

**GENERAL
MEMBERSHIP**

**ANNUAL
ELECTIONS
MEETING**

LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL



AGENDA
VIRTUAL ANNUAL ELECTIONS MEETING

LRGVDC Main Campus, 301 W. Railroad Street, Building B
Weslaco, TX 89596

Wednesday, May 27, 2020, 12:00 pm

GoToMeeting Video Conference

Presiding: Mayor David Suarez, President

Item #1: Call to Order

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

Item #2: Consider Approval of January 29, 2020 Meeting Minutes.....President

ACTION ITEM

Item #3: Report on Caucus Results to Seat New Board Members.....President

- A. Three (3) Directors Representing Member Cities with Population from 10,000-24,999
- B. Three (3) Directors Representing Member Cities with Population under 10,000
- C. Two (2) Directors Representing Educational Institutions
- D. Two (2) Directors Representing Special Governmental Units
- E. One (1) Director Representing Grassroots Organizations

Item #4: Act on Recommendations of Nominating CommitteePresident

A. Election of Five Members-at-Large to Serve on General Membership for the 2020-2021 Term

ACTION ITEM

B. Election of Officers for the 2020-2021 Term

ACTION ITEM

Item #5: New or Unfinished BusinessPresident

Item #6: Adjourn.....President

ITEM #2.

MINUTES

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MEETING OF THE LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL BOARD OF DIRECTORS, GENERAL MEMBERSHIP & CORPORATION

12:00 PM WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29, 2020
LRGVDC MAIN CAMPUS - 301 W. RAILROAD STREET, WESLACO, TEXAS
BUILDING B, KEN JONES EXECUTIVE BOARD ROOM

PRESIDING: MAYOR DAVID SUAREZ, PRESIDENT

- DRAFT -

President David Suarez called the meeting to order at 12:01 p.m. Roll call was taken for the Board of Directors, General Membership & Corporation and a quorum was declared for all entities.

He then moved to item 2: Consideration and Action to Approve Meeting Minutes

A. May 29, 2019 Annual Elections Meeting

B. December 11, 2019 Board of Directors Meeting

Commissioner Eddy Gonzales made a motion to approve both the minutes of the May 29, 2019 Annual Elections meeting and the December 11, 2019 Board of Directors meeting as presented. Commissioner David Garza seconded and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.

President Suarez then moved to item 3: Public Comment and/or Report from Legislative Delegation. There being none, he moved to item 4: Administration

A. Consideration and Action by General Membership Regarding FY 2020 Annual Report and Budget

Mayor Jim Darling, Chairman of the Annual Report & Budget Committee was recognized to report on this item. He stated that the committee met on January 22 and that this newly formatted document has four (4) sections: LRGVDC Overview & Designations, Organization Structure, Departmental 2020 Performance Goals, the 2019 Productivity Outcomes, and the 2020 Annual Budget.

The 2020 Annual Budget is \$26,435,640 and reflects a decrease of \$959,448 from the 2019 budget due to some projects coming to the end of their contracts. It does not reflect an increase in Membership dues. The 2020 Fringe Benefit rate is 51.85% and reflects a decrease of 2.65% over the 2019 fringe benefit rate of 54.50%.

The 2020 (Total Budget Expenditure) Indirect Rate is 14.37% and reflects the State's revised guidance for calculation. Utilizing the revised calculation method, the 2020 indirect rate reflects an increase of 1.21% from the 2019 amount of 13.16%. The 2020 salary recommendations for staff includes a 3% performance-based salary increase for those employees who have successfully achieved all standards per annual evaluation process. The committee recommends approval of the 2020 Annual Report & Budget as presented. ***Upon conclusion of this report, Mr. Ronald Mills made a motion to approve the FY 2020 Annual Report & Budget as presented. Commissioner David Garza seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.***

B. Consideration and Action Regarding Revisions to LRGVDC Personnel Policy Manual

Executive Director Ron Garza was recognized and reported that the LRGVDC's Personnel Policy Manual includes the comprehensive set of policies established to provide rules, guidelines, and standards to professional staff and representatives. The revision process was lengthy and inclusive. As previously reported at the December Board of Directors meeting, the Executive Director hosted an all-staff meeting in

which the initial draft was presented for feedback and comment. Additionally, each staff member had the opportunity to present written comments. The draft manual has also been thoroughly reviewed by legal representation. The draft included in the meeting packet contains these additions and revisions. The Annual Report & Budget Committee unanimously recommends approval of the revised LRGVDC Personnel Policy Manual. ***Mr. Ronald Mills made a motion to approve the revised LRGVDC Personnel Policy Manual as presented. Commissioner Rick Salinas seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.***

C. Consideration and Action to Accept Quarterly and Annual Investment Reports

Finance Director Crystal Balboa presented the Quarterly and Annual Investment Reports. ***The Hon. Norma G. Garcia made a motion to accept the Quarterly and Annual Investment reports as presented. Commissioner Pilar Garza seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.***

D. Executive Director Report

LRGVDC Updates & Activities

1. Introduction of New Staff Members

There were no newly hired staff in December and January.

2. Census 2020

Mr. Garza reminded the Board that on March 12, households will begin receiving official Census Bureau mail with detailed information on how to respond to the 2020 Census online, by phone, or by mail. On April 1, Census Day is observed nationwide, and households can respond to the 2020 Census. He informed the Board that the LRGVDC recently hosted a Census Marketing meeting at which the LRGVDC was asked to procure a regional marketing campaign for the 2020 Census. He sent an email with details about it this morning to Valley mayors, city managers, Census Committee members, and Complete Count Committee members across the region. The most important part of the proposed regional marketing campaign is that it will not have any production locally. The regional marketing campaign is a way to push the messages the US Census Bureau has already established; they have already produced commercials dedicated to different populations, and the taskforce has chosen to promote those messages that are geared toward the Latino population. They have set a goal to combine resources and raise \$100,000 specifically toward radio and TV commercial ad-buys. Joining efforts would garner a greater economy of scale and provide the Valley with more airtime. For full neutrality, no one individual jurisdiction would be mentioned during the commercial airtime. The \$100,000 is the benchmark that would allow a presence across the region and air the commercials beginning February 15 for approximately three months. To meet this timeline, commitments from any interested city, county, or other private source is needed no later than Thursday, February 6. Several entities have already agreed to contribute significantly, and there will be no minimum or maximum, any amount will be accepted. The marketing experts that serve on various Complete Count Committees agree that anything under \$100,000 may not provide the needed coverage.

3. Mitigation & Disaster Recovery Funding

Mr. Garza provided a summary on the status of this funding. He stated that these funds are a result of previous disasters that occurred in 2015, 2016, 2018, and 2019. He stated that there are three different key initiatives of note:

- 1) *Mitigation* dollars through HUD's \$4.2 billion allocation with the majority going to areas impacted by Hurricane Harvey but the Valley is included in portions of that. The final draft of the action plan is due back to HUD February 3.

- 2) The second item is disaster *recovery*, it was originally \$46 million but has been increased to \$72 million for 2018 disasters. Texas GLO will be doing an action plan for this one, just like mitigation. This is combined for 2018 and 2019 disasters.
- 3) Tomorrow TWDB will have a public hearing for the State Flood Plan. During the last legislative session SB 7 and SB 8 were passed which will allow for an allocation of the Rainy-Day Fund to use for what has been dubbed the Flood Financial Assistance Program. The rules for this program have been published and the comments period is just about to close for the State Flood Plan, the Financial Assistance Program and the Flood Planning Regions. He showed a map of the proposed regions for Flood Planning. The Proposed Rio Grande Flood Planning Area goes all the way from El Paso down to Brownsville. On behalf of the LRGVDC, staff will provide comments to encourage that this area be divided to include the Rio Grande Regional Water Planning (Region M) area, which would be the lower half of the proposed area.

4. Explore RGV

Mr. Garza announced that the Regional Travel and Tourism Committee is being resurrected after 40 years of inactivity. They will be the advisory committee for the Explore RGV program.

5. RGV B-Cycle

Mr. Garza reported that the RGV B-Cycle program is progressing. Two (2) bike demo stations have been installed on our campus right outside Building B. Site inspections have been completed in Brownsville and Harlingen, and these sites will interface with McAllen’s infrastructure. He was pleased to announce that the LRGVDC has been recognized by the League of American Bicyclists as a bike friendly business.

6. 2020 Mayors’ Walk for Wellness (It’s Time Texas Community Challenge)

Mr. Garza thanked all those who participated in the 3rd Annual RGV Fit 5K and Mayors’ Walk for Wellness. Eleven (11) mayors and elected officials participated in the Mayors’ Walk and signed the big pledge board. He then invited those mayors present who have not signed the big board to do so. He reminded the Board that the cities that win this challenges win grants for wellness activities which provides a good incentive for participation.

He then put the current Statewide Scoreboard from the It’s Time Texas website on the screens showing the current rankings of held by RGV cities:

CATEGORY	CITY
Metropolitan Areas - 300,000 +	San Antonio 1 st (<i>Valley does not qualify</i>)
Large Cities of 100,000 - 300,000	McAllen 1st, Brownsville 5th
Mid-Size Cities of 40,000 - 100,000	Harlingen 1st, Pharr 3rd
Small Cities of 5,001- 40,000	Los Fresnos 2nd, San Juan 3rd, Alamo 4th
Extra Small Cities of 1 - 5,000	Smithville 1 st currently no Valley Cities are in the top five

Upon conclusion of the Executive Director report President Suarez next moved to item 5: Department Reports.

A. Community & Economic Development

Assistant Director Blanca Davila was recognized to address the following:

Program Action Items:

1. Consideration and Action to Approve Regional Small Cities Coalition (RSCC) Updated Bylaws

Ms. Davila reported that the RSCC members updated their bylaws to specify that member cities will have a population of no more than 24,999 according to the most current census numbers. There are currently thirty (30) such incorporated municipalities in Cameron, Hidalgo, and Willacy Counties that are eligible for membership to the RSCC. ***The Hon. Norma G. Garcia made a motion to approve the Regional Small Cities Coalition updated bylaws as presented. Commissioner David Garza seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.***

Program Status Reports

Upon conclusion of action, Ms. Davila stated that the status reports were provided in the meeting packet for review.

B. Health & Human Services

Program Status Report

Program Director Joe Gonzalez was recognized and informed the Board that Health & Human Services Regional Director Fred Schuster is scheduled to visit the Area Agency on Aging on February 6. The purpose of his visit is to share the current priorities of the HHS. In addition, he would like to learn about the work the Area Agency on Aging is doing in this region and explore areas that HHS may be able to support their efforts. Mr. Gonzalez also reported that the Older Americans Act programs fared well on appropriations. Lawmakers ultimately agreed upon important, but modest national funding increases for the Older Americans Act Title III programs.

C. Public Safety

Program Action Items:

Public Safety Director Manuel Cruz was recognized to report on the following:

1. Consideration and Action to Approve Resolutions for Homeland Security Funding for Regional Planning, Fire Academy, and Statewide Emergency Radio Infrastructure

Mr. Cruz stated that as part of the Public Safety, Homeland Security Grant Division's (HSGD) grant guidelines, applications from nonprofit organizations, local governments, and other political subdivisions must include a resolution that contains specific information such as authorization by its governing body for the submission of the application to HSGD. Upon approval the resolutions will be uploaded in eGrants on or before the grant deadline of February 29. ***The Hon. Norma G. Garcia made a motion to approve the resolutions for Homeland Security Funding for Regional Planning, Fire Academy, and Statewide Emergency Radio Infrastructure as presented. Commissioner Pilar Garza seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.***

2. Consideration and Action to Approve the Regional Animal Care Coalition (RACC) Bylaws

The RACC convened on January 9 to review the final draft of their bylaws. After much discussion the members unanimously approved the recommended updates that were presented. ***Mayor Pro-tem Norie Gonzalez Garza made a motion to approve the revised Regional Animal Care Coalition bylaws as presented. Commissioner David Garza seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried***

unanimously.

Program Status Reports:

Mr. Cruz turned the floor over to Mr. John O'Valle, Texas Department of Emergency Management (TDEM) District Coordinator to give a presentation on TDEM Form 147. Mr. O'Valle informed the Board that this form is used to make the required notification to TDEM in accordance with Governor Executive Order GA-05. It is to be submitted annually by the 1st of February or within 30 days of any change of elected or appointed officials.

LRGVDC Program Specialist Marcie Oviedo was next recognized to give an update on the Kari's Law project under the Emergency Communications/9-1-1 Department. Ms. Oviedo reported that this law was created because of a horrible incident in 2013 when Mr. Hank Hunt's daughter, Kari, was attacked and killed by her estranged husband in a Marshall, Texas hotel room. Kari's 9-year old daughter was in the room and tried calling 9-1-1 on the hotel phone four times as her mother was attacked. But not one of her calls went through because the hotel phone system required guests to dial a "9" before calling outside the hotel, even for 9-1-1. Since that day, Mr. Hunt has worked tirelessly and successfully with the FCC and congress to change the law so a "9" is no longer needed for 9-1-1 calls from multi-line systems. His efforts culminated in Kari's Law becoming a law of the land on February 15, 2018. LRGVDC's Emergency Communication department has worked to get the word out about Kari's Law and they have had good response, especially from schools that were not familiar with this law.

Upon conclusion of her report, Mr. Garza announced that tomorrow is a special day for Ms. Oviedo as it is her last day with the LRGVDC. She is retiring after 35 years with us. She was presented with an engraved crystal vase filled with a beautiful bouquet of flowers. The Board gave her a standing ovation for all she has done. She thanked God for leading the way through everything and thanked her staff for their support throughout the years.

D. Transportation

Program Status Reports:

Valley Metro Director Tom Logan informed the Board that FY 2019 closed with a 25% increase in ridership due to the new services that were launched.

President Suarez next moved to item 6. – Executive Session

- A. Personnel Matters pursuant to Section 551-074(1) to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officers or employee RE: Executive Director's Annual Performance Evaluation

Mr. Ronald Mills made a motion to go into executive session; Mayor Jim Darling seconded, and upon a vote executive session began at 12:49 pm.

- B. Reconvene into Open Session to Consider Action on Items Related to Executive Session as Described above

At 1:07 pm President Suarez reconvened open session.

Mayor Jim Darling stated that upon conclusion of his evaluation the Board is in agreement that Mr. Garza has done a great job as the LRGVDC Executive Director and has advanced the mission of the LRGVDC; in regard to that he made a motion to give him a 5% increase to his annual salary. Commissioner Rick Salinas seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously. 5

President Suarez next moved to item 7. – New or Unfinished Business.

