

FULL POLICY BOARD AGENDA

POLICY BOARD MEETING

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2021 – 1:30 PM

RIO GRANDE VALLEY

METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (RGVMPO)

*Pursuant to Chapter 551, Title 5 of the Texas Government Code, the Texas Open Meeting Act, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a meeting of the RGVMPO POLICY BOARD will be held **In Person** at the LRGVDC Main Campus, 301 W. Railroad Street, Building B, Ken Jones Executive Board Room in Weslaco, TX.*

I. Call To Order

II. Roll Call

III. **Public Comments** – Maybe submitted online or maybe submitted in paper form specifying the matter you wish to address.

IV. Consent Agenda

1. Approval of Minutes:

No meeting held in November 2021

October 27, 2021

Action Possible Action Information

Presenter: Judge Eddie Trevino, Jr., Chairman

Item Summary: Approval of the October 27, 2021, Regular Meeting minutes contained in Electronic Item “A” will be requested.

Background: N/A

2. Discussion and Action on the UPWP Financial Amendment

Action Possible Action Information

Presenter: Fernando Cantu, GIS Specialist II

Item Summary: Staff will be providing updated information on the FY2022-2023 UPWP Amendment #1.

Background: RGVMPO staff has made administrative changes to the FY2022-2023 UPWP and staff is asking to move over funds from FY2022-23 Task 2 into Task 5 in the amount of \$100,000, to be utilized for a Congestion Management Process study. (See Attachments)

3. **Discussion on the Congestion Study-RFP**

Action Possible Action Information

Presenter: Andrew A. Canon, Executive Director

Item Summary: The RGVMPO periodically performs a regional Congestion Study to analyze congestion levels within the region as well as preforms a signal synchronization study to analyze corridor movements and possible improvements that can be made to synchronization of corridors to improve traffic movements. The RGVMPO hopes to analyze 1,000 center line miles as well as 75 signalized intersections for possible recommendations.

Background: FHWA requires that the RGVMPO performs, at least, bi-annually, a regional congestion study of the region. The study should provide recommendations to address traffic delays and to analyze volume versus capacity as well as other attributes that will provide recommendations to address delay and congestion on a regional basis.

4. **Discussion on the FY2023-2026 TIP Text Document**

Action Possible Action Information

Presenter: Rudy Zamora Jr., Transportation Planner

Item Summary: RGVMPO Staff is creating the Comprehensive TIP Text Document for FY 2023-2026. A Draft will be presented within the meeting packet for your review and consideration. Staff is available for questions and/or concerns.

Background: The Comprehensive TIP text is an all-inclusive document covering planning aspects that range from the definitions of our planning area to funding programs, public involvement process, public transportation, performance measures, TIP project selection process, and additional supporting information. The text portion of the document is completed before the inclusion of both Highway and Transit TIP tables. A timeline for creation of the FY 2023-2026 TIP is included in the meeting packet, as well.

5. Discussion on the FY2021 - 2024 TIP & 2045 MTP Amendment, February 2022 Revisions

Action Possible Action Information

Presenter: Rudy Zamora Jr., Transportation Planner

Item Summary: The FY 2021-2024 Highway & Transit TIP tables will undergo its last Revision cycle before creation of the new TIP. The MTP will also be updated during this revision cycle. All revisions and administrative modifications have been included on both the TIP & MTP tables included in the meeting packet. An action for approval of this item is scheduled for our next TPB meeting.

Background: The FY 2021-2024 Highway & Transit TIP tables, along with the 2045 MTP will be amended for the February 2022 Revision cycle. Staff has accepted amendments to current projects, as well as any new projects, and your review is much appreciated. Staff will provide TIP/STIP/MTP updates to Policy on December 15th for discussion. Final action by TPB will be January 19, 2022. A 30-day public involvement period began on December 3rd and all documentation will be displayed on our website and social media outlets.

6. Discussion on Transportation Demand Model Data Request

Action Possible Action Information

Presenter: Luis Diaz, Assistant Director

Item Summary: RGVMPPO Staff will coordinate a refresh of the 2014 – 2045 TDM with a new base year of 2019 and a forecast year of 2050 alongside the Texas Department of Transportation, and the Transportation Planning and Programming Division to assure a true reflection of traffic movement throughout the valley region is collected. RGVMPPO Staff is requesting from all municipalities within the RGVMPPO MAB to please provide a listing of various projects completed between 2014 and 2019; new facilities, added capacity, raised median, lane reductions, speed changes, directional flow changes and roadway removals or abandonments.

Background: In 2016, regional MPO Staff began work on the regional transportation model (TDM) with a base year of 2014 model for the RGV. RGVMPPO Staff in coordination with TxDOT previously contracted a consultant to aide in the development of the overall Rio Grande Valley Regional Travel Demand Model (TDM) which produced a 2045 forecasted TDM.

V. RGVMPPO EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS' REPORT AND UPDATES

Action Possible Action Information

Presenter: Andrew A. Canon, RGVMPPO

Item Summary: **Financial Update**

Item Summary: **FY2021 TAC and TPB Meeting Dates Schedules**

Item Summary: **Special Thanks to Our "Open House Sponsors"**

Item Summary: **Edinburg Open House Event
617 West University Drive
December 16, 2021 @ 6PM.**

VI. Status Report

A. TxDOT Project Status Report

Action Possible Action Information

Presenter: TxDOT

B. Cameron County RMA

Action Possible Action Information

Presenter: Pete Sepulveda

C. Hidalgo County RMA

Action Possible Action Information

Presenter: Eric Davila

D. Regional Transit Metro

Action Possible Action Information

Presenter:

VII. Other Business (Old or New): This item provides an opportunity for members to bring items of interest before the group.

VIII. Next Meeting: The next "In Person Meeting" of the RGVMPPO Policy Board Meeting is scheduled for **1:30 pm on January 19, 2022, at the Ken Jones Boardroom - Weslaco.**