LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL



AGENDA

MEETINGOFTHE LRGVDCBOARD OF DIRECTORS

Notice is hereby provided that the LRGVDC Board of Directors will hold a Regular IN-PERSON

301 W. Railroad St. Weslaco, Texas

Wednesday, August 27, 2025, at 12:00 P.M

Provide the public with the ability to view the meeting via the

Internet Live-streaming at: <u>LRGVDC COG - YouTube</u>

Presiding: Mayor Norie Gonzalez Garza, President

Item #1: Call to Order

- A. Roll Call
- B. Invocation
- C. Pledge of Allegiance

Item #3: Public Comment

 Item #4: Administration
 Manuel Cruz

 Executive Director

Executive Director

B. Presentation and Consider ACTION Regarding the 2024 Annual Audit......Melissa Gonzalez ,CPA

B. Executive Director Report

- 1. Introduction of New Staff Members
- 2. Updates on Regional News, Funding Opportunities, Training, and Legislation

Item #5: Department Reports

- 1. Consideration and **ACTION** to approve South Texas Clean Cities & Communities Coalition (STC4) bylaws.
- 2. Consideration and **ACTION** to approve South Texas Clean Cities & Communities Coalition (STC4) Stakeholders.
- 3. Consideration and **ACTION** to approve LRGVDC to accept a \$10,000 dollar contract from National Renewal energy Laboratory (NREL) for the purpose of assisting the LRGVDC South Texas Clean Cities & Communities Coalition (STC4) achieve FULL FLEDGED DOE Coalition Status by developing and submitting complete DOE application based on the requirements in the Partnership Structure.

Program Status Reports

- Economic Development Administration
- Regional Small Cities Coalition
- Community & Economic Development Assistance Fund
- Solid Waste Management Program
- Water Quality Program
- Regional Water Resource Advisory Committee
- Rio Grande Regional Water Planning Group (Region M)
- Reservoir Levels
- 1. Consideration and **ACTION** to approve the Direct Purchase of Services (DPS) Contractors List.
- 2. Consideration and **ACTION** to approve the list of Subrecipients providing services under the Older Americans Act-Services Under title III.

Program Status Reports

- Direct Consumer Services
- Care Coordination Services
- Senior Subrecipient & Senior Center Operations
- Home Delivered and Congregate Meal Program
- Special Services
- Care Transition Program
- Ombudsman Program
- Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC)
- Housing Navigator
- Special Initiatives Report
- Information Referral and Assistance

C. Public Safety	ManuelCruz
	Executive Director
Criminal Justice & Homeland Security	Cesar Merla
J	Assistant Director

Program Status Reports

- Committee Meetings: Criminal Justice, Homeland Security and Regional Response Group
- Local Emergency Safety & Planning Meeting within Cameron and Hidalgo Counties.
- Communication with Regional Preparedness with State Counterparts.

- 1. Consideration and **ACTION** to ratify the nomination and appointment of Elsa Police Chief Robert McGinnis and Weslaco Police Captain Alvino Flores to the LRGV Academy Advisory Board.
- 2. Consideration and **ACTION** to amend the LRGV Academy curriculum to include new licensing courses and Mental Health Pilot Program.
- 3. Consideration and **ACTION** to ratify the new Lower Rio Grande Valley Academy Cadet Rules, Policies, and Procedures Manual as recommended and approved by the LRGV Academy Advisory Board.

Program Status Reports

- Inservice Courses
- Officers Trained
- Contact Hours

Program Status Reports

- GIS Division
- 9-1-1 Information Technology
- Community Engagement Division

Valley Metro Status Reports

• Ridership Report

RGVMPO Status Reports

Item #6 New & Unfinished Business

Item #7 Adjourn

NEXT MEETING September 24, 2025

Agenda items may be considered, deliberated, and/or acted upon in a different order than those numbered above. The Board of Directors of the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council reserves the right to adjourn into an Executive (Closed) session at any time during this meeting to discuss any of the items listed on this agenda as authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Chapters 551.071, 551.072, 551.074, and 551.075, Texas Government Code. No final action will be taken in the Executive Session.

PUBLICINPUT POLICY:

At the beginning of each LRGVDC meeting, the LRGVDC will allow for an open public forum/comment period. This comment period shall not exceed one-half (1/2) hour, and each speaker will be allowed a maximum of three (3) minutes to speak. All individuals desiring to address the LRGVDC must sign up to do so, before the open comment period. The purpose of this comment period is to provide the public with an opportunity to address issues or topics under the jurisdiction of the LRGVDC. For issues or topics that are not otherwise part of the posted agenda for the meeting, LRGVDC members may direct staff to investigate the issue or topic further. No action or discussion shall be taken on issues or topics which are not part of the posted agenda for the meeting. Members of the public may be recognized on the posted agenda items deemed appropriate by the Chair as these items are considered, and the same 3minutc

ITEM #2

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MEETING OF THE LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

12:00PM Wednesday June 25, 2025

HELD IN-PERSON AND BROADCAST VIA YOUTUBE VIDEO CONFERENCE. INITIATED AND CHAIRED FROM LRGVDC MAIN CAMPUS - 301 W. RAILROAD STREET, WESLACO, TEXAS BUILDING B, KEN JONES EXECUTIVE BOARD ROOM

PRESIDING: Mayor Norie Gonzalez Garza

Mayor Norie Gonzalez Garza called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m. Roll Call was taken, and as of 12:04 p.m. a quorum was attained.

Present: Mayor Norie Gonzalez Garza

Judge Auerlio Guerra, Willacy County Mayor John Cowen, City of Brownsville Mayor Norma Sepulveda, City of Harlingen Commissioner Pete Garcia, City of Weslaco Commissioner Joey Lopez, Cameron County

Commissioner Ellie Torres, Hidalgo County

Mayor Rosa Perez, City of La Villa

Mayor Sylvia Castillo, Sullivan City

Mayor Oscar Montoya, City of Mercedes

Commissioner Edward Gonzales, City of Raymondville

Mayor Rick Guerra, City of San Benito

Mr. Ron Garza, UTRGV Edinburg Mr. Paul Hernandez, South Texas College

Mr. Luke Lucio, TSTC

Mr. Ron Mills, Willacy Co. Nav. Dist.

Mr. Oscar Garcia, Member-at-Large

Mr. Andres Chavez, Member-at-Large

Ms. Lupita Sanchez Martinez, Grassroots Org

Absent:

Mayor Ramiro Garza, City of Edinburg Mayor David Moreno, City of Donna

Mayor Alejandro Flores, City of Los Fresnos

Mayor Javier Villalobos, City of McAllen

Mayor Ambrosio Hernandez City of Pharr Commissioner Marco Villegas, City of San Juan

Mr. Troy Allen, Delta Lake ID Mr. Jim Darling, Member-at-Large Mayor Norie Gonzalez Garza moved on to Item#2: Approval of Meeting Minutes – May 28, 2025

Item #2: Consideration and ACTION for approval of May 28, 2025, meeting minutes. Ron Mills made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 28, 2025, meeting, with the correction to include Troy Allen in the attendance, as he was present. Ron Garza seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Item #3: Public Comment – No Public Comment currently.

With no further comments and questions, Mayor Norie Gonzalez Garza moved on to Item #4 Administration.

Item #4: Administration

4.A. Mr. Cruz welcomed all attendees, noting a full house and expressing appreciation for everyone taking time out of their busy schedules to attend the meeting. A special welcome was extended to the new Mayor of Sullivan City, Ms. Sylvia Castillo, attending her first board meeting. Additional acknowledgments were made for first-time attendees: Mr. Chavez, Mayor Montoya, Mayor Perez, and Mr. García. The Chair thanked them for their participation and welcomed them to the board. Mr. Cruz mentioned that Texas Gas Services will be conducting a presentation and introduced Ms. Marie Michels. Ms. Michels started off with an overview of recent and upcoming regulatory filings affecting the participating cities. The company currently serves approximately 706,000 customers across 111 Texas communities and employs over 1,000 Texans. In 2024, Texas Gas Service invested \$309 million in its operations, paid \$17.5 million in property taxes, and contributed to communities through over 1,400 employee volunteer hours and charitable efforts.

The representative discussed a pending **rate case filing** (Statement of Intent), which is expected to be officially submitted on **June 30**, **2025**, with materials arriving to cities on or before that date. This filing follows an earlier **GRIP** (**Gas Reliability Infrastructure Program**) interim rate adjustment submitted on **April 25**, **2025**, which is required annually by the Texas Railroad Commission and does not include cost of capital or other key rate components.

Key Points from the Rate Case:

- **Customer Assistance Program**: Introduction of a **residential customer assistance pilot program** offering a 25% rate discount for up to 30,000 qualifying customers.
- **Share the Warmth Expansion**: The company proposes to contribute an additional **\$2 million** to match customer donations to this existing support program.
- Statewide Rate Consolidation: Proposal to consolidate current rate jurisdictions into a single statewide rate structure, which would result in lower rates for customers in the Rio Grande Valley (RGV).
- **Rate Design Changes**: Updates to customer classifications to ensure consistency across all service areas. Customers may switch between small and large classifications but must remain on the selected rate for at least 12 months.
- **Revenue Request**: The company is requesting a **\$41 million** revenue increase to recover expenses from inflation, system growth, safety investments, and compliance.

Benefits and Impacts:

- RGV residential customers would likely see monthly bill reductions due to alignment with statewide rates.
- Consolidation aims to reduce regulatory costs and ensure fair and consistent pricing across all regions.

Regulatory Timeline:

• **Filing Date**: June 30, 2025

Deadline for Cities to Suspend Rates: August 19, 2025

• Final Decision Date (if suspended): November 17, 2025

• Without city action by August 19, the proposed rates may take effect by operation of law.

The presentation concluded with a reminder of available customer support programs, including LIHEAP, payment arrangements, and average payment plans to mitigate seasonal bill fluctuations. The presenter invited questions from the board. Commissioner Joey Lopez asked, Earlier, you mentioned a proposed revenue increase of \$41 million—can you clarify what that figure represents and how it will impact customers? Ms. Michels stated that it was statewide. The Commissioner Lopez asked approximately what percentage of your current total revenue does the proposed \$41 million increase represent? Ms. Michels stated that she did not have that information with her at the time. Commissioner Joey Lopez asked if \$700 million was the total revenue for the state, Ms. Michels states that \$309 million was the total that was invested. Ron Garza then asked if it was income based and Ms. Michels states, yes, the program is incomebased. While I don't have the exact income thresholds, I do know that customers currently receiving state or federal assistance will most likely qualify. Mr. Cruz had a question, Regarding the merger or consolidation you mentioned—if that does not move forward as planned, what would the timeline look like moving forward? Would the company return with another rate increase request, or how would that situation be handled? Ms. Michels responds with so currently we don't have a plan to come in with another filing. Ms. Michels then goes on and states that If consolidation is not approved, we would proceed with separate rate filings for each of the three existing service areas. On a standalone basis, the Rio Grande Valley would not experience the same rate decrease that would occur under a consolidated structure. Mayor Montoya asks if they need a motion to accepting the program, Mr. Cruz states Yes, that is correct. For everyone's awareness, Texas Gas Service uses this platform to communicate important updates directly to elected officials from multiple cities. It's more efficient than visiting each city individually, which isn't always feasible due to time constraints. This meeting allows for broader outreach in a single setting. Typically, we don't provide legal counsel to engage in this process. In the past, the City of McAllen generously allowed their legal team to assist with these matters. If I'm not mistaken, Texas Gas Service usually provides reimbursement for those legal services. Ms. Michels states that any parties that choose to intervene in the rate case are legally permitted to submit their associated expenses, which will be eligible for reimbursement upon conclusion of the case. Mayor Norie Garza then asked, "When is the deadline for notifying Texas Gas Service of a city's intent to intervene in the rate case?" Ms. Michels states August 19th. Mr. Ron Garza noted that, in the past, as Mr. Manny mentioned, the City of McAllen typically took the lead on the legal process, with other cities joining the effort. It was handled as a coordinated, consolidated approach. The board then made motion to acknowledge report. Commissioner Joey Lopez made a motion and Mayor Oscar Montoya seconded that motion, upon a vote motion was carried unanimously.

With no further questions or comments, Mayor Norie Gonzalez Garza moved on to 4.B Executive Director Report.

4.B. Executive Directors Report — Mr. Cruz then states that next is the Presentation by the Weslaco Area Chamber of Commerce on the Texas 1015 Destination Initiative Project. Ms. Barbara Garza, CEO of the Weslaco Area Chamber of Commerce, is present to lead the presentation and present the Chamber's request to the Council. Ms. Barbara Garza, CEO of the Weslaco Area Chamber of Commerce, presented alongside Mayor Adrian Gonzalez regarding a partnership with the Texas International Produce Association (TIPA) to install a monument statue honoring the Texas 1015 Onion, a symbol celebrated annually in Weslaco through the Texas Onion Festival. The 1015 Onion, developed locally by Dr. Leonard Pike, is recognized as Texas's state vegetable and holds significant cultural and agricultural importance to the community.

Ms. Garza explained that the proposed monument would be located at the corner of Railroad Street and Texas Boulevard, potentially on the LRGVDC property, providing a prominent and educational landmark for Weslaco and the Rio Grande Valley. The project would incur no cost to the LRGVDC, with maintenance and installation overseen by the Chamber, TIPA, and the City of Weslaco.

Mayor Gonzalez expressed enthusiasm for the project, noting its significance to the city's agricultural heritage and the opportunity to host what is planned to be the world's largest onion statue.

Ms. Garza concluded by emphasizing the educational and beautification benefits of the initiative, assuring compliance with safety and accessibility standards, and invited some questions from the council. Ms. Barbara Garza stated that the proposed statue is intended to serve as a prototype for a broader initiative. The Texas International Produce Association (TIPA) has issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) seeking artists capable of designing and creating the monument. The base of the statue will feature historical information about the Texas 1015 Onion, including recognition of its developer, Dr. Leonard Pike, and Texas A&M AgriLife, in acknowledgment of their contributions. Mayor Sepulveda expressed support for the project, stating that it is a very exciting initiative for the entire region and could serve as a unique tourist attraction. She inquired about the plans for promoting the monument outside of the local area. One of the initiatives we've already been working on over the past three years is expanding the Texas Onion Festival and it's been incredibly successful. We've seen visitors come in from all over the world, some specifically attending just to receive their free onions. Others have even arranged to ship onions from our local distributors, like Onion House and Tex-Mex Sales, to their homes after the event. So, in that sense, we're already doing a form of international marketing—not just for the festival, but for the City of Weslaco as a whole. When I first joined, the Onion Festival was held at the park and typically drew between 5,000 to 7,000 guests annually. This past year, however, we were able to track attendance of around 35,000 people. It's clearly a growing initiative, and one we're excited to continue promoting, especially in international markets.

On a lighter note, there's something about the festival spirit that even convinced me to participate in the onion-eating contest. So, mayors—if you're ever in Weslaco during the festival—you're more than welcome to join me in the contest. I'll be showing up for the free onions either way!

Mr. Cruz mentioned that the Chamber is simply seeking approval to move forward with this initiative. Nothing has been finalized yet, it's all still in the preliminary stages. Once approval is given, they'll proceed and, later, return to this group with the necessary documents—like interlocal agreements—since this will involve LRGVDC property. Mr. Cruz also emphasized the importance of having everything in legal order, especially since it will involve public engagement. All necessary documents will be brought forward in the future for the board's review and approval. For now, they're just asking for the board's consent to move ahead, unless anyone has objections.

Mr. Cruz then moved on to the Legislative Report. He noted that, as many are aware, the legislative session has officially ended. Recently, there has been a flurry of activity from Governor Abbott, who, as of June 23rd, announced the final count of bills from the 89th Regular Legislative Session: 1,155 bills were signed into law, and 28 were vetoed.

Mr. Cruz stated that he will be sending out information so everyone can access the full list—both the signed and vetoed bills—for review. He also mentioned that a special session is anticipated to begin on Monday, July 21st.

No questions or comments, Mayor Norie Gonzalez Garza then moved on to Item #5 Department Reports.

Item #5: A. Community & Economic Development: Melisa Gonzalez was out so Mr. Javier Dominiquez reviewed the following. Community & Economic Development had one Action item on the agenda for their department.

1. Consideration and ACTION to approve the Interlocal Agreement with Texas State University and the LRGVDC to create a Composting curriculum for the $6^{th}-8^{th}$ graders under the SWIFR Program. Due to a curriculum development issue within Region 1, the TCEQ has approved a partnership between the LRGVDC and Texas State University for the creation of a middle school food composting curriculum. Texas State University has the necessary resources and capacity to complete the curriculum by the deadline of August 31, 2025.

The curriculum will be implemented in schools located in the cities of Mission, Raymondville, Los Fresnos, Mercedes, and Rio Hondo. The goal is to have full implementation in place by September 2025.

Mr. Javier Dominguez noted that the action item at hand is to seek your approval, allowing Mr. Cruz to move forward with signing the master agreement with the Vice President of Research at Texas State University on behalf of the LRGVDC. Mayor Oscar Montoya made a motion to approve the Interlocal Agreement with Texas State University and the LRGVDC to create a Composting curriculum for the 6th-8th graders under the SWIFR Program. Commissioner Edward Gonzales seconded the motion; upon a vote the motion was carried unanimously.

Status Reports: Mr. Javier Dominguez then had two announcements. We want to inform everyone that Region M is currently accepting public comments on the draft Water Plan update. The deadline to submit comments is **July 22**, **2025**. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to him or the staff at the LRGVDC Community and Economic Development Department.

Additionally, we'd like to announce that invitations have already been sent out for our **Annual Regional Small Cities Coalition Workshop**, which will also take place on **July 22**, **2025**, in the **Ken Jones Boardroom**. If you're interested in attending or would like a copy of the agenda in advance, feel free to contact our team—we'll be happy to assist.

No further questions or comments, Mayor Norie Gonzalez Garza moved on to B. Health and Human Services.

B. Health & Human Services: Ms. Margarita Lopez was out so Marifer Posadas would be taking her place. My name is Marifer Posadas, and I'm one of the Program Supervisors with the Area Agency on Aging. I'm filling in today for our Director, Ms. Margarita Lopez.

While there are no action items for this month, I would like to provide a follow-up on the action item from last month regarding the submission of approved letters of support and advocacy packets.

The letter of support that was approved and signed by the Board during last month's meeting has been officially distributed. The complete advocacy packets, including the signed letter, an executive summary report, and several community letters of support—were mailed and emailed to the following congressional offices:

- Senator Ted Cruz
- Senator John Cornyn
- Representative Monica De La Cruz
- Representative Vicente Gonzalez

This fulfills the Board-approved action to advocate on behalf of the agency and its programs in response to the proposed FY 2026 federal budget cuts affecting the Older Americans Act, Medicaid Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS), and Adult Protective Services.

Attached to this report, you will find a copy of the letter that was sent, along with the executive summary that accompanied each advocacy package. Mr. Cruz then stated that following the effort we made, I want to take a moment to thank the staff and the Board for approving The Letter of Support . We did receive acknowledgment from at least three of the congressional offices, which is encouraging.

As part of the process, we initially emailed the letter in advance and then followed up by sending four comprehensive advocacy packages to Washington, D.C., which included the letter of support and related materials. As a result of these efforts, we've seen some movement—there has been reconsideration at the federal level regarding funding for the Older Americans Act. That funding is now expected to move forward, which is a significant step.

However, one key question remains: who will oversee and lead this initiative at the federal level? Historically, the Administration for Community Living (ACL) was responsible, but we're seeing that role diminish, especially as they begin laying off staff. While we now have a better idea of where the funds will be allocated, the administrative leadership is still unclear. Staff is actively monitoring this situation. Once we identify which agency will take on the oversight role, we'll reach out to assess their direction. It would make logical sense to engage Council of Governments that already operate Area Agencies on Aging, given their long-standing experience dating back to 1967. Starting over with a new agency would be inefficient and potentially disruptive.

To summarize, the good news is that funding for the Older Americans Act appears to be secured. The remaining issue is identifying who will administer those funds at the federal level. Mr. Ron Garza added that the central question now is not about local implementation through the COGs, but rather who will take on the administrative role at the federal level. Ms. Margarita Lopez then wanted to share a few words, in the meantime while trying to get her online due to technical difficulties Mr. Cruz added we'd also like to extend our sincere thanks to TARC—the Texas Association of Regional Councils—and to US Aging, our national affiliate. US Aging plays a key role in shaping funding, policy, and procedural matters related to aging services at the national level. They maintain close relationships with key legislators, and we've seen the impact of their advocacy firsthand. Their efforts have been instrumental, and we're optimistic that their continued work has contributed significantly to the progress we're seeing. We remain committed to leading the charge to ensure ongoing funding for vital services that support our older adults and allow us to continue meeting their needs effectively.

Ms. Lopez then wrote a few words that Mr. Javier Dominguez read: I'm pleased to share an important update: the federal administration has officially revised its proposal concerning the Older Americans Act. All programs under the Older Americans Act will now remain within a newly renamed division of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services—the Administration for Children, Families, and Communities. This means there will be no transfer of services to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), and more importantly, no funding cuts to Title III programs, Title D, Title VII, SHIPs, ADRCs, or Adult Protective Services. This is a significant win for the aging network and the individuals we serve.

No further questions or comments Mayor Norie Gonzalez Garza moved on to Public Safety.

C. Public Safety: Criminal Justice & Homeland Security. Mr. Cesar Merla was recognized but Mr. Cruz had an announcement before Mr. Cesar Merla presents his action item and reports, it's important to highlight that this is yet another program facing uncertainty. As many are aware, the administration has proposed phasing out FEMA, the agency responsible for funding our Homeland Security Program. This development also places other programs—such as Criminal Justice—in jeopardy, as they too rely on federal funding.

At this point, we are at a standstill. As of today, there are no new updates. In a worst-case scenario, if FEMA is dismantled, the associated grants would disappear, the department would be dissolved, and there would be no funding to continue these critical programs. However, we are actively working with our partners at both the state and federal levels to advocate for the continuation of FEMA and to secure the necessary funding to sustain these essential services.

1. Consideration and ACTION to approve Homeland Security Advisory Committee's (HSAC) Recommendation for the refund of voluntary monetary contributions to jurisdictions from the Emergency Radio Communications Fund. The Homeland Security Advisory Committee (HSAC) met on June 13 here in the boardroom to review the return of voluntary monetary contributions totaling **\$86,135.50**.

The committee recommends approval of the attached jurisdiction breakdown for the distribution of these funds. These funds were originally designated to support the continued operation of the National Weather Service Spanish Severe Weather Notification System throughout the service region. As shown in the attached breakdown, the proposed allocation reflects an 80% return of the remaining balance to each contributing jurisdiction. The total amount for distribution is \$86,135.50, and this item requires formal approval. Mayor Oscar Montoya made a motion to approve the Homeland Security Advisory Committee's (HSAC) Recommendation for the refund of voluntary monetary contributions to jurisdictions from the Emergency Radio Communications Fund. Commissioner Joey Lopez seconded the motion; upon a vote the motion was carried unanimously.

Status Reports: Mr. Cesar Merla provided Just a few important announcements and updates:

1. De-Escalation Training – Tomorrow

We will be holding our De-Escalation Training for law enforcement tomorrow here at the Ken Jones Boardroom. There are still a few spots available for those who qualify. TCOLE credit will be awarded upon completion.

2. Active Shooter Training – August 12–14

Our three-day Active Shooter Training is scheduled for August 12–14, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in coordination with the Weslaco Office of Emergency Management. The training will be held at KNAPP Medical Center.

We currently have **72 individuals registered**, but there is still room, and we encourage additional participation. Please invite your emergency management personnel, law enforcement, fire officials, and even **Public Information Officers (PIOs)**. The training includes a live simulation and is highly interactive, especially valuable for PIOs who play a crucial role in messaging during such incidents.

3. LISTO RGV Conference

Despite recent developments in the news, we are moving forward with the LISTO RGV Conference as planned. Mr. Javier Dominguez and I have attended several City Commission meetings over the past few months in preparation. The finalized agenda has been provided for your review.

Registration remains open, and the fee is **\$100 per participant**. We encourage everyone to help spread the word.

No further questions or comments Mayor Norie Gonzalez Garza moved on to LRGV Police Academy.

Mr. Javier Solis started off with the first action item on the agenda for his department.

1. Consideration and ACTION to amend a previous action item pertaining to the Purchase of a 2025 Chevrolet Silverado from Lake County Chevrolet in the amount of \$54,848. The LRGV Academy requests cancellation of the previous purchase order and seeks approval of a new purchase order for Caldwell County Chevrolet in the amount of \$52,407. Mr. Javier Solis states that the original vendor failed to deliver the vehicle by the deadline, so we reopened the bidding process and found a different vendor who offered a lower price. Commissioner Joey Lopez made a motion to approve to amend a previous Action item pertaining to the Purchase of a 2025 Chevrolet Silverado from Lake County Chevrolet in the amount of \$54,848. The LRGV Academy requests cancellation of the previous purchase order and seeks approval of a new purchase order for Caldwell County Chevrolet in the amount of \$52,407. Mayor Oscar Montoya seconded the motion, upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.

Status Reports: For the month of June, we offered a total of six in-service training courses.

• Officers Trained: 144

• Total Instruction Hours: 40

Total Contact Hours: 960

Upcoming Training – Fentanyl Detection Seminar (August 16–18, 2025)

We are continuing to promote the upcoming Fentanyl Detection Seminar for Police K-9 Teams, scheduled for August 16–18, 2025. As of now, 36 local police K-9 teams from the Rio Grande Valley have registered. We've also received interest from out-of-state agencies, including teams from Wichita Falls.

