

LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL



AGENDA

MEETING OF THE LRGVDC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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LRGVDC Main Campus, 301 W. Railroad Street, Building B Weslaco, TX 78596

Wednesday, March 27, 2024, 12:00 noon

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Presiding: Mayor Norma Sepulveda, President

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Item #1: Call to Order

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

Item #2: Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve Meeting Minutes for (February 28, 2024) President

Item #3: Public Comment

Item #4: Administration Manuel Cruz
Executive Director

A. Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention PresentationHeather Smith

B. Consideration **RATIFICATION** of Executive Committee **ACTION** on the following item.

1. Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve Homeland Security Advisory Committee (HSAC) Prioritized Lists for FY2024-25 Homeland Security Grants Division Regional Grant Applications

C. Presentation on AEP Rate Case by Mr. Thomas Brocato, Lloyd Gosselink Rochelle & Townsend

Executive Director Report

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

Item #5: Department Reports

**A. Community & Economic Development.....Melisa Gonzalez
Assistant Director**

- 1. Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve the Solid Waste Applications Ranking & Scoring for Funding Year 2024-2025.
- 2. Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve the Nominee for the Regional Water Resource Advisory Committee (RWAC) Nominations for Special Purpose District for Irrigation Category.
- 3. Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve Resolution 2024-01 Proclaiming April as National Fair Housing Month and Supporting the Awareness of Fair Housing.

Program Status Reports

- Economic Development Administration
- Regional Small Cities Coalition
- Community & Economic Development Assistance Fund
- Solid Waste Management Program
- Water Quality Program
- Regional Water Resource Advisory Committee
- Rio Grande Regional Water Planning Group (Region M)
- Reservoir Levels

**B. Health & Human Services.....Margarita Lopez
Director**

- 1. Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve Vendor request and to amend contract rates from Sunglo Home Health Servies and D’Oro Home Health Services.

Program Status Reports

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

**C. Public Safety..... Manuel Cruz
Executive Director**

Criminal Justice & Homeland Security Program Action Items Cesar Merla
Assistant Director

Program Status Reports

Criminal Justice & Homeland Security Program

Police Academy Program.....Javier Solis
Assistant Director

Program Status Reports

- Regional Police Academy Status Report

Rio Grande Valley Emergency Communication District..... Dennis Moreno
Assistant Director

Program Status Reports

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

**D. Transportation Tom Logan
Director**

1. Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve purchase of Fare Collection Equipment and associated parts from Genfare, LLC, provider for Valley Metro fare collection system.

Valley Metro Status Reports

- Ridership Report

Rio Grande Valley MPO Status Report Luis Diaz
Interim Executive Director

Program Status Reports

Item #7 New or Unfinished Business

Item #8 Adjourn

Next Meeting:
Wednesday, April 24, 2024
12:00 noon

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

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ITEM #2.

MINUTES

MINUTES

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

12:00PM WEDNESDAY, February 28, 2024

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

PRESIDING: Mayor Ambrosio Hernandez

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Mayor Ambrosio Hernandez called the meeting to order at 12:06 p.m. Roll Call was taken and a quorum was attained. They moved on to Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Mayor Ambrosio Hernandez

Mayor Norma Sepulveda, City of Harlingen
Mayor Norie Gonzalez Garza, City of Mission
Mayor John Cowen, City of Brownsville
Commissioner JP Rodriguez, City of Weslaco
Commissioner David Garza, Cameron County
Commissioner Ellie Torres, Hidalgo County
Mayor Ramiro Garza, City of Edinburg
Commissioner Ruben Saldana, City of Mercedes
Commissioner Edward Gonzalez, City of Raymondville
Mayor Ricardo Rick Guerra City of San Benito
Mr. Ron Garza, UT Rio Grande Valley
Mr. Paul Hernandez, South Texas College
Mr. Luke Lucio, TSTC
Mr. Troy Allen, Delta Lake ID
Mr. Ronald Mills, Willacy Co Nav. Dist.
Ms. Ann Williams Cass, Member at Large
Ms. Lupita Sanchez Martinez, Grassroots Org
Judge Aurelio Guerra, Willacy County

Absent:

Jim Darling, Member at Large
Mayor J.R Garza, City of Alamo
Commissioner Betty Rodriguez, City of La Villa
Mayor Mike Carter, City of Laguna Vista
Mayor Jaime Gonzalez, City of Los Indios
Mayor Javier Villalobos, City of McAllen
Commissioner Marco "Markie" Villegas, City of San Juan
Mr. Eleazar Garcia Jr, Member-at Large

Without questions from the board, Mayor Ambrosio Hernandez moved on to Item #2.

Item #2:

1. Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve Meeting Minutes for January 31, 2024.
Commissioner David Garza made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes for January 31, 2024. Commissioner Ellie Torres seconded the motion and upon a vote, the motion was carried unanimously.

Item #3: Public Comment: No Public Comment, Mayor Ambrosio Hernandez then moved on to Item #4.

Item #4: Administration

1. Consideration **RATIFICATION** of Executive Committee **ACTION** on the following item.

Approve the Cooperative Agreement between LRGVDC and Workforce Solutions on the 2023-2024 Texas Internship Initiative Program. **Ron Mills made a motion to approve the Ratification of the Executive Committee on the following item. Mayor Ramiro Garza seconded the motion and upon a vote, the motion was carried unanimously.**

2. Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve the Request to Establish the Regional Mobility Advisory Committee (RMAC) for Regional Transit Authority Research & Designation Purposes.

Mr. Cruz reminded the board members of the January meeting when the board recommended and instructed staff to create a committee for the purposes of researching and exploring the possibility of creating a Regional Transit Authority. Possibility options were to amend the current legislative bill and/or create a new legislative bill to include the identification of the funding resource for the RTA. In its current form, HB71, funding would not be conducive to the overall operations of a mass transportation system. **Ron Garza made a motion to approve the Request to Establish the Regional Mobility Advisory Committee (RMAC) for Regional Transit Authority Research & Designation Purposes. Commissioner JP Rodriguez seconded the motion and upon a vote, the motion was carried unanimously.** Mayor Ambrosio Hernandez asked if it was mandatory to participate and Mr. Cruz then replied that no it was not, it was up to each local government.

With that said Mayor Ambrosio then moved on to the Executive Director Report.

Executive Director Report: Mr. Cruz started by introducing all new hires and all promotions. After introducing new hires and Promotions he moved on to updates, The only update he had at this time was due to the continuation of the water conservation efforts the region was currently still struggling with and Mexico not meeting the US demand as per the 1944 water treaty. Resolutions have been emailed out to all cities, drainage district, and irrigation district. Mr. Sonny Hinojosa, Hidalgo County Irrigation District will be heading to Washington on March 18th to meet with legislators to acquire support.

No Comments or concerns Mayor Hernandez then moved on to Item #5 Department Reports.

Item #5: Department Reports:

A. Community & Economic Development

Melisa Gonzalez started with the Action item. She went on and gave a little history of her Action Item.

Explore RGV Website: The LRGVDC was awarded a grant by the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) to enhance the area's destination and fixed assets to spur investment through increased tourism, local amusement, and job creation through the utilization of the Explore RGV website, mobile application, and digital media.

Since its development, several updates have been done and in January 2024 the latest updates are being conducted and should be finalized by March 2024. In 2023, the Rio Grande Valley Partnership themed their 2023 Economic Summit as “One Region, One Voice” and they believe the Explore RGV website could only enhance their efforts.

The LRGVDC has met with the RGV Partnership regarding a request for the use on loan of the Explore RGV Website for their tourism activities. A Memorandum of Agreement is being drafted for legal review and will be brought for board approval when finalized. Mr. Daniel Silva, CEO of RGV Partnership was present and provided a brief Summary as well.

1. Consideration and **ACTION** to approve the Transfer of Explore RGV Resources to the RGV Partnership for the Continuation of Promoting the RGV Region. ***Mayor Ramiro Garza made a motion to approve the Transfer of Explore RGV Resources to the RGV Partnership for the Continuation of Promoting the RGV Region. Commissioner David Garza seconded the motion and upon a vote, the motion was carried unanimously.***

Program Status Reports

Melisa then moved on to Program Status Reports, she explained to the board the following, they met with RGV Partnership regarding the request for the use of the Explore RGV Website for their tourism activities. She also mentioned that they have been updating the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategies, Staff will be conducting surveys, and public meetings to review & present the identified economic development strategies. EDA has published a Fiscal Year 2023 Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance notice for Funding Opportunities. Melisa also spoke about the Small Cities Coalition. She mentioned to the board that they will have a virtual Meeting on April 23, 2024, @ 10:00 AM. She also spoke about the Community & Economic Development Assistance Fund. She also mentioned to the board on their:

Upcoming Activities:

- April, USC Meeting in San Antonio
- May, Host Public Meeting for Discussion and Establish Regional Project Priorities and
- Regional Kick-off Meeting (for CDBG-awarded communities)

The Assistant Director of Community & Economic Development presented at the bi-annual Texas Association of Regional Councils (TARC) on February 7, 2024. The presentation was on the local Recycling Stand Alone Facilities funded through the Solid Waste program.

