

**RIO GRANDE VALLEY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (RGVMPO)**  
**TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA**

**Thursday April 11, 2024 – 10:00 AM**

**The RGVMPO Technical Advisory Committee Meeting 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** – May be submitted online or may be submitted on a paper form specifying the matter you wish to address.

**IV. Action & Discussion Items**

**A. Approval of Minute(s) for March 14, 2024**

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

**Presenter:**        **Benjamin Worsham, TAC Chairman**

**Summary:**        Approval of the March 14, 2024, Regular Meeting minutes

**B. Discussion and Action Metropolitan Transportation Plan – RFP Subcommittee Score**

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

**Presenter:**        **Fernando Cantu, RGVMPO Planner III**

**Summary:**        On March 18th, the subcommittee came together to evaluate the two proposals presented by ETSI and TEDSI. The resulting score is as follows:

Study	Firm	Score
Weslaco Loop Corridor Study	ETSI	92.6
	TEDSI	85.9

**Background:**        The RGVMPO selectively outsources tasks that exceed our in-house capabilities or scope. To maintain compliance with the fiscal guidelines and regulations, we adhere to the procurement process established by the LRGVDC, serving as the fiscal agents of our MPO.

**C. Discussion and Possible Action regarding Category 7 Utilization & Carryover**

Action                                       Possible Action                                       Information

**Presenter:**     **Eva Garcia, RGVMPPO Planner III**

**Summary:**     Continuation of the Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Chapter 16 revisions discussion. RGVMPPO Staff will recapitulate questions and comments from the Transportation Policy Board and a summary of the March 2024 meeting with TxDOT's FIN Division.

**Background:**     The Texas Transportation Commission approved Minute Order (MO) 116630 on January 17, 2024, officially amending the TAC. This MO impacts Transportation Allocation Funding Formulas for the Unified Transportation Program (UTP). The new TAC rules will require the RGVMPPO to increase allocation utilization and decrease carryover to prevent the transfer of Category 7 funds exceeding the 200% fiscal year allocation threshold.

**D. Discussion and Action for approval of Federal Functional Classification requests of SL 195 Projects Phase I and II.**

Action                                       Possible Action                                       Information

**Presenter:**     **Luis Diaz RGVMPPO Interim director**

**Summary:**     The RGVMPPO is presenting projects requesting Federal Functional Classification:

- State Loop (SL) 195 Phase I
  - Project Limits: from FM 3167 to FM 755
  - CSJ: 3632-01-001
  - Rural principal arterial
- State Loop (SL) 195 Phase II
  - Project Limits from FM 649 to FM 3167
  - CSJ: 3632-01-002
  - Rural principal arterial

**Background:**     Federal legislation continues to use functional classification in determining eligibility for funding under the Federal-aid program. Transportation agencies describe roadway system performance, benchmarks, and targets by functional classification. As agencies continue to move towards a more performance-based management approach, functional classification will be an increasingly important consideration in setting expectations and measuring outcomes for preservation, mobility, and safety (**Resolution 2024-11 and Resolution 2024-12 to be presented to Policy Board for Approval on April 24, 2024**).

**V. Presentations & Reports**

**A. Presentation and Discussion regarding Active Transportation Media Awareness Campaigns (Education and Encouragement)**

Action                                       Possible Action                                       Information

**Presenter:**      **Eva Garcia, RGVMPPO Planner III**

**Summary:**      RGVMPPO Staff will present members with a summary of annual bike/bus/walk/etc. day/week/months and initiate a discussion regarding the marketing and promotion of the region's hike and bike trails (in addition to safe on-street active transportation infrastructure). Resources will be shared for National Bike Month (May), which is a celebration of biking as transportation, as recreation, as essential to our well-being and everyday lives. In 2024, Bike to Work Week will be celebrated May 13-19, with Bike to Work Day on Friday, May 17, 2024.

**Background:**      Media awareness campaigns present an opportunity to further reach the community through online, print, radio, and television materials. Campaigns can bring more awareness to the region's investments in active transportation facilities and help encourage the use of trails for their many benefits.

**B. RGVMPPO Executive Director's Report and Updates**

Action                                       Possible Action                                       Information

**Presenter:**                      **Luis Diaz, RGVMPPO Interim Executive Director**

**Summary:**                      1. Budget Update

**C. TxDOT Project Status Report**

Action                                       Possible Action                                       Information

**Presenter:**                      **TxDot Phar Area Office Staff**

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

**A. The next RGVMPPO Technical Advisory Committee is IN-PERSON at 10:00am on May 9, 2024.**