC meetings. RGVMPPO BPAC Vice Chair Rose Gowen, et al, called for an inquiry to receive a ruling on the applicability of the Texas Open Meetings Act to the BPAC. The 2023 meeting schedule is tentatively planned to include most monthly meetings at the LRGVDC Ken Jones Boardroom, with quarterly meetings at pre-set, rotating locations, and one meeting a year at an active transportation facility. **No official action was taken.**

##### D. Presentation and Discussion regarding the RGVMPPO BPAC FY 2023 – 2024 TASA Call for Projects

Eva Garcia provided a presentation stating that there will be \$11,189,136 in total TASA funds, including a minimum of \$1,118,913 for project planning. The RGVMPPO's new website also provides a draft TASA Program Guide and a draft TASA Application. RGVMPPO Staff is currently soliciting feedback to revise the project scoring criteria and has drafted a tentative timeline of the TASA application process. **No action was taken.**

##### E. Quarterly Presentation and Discussion on the RGV B-Cycle Program

RGVMPPO BPAC Vice Chair Rose Gowen advised that this item be provided as an email update in the interest of time constraints. **No action was taken.**

##### F. Quarterly Presentation and Discussion on the RGV Bicycle and Pedestrian Counter Data Program

RGVMPPO BPAC Vice Chair Rose Gowen advised that this item be provided as an email update in the interest of time constraints. **No action was taken.**

#### V. PROJECT UPDATES

RGVMPPO BPAC Vice Chair Rose Gowen advised that this item be provided as an email update in the interest of time constraints.

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

#### VII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Omar Rodriguez made a motion to adjourn meeting at 12:07 P.M. The motion was seconded by Alma Salinas, and upon a vote; the motion passed unanimously.