Water Quality Program:

Staff continue to educate the public on water quality issues with monthly themed Facebook posts. Give a thumbs up or leave a comment! Outreach efforts for this program include staff attending in-person events, and or in partnership with the AAA department. This allows for great C&ED program promotion opportunities for the community. Informational reading material and promotional items on water quality are distributed at these events.

Regional Water Resource Advisory Committee (RWRAC)

A Regional Water Resource Advisory Committee (RWRAC) hybrid meeting is scheduled for March 20, 2024, at 2:00 PM. The meeting link can be found on the LRGVDC Events Calendar.

The LRGVDC is soliciting nominations for a RWRAC committee member to serve in the ***Special Purpose District – Irrigation Category***. Each nominee will be selected based on their qualifications,

experience, and interest. The purpose of the advisory committee is to educate, promote, foster, and coordinate community and regional planning efforts on the environmental, economic, and other social impacts of existing, new, or proposed regulations, policies, and control regarding water resources management. If you have any questions about the nomination process or committee, please contact Melisa Gonzales-Rosas. Nomination forms need to be emailed to vramos@lrgvdc.org, by March 1, 2024. Staff continue to support, provide technical assistance, outreach, and administer water projects. Information about water resources is available at <https://www.lrgvdc.org/water.html>

With no further questions or concerns, Mayor Ambrosio moved on to Health and Human Services.

B. Health and Human Services Action Items:

1. Margarita Lopez then came up to the podium and started with her Action Item for her department. Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve the Renewal Membership Applications for the Citizens Advisory Council. The following members submitted their application for re-appointment:

- Maria C. Garza (Connie)
- Dr. Kendra M. Stine
- Rogelio Fuentes
- Noe Portillo
- Rose Timmer
- Christina Botello
- Dr. Sudershan Pasupuleti
- Armando Garza
- Debra Lachico
- Dr. Lin Jiang
- Cesar Merla

Margarita explained that all appointments will be for three (3) years. These memberships will be for the terms of 20 23, 24, 25, and 26, which will then align with the area plan, which runs from 24 to 26. ***Ron Mills made a motion to Approve the Renewal Membership Applications for the Citizens Advisory Council. Troy Allen seconded the motion, and upon a vote, the motion was carried unanimously.***

Program Status Reports

Margarita then went on and started status reports for Health and Human Services by saying that they have also attached the Area Plan which has been submitted for their review and stated that it has been approved by HHS and explained it was approved with no issues or concerns at all. To kick off the Area Plan they have already received the UTRGV School of Public Health Interns. She also explains that they are on their 3rd round of interns in their department. Their project will be to assess the needs and the contributions of the Winter Texans, just to make sure that they are capturing those needs and that we can serve them as well. They are already on board with us today to get a feel for what we do here at the COG. Margarita then went on to mention to everyone that their LIIFE Conference is set up for March 19th, 2024, and she is happy to announce that they will have full capacity on that day. Mentioned that good things are happening, and that if anyone has any questions to reach out to her.

C. Public Safety

Criminal Justice and Homeland Security Program Action Items

1. Consideration and **ACTION** to approve the Resolutions for Statewide Emergency Radio Infrastructure for the calendar years of 2024-2026.

Mr. Merla went on and let the board know that it is a two-grant cycle and the last cycle was in 2020-2022, letting them know that this is the next go-round for the region. Mayor Ambrosio asked if there were any changes or updates and Cesar answered not at this time. ***Ron Mills made a motion to approve The Resolutions for Statewide Emergency Radio Infrastructure for the calendar years 2024-2026. Judge Rick Guerra seconded the motion, and upon vote, the motion was carried unanimously.***

Mr. Merla then went on to let the Board know that the one highlight that he had for the Status report was their Ready RGV Conference taking place May 9 & 10. There is still plenty of opportunity to register, it is \$100 right now, unfortunately, we do have a good number of attendees, so far, 85 attendees, including some of our key speakers, and at the next board meeting I will have an actual diagram. Some of the keynote speakers are Tony Pena, Emilie Prot, and Ernesto Ballesteros.

Mr. Cruz then reminded Mr. Merla and the Executive Committee that there would be an item that unfortunately would have some stringent deadlines attached to it. Mr. Cruz then mentioned that it would be for the Homeland Security Grant Program that is currently under review. He then asked Mr. Merla just to give them a heads-up. Mr. Merla explained to the board that the State Homeland Security Grant Program will be releasing the funds on applications on or after the 4th of March from what they are saying. The quick turnaround is March 18th when we are trying to have our meeting on the 13th and then an Executive Committee meeting on the 15th of March to approve and submit everything. The last go around was roughly 5.7 million over. Cesar explains that they did get a lot of applications but will find out for sure who qualifies on March 4th. Cesar stated that a lot more information would follow but with a quick turnaround time.

With no questions or concerns, they moved on to the Police Academy with Javier Solis.

Police Academy Program

Javier Solis has 2 action items for the board.

1. Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve the newly created LRGVDC Interlocal Agreement Template for the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Training Reporting. Mayor Ambrosio then asked Mr. Solis what is the purpose? Mr. Solis then responded, so we were doing a lot of our old MOUs when we worked with other agencies. These agencies have a need, they don't have an academy number with TCOLE so they need assistance from a TCOLE provider, which we must report training for their officers. And a lot of the old inter-local MOUs, or we had their outdated, have amendment updated for several years. We wanted to go with inter-local agreements, to align ourselves a little bit more, under the Interlocal co-operation Act, Chapter 791 of the Texas Government code, since we are working with governments, it's governments working with each other. It just aligns better and spells out and defines the responsibilities of both parties agreeing. Something that wasn't done with our old MOUs. So, this is just mainly to update the local agreements with our local surrounding agencies. ***Ron Mills made a motion to approve the newly created LRGVDC Interlocal Agreement Template for the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Training Reporting. Troy Allen seconded the motion, and upon vote, the motion was carried unanimously.***

2. Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve the newly created LRGVDC Interlocal Agreement Template for Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (TCOLE) Training Sites and Facilities. Mr. Solis Started and explained to the Board the following: The Lower Rio Grande Valley Academy has identified a need to expand satellite locations to conduct Texas Commission on Law Enforcement training throughout the region. A new Interlocal Agreement was created to standardize better and define the roles of the parties entering the agreements set forth by the Interlocal Cooperation Act, Chapter 791, Texas Government Code. Commissioner David Garza then asked Mr. Solis how long the agreements were good for, Mr. Solis

answered they were good for 2 years. Then went on and stated that they are automatic renewals if the parties agree to continue with the Interlocal to continue. **Ron Mills made a motion to approve the newly created LRGVDC Interlocal Agreement Template for Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (TCOLE) Training Sites and Facilities. Ramiro Garza seconded the motion, and upon vote, the motion was carried unanimously.**

The one highlight that I do wish to provide the executive board with city is that we have finalized our cooperative extensions for a basic peace officer of course academies, with the city of Harlingen, which is coming back to the Lower Rio Grande Valley Academy. And, with Mission Texas as well.

No further Comments or concerns they then moved on to Rio Grande Valley Emergency Communication District. With Dennis Moreno.

Program Status Reports

GIS Division:

Our GIS Data Hub is now our primary website and can be found at www.rgv911.org. The GIS team has uploaded several informational maps that other public entities and the public can readily download. This data has streamlined our general information request process. Following our GeoSpatial Strategic plan. We have begun our Soft Launch of Rubicon, using it for in-office ticketing. The full launch is scheduled to be in effect in March 2024; at that time, the public can initiate an address request via our website. On February 5-6, RGV9-1-1 staff attended the Building Web Apps with ArcGIS Experience Builder Training Course. Staff learned to transition from the ArcGIS Web-App builder to the new ArcGIS Experience builder. All our web applications will be converted into Experience builder apps.

9-1-1 Information Technology:

The 9-1-1 | Information Technology team has completed our first quarter maintenance cycle at all 17 PSAPs, going through the various 9-1-1 equipment, checking for any issues, basic upkeep, inventory assessments, and keeping up with the PSAP staff and any concerns, they may need taken care of keeping operations in optimal running order. In addition, our 911 team is scheduled to assist our Public Education /Community Engagement Coordinator, Maribel Alonzo, with her ongoing goal of keeping our telecommunicators in the loop on all educational opportunities. March will see the team holding six (6) Power 911 half-day training sessions to keep PSAP staff updated on the latest software enhancements, dispatcher functionality, and best practices, providing an educational, fun, and engaging classroom experience. In addition to the Power 911 in-house training at our RGVECD headquarters, we will also be reaching out at the 2024 All-Hazards Conference, hosting a seminar on the “Basics of Disaster Recovery for the PSAP,” continuing a working group of PSAP leaders in highlighting preparation, planning, implementation, and recovery best practices in the event a major weather event or Disaster affects 911 call taking operations. Lastly, we will schedule our quarterly PSAP committee group meeting with all the PSAP supervisors in the coming weeks and hold said meeting in April to headline this year's series of meetings. We will continue throughout the year to help address any concerns and update them on projects that directly affect them. Our continuing goal is to ensure our 9-1-1 call delivery systems are in optimal working order to maintain 99.9% operational efficiency to serve our public safety partners and the community.

With No Further Comments or concerns, they then moved to Item D Valley Metro

D. Transportation Action Item:

1. Consideration and **ACTION** to approve a Cooperative Purchasing Agreement between LRGVDC Valley Metro and Washington State Department of Enterprise Services for the procurement of transit buses and refurbishment.

