

RIO GRANDE VALLEY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
Technical Advisory Committee
Web-Ex Minutes

May 14, 2020

I) CALL TO ORDER

Pete Sepulveda, (Cameron County RMA) Chairman called the TAC Web-Ex Meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. The RGVTAC Web-Ex Meeting was held remotely with the following TAC Members.

II) ROLL CALL

RGVTAC Representative in attendance were as follows:

MEMBERS PRESENT	
ENTITY	VOTING MEMBERS
Cameron County RMA	Pete Sepulveda, Chairman
City of Mission	JP Terrazas, Vice Chairman
City of Brownsville	Joel Garza
City of Edinburg	Tom Reyna
City of Harlingen	Carlos Sanchez
City of McAllen	Yvette Barrera
City of Pharr	Omar Anzaldua
City of San Benito	ABSENT
Cameron County	Benjamin Worsham
Hidalgo County	Armando Garza, Jr.
TxDOT Pharr District	Melba Schaus
Valley Metro	Frank Jaramillo
Brownsville Metro	Norma Zamora / Antonio Zubieta
McAllen Metro	Jon Ray Bocanegra
Port of Brownsville	Eduardo Campirano
Port of Harlingen	Alan Johnson
Port Isabel-San Benito Navigation District	ABSENT
Hidalgo County RMA	Eric Davila
Cameron County Spaceport Dev. Corp.	ABSENT
STAFF	
RGVMPO	Andrew A. Canon
RGVMPO	Luis Diaz
RGVMPO	Staff

III) PUBLIC COMMENTS

NONE

IV) PRESENTATION, ACTION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Consideration and Action to Approve the Minutes of April 9, 2020

Pete Sepulveda (Cameron County RMA) Chairman asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of April 9, 2020. *No corrections were noted to the minutes of April 9, 2020, City of Brownsville made a motion to approve the minutes as presented by staff. The motion was seconded by the HCRMA; and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.*

B. Consideration and Action to Approve the Off-System Project Evaluation Form

Luis Diaz provided Via WebEx to the TAC members present the updated Off-System Project Evaluation Form and noted that a third workshop was held Via WebEx on May 11, 2020 for discussion and final approval. RGVMPO Staff has applied all recommendations and revisions from the workshops as presented by TAC members. Staff concluded by stating that staff will be seeking final approval to adopt the revised form for future Off System Project Scoring by both the TAC and Policy Committees.

After much discussion on this item, City of McAllen made a motion to approve the updated Off-System Project Evaluation Form with additions and revisions. The motion was seconded by Hidalgo County; and upon a vote, the motion passed unanimously.

E. Discussion on the 2021-2024 TIP Development and Project Reviews

Armando Garza (Hidalgo County) request that (Item E) be discussed and moved before Item “C”, due to his pre-scheduled meeting and excuse himself from this TAC WebEx. Pete Sepulveda (Cameron County RMA) Chairman asked, Staff to move this item up as requested by Mr. Garza.

Andrew Canon noted for the record that this is not an Action item, several “Workshops” will be scheduled with TAC members prior to the 2021-2024 TIP Development and Project Review being presented to the Policy Board for final approval.

Mr. Garza noted that on behalf of Pct #3, the request is to accelerate the following project: Mile 3 from Tom Hill to FM 2221. Mr. Garza noted that Pct #3 has a FONSI, AFA and Right-Away Map, in which the county is requesting to move construction and CE fund from FY2025 to FY2024 in the amount of \$750,000.

Andrew Canon noted that there are several requests being made by other entities as well, to have funds moved from one year to another, but for the record Andrew stated that no funds can be advanced from one year to another year.

Andrew Canon suggested possibly holding a WebEx Workshop prior to the Policy Meeting, to go over how project funds are distributed. Andrew Canon re-emphasized that there is “no additional CAT Funding” available.

NOTES:

- *24 Requests for increased CAT 7 funding - \$ 39,963,656.00
- *28 New Projects requesting CAT 7 funding - \$ 249,2888,906.00
- * 3 Projects requesting additional CAT 2 - \$ 5,057,713.00
- * 2 New Projects requesting CAT 1 Funding -\$ 16,5000,000.00

17 Projects phases requesting acceleration
6 Projects requested to be moved back

- *31 New Projects
- Requested to be added to the 2021-2024 TIP:
- Requested to be added to the 2020-2045 MTP:
- *137 Total Projects Submitted

After much discussion on this item, TAC members and staff were in consensus to hold a WebEx Workshop on Thursday, May 21, 2020 at 9:00 AM. Staff noted that MTP tables will be updated prior to the workshop to address the 31 New Projects.

Pete Sepulveda (Cameron County RMA) Chairman asked that staff provide both the most current MTP and TIP spreadsheets, prior to the Workshop to all TAC members.

F. Discussion on Holding a 2021-2024 TIP Development Workshop

Andrew Canon noted that is was the consensus of the TAC member to hold a FY2021-2024 TIP Development Workshop WebEx - Staff to setup a WebEx, Thursday, May 21, 2020 at 9AM. *No further discussion took place on this item.*

C. Consideration and Action to Approve the Functional Classification Projects

Staff noted that they have received from Hidalgo County Pct. 1 the following requests to be Functionally Classify these projects; however no “New Classifications” are indicated.