This seminar offers a rare opportunity for K-9 units to train with actual fentanyl, not a pseudo-substance. Several slots remain open, and we strongly encourage all agencies with K-9 units to take advantage of this unique and critical training.

Clarification on Fentanyl Training Safety - Provided by Mr. Solis

Mr. Cruz requested clarification on the safety concerns around using fentanyl in K-9 training. In response,

Mr. Solis provided the following:

In partnership with the National Narcotic Detector Dog Association (NNDDA), we developed one of the first safe training protocols for fentanyl detection back in 2021. This protocol was created in collaboration with federal agencies and has been in use by U.S. Customs since 2020—with zero incidents involving canine exposure.

The same protocol is being mirrored for this training. Due to the risks associated with fentanyl, the DEA does not typically provide the substance to local agencies, which is why most departments use pseudo-substances. However, thanks to our partnership with NNDDA, we can offer training with real fentanyl, providing more realistic and legally credible preparation.

The importance of this training lies in court credibility. After completing the seminar, K-9 handlers will receive a certification confirming that their dogs have been trained on actual fentanyl. This strengthens their ability to testify in court, something most teams currently lack.

We've implemented robust safety protocols:

- Narcan will be on-site
- EMS personnel will be on standby
- · Strict handling procedures will be enforced

This is the first time we've hosted this training in the Rio Grande Valley, and we want to reassure all agency administrators that it is safe, well-regulated, and nationally tested.

Mission 228th Academy Update

Mr. Solis also shared an update on the **Mission 228th Police Academy**:

I'm proud to report that all cadets passed their final exam as of yesterday. They're now preparing to take the TCOLE exam next Monday. This has been a high-performing class, with excellent grades across the board. We're confident they'll succeed and look forward to seeing everyone at their graduation on July 15th at 10 a.m. at the Mission Event Center.

New Weslaco Police Academy Announcement

Lastly, we're excited to announce that we've finalized an agreement with the Weslaco Police Department to open a full-time police academy at their location.

Academy Start Date: September 8, 2025

We opened the entrance exam process, and within just three days, we reached full capacity. Currently, we have 83 applications on file. Due to continued interest and several pending applications, we're adding an additional test date to accommodate more candidates. Based on the strong response so far, we anticipate a very successful turnout for the Weslaco Police Academy. This marks a major step in expanding training access in the region.

No further questions or comments from the board, Mayor Norie Gonzalez Garza moved on to Rio Grande Valley Emergency communications District.

Rio Grande Valley Emergency Communications District – Mr. Joe Garcia, Assistant Director, provided a brief report on recent accomplishments and ongoing initiatives:

GIS Division Highlights (Past 6 Months):

- 77 subdivisions completed
- 34 street name requests processed
- 28 utility requests addressed
- 1,534 address tickets resolved
- Developed and implemented the 2026 Training Plan, which has been transformed into an
 interactive story map. This allows GIS mappers to track and check off training modules as they
 complete them.
- A planned meeting with ESRI is scheduled for next month to discuss future initiatives.

9-1-1 IT Division Highlights:

- Conducted MAPFLEX and Power 9-1-1 trainings for all PSAPs in Hidalgo County.
- Rolled out new multimedia translation features, now live in 14 PSAPs. This tool enables real-time video and language translation in over 36 languages, enhancing communication during emergency calls.
- A **cybersecurity assessment** is currently underway to ensure continued system reliability and security.

Special Recognition:

• **Mr. Elias Martinez**, Supervisor at **Edinburg PD**, received a **Public Service Award** for his leadership in the initial launch of the multimedia translation project.

Community Engagement:

The division has led extensive public outreach efforts, including:

- School safety presentations
- Participation in memorial events
- Public safety training sessions
- Community gatherings

Photos and additional details can be found in the packet provided.

No questions or comments from board, Mayor Norie Gonzalez Garza moved on to Item D Transportation Valley Metro.

- D. Transportation Valley Metro: Mr. Tom Logan states that today he will have 4 action items on the agenda.
- 1. Consideration and ACTION to approve updated LRGVDC- Valley Metro Title VI/LEP/EJ Policy. Mr. Logan then states that they recently received a review from TxDOT, and they requested that we update our policy to reflect the current three-year cycle. This includes modifying the policy language and updating the effective dates. As a reminder, this policy must be brought before the board for re-approval every three years. Ron Mills made a motion to approve the updated LRGVDC- Valley Metro Title VI/LEP/EJ Policy. Commissioner Ellie Torres seconded the motion; upon a vote the motion was carried unanimously.
- 2. Consideration and ACTION to approve revised LRGVDC Regional Transit Service Departments Americans with Disabilities Act "ADA" Policy and Procedures. Mr. Logan stated that this was just another updated policy. Mayor Oscar Montoya made a motion to approve the Revise LRGVDC Regional Transit Service Departments Americans with Disabilities Act "ADA" Policy and Procedures. Commissioner Ellie Torres seconded the motion upon a vote; the motion was carried unanimously.
- 3. Consideration and ACTION to approve Executive Directors, under LRGVDC Valley Metro, to initiate and submit funding applications to the RGVMPO call for projects- Category 7 (STBG) & Category 10 (CRP). Mr. Logan then goes on to explain that We are actively advancing four key projects and are optimistic about securing the necessary funding to move them forward. Our priority is fleet replacement, as several of our heavy-duty buses have reached the end of their useful life—defined as 12 years or 500,000 miles. We are seeking funding to replace these aging vehicles. Secondly, we are requesting additional funding to complete the Harlingen Multimodal Terminal. Although we previously received some funding, it proved insufficient to fully cover the project. We did not issue four separate proposals, but we're now seeking the support

needed to bring this terminal to completion. Our third initiative is the Weslaco Multimodal Terminal. We are requesting funding for both architectural and engineering (A&E) work, as well as construction. The environmental review and land acquisition phases have already been completed, and we are now ready to move into final design and construction. *Mayor Oscar Montoya made a motion to approve the Executive Director's, under LRGVDC Valley Metro, to initiate and submit funding applications to the RGVMPO call for Projects-Category 7 (STBG) & Category 10 (CRP). Mr. Ron Garza seconded the motion; upon a vote the motion was carried unanimously.*

4. Consideration and ACTION to approve Amendments to Federal Transit Administration Grants TX-2023-101 and TX-2023-067 for LRGVDC to add Section 5339 Federal Funding to each grant. Mr. Logan added that additional Section 5339 federal funding is being allocated to each grant to ensure the funds are fully utilized before they expire. These funds will support fleet replacement, overhauls, and general maintenance. He also noted that this is a 100% funded grant. Mayor Oscar Montoya made a motion to approve the Amendments to Federal Transit Administration Grants TX-2023-101 and TX-2023-067 to add section 5339 federal Funding to each Grant. Commissioner Joey Lopez seconded the motion; upon a vote the motion was carried unanimously.

Status Reports: Mr. Tom Logan states that Valley Metros' status reports are in the package for your review and if you have any questions feel free to reach out. Mr. Cruz asked Mr. Logan to give a quick update on Zapata. I'd like to express my sincere thanks to Manny and the entire team at LRGVDC for their continued support. We recently hosted a major event in Zapata County to celebrate the launch of the *Zapata Express*—a new daily transit service connecting Zapata to Laredo. The route offers five round trips each day, giving residents access to critical services like medical appointments, employment opportunities, and more.

This service has been in the regional transit plan since 2002. When Valley Metro assumed operations in 2015, the project remained a key priority. After years of planning and persistence, we were finally able to secure competitive funding from TxDOT to operate the service for an initial 24-month period.

At the request of the Zapata County Judge, the service officially launched two days ago. To encourage ridership, we're offering the first 30 days fare-free. We're also carrying out strong promotional efforts to ensure the community is aware of and benefits from this new transportation option.

We've received incredible support from the City of Laredo and Laredo El Metro. We're utilizing their downtown terminal, and they've been instrumental in helping us promote the service. The Laredo Chamber of Commerce is also actively supporting community outreach events.

The route covers about 60 miles, with stops only in Zapata, San Ignacio, and then directly into Laredo's downtown terminal. From there, riders can easily transfer to Laredo Metro's demand-response or fixed-route services to reach destinations throughout the city. The terminal itself is centrally located, with a parking garage and a beautiful park nearby, making transfers smooth and convenient. We're excited about this milestone and look forward to keeping you updated on its progress.

No further Questions or comments, Mayor Norie Gonzalez Garza then moved to Rio Grande Valley MPO.

RGVMPO - No status reports currently.

With no further questions or concerns, Mayor Norie Gonzalez Garza moved on to Item #7. Mayor Norie Gonzalez Garza mentioned that the next meeting wouldn't be till August 27th and reminded the Board that there is no Meeting In JULY.

Item #7: Adjourn: There being no further business to come beformade a motion to adjourn at 1:07pm	ore the board, Mayor Norie Gonzalez Garza
	President, Norie Gonzalez Garza
ATTEST:	r resident, Norie Gonzalez Garza
Liza Alfaro, Recording Secretary	

ITEM #3

PUBLIC

COMMENT

ITEM #4

ADMINISTRATION

ITEM #4.A

PRESENTATION ON REGION 15, REGIONAL FLOOD PLAN

ITEM #4.B 2024 ANNUAL AUDIT

Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council

Audited Financial Report Year Ended December 31, 2024

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Directors of Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the aggregate blended component unit, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the aggregate blended component unit, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council, as of December 31, 2024, and the respective changes in financial position, thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Change in Fund Balance - Governmental Funds

For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

				Total
			G	overnmental
REVENUES	G	eneral Fund		Funds
Federal Grants:	_		_	
Federal Transit Administration	\$	6,937,341	\$	6,937,341
Economic Development Administration		66,016		66,016
Total Federal Grants		7,003,357		7,003,357
State Grants:				
Texas Health and Human Services Commission		9,841,182		9,841,182
Commission on State Emergency Communications		1,644,536		1,644,536
Texas Department of Transportation		3,658,838		3,658,838
		319,785		319,785
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality		*		
Texas Department of Transportation/MPO Office of the Governor		2,051,851		2,051,851
		656,775		656,775
Texas Water Development Board		1,366,173		1,366,173
Texas Department of Agriculture		8,425		8,425
General Land Office		3,184		3,184
Housing and Urban Development		127,731		127,731
Other		- 10 (70 100		- 10 (50 100
Total State Grants		19,678,480		19,678,480
Local Revenues				
RGV Emergency Communication District (9-1-1)		3,467,846		3,467,846
Contributions		2,365,715		2,365,715
Membership Dues		248,275		248,275
Other Revenues		2,818		2,818
Total Local Revenues		6,084,654		6,084,654
Total Revenues	\$	32,766,491	\$	32,766,491
2000/2070/0000		22,700,131	<u> </u>	02,700,121
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>				
Direct Salaries	\$	6,399,130	\$	6,399,130
Indirect Salaries		1,018,198		1,018,198
Employee Benefits				
Direct Salaries		3,496,668		3,496,668
Indirect Salaries		556,825		556,825
Indirect Costs Other Than Personnel		489,075		489,075
Consultant and Contracted Services		11,122,332		11,122,332
Travel		256,486		256,486
Consumable Supplies		83,573		83,573
Other Costs		9,178,070		9,178,070
Non-Matching Expenditures		42,390		42,390
Debt Service - Principal		82,638		82,638
Debt Service - Interest		41,106		41,106
Total Expenditures		32,766,491		32,766,491
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES		-		-
N. Cl F. In I				
Net Change in Fund Balance		-		-
Fund Balance - Beginning of Year		33,917	_	33,917
Fund Balance - End of Year	\$	33,917	\$	33,917

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

Statement of Net Position December 31, 2024

	Primary G	overnment
	Governmental	
<u>ASSETS</u>	Activities	Total
Current Assets:		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 15,751,491	\$ 15,751,491
Cash - Restricted	4,921,182	4,921,182
Grant Receivables	8,417,062	8,417,062
Prepaid Expenses	115,584	115,584
Total Current Assets	29,205,319	29,205,319
Noncurrent Assets:		
Capital Assets (Net of Accumulated Depreciation)	20,282,962	20,282,962
Other Assets	99,128	99,128
Total Noncurrent Assets	20,382,090	20,382,090
Total Assets	49,587,409	49,587,409
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES		
Aggregated Deferred Outflows	_	_
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources		
Total Deletted Outflows of Resources		
<u>LIABILITIES</u>		
Current Liabilities:		
Accounts Payable	6,974,203	6,974,203
Payroll Liabilities	-	-
Accrued Wages Payable	233,123	233,123
Other Accrued Expenses	147,056	147,056
Unearned Revenues	21,677,445	21,677,445
Held for Others	58,239	58,239
Current Portion - Leases	136,095	136,095
Current Portion - Long Term Debt	86,434	86,434
Compensated Absences	180,464	180,464
Total Current Liabilities	29,493,059	29,493,059
N		
Noncurrent Liabilities:	74.045	74.045
Long Term Lease Liability	74,945	74,945
Long Term Debt	781,973	781,973
Total Noncurrent Liabilities	856,918	856,918
Total Liabilities	30,349,977	30,349,977
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES		
Aggregated Deferred Inflows		
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources		-
NET POSITION		
Investment in Capital Assets	19,203,515	19,203,515
Unrestricted	33,917	33,917
Total Net Position	\$ 19,237,432	\$ 19,237,432
TOTAL FUSITION	φ 19,437,432	φ 17,431,434

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Change in Fund Balance Budget and Actual - General Fund (Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis) For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

DEVIENTIES	Dudget	Amounts	Actual	Final
REVENUES	Original	Amounts Final	Budget Basis	Variance Budget Basis
Federal Grants	Original	Tillal	Dasis	Dudget Dasis
Federal Transit Administration	\$14,291,489	\$14,291,489	\$ 6,937,341	\$(7,354,148)
Economic Development Administration	70,000	70,000	66,016	(3,984)
Total Federal Grants	14,361,489	14,361,489	7,003,357	(7,358,132)
State Grants				
Texas Health and Human Services Commission	8,335,554	8,335,554	9,841,182	1,505,628
Commission on State Emergency Communications	1,725,000	1,725,000	1,644,536	(80,464)
Texas Department of Transportation	3,075,008	3,075,008	3,658,838	583,830
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality	260,443	260,443	319,785	59,342
Texas Department of Transportation/MPO	2,410,771	2,410,771	2,051,851	(358,920)
Office of the Governor	601,629	601,629	656,775	55,146
Texas Water Development Board	2,681,402	2,681,402	1,366,173	(1,315,229)
Texas Department of Agriculture	-	-	8,425	8,425
General Land Office	-	-	3,184	3,184
Housing One Urban Development	-	-	127,731	127,731
Other State Programs				
Total State Grants	19,089,807	19,089,807	19,678,480	588,673
Local Revenues				
RGV Emergency Communication District (9-1-1)	3,706,293	3,706,293	3,467,846	(238,447)
Contributions	2,799,001	2,799,001	2,365,715	(433,286)
Membership Dues	253,572	253,572	248,275	(5,297)
Other Revenues			2,818	2,818
Total Local Revenues	6,758,866	6,758,866	6,084,654	(674,212)
Total Revenues	\$40,210,162	\$40,210,162	\$ 32,766,491	\$(7,443,671)

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LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Change in Fund Balance Budget and Actual - General Fund (Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis) For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

			Actual	Final
	Budget A	Amounts	Budget	Variance
	Original	Final	Basis	Budget Basis
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>				
Direct Salaries	\$ 6,087,775	\$ 6,087,775	\$ 6,399,130	\$ (311,355)
Indirect Salaries	1,112,946	1,112,946	1,018,198	94,748
Employee Benefits				
Direct Salaries	3,060,705	3,060,705	3,496,668	(435,963)
Indirect Salaries	559,434	559,434	556,825	2,609
Indirect Costs Other Than Personnel	673,290	673,290	612,819	60,471
Consultant and Contracted Services	11,477,748	11,477,748	11,122,332	355,416
Travel	206,231	206,231	256,486	(50,255)
Consumable Supplies	112,366	112,366	83,573	28,793
Other Costs	16,919,667	16,919,667	9,178,070	7,741,597
Non-Matching Expenditures			42,390	(42,390)
Total Expenditures	40,210,162	40,210,162	32,766,491	7,443,671
Net Change in Fund Balance				
Fund Balance - Beginning of Year	33,917	33,917	33,917	
Fund Balance - End of Year	\$ 33,917	\$ 33,917	\$ 33,917	\$ -

LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs Year Ended December 31, 2024

A. Summary of Auditor's Results

1 Financial Statements Type of Report Issued:		UNMODII	FIED		
Internal control over fina	incial reporting:				
	ne or more material weaknesses identified?		YES	X	NONE REPORTED
	ne or more significant deficiencies identified at are not considered to be material weaknesses?		YES	X	NONE REPORTED
	to financial statements notes?		YES	X	NONE REPORTED
2 Federal and State Award Internal control over maj					-
Or	ne or more material weaknesses identified?		YES	X	NONE REPORTED
	ne or more significant deficiencies identified at are not considered to be material weaknesses?		YES	X	NONE REPORTED
Type of auditor's report i major programs:	ssued on compliance for	UNMODI	FIED		
•	osed that are required to be reported on 200.516 (B) of Uniform Guidance?		YES	X	NO
Identification of major process CFDA 20.507, 20.526 20.509 20.513, 20.516, 20.521 93.052	Name of Federal and State Program or Cluster Federal Transit Cluster Formula Grants for Rural Areas and Tribal Tr Transit Services Programs Cluster National Family Caregiver Support, Title III, Proposition 8 - Broadband Infrastructure Fund	ransit Progra Part E	am		
Dollar threshold used to type A and type B progra		Federal \$750,000		State \$750,000	- -
Auditee qualified as low	-risk auditee?	X	YES	X	YES
B. Financial Statement F	indings				
No	one				
C. Federal and State Awa	ard Findings				

ITEM #4.C QUARTERLY INVESTMENT REPORT

LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL QUARTERLY INVESTMENT REPORT APRIL 1, 2025 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2025

This quarterly report of pooled fund investments fully complies with the written investment policy and investment strategy approved by the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council Board of Directors. It fully complies with the relevant portions of the Public Funds Investment Act.

Investments in TexPool Prime:	Beginning Balance	Deposits	Withdrawals	Interest	Ending Balance
Water Plan	82,513.82	-	-	916.32	83,430.14
RGV 911 District	9,024,455.42	-	-	100,216.57	9,124,671.99
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality	254,845.25	-	(26,245.00)	2,590.36	231,190.61
Transit	1,039,877.99	-	-	11,547.85	1,051,425.84
Texas Water Development Board	10,654.84	90,670.80	-	957.65	102,283.29
GLO - Closing Costs	151,274.23	-	-	1,679.89	152,954.12
Kari's Law	71,523.15	-	-	794.26	72,317.41
Tire Project	25,880.48	-	-	287.40	26,167.88
Hidalgo County Active Mobility Plan - Local	197,801.84	66,658.53	-	2,928.62	267,388.99
RGV Explorer	45,618.66	-	-	506.61	46,125.27
TOTAL	10,904,445.68	157,329.33	(26,245.00)	122,425.53	11,157,955.54

LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL QUARTERLY INVESTMENT REPORT APRIL 1, 2025 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2025

	Beginning				Ending
Investments in TexPool:	Balance	Deposits	Withdrawals	Interest	Balance
FIF - TWDB - Escrow Account	4,893,376.75	-	(110,517.37)	52,028.32	4,834,887.70
FIF - TWDB	239,750.17	110,517.37	(104,377.52)	2,668.35	248,558.37
TOTAL	5,133,126.92	110,517.37	(214,894.89)	54,696.67	5,083,446.07
GRAND TOTAL	16,037,572.60	267,846.70	(241,139.89)	177,122.20	16,241,401.61

TexPool Rate as of June 30, 2025 - 4.3520%

Crystal Balboa Director of Finance

ITEM #4.D

ADMINISTRATION RATIFICATION OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ACTION

Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council

Board of Directors

Wednesday August 27, 2025

1. Consideration and ACTION for the LRGVDC Executive Committee to Approve the acquisition of vehicles (transit buses) under TXDOT and FTA Section 5339 - Rural Bus and Bus Facilities Program approved Grants for LRGVDC Valley Metro.

This executive request is an amendment to the September 25, 2024, Board Meeting, transit action Item #1 "Consideration and ACTION to Approve Acquisition of Vehicles under State approved Grant for LRGVDC Valley Metro." Amendment will consist of additional FTA grant funding (listed below) to complete the overall project acquisition cost of 10 StarCraft Allstar, Type G - 26' 20 Passenger Rear Lift vehicles.

A formal procurement has been conducted for this requisition resulting in the recommendation to award vendor Model 1, using State of Oklahoma Contract. Valley Metro is seeking Executive Committees approval to proceed with award and purchase order followed by ratification on the next Board Meeting scheduled for August 27, 2025. Due to the uncertainty of market and future stock conditions, I request to have the Executive Committee approval by the o8th of August to be able to lock the price and stock. Changes to pricing would nullify evaluation factors from the procurement process, further delaying the purchase of these parts as well as increased costs. This State and Federal approved Grant is essential for the operations of the transit agency, encompassing any forthcoming expenses related to the awarded State "TXDOT" and Federal "FTA" funding listed below, as long as funding remains available and necessary for overhaul, maintenance, and operational needs. The overhaul project will adhere to LRGVDC procurement guidelines.

1.	TXDOT	Grant #	5339-D-2025-LRGVDC-00014	;	\$1,073,508.00
2.	FTA	Grant #	TX-2021-103		\$ 547,264.00
3.	FTA	Grant #	TX-2023-067		\$ 49,014.25

Funding will go toward the acquisition of ten public transportation vehicles:

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The LRGVDC Valley Metro has identified a need to acquire vehicles and to ensure the efficient and reliable operation of its transit services. These efforts are part of a broader strategy to enhance service quality, meet increasing demand, and maintain compliance with safety and environmental standards. Funding for these activities is available through State and Federal approved grants.

Part I

May 23, 2025



State of Oklahoma Contract

SW0797C FY 2024

Preparer: Jeffrey Johnson

Base Model

2023 Starcraft Allstar -Option for Chevy 4500 Chassis

Options: \$ 14,784.00

Base Model Price: \$ 128,815.00

STARCRAFT BUS a division of Forest River, Inc.

Unpublished Options: \$ 19,769.63

Other Available Options \$ 3,610.00

Quotation Good for 30 days

Total #

 Vehicle Length
 Lift Position
 WC Positions
 Passengers
 CDL Required

 26
 rear
 2
 20
 yes

QTY Vehices: 10

Total Contract Price: \$

1,669,786.25

Per Vehicle Price: \$ 1

166,978.63

Customer Info
Customer: LRGVDC

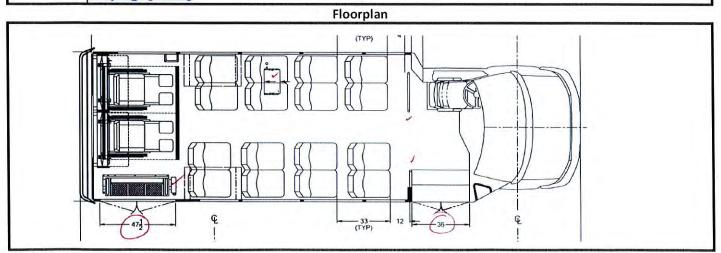
Address: 301 W. Railroad Bldg. A Weslaco, TX 78596

Contact: Felipe Lopez

Office Phone: 956-682-3481 ext. 324

lobile Phone:

E-Mail: FLopez@lrgvdc.org



OTHER AVAILABLE OPTIONS

Organization

I	Qty	Description	F	Y 2023 List Price	QTY Total
	1	GM G4500 chassis in lieu of Ford chassis	\$	3,610.00	\$ 3,610.00
-	-	Subtotal I	Man	ufacturer Options:	\$ 3,610.00



Qty	Description	FY 2	023 List Price	-	QTY Total
1	Back-Up Monitor System	\$	711.90	\$	711.90
1	Driver's Modesty Shield-Required	\$	204.12	\$	204.12
1	Outside Passenger Door Switch	\$	123.48	\$	123.48
1	Bus Camera System	\$	4,347.00	\$	4,347.00
1	Street Side Exhaust	\$	245.70	\$	245.70
1	Destination Sign	\$	4,956.00	\$	4,956.00
1	Bicycle Racks	\$	3,991.68	\$	3,991.68
1	Delete Yellow Powder Coating on Handrails, Grab Rails, and Stanchions (Price Reduction)	\$	(138.60)	\$	(138.60)
1	Side Door Slide Out Battery Box	\$	315.00	\$	315.00
1	Extra Seat Belt Extension	\$	27.72	\$	27.72
	Subtotal Manufacturer Options:			\$	14,784.00

CBS UNPUBLISHED OPTIONS

Qty	Description	FY 2023 List Price	QTY Total
1	Double Seat	\$1,968.00	\$1,968.00
1	Credit for single seat	(\$984.00)	(\$984.00)
1	Delivery to Weslaco	\$2,840.00	\$2,840.00
1	Seon Camera System Upgrade	\$6,500.00	\$6,500.00
1	Full body Paint-Yellow-Need Paint Code	\$11,945.63	\$11,945.63
1	Model1 Credit	(\$2,500.00)	(\$2,500.00)
	Subtotal CBS Unpublished Options:		\$19,769.63

ITEM #4.E

ADMINISTRATION ACTION ITEM

Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council

Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, August 27, 2025

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AdministrationManuel Cruz

E. Consideration and ACTION to Execute Engagement Letter for Legal Services for Special Legal Counsel with DNRBS&Z.

Having legal counsel engaged with the board ensures that decisions are made responsibly, ethically, and in compliance with applicable laws. Counsel helps protect both the organization and its board members from legal and financial risks, provides guidance on contracts and policies, and ensures that governance practices are transparent and accountable. This legal oversight strengthens stakeholder confidence and supports the board in fulfilling its fiduciary and strategic responsibilities.

