

**AGENDA**  
**TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**THURSDAY, April 13, 2023 – 10:00 AM**  
**RIO GRANDE VALLEY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (RGVMPO)**  
**VIRTUAL MEETING**

I. **Call to Order**

II. **Roll Call**

III. **Public Comments** – May be submitted online or may be submitted on a paper form specifying the matter you wish to address.

IV. **Consent Agenda**

1. **Approval of Minute(s) for: March 16, 2023**

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

**Presenter:**                      **JP Terrazas, TAC Chairman**

**Item Summary:**                      Approval of the March 16, 2023, Regular Meeting minutes

2. **Discussion and Action on FY 2023-2026 STIP & 2045 MTP Amendments – May 2023 Quarterly Revision Cycle**

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

**Presenter:**                      **Rudy Zamora Jr., Transportation Planner II**

**Item Summary:**                      The Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) - May 2023 Revision Cycle is upon us. Amendments to both short-range (TIP) & long-range (MTP) planning tables are included within this meeting packet for review & approval. Public involvement is currently underway, and all revisions will be uploaded by April 28<sup>th</sup>. Final approval by our Policy Board (TPB) is scheduled for April 26, 2023. Staff is available to address concerns and recommendations will be referred to our TP.

**Background:**                      The Statewide TIP is updated quarterly and MPO staff has prepared draft tables for review and approval. Public involvement was scheduled for March 20 - April 20 both virtually and in-person, at four locations region-wide. Revisions are highlighted on our long-range, Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), and notated in red text on our short-range TIP.

**3. Continued Discussion on Draft 2024 UTP - Category 7 Funding Allocation and Programming of Projects**

Action                       Possible Action                       Information

**Presenter:**                      **Rudy Zamora Jr., Transportation Planner II**

**Summary:**                      The Draft 2024 Unified Transportation Program (UTP) planning targets have been shared with TXDOT Districts & MPO staff. Projected totals for all 12 UTP funding categories have been included within members' meeting packets. Category 7 – Metropolitan Mobility and Rehabilitation funds are listed with a slight increase, from the previous 2023 UTP. A summary and analysis of funding is also included. RGVMP staff is requesting discussion and recommendations for programming Category 7 funds.

**Background:**                      This item was presented to the TAC during our last meeting. Members requested updated figures and additional project development & programming information. MPO staff presented updated tables and a summary during the April 5<sup>th</sup> TPB meeting. TPB members requested a re-evaluation of Category 7 projects funded within FY 2023-2032. Concerns regarding project scoring and project history were expressed, with an emphasis on programming "shovel-ready" projects.

**4. Discussion on and Possible Action on the Updated CAT 7 Scoring and Evaluation Form**

Action                       Possible Action                       Information

**Presenter:**                      **Luis Diaz, RGVMP Assistant Director**

**Summary:**                      The RGVMP is presenting amendments to the current Unified Transportation Program (UTP 10 Year Plan) CAT 7 Project Evaluation Form.

**Background:**                      Through an iterative discussion, the RGVMP staff and TAC refined a scoring for Category 7 projects to both leverage the technical expertise embodied in the TAC and reference performance criteria and regional goals to provide a robust scoring process for vetting and promoting projects geared to contribute towards targets. This scoring process likewise provides a platform to communicate with project sponsors and decision makers about project implications. The process also investigates what conditions a proposed project is improving and asks the sponsor to reflect on why they are submitting the project being reviewed. The continuity of this process invariably will refine and improve the process by which projects are submitted for consideration as well as the projects themselves. The latest version of the RGVMP Off System Project Evaluation Form is reflective of 3 TAC workshops and TPB approval June 30, 2022.

5. FY2023-2024 Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Call for Projects

Action       Possible Action       Information

**Presenter:**      **Eva Garcia, RGVMPD Planner III: Bike Ped Program Coordinator**

**Summary:**      Overview and summary of the FY2023-2024 TASA Call for Projects that is currently open. Deadline for project proposals/applications is May 31, 2023. The RGVMPD has \$9 million available to program for planning and construction projects.

**Background:**      The call for projects opened on March 1, 2023, after several working group meetings and revisions to the competitive process. The RGVMPD Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) voting members will be evaluating submittals in August. Recommendations for funding projects will be presented to the RGVMPD Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and Transportation Policy Board (TPB) in September.

V. RGVMPD EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS' REPORT AND UPDATES

Action       Possible Action       Information

**Presenter:**      **Andrew A. Canon, RGVMPD Executive Director**

**Item Summary:**      1. HERO Program (Highway Emergency Response Operators)  
2. End the Streak Campaign

VI. STATUS REPORTS

A. TxDOT Project Status Report

Action       Possible Action       Information

**Presenter:**      Melba Schaus, TxDOT

B. Cameron County RMA

Action       Possible Action       Information

**Presenter:**      Pete Sepulveda

C. Hidalgo County RMA

Action       Possible Action       Information

**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 RGVMPD Technical Advisory Committee is scheduled "VIRTUAL" at **10:00 am on May 11, 2023.**