There being no further business to come before the Board, *Commissioner Eleazar Guajardo made a motion to adjourn; Commissioner Rick Salinas seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 1:08 pm.*

Mayor David Suarez, President

ATTEST:

Deborah Morales, Recording Secretary

ITEM #3.

**CAUCUSING
RESULTS
TO SEAT
NEW
BOARD MEMBERS**

**Annual Elections Meeting
Wednesday, May 27, 2020**

Item #3: Report on Caucus Results to Seat Board Members President

A. Three (3) Directors Representing Member Cities with Population from 10,000-24,999

CITY	DESIGNEE	COUNTY
Alamo	Commissioner Pilar Garza	Hidalgo
Mercedes	Mayor Henry Hinojosa	Hidalgo
Raymondville	Commissioner Edward Gonzalez	Willacy

B. Three (3) Directors Representing Member Cities with Population under 10,000

CITY	DESIGNEE	COUNTY
Lyford	Mayor Pro-tem Ricardo Salinas	Willacy
Palm Valley	Mayor George Rivera	Cameron
Primera	Mayor Dave Kusch	Cameorn

C. Two (2) Directors Representing Educational Institutions

INSTITUTION	DESIGNEE	COUNTY
South Texas College	Mr. Paul Hernandez	Hidalgo
Texas State Technical College	Mr. Javier Deleon	Cameron

D. Two (2) Directors Representing Special Governmental Units

INSTITUTION	DESIGNEE	COUNTY
Delta Lake Irrigation District	Mr. Troy Allen	Hidalgo
Port Mansfield Public Utilities	Mr. Ronald Mills	Willacy

E. One (1) Director Representing Grassroots Organizations

INSTITUTION	DESIGNEE	COUNTY
RGV Equal Voice Network	Ms. Christina Patiño Houle	Cameron

ITEM #4.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

**Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council
Annual Elections Meeting**

May 27, 2020

**Item #4: Act on Recommendations from
Nominating Committee..... Mayor Jim Darling
Committee Chair**

A. Election of Five (5) Members-at-Large to Serve on General Membership for the 2020-2021 Term

The Nominating Committee met on Wednesday, May 13, 2020 via GoToMeeting online video conference and nominated individuals to be considered as At-large Members to the LRGVDC General Membership.

The nominees are as follows:

NAME	CITY	COUNTY
Hon. Norma G. Garcia	Donna	Hidalgo
Ms. Ann Cass	McAllen	Hidalgo
Mr. David Penoli	McAllen	Hidalgo
Ms. Celeste Sanchez	San Benito	Cameron
Com. Jesse Zuniga	La Feria	Cameron

ACTION ITEM

**Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council
Annual Elections Meeting**

May 27, 2020

**Item #4: Act on Recommendations from
Nominating Committee.....Mayor Jim Darling
Committee Chair**

B. Election of Officers for 2020-2021 Term

The Nominating Committee recommends the following slate of officers for the 2020-2021 term:

OFFICE	NAME	COUNTY
President	Mayor Jim Darling	Hidalgo
1st Vice President	Judge Aurelio Guerra	Willacy
2nd Vice President	Mayor Ambrosio Hernandez	Hidalgo
Secretary	Mayor Chris Boswell	Cameron
Treasurer	Hon. Norma G. Garcia	Hidalgo
Immediate Past President	Mayor David Suarez	Hidalgo

ACTION ITEM

**BOARD OF
DIRECTORS
MEETING**

LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL



AGENDA VIRTUAL MEETING OF THE LRGVDC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

LRGVDC Main Campus, 301 W. Railroad Street, Building B
Weslaco, TX 89596

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Wednesday, May 27, 2020, Immediately Following Annual Elections Meeting

GoToMeeting Video Conference

Presiding: President

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Item #1: Call to Order

A. Roll Call

Item #2: Consideration and ACTION to Approve Meeting Minutes (April 29, 2020)

President

Item #3: Public Comment and/or Report from Legislative Delegation

Item #4: Administration Ken Jones Interim Executive Director

A. Consideration and ACTION on Recommendations from Nominating Committee

1. Selection of Five (5) Persons for Election as Members-at-Large to the General Membership
2. Selection of Three (3) Members-at-Large to be Elected to the 2020-2021 Board of Directors

B. Consider RATIFICATION of Executive Committee ACTION on the Following Items:

1. Approval of Amendment to Amigos Del Valle Fiscal Year 2020 Budget
2. Approval of Funding for Amigos Del Valley and City of Mercedes

Item #5: Department Reports

A. Community & Economic Development..... Blanca Davila, Director

Program Action Items:

1. Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve Submission of Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) Flood Infrastructure Funding (FIF) Abridged Application
2. Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve Texas Community Development Block Grant Priorities 2021-2022
3. Consideration and **ACTION** to Support the Terrabella Environmental Services TX (RN109658260) Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) Permit

Program Status Reports:

- Regional Small Cities Coalition
- Explore RGV
- Census 2020
- HUD Disaster Recovery Housing Program
- Solid Waste Management Program
- Water Quality Program
- Regional Water Resource Advisory Committee
- Rio Grande Regional Water Planning Group (Region M)
- Reservoir Levels

B. Health & Human Services Jose L. Gonzalez, Director

Program Action Items:

1. Consideration and **ACTION** to Authorize Issuing Vendor (Contractor) Solicitation for Additional Services and Contractors

Program Status Reports:

- Food Bags Distributed in Cameron and Willacy Counties

C. Public Safety Manuel Cruz, Director

Program Status Reports:

- 9-1-1/Emergency Communications
- Criminal Justice Program
- Homeland Security Program
- Regional Police Academy

**D. Transportation Tom Logan, Valley Metro Director
Andrew Canon, RGVMPD Executive Director**

Program Action Items:

1. Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve Procurement of Professional Services for Architecture and Engineering
2. Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve Purchase of Automated Fareboxes

Program Status Reports:

- Valley Metro
 - Ridership Report
 - COVID-19 Precautionary Measures
 - Regional Transportation Advisory Panel (RTAP) Activity
- Rio Grande Valley MPO

Item #6: Executive Session

- A. Personnel Matters pursuant to Section 551-074(1) to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee RE: Executive Director and Personnel Policies.
- B. Reconvene into Open Session to Consider **ACTION**, if any, on Items Related to Executive Session as Described above.

Item #7: New or Unfinished Business

Item #8: Adjourn

REMINDER
Next Meeting Date:
Wednesday, June 24, 2020
12:00 PM

ITEM #2.

MINUTES

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

12:00 PM WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29, 2020
GLOBAL GOTOMEETING VIDEO CONFERENCE PLATFORM
INITIATED AND CHAIRED FROM
LRGVDC MAIN CAMPUS - 301 W. RAILROAD STREET, WESLACO, TEXAS
BUILDING B, SMALL BOARD ROOM

PRESIDING: MAYOR DAVID SUAREZ, PRESIDENT

- DRAFT -

President David Suarez, called the meeting to order at 12:01 p.m. Roll call was taken, and a quorum was declared.

President Suarez then moved to item 2: Consideration and Action to Approve Meeting Minutes (February 26, 2020)

Hon. Norma G. Garcia made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 26, 2020 Board Meeting as presented. Commissioner Edward Gonzalez seconded, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.

President Suarez then moved to item 3: Public Comment and/or Report from Legislative Delegation. There being none, he moved to item 4: Administration

A. Consider Ratification of Executive Committee Action on the Following Items:

1. Initial Purchase of Eco-Counters and Authorize Executive Director to Make any Future Purchase Regarding this Project

The LRGVDC was awarded a grant through the Valley Baptist Legacy Foundation to administer a regional trail counter project for the purpose of collecting and distributing bicyclists and pedestrian data totaling \$115,989, with no local match requirement. This purchase includes up to 18 bicyclist & pedestrian counters, a yearly license fee, and maintenance costs. The LRGVDC, along with the RGVMPO will enter into agreements with cities to place the counters at facilities to collect data and refine a pedestrian and cyclist monitoring system of trail and sidewalk use in the Rio Grande Valley. All data will be uploaded to the RGVMPO United Metropolitan Area Planning Map (UMAP), and the Texas Bicycle and Pedestrian Count Exchange. The recommendation from staff is to allow the Executive Director to make any further purchases as they see fit throughout the duration of this regional project.

The Executive Committee approved the purchase of the Eco-Counters and authorized the Executive Director to make any future purchases regarding this project.

2. Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) Funding Recommendations

The FY 2020/2021 Solid Waste grant opened on January 6 and closed on February 14. Staff received ten (10) applications that were reviewed by the SWAC Sub-committee on Tuesday, February 25. Of the ten (10) applications, six (6) moved forward and were scored and ranked by the SWAC on Wednesday, March 11. The Executive Committee approved the ranking as presented.

3. Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Area Plan

The Area Plan is the blueprint that the Area Agency on Aging submits to the State on how it will address and meet the needs of the elderly for the next two years. The plan is due Friday, March 27, and the Advisory Council recommends approval. The Executive Committee approved the FY 2021-2022 Area Plan as presented.

4. Homeland Security Advisory Committee Rankings of Conditionally Approved Projects for FY 2020-21 Homeland Security Grant funding

The Homeland Security Advisory Committee (HSAC) convened on March 13 in accordance with grant guidance. The HSAC reviewed and prioritized the FY 2020/2021 Homeland Security Grant program (SHSP-State Homeland Grant program/ LETPA-Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Activities) application. The Executive Committee approved the HSAC rankings of conditionally approved projects for FY 2020-21 HSG funding as presented.

5. Revised Department of Transportation (DOT) Physical Exam Policy to Ensure Compliance with Federal Transit Administration Regulations

Staff requested approval to incorporate revisions to the Department of Transportation Physical Exam Policy to ensure compliance with Federal Transit Administration's regulations. The Executive Committee approved the DOT Physical Exam Policy as presented.

Ms. Celeste Sanchez made a motion to ratify Executive Committee approval of items 4. A. 1. - 5. Commissioner Pilar Garza seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.

B. Consideration and Action to Set Date and Format for 2020 Nominating Committee Meeting

Mr. Ken Jones, Interim Executive Director, recommended scheduling the meeting on either Tuesday, May 12 or Wednesday, May 13. Out of an abundance of caution during the COVID-19 pandemic he recommended using the Global GoToMeeting online platform to provide a safe social distance for committee members. ***Hon. Norma G. Garcia made a motion to schedule the Nominating Committee meeting on Wednesday, May 13 at 2:00 pm using the GoToMeeting platform. Ms. Celeste Sanchez seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.***

C. Presentation and Action to Accept Quarterly Investment Report

Finance Director Crystal Balboa presented the Quarterly Investment Report. ***Mayor Pro-tem Norie Gonzalez Garza made a motion to accept the Quarterly Investment Report. Mr. Troy Allen seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.***

D. Presentation and Possible Action on Texas Gas Service Cost of Services Adjustment

Ms. Stacy McTaggart, Texas Gas Service Rate and Regulatory Director gave a presentation on the upcoming filing which is scheduled to be distributed via email tomorrow.

Mr. Jones explained that the action is not to approve or disapprove the filing, it is to approve the LRGVDC to work collaboratively with the TGS and the City of McAllen to hire a rate consultant at no cost to the cities. Upon conclusion of discussion, ***Hon. Norma G. Garcia made a motion to approve the LRGVDC to work collaboratively with the TGS and the City of McAllen to hire a consultant on behalf of all the cities within the TGS service area. Ms. Celeste Sanchez seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion passed with one vote against.***

E. Executive Director Report

LRGVDC Updates & Activities

1. Status on LRGVDC Staff Shelter-in-Place/Working-from-Home

Mr. Jones informed the Board that staff is doing an excellent job with the transition of the Executive Director. Staff is also coping well with the mandates set by local, state, and federal governments for social distancing and to shelter-in-place in order to flatten the curve of the COVID-19 pandemic. Working with our Human Resources department staff has developed a valid accountability procedure for those Working-from-Home; at this time Working-from-Home is extended through May 15.

2. Executive Director Selection

Mr. Jones reported that the Executive Committee is the entity that will interview and make a recommendation for the new Executive Director. Over the past few weeks they have been reviewing applicants, and unfortunately the process has been slowed due to social distancing mandates. However, they have agreed to meet on May 6, either virtually or in-person with appropriate social distancing, to discuss interview procedures. If the interview process is successful there is a possibility that the Executive Committee could have a recommendation to fill this position by the May Board meeting scheduled for Wednesday, May 27.

Upon conclusion of the Executive Director report President Suarez moved to item 5: Department Reports.

A. Community & Economic Development

Director Blanca Davila was recognized to address the following:

Program Action Items:

1. Consideration and Action to Approve Letter to Legislative Representatives in Support of 120 Day Extension to Complete Census 2020 Questionnaire

Ms. Davila stated that due to the Coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic the US Census Bureau has requested statutory relief from congress for 120 additional calendar days to deliver final apportionment counts extending the deadline to October 30, 2020. ***Ms. Celeste Sanchez made a motion to approve sending a letter to legislative representatives as requested. Mr. Javier Deleon seconded and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.***

2. Consideration and Action to Approve Resolution 2020-03 Proclaiming April as National Fair Housing Month

Ms. Davila stated that the LRGVDC supports awareness of April as National Fair Housing Month to raise awareness of fair housing rights and equal housing opportunities for people in the Lower Rio Grande Valley. ***Mr. Javier Deleon made a motion to approve resolution 2020-03 as presented. Mayor Ambrosio Hernandez seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.***

Program Status Reports

The program status reports were provided in the meeting packet for review. Ms. Davila highlighted the Region M Public Hearing on the 2021 Initially Prepared Plan. She also informed the Board that the annual tire collection event has been moved back to June because of the COVID-19 pandemic. An email with updated information will be sent to stakeholders in the next week.

B. Health & Human Services

Director Jose Gonzalez was recognized to address the following items:

Program Action Items:

1. Consideration and Action to Approve Contract Extensions for Title III Sub-recipients and Vendors

Mr. Gonzalez stated that staff requests authorization to extend current agreements with sub-recipients and vendors for one (1) year, the end period of this extension will be September 30, 2021. The rationale for such request is the current COVID-19 pandemic situation. The sub-recipients include Amigos Del Valle, senior centers, and caregiver education and training providers. The vendors are providers that case managers use to purchase such services as medication assistance, medical supplies, homemaker, and respite care.