Mr. Tom Logan stated that next year the contract with TxDOT will not be renewed and that they would need to do it this new way through procurement. Mayor Ambrosio asked what had happened with TxDOT and Mr. Logan responded that they didn't want to follow up with the process and renew the contract. ***Ron Mills made a motion to approve a Cooperative Purchasing Agreement between LRGVDC-Valley Metro and Washington State Department of Enterprise Services for the procurement of transit buses and refurbishment. Commissioner Ellie Torres seconded the motion, and upon a vote, the motion was carried unanimously.***

The Department of Enterprise Services has developed this suite of transit bus contracts. This transit bus contract features a variety of transit buses and cutaway buses for transit agency needs. This contract does not include school buses. Heavy duty buses are available in 30 ft, 35 ft, 40 ft, 45 ft, and 60 ft models with diesel, compressed natural gas, hybrid, electric, and hydrogen propulsion systems. Light and medium are body-on-chassis/cutaway style buses that can be configured in a variety of styles and number of passengers and wheelchairs. Also available, the refits/refurbishment category is for services to repair and replace component systems of mass transit buses to sustain and extend the usable life.

Notice to purchasers on use of FTA funds: National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020 Section 5323(u) limits the use of Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funds and in some circumstances local funds, to procure rolling stock from certain transit vehicle manufacturers. This complies with FTA guidance, for more information, the FTA has published a FAQ page regarding the use of funds on rolling stock contracts.

This contract is a State Cooperative Purchasing Schedule Contract under Section 3019 of the FAST Act and is compliant with FTA Guidelines. The state of Washington, through DES, has contracted with Contractors to provide transit buses and related equipment to multiple participants, including transit organizations from other states.

Program Status Reports

Mr. Logan Started the program status reports by letting the board know about the Ridership reports. He explained that the Ridership for the year to date is 377,000. He explained that they continue to see a huge increase in ridership, across all our systems, UTRGV, STC, and Valley Metro. Mr. Logan then introduced Mr. Emmanuel Escobedo, our program Project Management Specialist, who's going to be reporting and presenting on the Hidalgo County Active Transportation Plan. Mr. Escobedo then came up and explained the presentation to the board. Mr. Escobedo then explained the Bike & Hike Trail going from McAllen to San Juan. Mr. Cruz then explained to the board that he would highly encourage everyone's participation. This plan will identify current and future potential, hiking, and bike trails on all sorts of multimodal transportation resources. He also wanted to thank Hidalgo County because Hidalgo County funded the entire plan for the city's of Hidalgo County.

With no further comments or concerns, they then moved on to RGVMP.

Rio Grande Valley MPO Status Reports

Luis Diaz shared with the board, for the upcoming meeting right after this one he explained we're going to be presenting the 5310 program overviews. This program is intended to improve mobility for seniors and individuals with disabilities, by providing funds for capital and operating expenses that expand transportation mobility options. We went ahead and combined for 2022 and 2023, which was a total of \$1,596,012. What's being presented at our policy board after this meeting is a resolution and, on that resolution, the distribution of funds has already been selected. We had a scoring process that identified these three different awardees, well, two Metro McAllen, which will be awarded for our Mobility Management Program, and that's \$120,000. We have Metro McAllen, they're going to be doing a

paratransit vehicle purchase and cut always, and they were awarded a million dollars and \$75,000 for that. And the third one was Valley Metro. So, Valley Metro was awarded for Hardware software mobility and Rolling Stock Project, 400 to one thousand dollars, So, that's the whole expenditure, and that'll be up for approval. Also, I wanted to share that we're going to be going under public involvement, so public involvement starts on March 1, and through March 31st, we've already identified some locations for public involvement. The first one will be on March 14th, and it'll be here in the Ken Jones boardroom lobby. The second one is at the conference that AAA's hosting the 2024 LIIFE Conference on March 19th.

No further Comments or Concerns they then moved on to Item 6 Executive Session.

Item #6 Executive Session

- A. Consultation with Legal counsel under Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code regarding a complaint received against an employee.

The board then returned at 1:14 pm, No questions and no action was taken at this time for Executive Session Action Item.

- B. Reconvene into an Open Session to Consider **ACTION**, if any on items Related to the Executive Session as described above. **No Action was taken at this time.**

Item #7 New & Unfinished Business

There being no further business to come before the board, Mayor Hernandez made a motion to adjourn at 1:14 pm

Mayor Ambrosio Hernandez

ATTEST:

Liza Alfaro, Recording Secretary

ITEM #4.

ADMINISTRATION

Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council
Board of Directors Meeting
March 27, 2024

Item #4: Administration

Program Action

B. Consideration **RATIFICATION** of Executive Committee **ACTION** on the following item.

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Item #4: Administration

Program Action Item

1. Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve Homeland Security Advisory Committee (HSAC) Prioritized Lists for FY2024-25 Homeland Security Grants Division Regional Grant Applications.

The HSAC met on March 13, 2024, and recommends approval of the attached prioritization lists for FY 2024-25 Homeland Security Grants Division Regional Grant Applications. As per the FY 2024 Interlocal Agreement, Homeland Security prioritizations are due 14 calendar days from the date they were batched out from the Public Safety Office. All applications were batched to all stakeholders on March 4, 2024, and are to be turned into the (PSO) once the local governing body approved the prioritization lists, no later than March 18,2024

ITEM #4. D.

ADMINISTRATION

EXECUTIVE

DIRECTOR

REPORT

New Staff & Promotions



Dylan Jimenez
Accounting Tech. I
Health & Human
Services / AAoA



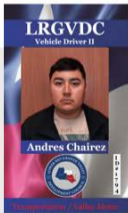
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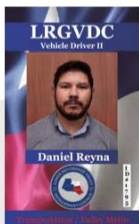
Priscilla Quintero
Grant Specialist I
Transportation/
Valley Metro



James Campbell
Program Supervisor IV
Transportation/Valley
Metro



Andres Chairez
Vehicle Driver II
Transportation/Valley
Metro



Daniel Reyna
Vehicle Driver II
Transportation/Valley
Metro



Jacob Salinas
GIS II Public
Safety- RGV ECD
9-1-1



Felipe Lopez Jr
Assistant Director of
Business
Operations/Administration

ITEM #5. A.

**COMMUNITY
&
ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT**

Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council
Board of Directors Meeting

March 27, 2024

Item #5: Community & Economic Development

A. Community & Economic Development

Program Action Item

1. Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve the Solid Waste Applications Ranking & Scoring for Funding Year 2024-2025

On March 5, 2024, the Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) met to score, and rank submitted applications for funding year 2024-2025. Eleven (11) applications were received, however, one (1) of those applications was not administratively complete therefore only ten (10) applications were scored and ranked.

Total Funding for FY 2024/2025 - \$120,000.00

FY 2024 - Two Projects will be awarded- \$60,000.00

FY 2025 - Two Projects will be awarded- \$60,000.00

Below are the scores for the four (4) applications receiving funding:

Entity	Funding Amount	Score
Fiscal Year 2024		
1. City of Mission – Source Reduction & Recycling	\$30,000.00	93
2. City of Alton - Litter & Illegal Dumping	\$30,000.00	90.06
Fiscal Year 2025		
3. Cameron County - Source Reduction & Recycling	\$30,000.00	88
4. City of Palmview – Litter & Illegal Dumping	\$30,000.00	86.53

Board approval is needed to finalize the process with TCEQ.

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Item #5: Community & Economic Development

A. Community & Economic Development

Program Action Item

2. Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve the Nominee for the Regional Water Resource Advisory Committee (RWRAC) Nominations for Special Purpose District for Irrigation Category.

The Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council (LRGVDC) solicited for nominations for a RWRAC committee member to serve. Each nomination form was reviewed and selected based upon their qualifications, experience, and interest.

At the March 20, 2024, RWRAC meeting, the committee recommended the following nomination:

- Mr. Troy Allen – General Manager for Delta Lake Irrigation District

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Board of Directors Meeting

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Item #5: Community & Economic Development

A. Community & Economic Development

Program Action Item

3. Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve Resolution 2024-01 Proclaiming April as National Fair Housing Month and Supporting the Awareness of Fair Housing.

The principle of fair housing are not only national law and national policy, but a fundamental human concept and entitlement for all Americans. National Fair Housing Month in April provides an opportunity for all Americans to recognize that complete success in the goal of equal housing opportunity can only be accomplished with the help and cooperation of all Americans.

For Fair Housing information, resources, or assistance available, please visit our Fair Housing webpage at: <http://www.lrgvdc.org/fairhousing.html>



Regional Council of Governments & Economic Development District serving Cameron, Hidalgo, and Willacy County

RESOLUTION 2024-01

PROCLAMING APRIL AS NATIONAL FAIR HOUSING MONTH

WHEREAS, the **Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council** (LRGVDC) finds that decent, safe, and affordable housing is part of the American dream and a goal of all Rio Grande Valley residents;

WHEREAS, individuals in the Rio Grande Valley have the right to choose where to live without discrimination based on race, color, religion, age, gender, familial status, marital status, national origin, and/or disability;

WHEREAS, acts of housing discrimination and barriers to equal housing opportunity are repugnant to a common sense of decency and fairness;

WHEREAS, federal and state laws affirm the right of every person to equal housing opportunity;

WHEREAS, fair housing is a positive community good;

WHEREAS, economic stability, community health, and human relations in all communities are improved by diversity and integration;

WHEREAS, stable, integrated, and balanced residential patterns are threatened by discriminatory acts and unlawful housing practices that result in segregation of residents and opportunities in our region;

WHEREAS, the talents of grassroots and non-profit organizations, housing service providers, financial institutions, elected officials, state agencies, and others must be combined to promote and preserve integration, fair housing, and equal opportunity.