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O 956-421-4904 | F 956-421-3621

VIA EMAIL: flopez@lrgvdc.org

July 28, 2025

Mr. Manuel "Manny" Cruz Executive Director Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council 301 W. Railroad, Building Weslaco, TX 78596

Re: Engagement Letter for Legal Services – Special Counsel

Dear Executive Director Cruz:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide Special Counsel Legal services for the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council (the "LRGVDC"). Below, provided for your review, are our rates for the scope of services requested for Special Counsel.

I, Rebecca S. Hayward, will be the supervising Partner and the attorney performing the legal work for the LRGVDC. DNRBS&Z has found that the practice of billing clients on an hourly basis for work completed, and with invoices submitted monthly, works best for our clients and us. Our invoices are due on receipt and are past due after thirty days. Effective January 1, 2025, the current engagement will be billed as either Special Counsel or Direct Hire Litigation Rates, and our hourly billing rates for the different levels of engagement are as follows:

Special Counsel Rates: \$300.00 per hour for Partners; \$275.00 per hour for Senior Associates; \$250.00 per hour for Associates; and \$125.00 per hour for Paralegals. This includes your day to day questions along with attention any LRGVDC board meetings.

Direct Hire Litigation Rates: Attorney Rebecca Hayward \$250; Attorney Robert Drinkard \$250; Attorney John-Michael Hayward \$225; Attorney Camela Sandmann \$225; Attorney Yolanda Jarmon-Morgan \$225; Attorney Allison Bastian-Rodriguez \$200; Paralegal Deidre Carter Briscoe \$120; Paralegal Veronica Duron \$110; Paralegal Carmen Antol \$110; Paralegal Norma Delgado \$100; Paralegal Angelica Martinez \$100; and Legal Assistant Joselin Jimenez \$55. This could include any litigation not otherwise covered by your risk pool.

All related travel or other expenses are charged "at cost" with no "mark-up" and all related mileage is charged by multiplying the actual miles traveled by the then current IRS rate. Copy rates are .20 cents per page, color copies are .70 per page, and fax rates are .50 cents per page. We do not charge Westlaw, Lexis, or any other online research fees. All invoices shall be sent by email unless you direct otherwise. Once we are able to formally review documents and create a plan, we can provide a better idea of the overall cost of the project.

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It is understood that the information exchanged between you, your representatives, and the Firm is subject to the lawyer-client relationship and is therefore both privileged and confidential. All communications and information are subject to the confidentiality provisions of Rule 1.05 of the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct and Rule 503 of the Texas Rules of Evidence.

Pursuant to State law, the Firm recognizes that the LRGVDC may not enter into a contract with a company for goods and services unless the contract contains a written verification from the company that it; (i) does not boycott Israel; and (ii) will not boycott Israel during the term of the contract (Texas Government Code, Chapter 2270.002). As such, the Firm hereby verifies that it does not boycott Israel, and agrees that, during the term of this Agreement, will not boycott Israel as that term is defined in the Texas Government Code, Section 808.001, as amended. Further, the Firm hereby certifies that it is not a company identified under Texas Government Code, Section 2252.152 as a company engaged in business with Iran, Sudan, or Foreign Terrorist Organization.

Non-Boycott of Energy. Pursuant to Texas Senate Bill 13 (2021), Contractor certifies that either (i) it does not boycott Israel and will not boycott energy companies; and (2) will not boycott energy companies during the term of the contract resulting from this solicitation. Contractor shall state any facts that make it exempt from the boycott certification as an attachment to this agreement.

Non-Boycott of Firearm Entity. Pursuant to Texas Senate Bill 19 (2021), Contractor certifies that it: (a) does not have a practice, policy, guidance, or directive that discriminates against firearm entity or firearm trade association; and (b) will not discriminate during the term of the contract against a firearm entity or firearm trade association.

Please execute this letter in the space provided below to acknowledge formal acceptance of the terms and conditions of our engagement on behalf of the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council. Please return the executed letter to our office via facsimile at (956) 421-3621 or by email at rshayward@rampagelaw.com.

We look forward to working with you and LRGVDC officials as needed. If you have any questions or need clarification regarding the above information, please do not hesitate to contact me at (956) 421-4904.

Very truly yours,

DENTON NAVARRO RODRIGUEZ BERNAL SANTEE & ZECH A Professional Corporation

Rebecca S. Hayward

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ACCEPTED:	
Manuel "Manny" Cruz, Executive Director Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council	Date

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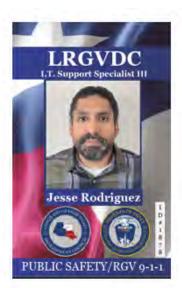
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ITEM.4.B ADMINISTRATION EXECUTIVE REPORT

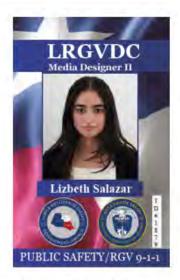
ADMINISTRATION

JULY & AUGUST NEW HIRES

New Hires/Promotions



HIRE DATE: July 7, 2025 Jesse Rodriguez I.T Support Specialist III Public safety (RGV 9-1-1)



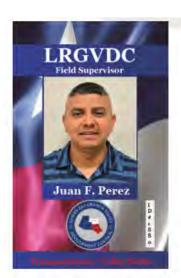
HIRE DATE: July 7, 2025 Lizbeth Salazar Media Designer II Public Safety (RGV 9-1-1)



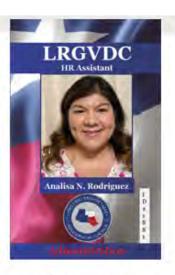
HIRE DATE: JULY 24, 2025
Melisa Gonzales
Promotion – Director
Community & Economic Development



HIRE DATE: July 21, 2025 Leticia Gazca Field Supervisor (Promotion) Transportation Valley Metro



HIRE DATE: July 21, 2025 Juan F. Perez Zavala Field Supervisor Transportation (Valley Metro)

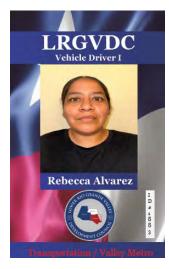


HIRE DATE: July 21, 2025 Analiza N. Rodriguez HR Assistant Administration

New Hires

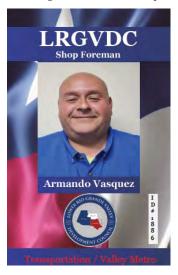
New Hire Date: August 4, 2025,

Rebecca Alvarez Vehicle Driver I Transportation Valley Metro



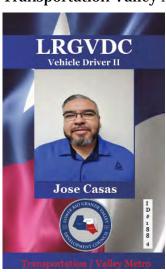
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Armando Vásquez Shop Forman Transportation Valley Metro



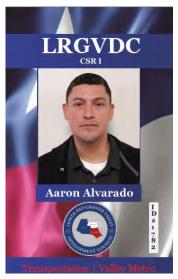
New Hire Date: August 4, 2025,

Jose Casas Vehicle Driver II Transportation Valley Metro



New Hire Date: August 18, 2025

Aaron Alvarado Customer Service Representative I Transportation Valley Metro



ITEM #5. A.

COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council

Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, August 27, 2025

Item #5: Community & Economic Development

A. Community & Economic Development

Program Action Item

1. Consideration and ACTION to Approve South Texas Clean Cities & Communities Coalition STC4) Bylaws.

On June 27, 2025, STC4 convened to conduct a comprehensive review and finalization of its bylaws. During this meeting, stakeholders engaged in detailed discussions to ensure that all provisions were clear, aligned with the organization's objectives, and compliant with relevant regulations. The finalized bylaws will serve as the guiding framework for the committee's operations and governance moving forward.

South Texas Clean Cities and Communities Coalition (STC4) Bylaws

Mission

The mission of the South Texas Clean Cities and Communities Coalition is to promote regional economic, environmental, and energy security by advancing affordable alternative transportation fuels, fuel-saving technologies, and sustainable mobility practices through regional partnerships, infrastructure, and projects.

Background

The Clean Cities & Communities (CC&C) program is a national network focused on enhancing the country's economic, environmental and energy security, via transportation initiatives. The Department of Energy (DOE) supports this initiative through local coalitions that promote affordable alternative transportation technologies.

The South Texas Clean Cities and Communities Coalition (STC4) is established as a CC&C partnership serving 18 counties in South Texas including the boundaries of the Coastal Bend Council of Governments, the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council, and the South Texas Development Council.

The Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council, a regional planning commission, will host the STC4 and employ the Coalition Director, who will oversee meetings, programming, and reporting to the DOE. STC4 will collaborate with other regional clean cities and communities coalitions and local partners to ensure comprehensive coverage and implementation of affordable alternative transportation initiatives. Additionally, STC4 will partner with other coalitions across Texas to optimize fund usage, broaden services between our home office and adjacent coalitions, and ensure alignment and coordination on both regional and statewide initiatives and collaborative efforts.

Purpose

The STC4 Advisory Committee is an advisory board of regional organizations that provides oversight, guidance, and support for coalition activities. The Committee broadly represents the diverse interests and needs of the transportation and efficient fuel option sectors in South Texas.

The Committee aims to provide consensus-based advice and recommendations to the Coalition regarding policies and projects. This guidance will also consider the community's future economic growth. Additionally, the Committee will review policy and planning proposals from local, state, and federal agencies to assess their impact on fuel use and recommend appropriate strategies to mitigate or leverage those impacts. Through participation in committee meetings, stakeholders will help inform and engage the public on sustainable transportation practices in South Texas

Membership vs. Stakeholders

1. Stakeholders:

- a. Stakeholders are voting members who can serve on the Board of Directors. The number of stakeholders for the organization will range between 9 to 17, representing the three regions within the boundaries of the Councils of Governments
- b. **Term and Renewal:** Stakeholders will serve a two-year term, with the option to renew for additional terms, subject to approval by a majority vote of the Committee
- c. **Attendance and Participation:** Stakeholders or their designated alternates are expected to attend at least 75% of meetings each year. Stakeholders who fail to attend more than three (3) meetings within a year may be considered for replacement.
- d. **Stakeholder Responsibilities:** Stakeholders will assist the Coalition Director with data collection and reporting for DOE communications when possible and participate in relevant subcommittees as needed.
- e. **Removal of Stakeholders:** Stakeholders may be removed by a majority vote if they fail to meet attendance or participation requirements or are no longer aligned with the Coalition's mission and goals.

2. Membership:

a. Membership is considered entities seeking to join the coalition to gain access to the benefits and resources provided by the organization. While membership can engage in coalition activities and benefit from coalition resources, they do not have voting rights or eligibility to serve on the Board of Directors.

Governance and Operations

- A. **Advisory Role:** The Committee serves as an advisory body to the Coalition Director and staff, providing recommendations and oversight.
- B. **Respect and Collaboration:** Members will engage respectfully, recognizing diverse perspectives and expertise.
- C. **Decision-Making:** The Committee will strive to achieve consensus on recommendations. When consensus is not achievable, decisions will be made by a majority vote.
- D. **Subcommittees:** The Committee may form subcommittees to address specific tasks or initiatives and present their findings and recommendations to the Committee. Subcommittees would be led by a member of the Executive Committee.
- E. **Voting Rights and Procedures:** Each Committee member will have one vote. Proxy voting is allowed if a designated alternate is present.
- F. **Meeting Frequency:** Committee meetings will be held in a hybrid format at least quarterly, with additional meetings scheduled as needed. Special meetings may be convened by the Chair or Coalition Director with at least 24 hours' notice. At least one quarterly meeting a year will be held in person.

G. **Quorum Requirements:** For the purpose of the transaction of business by the STC4, a quorum shall be a simple majority of the members present with no less than five (5) persons present for the quorum. Whenever possible, decisions will be reached through consensus. When consensus is not possible, a vote will be taken. In the event of a tie vote, the tie will be broken by the presiding officer.

H. Vacancies:

- a. A vacancy occurs when:
 - i. Term expires without reappointment
 - ii. Stakeholder voluntarily resigns
 - iii. Stakeholder is physically unable to perform duties of committee; or
 - iv. Disqualification of representation
 - v. STC4 Advisory Committee removes committee member due to conduct or other business-related reasons.
- b. Vacancies shall be filled through a committee-level selection and recommendation process and approved by the STC4 Committee. The recommendation process shall consist of an announcement of the vacancy at the STC4 committee's quarterly meeting or a recommendation form. The committee will then review the qualifications and make a recommendation for approval.

Executive Committee

- 1. **Election of Officers:** The Committee will elect a Chair, a Vice Chair, and a Vice Chair Elect every two years. The Chair, Vice Chair, and Vice Chair Elect may not be from the same Council of Governments boundary to ensure representation from the three regions at all times.
- 2. **Chair Responsibilities:** The Chair will preside over meetings, approve meeting agendas prepared by the Coalition Director, direct Committee decision-making, and assume Coalition Director duties in the event of a vacancy.
- 3. **Vice Chair Responsibilities:** The Vice Chair will support the Chair and assume their responsibilities when the Chair is absent.
- 4. **Vice Chair Elect Responsibilities:** The Vice Chair Elect will support the Vice Chair and assume their responsibilities when the Vice Chair is absent.

Amendments

Amendments to these bylaws may be proposed by any Committee member and will require approval by a two-thirds majority vote of the full Committee.

South Texas Clean Cities & Communities Coalition Advisory Committee Friday, June 27, 2025 10:00 a.m.

LRGVDC Main Campus - Building B, Small Boardroom 301 W. Railroad St., Weslaco, TX 78596



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^{*}LRGVDC - Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council

^{*}STDC - South Texas Development Council

^{*}UTRGV - University of Texas Rio Grande Valley

^{*}RGVMPO - Rio Grande Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization

^{*}AEP - American Electric Power

Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council

Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, August 27, 2025

Item #5: Community & Economic Development

A. Community & Economic Development

Program Action Item

3. Consideration and ACTION to Approve LRGVDC to accept a \$10,000 dollar contract from National Renewal Energy Laboratory (NREL) for the purpose of assisting the LRGVDC South Texas Clean Cities & Communities Coalition (STC4) achieve FULL FLEDGED DOE Coalition Status by developing and submitting complete DOE application based on the requirements in the Partnership Structure.

STC4 and NREL will develop and finalize the STC4 Scope of Work before any contract or monies are received.

Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council

Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, August 27, 2025

Item #5: Department Reports

A. Community & Economic Development

Program Status Reports

• Economic Development Administration

New Disaster Supplemental NOFO published on the EDA website. This is Supplemental funding for only communities impacted by natural disasters, with a FEMA Disaster Declaration in calendar years 2023 and 2024 are eligible. The link below will take you to the website page where you can learn more about the opportunity, https://www.eda.gov/strategic-initiatives/disaster-recovery/supplemental/2025

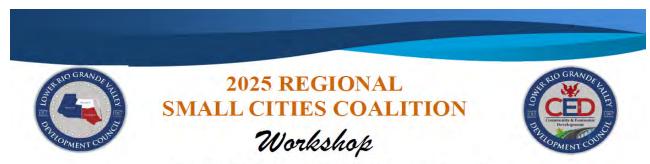
Know these key facts:

- 1. Total funding of \$1.5billion for disasters nationwide.
- 2. The funding does not include regional allocations and will be made available until funding is fully committed.
- 3. There are three specific "Funding Pathways": Readiness Path, Implementation Path, and Industry Transformation Path.
- 4. The anticipated funding per project in each Pathway is: Readiness \$250k-\$500k; Implementation \$100k-\$5million; Industry Transformation \$20million-\$50million (though in the Grants.gov webpage the grant ceiling is listed as \$30million).

Staff continue to engage with city officials, EDC's, EDO's, and other economic development industries to identify and develop potential Economic Development Administration (EDA) projects. These discussions provide valuable insights that will increase the preparation of applications for submission, as well as generate letters of support that align with our Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) goals and objectives for prospective projects. Our team is equipped to offer technical assistance, project development, and grant administration related to EDA proposals and initiatives. Should you have any inquiries or require further information regarding EDA, please do not hesitate to contact the Community & Economic Development Department. We also serve as the designated regional point of contact for the EDA and will continue to disseminate information as necessary. Furthermore, our team collaborates with other governmental entities on economic development activities to optimize the benefits of all projects and objectives within the region, while also ensuring that there is no duplication of efforts and resources. For additional information and resources concerning EDA's funding opportunities, visit https://sfgrants.eda.gov/s/.

The LRGVDC continues to solicit nominations for EDAC committee members to serve in the following category: (2) Special EDO. The purpose of the advisory committee is to educate, promote, foster, and coordinate community and regional planning efforts on economic development in the Rio Grande Valley, and other social impacts of existing, new or proposed regulations, policies, and control regarding economic development. The advisory committee will provide advocacy, guidance, technical assistance, and information to the LRGVDC Board on priority matters of economic development. If you have any questions about the nominations process or committee, please contact Melisa Gonzales-Rosas. Nomination forms need to be emailed to vramos@lrgvdc.org.

• Regional Small Cities Coalition (RSCC)



Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council July 22, 2025



We are happy to share that the recent Annual RSCC meeting was very successful. The presenters delivered high-quality, relevant information that directly addressed key areas of interest, that included water, economic development, transportation, and LRGVDC 9-1-1 services. Furthermore, Mrs. Melisa Gonzales-Rosas, Director of Community & Economic Development, provided insights into several regional plans that the LRGVDC has developed internally, and some with the assistance from consulting firms funded by various grant programs. During her presentation, Ms. Gonzales-Rosas highlighted the significance of utilizing and referencing a strategic plan when seeking funding, as this alignment enhances the strength of project applications. These resources will be instrumental in strengthening our communities and will empower our cities to make informed decisions and pursue impactful initiatives. The feedback from attendees was positive, with many expressing appreciations for the clarity, depth, and usefulness of the discussions. A special thank you to our presenters and the crew that made this happen!

Staff continue to disseminate vital information to small cities via email. If you have questions, you may contact Brenda Salinas bsalinas@lrgvdc.org









• Community & Economic Development Assistance Fund

Staff continue to be actively engaged in executing the designated technical assistance activities for TxCDBG-eligible localities within our operational region, ensuring adherence to program compliance. We are committed to continuously disseminating pertinent program information to keep these communities well-informed. Additionally, we promote Fair Housing initiatives, support the Unified Scoring Committee (USC) member, and facilitate grant kick-off meetings for communities that have been awarded funding.

For more information and resources on the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) funding opportunities, visit our Community Development webpage at http://www.lrgvdc.org/community.html, under the CDBG Rural for Texas tab.

• Solid Waste Management Program

We are pleased to announce that all our 2024-2025 Solid Waste Projects have successfully utilized their grant funding and are thriving. As we approach the 2026-2027 Solid Waste funding year, we will discuss several important topics at our next in-person Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) meeting. These topics include category selection, funding limits, road to recycling, and the Regional Tire Ordinance. The next in-person SWAC meeting will be held on September 16, 2025, at 2:00 PM in the Ken Jones Board Room, Building B.

Our new Department Customer Service Representative, Crystal Valdez, has quickly become an active presence in the community. She has participated in a total of 20 outreach events across the region during the months of July and August. She shares valuable information on recycling and environmental stewardship, water quality and Kari's Law. Additionally, she is utilizing our department's Facebook page to provide various tips on how we can all be more environmentally mindful.





















Regarding the Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling (SWIFR) initiative, we are pleased to announce that we have received a one-year extension from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ), extending the project until August 31, 2026. This month, we held two productive meetings with Texas State University and Region One to discuss the extension and review the progress of curriculum development. During these meetings, Texas State University highlighted their commitment to creating composting lesson plans that align with educational standards. These lesson plans will cover essential topics such as the fundamentals of composting, food waste analysis, and the establishment of composting systems. The collaboration aims to provide comprehensive educational resources that promote sustainable practices and environmental awareness.

Regarding our Road to Recycling Project, we are satisfied to report significant progress this year. Initially, all collected tires were being cut and landfilled. However, we have successfully transitioned to a more sustainable approach as recommended in our 2022-2042 Regional Solid Waste Management Plan and our Tire Study. This year, many of our tires were collected and properly recycled, marking a substantial improvement in our waste management practices. We are currently in the process of gathering comprehensive data on the number of tires recycled and will share these figures as soon as they are finalized. This achievement underlines our commitment to environmental sustainability and responsible resource management.

Staff continue to provide technical assistance, outreach, and monitoring for all Solid Waste Projects. Information about the Solid Waste program is available at www.lrgvdc.org/solidwaste.html.

• Air Quality Program

The Rider 7 PM 2.5 Local Air Quality project continues to advance as planned, with several tasks successfully completed and no expected delays. The project timeline remains intact, with a final report summarizing the findings from the study scheduled for completion by December 30, 2025. Furthermore, LRGVDC has secured additional funding in the amount of \$13,323.00, for this initiative. These additional monies will be used for continued monitoring and evaluation.

Consequently, all project activities will be concluded by the established deadline of December 30, 2025.

Current Project Status:

- Prepare Scope of Work Completed
- Prepare Quality Assurance Project Plan Completed
- Emission Inventory Completed
- Data Research and Analysis Completed
- Air Quality Modeling 50% Complete
- Draft Report Due by December 2025

Staff will maintain ongoing oversight of this project, actively collaborating with the consulting firm, ALL4 LLC. This partnership will ensure that all project requirements are consistently met as stipulated by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) and will continue to regularly communicate monthly with representatives from TCEQ regarding this project.

• South Texas Clean Cities & Communities Coalition (STC4)

STC4 met on June 27, 2025, at 10:00 AM via GoToMeeting platform. During this meeting updates were given, bylaws and stakeholders were finalized to bring before the Board of Director for approval. The next STC4 meeting date is yet to be determined.

LRGVDC staff had a virtual call with NRAL, company partners, to Clean Cities Coalition, regarding the possibility of small funding for staff to help STC4 reach full-fledged Coalition status. Application period should start in June 2025 and LRGVDC staff will work with NRAL to get application completed and submitted.

• Water Quality Program

Staff continue to actively educate the public on water quality issues through a variety of outreach initiatives. As mentioned in our Solid Waste section of our program reports, Mrs. Crystal Valdez, has become an active presence in the community. She has participated in a total of 20 outreach events across the region during the months of July and August providing educational material and educating the public on non-point source water pollution.















Staff continue to regularly communicate with representatives from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) as well as other entities involved in water quality initiatives to strengthen partnerships and generate further activities related to water quality and to highlight the importance of it to the region.

Visit our Water Resource webpage at: https://www.lrgvdc.org/water.html

• Regional Water Resource Advisory Committee (RWRAC)

The next RWRAC meeting is scheduled for September 17, 2025, at 2:00 PM. This meeting is hybrid, and the meeting link can be found in the LRGVDC Events Calendar.

In June 2025, C&ED staff attended the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality's Trade Show in San Antonio and during this conference, attended the track that covered the 1942 Mexico Water Treaty. With all the water issues plaquing both countries, the International Boundary and Water Commission (IBWC), the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) and SELA (TCEQ Counterpart in Mexico), conducted a salinity study on the Murillo Drain which serves as an alternate water source which Mexico can utilize to pay down their US Water debt. The water quality (high levels of salinity) from the Murillo Drain makes this water source, not reliable to provide acceptable water for the US and this study is the first step to finding alternate water solutions.

The September RWRAC agenda will be having TCEQ presenting this Salinity Study to committee members and keeping all pertinent water stakeholders informed. This presentation is open to everyone.

Staff continue to support, provide technical assistance, outreach, and administer water projects. Information about water resources is available at https://www.lrgvdc.org/water.html

• Rio Grande Regional Water Planning Group (Region M)

The Region M meeting was held on August 12, 2025. Meeting continues to be held hybrid at the LRGVDC Ken Jones Board Room and via GoToMeeting. At this meeting the RGRWPG approved the inclusion of several new recommended water management strategies in the Rio Grande 2026 Regional Water Plan, (see meeting materials here: Region M Meeting Agenda 8 12 2025 Meeting Material.pdf.

