

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

June 11, 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	ABSENT
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	Ariel Chavez, III
Port of Harlingen	ABSENT
Port Isabel-San Benito Navigation District	ABSENT
Hidalgo County RMA	Eric Davila
Cameron County Spaceport Dev. Corp.	Marks Yates
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 May 14, 2020

Pete Sepulveda (Cameron County RMA) Chairman asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of May 14, 2020. *No corrections were noted to the minutes of May 14, 2020, City of Edinburg made a motion to approve the minutes as presented by staff. The motion was seconded by the City of McAllen; and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.*

B. Consideration and Action to Approve FY2021-2024 TIP Text

Andrew Canon provided Via WebEx to the TAC members the FY2019-2022 Transit TIP with the updated Administrative changes and Revisions for Brownsville Metro, Metro McAllen, and Valley Metro. These changes have been made to the RGVMPO in-house document, marked in RED indications, and will also be uploaded to the TxDOT Portal accordingly. The Revisions made to Transit Projects are currently under review through Public Involvement and will need approval from the Policy Board at their next meeting. Staff asked if there are any revisions / additions to the TIP, please submit to staff before June 19, 2020, so that they are included prior to the Policy Board for approval.

Pete Sepulveda (Cameron County RMA) Chairman asked that the FY2021-2024 TIP Text be approved subject to making corrections or additions and that they be submitted to staff, prior to the next Policy Board meeting or by June 19, 2020.

After some discussion on this item, Hidalgo County made a motion to approve the FY2021-2024 TIP Text with RED Mark-ups, and if there are any revisions/additions, they be submitted before June 19, 2020, so that they are included prior to the next Policy Board meeting. The motion was seconded by Port of Brownsville; and upon a vote, the motion passed unanimously.

C. Consideration and Action to Approve FY2021-2024 MTP, Highway/Transit TIPS

Andrew Canon noted that staff is presenting the following documents, FY2021 MTP/Highway/Transit TIPS for approval. Staff noted if corrections or additions are made, they will be highlighted in “RED” accordingly. Any additional comments need to be submitted prior to June 19, 2020, to be included for approval at the June 24, 2020 Policy Meeting.

After much discussion on this item, City of McAllen made a motion to recommend approval of the FY2021-2024 MTP, Highway/Transit TIPS to the Policy Board as presented and any additional comments be submitted to staff by June 19, 2020, so that they are included prior to the next Policy Board meeting. The motion was seconded by the City of Harlingen; and upon a vote, the motion passed unanimously.

D. Consideration and Action on Resolution 2020-08 Regarding Category 7 Projects

Andrew Canon noted that Resolution 2020-08 – Category #7 Funding was a request by Chairman Ambrosio Amos Hernandez, for Construction Purposes only and for discussion amongst the TAC Members. The Policy Board is aware that projects within the 10-Year horizon of the MTP and the (4) Four Year TIP have already been allocated funding and have executed Advance Funding Agreements and therefore this measures shall take full effect beginning with Fiscal Year 2031 and shall remain in perpetuity or until amended by the RGVMPPO Policy Board.

Andrew Canon re-emphasized that there is “no additional “CAT 7” Funding” available, so far, the list provided below are request made:

NOTES:

*24 Requests for increased CAT 7 funding -	\$	39,963,656.00
*28 New Projects requesting CAT 7 funding -	\$	249,288,906.00
* 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

Pete Sepulveda (Cameron County RMA) Chairman suggested to further research the CAT 7 Project Resolution to determine: 1) the impact it is going to have on other projects; 2) how future Stimulus Packages for public in fractures is going to affect Federal Funding and; 3) how it will impact Right Away Projects. After some discussion on this item, Mr. Sepulveda recommended that maybe this item should be further discussed, just so that no projects are impacted

City of Edinburg requested the following: 1)Fact Sheet on the Resolution – what would this Resolution do to projects (what’s eligible and what’s not eligible); 2) If the City acquire all the ROW, will it still trigger environmental; if we don’t have a AFA on the project; and 3)Finally, the City of Edinburg requested a 10-Year history of Category 7 Funding on projects that have been funded and for what propose.