NOW, THEREFORE, I Mayor Norma Sepulveda, President of LRGVDC do hereby proclaim the month of **April** as:

“NATIONAL FAIR HOUSING MONTH”

to establish an open and inclusive community committed to fair housing and to promote appropriate activities by private and public entities intended to provide or advocate for integration and equal housing opportunities for all residents and prospective residents of the Lower Rio Grande Valley.

Adopted and approved by the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council Board of Directors this 27th, day of March 2024.

Norma Sepulveda
LRGVDC Board President

Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council Board of Directors Meeting

March 27, 2024

Item #5: Department Reports

A. Community & Economic Development

Program Status Reports

- Economic Development Administration

Staff will be conducting the RGV Economic Development Advisory Committee (RGVEDAC) kick-off meeting on **Tuesday April 30th, 2024, at 10 am** in the Ken Jones Board Room. Invitation flyers will be emailed to all EDO's, visitor bureau's, chamber of commerce's, organizations, institutions of higher education and municipal governments no later than April 5th, 2024.

Updating CEDS (Comprehensive Economic Development Strategies) - Staff are working on updating the CEDS and will be conducting surveys, and public meetings to review & present the identified economic development strategies. Staff will be utilizing the newly established RGVEDAC, as well as: Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC), Regional Small Cities Coalition (RSCC), Regional Water Resource Advisory Committee (RWRAC), including stakeholders and community members for input. Be on the lookout! We look forward to your feedback.

EDA has published Fiscal Year 2023 Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance (PWEAA) Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO), [Notice of Funding Opportunity \(grants.gov link\)](#). Public Infrastructure & Economic Adjustment Assistance key elements:

- EDA's standard project Application
- Funds planning, construction, and land acquisition
- Cost share can be 80% grant / 20% non-federal match
- Cost share can vary depending on (1) the 24-month unemployment rate and (2) per capita income
- Examples of projects funded:
 - Industrial Park infrastructure (water, sewer, utilities, roadway)
 - Entrepreneurial programs (business incubators/RLF)
 - Quality of life project (nature center)

There are no application submission deadlines and applications will be accepted on an ongoing basis. Visit the following links for more information on this funding opportunity, [Public Works](#), [Economic Adjustment Assistance](#).

Staff are available to provide technical assistance, project development, and grant administration on EDA proposals and projects. For any assistance or information on EDA in general, contact the Community & Economic Development Department. Staff also serve as the regional point of contact for the Economic Development

Administration (EDA) and will continue to disseminate information accordingly. Staff also continues to coordinate efforts with other governmental entities on their economic development related activities to maximize benefits of all projects and objectives for the region and avoid any duplication of efforts and resources.

For more information and resources on EDA's funding opportunities, visit <https://sfgrants.eda.gov/s/>.

- Regional Small Cities Coalition (RSCC)

A virtual RSCC Meeting is scheduled for April 23, 2024, at 10:00 AM. The Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) will be presenting at this meeting and will speak about funding opportunities.

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

- Community & Economic Development Assistance Fund

Staff continue to carry out specified technical assistance activities to TxCDBG eligible localities within our operating region, to ensure program compliance. Staff continue to disseminate program information to keep TxCDBG eligible communities informed of information, promote Fair Housing, provide support to the Unified Scoring Committee (USC) member, and host any grant kick off meetings to award communities.

Upcoming Activities:

- April, USC Meeting in San Antonio
- May, Host Public Meeting for Discussion and Establish Regional Project Priorities and
- Regional Kick-off Meeting (for CDBG awarded communities)

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

- Solid Waste Management Program:

The FY 2024-2025 applications that were administratively complete were scored and ranked at the in person Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) meeting held on March 5, 2024, at 10:00 AM at the LRGVDC Ken Jones Board Room Bldg. B 301 W. Railroad Weslaco, Texas 78596.

During the FY 2022/2023 Solid Waste funding, City of Mission was funded for the Recycling Drop off Center. Staff attended their Ribbon cutting on February 29, 2024, at 9:30 AM. Ms. Melisa Gonzales-Rosas presented at the ribbon cutting and congratulated the City of Mission for their recycling endeavors.

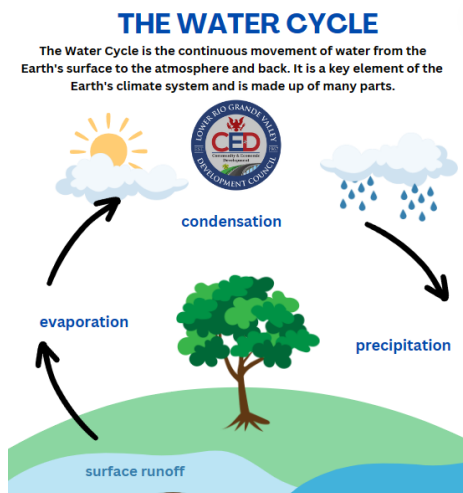


Staff continue to provide technical assistance, outreach, and monitoring for all Solid Waste Projects. Information about the Solid Waste program is available at www.lrgvdc.org/solidwaste.html.

- Water Quality Program

Staff continue to educate the public on water quality issues with monthly themed Facebook posts. Give a thumbs up or leave a comment! Outreach efforts for this program include staff attending in-person events, and or in partnership of the AAA department. This allows for great C&ED program promotion opportunities for the community. Informational reading material and promotional items on water quality are distributed at these events.

March Messages:



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

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

- Regional Water Resource Advisory Committee (RWRAC)

A Regional Water Resource Advisory Committee (RWRAC) hybrid meeting was held on March 20, 2024, at 2:00 PM. The agenda included updates and presentations from current ongoing water projects, such as Fresh Water Flows Project, Clean Rivers Program, and Flood Infrastructure Fund Project, Watershed Protection Planning.

26th Annual Storm Water Management & Planning Conference will be held at South Padre Island, Hilton Garden Inn, May 19-24, 2024.

Register Now! <https://lrgv-stormwater-task-force.square.site/>

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

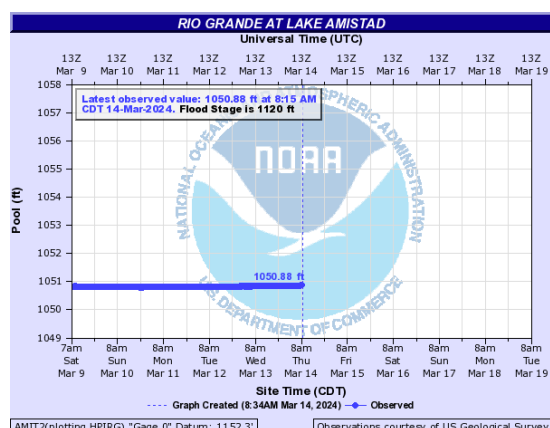
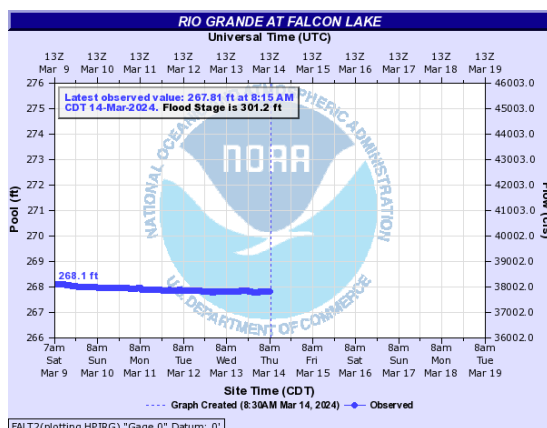
- Rio Grande Regional Water Planning Group (Region M)

The Region M Group meeting was held on March 7, 2024, at 9:30 am. The meeting information can be found on the Region M website.

For more information on Region M, please visit website:

<http://riograndewaterplan.org>

- Reservoir Levels as of March 14, 2024.



FALTZ(plotting HPIRG) "Gage 0" Datum: 0'

AMITZ(plotting HPIRG) "Gage 0" Datum: 1152.3'

Observations courtesy of US Geological Survey

ITEM #5. B.

**HEALTH
&
HUMAN SERVICES**

Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council
Board of Directors

Wednesday March 27, 2024

Item #5: Department Reports

A. Health & Human Services

Area Agency on Aging Program Action ItemMargarita Lopez, Director

1. Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve Vendor request to amend contract rates from Sunglo Home Health Services and D'Oro Home Health Services

Sunglo Home Health Services is requesting to amend the contract rate for respite services from \$8.50 to \$13.24. A rate error was submitted in the initial application. Although vendor honored the initial rate, they are requesting an amendment to match market cost. *SHHS provides respite in-home services in all three counties. *

D'Oro Home Health Services is requesting to amend the current contract rate from \$14.00 to \$14.75. The request is concurrent with market cost. *DHHS provides home health services and respite in-home services in all three counties. *

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Item #5: Department Reports

B. Health & Human Services

Area Agency on Aging Program Status Report

The following document represents the Area Agency on Aging's and the Aging and Disability Resource Center's report for February 2024.