FUNCTIONAL CLASSIFICATION SUBMITTALS #1					
ENTITY	ROAD NAME	CURRENT CLASSIFICATION	FROM	TO	NEW CLASSIFICATION
Hidalgo County PCT 1	SH 495 Extension Section 1	Not Classified	FM 1423	FM 493	
Hidalgo County PCT 1	SH 495 Extension Section II	Not Classified	FM 493	Miles 6 Rd	
Hidalgo County PCT 1	FM 1925 Extension Section I	Not Classified	FM 2221	3.1 Miles North	
Hidalgo County PCT 1	FM 1925 Extension Section I	Not Classified	Jarachina Rd.	8.6 Miles East (New Location)	

TxDOT did remind TAC members that this item does need to be approved so that it be part of the TIP.

City of McAllen noted that the current Functional Classifications submittals on these projects for Hidalgo County Pct. #1, are not classified; however, to avoid any delays, City of McAllen recommended that Staff work with Pct. #1 on classifying these Roads as either “Major/Minor Collectors Projects”.

Andrew Canon did apologize to TAC members and noted the intend was to have someone from County participate in this meeting to identify and clarify the classification, before making a recommendation on these projects.

After some discussion on this item, City of McAllen made a motion to approve the Functional Classification Projects; pending Pct.#1 classifying these projects as either Major/Minor Collectors. The motion was seconded by the City of Brownsville; and upon a vote, the motion passed unanimously.

D. Consideration and Action to Approve Resolution 2020-07 Functional Classification Submittals #2

Luis Diaz provided Via WebEx to TAC members present Resolution 2020-07 Functional Classification Submittals #2 as discussed in “Item C” for approval.

After some discussion on this item, City of McAllen made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-07 Functional Classification Submittals #2, pending the Functional Classification on these projects, as requested by TAC Members by Hidalgo County. The motion was seconded by the City of Brownsville; and upon a vote, the motion passed unanimously.

V) RGVMPPO STAFF REPORTS AND UPDATES

- A. **TTI** – Staff noted that TTI will be providing a “Staff – Task Matrix Summary” that will explain observations and potential staffing scenarios, for both TAC and Policy members to review and approve.
- B. **RGVMPO Staff** – Andrew Canon informed TAC Members, that due to COVID-19, RGVMPPO Staff have been alternating days, some work on (MWF and other T and T) working from the office, while the others work from home, until the end of May 2020. Staff are available by email, cell phone and through Microsoft Team. Further updates will be provided as it develops to both the TAC and Policy Committees.

VI) STATUS REPORTS

A. TxDOT Project Status Report

Melba Schaus (TxDOT) provided an updated Via WebEx TxDOT Project Status Report within the RGVMPPO area. The following reports are filed with the May 1, 2020, RGV TAC Packet: 1) Monthly Letting Projects, 2) 2020 Pharr District Letting List; and 3) Non-Added Capacity List. **Report only, no action taken at this time.**

B. Cameron County RMA

Pete Sepulveda (Cameron County RMA) provided an updated presentation Via WebEx on projects that are currently within the Cameron County RMA. All projects are moving forward as scheduled and Cameron County RMA report is filed with the May 1, 2020 RGV TAC Packet. **Report only, no action taken at this time.**

C. Hidalgo County RMA

Ramon Navarro IV, PE, (Hidalgo County RMA) provided an updated presentation Via WebEx on projects that are currently within the Hidalgo County RMA. All projects are continuing to move forward. The Hidalgo County RMA monthly report is filed with the May 1, 2020 RGV TAC Packet. **Report only, no action taken at this time.**

D. McAllen Metro

Jon Ray Bocanegra provided a brief updated report Via WebEx and noted Ridership was 45,284 for the month of March 2020. The McAllen Metro report is filed with the May 1, 2020 RGV TAC Packet. **Report only, no action taken at this time.**

E. Brownsville / Island Metros

Norma Zamora provided a brief updated report Via WebEx and noted for the month of March 2020, Combined Ridership (Brownsville Metro and Island Metro) was at 87,905. The Brownsville Metro / Island Metro reports are filed with May 1, 2020 RGV TAC Packet. **Report only, no action taken at this time.**

F. Valley Metro

Frank Jaramillo provided a brief updated Via WebEx and noted Ridership was 46,276 for the month of March 2020. Valley Metro report is filed with the May 1, 2020 RGV TAC Packet. ***Report only, no action taken at this time.***

VII) NEW OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- **2021-2024 TIP Development Workshop WebEx** - RGV MPO Staff to setup a WebEx, Thursday, May 21, 2020 at 9AM
- **Virtual Public Meeting - FM 2061 (South McColl Road) from SH 107 to Trenton Road** - The virtual public meeting will be held beginning on Tuesday, May 26, 2020 at 6 p.m. and will be available online through the comment period deadline of June 10, 2020. The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is holding an online virtual public meeting to share information on proposed improvements to FM 2061 (South McColl Road) from SH 107 to Trenton Road in Hidalgo County.

VIII) ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the RGV TAC Members, Pete Sepulveda, (Cameron County RMA) Chairman called for a motion to adjourn. The HCRMA made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:10 AM. The motion was seconded by City of Brownsville; and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.