2. Consideration and Action to Authorize Area Agency on Aging to Amend Senior center Contracts to Provide Additional Support for Emergency Services

Mr. Gonzalez stated that staff requests authorization to amend current senior center contracts to provide additional funds for emergency services such as telephone reassurance. Telephone reassurance is defined as “telephoning an older individual to provide regular contact and companionship or initiating necessary actions in the event the older individual cannot be reached by telephone”.

Hon. Norma G. Garcia made a motion to approve items 5. B. 1. & 2. As presented. Mayor Pro-tem Ricardo Salinas seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.

Program Status Reports

The status reports on Operations was available in the meeting packet for review.

C. Public Safety

Program Action Items:

Public Safety Director Manuel Cruz was recognized to report on the following:

1. Consideration and Action to Approve Nominations for 9-1-1 Emergency Communications Advisory Committee (9-1-1 ECAC) Chair and Vice Chair

The 9-1-1 ECAC met on April 13 for the first time under its new structure and leadership. At this meeting the committee nominated City of Mission Chief of Police Robert Dominguez as Chair, and City of Alton Chief Jonathan Flores as Vice Chair. These nominations require Board approval. ***Hon. Norma G. Garcia made a motion to approve Chief Robert Dominguez as Chair and Chief Jonathan Flores as Vice Chair of the 9-1-1 ECAC. Commissioner David Garza seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.***

2. Consideration and Action to Approve FY 2018/19 Use of Revenue Funding Recommendations from 9-1-1 Emergency Communications Advisory Committee (9-1-1 ECAC)

Mr. Cruz reported that in accordance with Health and Safety code §771.0751. Title 1 Part 12, Chapter 251, Rule §251.3, Use of Revenue in Certain Counties, the LRGVDC Public Safety Emergency Communications/9-1-1 Division is authorized to request Public Safety Answering Points (PSAP) within Hidalgo County to make a formal written request for funding to continue enhancing PSAP operations at the end of the biennium.

The estimated amount of funding available from FY 2019 is \$800,000.00. Ultimately requests must enhance 9-1-1 operations and as approved on August 21, 2019 by the previous 9-1-1 committee, the following categories were priority:

1. Telecommunicator Salaries
2. Telecommunicator/PSAP Training
3. Software (must enhance 9-1-1 operations)

The 9-1-1 ECAC recommends approval of the projects and funding amounts. ***Hon. Norma G. Garcia made a motion to approve the use of FY 2018/2019 revenue funding as recommended by the 9-1-1 ECAC. Commissioner Edward Gonzalez seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.***

3. Consideration and Action to Approve Criminal Justice Advisory Committee's (CJAC) Rankings and Resolution for FY 2020-2021 Criminal Justice Grant Conditionally Approved Projects.

Mr. Cruz explained that due to the ongoing Shelter-in-Place orders, the CJAC reviewed and scored the criminal justice grant applications remotely off-site during the week of April 13-17. The CJAC convened on April 22 via the GoToMeeting video conferencing website to review the scores and rankings of the five (5) criminal justice grant categories listed below:

- DJ-Edward Byrne Memorial Justice assistance Grant Program
- SF-State Criminal Justice Planning (421)
- TP-Truancy Prevention Grant Program
- VA-Victims of Crime Act Formula Grant Program
- WF-Violence Against Women Formula Grants

The CJAC recommends approval of the rankings and resolutions. ***Commissioner David Garza made a motion to approve the CJAC's rankings and resolutions for FY 2020-2021 Criminal Justice grant conditionally approved projects as presented. Mayor Pro-tem Ricardo Salinas seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.***

Program Status Reports:

Mr. Cruz noted that the program status reports were available for review in the meeting packet.

D. Transportation

Program Status Reports:

The Valley Metro program status reports were available in the meeting packet for review. Valley Metro Director Tom Logan reported that in March Valley Metro Ridership has increased by 4%. Even though there is a slight increase, Valley Metro has realized a 39% decrease month-to-month due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Staff expects the same trend in April with a greater decrease because of the Shelter-in-Place mandates throughout the region. Staff has developed and implemented sanitation procedures to prevent the spread of the virus and have asked passengers to wear face coverings, board and exit busses from the rear door, and to practice social distancing.

RGVMPO Executive Director Andrew Canon reminded the Board that WebEx meeting for RGVMPO will be at 1:30 today. He added that staff did a program call for project updates for the new 4-year transportation cycle. Staff received 24 requests for increased funding and 28 new project requests regionally.

President Suarez next moved to item 6. – New or Unfinished Business.

There being no further business to come before the Board, ***Hon. Norma G. Garcia made a motion to adjourn; Commissioner Edward Gonzalez seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 12:59 pm.***

Mayor David Suarez, President

ATTEST:

Deborah Morales, Recording Secretary

ITEM #4. A.

ADMINISTRATION

NOMINATING

COMMITTEE

RECOMMENDATIONS

**Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council
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May 27, 2020

Item #4: Administration

A. Consideration and **ACTION** on Recommendations from
Nominating Committee..... Mayor Jim Darling
Committee Chair

1. Selection of Five (5) Persons for Election as Members-at-Large to the General Membership

The Nominating Committee recommends the following five (5) persons for election as Members-at-Large to the General Membership:

NAME	CITY	COUNTY
Ms. Diana Serna	Mercedes	Hidalgo
Mr. Eleazar "Yogi" Garcia, Jr.	Raymondville	Willacy
Mr. Sergio Contreras	Mission	Hidalgo
Mr. Noel Bernal	Brownsville	Cameron
Mr. Chris Gonzalez	Mission	Hidalgo

**Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council
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Item #4: Administration

A. Consideration and **ACTION** on Recommendations from
Nominating Committee..... Mayor Jim Darling
Committee Chair

2. Selection of Three (3) Members-at-Large to be Elected to the 2020-2021
Board of Directors

The Nominating Committee recommends the following individuals to fill the
three (3) at-large seats on the Board of Directors for 2020-2021:

NAME	CITY	COUNTY
Hon. Norma G. Garcia	Donna	Hidalgo
Ms. Celeste Sanchez	San Benito	Cameron
Commissioner Jesse Zuniga	La Feria	Cameron

ITEM #4. B.

ADMINISTRATION

RATIFICATION

OF

EXECUTIVE

COMMITTEE ACTION

Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council
Board of Directors Meeting

May 27, 2020

Item #4: Administration

B. Consider **RATIFICATION** of Executive Committee **ACTION** on the Following Items:

1. Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve Amendment the Amigos Del Valle Fiscal Year 2020 Budget

The Area Agency on Aging will receive a notification of funding award from the prior Fiscal Year and the CARES Act for meals. Funds from the Family First Coronavirus Response Act have already been released. The sum for the Prior Year and Family First is \$2,051,835. Based on the Family First award, it is estimated that the CARES Act funding for the meals will be approximately \$2,070,000. The Family First and CARES Act funding needs to be depleted by September 30, 2021. Amigos Del Valle has been notified of the funds and are working very hard to reduce the home delivered meal waiting list. Texas received \$53,699,314 under the CARES Act to support Area Agencies on Aging in addressing the COVID-19 emergency.

2. Consideration and **ACTION** Approve Funding for Amigos Del Valle and City of Mercedes

Amigos Del Valle and the City of Mercedes responded to the Special Request for Proposals. The total amount of the requests was \$163,477. City of Mercedes requested \$19,688 to hire three existing volunteer firefighters for 3 months to provide first-line response care to seniors in the community. Example of such support services are picking up prescriptions, groceries, and other essential errands. This funding will be under the senior center operation category.

Amigos Del Valle requested \$143,779 for the following:

- \$109,764 to replace three (3) older vehicles that provide transportation to seniors from the communities of Weslaco, Harlingen, and San Benito.
- \$34,015 to purchase eight food warmers to keep the meals warm while being prepared for delivery. Due to the increase number of meals being delivered, these warmers will help mitigate the workload.

ITEM #5. A.

**COMMUNITY
&
ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT**

**Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council
Board of Directors Meeting**

May 27, 2020

Item #5: Department Reports

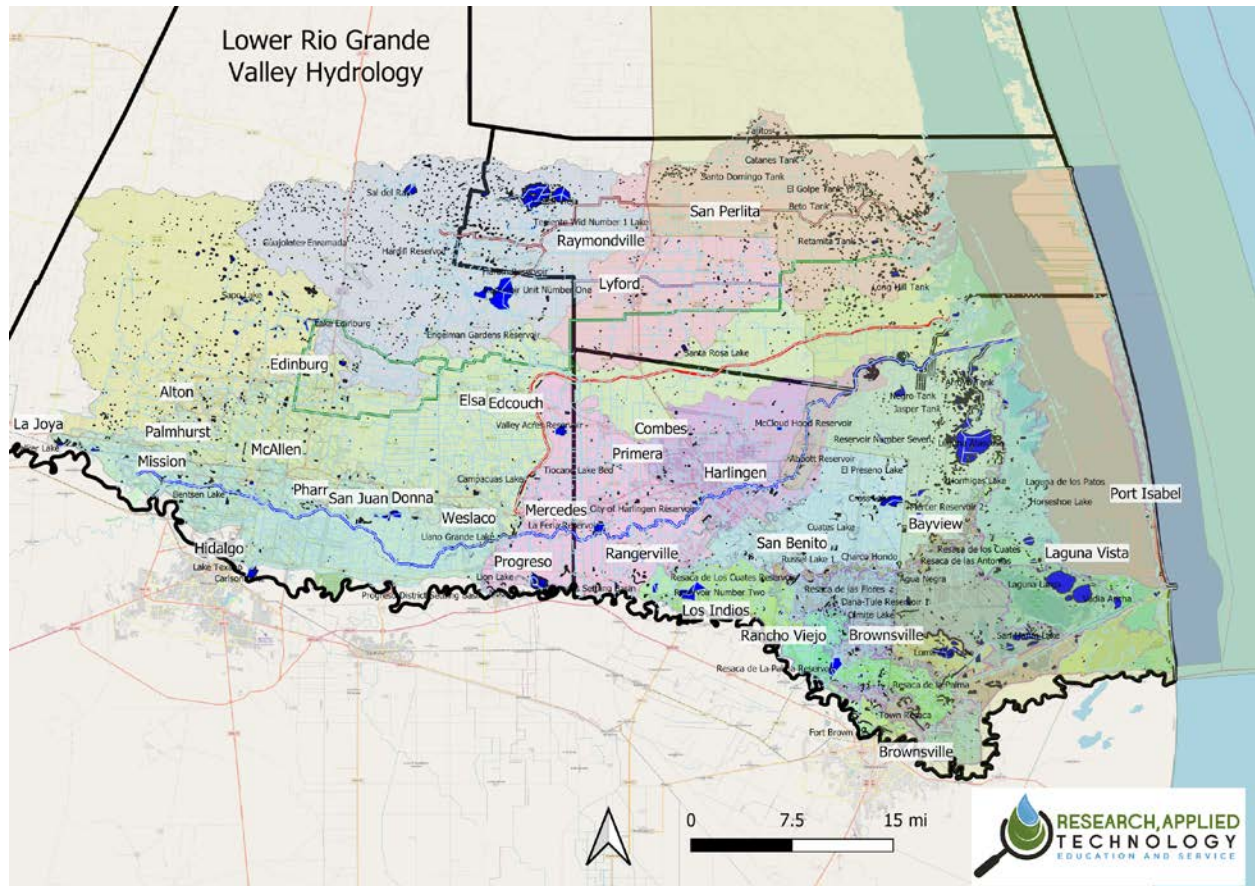
A. Community & Economic Development

Program Action Item

1. Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve Submission of a Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) Flood Infrastructure Funding (FIF) Abridged Application (White Paper)

Cameron, Hidalgo, and Willacy Counties have brought the proposed project to the Regional Water Resources Advisory Committee (RWRAC) and have recommended to move the TWDB Abridged Application forward for a proposed regional, multi-jurisdictional and Flood Protection Planning for Watersheds project. Deadline is June 15, 2020 at 5:00 PM.

- Regional Coordination
- Regional Hydrology & Hydraulics
- Real Time Hydrologic Stations
- REON.cc Cyberfrastructure



The Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council (LRGVDC), in partnership with its constituent counties and local governments, proposes to implement holistic flood control, mitigation and drainage enhancements on the 4 of the 5 primary drainage pathways within its three county (Cameron, Hidalgo and Willacy) service area. These drains include, 1) from North to South, the Raymondville Drain as it travels eastwards from the north east corner of Willacy county entering the Laguna Madre 5 miles south of Port Mansfield, TX; 2) the Hidalgo County Drainage District #1-North Main Drain (HCCD1-NMD) as it flows from its origin in Hidalgo County, thence to Willacy County, joining with the Willacy County Drainage District #1-Willacy Main Drain (WCCD1-WMD) and entering the Laguna Madre through the El Sauz Ranch private property; 3) the International Boundary Water Commission (IBWC) leveed North Floodway (Floodway) as it travels north from Llano Grande Lake south west of Weslaco, TX, turning east near La Villa, TX and washing out into the Laguna Madre through private property approximately 1 mile north west of Arroyo City, TX; and 4) the Arroyo Colorado River as it traverses Hidalgo, Cameron and Willacy Counties from the IBWC diversion structure at LLano Grande Lake through the City of Harlingen, becoming a dredged barge channel flowing into the Laguna Madre west of Arroyo City. The fifth drainage pathway, the Rio Grande River, is a highly regulated water body, whose use for drainage and flood control is strictly regimented by international treaty.

The proposed regional project would rely on the regional engagement in the LRGVDC's Regional Water Resource Advisory Committee to facilitate the identification, feasibility assessment and development of Preliminary Engineering Reports for both structural adThe

proposed improvements include adding storage capacity via increasing main channel and lateral linear storage; improvements to off-channel detention basins, including restoration of Resacas; the integration of near real-time monitoring for flood early warning, mitigation and planning; the adoption of an integrative cyber-infrastructure to ingest, manage, maintain and grow the hydrologic and hydrographic knowledgebase encompassing the entire Lower Rio Grande Valley; and the establishment of an inter-jurisdictional operational decision making and policy development institution for flood management.