- **Direct Consumer Services Report – Care Coordination February 2024**
 - The Care Coordination Program serviced a total of 112 new clients.
 - A total of 331 individuals were provided with case management assistance.

Direct Consumer Services	Total New Clients	Total Clients Serviced
Care Coordination Services	112	331
Health Maintenance Services Assistance paying for medication, durable medical equipment, and other medical supplies.	62	62
Homemaker Services Temporary assistance with light housekeeping duties such as cleaning, laundry, and meal preparation.	27	65
Transportation Services Assistance with transportation services to medical, rehabilitation, and dialysis appointments.	3	4
Residential Repair Services Assistance with home modifications such as grab bars, ADA commodes, ramps, widening of doorways, and tub removals.	49	49

- **Direct Consumer Services Report – Caregiver Support February 2024**

- The Caregiver Support Program serviced a total of 44 new clients.
- A total of 224 individuals were provided with case management assistance.

Direct Consumer Services	Total New Clients	Total Clients Serviced
Caregiver Support Services	44	224
Respite In-Home Services Provide relief to the caregiver and includes personal care such as bathing, grooming, dressing, transferring, and light housekeeping duties.	41	132
Health Maintenance Services Assistance paying for medication, durable medical equipment, and other medical supplies.	14	14

- **Direct Consumer Services Report – Community Development Block Grant February 2024**

- The CDBG Program serviced a total of 9 new clients.
- A total of 10 individuals were assisted with health maintenance services under the Community Development Block Grant Program.

Direct Consumer Services	Total New Clients	Total Clients Serviced
Community Development Block Grant Health Maintenance Services Assistance paying for medication, durable medical equipment, and other medical supplies.	4	5
Community Development Block Grant Homemaker Services Temporary assistance with light housekeeping duties such as cleaning, laundry, and meal preparation.	2	2
Community Development Block Grant Residential Repair Services Assistance with home modifications such as grab bars, ADA commodes, ramps, widening of doorways, and tub removals.	3	3

- **Direct Consumer Services Report – Interest List February 2024**

- As of February 15th, 2024, 1,542 individuals have expressed interest in our services through the Area Agency on Aging. The increased demand is attributed to ongoing outreach and collaborative efforts across the Rio Grande Valley.

Direct Consumer Services Interest List	
Health Maintenance Services	305
Homemaker Services	432
Residential Repair Services	422
Transportation Services	44
Respite In-Home Services	277
Grand Total	1,480

- **Nutrition Program Report: February 2024**

- The program successfully enrolled 68 new clients into the Home Delivered Meals program and delivered 38,940 meals.
- Successfully enrolled 134 new clients into the Congregate Meals program.
- Successfully served 11,636 Congregate meals.

Meals Program	Total New Clients	Total Meals Served
Home Delivered Meals	68	38,940
Congregate Meals	134	11,636

- **Senior Center Operations Report – February 2024**

- Program successfully enrolled 204 new clients.
- Senior Centers conducted 26,858 activities with their clients.

Senior Center Operations	
New Clients	204
Total activities	26,858

Special Services Report

- **Benefit Counselors Program – February 2024**

- Achieved the enrollment of 97 new clients and established 198.5 contacts.

Benefit Counselors	Total New Clients	Total Contacts
HICAP Awareness	10	8
HICAP Assistance	16	40.5
MIPPA	32	63.5
Legal Awareness	0	0
Legal Assistance	39	86.5

***HICAP:** Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program
 ***MIPPA:** Medicare Improvement for Patients and Providers Act

- **Care Transition Intervention (CTI) Report – February 2024**

- During February, the Care Transition Intervention (CTI) coaches successfully enrolled 86 new clients.
- They made 219 contacts across a total of five hospitals within the tri-county area.

CTI Coaches	Total New Clients	Total Clients Served
February 2024	86	219

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

- **Ombudsman Program Report – February 2024**

- The Ombudsman handled 25 complaints, successfully resolving 17 cases.
- They dedicated 63.45 activity hours and recorded 74 activity totals.
- The volunteers collectively contributed 17 in-kind hours.

Ombudsman					
Month	Total Volunteer Hours	Total Activity Hours	Total Activities	Total Investigated Complaints	Total Cases
February 2024	17	63.45	74	25	17

Aging and Disabilities Resource Center

- **Information Referral & Assistance Report – February 2024**

- The intake team had a total of 413 interactions via phone lines, walk-ins, emails, and faxes. Staff identified a total of 0 individual with unmet services as a result of passing away.
- Engaged with 362 individuals, 336 individuals were 60 years of age and above, 26 individuals were 59 years of age and below, 357 are individuals with a disability and 21 are veterans.
- The top five requested services were Respite Services, Benefit Counseling, Homemaker Services, Health Maintenance, and Residential Repairs.

IR&A Interactions	
1-800 AAA	34
1-855 ADRC	9
(956) 682-3481	111
(956) 412-0958	88
Walk-ins	11
E-mails	109
Fax	8
Follow ups	43
Total Interactions	413

Consumer Age Group	
Consumers 60+	336
Consumer 59 and below	26
Total Consumers	362

Consumer Demographics	
Consumers with a Disability	357
Veterans	21

Unmet Needs	
Total Consumers	0

Top Call Topics	
Respite Services	88
Benefits Counseling	76
Homemaker Services	75
Health Maintenance	66
Residential Repairs	54

● **ADRC Benjamin Rose Institute Care Consultant Report – February 2024**

- Actively participated in 6 events, meetings, and coalitions reaching a total of 219 individuals, 47 were 60 years of age and above, 172 individuals were 59 years of age and below.
- During outreach activities interacted with 31 individuals with a disability, 10 veterans, and 24 consumers with a caregiver.

Outreach Events	
Total Outreach Events	6

Outreach Consumer Age Group	
Consumers 60+	47
Consumers 59 and below	172
Total Consumers	219

Outreach Consumer Demographics	
Consumers with a Disability	31
Veterans	10
Consumer with a Caregiver	24

● **ADRC Benefits Counseling Report – February 2024**

- Assisted 9 consumers with MIPPA, HICAP, and Legal Assistance cases.
- Engaged with 125 individuals, 1 individual is 60 years of age and above, 124 individuals are 59 years of age and below.
- During outreach activities interacted with 4 individuals with a disability, 6 individuals are Veterans, and 5 individuals with a Caregiver.

Consumers Assisted	
Consumers Assisted	9

Outreach Events	
Total Events Attended	6

Outreach Consumer Age Group	
Consumers 60+	1
Consumers 59 and below	124
Total Consumers	125

Outreach Consumer Demographics	
Consumers with a Disability	4
Veterans	6
Consumer with a Caregiver	5

- **ADRC Housing Navigator Report – February 2024**
 - Assisted 11 consumers with housing inquiries, offering tailored resources, showcasing the agency's excellence, and providing valuable support to community members facing housing challenges.
 - Actively participated in 7 events, meetings, and coalitions engaging with 139 individuals, 37 individuals were 60 years of age and above, 102 individuals were 59 years of age and below.
 - During outreach activities interacted with 26 individuals with a disability, 7 Veterans, and 21 individuals with a Caregiver.

Housing Intakes Total	
Cameron County	6
Hidalgo County	5
Willacy County	0
Total Housing Intakes:	11

Outreach Events	
Total Outreach Events	7

Outreach Consumer Age Group	
Consumers 60+	37
Consumers 59 and below	102
Total Consumers	139

Outreach Consumer Demographics	
Consumers with a Disability	26
Veterans	7
Consumer with a Caregiver	21

- **ADRC Respite Services Report – February 2024**
 - Assisted 1 caregiver and 1 care recipient with Respite Caregiver Services.
 - Assisted with 2 individuals who are 59 years of age and below, 1 has a disability and 1 is a Caregiver.

Unduplicated Respite Consumers	
Caregivers:	1
Care Recipients	1

Unduplicated Respite Consumers – Age Group	
Consumers 60+	0
Consumers 59 and below	1

Unduplicated Respite Consumers – Demographics	
Consumers with a Disability	1
Veterans	0
Consumer is a Caregiver	1

- **ADRC Special Initiatives Report – February 2024**

- Actively participated in 13 events, meetings, and coalitions engaging with 445 individuals, 60 individuals were 60 years of age and above, 385 individuals were 59 years of age and below.
- During outreach activities interacted with 9 individuals with a disability, 7 Veterans, and 13 individuals with a caregiver.

