

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

Wednesday, January 19, 2022, At 1:30 pm

MINUTES

Presiding: Chairman Eddie Treviño, Jr. (Cameron County)

I. Call to Order

Chairman Eddie Treviño, Jr. called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM, a quorum was established. The Rio Grande Valley MPO Policy Board Meeting was held at the Ken Boardroom located at 301 West Railroad, Weslaco, Texas with members present.

II. Roll Call

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

Members Present:	
Entity	Individual
Cameron County	Judge Eddie Treviño, Jr. (Chairman)
Hidalgo County	Comm. David L. Fuentes (Vice-Chairman) Comm. Ellie Torres – (Alternate)
Starr County	Judge Eloy Vera (Designee) (ABSENT)
City of Brownsville	Mayor Trey Mendez (Designee) Nurith Galonsky-Pinana (Alternate)
City of Edinburg	Mayor Ramiro Garza – (Designee) Ron Garza (Proxy)
City of Harlingen	Gabriel Gonzalez (Alternate)
City of McAllen	Mayor Javier Villalobos (Designee) CM Roy Rodriguez (Alternate)
City of Mission	Mayor Armando O’Caña (Designee) Comm. Jessica Ortega- Ochoa (Alternate)
City of Pharr	Mayor Ambrosio “Amos” Hernandez (Designee) (ABSENT)
City of San Benito	Mayor Ricardo “Rick” Guerra (Designee) Manuel De La Rosa (Alternate)
Cameron County RMA	Frank Parker, Jr. (Designee) Arturo A. Nelson (Alternate)
Hidalgo County RMA	S. David Deanda Jr. (Designee) Ramon Navarro, V. (Proxy)
Valley Metro	Maribel Contreras (Designee) Juan Silva (Alternate)
TxDOT Pharr District	Pedro “Pete” Alvarez (Designee) Rex A. Costley (Alternate)
EX-OFFICIO	
RGV Partnership	Sergio Contreras
LRGVDC	Manuel Cruz
GUEST	
Others Present:	
RGVMPO	Andrew Canon
RGVMPO	Staff

3. Discussion on the Congestion Study-RFP

Staff informed Policy Members present that the RGVMPPO 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. FHWA requires that the RGVMPPO performs, at least, bi-annually, a regional congestion study of the region. This item was provided to Policy members present for informational purposes only, no discussion took place on this time.

No further discussion took place on this item, Chairman Judge Trevino move on to the next item on the agenda.

4. Discussion and Annual Update on the Bike/Ped Program

Eva reported on the status and upcoming activities of various Bike/Ped projects and programs. The annual update included information regarding: CAT 9 (TASA) project developments; RGVMPPO BPAC Working Groups; RGV Traffic Safety Initiative; RGV Bicycle and Pedestrian Counter Data Program; RGV Transportation Alternatives Facility Inventory; and RGV B-Cycle (Bike Share) Program.

To ensure transparency with the RGVMPPO’s policymakers and transportation professionals, RGVMPPO Staff will report on the status of all active transportation alternatives project funded though the RGVMPPO’s Category 9 (TASA) funds/apportionment. Additionally, the RGVMPPO Technical Advisory Committee and Transportation Policy Board approved/adopted the RGVMPPO Active Transportation Plan (ATP) in December 2020. In the last year, since its adoption, several initiatives recommended for implementation within the ATP have been progressing, and new initiatives that are kicking-off. (Presentation was provided to Policy members present and is available on the RGVMPPO website for future reference).

No further discussion took place on this item, Chairman Judge Trevino move on to the next item on the agenda.

Chairman Judge Trevino noted that Item V “Executive Session” would be discussed after Items VI (Executive Directors’ Report, Item VII Status Report and Item VIII Other Business.

VI. RGVMPPO EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS’ REPORT AND UPDATES

A. **Financial Update** - Staff noted that no Financial Summary Update will be provided for the month of December 2021, due to Finance Department Staff dealing with COVID, updated report will be available at the next Policy Meeting.

Open House – Edinburg Location – Special thanks to all the sponsors and guests that attended the Open House. Staff will be looking into also coordinating an Open House for the Brownsville location in the very near future.

RGVMPPO PINS and Hand Sanitizer – Provided to Policy Members present.

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS (OLD OR NEW)
NONE

XI. Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the RGVMPPO Transportation Policy Board Meeting is scheduled "In Person" for February 23, 2022, at 1:30 pm at the Ken Jones Boardroom.

V. Executive Session

A. Chairman Judge Trevino noted that the Policy Board has call an Executive Session at 2:13 PM and requires a motion from the Policy Board, for the purpose of discussing "Personnel Matters Pursuant to Section 551-074 (1) to Deliberate the Appointment, Employment, Evaluation, Reassignment, Duties, Discipline, or Dismissal of a Public Officer or Employee",

RE: Executive Director

Mr. Alvarez (TxDOT) made a motion to go into Executive Session at (2:13 PM) to discuss "Executive Director's Evaluation". The motion was seconded by Mayor O'Caña (City of Mission); and upon a vote, the motion passed unanimously.

B. Chairman Judge Trevino asked for a motion to Reconvene into Open Session to Consider ACTION, if any, on Items Related to Executive Session as Described above: Mayor O'Caña (City of Mission) made a motion to reconvene into Open Session at 2:58 PM. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Torres (Hidalgo County); and upon a vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor O'Caña (City of Mission) made motion to move forward with recommendations made and as discussed regarding the "Executive Directors' Evaluation". The motion was seconded by Mr. Alvarez (TxDOT); and upon a vote, the motion passed unanimously.

No further discussion took place, Chairman Judge Trevino ask for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Alvarez (TxDOT) made a motion to adjourn the Policy Meeting at 3:00 PM. The motion was seconded by Mayor Mendez (City of Brownsville); and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST: _____


RGVMPO POLICY COMMITTEE
(TPB) VICE CHAIRMAN