Project Goals

The long term goal of this project is to develop the regional knowledge-based decision-making infrastructure to identify and promote the implementation of local flood management physical infrastructure that maximizes regional benefit. This goal will be achieved by advancing two parallel inter-dependent objectives:

Objective 1: *the establishment of a regional coordination and decision making network, along with the assimilation of hydrologic and hydraulic knowledge to support science-driven policy and decision making.* Because of the unique topography and extensive anthropogenic modifications to the regional hydrography through the construction of irrigation and drainage networks, drainage modifications at the local level, even down to subdivision scale, can have significant impacts on the regional hydrology. Further, local control structures such as gate valves and drainage pumps are ubiquitous, as mechanisms for managing local drainage issues. Overlapping operational jurisdictions, such as irrigation districts with responsibilities for Resacas and the control of structures for maintaining their level for water supply and aesthetics, and drainage districts that operate gate valves and high capacity pumps for flood control, often work against each other. This has a tendency to force local jurisdictions to develop local flood prevention infrastructure, both structural and non-structural, regardless of whether the causative factor is outside the jurisdictional control.

Objective 2: *the identification of local and regional capital improvement projects that support regional flood management.* Of the four drainage pathways identified above, the Hidalgo/Willacy Drain and the Arroyo Colorado river present the greatest opportunity for regional impact. Several capital improvement projects on or adjacent to these waterways are being submitted by the relevant local jurisdictions, while others are in the conceptual development stage.

The HCCD1-NMD comprises approximately ~100 segment-miles, and extends from its upstream origin near Mission, TX in Hidalgo County to its outfall at the Laguna Madre in Willacy County. The HCCD1-NMD flows through the following sub-watersheds: 1) *Lake Edinburg North Main Canal* with diversion pour points to 2) *Upper Pilot Channel Laguna Madre* and 3) *West Main Drain Laguna Madre*. The Upper Pilot Channel Laguna Madre and West Main Drain Laguna Madre converge near the western extremity of 4) *East Main Drain-Laguna Madre* before draining to the Laguna Madre.

The section of the Arroyo Colorado, beginning downstream of Llano Grande Lake and ending in the Laguna Madre, is one of 3 segments of the International Boundary Water Commission's (IBWC) Lower Rio Grande Flood Control System (LRGFCS). The LRGFCS begins downstream from Peñitas at Anzalduas Dam, effectively forking at Llano Grande Lake at

a IBWC-managed diversion structure, that diverts flood waters north into the leveed floodway. From the diversion structure the Arroyo Colorado travels generally in an east-north-easterly direction, forming the southern boundary of landlocked municipalities along Interstate 2 from Weslaco in Hidalgo County to Harlingen in Cameron County. In Harlingen the Arroyo Colorado shifts north easterly, crosses Interstate 2, on towards the Willacy County border. From Harlingen into Willacy County and then to the Laguna Madre, the Arroyo Colorado is tidally influenced and serves as a dredged shallow draft barge channel serving the Port of Harlingen. The Arroyo Colorado is 53 miles long, traversing 4 12-digit Hydrologic Units - La Feria Main Canal-Arroyo Colorado, Line V Canal-Arroyo Colorado, an isthmus of the Upper Pilot Channel-Laguna Madre, flowing into the Laguna Madre through the Laguna Atascosa sub-basin.

Project Tasks

Task 1.1 Regional Coordination: The LRGVDC will identify, coordinate and develop regional projects encompassing the lengths of the Hidalgo/Willacy Drain and the Arroyo Colorado river. The LRGVDC will convene a subcommittee of its Regional Water Resources Advisory Committee (RWRAC) to serve as the focal point for facilitating regionalization of local flood management projects.

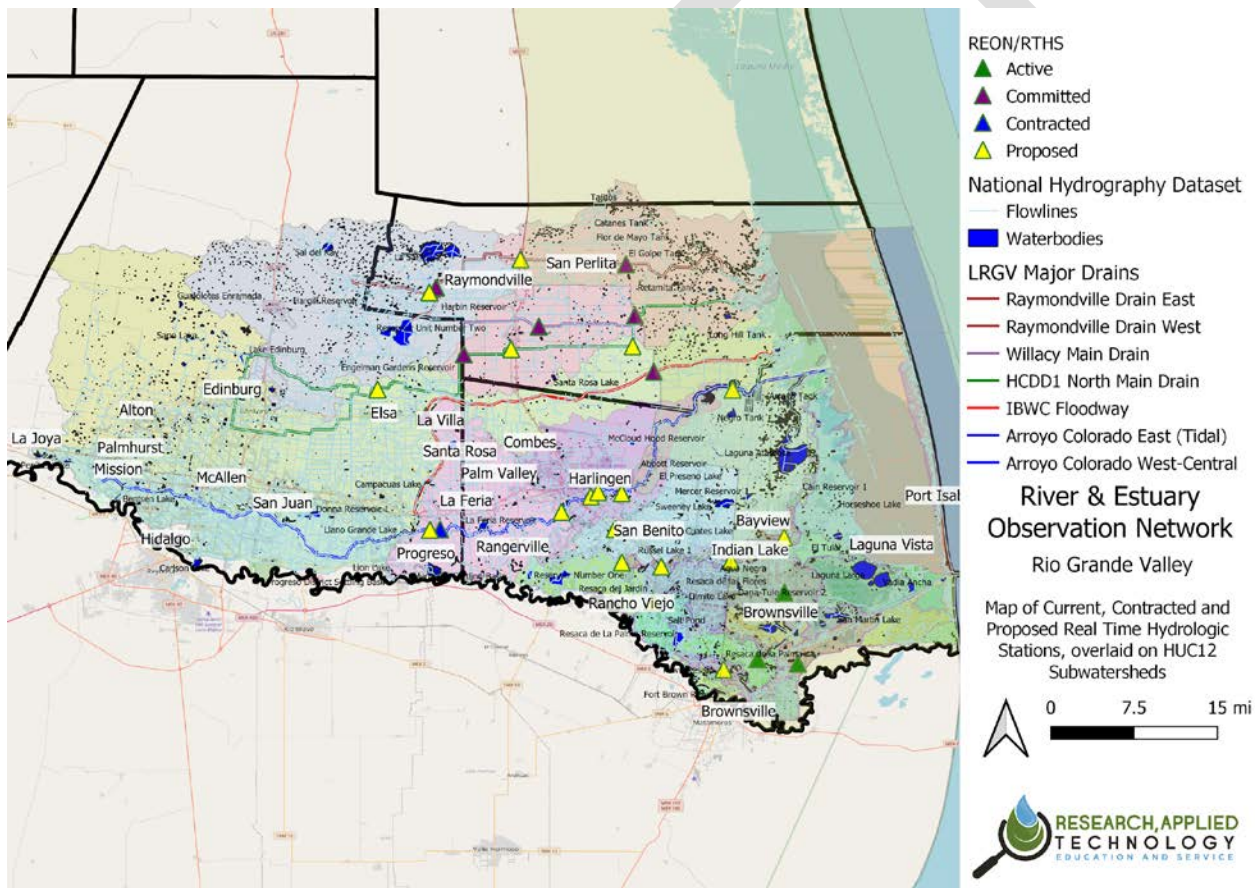
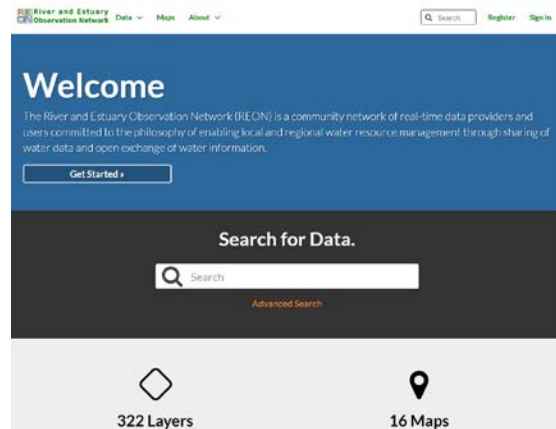
Task 1.2 Regional Hydrology & Hydraulics: Through this subcommittee, a comprehensive Hydrologic and Hydraulic (H&H) study, greater in local detail and scope to Watershed Assessments conducted by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers under Section 729 of the Section 729 of the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 1986. A suite of geographically dispersed, adaptive-resolution hydrologic and hydrodynamic models will be developed in parallel to projects identified in Task 2.1 to support flood mitigation planning.

Task 1.3 Real Time Hydrologic Stations: Real Time Hydrologic Stations (RTHS) will be installed to locally validate the models developed in Task 1.2 that will rapidly provide the LRGVDC with the framework to support flood mitigation and planning, along with specific applications to impacted localities for capital improvement project design development.

Task 1.4 REON.cc Cyberinfrastructure: In order to effectively develop an adaptive regional strategy, and to implement as suite of currently identified specific flood protection projects, the LRGVDC will adopt the established River and Estuary Observation Network (REON - <https://REON.cc>) as the cyber-infrastructure house relevant hydrographic data. REON is a network of local government entities that share hydrographic data and hydrologic information to facilitate policy and decision making across inter-dependent jurisdictions. REON is comprised of a cloud-enabled Geographic Information System (GIS), supported by a growing network of RTHS, with embedded analytics and decision support tools, allowing jurisdictional partners to share information, and maintain offline mirrors for local operations and archival. The REON framework facilitates multi-partner, asynchronous (e.g. local developer) contributions to the community data, providing the basis for ordnance enabled data upkeep and enhancement. For example, hydrographic data can be integrated by developers, regulators or community

organizations as local projects dictate its production, such as hydrologic and hydrodynamic models that demonstrate compliance with drainage ordinances.

Task 2.1 Project Identification: Specific local structural controls will be identified that will have regional impact along with locally-implemented non-structural controls (e.g. drainage ordinances). For example, improvements proposed will be directly applicable to mitigating the impact of increased HCCD1-NMD flows that are anticipated following



the completion of Hidalgo County-2018 bond projects that include: channel and culvert improvements; construction of off-line detention; construction of new stormwater drainage systems; and construction of pumping stations.

Once partially developed during the first year of project performance, the combination of RTHS data, H&H knowledge and models, and the REON.cc cyberinfrastructure will form the basis of collaborative, multi-jurisdictional discussions aimed at identifying and promoting for further development, drainage improvement infrastructure that embody the dual goals of

maximizing regional drainage efficacy, while simultaneously alleviating localized flooding. Concurrent with this effort, during year 1, a current slate of projects, ranging in state from conceptual definition to PER completion, will be initiated for full design development or feasibility assessment as the project state dictates. These projects have been identified in partnership with over 25 local jurisdictions meeting the following criteria:

- Projects that would immediately alleviate local flooding
- Projects that provide a benefit to regional drainage
- A focus on projects that are not being submitted for funding from TWDB/FIF separately
- Projects that have immediate end-point of feasibility assessment or design development - not construction

The change that these projects have of the local hydrography, along with their impact on local flooding and regional drainage will be used to update and validate the H&H knowledgebase.

Task 2.2: Feasibility Assessments: Feasibility assessments will be conducted on the projects identified in Task 2.1, individually, and combined to develop an adaptive flood-management strategy at the regional level. The assessments will culminate in Preliminary Engineering Reports (PER) that include initial constructed cost estimates and Cost-Benefit Analyses that evaluate alternatives, including a no-implementation cost.

Task 2.3: Design Development: For project concepts that have matured to the PER stage, full design development will be commissioned, to produce construction documents and detailed cost estimates, increasing the potential for the project to be funded through a combination of local funds, grant funds, and available loans. The end-game for this task is to maximize the probability for regionally beneficial flood protection projects to be constructed.

RESOLUTION NO.: _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMISSIONER’S COURT OF THE COUNTY OF _____, TEXAS (COUNTY) AUTHORIZING OF PREPARATION AND SUBMITTAL OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD (TWDB) FOR GRANT FUNDS TO ADDRESS FLOOD PROTECTION PLANNING WITHIN LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY; SUPPORTING THE LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL (LRGVDC) APPLICATION TO THE TWDB; AUTHORIZING MATCHING FUNDS FOR THE GRANT FOR STORM WATER PLANNING; AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY JUDGE TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL CONTRACTS WITH THE LRGVDC.

WHEREAS, the COUNTY is authorized to provide matching funds for a grant from the TWDB, and

WHEREAS, the COUNTY understands that the LRGVDC will prepare and submit a grant to the TWDB;

WHEREAS, the LRGVDC meets the official entity requirements of the TWDB for grant application through the it’s legal authority to plan for and abate flooding, and

WHEREAS, the COUNTY and the LRGVDC desire to submit a grant application to the TWDB for grant funds to address flood protection, and

WHEREAS, the COUNTY has the authority to enter into a contract with the LRGVDC and is prepared to commit matching funds in cash and/or in-kind services as a third party once the grant application is accepted, and

WHEREAS, the grant program requires local matching funds, and LRGVDC will propose a 90/10 participation split with the TWDB, and

WHEREAS, the recommended budget is \$X with \$X contribution from the TWDB and \$X from the X, Y AND Z, and

WHEREAS, up to \$X of the matching funds is committed by 3rd party partners, namely \$X from Hidalgo County, \$X from Cameron County, and \$X from others, and

WHEREAS, the commitment of these funds or services is in the best interest of the health and safety of the citizens of the COUNTY and of the LRGV,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSIONER’S COURT OF THE COUNTY OF _____, TEXAS:

1. That the COUNTY hereby adopts and approves the recitals and findings set forth in the preamble above.

2. That the COUNTY hereby passes this resolution authorizing the submittal of this grant application to the TWDB for grant funds to address flood protection.

3. That the COUNTY agrees to commit up to \$X for the purpose of this program.

4. That the COUNTY hereby authorizes the County Judge to enter into and sign a contract with the LRGVDC for grant funds to address flood protection planning.

5. This Resolution is contingent upon the preparation and submission of an application by the LRGVDC to the TWDB for ninety percent (90%) grant funding from the TWDB and upon approval and commitment of the TWDB to grant said funds.

6. It is hereby found and determined that the meeting at which this Resolution was adopted was open to the public as required by law and that notice of the time, place, and purpose of said meeting was given as required by Chapter 551, Texas Government Code.

PASSED AND APPROVED this ____nd day of May, 2020 by affirmative vote of the Commissioner's Court of County of Willacy meeting in regular session.

Aurelio Guerra, County Judge

ATTEST:

Name, County Administrator

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Name, City Attorney

Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council
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Item #5: Department Reports

A. Community & Economic Development

Program Action Item

2. Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve Texas Community Development Block Grant Priorities 2021-2022.