TxDOT noted that this is a local decision that needs to be made by the local officials and Policy Committee, and TxDOT will not be voting For or Against this Resolution. TxDOT will be available for any support, data or any information needed.

After much discussion on this item, City of McAllen made a motion to deny “Resolution 2020-08 Category 7 Projects”. The motion was seconded by Hidalgo County; and upon a vote, the motion passed. TxDOT Abstained.

E. Consideration and Action to Approve Resolution 2020-09 - Functional Classification Projects

Staff noted that they have received from HCRMA and CCRMA the following projects to be Functionally Classified:

FUNCTIONAL CLASSIFICATION SUBMITTALS #3						
ENTITY	ROAD NAME	CURRENT CLASSIFICATION	FROM	TO	LENGTH	NEW CLASSIFICATION
HCRMA	365 Tollway Phase II	Not Classified	FM396	FM US 281 (Military Highway)	12.22 Miles	Principal Arterial
HCRMA	365 Tollway Phase III	Not Classified	FM 1016	FM 396	2.65 Miles	Principal Arterial
HCRMA	IBTC (International Bridge Trade Corridor)	Not Classified	365 Tollway and FM 493	IH-2	13.15 Miles	Principal Arterial
CCRMA	Morrison Road	Not Classified	FM1847	FM 511	4.9 Miles	Major Collector

After some discussion on this item, Hidalgo County made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-09 - Functional Classification Projects as submitted by HCRMA and CCRMA. The motion was seconded by the Port of Brownsville; and upon a vote, the motion passed unanimously.

F. Discussion on Administrative Changes to FY2019-2022 Transit TIP

Rudy Zamora noted that FY2019-2022 Transit TIP has been updated with Administrative changes and revisions for Brownsville Metro, Metro McAllen, and Valley Metro. These changes have been made to our in-house document, marked with “RED” indications, and will also be uploaded to the TxDOT Portal accordingly. Staff will be functioning out of the 2019-2022 TIP until the 2021-2024 TIP is approved. Staff concluded with letting RGVTAC members know that, as soon as the 2021-2024 TIP is approved by FHWA/FTA, the 2019-2022 STIP becomes null and void.

No further discussion took place on this item, City of Harlingen moved to acknowledge report and proceed as discussed. The motion was seconded by the Port of Brownsville and passed unanimously.

V) RGVMPO STAFF REPORTS AND UPDATES

A. Budget Report – Staff gave an update on the RGVMPO Budget and noted “still below budget” year to date. Due to COVID19, invoices have been in back log, extensions of time will be requested for several vendors. *(Report part of the Packet)*

VI) STATUS REPORTS

A. TxDOT Project Status Report

Melba Schaus (TxDOT) provided an updated Via WebEx TxDOT Project Status Report within the RGVMPO area. The following reports are filed with the June 11, 2020, RGVTAC Packet: 1) Monthly Letting Projects Report will start reflecting Projects To Be Let In January 2021 thru August 2021; 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 June 11, 2020 RGVTAC Packet. **Report only, no action taken at this time.**

C. Hidalgo County RMA

Eric Davila, 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 June 11, 2020 RGVTAC 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 down due to **COVID 19** for the month of April 2020, (Total was at 22,782). The McAllen Metro report is filed with the June 11, 2020 RGVTAC Packet. **Report only, no action taken at this time.**

E. Brownsville / Island Metros

Antonio Zubieta provided a brief updated report Via WebEx and noted for the month of April 2020, Combined Ridership (Brownsville Metro and Island Metro) was at 28,571, down by **-84.1%, due to COVID 19**. The Brownsville Metro / Island Metro reports are filed with June 11, 2020 RGVTAC Packet. *Report only, no action taken at this time.*

F. Valley Metro

Valley Metro Representative was not able to provide Via WebEx update; however, report is filed with the June 11, 2020 RGVTAC Packet. *Report only, no action taken at this time.*

**VII) NEW OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS
NONE**

VIII) ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the RGVTAC Members, Pete Sepulveda, (Cameron County RMA) Chairman called for a motion to adjourn. The Hidalgo County made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 AM. The motion was seconded by HCRMA; and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.