Notice is given that the RGRWPG will be accepting written public comments through **August 29, 2025**, on the following water management strategies:

Elsa – New Groundwater Well

Elsa – Non-Potable Reuse

Pharr – New Brackish Groundwater Desalination

Donna – New Brackish Groundwater Desalination

Mercedes – New Brackish Groundwater Desalination

Maverick County – New Brackish Groundwater Desalination

The RGRWPG will consider all submitted comments and documentation of submitted comments. The RGRWPG's responses will be provided to the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB). The public can submit written comments to:

Jim Darling, Chairman Rio Grande Regional Water Planning Group 301 W. Railroad St. Weslaco, TX 78596

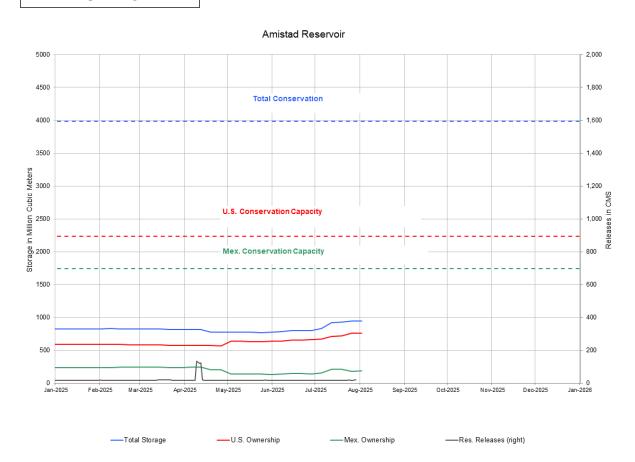
Email: Outreach_RegionM@BlackandVeatch.onmicrosoft.com

For questions or additional information, you may contact Mrs. Melisa-Gonzales Rosas at (956)682-3481 ext.163 or melisa.gonzales@lrgvdc.org

For any Region M meeting information, please visit website: http://riograndewaterplan.org or https://www.lrgvdc.org/

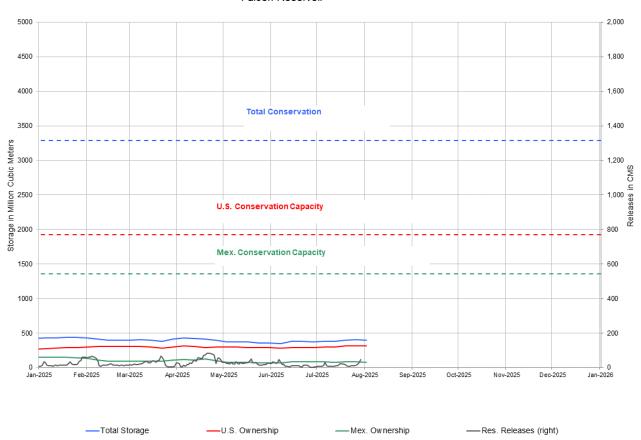
• Reservoir Levels as of August 13, 2025 (www.IBWC.gov)

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ITEM # 5. B.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council

Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, August 27, 2025

Item #5: Health & Human Services

B. Health & Human Services

Program Action Item

1. Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve the Direct Purchase of Services (DPS) Contractors List.

The Area Agency on Aging staff seeks approval to utilize the Direct Purchase of Services (DPS) Contractors List for the fiscal year 2025-2026. These contractors will provide essential services, including medical transportation, homemaker assistance, respite care, residential modifications, medication assistance, medical supplies, and durable medical equipment. Please refer to the attached list, exhibit 1.1, for detailed information on the contractors and the services they offer.

Eligible Direct Purchase of Service Vendors

Agency	Address	AAA - Home Maker R	AAA - Respite In	Service Area
Homemaker and Respite Care				
4 Genesis Primary Home Care	9700 N. 23rd St. McAllen, TX 78504	\$18.00	\$16.00	Hidalgo, Cameron, Willacy
A Healing Touch Home Health	2900 N Texas Blvd, Ste 101 Weslaco, TX 78599	\$15.00	\$15.00	Hidalgo, Cameron, Willacy
Acara	9514 Console Dr. Ste. 200 San Antonio, TX 78229	\$16.00	\$16.00	Hidalgo, Cameron, Willacy
Agua Cristalina Home care	109 E Jackson Harlingen, TX 78550	\$22.00	\$20.00	Hidalgo, Cameron, Willacy
Alameda Health Services	30891 Leal, San Benito, TX 78586	\$14.00	\$15.00	Cameron
All Generations Health Care	4709 E. Curry Rd Edinburg, TX 78542	\$15.00	\$15.00	Hidalgo, Cameron, Willacy
All Star Primary Home Care	2513 E. Griffin Pkwy, Mission TX, 78572	\$16.00	\$16.00	Hidalgo, Cameron

All Texas Health Care	302 E. Tyler Ave. Suite 2 Harlingen, TX 78550	\$17.00	\$17.00	Hidalgo, Cameron, Willacy
All-Valley Home Health	1910 Tesoro St. Pharr, TX 78577	\$14.00	\$13.50	Hidalgo, Cameron, Willacy
All-Valley Primary Home Care	1911 Tesoro St. Pharr, TX 78577	\$15.00	\$15.00	Hidalgo, Cameron, Willacy
American Medical Home Health Servics	5805 Callaghan Rd, Ste 300 San Antonio, TX 78228	\$18.00	\$17.00	Hidalgo, Cameron, Willacy
APC Homemaker Services	1805 Bell Street, Harlngen, TX 78550	\$17.13	\$17.13	Hidalgo, Cameron, Willacy
Arise Home Health Care	215 Catholic War Veterans Blvd., Mission. TX 78572	\$15.76	\$15.76	Hidalgo
Casa Mia Home Care	2223 Primrose Ave. McAllen, TX 78504	\$16.50	\$16.50	Hidalgo, Cameron, Willacy
De Fe Provider Health Services	260 S. Texas Blvd. Ste. 300 Weslaco, TX 78596	\$19.00	\$19.00	Hidalgo, Cameron, Willacy
D'Oro Home Health Services	P.O. Box 267, Weslaco, TX 78599	\$15.50	\$15.50	Hidalgo, Cameron, Willacy

Faith Primary Home Care	813 El Gato Rd. Alamo, TX 78516	\$16.50	\$16.50	Hidalgo, Cameron
Familia Unida Home Healthcare	725 N. Ware Rd. Ste. B McAllen, TX 78501	\$20.00	\$20.00	Hidalgo, Cameron, Willacy
Gold Star Care Home Health	44 W. Jefferson Suite 1 Brownsville, TX 78520	\$15.00	\$15.00	Cameron
Health Care Unlimited	1100 E. Laurel Ave. McAllen, TX 78501	\$15.00	\$15.00	Hidalgo, Cameron, Willacy
Helping Hands Primary Home Care	2409 E. 21st St. Mission, TX 78572	\$16.84	\$16.84	Hidalgo, Cameron, Willacy
High Point Home Health	1700 W. Griffin Mission, TX 78572	\$20.00	\$20.00	Hidalgo, Cameron, Willacy
Jireh Healthcare Services	537 E. Frontage Rd., Ste. A Alamo, TX 78516	\$13.50	\$13.50	Hidalgo, Cameron, Willacy
Los Reyes Home Care	P.O. Box 1445. Edinburg, TX 78542	\$13.84	\$13.84	Hidalgo, Cameron, Willacy
Nurses That Care Sitter Services	5411 N. McColl Rd. McAllen, TX 78504	\$15.59	\$15.59	Hidalgo, Cameron, Willacy

P.A.C.E Health Care	P.O. Box 655. Weslaco TX 78599	\$16.00	\$16.00	Hidalgo, Cameron, Willacy
Prestige Home Care Services	5107 S. Embassy St., Ste A. Rio Grande City, TX 78582	\$16.00	\$16.00	Hidalgo, Cameron, Willacy
Proton Providers at Home	2325 E. Bowie Ave. Harlingen, TX 78550	\$16.50	\$16.75	Hidalgo, Cameron, Willacy
Pure VIP Health Care	1873 Apollo Ave. Brownsville, TX 78521	\$15.00	\$15.00	Hidalgo, Cameron, Willacy
Reyna Health Care	121 S. 21st Ave. Edinburg, TX 78539	\$18.00	\$18.00	Hidalgo, Cameron, Willacy
Rooted In Love Health Care	441 Colorado Dr. San Benito, TX 78586	\$16.00	\$16.00	Hidalgo, Cameron, Willacy
Santa Fe Primary Home Care Services	3465 E. ruben Torres Ste. B Brownsville, TX 78526	\$17.60	\$17.60	Hidalgo, Cameron, Willacy
Santa Rosa Primary Home Care	6985 Laguna De Palmas Dr. Brownsville, TX 78526	\$18.00	\$18.00	Hidalgo, Cameron, Willacy

Sol Primary Home Care	5600 Knights Bridge Brownsville, TX 78526	\$17.60	\$17.60	Hidalgo, Cameron, Willacy
Stay Healthy Homecare	1835 S. Sam Houston, San Benito, TX 78586	\$15.00	\$15.00	Hidalgo, Cameron, Willacy
Sunglo Home Health Services	802 E. Tyler Ave. Harlingen, TX 78550	\$14.90	\$14.90	Hidalgo, Cameron, Willacy
Tesoro De La Fe Home Health	1247 Lakeside Blvd. Brownsville, TX 78520	\$15.00	\$18.50	Hidalgo, Cameron, Willacy
Texas Nurse Care Home Health Agency	2416 Thor Hammer Ste. D Brownsville, TX 78526	\$14.00	\$14.00	Hidalgo, Cameron, Willacy
Texas Visiting Nurse Service	814 E. Tyler Ave. Harlingen, TX 78550	\$14.00	\$14.00	Hidalgo, Cameron, Willacy
Trinidad PHC	1322 E. Harrison Ave. Harlingen, TX 78550	\$15.00	\$15.50	Hidalgo, Cameron, Willacy
VDP Health Care	221 S. Cage Blvd. Pharr, TX 78577	\$16.50	\$16.50	Hidalgo, Cameron, Willacy
VIP Providers	P.O. Box 836 Pharr, TX 78577	\$18.56	\$18.56	Hidalgo, Cameron, Willacy

VIVE Home and Health Services	2404 El Gusto St. Brownsville, TX 78520	\$16.00	\$16.00	Hidalgo, Cameron
Health Maintenance	Address		Service	Service Area
A&E Medical Supplies	1409 S. 9th Ave. Ste. 224 Edinburg, TX 78539		Health Maintenance	Hidalgo, Cameron, Willacy
Apple Pharmacy 1	2501 N. 23rd St. Ste. B McAllen, TX 78501		Health Maintenance	Hidalgo
Apple Pharmacy 3	909 Bus. Park Dr. Ste. 2 Mission, TX 78572		Health Maintenance	Hidalgo
Autrey Pharmacy 1	1205 Central Blvd. Brownsville, TX 78520		Health Maintenance	Cameron
Brandon's DME	2716 N. Conway Ave. Mission, TX 78574		Health Maintenance	Hidalgo, Cameron, Willacy
Cantu's Pharmacy	504 S. Closner Blvd. Edinburg, TX 78539		Health Maintenance	Hidalgo
Fry's Prescription Pharmacy	311 N. Sam Houston Blvd. San Benito, TX 78586		Health Maintenance	Cameron

Mission Plaza Pharmacy	1611 Heritage Ln. Mission, TX 78572	Health Maintenance	Hidalgo
Ochoa's Pharmacy Central	1002 S. 10th Ave. Edinburg, TX 78539	Health Maintenance	Hidalgo, Cameron
Pete's Pharmacy	721 W. Harrison Ste. A Harlingen, TX 78550	Health Maintenance	Hidalgo, Cameron, Willacy
Pete's Pharmacy II	5235 Southmost Rd. Ste. C Brownsville, TX 78521	Health Maintenance	Hidalgo, Cameron, Willacy
Pharmacy Station	604 S. Expwy. 77 Ste. 1 Raymondville, TX 78580	Health Maintenance	Cameron, Willacy
Richards Pharmacy Alton	3509 E. Main Ave. Ste. 102 Alton, TX 78573	Health Maintenance	Hidalgo
Richards Pharmacy Donna	605 N. Main St. Ste. E Donna, TX 78537	Health Maintenance	Hidalgo, Cameron
Richards Pharmacy Edinburg	4630 S. Closerner Blvd. Edinburg, TX 78539	Health Maintenance	Hidalgo
Saenz Medical Pharmacy Lonestar	2121 E. Griffin Pkwy. Ste. 18 Mission, TX 78572	Health Maintenance	Hidalgo
Saenz Medical Pharmacy Nolana	801 E. Nolana Ste. 22 McAllen, TX 78504	Health Maintenance	Hidalgo

Saenz Medical Pharmacy North	6900 N. 10th St. Ste. 6 McAllen, TX 78501	Health Maintenance	Hidalgo
Saenz Medical Pharmacy of Peñitas	P.O. Box 241 Peñitas, TX 78576	Health Maintenance	Hidalgo
Saenz Medical Pharmacy Ridge	1200 Ridge Rd. Ste. 13 McAllen, TX 78503	Health Maintenance	Hidalgo
Salinas Pharmacy Harlingen	1022 S. F St. Harlingen, TX 78550	Health Maintenance	Cameron
Salinas Pharmacy San Benito	500 N. Sam Houston Blvd. Ste. 1 San Benito, TX 78586	Health Maintenance	Cameron
Santa Fe Durable Medical Equipment	3465 E. Ruben Torres Blvd. Ste. C Brownsville, TX 78526	Health Maintenance	Hidalgo, Cameron, Willacy
Sentido Health	27905 Commercail Park Rd. Ste. 240 Tomball, TX 77375	Health Maintenance	Hidalgo, Cameron, Willacy
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Residential Repair	Address	Service	Service Area
28th State Construction	6603 Haddonfield St. Edinburg, TX 78542	Residential Repair	Hidalgo, Cameron, Willacy

3 Generation Construction	3200 E. St. Jude Ave. Alton, TX 78572	Residential Repair	Hidalgo, Cameron, Willacy
Absolute Construction	1011 Park Ln. Mission, TX 78572	Residential Repair	Hidalgo, Cameron, Willacy
Adaptive Access Construction	4205 Loriemark Dr. Palmhurst, TX 78573	Residential Repair	Hidalgo, Cameron, Willacy
Alex Carpentry & Remodeling	303 Kiskadee Ln. Mission, TX 78572	Residential Repair	Hidalgo, Cameron, Willacy
Elite Access	109 Lauryn Dr. Apt. 3 San Jaun, TX 78589	Residential Repair	Hidalgo, Cameron, Willacy
GGG General Construction	1812 E. Honolulu Ave. Alton, TX 78573	Residential Repair	Hidalgo, Cameron, Willacy
Globality	2763 Deer Trail Brownsville, TX 78521	Residential Repair	Hidalgo, Cameron, Willacy
Gudiño Construction	1424 W. Vinson Ave. Harlingen, TX 78550	Residential Repair	Hidalgo, Cameron, Willacy

Jose N Flores Construction	5301 N. Shuerbach Rd. Mission, TX 78574		Residential Repair	Hidalgo, Cameron, Willacy
Las Fuentes Construction	2814 Jake St. Edinburg, TX 78541		Residential Repair	Hidalgo, Cameron, Willacy
Los Milagros Construction	801 Bass Blvd. Edinburg, TX 78542		Residential Repair	Hidalgo, Cameron, Willacy
VMJ Construction (Ramps Only)	19395 Chinaberry Rd. Harlingen, TX 78552		Residential Repair	Hidalgo, Cameron, Willacy
Supreme Access	1333 E. Jasmine Ave. Ste. 104 McAllen, TX 78501		Residential Repair	Hidalgo, Cameron, Willacy
Transportation Services	Address	Cameron County one way trip	Willacy County one way trip	Service Area
Globality	2763 Deer Trail Brownsville, TX 78521	\$50.00	\$70.00	Cameron, Willacy
VIVE Home and Health Services	2404 El Gusto St. Brownsville, TX 78520	\$35.00		Cameron

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B. Health & Human Services

Program Action Item

2. Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve the list of subrecipients providing services under the Older Americans Act - Services Under Title III.

The Sub- recipients will provide services such as congregate meals, home delivered meals, transportation, senior center operations, and caregiver education & training to seniors in Cameron, Hidalgo and Willacy County. Please refer to the attached list Exhibit 2.1.

*Disclaimer: Approval of subrecipient list does not assign funding amounts; final awards depend on available state and federal funds.

Exhibit 2.1 - Subrecipients providing services under the Older Americans Act - Services Under Title III*

Agency*	Proposed Service(s)*			
Amigos Del Valle	Congregate meals, Home Delivered Meals, Transportation, Data Management			
Bright Nutrition	Congregate meals			
Los Fresnos Senior Center	Senior Center Operations			
Mission Housing Authority	Senior Center Operations			
Primera Senior Center	Senior Center Operations			
WellMed Charitable Foundation	Senior Center Operations, Caregiver Training Services, Caregiver Information Services, Caregiver Support Groups, Evidence Based Intervention, Stress Busting Program			
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B. Health & Human Services

Programming Update:

Navigating Change – Board Update:

The Older Americans Act (OAA) remains in place, though its authorization expired in FY 2024; services continue through annual appropriations. The Senate's FY 2026 proposal maintains level funding for nearly all OAA programs, with a \$2M increase for Title III-E caregiver support. Locally, Ombudsman, Benefit Counseling, and Care Coordination services remain stable; Nutrition faces cost pressures; caregiver programs see a slight boost. Key watch areas include potential Medicaid work requirements, eligibility changes, and possible Medicare cuts. Our near-term plan is to protect service capacity and prioritize caregiver programs. Continued advocacy at all levels is needed until the Older Americans Act is reauthorized. Attached Exhibit 3.1 reflects the appropriations referenced in this summary.

FY 2023-2026 Labor/HHS Appropriations

USAging

As of July 31, 2025 (Dollars in thousands)

Increases over prior year final funding are noted in **BOLD**. Decreases are noted in *italics*.

Older Americans Act and Other Key Aging Programs	FY 2023 Enacted Dec. 2022	FY 2024 Enacted 3.23.24	FY 2025 House Comm. 7.9.24	FY 2025 Senate Comm. 8.1.24	FY 2025 Continuing Resolution Enacted 3.14.25	FY 2026 President's Budget 6.11.25	FY 2026 Senate Comm. 7.31.25
Title III					0.11.20		
B: Supportive	410,000	410,000	415,000	410,000	410,000	410,000	410,000
Services & Centers C1: Congregate Meals	540,342	565,342	543,342	565,342	565,342	565,342	565,342
C2: Home-Delivered Meals	366,342	381,342	366,342	381,342	381,342	381,342	381,342
NSIP	160,069	112,000	132,000	112,000	112,000	112,000	112,000
D: Preventive Health	26,339	26,339	26,339	26,339	26,339	26,339	26,339
E: Family Caregivers Support	205,000	207,000	210,000	209,000	207,000	207,000	209,000
Title V SCSEP (DOL)	405,000	405,000	0	405,000	405,000	0	395,000
Title VI							
A: Grants to Indians	38,264	38,264	42,264	38,264	38,264	38,264	38,264
C: Native American Caregivers	12,000	12,000	16,000	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000
Title VII							
Ombudsman/Elder Abuse	26,658	26,658	26,658	26,658	26,658	26,885	26,658
Elder Rights Support + APS	33,874	33,874	<i>18,874</i> [no APS]	33,874	33,874	34,005	33,874
Title II							
Aging Network Support Activities	30,461	30,461	21,796	30,461	30,461	30,461	30,461
ADRCs	8,619	8,619	8,619	8,619	8,619	8,619	8,619
Program Admin.	47,063	48,063	49,063	48,063	48,063	37,500	41,000
RDE Center	5,000	5,000	5,000	Unclear	5,000	Unclear	Unclear
Other AoA/ACL Programs							
State Health Insurance Asst.	55,242	55,242	55,242	55,242	55,242	55,242	55,542
Program Community Care Corps	5,500	TBD	0	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear
CDSMP	8,000	8,000	8,000	8,000	8,000	0	8,000
Alzheimer's Disease Program Initiative		31,500	31,500	31,500	31,500	16,800	16,800
Elder Falls Prevention	7,500	7,500	7,500	7,500	7,500	2,500	7,500
Lifespan Respite Care	10,000	10,000	10,000	11,500	10,000	10,000	11,000
Senior Medicare Patrol		35,000	35,000	35,000	35,000	35,000	35,000
Other HHS							
Social Services Block Grant	1,700,000	1,700,000	1,700,00 0	1,700,000	1,700,000	1,700,000	1,700,000
Community Services Block Grant	804,383	804,383	780,000	770,000	804,383	0	770,000
LIHEAP: Low- Income Home Energy Assist.	4,000,000	4,025,000	4,040,00 0	4,125,000	4,025,000	0	4,045,000
CNCS: AmeriCorps Seniors	236,917	TBD	Likely level funded	236,917	Unclear	0	236,917

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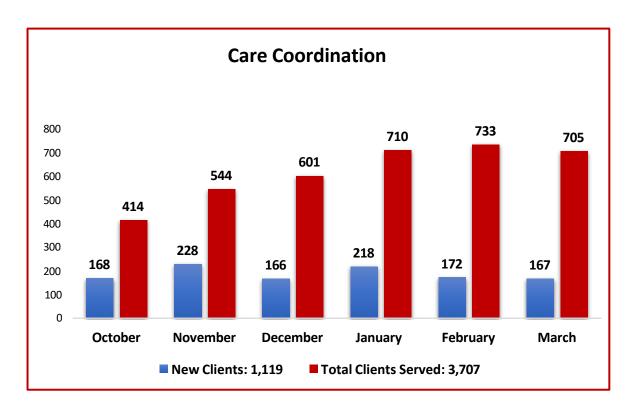
B. Health & Human Services

Area Agency on Aging Status Report

This document represents the Area Agency on Aging's and the Aging and Disability Resource Center's semi-annual report (October – March) for FY 2025.

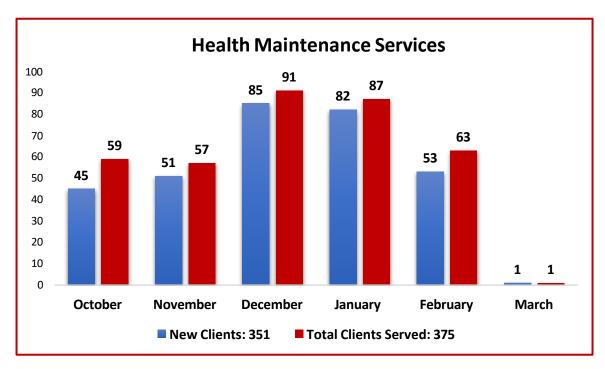
• Direct Consumer Services Report – Care Coordination Program

 \circ During the 1st and 2nd quarter of FY 24 - 25, the Care Coordination team serviced a total of 1,119 new clients and 3,707 individuals were provided with case management assistance.



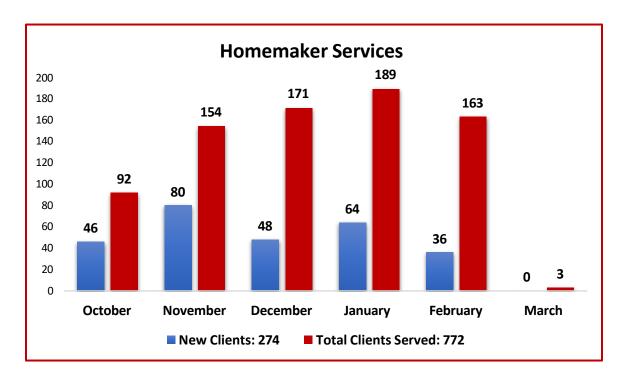
• Direct Consumer Services Report – Health Maintenance Services

o During the 1^{st} and 2^{nd} quarter of FY 24-25, a total of 351 new clients were assisted with the purchase of medical supplies, medications, and durable medical equipment and total of 375 individuals with health maintenance services.



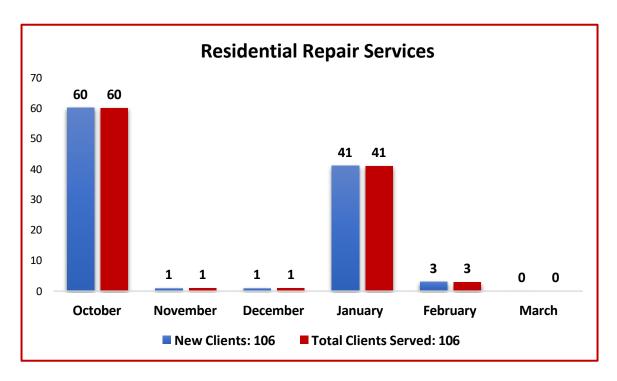
• Direct Consumer Services Report – Homemaker Services

 \circ During the 1st and 2nd quarter of FY 24 - 25, a total of 274 new clients and 772 individuals received assistance with light housekeeping duties, such as cleaning, laundry, and meal preparation, through homemaker services provided by our vendor contractors.



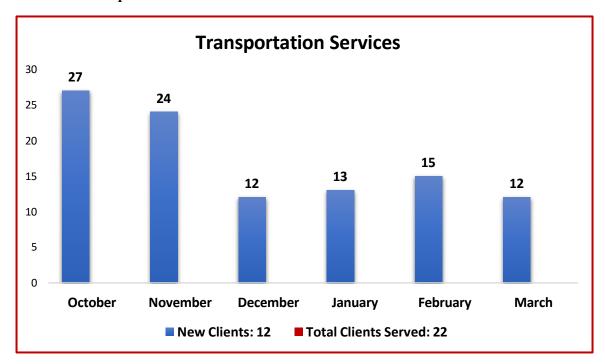
• Direct Consumer Services Report – Residential Repair Services

Ouring the 1^{st} and 2^{nd} quarter of FY 24-25, a total of 106 new clients were provided with assistance with home modifications, such as grab bars, ramps, removing tubs, and installing walk-in showers to reduce the risk of falls and improve access and mobility. These services were provided by our vendor contractors following the required bid procurement process.