Non entitlement cities met via a GoToMeetings video conference on May 19, 2020 at 2:30 pm to discuss and comment on TxCDBG Regional Priorities to be submitted to the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) by June 2, 2020.

2021-2022 Community Development Fund

Regional Project Priority Scoring

State Planning Region	Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council
Date of Public Meeting	May 19, 2020 – Public Meeting May 27, 2020 – LRGVDC Board Meeting
List Names of Persons Responsible for Establishing Priorities (if a standing committee, identify name of committee or group rather than list individuals)	Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council Board of Directors

For each category of Project Priority, list the activities that qualify for the category, and the number of points assigned.

- Up to three categories may be identified, which may include “all other eligible activities”.
- All activities within a category will receive the same number of points.

Category	Activities	Number of Points (maximum 50 points)
First Priority	Water & Sewer; Septic System & Yard Lines; Street & Drainage	50
Second Priority	Housing Rehabilitation, Fire Protection, Community Centers, Parks, Neighborhood Centers	30
Third Priority	All other projects	10

As Presiding Officer of the [State Planning Region], I certify that the above Regional Project Priorities were established in accordance with 4 TAC 4 TAC §30.50(e)(1) for the 2021-2022 TxCDBG Community Development Fund.

Mayor Jim Darling

Date

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Item #5: Department Reports

B. Community & Economic Development

Program Action Item

3. Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve the Terrabella Environmental Services Edinburg TX (RN109658260) Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) Permit.

The above referenced permit application for a Type V Facility: Medical Waste Transfer Facility was reviewed by the Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) on May 19, 2020 and had favorable comments. The Letter will be submitted to Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for their review. TCEQ letters to residents and public comment period will follow.



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**INTERIM
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**
Kenneth N. Jones, Jr.

Mr. Alan Wong
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ)
12100 Park 35 Circle
Austin, TX 78753

RE: Terrabella Environmental Services, Edinburg TX (RN109658260)
Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) Permit

Dear Mr. Wong:

The above referenced permit application for a Type V Facility: Medical Waste Transfer Facility has been reviewed by the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council's (LRGVDC) Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC). Under the direction of the SWAC, the LRGVDC Board of Directors has provided the following comments for this application:

The LRGVDC Board of Directors has gone on record with favorable comments for this project for it is in conformance with the Regional Solid Waste Management Plan.

Changes in the application at any stage following this letter should be conveyed to the LRGVDC. Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on this project.

Sincerely,

Kenneth N. Jones
Interim Executive Director

cc: Terrabella Environmental Services
Q&A Diversified LLC

2.48 ACRES GROSS, 2.30 ACRES NET
 LOT 13, BLOCK 64
 ALAMO LAND AND SUGAR COMPANY SUBDIVISION
 VOL. 1, PG. 24-26
 H.C.M.R.

OWNER: LISANDRO SAENZ HERNANDEZ
 DOC#2476824, H.C.D.R.



SCALE: 1"=30'

SYMBOL LEGEND	
●	- FND. 1/2" IRON ROD
○	- SET 1/2" IRON ROD W/ PLASTIC CAP STAMPED "SAMES"
⊙	- POWER POLE
⊕	- CLEAN OUT
🌳	- EXISTING TREE

SURVEY NOTES:
 1.) BEARINGS SHOWN BASED ON GENERAL WARRANTY DEED, AS RECORDED IN INSTRUMENT NUMBER: 2014-2573979, HIDALGO COUNTY DEED RECORDS.
 2.) ALL HORIZONTAL CONTROL ON THIS PROJECT WAS ESTABLISHED UTILIZING RTK GPS METHODS.

GENERAL NOTES:
 ADDRESS: 5518 EAST CURVE ROAD, EDINBURG, TEXAS 78542
 SURVEYED: MAY 24, 2016
 FLOOD ZONE DESIGNATION: X
 COMMUNITY-PANNEL NUMBER: 480334 0325 D
 MAP REVISED: MAY 17, 2001

■ Transfer Area 304.42 sf

1.46 ACRES GROSS, 1.40 ACRES NET
 W136.8'/E646.8'/S466'
 LOT 13, BLOCK 64
 ALAMO LAND AND SUGAR COMPANY SUBDIVISION
 VOL. 1, PG. 24-26
 H.C.M.R.

OWNER: JACK LANE JR

20.1' ROAD EASEMENT
 VOL 1549, PG. 903
 H.C.D.R.

0.33 ACRES NET
 TR-2-R/S W319.21'/E642.62 N477.6'
 LOT 13, BLOCK 64
 ALAMO LAND AND SUGAR COMPANY SUBDIVISION
 VOL. 1, PG. 24-26
 H.C.M.R.

OWNER: CRISTINA TAPIA GUZMAN
 DOC#2507736, H.C.D.R.

0.99 ACRES (43,094.58 SQ.FT.)
 LOT 13, BLOCK 64
 ALAMO SUGAR AND LAND COMPANY SUBDIVISION
 VOL. 1, PG. 24-26
 H.C.M.R.

OWNER: MARTIN CARILLO
 DOC#2014-2573979
 H.C.D.R.

TR-3 0.99 ACRES
 LOT 13, BLOCK 64
 ALAMO LAND AND SUGAR COMPANY SUBDIVISION
 VOL. 1, PG. 24-26
 H.C.M.R.

OWNER: RAQUEL MARTINEZ
 DOC#2013-2388284, H.C.D.R.

TR-4 0.99 ACRES
 LOT 13, BLOCK 64
 ALAMO LAND AND SUGAR COMPANY SUBDIVISION
 VOL. 1, PG. 24-26
 H.C.M.R.

OWNER: RAQUEL MARTINEZ
 DOC#2013-2388284, H.C.D.R.

TR-2 0.99 ACRES
 LOT 13, BLOCK 64
 ALAMO LAND AND SUGAR COMPANY SUBDIVISION
 VOL. 1, PG. 24-26
 H.C.M.R.

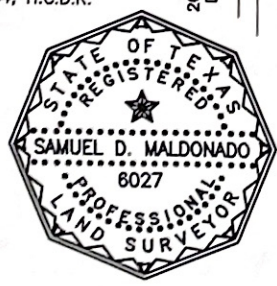
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TR-1 0.99 ACRES
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 ALAMO LAND AND SUGAR COMPANY SUBDIVISION
 VOL. 1, PG. 24-26
 H.C.M.R.

OWNER: RAQUEL MARTINEZ
 DOC#2013-2388284, H.C.D.R.

I, SAMUEL DAVID MALDONADO, CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE PLAT IS AN ACTUAL SURVEY MADE ON THE GROUND UNDER MY SUPERVISION AND THAT THIS SURVEY CORRECTLY REPRESENTS THE FACTS FOUND AT THE TIME OF THE SURVEY AND MEETS THE MINIMUM SURVEY STANDARDS.

[Signature] 5/27/2016
 SAMUEL DAVID MALDONADO DATE
 REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYOR NO. 8027



PLAT SHOWING
 A 0.99 ACRE (43,094.58 SQ.FT.), TRACT OF LAND, MORE OR LESS, BEING OUT OF LOT NUMBER THIRTEEN (13), BLOCK NUMBER SIXTY-FOUR (64), ALAMO LAND AND SUGAR COMPANY SUBDIVISION, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS, AS PER MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN VOLUME 1, PAGES 24-26, MAP RECORDS OF HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS.

THE FOLLOWING MATTERS AND ALL TERMS OF THE DOCUMENTS CREATING OR OFFERING EVIDENCE OF THE MATTERS:

1. THIS SURVEY WAS COMPLETED WITHOUT THE BENEFIT OF AN ABSTRACT OF TITLE. THERE MAY BE EASEMENTS OR OTHER MATTERS THAT ARE NOT SHOWN.
2. SUBJECT TO THE SUBDIVISION RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE COUNTY OF HIDALGO AND/OR ORDINANCES OR GOVERNMENTAL REGULATIONS OF THE CITY IN WHICH THE PROPERTY MAY BE LOCATED OR HOLDING EXTRA TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION OF SAID PROPERTY.

SAMES SAM Engineering & Surveying, Inc.
 200 S. 10TH STREET TEL: (956) 702-8880
 McALLEN, TEXAS 78501 FAX: (956) 702-8883
SURVEY FROM 1816-09

P.O.C.
 THE NORTHEAST CORNER
 OF LOT 13, BLOCK 64,
 ALAMO LAND AND SUGAR CO.
 VOL. 1, PG. 24-26, H.C.M.R.

**LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL
MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE (MSW) FACILITY
PERMIT APPLICATION REVIEW FORM**



Section 1: General Applicant Information

1. Applicant's Name: _____

2. Location of proposed facility: _____
Actual or Nearest City: _____ County: _____
Extraterritorial Jurisdiction of City: _____

3. What jurisdictions and/or entities in the LRGVDC region is this facility intended to serve?

4. Is this a permit or a registration application?
Permit No. _____ Registration No. _____
New facility or Amendment to current permit/registration

5. What type of MSW facility is being registered or permitted?
Type I Landfill Type IV Landfill
Type V Facility: please specify; _____
Other: please specify; _____

6. What types of waste(s) will be accepted at your facility? Please specify any special waste.

7. Please supply the following information for your facility. If the application is for an amendment, please complete Proposed and Current columns.

	Proposed	Current
Permitted Area		
Waste Disposal Area		
Total Disposal/Processing Capacity (tons)		
Daily Disposal/Processing Rate(tons)		
Estimated Site Life (years)		
Max. Elevation of Final Cover (MSL) mean sea level		

8. Will your facility be equipped with scales?

Yes

No

9. Will your facility be equipped with truck tire washing stations?

Yes

No

10. Will your facility accept scrap/used tires? If yes, how will your facility manage scrap/used tires? Please explain in detail.

11. What are your plans for managing yard waste and brush? Please explain in detail.

12. Does your facility have an approved composting plan?

Yes

No

13. Will any of the following items be diverted for recycling or reuse?

Electronics

Yard waste & brush

White Goods

Scrap Metal

Construction/Demolition Debris

Other (please describe)

Tires

14. If the proposed facility is other than a landfill, where will the stored or processed wastes be taken for disposal?

Section 2: Regional Plan Conformance

Please provide information as to how your proposed facility will help to support or conform with the of LRGVDC's Regional Solid Waste Management Plan goals and objectives.

15. Is the site of your proposed facility subject to zoning, siting ordinances or other restrictions by state or local governments?

Yes

No

If yes, with which government zoning or siting standards will this facility have to comply? Attach documentation from the zoning or siting entity indicating that the proposed facility is in compliance with the standards.

16. What operational and /or management practices will your facility employ to minimize the impact on adjacent and surrounding land uses (surrounding meaning, "one-mile from the facility's boundaries")?

17. If the proposed facility is a landfill, what will be the maximum fill height of the facility?
(Please provide a final contour map of the proposed facility)

MSL (mean sea level)

Feet above grade

18. How high will the footprint allow the fill height to be?

MSL (mean sea level)

Feet above grade

19. When the maximum fill height is reached, how will the facility compare to surrounding elevation features (surrounding meaning, “one-mile from the facility’s boundaries”)?

20. What measures will you implement on or around the facility to make it aesthetically acceptable? (Examples: landscaping plans, odor control devices, buffers.)

21. How will vehicular traffic into and out of the proposed facility impact the area’s existing traffic patterns? Please explain.

22. What measures are you taking to ensure your facility’s truck traffic will not damage the surrounding road network?

23. Does any entity or entities have existing or proposed development plans or initiatives within one mile of the proposed site or expansion area? If so, how does your proposed fit with such plans or initiatives?

Section 3: Certifications

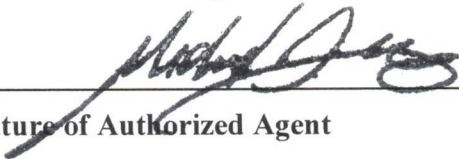
I hereby certify that the information contained herein is, to the best of my knowledge complete and accurate and that the information in fact represents the MSW facility for which this entity is requesting a TCEQ permit or registration.

Michael D. Carr.

Type or Printed Name of Applicant's Authorized Agent

President

Title of Authorized Agent



Signature of Authorized Agent

5-7-20

Date

Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council Board of Directors Meeting

May 27, 2020

Item #5: Department Reports

A. Community & Economic Development

Program Status Reports

- Regional Small Cities Coalition

The Regional Small Cities Coalition (RSCC) has cancelled their May meeting due to COVID-19. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 11, 2020 via GoToMeetings. The City of Palm Valley will be the host for the virtual meeting.

- Explore RGV

The Regional Tourism and Travel Advisory Committee (RTTAC) will provide guidance, programmatic implementation, and/or recommendations relative to the function and scope of the Explore RGV program or as otherwise directed by the LRGVDC Board of Directors.

An RTTAC Marketing Subcommittee meeting was held on May 12, 2020 at 3:00 pm via Skype to discuss Partner Marketing Kits and updates.

An RTTAC Regional Events Calendar Subcommittee meeting was held on May 14, 2020 at 10:30 am via Skype to finalize updates for the launch of the Regional Events Calendar in June 2020 on the Explore RGV website.

The next virtual RTTAC meeting is scheduled for June 9, 2020 at 10:00 am via GoToMeeting.

Download the Explore RGV app at the Apple Store and Google Play or visit www.explorergv.com. Please follow @goexplorergv on Twitter, Instagram, and Facebook.

- Census 2020

A virtual meeting of the Regional Census 2020 Media Plan working group was held on May 8, 2020 at 10:00 am via GoToMeeting. The next virtual meeting is scheduled for May 22, 2020 at 11:00 am to discuss regional media plan updates and next steps. The RGV Food Bank, RGV US Census Partnership Specialists, and LRGVDC will work together to continue promoting Census 2020 in conjunction with the Media Plan.

The Census Bureau has extended the self-response date to Saturday, October 31, 2020.

- HUD Disaster Recovery Housing Program

The LRGVDC was awarded contracts with the Texas General Land Office as a subrecipient to administer HUD CDBG-Disaster Recovery funding issued as a result of Hurricane Dolly. All funds have been expended for Non-Family Rental, Multi-Family Rental and Administrative costs. The grants awarded to the LRGVDC were expended and projects have been completed at a 100%. The contract between LRGVDC and the Texas General Land Office (GLO) for Multi-Family Rental ended December 31, 2018. LRGVDC is working with GLO to finalize contract close-out. GLO is working to procure a vendor to assist with project close-outs.

