

**RIO GRANDE VALLEY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
January 8, 2026 - Minutes**

Call meeting to order

Ramon Navarro – Chairman (Hidalgo County RMA) called the TAC Meeting to order at 10:00 AM.

Roll Call

RGVTAC Representatives in attendance were as follows:

MEMBERS PRESENT	
ENTITY	VOTING MEMBERS
Hidalgo County RMA	Ramon Navarro
Cameron County	Anthony Cantu
Hidalgo County	Jorge Arcaute
City of Brownsville	Joel Garza
City of McAllen	Rene Gonzalez
City of Edinburg	Tomas D. Reyna
City of Harlingen	Roberto Hernandez
City of Mission	Edgar Gonzalez
City of Pharr	Maria Rangel
City of San Benito	Monica Rodriguez
Starr County	Absent
TxDot Pharr District	Dora E. Robles
Valley Metro	Absent
Cameron County RMA	Eric Davila
Brownsville Metro	Gennie Garcia
McAllen Metro	Jon Ray Bocanegra
Port of Brownville	Absent
Port of Harlingen	Amy Lynch
Port Isabel-San Benito Navigation District	Jose Morales
Cameron County Spaceport Dev Corp.	Absent
GUESTS/STAFF	
RGVMPO Executive Director	Michael Medina
RGVMPO Staff	

Open comment period: NONE

DISCUSSION AND ACTION

1. Consider approval of the minutes of November 13, 2025.
Presenter: Ramon Navarro, TAC Chairman

Tomas D. Reyna, City of Edinburg, moved to approve the minutes with a correction to Item 1’s presenter. Eric Davila, Cameron County RMA, seconded the motion; the motion carried.

2. Consider recommending the approval of amendments to the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program, 250 Metropolitan Transportation Plan, and 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program for the February 2026 Revision Cycle.
Presenter: RGVMPO Staff

Joel Garza, City of Brownsville made a motion to approve the item. The motion was seconded by Dora E. Robles, TxDOT Pharr District; the motion carried.

Approved: Thursday, February 5, 2026

3. **Consider recommending the approval of an interlocal agreement with the Texas A&M Transportation Institute to perform a special study identified in the FY 2026-2027 UPWP AS Subtask 5.1: international Border Crossings System-Wide Analysis.**
Presenter: RGVMPPO Staff
The board tabled the item for future consideration
4. **Consider recommending the TPB chairperson sign a resolution and adoption of the 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan, 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program, and responses to comments from the 30-day public comment period.**
Presenter: RGVMPPO Staff
The board tabled the item for future consideration
5. **Consider recommending the approval of CAT 7 Request of \$5 Million for a Texas Evacuation Prediction Tool.**
Presenter: RGVMPPO Staff

Rene Gonzales, City of McAllen, moved to approve the item, subject upon the inclusion of comprehensive project scopes and specific financial metrics detailing the funding structure. The motion was seconded by Jose Morales, Port Isabel-San Benito Navigation District, and passed unanimously.

6. **Consider recommending the approval of a resolution to participate in FY2026 STBG Partnership.**
Presenter: RGVMPPO Staff

Dora E. Robles, TxDOT Pharr District, moved to approve the item. The motion was seconded by Joel Garza, City of Brownsville, and passed unanimously.

7. **Consider recommending the approval of the quarterly update to the Project Readiness Report.**
Presenter: RGVMPPO Staff

Dora E. Robles, TxDOT Pharr District, moved to approve the item to include the latest updates. The motion was seconded by Tomas D. Reyna, City of Edinburg, and passed unanimously. The committee will now present the item to the Policy Board, inclusive of all updates received leading up to the meeting date.

PRESENTATIONS & REPORTS

8. **MPO Report**
 - a. Public Participation Plan
 - b. Enhanced Mobility of Seniors & Individuals with Disabilities – Section (FTA) 5310 Program Management Call for Projects. Update.
 - c. Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Grant Program.

9. **Agencies Reports**
TxDOT Letting Update

10. **Adjournment**
There being no further business to come before the RGVMPPO TAC Members, Chairman Ramon Navarro called for a motion to adjourn. Roberto Hernandez with the City of Harlingen made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:33am. The motion was seconded by Jose Morales with Port Isabel-San Benito Navigation District; the meeting was adjourned.