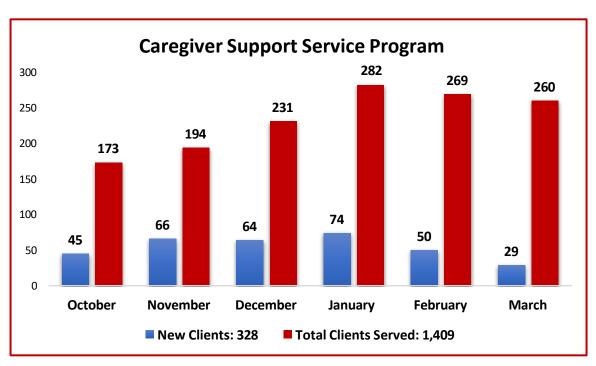
Direct Consumer Services Report – Transportation Services

Ouring the 1^{st} and 2^{nd} quarter of FY 24-25, a total of 12 new clients were provided transportation services to medical-related appointments and total 22 individuals received transportation services.



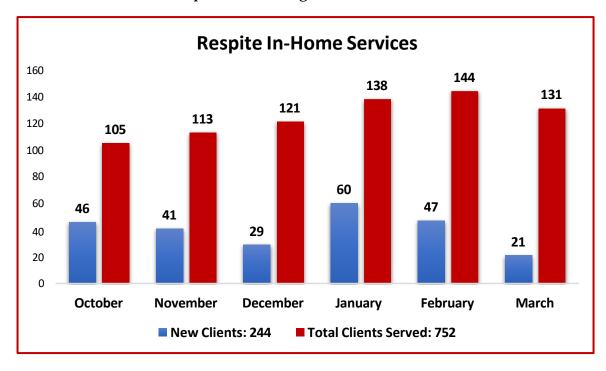
• Direct Consumer Services Report – Caregiver Support Services Program

 \circ During the 1st and 2nd quarter of FY 24 – 25, the Caregiver Support Services team serviced a total of 252 new clients, and a total of 1,409 individuals were assisted.



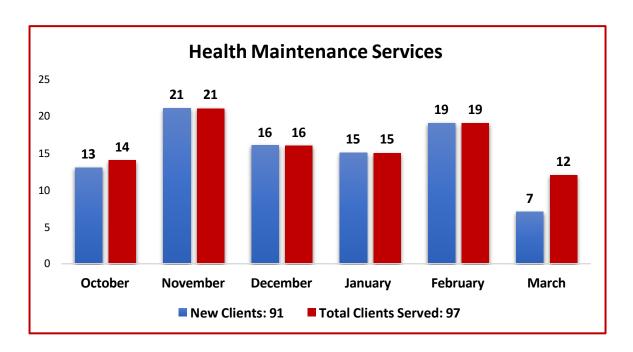
Direct Consumer Services Report – Respite In-Home Services

o During the 1^{st} and 2^{nd} quarter of FY 24-25, a total of 244 new clients and a total of 752 individuals were provided with respite in-home services, such as light housekeeping, personal care, feeding, grooming, and transferring from bed to chair. These services are provided through our vendor contractors.



• Direct Consumer Services Report – Health Maintenance Services

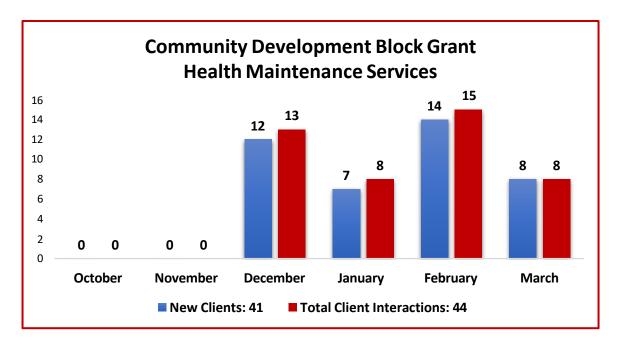
 \circ During the 1st and 2nd quarter of FY 24 - 25, a total of 91 new clients and a total of 97 individuals were assisted through the Caregiver Support Program for the purchase of medical supplies, medications, and medical equipment to support the care recipient.



• Direct Consumer Report - Community Development Block Grant

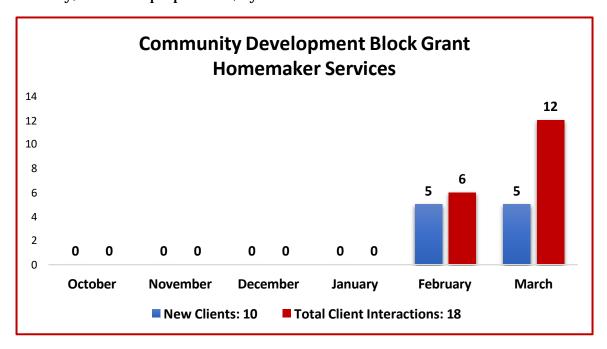
Health Maintenance Services

Ouring the 1^{st} and 2^{nd} quarter of FY 24-25, a total of 41 new clients and 44 individuals were assisted through the Community Development Block Grant for the purchase of medical supplies, medications, and medical equipment to support the care recipient.



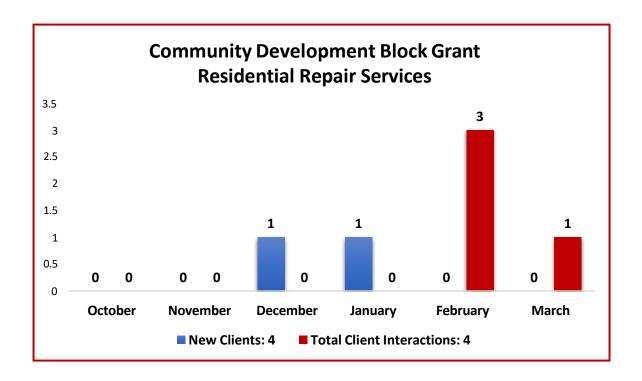
• Direct Consumer Report - Community Development Block Grant Homemaker Services

o During the 1^{st} and 2^{nd} quarter of FY 24-25, a total of 10 new clients and 18 individuals were provided with light housekeeping duties, such as cleaning, laundry, and meal preparation, by homemaker services.



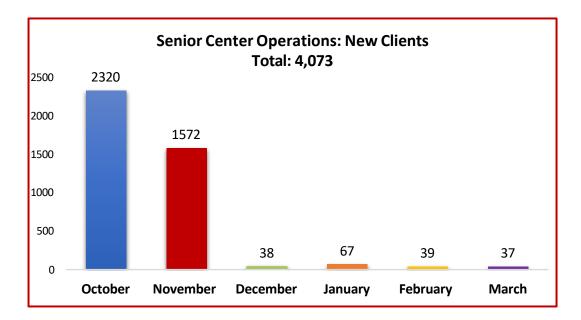
• Direct Consumer Services Report – Residential Repair Services

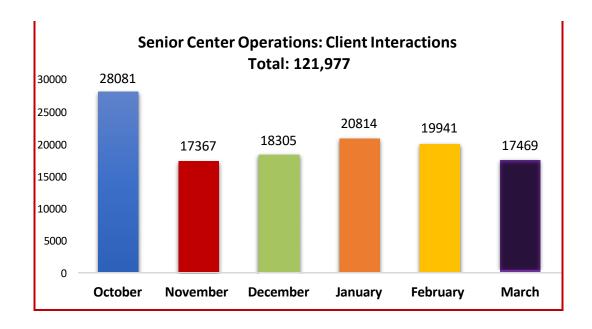
 \circ During the 1st and 2nd quarter of FY 24 - 25, a total of 4 individuals were provided with assistance with home modifications, such as grab bars, ramps, and removing tubs and installing walk-in showers to reduce the risk of falls and improve access and mobility.



• Senior Center Operations Report from October - March

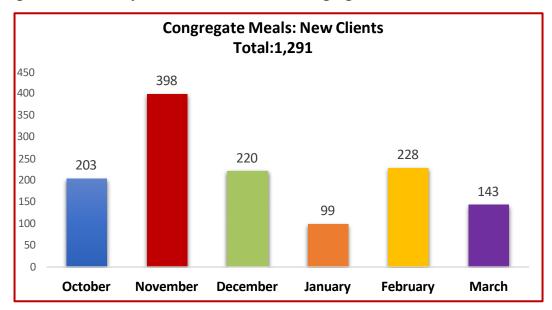
- o Program successfully enrolled 4,073 new clients.
- o Senior Centers conducted 121, 977 social activities with their clients.

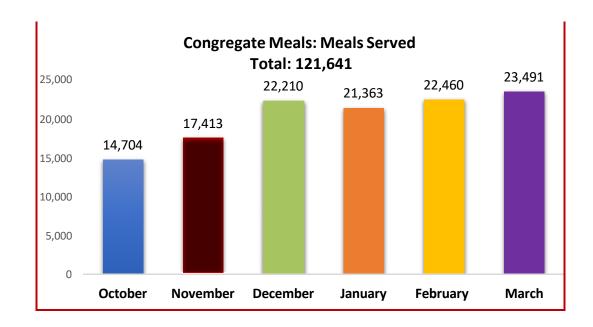




• Nutrition Program Report - Congregate Meals

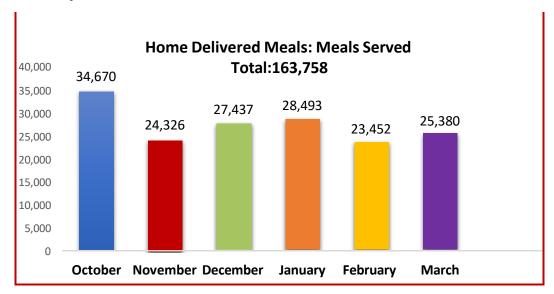
- Program successfully enrolled 1,291 new clients into the Congregate Meals program.
- o Program successfully administered 121,641 Congregate meals.

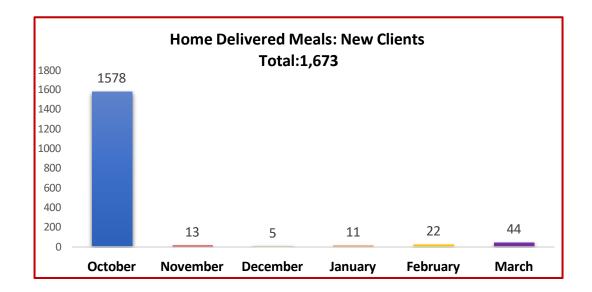




• Nutrition Program Report – Home Delivered Meals

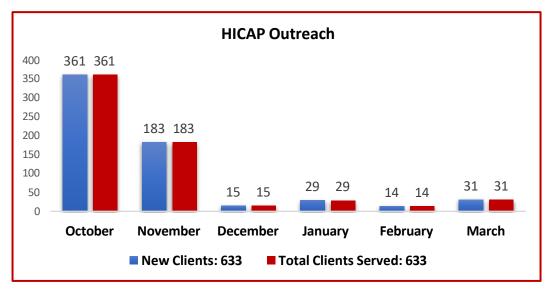
- Successfully enrolled 163,758 new clients into the Home Delivered Meals program.
- o Successfully served 1,673 Home Delivered meals.

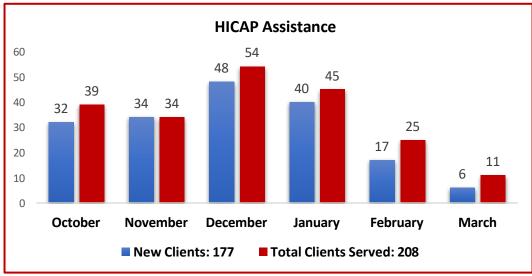


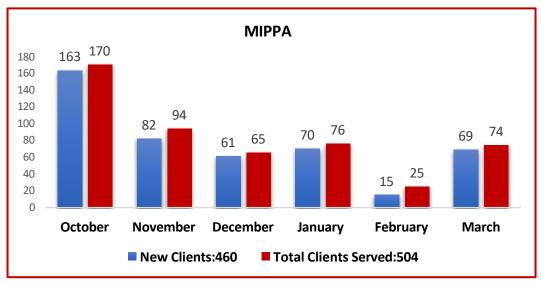


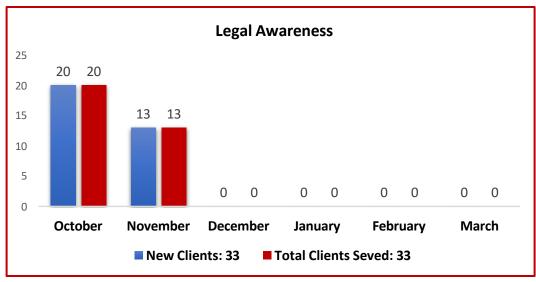
• Special Services Report – Benefits Counselors Program

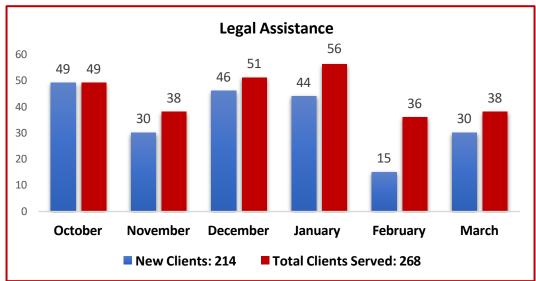
 \circ During the 1st and 2nd quarter of FY 24 - 25, enrolled 1,517 new clients and established 1,646 contacts.







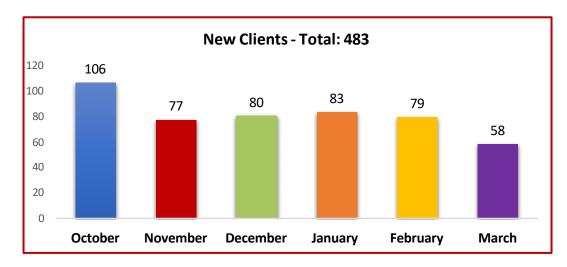


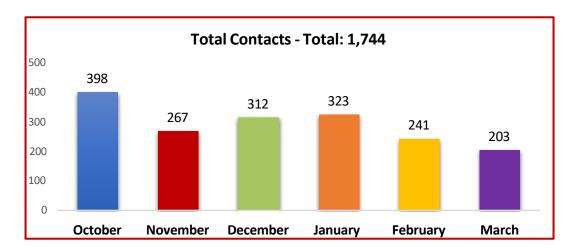


- * Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program (HICAP)
 * Medicare Improvement for Patients and Providers Act (MIPPA)

• Special Services Report – Care Transition Intervention (CTI)

- During the 1st and 2nd quarters, the Care Transition Intervention (CTI) coaches successfully enrolled 483 new clients.
- They made 1,744 contacts across a total of five hospitals within the tricounty area.

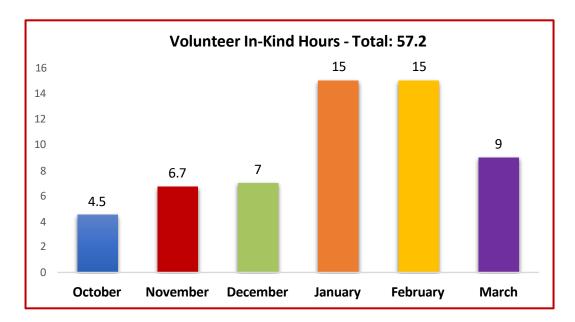


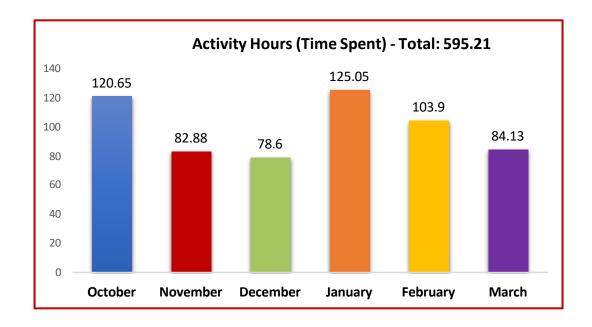


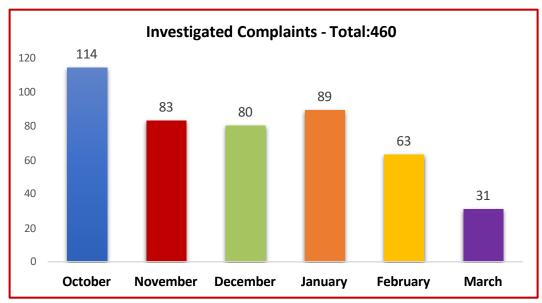
*5 Hospitals: Valley Baptist Medical Center, Harlingen Medical Center, Knapp Medical Center, Rio Grande Regional Hospital, and Mission Regional Medical Center

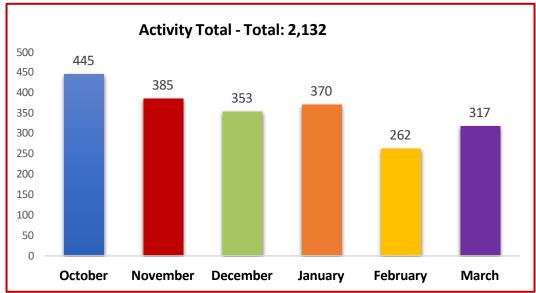
• Special Services Report – Ombudsman Program

- o During the 1st and 2nd quarters, Ombudsman handled 460 complaints.
- o They dedicated 595.21 activity hours and recorded 338.61 activity totals.
- o The volunteers collectively contributed 57.2 in-kind hours.



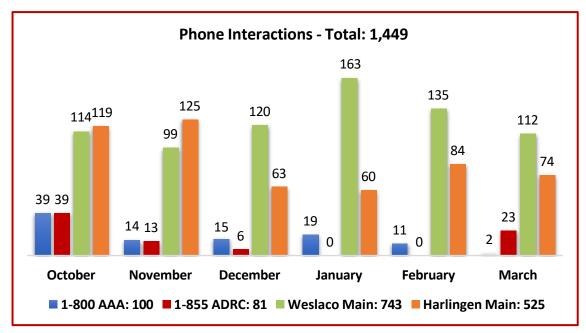


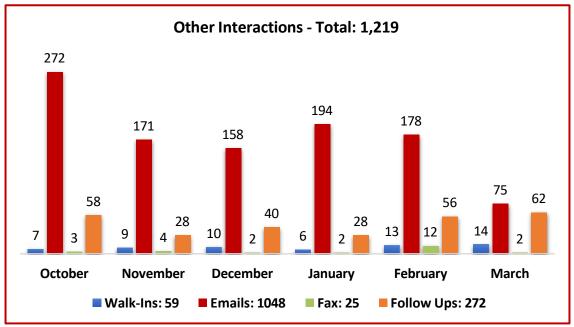


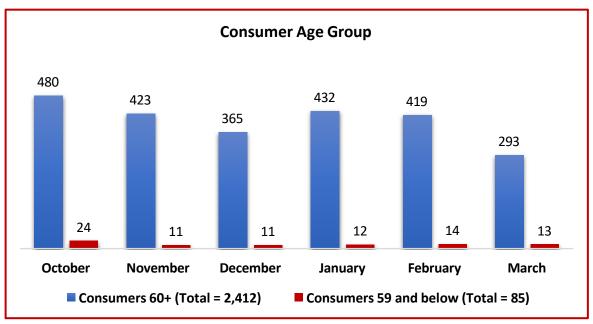


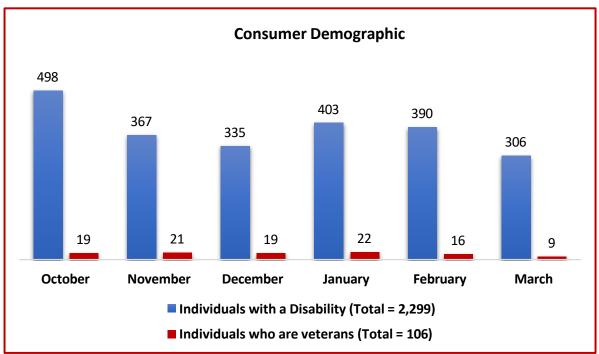
• ADRC/AAA – Information Referral and Assistance Report

- Ouring the 1^{st} and 2^{nd} quarter of FY 24-25, the intake team had a total of 2,581 interactions via phone lines, walk-ins, emails, and faxes.
- o Interacted with 2,497 individuals, 2,412 were 60 years of age and above, 85 individuals were 59 years of age and below.
- o Interacted with 2,299 individuals with a disability and 96 Veterans



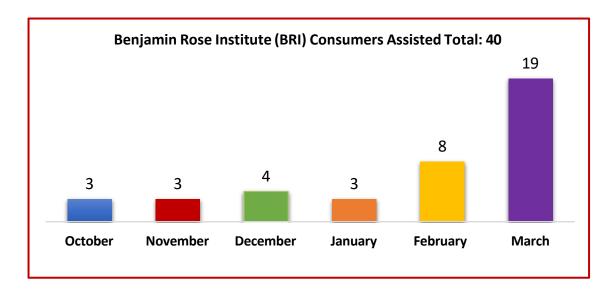






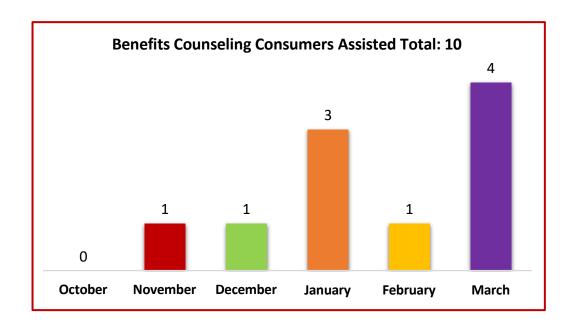
• ADRC/AAA – Benjamin Rose Institute (BRI) Care Consultant Report

 The Benjamin Rose Institute (BRI) Care Consultants successfully initiated services and enrolled 40 new clients from October 2024 to March 2025.



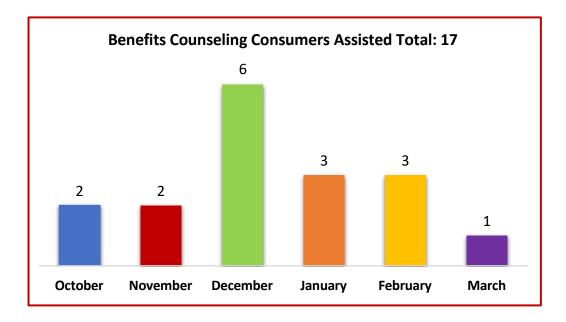
• ADRC Report – Benefits Counseling

 During the months of October 2024 to March 2025 10 consumers were provided assistance with MIPPA questions.



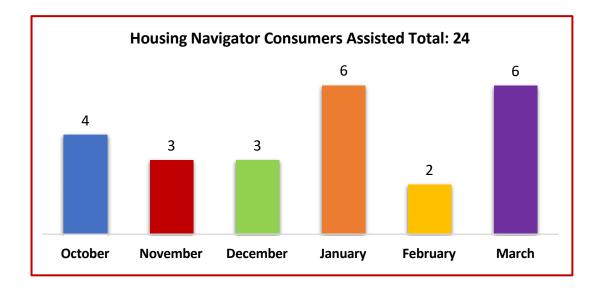
• ADRC Report – Respite

o During the months of October 2024 to March 2025 17 consumers were helped with Respite Services.



ADRC Report – Housing Navigator

- o Provided support to 24 consumers with housing inquiries during the months of October 2024 to March 2025.
- During the $3^{\rm rd}$ quarter 11 consumers were assisted with housing inquiries. Through the Housing Bond Grant, we were able to help 34 elderly tenants pay their outstanding rent and remain in their homes, preventing homelessness.