- Solid Waste Management Program

The FY 2020/2021 Solid Waste Sub-Grantees Implementation forms for City of Alton, City of Weslaco, City of Alamo, and City of Penitas have been approved by TCEQ. The contracts for City of Alton and City of Weslaco have been fully executed and are effective to begin May 1, 2020 – May 31, 2021. City of Alamo and City of Penitas contracts begin September 2020 – July 2021.

The Regional Solid Waste Management Plan (RSWMP) Update draft timeline has been submitted to TCEQ.

A survey has been sent to the SWAC committee to evaluate updating the RSWMP Goals & Objectives – Volume I.

The next virtual Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) meeting is scheduled May 19, 2020, at 10:00 AM via GoToMeetings.

The 2020 Road to Recycling event has been scheduled for Saturday, June 06, 2020 due to COVID-19.

Staff continues to provide technical assistance and outreach and continues to monitor all Solid Waste Management Projects. All information about the Solid Waste Program is available at www.lrgvdc.org/solidwaste.html.

- Water Quality Program

Staff continues to provide education and outreach to cities/communities on water quality issues by adapting to COVID-19 social distancing guidelines. The department hosted *The Story of Plastic Free Community* Screening documentary on May 8, 2020 at 2:00 PM by partnering with *The Story of Stuff*. To learn more visit <https://www.storyofplastic.org/>.

- **Regional Water Resource Advisory Committee**

The Regional Water Resource Advisory Committee (RWRAC) held a virtual meeting Wednesday, May 13, 2020 at 2:00 PM via GoToMeetings.

Discussion about a Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) Abridged Application for the FY2020 Flooding Infrastructure Funding (FIF) took place to assist in the financing of drainage, flood mitigation, and flood control projects, including: planning and design activities; work to obtain necessary regulatory approvals; and construction and/or implementation of flood projects.

TWDB Abridged Application due by June 15, 2020 by LRGVDC.

The next virtual meeting for the RWRAC is scheduled for June 10, 2020 at 2:00 PM via GoToMeetings.

- **Rio Grande Regional Water Planning Group (Region M)**

The next meeting of the Region M Group is scheduled for Wednesday, July 1, 2020 at 10:30 AM.

The Group held a virtual public hearing on May 6, 2020 in Weslaco to review and receive comments on the region's Initially Prepared Plan (IPP) for the 2021 Rio Grande Regional Water Plan. All Region M meetings are open to the public and include opportunities for public comment. The public hearing recording can be found here: <http://www.riograndewaterplan.org/meetings>.

Please visit the Region M Website at www.riograndewaterplan.org for updates on the 2021 Rio Grande Regional Water Plan and other Rio Grande Regional Water Planning Group activities.

- **Reservoir Levels**

On May 16, 2020, the U.S. combined ownership at Amistad/Falcon stood at 45.15% of normal conservation capacity, impounding 1,531,431 acre-feet, down from 63.20% (2,143,517 AF) of normal conservation a year ago. Overall the system is holding 27.75% of normal conservation capacity, impounding 1,643,309 acre-feet with Amistad at 36.09% of conservation capacity, impounding 1,182,015 acre-feet and Falcon at 17.43% of conservation capacity, impounding 461,294 acre-feet. Mexico has 4.42% of normal conservation capacity, impounding 111,878 acre-feet at Amistad/Falcon.

Rio Grande Watermaster Report

05/16/20

AMISTAD RESERVOIR

Normal Conservation Elevation	340.462	Meters	1,117.00 Feet	
Water Elevation	326.665	Meters	1,071.73 Feet	-45.27
Total Normal Conservation Capacity	4,040,325	TCM	3,275,532 Acre-Feet	
Total Combined Storage	1,458,000	TCM	1,182,015 Acre-Feet	36.09%
US Share of Current Storage	1,379,000	TCM	1,117,969 Acre-Feet	94.58%
Mexico share of Current Storage	79,000	TCM	64,046 Acre-Feet	5.42%
TOTAL RELEASES AVG	104.00	CMS	3,673 CFS	
US Release AVG	101.00	CMS	3,567 CFS	97.12%
Mexico Release AVG	3.00	CMS	106 CFS	2.88%
TOTAL INFLOWS AVG	55.70	CMS	1,967 CFS	
US Inflows AVG	38.90	CMS	1,374 CFS	
Mexico Inflows AVG	16.80	CMS	593 CFS	
TOTAL LOSSES AVG	8.59	CMS	303 CFS	
US Reservoir Loss AVG	8.14	CMS	287 CFS	
Mexico Reservoir Loss AVG	0.45	CMS	16 CFS	

FALCON RESERVOIR

Normal Conservation Elevation	91.805	Meters	301.20 Feet	
Water Elevation	79.380	Meters	260.43 Feet	-40.76
Total Normal Conservation Capacity	3,264,813	TCM	2,646,817 Acre-Feet	
Total Combined Storage	569,000	TCM	461,294 Acre-Feet	17.43%
US Share of Current Storage	510,000	TCM	413,462 Acre-Feet	89.63%
Mexico share of Current Storage	59,000	TCM	47,832 Acre-Feet	10.37%
Total Releases AVG	74.10	CMS	2,617 CFS	
US Release AVG	74.10	CMS	2,617 CFS	100.00%
Mexico Release AVG	0.00	CMS	0 CFS	0.00%
TOTAL INFLOWS AVG	105.00	CMS	3,708 CFS	
US Inflows AVG	96.80	CMS	3,418 CFS	
Mexico Inflows AVG	8.20	CMS	290 CFS	
TOTAL LOSSES AVG	6.88	CMS	243 CFS	
US Reservoir Loss AVG	6.19	CMS	219 CFS	
Mexico Reservoir Loss AVG	0.69	CMS	24 CFS	

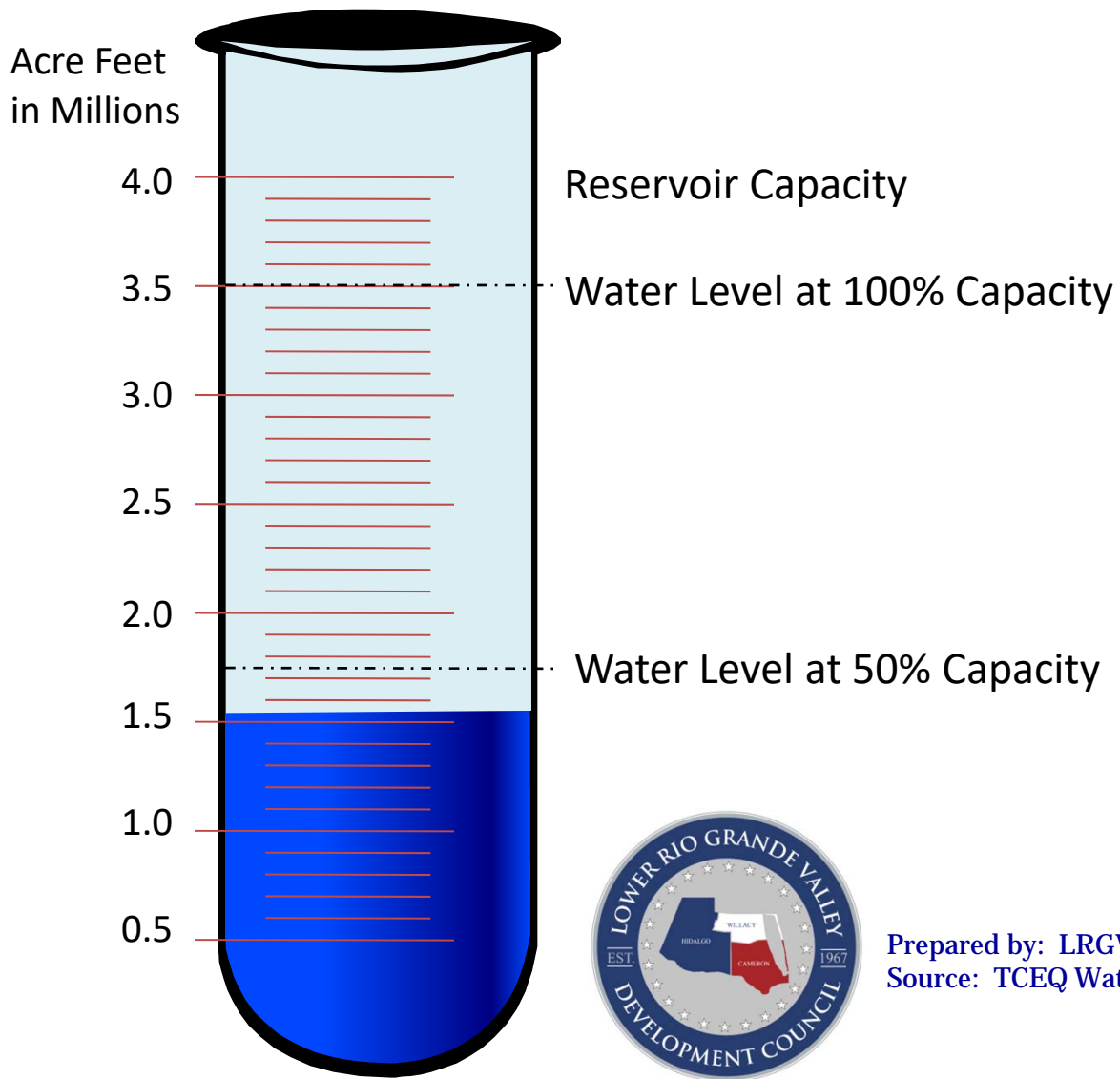
OVERALL STATUS

Normal Conservation Capacity - Amistad	4,040,325	TCM	3,275,532 Acre-Feet	
US Share of Amistad Normal Conservation	2,270,663	TCM	1,840,849 Acre-Feet	
Current US share of Normal Conservation	1,379,000	TCM	1,117,969 Acre-Feet	60.73%
Normal Conservation Capacity - Falcon	3,264,813	TCM	2,646,817 Acre-Feet	
US Share of Falcon Normal Conservation	1,913,180	TCM	1,551,034 Acre-Feet	
Current US share of Normal Conservation	510,000	TCM	413,462 Acre-Feet	26.66%
Normal Capacity - Amistad/Falcon System	7,305,138	TCM	5,922,348 Acre-Feet	
Normal Conservation Capacity - US	4,183,843	TCM	3,391,883 Acre-Feet	57.27%
Normal Conservation Capacity - Mexico	3,121,295	TCM	2,530,466 Acre-Feet	42.73%
Current Storage US	1,889,000	TCM	1,531,431 Acre-Feet	45.15%
Current Storage Mexico	138,000	TCM	111,878 Acre-Feet	4.42%
Current Storage - Amistad - Falcon System	2,027,000	TCM	1,643,309 Acre-Feet	
Percent of Storage Capacity	27.75%		27.75%	

Water Levels at Amistad and Falcon Reservoirs (U.S. Ownership)

5/16/2020, 45.15% of Capacity or 1,531,431 AF

Down from 2,143,517 AF of Normal Conservation a year ago



**NOTE: Mexico Ownership/Reservoir Capacity for
May 16, 2020: 4.42% (111,878) A.F.**

ITEM #5. B.

HEALTH

&

HUMAN SERVICES

Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, May 27, 2020

Item #5: Department Reports

B. Health & Human Services

Area Agency on Aging Program Action Items Jose L. Gonzalez, Director

1. Consideration and **ACTION** to Authorize Issuing Vendor (Contractor) Solicitation for Additional Services and Contractors

Staff is seeking authorization to issue a vendor (contractor) solicitation for additional services and contractors. The Family First and CARES Act provide additional funding for congregate and home delivered meals. The Administration for Community Living and CARES Act provide the Area Agency on Aging the authority to transfer as much funds as are needed to meet the home delivered meal need. The solicitation is to seek vendors for home delivered meals, chore services, emergency response, and personal care. Plus, additional vendors for existing services as the need has increased. Current contractors will not need to respond to the solicitation unless they are adding a new service.

B. Health & Human Services

Area Agency on Aging Status Report Jose L. Gonzalez, Director

- Food Bags Distributed in Cameron and Willacy Counties

The Area Agency on Aging received a \$10,000 contribution from a physician group in Harlingen to provide food assistance to seniors in the Cameron and Willacy County area. The Rio Grande Valley Foodbank was contacted for the acquisition of 2,500 food bags. Each bag weighs 20 pounds and provide 17 meals for a family of 4. Cameron County distributed 2,200 bags and Willacy County had 300 bags. This food distribution was much needed for the seniors.

ITEM #5. C.

PUBLIC SAFETY

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C. Public Safety

9-1-1/Emergency Communications Status Report

- **Location Validation Program**
Program staff has been working on identifying and validating the location of the Wind Turbines in the Santa Monica area South East of FM 1420. This project is part of the Las Majadas Wind Farms, where approximately 125 wind turbines will be installed. Also, staff continues routinely issuing 9-1-1 physical addresses and addressing new subdivisions for Hidalgo and Willacy County.
- **Database Program**
Database staff continues validating addresses and updating the 9-1-1 database via its new GeoDatabase application. Despite COVID-19 the database has been extremely busy. In April staff updated over 235 streets in the 911Net, over 460 address request calls were received which resulted in 435 address tickets for 9-1-1 physical addresses.
- **Mapping Program**
Mapping GIS team continues its daily work, mapping all the daily address tickets, while maintaining data quality. The GIS team has finished the GeoMSAG conversion and will continue its maintenance. Staff has also begun an Online ESRI Training.
- **System and Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) Operations**
Systems staff, in collaboration with GIS staff, is continuously working on installing the ArcGIS monitoring platform that will enable us to respond in case of outages for GIS services. Staff finished installing the last generator at the City of McAllen PD. Staff continues collaboration efforts with Hidalgo County Public Health Dept. and the Department of State Health Service (DSHS) by providing technical assistance to all PSAPs in Hidalgo and Willacy County on COVID-19 information.
- **Public Education/Training Program**
Public Education is an ongoing priority for the Emergency Communications/9-1-1 Division. We continue providing 9-1-1 awareness to the community through social media; such as, the LRGVDC Facebook page, to educate residents on 9-1-1 and COVID-19.

Event Request Notice: Note: Telecommunicators recognition and public event participation continues to be on hold until further notice.

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C. Public Safety

Criminal Justice Program

- COG staff is finalizing reporting requirements on eGrants for the FY2020-21 CJAC Prioritization.

