

MINUTES

Meeting of the Rio Grande Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization (RGV MPO) Policy Committee

Wednesday, October 28, 2020

At
1:30 pm

Microsoft Teams Meeting

Presiding: Chairman Ambrosio “Amos” Hernandez (Mayor City of Pharr)

I. Call to Order

Chairman Ambrosio “Amos” Hernandez called the meeting to order at 1:31 PM, a quorum was established. The Rio Grande Valley MPO Policy Committee Meeting was held as a Microsoft Teams Meeting with members present.

II. Roll Call

Roll call was taken, and present were representatives from each respective entity:

Members Present:	
Entity	Individual
City of Pharr	Mayor Ambrosio Hernandez (Chairman)
Cameron County	Judge Eddie Treviño, Jr. (Vice Chairman) Com. David A. Garza (Alternate)
Hidalgo County	Com. Eddie Cantu (Absent)
City of Brownsville	Mayor Trey Mendez Nurith Galonsky-Pinana (Alternate)
City of McAllen	Mayor Jim Darling
City of Edinburg	Mayor Ricard Molina (Absent)
City of Mission	Mayor Armando O’Caña
City of Harlingen	Mayor Chris Boswell
City of San Benito	Manuel De La Rosa (Alternate)
Cameron County RMA	Frank Parker, Jr.
Hidalgo County RMA	S. David Deanda, Jr.
Valley Metro	Tom Logan
TxDOT Pharr District	Pedro “Pete” Alvarez
EX-OFFICIO	
RGV Partnership	Sergio Contreras
Others Present:	
RGVMPO	Andrew Canon

III. Public Comment

NONE

IV. Presentation, Discussion and Action Items:

A. Consideration and Action to Approve the Minutes From:

September 17, 2020

Chairman Ambrosio “Amos” Hernandez asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of September 17, 2020. One correction was noted, to strike out the title of “Commissioner” from Mr. Ramon Navarro. City of Mission made a motion to approve the minutes of September 17, 2020; as corrected by staff. City of Brownsville seconded the motion; and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.

**B. Consideration and Action to Approve the Minutes From:
August 26, 2020**

Chairman Ambrosio “Amos” Hernandez asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of August 26, 2020. No corrections were noted to the minutes of August 26, 2020; City of McAllen made a motion to approve the minutes of August 26, 2020 as presented by staff. Cameron County RMA seconded the motion; and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.

C. Discussion and update on Category 7 TAC Workshop, Wednesday, November 4, 2020 at 10:00 A.M.

Andrew Canon reminded Policy Committee members that a workshop is scheduled for Wednesday November 4, 2020 at 10:00 a.m., this will be a virtual meeting held through teams. Mayor Darling also offered the Convention Center if needed where a face to face meeting could be accommodated.

D. Discussion and update of Federal Certification Review

Andrew Canon reminded Policy Committee members that the Federal Certification Review will be held December 7th, 8th, and 9th. Mayor Boswell and Mayor Hernandez will also have an opportunity to meet on a “one to one” with Representatives.

V. Executive Session

A. Personnel Matters Pursuant to Section 551-074 (1) to deliberate the Appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer of employee

**B. Reconvene into Open Session to Consider ACTION, if an, on items related to Executive Session as Described above:
For the sake of saving time, this item was skipped.**

The board went through executive session at 2:07pm

The board exited executive session at 3:02pm

No action was taken.

VI. RGVMPPO Executive Directors Reports and Updates

A. Directors Update

B. Announcement of AMPO Award

Andrew Canon was happy to announce that the RGVMPPO got the award for “Outstanding Overall Achievement for large TMA”. Major Mendez noted he was proud to nominate the MPO for such award.

C. Reminder of November/December Technical Committee Meeting November 19, 2020

Andrew Canon again reminded the committee that the November/December TAC meeting will be on November 19, 2020

D. Reminder of November / December Policy Meeting for December 10, 2020

Staff noted that the November/December Policy meeting will be December 10, 2020

E. Financial Update

Andrew Canon also stated that the Financial Summary spend \$1.4M of the 2020 budget should have been closer to \$1.9M but nonetheless still under budget.

VII. Status Report

A. TxDOT Project Status Report (Action Taken as Required)

Ms. Nayeley Parra and Rene Davila (TxDOT) provided an update on TxDOT’s current projects and activities in the Hidalgo and Cameron Counties. Project #1 UP 281/SP600 – is at 97% complete. Project #2 SH 107 (La Villa Project) is at 38% complete; should be ready to let by December 2021. *(Report filed with RGVTPB Packet)*

B. Cameron County RMA

Pete Sepulveda (Cameron County RMA) provided an updated presentation Via Teams on projects that are currently within the Cameron County RMA. *(Report filed with RGVTPB Packet)*

C. Hidalgo County RMA

Ramon Navarro provided an updated presentation Via Teams on projects that are currently within the Hidalgo County RMA. All projects are continuing to move forward. *(Report filed with RGVTPB Packet)*

D. Regional Transit (Metro)

Mario Delgado provided a brief update report Via Teams that are currently within our region. Details values on ridership could be found within the RGVTPB Packet. *(Report filed with RGVTPB Packet)*

VIII. New or Unfinished Business


Mayor O’Caña, with the City of Mission provided an on the Presidential Bridge Permit and noted that the expiration date has been removed. The permit is now for life of Construction and thanked the Board for their Resolutions and continuous partnership in support.

With no other new or unfinished business Chairman Ambrosio “Amos” Hernandez moved back to (Item V – Executive Session) at 2:07pm.

Adjournment

After Executive Session, Chairman Ambrosio “Amos” Hernandez called for a motion to adjourn at 3:02 PM. Cameron County made a motion to adjourn. City of Pharr seconded the motion; and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:



**RGVMPO POLICY COMMITTEE
(TPB) VICE CHAIRMAN**