ITEM # 5. C.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council

Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, August 27, 2025

Item	#5:	Department	Reports
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C.Public Safety......Cesar Merla, Assistant Director

Criminal Justice Program

- Staff presented the LISTO RGV presentation to the City of Brownsville Commissioners meeting on July 1, 2025, at the City Hall in Brownsville, TX
- Staff presented the LISTO RGV presentation to the City of San Perlita Commissioners meeting on July 14, 2025, at the City Hall in San Perlita, TX
- Staff hosted the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee (CJAC) Meeting on August 13, 2025, at the LRGVDC Ken Jones Executive Board in Weslaco, TX
- Staff attended workshop at the Region One ESC 4th Annual School Safety Conference on July 29-30, 2025, at Region One, Edinburg, TX
- Staff attend the Annual P.A.T.H Conference hosted by South Texas HIDTA August 7-8, 2025 at Knapp Medical Conference Center in Weslaco, TX

Homeland Security Program

- Staff hosted FEMA Volunteer Agency Liaison Recovery Team in on going flood recovery efforts on July 2,16,23,30, 2025 in the Small Boardroom., Weslaco, TX
- Staff hosted the Weslaco Fire Department Meeting on July 7-8 in the Small Boardroom in Weslaco. TX
- Staff attended the Annual Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment/ Stakeholder Preparedness Review/Implementation Plan Workshop on July 9-10, 2025, at Texas Department of Public Safety Headquarters in Austin, Texas.
- Staff attended the Cameron County Office of Emergency Management (OEM) Hurricane Meeting on July 17, 2025, at the Harlingen Convention Center, Harlingen, TX
- Staff attended the Hidalgo County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) Monthly meeting on July 17, 2025, at the McAllen Emergency Operation Center, in McAllen, TX

- Staff participated on the webinar on July 24, 2025, by FEMA "Grant Management Technical Assistance Revisions to Title 2 of the Code of Federal Regulations."
- Staff participated on the webinar on July 29, 2025, Texas Association of Regional of Councils (TARC) webinar "The Power of Partnership: TDEM, GLO, COG's Mitigation Readiness"
- Staff attended in the Trauma Regional Advisory Council (TRAC-V) Hurricane Tabletop Exercise on July 29, 2025, at the Knapp Medical Conference in Weslaco, TX
- Staff hosted on August 7, 2025, Homeland Security Advisory Committee (HSAC) Meeting in at the LRGVDC Ken Jones Executive Boardroom in Weslaco, TX.
- Staff member participated in the webinar on August 14, 2025, on the Texas Association of Regional Councils (TARC) Public Safety Office Preparedness Programs Monthly call.
- Staff hosted on August 12-14, 2025, C3 Pathway Active Shooter Incident Management Training at Knapp Medical Conference Room in Weslaco, TX
- Staff hosted the Rio Grande Regional Response Group meeting on August 20, 2025, at the LRGVDC Small Board room or in hybrid setting.
- Staff attended the City of Raymondville Back to School Bash National Night Out (NNO) on August 21, 2025, at Smiley Park in Raymondville, TX
- Staff attended the Hidalgo County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) Monthly meeting on August 21, 2025, at the McAllen Emergency Operation Center, in McAllen, TX
- Staff hosted the Weslaco Fire Department Meeting on August 26, 2025, at the Ken Jones Executive Boardroom in Weslaco, TX

Advanced Active Shooter Incident Management August 12-14, 2025 at Knapp Medical Conference Center













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SCAN FOR HOTEL REGISTRATION

CONFERENCE ARRIVAL DAY

2:30 PM TO 6 PM

REGISTRATION, EXHIBITOR SET UP AND PREVIEW

• Details: September 24, 2025 Margaritaville Resort 1st Floor Lobby and Second Floor For Exhibitors

CONFERENCE DAY ONE

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER25, 2025

7:30 AM TO 12 PM

REGISTRATION

Details: September 25, 2025 Margaritaville Resort 1st Floor Lobby

8:30 AM TO 9:15 AM

OPENING CEREMONIES-COMPASS ROSE BALL ROOM

- Welcoming by Master of Ceremonies: Tim Smith, Channel 5 News
- Benediction by Deacon Joe Vargas
- Presentation of Colors by the UTRGV Reserve Officer Training Corps and the National Anthem
- Special Guest Speaker: Cameron County Judge Eddie Trevino
- Special Guest Speaker: Hidalgo County Judge Richard Cortez
- Special Guest Speaker: LRGVDC Board of Directors President
- A Word from the SPI Convention and Visitors Bureau:
- A Word from our Executive Director: Manuel Cruz
- A Word from the Event Coordinator: Cesar Merla

9:30AM TO 10:30 AM

KEYNOTE SESSIONS

 Rosa Martinez, CA DVT-Domestic Violence Expert-Trauma Informed Care in the Aftermath of a Mass Casualty Incident (TCOLE: 2035, BH CEU) COMPASS BALL ROOM

10:30AM TO 11:15AM

EXHIBITORS SHOWCASE-2ND FLOOR

11:15 AM TO 12:15 PM

BREAKOUT SESSIONS A

Session A1: Margarita Lopez, Director-LRGVDC Health and Human Services: Safe, Secure and Supported:

Post-Disaster Strategies for Aging and Disability Communities (TCOLE: 3908, BH CEU)

Room: A

Session A2: Rosa Martinez, CA DVT, Domestic Violence Expert: Advanced Safety Planning for Victims of Family Violence (TCOLE: 2035, BH CEU)

Room: CD

Session A3: Roxanne Ramirez LCSW-S, Hilda Salinas, Ass't Chief of Staff, Mental Health Coalition Office of the Hidalgo County Judge-

Weathering the Storm: Managing stress and feeding the family during challenging times. (TCOLE: 3871, BH CEU)

· Room: Fins

Session A4: Stephanie Champion LPC, CTP, C-DBT, Director-Sage counseling Service Edinburg: Healing After a Crisis-The Role of Therapy and Self-Care (TCOLE: 3844, BH CEU)

• Room: Hemisphere

12:15 PM TO 1:45 PM

LUNCH BREAK-INDIVIDUAL







CONFERENCE DAY ONE

1:45 PM TO 2:45 PM

BREAKOUT SESSIONS B

Session B1: David Vasquez, STHS and Apple Pharmacy: Traumatic Brain Injury and how to recover from the incident.

Room: A

Session B2: Fire Chief Gus Ramirez, Alton Fire Department: Signs of Human Trafficking in Healthcare Settings (TCOLE: 6050, BH CEU)

Room: CD

Session B3: Barry Goldsmith, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association: The Storm May be Over, but the Readiness Remains:

National Weather Service Decision Support During Recovery (TCOLE: 3881)

Room: HEMISPHERE

Session B4: Cassandra Bravo, DHR Injury Prevention-Injury Prevention During Emergencies and Disasters (TCOLE: 3881)

Room: FINS

2:45 PM TO 3:15 PM

EXHIBITORS SHOWCASE-2ND FLOOR

3:15 PM TO 4:15 PM

BREAKOUT SESSIONS C

Session C1: Melisa Gonzales-Rosas, LRGVDC Economic and Community Development: Overview of the Economic and Resiliency Plan

· Room: A

Session C2: Dennis Moreno, RGV911: Preparedness & Recovery, The Power of 911 & Mobile Medical Information (TCOLE: 3852)

Room: CD

Session C3: Dr. Norma Villanueva, Nueva Luz Foundation: Mental Health Lifeline After a Critical Incident (TCOLE: 8882, BH CEU)

Room: HEMISPHERE

Session C4: Amy Bayona, Chief of the Domestic Violence Unit, Office of the Criminal District Attorney Hidalgo County:

Protective Orders After an Incident (TCOLE: 3108)

• Room: FINS

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7:00 PM TO 8:30 PM

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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2025

9 AM TO 10 AM

SPECIAL SESSION-DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING CENTER

Special Session: Aliza Long and Felicia Cuellar-South Texas Deaf and Hard of Hearing Joint Taskforce Overview

· Room: FINS

10:15 AM TO 11:15 AM

BREAKOUT SESSIONS D

Session D1: Monica H. Sanchez, LCSW-S, ACPS, PSS, Behavioral Health Solutions-

Overdose Prevention-It takes More than Nalaxone (TCOLE: 2085, BH CEU)

· Room: A

Session D2: Leslie Sanchez-Seaton, Texas Division of Emergency Management:

Bridging the Gap-Coordinating Recovery from the Ground Up (TCOLE: 3881)

Room: CD

Session D3: Fire Chief Antonio Lopez, Weslaco Fire Department: Recovery, Lessons learned over the years (TCOLE: 3881)

• Room: HEMISPHERE

Session D4: Mayra Reyes Psychotherapist, MLR Therapy & Consulting Services PLLC:

Mental Health Awareness & Resources for Essential Workers (TCOLE: 8882)

Room: FINS

11:30 AM TO 12:30 PM

BREAKOUT SESSIONS E

Session E1: Jorge Rodriguez, Director Hope Center at Buckner Children and Family Service and Ivan Morales, Family Coach-Mobilizing Fathers in Disaster Preparedness (TCOLE: 3881)

Room: A

Session E2: Lidia Fonseca PhD, Executive Director Valley Association of Independent Living-

Empowering Resilience: CMIST Framework for Disability Self-Determination in Emergency Management.

• Room: CD

Session E3: Ruben Pequeno, Investigator Office of the Hidalgo County District Attorney-

Trauma Informed Sexual Assault Investigation (TCOLE: 1735)

Room: HEMISPHERE

Session E4: Derek Rivera, Owner of Mission Pawssible-Emergency Pet Preparedness and Recovery (TCOLE: 3881)

Room: FINS

1:15 PM TO 2 PM

CLOSING CEREMONY-COMPASS ROSE BALL ROOM

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ITEM # 5. C.

LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY

ACADEMY

Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council

Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday August 27, 2025

Public Safety

LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY ACADEMY

1. Consideration and **ACTION** to ratify the nomination and appointment of Elsa Police Chief Robert McGinnis and Weslaco Police Captain Alvino Flores to the LRGV Academy Advisory Board.

Background Summary

The LRGV Academy Advisory Board met on Tuesday June 24, 2025, to conduct their annual meeting as mandated by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement. Prior to the commencement of the meeting, Elsa Police Chief Robert McGinnis was appointed by LRGVDC Executive Director Manuel Cruz in accordance with LRGV Academy bylaws to serve as Law Enforcement Agency Chief Executive Representative for Hidalgo County.

Weslaco Police Captain Alvino Flores was nominated and appointed by the LRGV Academy Advisory Board to serve in a vacant seat to represent law enforcement police instructors as an exofficio non-voting member.

Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday August 27, 2025

Public Safety	
LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY ACADEMY	
Program Action Items	Javier Solis Asst. Director
2. Consideration and ACTION to amend the LRGV Acad	emy curriculum to include new licensing courses

Background Summary

and a mental health pilot program.

The LRGV Academy is expanding the number of licensing courses to include the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Basic County Corrections Officer Course. Currently there is a need for county correction officers in all three of the regional counties serviced by the LRGVDC. The LRGV Academy will develop a 120-hour training curriculum with a tuition set at \$1,500 for individuals wishing to seek a career in county corrections.

The LRGV Academy is also adding a mental health pilot program to the Basic Peace Officer Course to study the effects of heart rate variability training in new law enforcement recruits. The amendments to the curriculum were presented and approved by the LRGV Academy Advisory Board on Tuesday June 24, 2025. The LRGV Academy seeks the approval of the LRGVDC Board of Directors to proceed with the development of the new curriculum.

Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council

Board of Directors Meeting

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Public Safety

LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY ACADEMY

Program Action ItemsJavier Solis Asst. Director

3. Consideration and **ACTION** to ratify the new Lower Rio Grande Valley Academy Cadet Rules, Policies, and Procedures Manual as recommended and approved by the LRGV Academy Advisory Board.

Background Summary

The LRGV Academy updated and amended the previous Basic Peace Officer Course Rules, Policies, and Procedures Manual. The old manual covered rules, policies, and procedures which were designed to regulate the Basic Peace Officer Course, which at the time was the only licensing course offered by the LRGV Academy.

The creation of a new curriculum and the addition of new licensing courses require the creation of a new rules, policy, and procedures manual. The current manual title was changed to Lower Rio Grande Valley Academy Cadet Rules, Policies, and Procedures. Verbiage in the new manual was amended to cover all licensing courses offered by the LRGV Academy.

Some of the major changes in the manual include the following:

- The eligibility and enrollment requirements for the new County Corrections and Telecommunicator Course.
- Any illicit lifetime consumption of Cocaine, Methamphetamine, or Opioids is now a permanent disqualifier for entry into the LRGV Academy. The previous time limit was any illicit usage within the last 5 years.
- Any illicit Marijuana, THC, or Cannabis usage withing the last 5-year period is now a disqualifier for enrollment into the LRGV Academy. The previous time limit was 2 years.
- Only checks or money orders are accepted for tuition payment. Payment by credit card or debit card is no longer accepted.
- A new payment plan for licensing courses requires half of tuition to be paid on the first day of orientation, one quarter of the remaining balance to be paid by the 30th day of the cadet's enrollment, and the remaining quarter balance to be paid by the 60th day of the cadet's enrollment.
- Definition regarding Sponsored Cadets.

• Sponsoring Agency Responsibilities. Section 3.8 has been added.

These amendments and updates were presented to and approved by the LRGV Academy Advisory Board on June 24, 2025.

BASIC PEACE OFFICER COURSE (BPOC)



Rules, Policies, and **Procedures**







LRGVDC Administrative location:

201 W. Railroad ST. Weslaco, TX 78596





LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY ACADEMY CADET RULES, POLICIES & PROCEDURES

PROCEDURE 1:0 - BPOC CADET ELIGIBILITY

1.1 I CITIZENSHIP

Applicants must be a United States Citizen. The following are acceptable forms for proof of citizenship;

- a. Birth Certificate
- b. Active U.S. Passport; or
- c. Naturalization Certificate

1.2 AGE REQUIREMENTS

- a. For peace officer academy, applicants must be at least 21 years of age prior to the "end of course" review date of the selected academy.
- b. Alternatively, applicants may by 18 years of age If they have obtained an associate degree or completed 60 semester hours of credit from an accredited college or university.
- c. Acceptance may also be granted to applicants who have received an honorable discharge from the armed forces of the United States after a minimum of two years of active service.
- d. For jailer and telecommunicators academy, applicants must be minimum 18 years of age.

Note: These rules are subject to change. It is the responsibility of the cadet to understand and comply with TCOLE regulations, which take precedence over academy rules once the state exam is undertaken.

1.3 I EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must provide documentation for one of the following.

- a. A high school diploma or High school transcripts.
- b. A general educational development (GED) completion document.
- c. Documentation confirming the successful completion of a home school education, equivalent to graduation from a public high school.
- d. <u>For enrollment in a basic peace officer academy only, an Honorable Discharge from the Armed</u> Forces of the United States after at minimum of 24 months of active-duty service.

1.4 CRIMINAL BACKGROUND REQUIREMENTS

Applicants are required to complete a fingerprint process and obtain a DPS Driving Record to verify the following criteria:

- a. The applicant is not currently charges for any criminal offense that would preclude licensure.
- b. The applicant has never been placed on court-ordered community supervision or probation for any criminal offense above the grade of Class B misdemeanor or for a Class B misdemeanor within the last ten years (10) from the date of the court order.
- c. The applicant has never been convicted of any offense above the grade of a Class B misdemeanor, or a Class B misdemeanor within the last ten (10) years.
- d. The applicant has never been convicted of, or placed on community supervision for, any offense involving family violence as defined under Chapter 71 of the Texas Family Code.
- e. The applicant is not prohibited by state or federal law from operating a motor vehicle and must possess a valid Texas Driver's License.
- f. The applicant is not prohibited by state or federal law from possessing firearms or ammunition.
- g. The applicant has never received a dishonorable discharge or any other type based on misconduct that would bar future military service.
- h. The applicant has not been subjected to a background investigation.

The results of the fingerprinting process are determined solely based on the applicant's criminal history records and are not influenced by the academy. If court document are required, it is the applicants responsibility to contact the relevant court and provide the necessary documentation to the TCOLE representative in a timely manner. The fingerprint results are final and cannot be altered in any way by the Academy.

A Texas Department of Public Safety type AR driving record shall be submitted by all applications to confirm driver eligibility requirement.

PROCEDURE 1:0 - BPOC CADET ELIGIBILITY

USE OF ILLICIT SUBSTANCES

To be considered for for selection, applicants must exhibit no signs of drug dependency or illegal drug use following a physical examination, urine test, blood test, or other medical assessment designated to unveil the presence of controlled substances. Disqualifications arise for the following concerning the use of forbidden substances.

Applicants shall be disqualified for 60 months, five years, for use of the following substance:

- Used marijuana, synthetic cannabinoids or any other unprescribed illegal drug for the purpose of recreation or intoxication
- Use paint, glue, or other inhalants for the purpose of intoxication

Applicants shall be permanently disqualified for any lifetime use of the following substances:

- · LSD, STP, or Psilocybin, or any other illegal hallucinogenic substances
- Cocaine or any derivative thereof
- Methamphetamine of any other illegal amphetamine stimulant
- Unperscribed opioids (ie heroin, morphine, fentanyl, ect.)

TEMPERATE HABITS

Applicants and cadets are expected to embody the high standards associated with professional law enforcement. They must demonstrate self-restraint in their personal, social, and public conduct, including their interactions on social media. Furthermore, applicants and cadets should not display violent behavior, partisanship, or a lack of self-control. In situations where an applicant is under the influence of alcohol, they are required to exhibit exceptional temperance and show respect for others, as well as for dignity and property.

Applicants will be disqualified for the following reasons and will be ineligible to reapply for a period of one year from the date of disqualification:

- Cadets whose actions or omissions do not adhere to the established standards, reflecting a lack of good moral character or a violation of moral turpitude
- Cadets who have interacted with law enforcement officers must inform the LRGV Academy Training Coordinator of the reason for the contact. There will be no exceptions. Failure to comply will result in disciplinary actions, which may include dismissal from the academy.
- Cadets are required to adhere to the uniform policy outlined in Appendix B of the Lower Rio Grande Valley Academy Rules and Regulations. Noncompliance will lead to disciplinary actions, potentially culminating in dismissal from the academy.

Applicants and cadets are expected to maintain an appearance befitting a professional police officer. This includes demonstrating moderation and sound judgment regarding personal appearance, such that any body art does not detract from their overall presentation.

Cadets are required to cover any tattoos or inappropriate body art that fall within the classifications outlined below for the duration of their time at the police academy. Noncompliance with this regulation may result in dismissal from the academy.

Inappropriate body art shall be defined as:

- Body art that is obscene or offensive [example: nudity]
- Body art that depicts or advocates discrimination based on sex, age, race, national origin, ancestry, citizenship, religion, disability, or sexual orientation.
- Body art that depicts or advocates gang affiliation, supremacist or extremist groups, or illegal drug use
- Tattoos that are visible or cannot be covered on the head, face, neck, and hand area.
- Inappropriate body art may be considered a potential disqualifier. Final approval will be made by the LRGV Academy Training Coordinator.

PROCEDURE 2:0 - APPLICATION PROCESS

2.4 APPLICATION PACKET DEADLINE

Final entry paperwork is due by the specified date set by the LRGV Academy staff.

PROCEDURE 3:0 - TUITION

3.1 TUITION FEES

The LRGV Academy's peace officer academy tuition cost is \$2,500.00. Additional cost for entry paperwork and transaction/processing service fees will be applied. Applicants are responsible for coordinating with each facility to determine the cost for required documents.

All other LRGV academy licensing course tuition cost is \$1,250.00. Additional cost for entry paperwork and transaction/processing service fees will be applied. Applicants are responsible for coordinating with each facility to determine the cost for required documents.

METHOD OF PAYMENT

Cashiers check or money orders must be made payable to LRGVDC:

LRGVDC or Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council 301 W Railroad St

Weslaco Tx 78595

**Notes/memo: LRGV Academy

No cash or credit card payments allowed.

PAYMENT DEADLINES

Peace Officer course enrollment: Tuition payment is due on the first day of orientation for the LRGV Academy. Payment extension is available if approved by the LRGV Academy training coordinator or Chief Administrator (Executive Director of the LRGVDC). Prior approval must be granted before entering a payment arrangement plan.

All other licensing course enrollment will require a minimum ½ tuition on the first day of class and ½ tition to be paid prior to the end date of licensing course. Failure to pay the remaining tuition balance for any licensing course will result in a lack of final endorsement from the LRGV Academy.

PAYMENT GUIDELINES & PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS

If a payment arrangement is approved, a total payment of \$1,250 is required on the first day of orientation. A second payment of \$625 will be due within 30 calendar days from the commencement of the academy, followed by a final payment of \$625 due within 60 calendar days from the start of the program.

- a. Failure to remit the tuition balance in full by the specified deadlines will result in dismissal from the academy.
- b. Cadets opting for the payment plan must sign a tuition agreement.
- c. Failure to sign or adhere to the terms of the written agreement will automatically result in dismissal from the academy.
- d. Veteran cadets must sign a tuition agreement reflecting the total out-of-pocket cost if their VA benefits entitlement is less than 100% (refer to Procedure 3.6).
- e. Should a veteran cadet fail to complete the full LRGV Academy course, they will incur a total VA debt management calculation based on the hours not completed and must settle this debt with the LRGVDC.
- f. In the event of separation from the academy for any reason, any outstanding balance shall be nullified. Returning cadets must adhere to the entry process and payment guidelines upon reenrollment in a new academy.
- g. Cadets sponsored by any entity not directly affiliated with the academy are required to follow the entry process, provide necessary information to the appropriate parties, and ensure that the tuition balance is settled.

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3.5 ♣ REFUND POLICY

The LRGVDC policy pertains to cadets who either voluntarily withdraw from or are terminated from the LRGV Academy.

- a. Cadets who voluntarily withdraw before the fifth calendar day of the scheduled class will be eligible for a refund of 50% of their initial payment.
- b. Cadets who voluntarily withdraw after five days from the commencement of the scheduled class will not receive a refund of course fees.

Cadets who are dismissed from the academy due to violations of academy rules and regulations, disciplinary actions, or breaches of statutory law will forfeit their fees. Additionally, cadets are required to return all assigned equipment related to academy training. Failure to return LRGV Academy equipment will result in charges of theft.

VETERANS EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS

Qualifying Chapters:

- Chapter 30 Montgomery GI Bill® Active Duty (MGIB-AD)
- Chapter 33 Post-9/11 GI Bill®
- Chapter 35 Survivors and Dependent Assistance
- Chapter 1606 Montgomery GI Bill® Selected Reserve (MGIB-SR)

Benefits may be certified for the academy sites.

- a. Veterans seeking eligibility for VA Benefits must provide copies of the following documents:
 - Educational Certificate of Eligibility (C.O.E.)
 - DD214
 - Joint Service (Military) Transcripts
 - All Post-Secondary Transcripts (any educational records beyond high school)
 - Additional items as required by the academy.
- b. The C.O.E. will indicate the remaining months and days of benefits, along with the total percentage of payable entitlement. Cadets will incur out-of-pocket expenses for any entitlement percentage below 100%.
- c. Cadets are responsible for signing a tuition agreement for any portion of the tuition not covered by their benefits entitlement.
- d. Should a veteran cadet fail to complete the full LRGV Academy, they will incur a total monetary VA debt corresponding to the hours not completed and must resolve this debt with the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Corporation (LRGVDC).
- e. In the event of separation from the academy for any reason, the outstanding balance must be settled in full, or the veteran will be denied reentry to the Lower Rio Grande Valley Academy until the debt is cleared.

For assistance, please contact the Education Call Center at 1-888-GI-BILL-1 or 1-888-442-4551 (for requesting C.O.E.). For more information, visit the GI Bill Comparison Tool at www.vets.gov/gi-bill-comparison-tool.

3.7 SPONSORED CADETS

Sponsored cadets are defined as individuals who have entered into an agreement with a third-party agency. The cadet and the sponsoring agency negotiate the payment of tuition and academy-related expenses. Any costs not covered by the sponsoring agency will be the responsibility of the cadet.

*Testing:** Sponsored cadets must take the entrance exam and are required to register for an
exam date. On the day of the exam, they need only to present a valid Texas Driver's License and
remit a \$25 exam fee. Sponsored cadets must adhere to the testing standards set forth by the
LRGV Academy. They are permitted two re-tests for the examination.

It is the responsibility of the sponsored cadet to inform their sponsoring agency of the results from the LRGV Academy entrance exam.

PROCEDURE 3:0 - APPLICATION PROCESS

3.81 SPONSORING AGENCIES

The sponsoring agency is responsible for conducting all necessary background procedures for the sponsored cadet. This includes maintaining a personnel file that contains all requisite documents to meet the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (TCOLE) eligibility for licensing and enrollment. These documents must be retained by the sponsoring agency in preparation for any potential TCOLE

Before the commencement of the academy, sponsoring agencies are required to provide the following documents to the LRGV Academy:

Signed original LRGVDC DOLCEE Application

Declaration of Licensing Course Enrollment Eligibility
 L.E. Audit Checklist (TCOLE)

The LRGV Academy acknowledges that certain sponsored cadets may be employed by the sponsoring agency. However, the sponsoring agency recognizes that the rules, policies, and procedures of the LRGV Academy will take precedence over those of the sponsoring agency while the cadet is enrolled in the academy.

TRAINING LOCATION ASSIGNMENT

The LRGV Academy operates multiple training sites throughout the region, with each Academy functioning concurrently at all authorized locations. While cadets may indicate their preferred training site in their application packet, the LRGV Academy reserves the right to reassign locations based on logistical considerations, classroom capacity, or other circumstances deemed necessary.

PROCEDURE 4:0 - REQUIRED SUPPLIES

TUITION FEES

Equipment Purchasing Guidelines for Cadets

Each cadet is responsible for acquiring their own equipment no later than 30 calendar days following the academy's start date. All supplies must adhere to academy specifications, be in new or "like new" condition, and free from defects.

Required Equipment:

- a. Academy uniform shirt as specified by academy staff.
- b. BDU/cargo pants in khaki, as specified by academy staff.
- c. A minimum of four nylon belt keepers.
- d. Duty gun belt (nylon).
- e. Expandable baton and case (21 26 inches).
- f. Handheld flashlight holder or pouch (nylon), with a minimum output of 1500 lumens (examples include Streamlight, Stinger, Striker).
- g. Footwear (black, must be capable of holding a shine).
- h. Handcuffs and handcuff case (Smith & Wesson or H&K) [2 minumum]
- i. Holster, as specified by academy staff.
- j. Inner belt (black).
- k. Double magazine pouch (nylon).
- I. OC spray case (small).
- m. Inner duty belt with Velcro (if applicable).
- n. Physical training gear, which includes:
 - . T-shirt in gray
 - Black athletic shorts without stripes or designs
 - . Athletic shoes
 - o. Training replica gun (Glock model 17 / 9mm in orange).

Ammunition Purchase:

Ammunition is recommended to be purchased after Chapter 29.

- p. 500 rounds of 9mm pistol ammunition (no steel, reloaded, or hollow point ammunition allowed).
- q. 15 rounds of shotgun ammunition (00 buck, 9 pellet).
- r. 10 rounds of shotgun ammunition (slugs).

ITEM # 5. C.