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C. Public Safety

Homeland Security Program

- On May 19th Homeland Security staff will be advised of the final regional approved project by the Homeland Security Grants Division.
- Staff continues to assist jurisdictions with technical questions regarding the Corona Emergency Supplemental Funding 2020.
- Staff completed a TAC Cybersecurity Awareness Training which is mandated that all staff utilize the eGrants system.

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C. Public Safety

Regional Police Academy Status Report

- The 202nd and 203rd Basic Peace Officer Courses are being conducted online via gotomeeting.com. This platform has been successful with little interruption or service disruptions.
- The Regional Police Academy will potentially resume in person instruction on Monday, June 1, 2020. This will be determined based on location accessibility for the Academy to use.
- The Regional Police Academy is currently developing online courses for review in accordance with our application to provide distance education. If our request is approved by TCOLE after review, all online courses offered by the Regional Police Academy will be available to agencies across the state.
- The Regional Police Academy is continuing to work on renewing our application with the Department of Veteran Affairs and Texas Veteran Commission so we may continue to offer benefits to Veterans seeking licensure.

ITEM #5. D.

TRANSPORTATION

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D. Transportation

Valley Metro Status Report Tom Logan, Director

1. Consideration and **ACTION** to Initiate Process to Procurement Professional Services for Architecture and Engineering

Staff requests Board approval to procure professional services (Architecture and Engineering) as part of the Valley Metro Expansion/Renovation project at the Weslaco Transportation Building. This project will accommodate current and future growth, and address Transit Asset Management Plan needs for facility upkeep.

Procurement of these services will be made using FTA grant through Region 6.

The high dollar value of this procurement requires Board approval.

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D. Transportation

Valley Metro Status Report Tom Logan, Director

2. Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve Purchase of Automated Fareboxes

Staff requests Board approval to purchase automated fareboxes for the RGV Metro Express service. This purchase will update Valley Metro fare collection systems to streamline point of service, assist in data collection and to ensure compatibility with McAllen and Brownsville fare collection systems.

Purchase of these fareboxes will be made using a TxDOT grant at 100% match.

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D. Transportation

Valley Metro Status Report Tom Logan, Director

- **Ridership Report**

Both the rural and urban transit systems are in operation and all systems are monitored daily. For the month of April 2020, ridership for the urban system, which operates Monday through Saturday in the urban areas of Cameron, Hidalgo, and Starr Counties has been averaging **2,421** passengers a week. Ridership for the rural system which operates in the rural areas of Cameron, Hidalgo, Willacy, Starr, and Zapata Counties has an average of **596** passengers per week for the month of April.

- **COVID-19 Precautionary Measures**

- Daily cleaning with CDC-approved disinfectant
- Usage of rear-doors to board/deboard passengers
- Cordoning-off driver area
- Installation of hand sanitizer dispensers inside buses
- Issuing safety memos to staff

- **Regional Transportation Advisory Panel (RTAP) Activity**

The RTAP met in January to discuss regional planning and service coordination. The next RTAP meeting time and location is to be determined, pending outcome of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

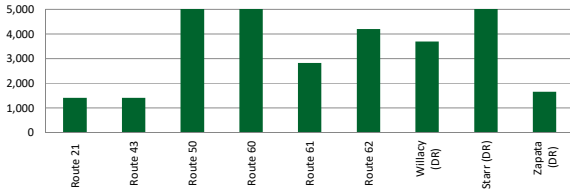


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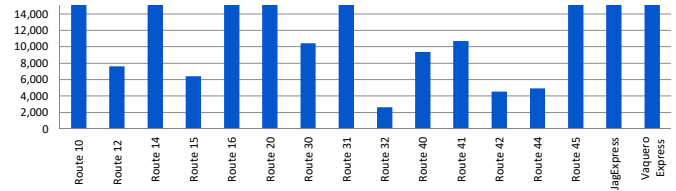
Valley Metro Service Summary

FY 2020 April

RURAL Ridership by Route

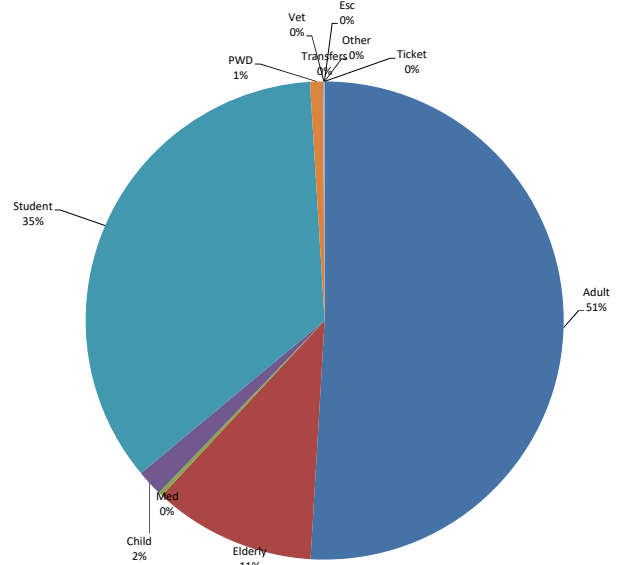


URBAN Ridership by Route



	Route	Total Passenger Trips	Route Activity	Area(s) Served
RURAL	Route 21	1,409	0%	Sullivan City, West Hidalgo County
	Route 43	1,419	0%	South Cameron County
	Route 50	35,223	6%	Brownsville, Port Isabel
	Route 60	5,443	1%	Roma, Rio Grande City
	Route 61	2,825	1%	Rio Grande City
	Route 62	4,201	1%	Rio Grande City
	Willacy (DR)	3,693	1%	Willacy County
	Starr (DR)	6,481	1%	Starr County
	Zapata (DR)	1,659	0%	Zapata County
Metro Express	39,492	7%	Rio Grande Valley	
URBAN	Route 10	18,666	3%	Edinburg
	Route 12	7,612	1%	Edcouch, Elsa, Edinburg
	Route 14	18,476	3%	Edinburg
	Route 15	6,405	1%	Edinburg
	Route 16	40,770	7%	Edinburg
	Route 20	17,790	3%	Mission
	Route 30	10,423	2%	Pharr, San Juan
	Route 31	38,693	7%	Hidalgo County
	Route 32	2,627	0%	Donna
	Route 40	9,379	2%	Harlingen
	Route 41	10,685	2%	Harlingen
	Route 42	4,553	1%	San Benito
	Route 44	4,930	1%	Primera, La Feria, Santa Rosa
	Route 45	25,805	5%	Cameron County
	JagExpress	43,006	9%	Weslaco, Pharr, McAllen
	Vaquero Express	194,378	35%	Edinburg
	Hidalgo	279	0%	City of Hidalgo
TOTAL		556,322	100%	

Ridership Breakdown by Category



YEAR TO DATE RIDERSHIP REPORT

FY 2019 Sept-April
607,251

FY 2020 Sept-April
556,322

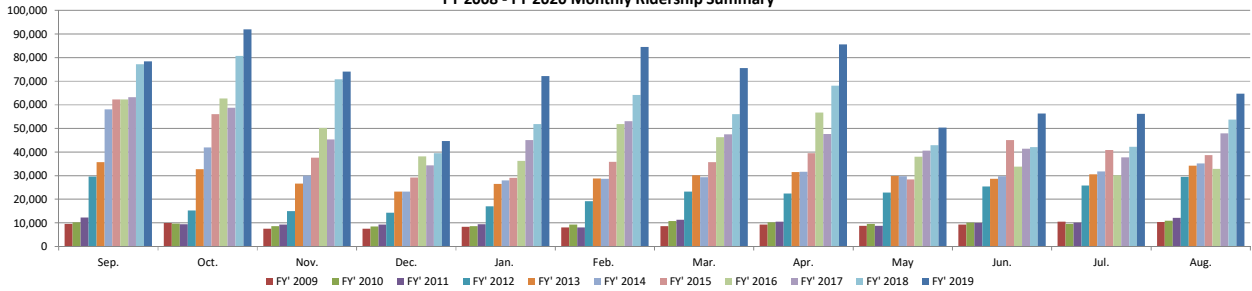
DIFFERENCE
-50,929

% DIFFERENCE
-8%

* Rural service - service in rural low -population areas outside of urbanized areas

* Urban service- service between or within urbanized areas

FY 2008 - FY 2020 Monthly Ridership Summary



Fiscal Year	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Total	Difference	%Change
FY 2008	9,978	4,927	4,378	4,077	9,057	9,065	8,832	9,195	9,624	9,031	8,706	9,568	96,438	45,095	88%
FY 2009	9,538	9,913	7,540	7,562	8,323	8,113	8,567	9,344	8,720	9,363	10,483	10,428	107,894	11,456	12%
FY 2010	10,274	9,702	8,580	8,471	8,670	9,204	10,836	10,274	9,566	10,107	9,537	10,931	116,152	8,258	8%
FY 2011	12,184	9,480	9,336	9,254	9,445	8,016	11,255	10,460	8,801	10,046	10,176	12,111	120,564	4,412	4%
FY 2012	29,644	15,256	14,982	14,267	17,057	19,196	23,184	22,450	22,827	25,436	25,807	29,518	259,624	139,060	115%
FY 2013	35,707	32,758	26,634	23,293	26,542	28,858	30,087	31,465	29,911	28,744	30,596	34,255	358,850	99,226	38%
FY 2014	58,118	41,893	30,069	23,338	28,011	28,593	29,386	31,638	29,761	29,806	31,733	35,241	397,587	38,737	11%
FY 2015	62,315	55,976	37,648	29,214	29,063	35,854	35,785	39,503	28,431	45,056	40,891	38,683	478,419	80,832	20%
FY 2016	62,317	62,627	50,274	38,130	36,305	51,887	46,286	56,675	37,990	33,822	30,148	32,939	539,400	60,981	13%
FY 2017	63,305	58,773	45,397	34,433	45,012	53,051	47,542	47,628	40,601	41,409	47,917	37,719	562,787	23,388	4%
FY 2018	77,255	80,744	70,823	39,507	51,877	64,209	56,076	68,058	42,956	42,169	42,264	53,725	689,663	126,876	23%
FY 2019	78,440	91,930	74,137	44,709	72,199	84,562	75,604	85,670	50,318	56,330	56,234	64,773	834,906	145,243	21%
FY 2020	91,929	98,308	83,799	56,545	78,630	89,404	46,276	11,431					556,322		
Monthly Change from Previous FY	13,489	6,378	9,662	11,836	6,431	4,842	-29,328	-74,239							
% Change	17%	7%	13%	26%	9%	6%	-39%	-87%							

FY 2018 URBANIZED PERFORMANCE MEASURES*

COST EFFECTIVENESS

Cost per revenue mile = \$2.40 State Avg. = \$4.85
 Cost per revenue hour = \$46.22 State Avg. = \$73.39
 Cost per passenger = \$4.16 State Avg. = \$5.21

SERVICE EFFICIENCY

Passengers per revenue mile = 0.58 State Avg. = .93
 Passengers per revenue hour = 11.12 State Avg. = 14.10

FY 2018 NONURBANIZED PERFORMANCE MEASURES*

COST EFFECTIVENESS

Cost per revenue mile = \$3.03 State Avg. = \$2.99
 Cost per revenue hour = \$71.08 State Avg. = \$59.91
 Cost per passenger = \$14.83 State Avg. = \$20.21

SERVICE EFFICIENCY

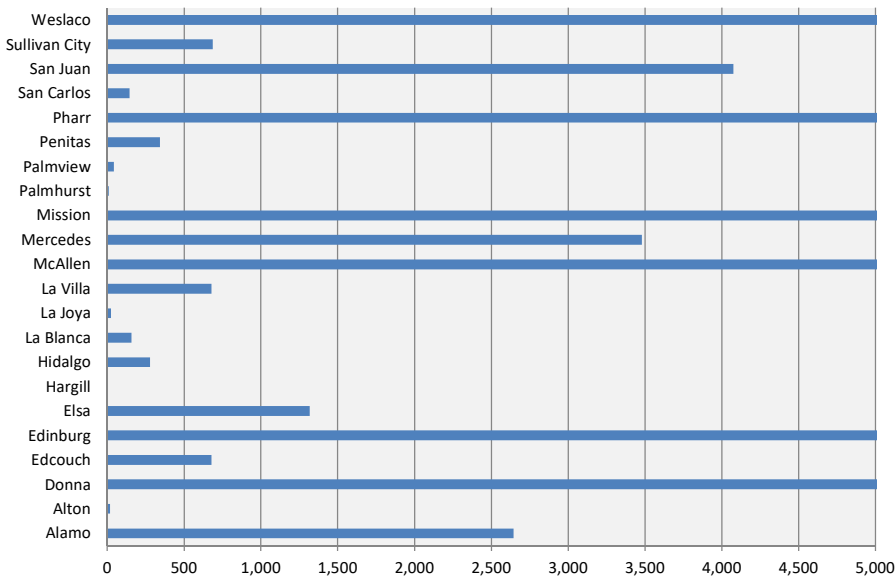
Passengers per revenue mile = 0.20 State Avg. = .15
 Passengers per revenue hour = 5.44 State Avg. = 2.96

Distribution of Ridership

Hidalgo County

Alamo	2,644
Alton	18
Donna	5,989
Edcouch	678
Edinburg	273,528
Elsa	1,318
Hargill	0
Hidalgo	279
La Blanca	158
La Joya	24
La Villa	678
McAllen	82,779
Mercedes	3,479
Mission	9,565
Palmhurst	10
Palmview	43
Penitas	343
Pharr	13,938
San Carlos	146
San Juan	4,076
Sullivan City	687
Weslaco	9,811
Total	410,191

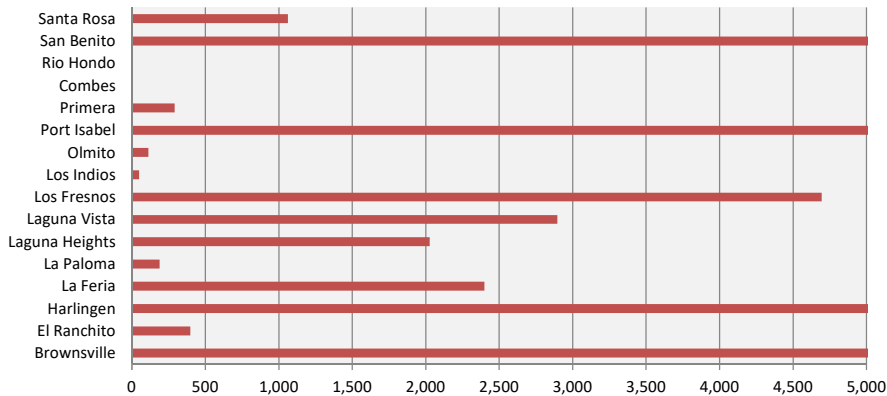
Hidalgo County by Cities



Cameron County

Brownsville	48,384
El Ranchito	397
Harlingen	36,873
La Feria	2,399
La Paloma	188
Laguna Heights	2,025
Laguna Vista	2,896
Los Fresnos	4,694
Los Indios	48
Olmito	112
Port Isabel	15,283
Primera	292
Combes	0
Rio Hondo	0
San Benito	7,177
Santa Rosa	1,061
Total	121,829