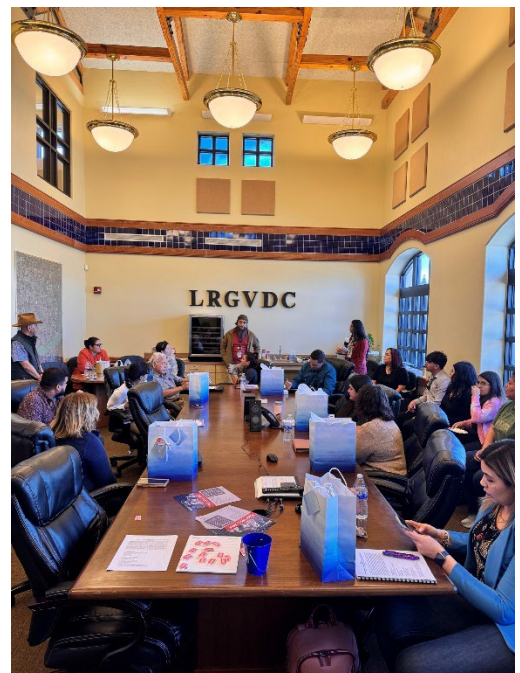
Outreach Events	
Total Events	13

Outreach Consumer Age Group	
Consumers 60+	60
Consumer 59 and below	385
Total Consumers	445

Outreach Consumer Demographics	
Consumers with a Disability	9
Veterans	7
Consumer with a Caregiver	13

- **Outreach Events:**

- ***February 21, 2024, Veteran Caregiver Support and Resource Clinic***
- The Area Agency on Aging and Aging and Disability Resource Center hosted the Veteran Caregiver Support and Resources Clinic. This event focused on the well-being of veteran caregivers! Your presence and participation made our gathering truly special as we delved into essential topics, including identifying stress in the workplace and on the home front.



- **February 22, 2024, Buenas Con Su Salud**
- Staff attended Richard's Pharmacy in Donna for their Buenas Con Su Salud event, showcasing community engagement and health awareness. The event served as a vital platform for disseminating crucial information about the services offered by the Area Agency on Aging and the Aging and Disability Resource Center. Attendees enjoyed an interactive game of lotería, complemented by delightful snacks, refreshing beverages, and lively dancing, fostering camaraderie and inclusivity.



- **February 23, 2024, Rio Grande Valley Hurricane Ready Expo**
- Staff participated in the 2024 Rio Grande Valley Hurricane Ready Expo; a comprehensive event aimed at informing residents about hurricane preparedness. As an integral part of the expo, the Area Agency on Aging and the Aging and Disability Resource Center provided essential resources and information tailored for individuals with disabilities, those with Alzheimer's, and the aging community. These efforts were crucial in ensuring that all residents, regardless of their circumstances, were equipped with the necessary precautions and strategies to navigate hurricanes safely and effectively.



- **February 28, 2024, WellMed Health Fair**
- The Area Agency on Aging and the Aging and Disability Resource Center were invited to participate at the WellMed Health Fair. Staff engaged with the community and disseminated program information that included services available to the community.



ITEM #5. C.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council
Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, March 27, 2024

Item #5: Department Reports

C. Public Safety Cesar Merla, Assistant Program Director

Criminal Justice Program

- Staff hosted the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee meeting March 13th in the Ken Jones Executive Boardroom.
- Staff attended the South Texas All Hazard Conference on March 27-28, 2024.

Homeland Security Program

- Staff assisted local Homeland Security stakeholders with grant applications on March 5th-8th, 2024.
- Staff hosted the Homeland Security Advisory Committee Special Prioritization meeting on March 13, 2024, at the LRGVDC campus grounds and recommended a combined total of \$ 759,794.44 for the region.
- Staff submitted the Grant Application for the State Emergency Radio Infrastructure on March 14, 2024, for a total of \$228,906.51 for communication infrastructure upgrades.
- Staff attended the Texas Department of Emergency Management (TDEM) course “Local Mitigation Planning Training” on March 14-15, 2024, at the La Plaza Community Room, Brownsville, TX.
- Staff attended the LEPC Emergency Planning Committee meeting on March 21, 2024, at the Hidalgo County/Center for Education and Economic Development Mission, TX.
- Staff attended the Whole Community Emergency Management Planning meeting on March 26, 2024, at the McAllen Convention Center.
- Staff attended the 1st Quarter (PSWG) Meeting at the Port of Brownsville on March 26, 2024.

- Staff attended the South Texas All Hazard Conference on March 27-28, 2024, at the McAllen Convention Center.
- Staff hosted the presentation “Grant 101” at the South Texas All Hazard Conference on March 28, 2024, at the McAllen Convention Center.





HLS/CJD Staff attending the UTRGV/Trio Association 2024 College and Community Fair on February 24, 2024



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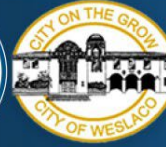
Keynote Speakers



Tony Peña - TDEM
Dr. Emilie Prot - DSHS
Ernesto Ballesteros - CISA / DHS



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Department Reports

Public Safety Javier Solis Jr Assistant Director

Lower Rio Grande Valley Academy

- The Texas Commission on Law Enforcement conducted an audit of the LRGV Academy training records on February 21, 2024. LRGV Academy successfully completed the audit.
- The Mission 223rd B.P.O.C. Academy has successfully completed all B.P.O.C. training.
- The 224th Weslaco B.P.O.C. Academy successfully completed Texas Penal Code training on March 11, 2024.
- The 225th Harlingen B.P.O.C. Academy is set to commence on April 5, 2024. The physical site location will be 576 76 Drive Harlingen, Texas.
- The LRGV Academy is finalizing Interlocal Agreements with the City of Alton Police Department, the City of La Joya Police Department, and with the Hidalgo County Constable Precinct 4 Office. These Interlocal Agreements will expand the number of training sites and courses offered to all Law Enforcement officers in the region.
- The LRGV Academy is in negotiations with the Rio Grande City Police Department to establish an Interlocal Agreement for TCOLE Reporting Services for Law Enforcement Agencies in the STARR County Area.

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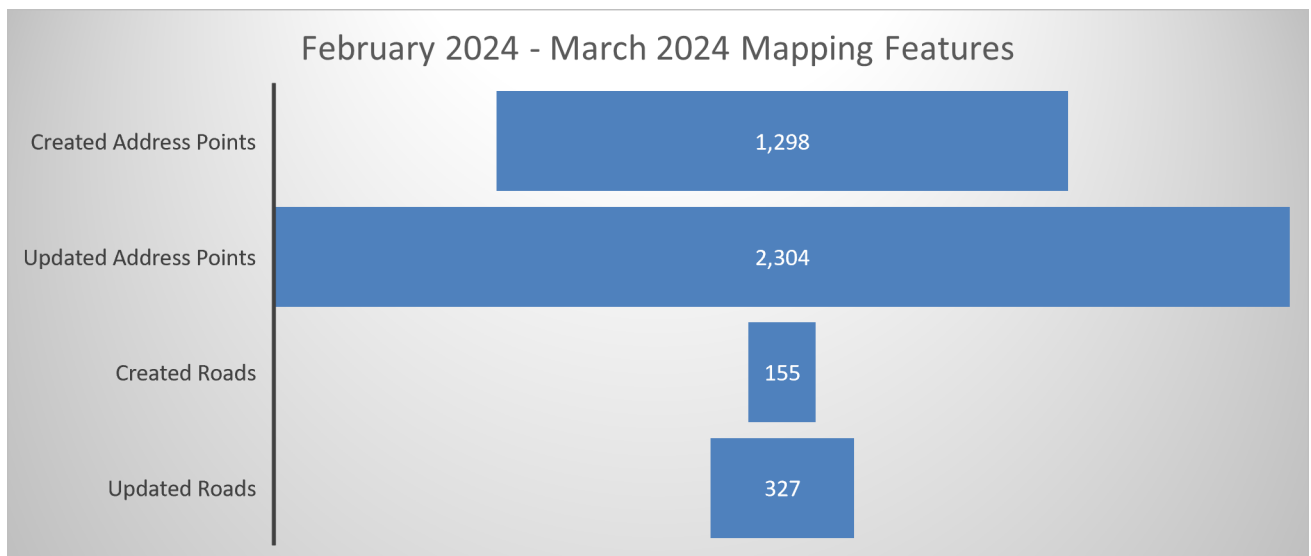
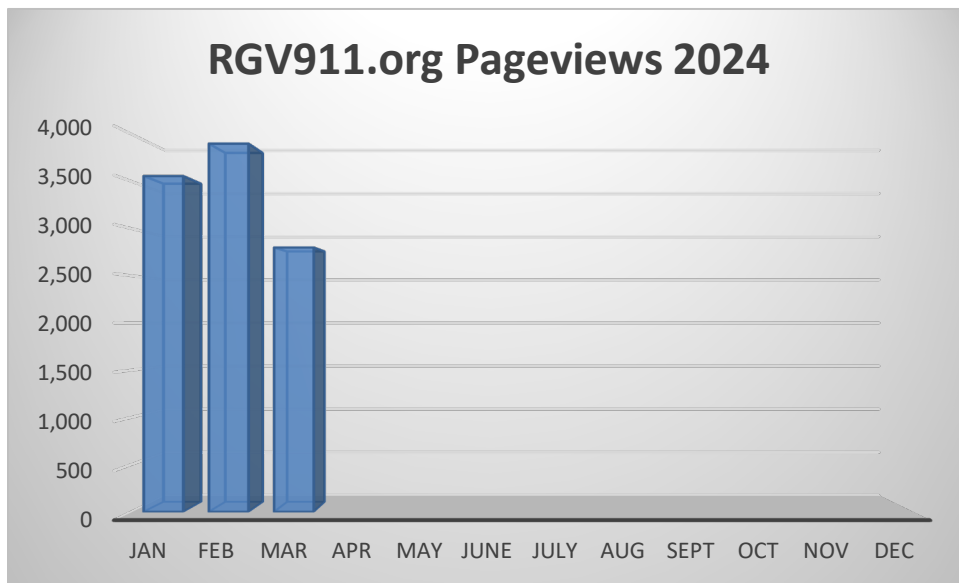
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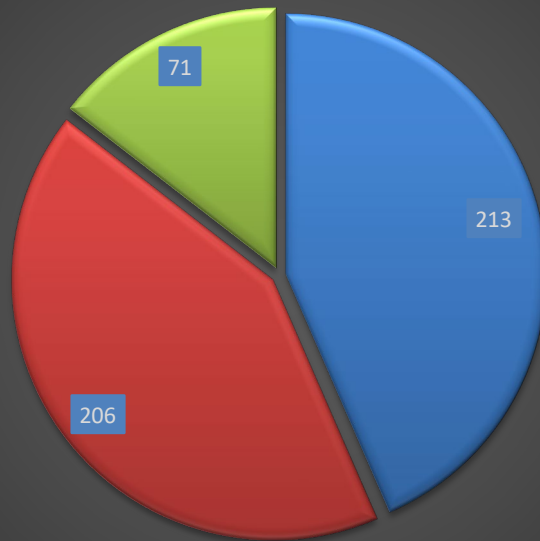
Rio Grande Valley Emergency Communication District Status Report

