

AGENDA
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
Thursday, September 14, 2023 – 10:00 AM
RIO GRANDE VALLEY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (RGVMPO)
VIRTUAL MEETING
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- 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: August 10, 2023**

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

Presenter: **JP Terrazas, TAC Chairman**

Item Summary: Approval of the August 10, 2023, Regular Meeting minutes

2. **Discussion on the Upcoming November 2023 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Revision Cycle**

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

Presenter: Rudy Zamora Jr., Transportation Planner

Summary: RGVMPO staff will be amending our short-range and long-range planning & programming tables: TIP & MTP. A 30-day Public Involvement period will be held, and all revisions/modifications will require TAC & TPB members' approval.

Background: The Statewide TIP is updated quarterly and RGVMPO staff will be revising the short-range Transportation Improvement Program, and long-range Metropolitan Transportation Plan (TIP & MTP). Public Involvement, both virtual and in-person, will commence on September 11th and conclude on October 11th. All revisions and modifications will require approval by our TAC & TPB during the scheduled October meetings.

3. **Update on Performance Management Framework project with Alliance Transportation Group**

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

Presenter: **Miguel Arispe, RGVMPO Planner III**

Summary: The RGVMPO currently has a survey open to TAC members with the goal of collecting feedback on the proposed project-prioritization criteria developed by Alliance Transportation Group (ATG). RGVMPO staff will provide an update on the number of responses to the survey received, as well as an update on the overall status of the project and pending deliverables for the remainder of the project.

Background: The RGVMPPO is currently in contract with Alliance Transportation Group on the development of a performance management framework. This framework will help the RGVMPPO better address and comply with federal and state requirements on performance measures. As part of the development of this framework, ATG is currently asking for feedback on their proposed project prioritization criteria in the form of an online survey. The contract between the RGVMPPO and ATG group runs through December of 2023. RGVMPPO staff will also provide an update on pending items for the remainder of the contract.

4. Presentation and Discussion regarding Transit Planning Updates

Action Possible Action Information

Presenter: Eva Garcia, RGVMPPO Planner III: Bike Ped Program Coordinator
Javier Dominguez Jr., RGVMPPO Transportation Planner I

Summary: Staff will provide RGVMPPO Members with a comprehensive overview of various transit/public transportation-related efforts including regional transit data/mapping, passenger rail study, and complete streets initiatives.

Background: Reflective of the FY2022-2023 RGVMPPO Unified Planning Work Program's Task 3.0 – Short Range Planning, Subtask 3.2: Planning Assistance, RGVMPPO Staff is working to develop transit service areas through data sharing, the preparation of maps, attending meetings, and providing general planning expertise to this effort. Additionally, the efforts are reflective of Subtask 3.3: Transit Planning as RGVMPPO Staff is working to better understand Transit Asset Management (TAM) and Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP).

5. Discussion and Possible Action regarding FY2019-2020 and FY2021-2022 Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TASA) Projects

Action Possible Action Information

Presenter: Eva Garcia, RGVMPPO Planner III: Bike-Ped Program Coordinator

Summary: Staff will provide an update regarding the obligation of FY2019-2020 TASA funds and developments to FY2021-2022 TASA projects.

Background: TASA funding is time-sensitive and are available for obligation for a period of three (3) years after the last day of the fiscal year for which the funds are apportioned to the state/MPO.

6. Discussion and Possible Action to Recommend Planning and Construction Projects for FY2023-2024 Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TASA) Funds

Action Possible Action Information

Presenter: Eva Garcia, RGVMPPO Planner III: Bike-Ped Program Coordinator

Summary: The RGVMPPO Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC), after careful review and evaluation, recommends the programming of FY2023-2024 TASA funds to four (3) planning projects and six (6) construction projects.

Background: RGVMPPO Staff will provide a brief overview of the competitive process and scoring criteria prior to presenting BPAC recommendations for the \$9,000,000 TASA funds available.

7. Discussion on Annual RGV Thoroughfare/ROW Plan Amendment Process

Action Possible Action Information

Presenter: Luis Diaz, RGVMPPO Executive Assistant Director

Summary: As part of the Yearly RGV Thoroughfare Plan Amendment Process, Staff will be accepting amendments to the RGV Thoroughfare Plan until December 21, 2023. Please keep in mind that all Thoroughfare Plan Amendments must be accompanied by an online [Thoroughfare Plan Amendment Submittal Form](#) and Approved Resolution or Ordinance from the Jurisdictions Governing Body

Background: The RGVMPPO 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 RGVMPPOs UMAP Interactive Map Thoroughfare Plan Data and provide any amendments to the data reflected. The 2022 RGV Amendments Thoroughfare Plan was presented and approved on March 7, 2023, by Hidalgo County Commissioner's Court. Thoroughfare Plan Amendments received were solely from within Hidalgo County.

8. Discussion and interactive SWOT (Strength, Weakness, Opportunities, and Threats) Analysis from RGVMPPO Staff

Action Possible Action Information

Presenter: Javier Dominguez Jr., Transportation Planner I

Summary: The RGVMPPO will be asking the Technical Advisory Committee Members to partake in a SWOT Analysis based on the transportation infrastructure of the region.

Background: On Thursday, July 20th, RGVMPPO staff prepared and presented an MPO 101 to members of the various committees and transportation policy board. Due to time restraints, the SWOT Analysis had to be skipped and it was agreed upon to partake during a future Technical Advisory Committee Meeting and Transportation Policy Board Meeting. Staff would like to record the various committees thoughts on the Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats of our region's transportation infrastructure system.

V. RGVMPPO EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS' REPORT AND UPDATES

Action Possible Action Information

Presenter: Andrew A. Canon, RGVMPPO Executive Director

Summary: Budget Update

VI. STATUS REPORTS

A. TxDOT Project Status Report

Action Possible Action Information

Presenter: TxDOT Area Office Staff

B. Cameron County RMA

Action Possible Action Information

Presenter: Eric Davila

C. Hidalgo County RMA

Action Possible Action Information

Presenter: Ramon Navarro

D. Transit Report

Action Possible Action Information

Presenter: Transit Representative

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 "IN-PERSON" at **10:00 am on October 12, 2023, at the Ken Jones Boardroom – Weslaco**