RIO GRANDE VALLEY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION DISTRICT

Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council

Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, August 27, 2025

Item #5: Department Reports

C. Public Safety

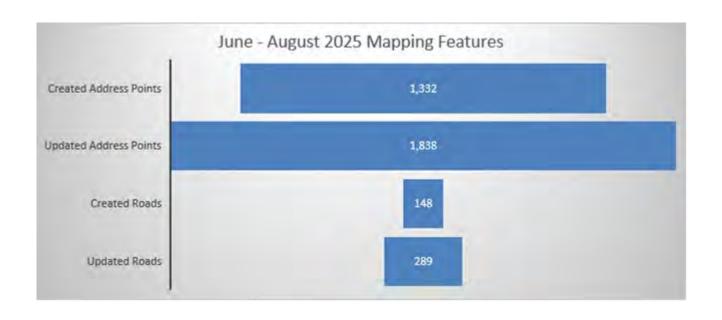
Rio Grande Valley Emergency Communication District Status Report

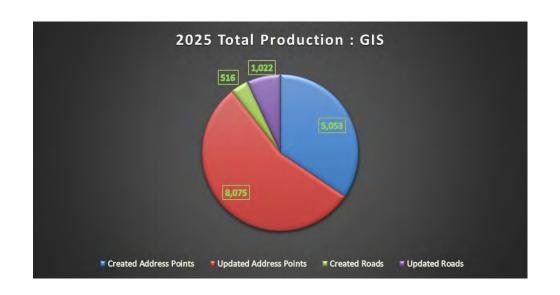
GIS Division

The GIS team held its annual planning meeting with ESRI to outline a focused work plan for 2026. This plan, currently under development, will align with the district's strategic goals and should be ready by end November 2025. Additionally, a GIS Training plan for 2026 has been finalized and published as a story map, now accessible via our team dashboard.

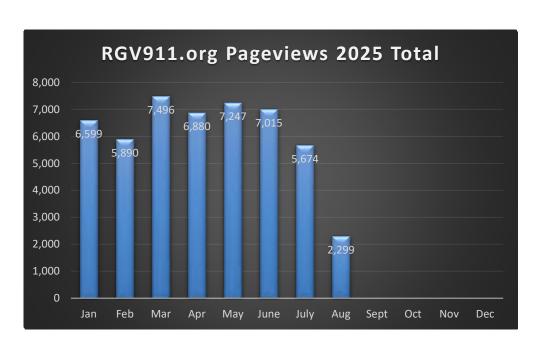
RGV9-1-1's innovative address management system was featured in a national ESRI Press case study, published on May 5th. The article, titled "RGV9-1-1 Enhances Address Management with ArcGIS", highlights the district's strategic planning and successful implementation of its 9-1-1 addressing data management system. The article is available at: https://link.esri.com/cs/rgv911

RGV911, serving Hidalgo and Willacy Counties, modernized its outdated address management system by adopting Esri's ArcGIS tools, replacing legacy systems like ArcMap and the custombuilt Spartan platform. With only five GIS specialists supporting 16 PSAPs and multiple municipalities, the district implemented Esri's Address Data Management solution, aligned with NG911 standards, to improve accuracy, efficiency, and ease of use. New tools like Workflow Manager, Survey123, and ArcGIS Hub streamlined request handling and reduced human error. Turnaround times dropped from 14 to 3–5 business days, error rates fell by 50%, and customer service improved. The successful transformation gained attention from other districts and was recognized at the Esri User Conference.









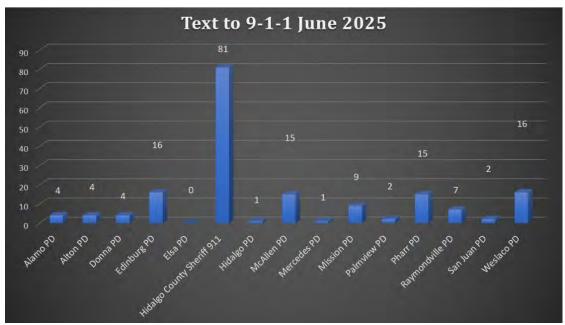
• 9-1-1 | Information Technology

The Information Technology Division conducted audits of all 16 PSAPs last month pursuant to Health and Safety Code, Chapter 771, §771.051. Overall, all aspects of 9-1-1 operations including calls, transfers, call taking, and site requirements met the operational standards for 9-1-1 call-taking equipment. Two PSAPs had findings requiring corrective action, and both have been notified accordingly.

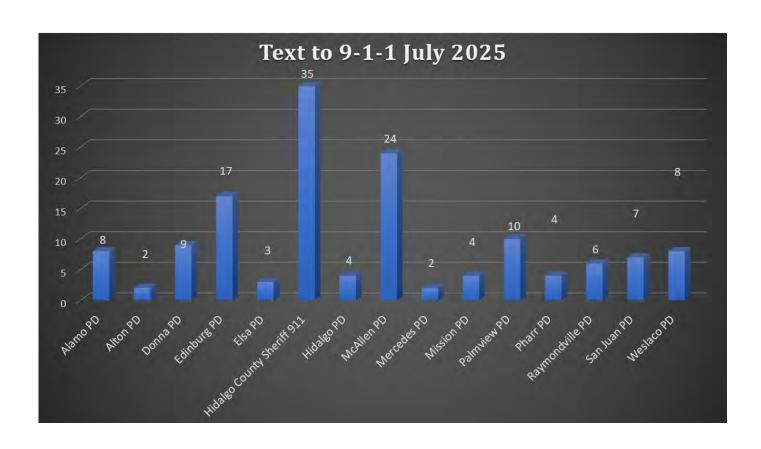
Additionally, we purchased two mobile generators: one 75 kW unit and one 45 kW unit. The 75 kW generator will serve larger PSAPs, while the 45 kW generator will support our remote PSAPs throughout the District.

We remain committed to maintaining 99.999% operational efficiency, ensuring seamless integration between our 9-1-1 call delivery systems and GIS mapping. By doing so, we continue to support our public safety partners and the community with reliable emergency communication services.









• Community Engagement Division

In June and July, our Public Education Team stayed busy with activities that helped us grow and connect with the community. We attended several conferences where we learned new ideas, shared our experiences, and built professional connections with others in public safety. We visited PSAPs across the district to meet with 9-1-1 telecommunicators, review training progress, and offer support. We also participated in community events to teach families and students when to call 9-1-1, how to call, and what to expect during an emergency. In addition, we joined networking events to strengthen relationships with local agencies, organizations, and leaders who share our goal of keeping communities informed and safe. These months showed the value of education and teamwork in improving public safety across our region.

Comunidad al Día Radio Interview, June 4th, 2025. We're especially grateful for the opportunity to speak directly to our residents in the rural areas of Hidalgo and Willacy counties about the importance of registering their 911 address and how they can pick up their address plates — at no cost!

Community Resources Palooza, June 6, 2025. The Public Education Team had a great time attending the City of Sullivan's very first Community Resources Palooza! It was a wonderful opportunity to connect with local families, share important 9-1-1 information, and join other organizations in promoting safety and community awareness. We're proud to support events like this that bring resources and education directly to the public.

Hidalgo County READY Emergency Preparedness Pop-Up Series, June 13, 2025. Attending the event was a great opportunity to connect with the community. It allowed us to share important, lifesaving 9-1-1 information with people of all ages. We emphasized the importance of knowing when and how to call 9-1-1. Our team also promoted preparedness for all types of emergencies, helping families feel more confident and informed. Engaging with the community in this way strengthens our mission to create safer, more resilient neighborhoods.

Willacy County District Attorney's Office Annual Elder Abuse Awareness Day event, June 13, 2025. The fun was on with some exciting rounds of LOTERIA, bringing the community together for laughter, prizes, and learning. While everyone enjoyed the traditional game, we also took the opportunity to share important information about 911. One key topic we focused on was the importance of having your physical address clearly visible from the street. In an emergency, every second matters, and a visible address can help first responders find you faster. Many participants were surprised to learn how critical this small detail can be during an emergency. It was a perfect mix of fun and education, leaving everyone with smiles and lifesaving knowledge.

Know Your Address Campaign with AltaCair Foundation, June 18, 2025. RGV911's GIS team was on-site in the City of Lasara, answering questions and helping residents begin the process of getting their official 911 physical address. Having a verified address is crucial in ensuring emergency services can locate you quickly when every second counts. The team provided valuable one-on-one assistance, guiding community members through the steps and requirements. It was a great opportunity to connect with residents and emphasize

the importance of accurate location information. Events like this help build safer, more informed communities.

2025 NENA Conference, June 22 - **27, 2025.** RGV911 attended the 2025 NENA Conference! It was an inspiring event dedicated to advancing 911 services and enhancing support for the public safety community. We're proud to have represented our region at such an important national gathering. The conference offered valuable opportunities to learn from industry leaders, share best practices, and explore the future of emergency communications. We are connected with professionals from across the country who share the same passion and commitment to saving lives. Grateful for the experience, we return more motivated and equipped to serve our communities.

3rd Annual Elder Appreciation Day in Hidalgo County, June 25, 2025. The event was packed with fun and excitement—featuring games, dancing, and wonderful company—but most importantly, it focused on life-saving 9-1-1 education! We were proud to share essential information on when and how to call 9-1-1, the importance of staying calm during an emergency, how to clearly provide your location, and what to expect when help is on the way. Empowering our seniors and their caregivers with this knowledge is crucial for ensuring safety and supporting their independence.

Summer Camp 2025 with Precinct 2, July 2, 2025. City of Alamo, we had such a fun time filled with dancing, games, and—of course—important 9-1-1 education for the kids. Teaching children how to call 9-1-1 and stay calm during an emergency is a lesson that lasts a lifetime. Thank you for letting us be part of this amazing event

Commerce, July 10, 2025. RGV911 came together with others to contribute to the Kerr County Flood Relief, offering support to help meet the immediate needs of those impacted. This joint effort reflected communities uniting to provide aid, comfort, and resources, helping families recover and rebuild after the devastating floods.

Hidalgo County Ready Emergency Preparedness Event, July 10^{th,} **2025.** The city of San Juan, together with Hidalgo County Precinct 2, hosted an emergency preparedness event. RGV911 was proud to join forces with other amazing organizations at the Hidalgo County Ready Emergency Preparedness event. We came together to share valuable resources and information with our community to help everyone stay prepared and ready for any emergency.

Summer Resource Health Fair, July 15, 2025. We traveled to the City of Donna for the Summer Resource Health Fair. Alongside other amazing organizations, RGV911 was proud to share valuable information with the community about the importance of public safety.

The Fifth Annual Vipers Back to School Expo, July 23, 2025. This event was in the city of Edinburg and presented by Driscoll, we welcomed over 3,000 attendees, and we enjoyed every minute of it. We had a blast handing out school supplies and sharing important 9-1-1 information with the children as they got ready to head back to school.

Hurricane Preparedness, July 24, 2025. The city of Donna hosted this event, together with the Donna Fire Department. We geared in informing the citizens of the dangers of hurricanes, when to call emergency responders, what is considered an emergency, and what we can do to prepare.

Mission PD School Bash, July 28, 2025. We had an amazing time at the Mission PD School Bash. The topic for the kids was Text to 911 teaching them when and how to use it safely. It was all smiles as we handed out school supplies and shared important 911 safety tips. Here's to a safe and successful school year.

Hidalgo County Housing Authority Back to School Fair, July 31st,2025. We had a great time connecting with the community and chatting with the kids about the importance of 9-1-1. When calling 9-1-1, knowing your surroundings can make all the difference. Whether you're at home, on the road, or out in the community, being able to give your location helps emergency responders get to you faster and safer.



Comunidad al Día Radio Interview





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Hurricane Preparedness





Mission PD School Bash

Hidalgo County
Housing Authority
Back to School Fair





ITEM #5. D.

TRANSPORTATION

Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, August 27, 2025

Item #5: Department Reports

D. Transportation

Valley Metro Status ReportTom Logan, Director of Regional Transit

• Ridership Report

Total Ridership from September 2024 to July 2025: 739,268

Breakdown of Ridership per system:

Ridership breakdown:

Rural and Small Urban areas: 110,499 riders

Large Urban areas: 628,769

Small Urban and Rural Ridership (Sept 2024 - May 2025):

Total ridership: 110,499

Valley Metro (Small Urban): 109,332

riders

TSTC: 1,167 riders

Large Urban Ridership (Sept 2024 - May 2025):

Total ridership: 628,769

UTRGV: 433,228 riders

Valley Metro: 190,742 riders

STC: 4,799 riders

Regional Transportation Advisory Panel (RTAP) Activity:

RTAP Committee Meeting Summary

Date: July 24, 2025

Subcommittee Updates:

Claudia Olmedo provided updates across administrative, operational, marketing, funding, and capital categories. The Willacy Express launched in April and became fully operational by June. The Micro transit Study continues with an emphasis on public outreach, and the bilingual regional transit category remains in progress. Bus shelter assessments have been completed by several agencies. Looking ahead, work is underway on the RFP for the 2026–2031 planning cycle, expected in September 2025.

Procurement for Consultant:

Tom Logan and Nancy Sanchez discussed the procurement process for a consultant to update the five-year Regional Public Transportation Coordination Plan. TxDOT awarded \$200,000 for this effort, with goals to establish a seamless fare system across agencies, improve coordination, and enhance public engagement.

Transit Provider Updates:

Brownsville Metro reported nearing completion of its Micro transit Study, extending efforts for additional outreach. They have ordered two new paratransit vehicles and six hybrid buses but still have four transit operator vacancies. UTRGV reported 440,122 unlinked passenger trips, an upcoming public meeting on July 30, and 14 part-time driver openings. Valley Metro shared recent community engagement events, ribbon-cutting ceremonies, and the launch of the new Zapata Express route.

Upcoming Events

The Week Without Driving Challenge will be held from September 29 to October 5, 2025, aiming to raise awareness of mobility challenges faced by non-drivers. Participation is encouraged for both elected officials and community members.

Open Forum

Discussions included the National RTAP Conference scheduled for December 7–10, 2025, in Austin, the Hidalgo County Prosperity Task Force's focus on rural transportation needs, and the pending funding approval for the Regional Transit Authority Feasibility Study.

The next RTAP Committee meeting will take place on September 25, 2025, in person at the Valley Metro Transit Center.

LARGE URBAN RIDERSHIP REPORT

July 2025 - YEAR TO DATE RIDERSHIP

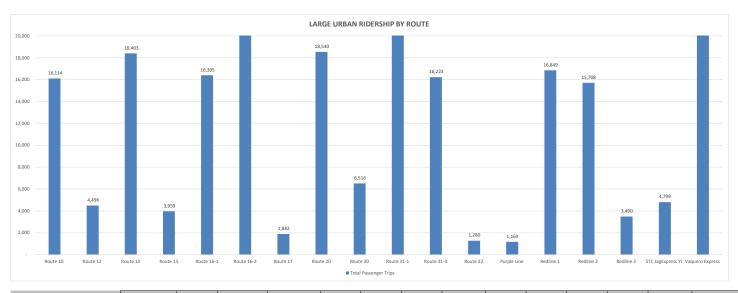
	Route	Total Trips	Route Activity	Area(s) Served
	Route 10	16,114	3%	Edinburg
	Route 12	4,496	1%	Edcouch, Elsa, Edinburg
	Route 14	18,403	3%	Edinburg
S	Route 15	3,959	1%	Edinburg
5	Route 16-1	16,395	3%	Courthouse Circulator
LARGE URBAN ROUTES	Route 16-2	25,020	4%	Courthouse Circulator
RBA	Route 17	1,882	0%	Edinburg T-line
D H H	Route 20	18,540	3%	Mission
LARG	Route 30	6,516	1%	Pharr, San Juan
	Route 31-1	24,698	4%	Hidalgo-Cameron
	Route 31-3	16,223	3%	Hidalgo-Cameron
	Route 32	1,280	0%	Donna
	Purple Line	1,169	0%	Weslaco, Pharr
SS	Redline 1	16,849	3%	Rio Grande Valley
EXPRESS	Redline 2	15,708	2%	Rio Grande Valley
î	Redline 3	3,490	1%	Rio Grande Valley
	STC JagExpress YL	4,799	1%	Weslaco, Pharr, McAllen
	Vaquero Express	433,228	69%	Edinburg
	TOTAL	628,769	100%	**Total Ridership Count subject to change when finalized



	Total
Flex Routes	13
Metro Express	3
STC Jag Express	1
Vaquero Express	1
Total Large Urban	18

"Connecting the Valley One Ride at a Time"

Large Urban - service between or within large urbanized area



Fiscal Year	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Total	
FY 2024-2025	89,418	100,997	74,616	33,647	40,314	77,842	59,886	75,410	19,411	23,685	33,543	0	628,769	

RURAL AND SMALL URBAN RIDERSHIP REPORT

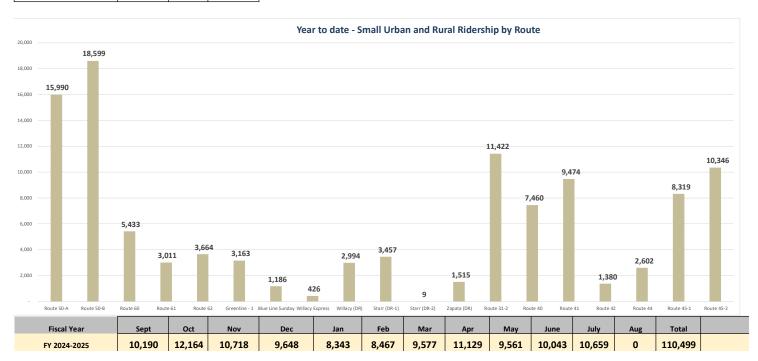
July 2025 - YEAR TO DATE TOTALS

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	Route	Total Passenger Trips	Route Activity	Area(s) Served
	Route 50-A	15,990	14% B	Brownsville, Port Isabel
	Route 50-B	18,599	17% B	Brownsville, Port Isabel
	Route 60	5,433	5% F	Roma, Rio Grande City
	Route 61	3,011	3% F	Rio Grande City
	Route 62	3,664	3% F	Rio Grande City
RURAL	Greenline - 1	3,163	3% F	Rio Grande City
R	Blue Line Sunday	1,186	1% B	Brownsville, Port Isabel
	Willacy Express	426	0% V	Willacy-Cameron
	Willacy (DR)	2,994	3% V	Willacy County
	Starr (DR-1)	3,457	3% S	Starr County
	Starr (DR-2)	9	0% S	Starr County
	Zapata (DR)	1,515	1% Z	Zapata County
	Route 31-2	11,422	10% (Cameron-Hidalgo
	Route 40	7,460	7% F	Harlingen
BAN	Route 41	9,474	9% F	Harlingen
SMALL URBAN	Route 42	1,380	1% S	San Benito
SMA	Route 44	2,602	2% P	Primera, La Feria, Santa Rosa
	Route 45-1	8,319	8% C	Cameron County
	Route 45-2	10,346	9% C	Cameron County
	TOTAL	110,450	100%	*Total Ridership Count subject to change when finalized



	Rural	Urban	Total
Flex Routes	6	7	13
Express Routes	2	0	2
Demand Response	4	0	4
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"Connecting the Valley One Ride at a Time"



FY 2025 VALLEY METRO RIDERSHIP REPORT													
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Edinburg	8,531	9,234	7,009	4,849	5,702	7,027	6,534	8,725	6,483	6,516	6,981	0	77,591
UTRGV Edinburg	70,277	79,188	56,576	18,094	25,557	60,810	41,359	55,224	2,115	7,638	16,390	0	433,228
Pharr	1,020	1,601	964	977	653	727	820	829	986	816	860	0	10,253
Mission	980	1,052	876	810	660	836	864	935	933	817	745	0	9,508
McAllen	3,763	4,220	4,094	4,184	3,632	3,737	4,225	4,448	4,198	3,669	3,876	0	44,046
San Carlos	16	20 7	18	14 7	9	16	24 7	18 7	17	24	32	0	208
La Blanca	3	-	4		11	3	-		9	13	19	0	90
Elsa	92	100	96	44	46	124	88	121	84	57	73	0	925
Edcouch	34	40	30	18	13	19	26	23	11	15	26	0	255
La Villa	46	36	37	21	18	35	32	35	21	13	6	0	300
San Juan	293	405	305	323	264	336	303	308	282	332	317	0	3,468
Alamo	265	337	273	324	241	251	228	252	328	209	246	0	2,954
Donna	378	498	486	510	391	387	306	436	465	474	490	0	4,821
Weslaco	1,263	1,616	1,060	814	711	1,238	2,467	1,328	915	676	726	0	12,814
Mercedes	281	283	357	325	333	341	355	348	276	300	347	0	3,546
La Feria	129	179	178	188	161	173	158	184	174	136	176	0	1,836
Brownsville	1,513	1,514	1,612	1,592	1,448	1,312	1,601	1,609	1,523	1,445	1,577	0	16,746
Harlingen	534	667	641	553	464	470	489	580	591	535	656	0	6,180
Total	89,418	100,997	74,616	33,647	40,314	77,842	59,886	75,410	19,411	23,685	33,543	0	628,769
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VALLEY METRO	18,449	20,997	17,574	15,354	14,565	16,430	17,960	19,474	16,994	15,943	17,002	0	190,742
UTRGV	70,277	79,188	56,576	18,094	25,557	60,810	41,359	55,224	2,115	7,638	16,390	0	433,228
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Urban	•	100,997	74,616	33,647	40,314	77,842	59,886	75,410	19,411	23,685	33,543	0	628,769
Total	89,418	100,997	74,616	33,647	40,314	77,842	59,886	75,410	19,411	23,685	33,543	0	628,769
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Hidalgo County	87,242	98,637	72,185	31,314	38,241	75,887	57,638	73,037	17,123	21,569	31,134	0	604,007
Cameron County	2,176	2,360	2,431	2,333	2,073	1,955	2,248	2,373	2,288	2,116	2,409	0	24,762
Total	89,418	100,997	74,616	33,647	40,314	77,842	59,886	75,410	19,411	23,685	33,543	0	628,769
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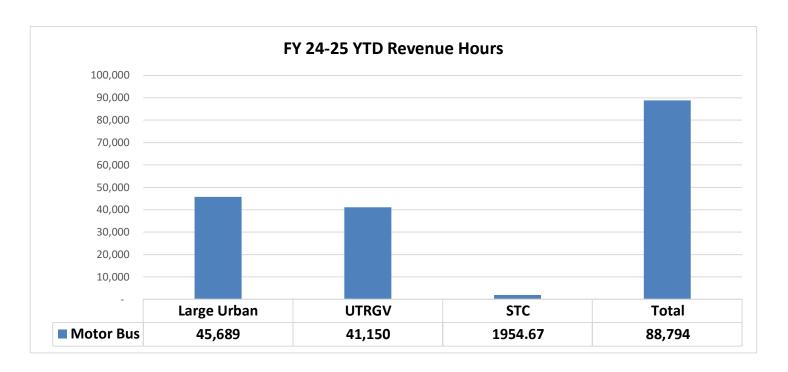
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Pharr	91	139	125	93	67	32	52	48	52	49	56	0	
McAllen	442	562	471	402	338	290	323	432	360	334	338	0	4,
San Juan	51	63	48	45	24	24	33	29	25	21	33	0	
Alamo	148	118	94	76	67	36	43	64	60	38	70	0	
Donna	106	125	128	122	63	63	47	59	53	57	77	0	
Weslaco	143	133	127	118	86	63	53	79	88	111	76	0	1,
Mercedes	86	135	127	81	61	63	44	54	63	50	66	0	
La Feria	124	192	128	124	133	94	136	123	99	116	116	0	1,
Harlingen	1,883	2,354	2,655	2,091	1,894	1,980	2,243	2,393	2,072	2,296	2,423	0	24,
San Benito	314	382	337	326	245	164	273	351	338	344	286	0	3,
Brownsville	2,333	2,809	2,402	2,381	2,099	1,943	2,393	2,720	2,474	2,575	2,887	0	27,
Santa Rosa	54	73	78	79	36	21	94	94	62	67	58	0	
Primera	12	15	19	29	11	5	16	15	10	7	8	0	
Los Fresnos	265	370	286	308	218	243	275	312	223	248	218	0	2,
Laguna Vista	139	223	195	194	147	206	190	243	213	202	203	0	2,
Laguna Heights	211	267	247	176	138	157	130	178	210	176	233	0	2,
Port Isabel	1,246	1,442	1,211	1,168	1,001	933	1,162	1,426	1,236	1,333	1,355	0	13,
Rio Grande City	1,994	2,054	1,438	1,168	1,042	1,415	1,281	1,524	1,087	1,139	1,129	0	15,
Willacy County	134	262	232	265	286	311	285	478	366	393	408	0	3,
Starr County	256	264	231	290	305	316	334	381	348	337	404	0	3,
Zapata County	158	182	139	112	82	108	170	126	122	150	215	0	1,
Total	10,190	12,164	10,718	9,648	8,343	8,467	9,577	11,129	9,561	10,043	10,659	0	110,
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Agency	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	то
VALLEY METRO	10,102	12,043	10,595	9,564	8,209	8,314	9,456	11,020	9,491	9,962	10,576	0	109
TSTC	88	121	123	84	134	153	121	109	70	81	83	0	1,
Total	10,190	12,164	10,718	9,648	8,343	8,467	9,577	11,129	9,561	10,043	10,659	0	110
RAL AND URBAN COUNT													
AREA	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	то
Rural	5,837	6,687	5,366	4,948	4,379	4,643	5,018	6,059	5,194	5,360	6,005	Aug	
Urban	4,353	5,477	5,352	4,700	3,964	3,824	4,559	5,070	4,367	4,683	4,654		
Total	10,190	12,164	10,718	9,648	8,343	8,467	9,577	11,129	9,561	10,043		0	110
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Hidalgo County	Sept 1,067	1,275	1,120	937	Jan 706	Feb 571	1 Viar 595	Apr 765	May 701	June 660	716	Aug	TO 9
Cameron County	6,581	8,127	7,558	6,876	5,922	5,746	6,912	7,855	6,937	7,364	7,787		
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Willacy County	2,250	2,318	1,669	1,458	1,347	1,731	1,615	1,905	1,435	1,476	1,533		
Willacy County Starr County	2,230	182	139	112	82	108	170	126	122	150	215		
Starr County	158				02			11,129	9,561	10,043	10,659	0	
	158 10,190		10,718	9,648	8,343	8,467	9,577	11,123	3,301	10,043	10,033		110
Starr County Zapata County Total				9,648	8,343	8,467	9,577	11,129	3,301	10,043	10,033		, 110,
Starr County Zapata County Total ERSHIP BY PRECINCTS	10,190	12,164	10,718					·					
Starr County Zapata County Total				9,648 Dec 2,730	Jan 2,380	Feb 2,327	9,577 Mar 2,806	Apr 3,030	May 2,644	June 2,880	July 2,957	Aug	то