- GIS Division

Our GIS Data Hub is now our primary website and can be found at www.rgv911.org. The GIS team has uploaded several informational maps that other public entities, and the public can readily download. This data has streamlined our general information request process. Following our GeoSpatial Strategic plan, we have initiated our Rubicon Dashboard project. This ArcGIS Dashboard will allow us to query our ticket data and provide statistics quickly.

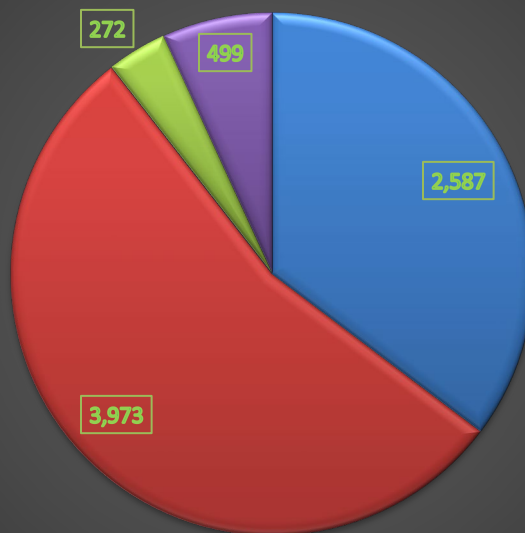


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Jan Feb Mar Apr May June July Aug Sept Oct Nov Dec

2024 Total Production : GIS



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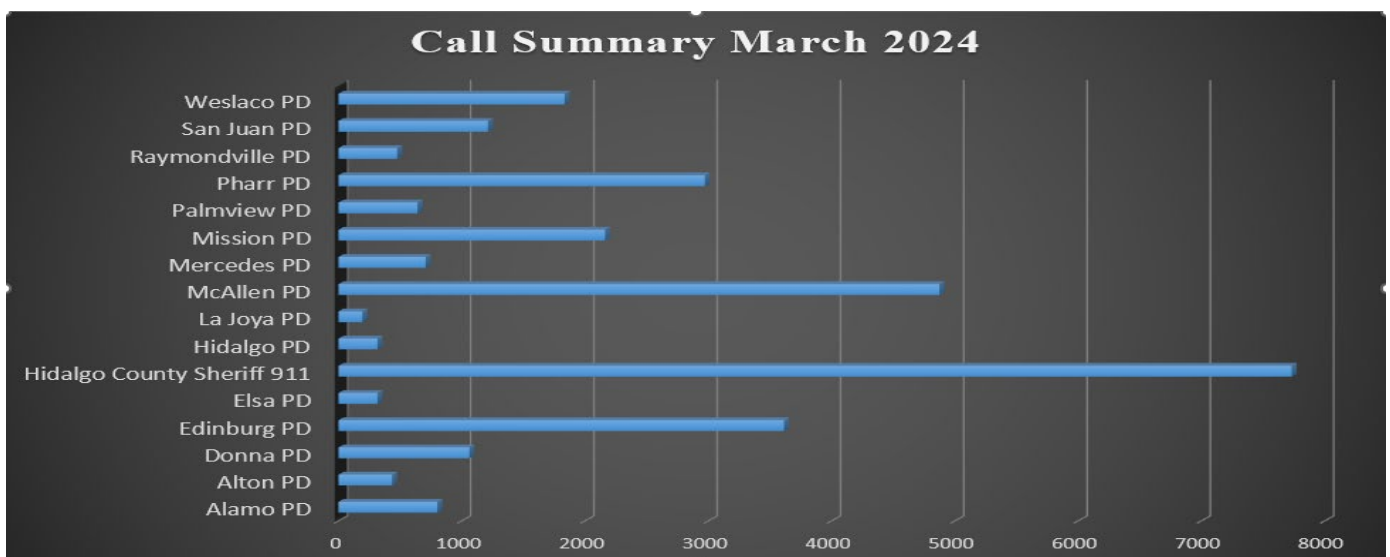
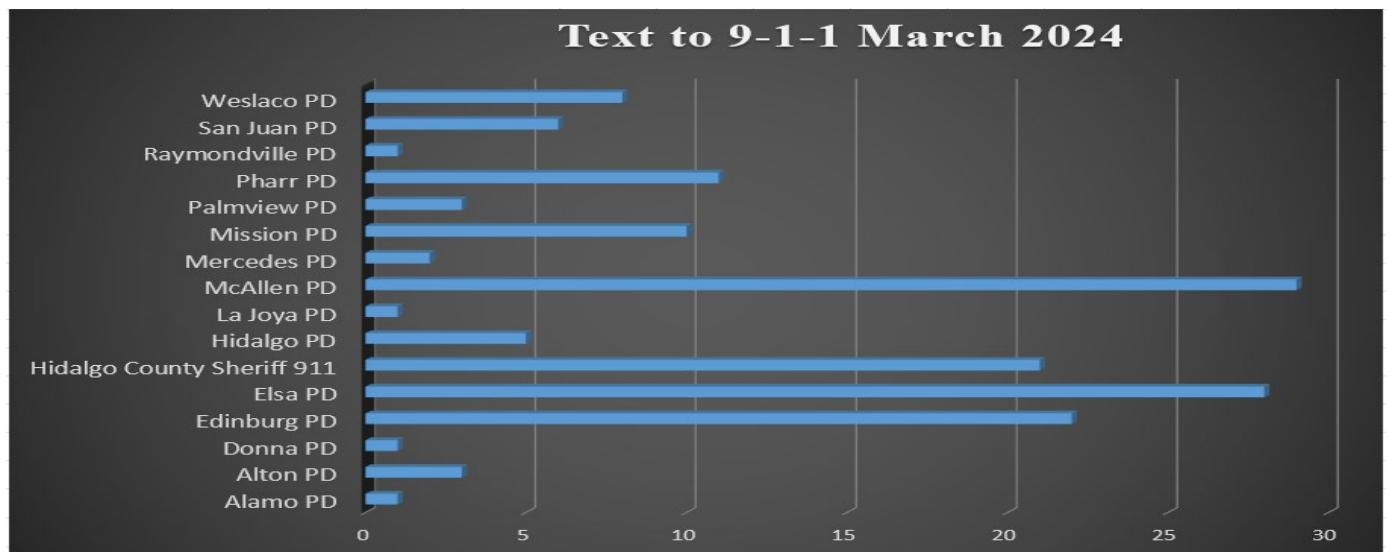
- 9-1-1 | Information Technology

The 9-1-1 | Information Technology team completed our 1st Quarter Telecommunicator Power 9-1-1 / Mapflex Training sessions. We held six (6) Power 911 / Mapflex half-day training courses to keep PSAP staff updated on the latest software enhancements, dispatcher functionality, and best practices, providing an educational, fun, and engaging classroom experience.

The training event was a success, with sixty-four telecommunicators and their supervisors learning about the latest call delivery equipment and software available in our District.

Currently, we are preparing for the 2024 All-Hazards Conference to host a seminar on “Disaster Planning for the PSAP: An Overview”, continuing a working group of PSAP leaders in highlighting preparation, planning, implementation, and recovery best practices in case a significant weather event or disaster disrupts 911 call taking operations.

Our continuing goal is to ensure our 9-1-1 call delivery systems are in optimal working order to maintain 99.9% operational efficiency to serve our public safety partners and the community.



- Community Engagement

Throughout February, the RGV 9-1-1 community engagement department conducted training sessions and public education events to empower the community and bolster our department's capabilities. Our initiatives, which focused primarily on education, sought to enlighten the public about emergency procedures and reinforce our team's resilience. Through these concerted efforts, we endeavored to enhance both community safety awareness and the effectiveness of our department's response.