Cameron County by Cities



Willacy County

Total 3,693

Starr County

Total 18,950

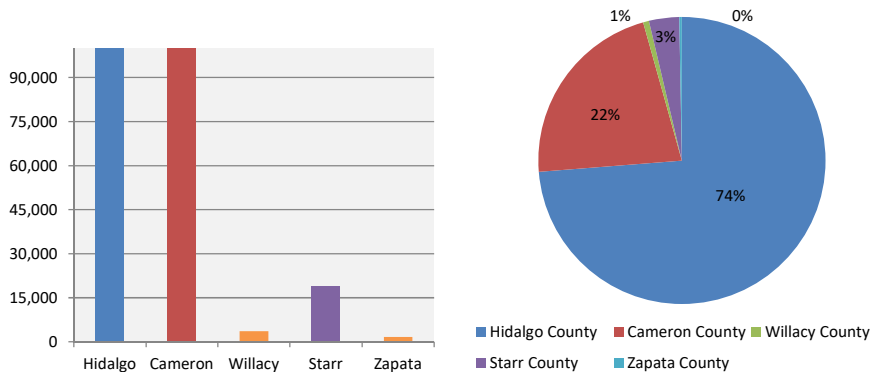
Zapata County

Total 1,659

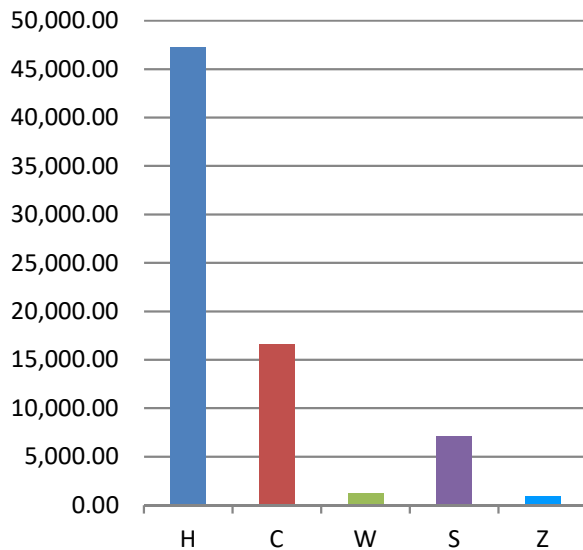
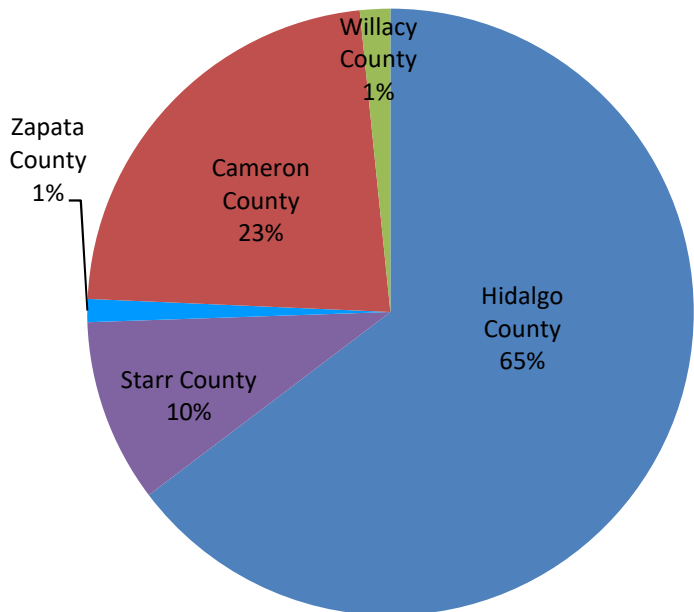
SYSTEM TOTAL

556,322

Ridership by County

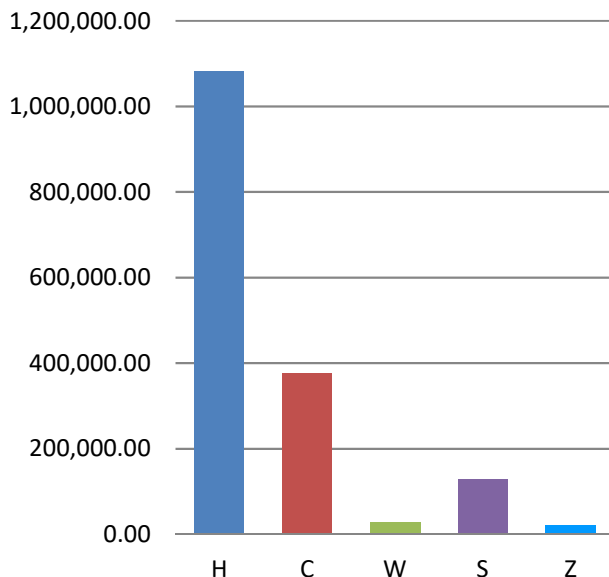
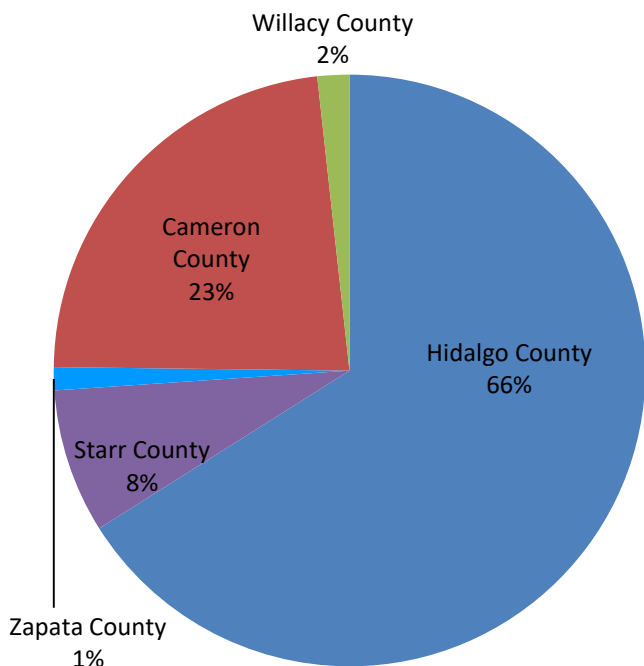


Distribution of Revenue Hours



Revenue Hours Provided	
Hidalgo County	47,284.33
Starr County	7,154.84
Zapata County	887.97
Cameron County	16,589.43
Willacy County	1,186.09
Total Revenue Hours	73,102.66

Distribution of Revenue Miles



Revenue Miles Provided	
Hidalgo County	1,082,711
Starr County	129,047
Zapata County	20,500
Cameron County	378,135
Willacy County	28,813
Total Revenue Miles	1,639,206

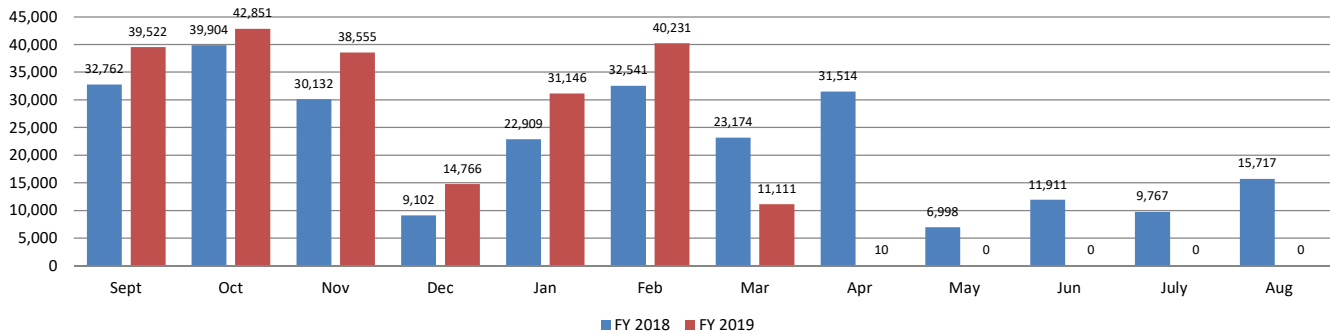


FY 2020 University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
Valley Metro Routes

Monthly Cumulative Passenger Counts

Routes	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Total
10	176	203	201	116	170	156	39	0					1,061
12	521	538	400	171	236	454	211	8					2,539
14	3,555	3,918	2,433	828	2,395	3,059	749	1					16,938
15	38	10	8	0	0	19	3	0					78
16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					0
20	217	251	179	139	198	270	117	0					1,371
21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					0
30	53	61	50	35	58	64	18	0					339
31	3	3	0	2	4	4	0	0					16
32	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					0
40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					0
41	0	7	0	0	0	11	0	0					18
42	0	0	0	0	3	10	2	0					15
44	9	3	3	0	1	0	0	0					16
45	147	298	241	114	172	270	112	0					1,354
50	24	12	10	5	9	4	5	0					69
Vaquero Express	34,779	37,547	35,030	13,356	27,900	35,910	9,855	1					194,378
Total	39,522	42,851	38,555	14,766	31,146	40,231	11,111	10	0	0	0	0	218,192
FY 2018	32,762	39,904	30,132	9,102	22,909	32,541	23,174	31,514	6,998	11,911	9,767	15,717	266,431
Change Over Previous FY	6,760	2,947	8,423	5,664	8,237	7,690	-12,063	-31,504					

2018 - 2019 Valley Metro Routes UTRGV Student Passenger Count





**South Texas College - FY 2020
Valley Metro Routes
Monthly Cumulative Passenger Counts**

Routes	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Total
10	7	10	24	10	3	18	14	0					86
12	161	173	108	37	96	241	148	0					964
14	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0					2
15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					0
16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					0
20	18	24	0	0	0	0	0	0					42
30	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0					2
31	8	66	69	72	132	96	79	12					534
32	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					0
40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					0
41	10	1	3	1	0	7	0	0					22
42	0	2	3	0	18	4	0	0					27
44	16	2	11	5	0	0	0	0					34
45	145	113	101	88	62	103	98	0					710
60	880	1,037	744	339	337	631	309	0					4,277
61	100	177	128	76	101	169	83	0					834
62	62	136	108	58	80	151	71	0					666
DR-RGC	71	94	100	79	61	87	43	0					535
Purpleline	896	845	562	236	433	837	458	0					4,267
Greenline	1,361	1,558	1,205	564	585	1,144	511	0					6,928
Total	3,735	4,239	3,166	1,565	1,908	3,489	1,816	12	0	0	0	0	19,930

Non Valley Metro Routes

Yellowline	2,638	2,862	2,160	898	1,259	2,371	1,101	0	0	0	0	0	13,289
Park & Ride	4,075	4,608	2,817	1,040	1,659	2,715	1,156	0	0	0	0	0	18,070
Total	6,713	7,470	4,977	1,938	2,918	5,086	2,257	0	0	0	0	0	31,359
Grand Total	10,448	11,709	8,143	3,503	4,826	8,575	4,073	12	0	0	0	0	51,289
Change Over Previous Month			-3,566	-4,640	1,323	3,749	-4,502	-4,061	-12	0	0	0	



**South Texas College - Mid Valley JagExpress
STC Student Passenger Counts Comparison
FY 2019**

Direct Service

Routes	STC	UTRGV	General Public	Total
Route 12 Ecouch/Elsa-Edinburg	964	2,539	4,109	7,612
Route 31 Business 83	534	16	38,143	38,693
Purple Line	4,267		1	4,268
Yellow Line	13,289		0	13,289
Green Line	6,928		5,894	12,822
Park & Ride	18,070		-55	18,015
Route 60 Greenline Roma	4,277		1,166	5,443
Route 61 RGC West	834		1,991	2,825
Route 62 RGC East	666		3,535	4,201
DR-RGC	535		5,946	6,481
Vaquero Express		194,378	0	194,378
Total	50,364	196,933	60,730	308,027

Connecting Service

Routes	Connection	STC	UTRGV	General Public	Total
Route 10 Edinburg - McAllen	12, 31	86	1,061	17,519	18,666
Route 14 UTRGV VABL	12	2	16,938	1,536	18,476
Route 15 Edinburg	12	0	78	6,327	6,405
Route 20 Mission - McAllen	31	42	1,371	16,377	17,790
Route 30 Pharr San Juan - Edinburg	31	2	339	10,082	10,423
Route 32 Donna International Bridge	31	0	0	2,627	2,627
Route 40 Harlingen Medical	31	0	0	9,379	9,379
Route 41 Harlingen Retail	31	22	18	10,645	10,685
Route 42 San Benito Harlingen	31	27	15	4,511	4,553
Route 44 La Feria/Santa Rosa/Primera	31	34	16	4,880	4,930
Route 45 Cameron Career Connection	31	710	1,354	23,741	25,805
Total		925	21,190	107,624	129,739

Total Service

	STC	UTRGV	General Public	Total
Grand Total	51,289	218,123	168,354	437,766



**FY 2020 TSTC
Valley Metro Routes
Monthly Cumulative Passenger Counts**

Routes	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Total
10	13	11	0	0	3	0	0	0					27
12	18	2	9	16	6	10	18	0					79
14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					0
31	1	5	0	72	2	1	2	1					84
40	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0					1
41	67	65	24	20	22	6	0	0					204
42	120	82	52	17	89	108	55	0					523
43	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					0
44	75	175	126	31	37	98	39	0					581
45	227	441	319	123	214	232	113	0					1669
50	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0					2
Willacy	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					1
Total	523	782	531	279	373	455	227	1	0	0	0	0	3171
Change Over Previous Month		259	-251	-252	94	82	-228	-226	-1	0	0	0	-523

TSTC Student Ridership