LARGE URBAN

Distribution of Revenue Hours

Year to Date 2024-2025

	Large Urban	UTRGV	STC	Total
Motor Bus	45,689	41,150	1954.67	88,794

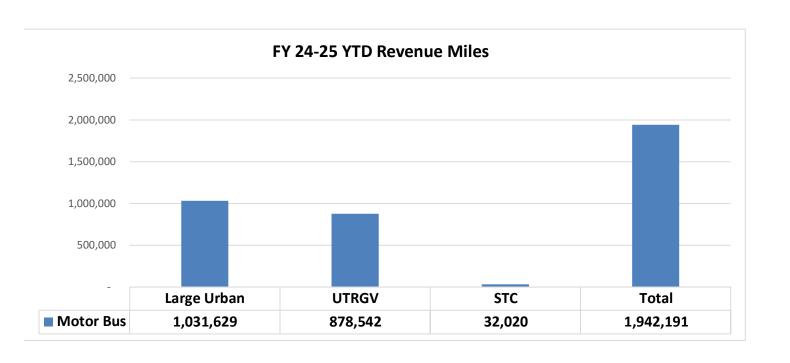


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LARGE URBAN

Distribution of Revenue Miles

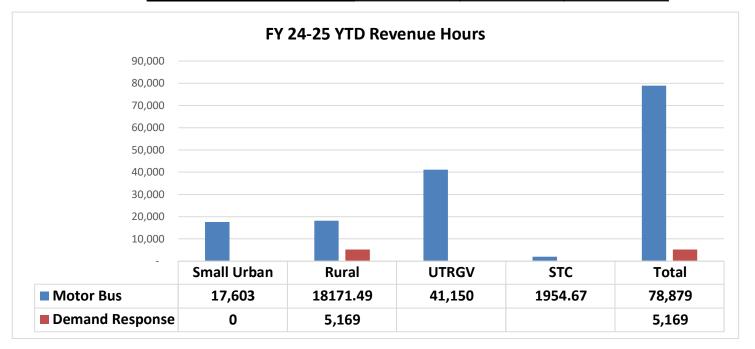
	Large Urban	UTRGV	STC	Total
Motor Bus	1,031,629	878,542	32,020	1,942,191



Year to Date 2024-2025

Distribution of Revenue Hours

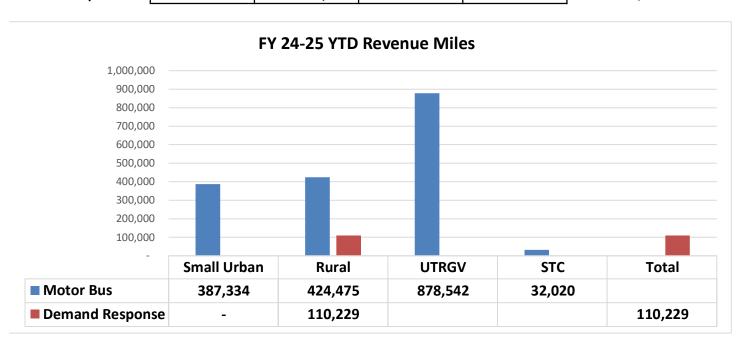
	Small Urban	Rural	UTRGV	STC	Total
Motor Bus	17,603	18171.49	41,150	1954.67	78,879
Demand Response	0	5,169			5,169



Year to Date 2024-2025

Distribution of Revenue Miles

	Small Urban	Rural	UTRGV	STC	Total
Motor Bus	387,334	424,475	878,542	32,020	
Demand Response	-	110,229			110,229



Valley Metro - South Texas College

Large Urban - Routes

SEPTEMBER 2024 - AUGUST 2025 REPORTING PERIOD

RIDERSHIP RECAP													
Routes	12	31-1	31-3	YL 1	YL 2	Purple Line	10	14	15	20	30	32	Total
September	26	16	39	489	203	143	5	0	0	14	0	0	935
October	20	37	64	600	212	135	2	0	1	16	0	0	1087
November	32	17	37	466	0	101	7	0	0	14	0	0	674
December	3	24	46	199	0	62	3	0	0	10	0	1	348
January	1	18	25	192	0	25	4	0	0	9	0	0	274
February	13	39	48	602		27	6	0	0	13	0	0	748
March	8	32	37	567		91	6	0	1	12	1	0	755
April	9	25	38	712		84	18	23	1	23	2	0	935
May	12	12	20	302		43	16	0	0	2	8	0	415
June	4	1	16	104		0	3	1	1	4	9	0	143
July	7	7	22	151		15	16	0	0	14	3	0	235
August	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	135	228	392	4384	415	726	86	24	4	131	23	1	6549

College - University - Public Transportation Use											
Routes	STC	UTRGV	Public	Total							
Route 12 Edcouch/Elsa-Edinburg	135	1976	4361	4496							
Route 31-1 Business 83	228	229	24470	24698							
Route 31-3 Business 83	392	227	15831	16223							
Yellow Line	4799	0	0	4799							
Purple Line	726	241	443	1169							
Route 10 Edinburg - McAllen	86	1,863	14,165	16,114							
Route 14 UTRG	24	17,430	949	18,403							
Route 15 Edinburg	4	373	3,205	3,582							
Route 20 Missi	131	2,230	16,179	18,540							
Route 30 Pharr San Juan - Edinburg	23	123	6,370	6,516							
Route 32 Donna International Bridge	1	0	1,279	1,280							
Total	6,549	24,692	87,252	115,820							





Valley Metro - South Texas College

Small Urban & Rural - Indirect Routes

SEPTEMBER 2024 - AUGUST 2025 REPORTING PERIOD

RIDERSHIP RECAP															
Routes	31-2	GL-1	60	61	62	DR-1	40	41	42	44	45-1	45-2	DR-2	Zapata	Total
September	20	457	619	24	17	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	14	1155
October	21	484	517	9	4	1	0	5	4	2	6	2	0	9	1064
November	15	333	328	11	13	0	0	2	0	0	6	6	0	3	717
December	12	161	188	5	7	2	0	0	1	0	7	5	0	1	389
January	6	117	151	6	5	0	0	0	0	0	14	2	0	1	302
February	5	302	453	7	8	0	0	10	0	0	1	2	0	5	793
March	1	217	332	6	19	1	0	7	0	1	4	1	0	12	601
April	7	295	448	19	15	0	0	9	0	0	12	1	0	2	808
May	2	134	208	15	16	0	0	5	3	0	1	0	0	2	386
June	5	142	116	12	3	0	0	5	0	0	3	0	0	8	294
July	1	84	96	19	11	0	0	0	1	0	2	1	0	0	215
August	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	57	57
Total	95	2726	3456	133	118	4	0	43	9	7	56	20	0	114	6781

College - University - Public Transportation Use										
Routes	STC	UTRGV	Public	Total						
Route 31-2 Business 83	95	35	11327	11422						
Green Line	2726	0	437	3163						
Route 60 Greenline Roma	3456	3	1977	5433						
Route 61 RGC West	133	0	2878	3011						
Route 62 RGC East	118	0	3546	3664						
DR-1 RGC	4	0	3453	3457						
DR-2 RGC	4	0	5	9						
Zapata	114	0	1401	1515						
Route 40 Harlingen Medical	0	0	7,460	7,460						
Route 41 Harlingen Retail	43	0	9,388	9,431						
Route 42 San Benito Harlingen	9	0	1,362	1,371						
Route 44 La Feria/Santa Rosa/Primera	7	0	2,588	2,595						
Route 45-1 Cameron Career Connection	56	0	8,263	8,319						
Route 45-2 Cameron Career Connection	20	0	10,306	10,326						
Total	6,785	38	64,391	71,176						







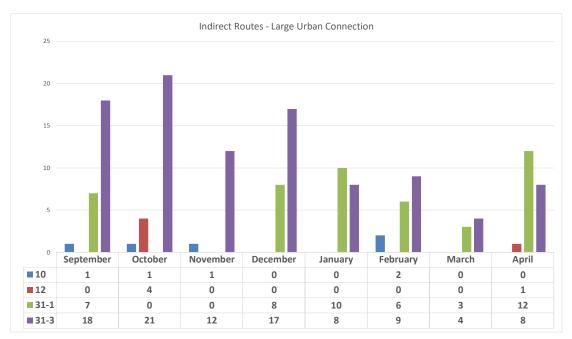
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FY 2024-2025 Valley Metro

LARGE URBAN CONNECTION

Indirect Routes										
Month	10	12	31-1	31-3	Total					
September	1	0	7	18	26					
October	1	4	0	21	26					
November	1	0	0	12	13					
December	0	0	8	17	25					
January	0	0	10	8	18					
February	2	0	6	9	17					
March	0	0	3	4	7					
April	0	1	12	8	21					
May	1	2	8	10	21					
June	2	0	0	3	5					
July	1	0	0	11	12					
August	0	0	0	0	0					
Total	9	7	54	121	191					





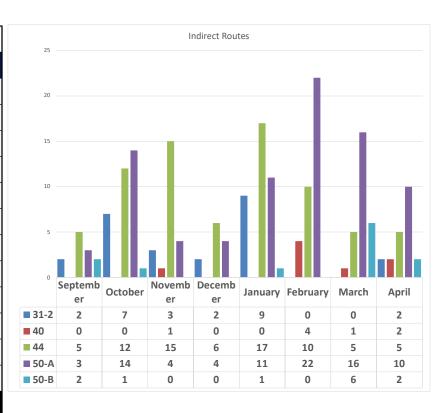
TSTC MONTHLY PASSENGER COUNT



FY 2024-2025 Valley Metro

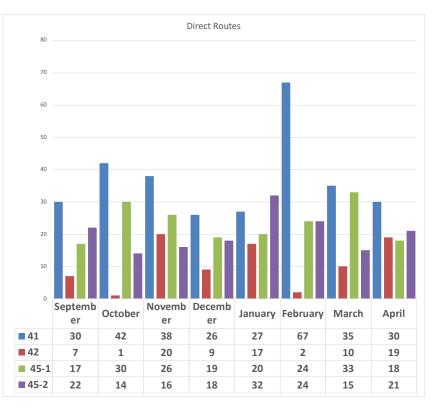
Indirect Routes	282	Direct Routes	885	Y-T-D Ridership	1,167

	In	direct	Rout	es		
Month	31-2	40	44	50-A	50-B	Total
September	2	0	5	3	2	12
October	7	0	12	14	1	34
November	3	1	15	4	0	23
December	2	0	6	4	0	12
January	9	0	17	11	1	38
February	0	4	10	22	0	36
March	0	1	5	16	6	28
April	2	2	5	10	2	21
May	0	3	5	14	1	23
June	0	13	5	7	1	26
July	1	9	7	7	5	29
August	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	26	33	92	112	19	282



Direct Routes

Month	41	42	45-1	45-2	Total
September	30	7	17	22	76
October	42	1	30	14	87
November	38	20	26	16	100
December	26	9	19	18	72
January	27	17	20	32	96
February	67	2	24	24	117
March	35	10	33	15	93
April	30	19	18	21	88
May	11	12	6	18	47
June	11	12	13	19	55
July	4	10	11	29	54
August	0	0	0	0	0
Total	321	119	217	228	885



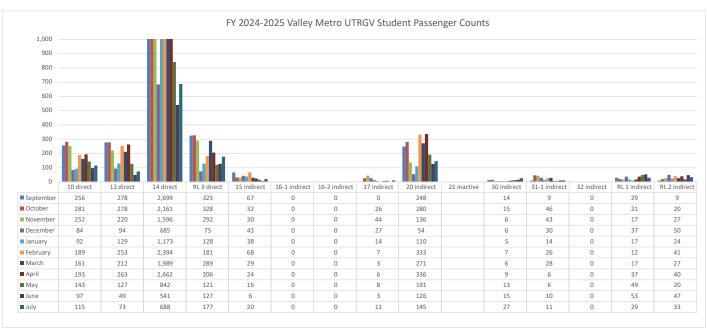


FY 2024-2025 Valley Metro - UTRGV Student Passenger Counts

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Routes	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	Totals
10 direct	256	281	252	84	92	189	161	193	143	97	115	0	1,863
12 direct	278	278	220	94	129	253	212	263	127	49	73	0	1,976
14 direct	2,699	2,161	1,596	685	1,173	2,394	1,989	2,662	842	541	688	0	17,430
RL 3 direct	325	328	292	75	128	181	289	206	121	127	177	0	2,249
15 indirect	67	32	30	43	38	68	29	24	16	6	20	0	373
16-1 indirect	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
16-2 indirect	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
17 indirect	0	26	44	27	14	7	3	6	8	3	11	0	149
20 indirect	248	280	136	54	110	333	271	336	191	126	145	0	2,230
21 inactive													0
30 indirect	14	15	6	6	5	7	6	9	13	15	27	0	123
31-1 indirect	9	46	43	30	14	26	28	6	6	10	11	0	229
32 indirect	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
RL 1 indirect	29	21	17	37	17	12	17	37	49	53	29	0	318
RL 2 indirect	9	20	27	50	24	41	27	40	20	47	33	0	338
Vaquero Express	70,277	79,188	56,576	18,094	25,557	60,810	41,359	55,224	2,115	7,638	16,390	0	433,228
FY 2024-2025	74,211	82,676	59,239	19,279	27,301	64,321	44,391	59,006	3,651	8,712	17,719	0	460,506
FY 2023-2024	22,394	20,172	18,508	6,343	4,579	27,634	19,744	22,967	7,609	9,187	24,716	8,378	192,231
Change Over Previous FY	51,817	62,504	40,731	12,936	22,722	36,687	24,647	36,039	-3,958	-475	-6,997	-8,378	268,275

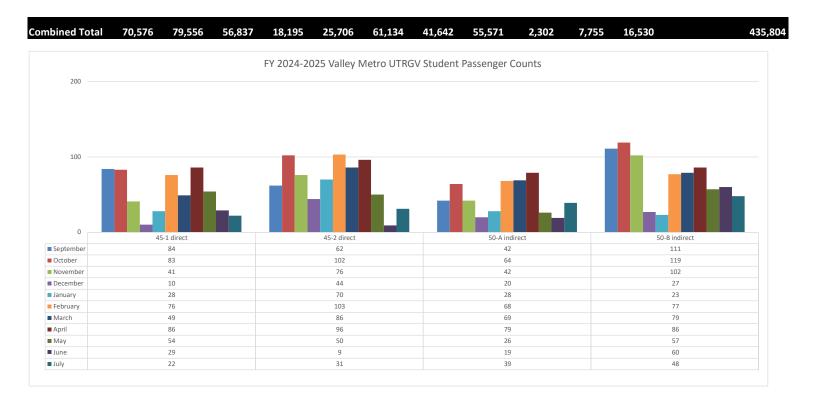
Routes	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	Totals
Direct Routes	3,558	3,048	2,360	938	1,522	3,017	2,651	3,324	1,233	814	1,053		23,518
Indirect Routes	376	440	303	247	222	494	381	458	303	260	276		3,760
Total VM Count	3,934	3,488	2,663	1,185	1,744	3,511	3,032	3,782	1,536	1,074	1,329		27,278
Vaquero Express	70,277	79,188	56,576	18,094	25,557	60,810	41,359	55,224	2,115	7,638	16,390		433,228

Combined Total 74,211 82,676 59,239 19,279 27,301 64,321 44,391 59,006 3,651 8,712 17,719 460,506



Vide North	F	Y 202	4-202	5 Valle	ey Me	tro - U	ITRGV	Stude	ent Pa	sseng	er Cou	ınts	
Routes	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	Totals
45-1 direct	84	83	41	10	28	76	49	86	54	29	22	0	562
45-2 direct	62	102	76	44	70	103	86	96	50	9	31	0	729
50-A indirect	42	64	42	20	28	68	69	79	26	19	39	0	496
50-B indirect	111	119	102	27	23	77	79	86	57	60	48	0	789
Vaquero Express	70,277	79,188	56,576	18,094	25,557	60,810	41,359	55,224	2,115	7,638	16,390	0	433,228
FY 2024-2025	70,576	79,556	56,837	18,195	25,706	61,134	41,642	55,571	2,302	7,755	16,530	0	435,804
FY 2023-2024	22,394	20,172	18,508	6,343	4,579	27,634	19,744	22,967	7,609	9,187	24,716	8,378	192,231
Change Over Previous FY	48,182	59,384	38,329	11,852	21,127	33,500	21,898	32,604	-5,307	-1,432	-8,186	-8,378	243,573

Routes	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	Totals
Direct Routes	146	185	117	54	98	179	135	182	104	38	53	0	1,291
Indirect Routes	153	183	144	47	51	145	148	165	83	79	87	0	1,285
Total VM Count	299	368	261	101	149	324	283	347	187	117	140		2,576
Vaquero Express	70,277	79,188	56,576	18,094	25,557	60,810	41,359	55,224	2,115	7,638	16,390		433,228



Valley Metro Public Involvement Events

Region One 4th Annual Safety Conference

Participation in this conference aligns with Valley

Metro's broader mission to ensure that public

transportation remains a secure and trusted option

for students.

Key outcomes we seek include:

Strengthening partnerships with school districts and

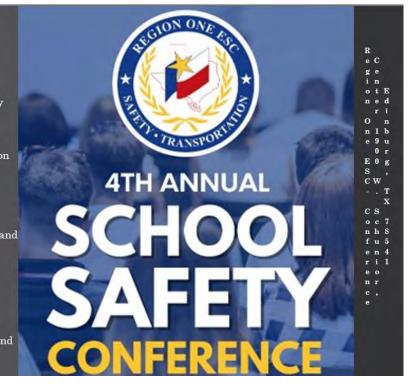
safety agencies.

Identifying opportunities for infrastructure and

service improvements.

Promoting awareness of transit safety protocols and

resources





Distribution of Route Brochures at Region One School Safety Conference

As part of Valley Metro's outreach efforts at the Region One School Safety Conference, route brochures were distributed to attendees to promote awareness of available transit services and support safe travel options for students across South Texas.

The brochure distribution served to:

Inform school officials, safety personnel, and families about Valley Metro's current routes and schedules.

Tighlight student-friendly transit options and connections to educational institutions.

Provide resources that support trip planning and reinforce safe transit practices.

By sharing these materials, Valley Metro strengthened its visibility within the school safety community and reinforced its role as a partner in student mobility.

7.29.25 - Region One Safety Conference							
Route:	Tooks	Gave:					
Red Line	60	27					
Orange Line	60	27					
BlueLine	50	0					
Willacy Express	50	26					
Zapata Express	60	25					
Route 10	57	57					
Roste 12	60	60					
Purpletine	60	1					
Rocte 14	50	60					
Route 15	50	50					
Route 19	50	60					
Rogte 17	50	60					
Rocte 20	60	28					
Pocte 30	50	50					
Rocte 31	50	34					
Route 32	50	28 27					
Roste 40	50						
Route 41	50	26					
Route 42	50	26					
Rocte 44	50	27					
Rogte 45	60	26					
Rocte 50	50	27					
Rocte 60	54	1					
Rocte 61	50	1					
Route 62	50	0					
Oreen Line	50	2					
Wilacy Co. Demand Response	50	0					
Stap Co. Demand Response	50	0					
Zapata Co. Demand Response	60	0					
Total Brochures Given		716					

Bcycle Locations

Harlingen

- Lon C. Hill Park Fair Park and L St, Harlingen TX 78550
- Harlingen Arts and Heritage Museum 2425 Boxwood St Harlingen Tx, 78550
- Hugh Ramsey Nature Park Trail 1000 TX-499
 Harl-ingen TX, 78550
- McKelvey Park 1325 S 77 Sunshine Strip Harlingen TX 78550

Brownsville

- Northside Transfer station Habana St. & Ruben M.
 Torres BLVD Brownsville TX 78520
- Belden Trail and Palm BLVD 1325 Palm BLVD Brownsville TX, 78520
- Dean Porter Park 501 E Ringgold St Brownsville TX 78520
- Linear Park E 6th St & E Harrison St, Brownsville TX, 78520
- International and Jefferson 755 International BLVD St H. Brownsville TX 78520



RGV B-Cycle



* https://www.bcycle.com/



Memberships & Fees

1 Hour Pass: \$2.00
24 Hour Pass: \$6.00
7 Day Pass: \$15.00
30 Day Pass: \$30.00

• Annual Membership: \$65.00

**Billing for each pass with the exception of Annual Membership will be 24hrs after expiration.

**Annual Membership will be billed monthly.

BCycle Links / QR Codes

https://www.bcycle.com/app

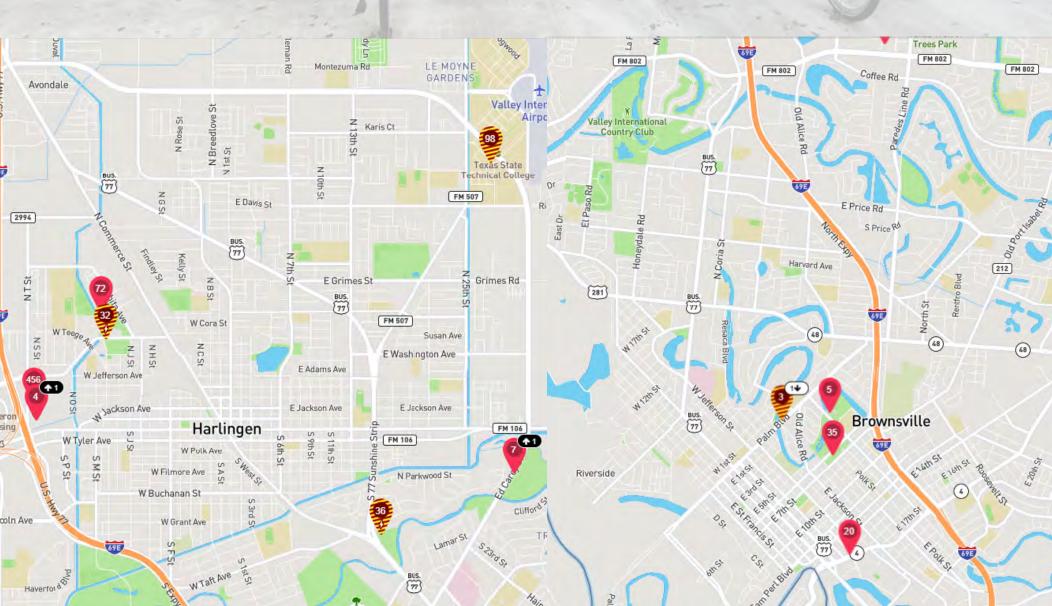








BCycle Docking Station Map



Valley Metro Helpful QR Codes



CREATE YOUR ACCOUNT

https://lrgvdc-prod.gfcp.io/efare





VALLEY METRO - REGIONAL TRANSIT SERVICE DEPARTMENT

Valley Metro's mission is to provide safe and reliable transportation options that connect our community to opportunity, support economic vitality, and enhance quality of life throughout the Rio Grande Valley.



Types of Systems Provided

> 21 Fixed Routes

Providing service in the counties of Hidalgo, Cameron, and Rio Grande City. (with advanced notice, most routes may deviate up to 1/2 mile of the main route)

- 3 RGV Metro Express (limited stops) Connecting Brownsville, Harlingen, McAllen, Edinburg, and Port Isabel
- 5 Demand Response Serving Willacy, Starr, and Zapata Counties
- 5 Microtransit-Fast Ride Serving Cameron and Hidalgo County, City of Edinburg, Mission to Sullivan City, and San Benito to Brownsville on Military Road.
- B-Cycle Available in McAllen, Harlingen, and Brownsville.

Serving the RGV's Five-County Region:

- Cameron
- Hidalgo
- Starr
- Willacy
- Zapata



VALLEY METRO TRANSIT TERMINAL LOCATIONS

- Edinburg 617 West University
- Weslaco 510 S. Pleasantview
- ❖ Harlingen 1216 Fair Park Blvd.
- * Rio Grande City 407 E. Mirasoles

Proudly serving:

- · General public
- Elderly, over 60
- · Persons with Disabilities
- Veterans
- People with Medicare/ Medicaid
- Students, Faculty, and Staff from schools and institutions of higher learning

Valley Metro Fares:

- Regular Fare \$2.00
- Discounted fares \$1.00 for the following:
 - > Students and faculty,
 - Persons with disability
 - ➤ Elderly over 60
 - > Veterans
 - > Medicare recipients
- 20-Ride Pass \$20.00
- (\$10.00 with discount)
- Transfers \$1.00
- Other fares vary by service

Passes may be purchased on the bus routes or at LRGVDC 301 W. Railroad, Weslaco, TX





Route Maps with locations





ValleyMetro Weslaco

Ride Systems



Track our buses in real time



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