

AGENDA
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
THURSDAY, JANUARY 12, 2023 – 10:00 AM
RIO GRANDE VALLEY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (RGMPO)
VIRTUAL MEETING
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- I. **Call to Order**
- II. **Roll Call**
- III. **Public Comments** – May be submitted online or may be submitted in paper form specifying the matter you wish to address.
- IV. **Consent Agenda**

1. **Approval of Minute(s) for: December 8, 2022**

Action **Possible Action** **Information**

Presenter: **JP Terrazas, TAC Chairman**

Item Summary: Approval of the December 8, 2022, Regular Meeting minutes

2. **GIS Data Request**

Action **Possible Action** **Information**

Presenter: **Fernando Cantu, GIS Specialist II**

Item Summary: Staff is requesting GIS data from all municipalities to provide elected officials with the most updated information.

Background: We are looking to update our City Limit and ETJ boundary data. We want to take this opportunity to request all planning partners; please provide the most up-to-date data, preferably in GIS Format; if not available, please provide it in PDF format. These vital data sets will allow the MPO to plan for the RGV's future transportation needs. Please take a moment to visit our online interactive mapping tool, RGMPO UMAP. Please remember that if discrepancies are identified, please notify our office to allow us to work on amending data to reflect most accurately.

3. **CMP Workshop Tier 2 Follow Up**

Action **Possible Action** **Information**

Presenter: **Luis Diaz, RGMPO Assistant director**

Summary: The RGMPO alongside the CMP Committee and CoPlan conducted a workshop to identify the 100 Signalized Intersections in the region that are to be analyzed for turning movements, traffic counts, and review of existing timing plans. The RGMPO will be presenting the timeline for work ahead of Tier 2 of the CMP.

Background: The CMP is a regionally accepted approach for measuring congestion that provides accurate, up-to-date information multimodal transportation performance and assesses alternative strategies or mitigating congestion that meets state and local needs. While a CMP is required in urbanized areas of over 200,000. The CMP Analysis has been underway since March.

4. 2022 Thoroughfare Plan Amendment Process Update

Action Possible Action Information

Presenter: Luis Diaz, RGVMPO Assistant Director

Summary: The 2022 Thoroughfare Plan Amendment process had a deadline of December 21, 2022. The RGVMPO is providing an update of the received submittals. The Amendments will be presented as an action item in February and to County Commissioner's Courts in March.

Background: The RGVMPO performs a yearly Thoroughfare Plan Amendment Process. Where planning partners throughout the region are asked to compare their jurisdiction's Right of Way (ROW) data with the RGVMPOs UMAP Interactive Map Thoroughfare Plan Data and provide any amendments to the data reflected. The 2021 RGV Amendments Thoroughfare Plan was presented and approved on March 22, 2021, by Hidalgo County Commissioner's Court. Thoroughfare Plan Amendments received were solely from within Hidalgo County.

5. Presentation and Discussion on TxDOT's State Infrastructure Bank (SIB) Loan Program

Action Possible Action Information

Presenter: Dallas Teston, TxDOT SIB Program Lead

Summary: TxDOT SIB Program Lead, Dallas Teston, will present on the basics of this low-cost transportation financing tool and how project sponsors may utilize it to their advantage. RGVMPO Staff intend to become more informed on the program as well, to better assist and guide regional partners through its eligible uses and processes.

Background: The Texas State Legislature authorized SIB loans have helped leverage more than \$7.9 billion in transportation projects in Texas. The RGVMPO aims to help facilitate the advancement of projects, including securing funds for all phases, for the obligation of programmed funds.

6. Discussion on TASA

Action Possible Action Information

Presenter: Eva Garcia, RGVMPO Planner III

Summary: As a follow-up to the September meetings, RGVMPO staff will report on the status of FY2019-2020 and FY2021-2022 TASA projects to ensure transparency with the RGVMPO's policymakers and transportation professionals.

Background: RGVMPPO staff emailed TAC and Policy members a FY2019-2020 TASA schedule of activities on October 6th to ensure the timely obligation of programmed funds. Staff continues to work with TxDOT and local government agencies to monitor projects that have been awarded TASA funds.

7. Template for new reports

Action Possible Action Information

Presenter: Melany Rodriguez, GIS Specialist/Planner I

Summary: RGVMPPO Staff developed a template for reporting updates to Category 7 Projects programmed in the RGVMPPO MTP, the TIP and UTP. The regular reporting of critical path items (key milestones) will increase transparency and ensure programmed funds are obligated as planned.

Background: This item is a follow-up to months of discussion regarding stalled projects and State Representative Terry Canales' public comment at the December 14th RGVMPPO Transportation Policy Board meeting. The objective of Category 7 Project Updates/reporting is to obligate the MPOs apportioned funds and position the Rio Grande Valley in a manner that allows us to capture more federal transportation dollars in the future.

8. Local Transportation Plan Project

Action Possible Action Information

Presenter: Fernando Cantu, GIS Specialist II

Summary: Staff is now calling for the Local Transportation Plan Project necessary for the RGVMPPO FY 24-25 Unified Planning Work Program.

Background: In our last call for planning projects, the city of Harlingen requested a study for its FM 509 corridor. The Unified Planning Work Program Planning funds can be used to carry out transportation planning activities within our jurisdiction. Local transportation planning activities include but are not limited to Corridor Studies, Access and Mobility Analysis, Traffic, Alignment Alternatives, Feasibility Studies, Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning Initiatives, and the Economic Impact of Transportation Investments. Engineering, design, and construction projects are not eligible for Planning funds.

V. RGVMPPO EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS' REPORT AND UPDATES

Action Possible Action Information

Presenter: Andrew A. Canon, RGVMPPO

Item Summary:

VI. STATUS REPORTS

A. TxDOT Project Status Report

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Presenter:

Maria Champine, TxDOT

B. Cameron County RMA

Action

Possible Action

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Presenter:

Pete Sepulveda

C. Hidalgo County RMA

Action

Possible Action

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Presenter:

Ramon Navarro

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 RGVMPPO Technical Advisory Committee is schedule "IN-PERSON" at **10:00 am on February 9, 2023.**