

**RIO GRANDE VALLEY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION TECHNICAL  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS  
Special TAC Meeting  
September 22, 2021**

**I) CALL TO ORDER**

Pete Sepulveda, (Cameron County RMA) Chairman called the Special TAC Meeting to order at **3:00PM**. The TAC Meeting was held remotely with the following TAC Members in attendances.

**II) ROLL CALL**

**RGVTAC Representatives in attendance were as follows:**

<b>MEMBERS PRESENT</b>	
<b>ENTITY</b>	<b>VOTING MEMBERS</b>
Cameron County RMA	Pete Sepulveda, Chairman
City of Mission	JP Terrazas, Vice Chairman
City of Brownsville	Joel Garza (ABSENT)
City of Edinburg	Tom Reyna
City of Harlingen	Carlos Sanchez
City of McAllen	Yvette Barrera
City of Pharr	Maria Rangel
City of San Benito	Rick Guerra (Mayor)
Cameron County	Benjamin Worsham
Hidalgo County	Armando Garza, Jr.
TxDOT Pharr District	Melba Schaus
Valley Metro	ABSENT
Hidalgo County RMA	Eric Davila
Brownsville Metro	Antonio Zubieta
McAllen Metro	Jon Bocanegra
Port of Brownsville	ABSENT
Port of Harlingen	ABSENT
Port Isabel-San Benito Navigation District	ABSENT
Cameron County Spaceport Dev. Corp.	Mark Yates
<b>GUEST</b>	
LRGVDC	
<b>STAFF</b>	
RGVMPO	Andrew A. Canon
RGVMPO	Luis Diaz
RGVMPO	Staff

**III) PUBLIC COMMENTS NONE**

**1. CONSENT AGENDAS**

**2.1 Discussion and Action on Public Involvement for the FY 2021-2024 TIP & 2045 MTP - November Revisions and CRRSAA Funds)**

Andrew provided as per TAC members request at the last TAC meeting an email from FHWA notifying Staff, FHWA had allocated some additional funds to the Urbanized areas with a population greater than 200,000. The RGVMPO received a total of **\$9,402,414 (See Attachment)**.

**CRRSA Act, 2021 Program Suballocation:**

<b>MPO</b>	<b>URBANIZED AREA</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
RGVMPO	Brownsville	2,161,668
RGVMPO	McAllen	7,240,746
RGVMPO Total		9,402,414

**Some key things to note:**

- Project must meet the eligibility requirements for urban areas with population > 200,000 (same as Cat 7)
- Available for obligation now through **09/30/2024**
- Once obligated, funds must be spent by **09/30/2029**.  
↳ After this date, any unexpended balance of obligated CRRSAA funds will be cancelled
- Participation: 100% Federal
- Program as Cat 7

Based on these items, we are recommending that the RGVMPO consider utilizing these funds on:

- Construction only for projects that will be/are ready to let in FY 22 or FY 23
- Distribute the funding on a handful of projects (consider 1in Cameron County and 1in Hidalgo County); this will help in monitoring the funding and making sure that it is obligated before the deadline and expenditures are done before the expiration date.
- FPAA will show fixed allocation
- AFA will be required
- Potential STIP revision may be needed

Also requested from Hidalgo County was the letter that was sent on behalf of the Mayors of Mission, Pharr, Edinburg and Commissioner Fuentes dated September 10, 2021, of COVID 19 Relief funds, which are being recommended by FHWA:

<b>MPO</b>	<b>Urbanized Area</b>	<b>Amount</b>
RGVMPO	Brownsville	\$2,161,668.00
RGVMPO	McAllen	\$7,240,746.00
<b>RGVMPO TOTAL:</b>		<b>\$9,402,414.00</b>

The following is the plan to action being requested by the Mayors of Mission, Pharr, Edinburg and Commissioner Fuentes as per letter received, to supplement financial shortage on the projects mentioned below within Hidalgo County.

**Distribution of CRRSAA Funds:**

- 2/3 (7,240,746) = \$4,827,164 allocated to Hidalgo County, City of Mission and City of McAllen; and
- 1/3 (\$7,240,746) = \$2,413,582 allocated to City of Pharr and City of Edinburg

TxDOT noted that no movement has been done in the last year on this project, slow in development, not confident with allocation funds or worried that deadlines might not be met (0921-02-254 – Mile 1 East – FY 2025): Adding **\$327,164** of COVID-19 - Relief Funds (CRRSAA). Andrew noted that he will be meeting with TxDOT and LGs on this project and a statement will be prepared on how this funds/project will move forward, and provide staffs' recommendation at the next Policy Board meeting.

After some discussion on the COVID 19 Relief Funds, Hidalgo County made a motion to approve **the FY 2021-2024 TIP & 2045 MTP - November Revisions and CRRSAA Funds) as recommended by staff. The motion was seconded by City of Pharr; and upon a vote, the motion passed.**

**COVID-19 Relief Funds - (CRRSA) TOTAL: \$9,402,414**

0684-01-068 – SH 550 (GAP II) – FY 2022: Update CONST Cost and Funding  
Adding **2,161,668** of COVID-19 Relief Funds (CRRSAA)

0921-02-327 – Taylor Rd. – FY 2024: Update Funding and **\*Move to FY 2022**  
Swapping **\$4,500,000** of Traditional CAT 7 for COVID-19 Relief Funds (CRRSAA)

0921-02-254 – Mile 1 East – FY 2025: Adding **\$327,164** of COVID-19 Relief Funds (CRRSAA)

0921-02-363 - I Rd. – FY 2024: Update Cost & Funding  
Adding **\$2,413,582** of COVID-19 Relief Funds (CRRSAA)

**IV. NEW OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Public Involvement** – Staff noted that Public Involvement is still taking place, if updates or minors changes need to be done, staff will do so and update accordingly.

**V. ADJOURNMENT:**

**There being no further business to come before the RGV TAC Members, Chairman Sepulveda called for a motion to adjourn. Cameron County made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:45 PM. The motion was seconded by City of Harlingen; and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.**