

FULL TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE AGENDA
Thursday December 4, 2024 – 10:30 AM
RIO GRANDE VALLEY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO)

*The RGVMPPO 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 October 10, 2024

- Action Information

Presenter: Benjamin Worsham, TAC Chairman

Summary: Approval of October 10, 2024

B. Discussion and Action on FY 24-25 Unified Planning Work Program Amendment #4

- Action Information

Presenter: Fernando Cantu, RGVMPPO Planner III

Summary: The RGVMPPO will be updating the UPWP to incorporate a planning grant awarded to McAllen Metro for Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Planning Projects. According to FTA guidelines, all transit planning projects must be documented in the UPWP. Additionally, the MPO will allocate \$20,000 to Task 3.5: Performance-Base Planning, enabling staff to continue evaluating projects using the performance measures matrix.

Background: A UPWP is a biennial statement of work identifying the planning priorities and activities to be carried out within the Rio Grande Valley metropolitan planning area. At a minimum, a UPWP includes a description of the planning work and resulting products, who will perform the work, time frames for completing the work, the cost of the work, and the source(s) of funds.

C. Discussion and Action on the 2026 UTP – CAT 2 Project List

- Action Information

Presenter: TxDOT Pharr District Staff

Summary: As part of our yearly UTP efforts, we are asking for concurrence on the CAT 2 funded projects presented. Project development status and fiscal constraints were taken into consideration when determining what FY, a project is listed in.

Background: Category 2 addresses mobility and added capacity projects on urban corridors to mitigate traffic congestion, as well as traffic safety and roadway maintenance or rehabilitation. Projects must be located on the state highway system. MPOs select projects in consultation with TxDOT districts using a performance-based prioritization process that assesses mobility needs within the MPO boundaries. Project funding must be authorized by the Texas Transportation Commission.

D. Discussion and Action to recommend a call for planning studies for inclusion in the FY 2025 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Task 5 Special Studies.

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Presenter: Luis Diaz, RGVMPPO Director

Summary: The UPWP is a biannual statement of work that identifies the planning priorities and activities to be conducted in the RGVMPPO area. The UPWP includes a description of the planning work and resulting products, who will perform the work, timeframes for completion, cost estimates, and funding sources.

Background: Grants awarded by federal, state, and/or local agencies for planning activities that are of regional significance, specific studies and transportation planning reports and/or documents as directed by the Transportation Policy Board not traditionally programmed in the UPWP and are non - reoccurring transportation planning activities.

V. Presentations & Reports

A. TxDOT Letting Report

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Presenter: TxDot Pharr District TP&D 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 January 9, 2025.