February marked the initiation of preparations for Telecommunicator Week, encompassing tasks from selecting a theme to procuring eight distinct items and, finally, receiving the requisitioned materials. As the month unfolded, meticulous planning unfolded to celebrate and honor our telecommunicators and acknowledge their invaluable contributions. Amidst the logistics, anticipation built for a week dedicated to praising and recognizing the unwavering dedication of these essential frontline personnel.

Building Web Apps with ArcGIS Experience Builder Training. Feb. 6, 2024. The RGV 9-1-1 staff demonstrated their commitment to enhancing emergency response capabilities by actively participating in the Building Web Apps with ArcGIS Experience Builder training. Through this program, they acquired valuable skills and knowledge to leverage the latest geospatial technologies, empowering them to create practical and user-friendly web applications for emergency management. This training fortified their technical expertise and highlighted their dedication to staying at the forefront of advancements in the field, ultimately contributing to more efficient and informed emergency response operations in the Rio Grande Valley.

MADE IN THE 956. Feb. 7, 2024. KRGV highlighted RGV9-1-1 in this week's episode of MADE IN THE 956 with insightful commentary from Trey Serna. The segment shed light on the crucial role RGV9-1-1 plays in emergency response within the 956 area, emphasizing its significance in ensuring public safety.

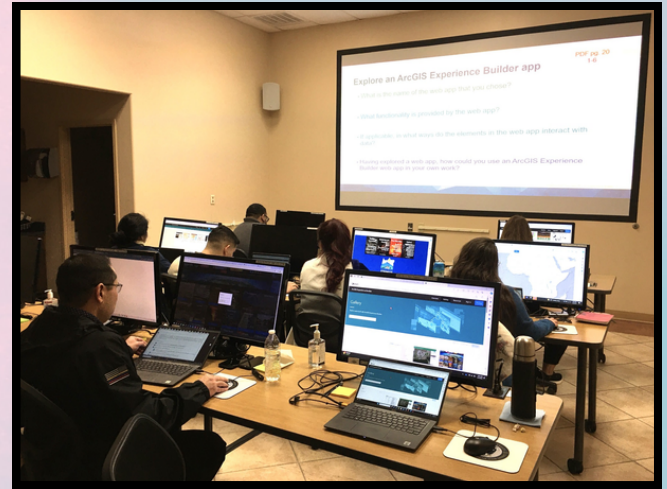
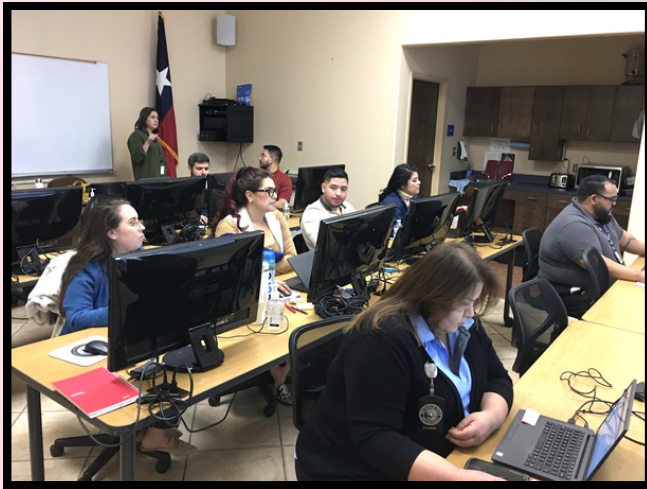
City of Granjeno 17 Friendship Festival. Feb 10, 2024. RGV9-1-1 actively participated in the City of Granjeno 17 Friendship Festival and parade, adding a vibrant touch to the festivities. The lively atmosphere was filled with delicious food and great music. The team also dedicated their time to engaging with the community, especially children, imparting valuable knowledge on the importance of texting 9-1-1 during emergencies. The event proved enjoyable and educational, fostering a connection between the emergency services and the residents.

2024 Rio Grande Valley Hurricane Ready Expo. Feb. 23, 2024. RGV9-1-1, alongside other agencies, attended the 2024 Rio Grande Valley Hurricane Ready

Expo, a comprehensive event informing residents about hurricane preparedness. As an integral part of the expo, RGV9-1-1 contributed valuable insights and information regarding the risks, dangers, and necessary precautions associated with hurricanes. This region-wide initiative was designed to educate Rio Grande Valley residents on the crucial actions to undertake before, during, and after a hurricane, emphasizing the importance of emergency response and community resilience. RGV9-1-1's participation underscored its commitment to ensuring the safety and well-being of the community in the face of potential natural disasters.

McAllen ISD STRIDES Transition Fair. Feb. 28, 2024. RGV9-1-1 thoroughly enjoyed participating in the STRIDES Transition Fair hosted by the McAllen ISD, which is dedicated to special education. It was an enriching experience engaging with students and families and providing valuable information and support. By informing attendees about Kari's Law and Text-to-911 at the STRIDES Transition Fair, RGV9-1-1 was crucial in raising awareness about essential emergency communication rights and capabilities. Ensuring that individuals with disabilities have access to these vital services underscores our dedication to inclusivity and safety for all community members. This initiative aligns with our mission to provide equitable emergency response services to everyone, regardless of their communication needs.

Building Web Apps with ArcGIS Experience Builder Training



Pictured above are the RGV9-1-1 G.I.S. and I.T. Departments participating in the training.



Pictured above KRGV Trey Serna and Sandra Rodriguez



Pictured above Executive Director Manuel Cruz and Assistant Director Dennis Moreno

The segment shed light on the crucial role RGV9-1-1 plays in emergency response within the 956 area, emphasizing its significance in ensuring public safety.

City of Granjeno 17 Friendship Festival



Pictured above staff Maribel Alonzo with Cell Phone Sally and staff Diana Castillo educating the children on texting 9-1-1

2024 Rio Grande Valley Hurricane Ready Expo



Pictured above staff Maribel Alonzo, Ron Hall, and Ruby Garza informing the community on the steps 911 plays during hurricane preparedness.

McAllen ISD STRIDES Transition Fair



Pictured above staff Maribel Alonzo ready to participate in the event.

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ITEM #5. D.

TRANSPORTATION

Item #5: Action Items

D. Transportation

Valley Metro Action Item.....Tom Logan, Director of Regional Transportation

1. Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve purchase of Fare Collection Equipment and associated parts from Genfare, LLC, provider for Valley Metro fare collection system.

Staff requests Board approval to purchase Fare Collection Equipment and associated parts from Genfare, LLC in the amount of \$53,512.59.

- Grant # 5339-R-2022-LRGVDC-00052 \$38,621
- Grant # 5310-2023-LRGVDC-00086 \$14,892

Sales Quotation

Sold-To-Party

Lower Rio Grande Valley Development
 301 W. Railroad St. Building A
 Weslaco TX 78596

Ship-To-Party

LRGVDC - Valley Metro
 510 S. Pleasantview Drive
 Weslaco TX 78596

Information

Sales Quote No. 5047071
Document Date 03/14/2024
Customer No. 3344
Currency USD
Contact Name
Phone
FAX 956-969-8176
EMAIL invoices@lrgvdc.org
Validity Start Date 03/14/2024
Validity End Date 04/14/2024
Req Ship Date 03/14/2024

End User

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Item	Material	Quantity	Price	Amount
10	C30983-1110 S/A, CABLE, OCU, EXT GND, 10FT	10 EA	245.23 USD	2,452.30
20	D28496-0004 S/A MODULE, CONTROLLER PCB	10 EA	1,586.20 USD	15,862.00
30	B28647-0002 S/A, BARCODE READER (FAST FARE)	10 EA	616.00 USD	6,160.00
40	B28364-0001 S/A, IR PORT BOARD	10 EA	127.19 USD	1,271.90
50	C28307-0001 S/A, PEDESTAL BOARD	5 EA	210.83 USD	1,054.15
60	D22192-0007 S/A TRIM, MAGNETIC-FAST FARE FAREBOX	2 EA	4,846.00 USD	9,692.00
70	D31026-0002 S/A, SMART CARD READER, FF-FEIG item D31026-0001 was replaced by D31026-0002	10 EA	684.00 USD	6,840.00
80	B29744-0001 S/A, BYPASS MECH	5 EA	105.80 USD	529.00

Customer Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Signature:  _____ **Date:** 03/14/2024

Sales Representative: Daniel Jourdan **Phone:** _____
Email: _____

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Item	Material	Quantity	Price	Amount
90	B29028-0003 BYPASS BRACKET, FLOATING SCREW	10 EA	27.69 USD	276.90
100	A28982-0001 LENS, PEDESTAL DOOR, FASTFARE	10 EA	49.26 USD	492.60
110	D28728-0001 S/A, DOOR LOCK MOTOR	5 EA	424.89 USD	2,124.45
120	B23980-0002 S/A,BEZEL /WINDOW P-163 (WIDE SLOT)	5 EA	10.07 USD	50.35
130	D23903-0001 S/A CONVEYOR	3 EA	1,453.30 USD	4,359.90
140	D22597-0003 S/A PCB, TRIM CONVEYOR-SF	3 EA	366.43 USD	1,099.29
150	B14240-0001 S/A SHAFT NO.5	3 EA	39.68 USD	119.04
160	B15705-0002 S/A HEAD, MAGNETIC - DUAL READ	2 EA	78.29 USD	156.58
170	B15704-0002	2 EA	75.50 USD	151.00

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Item	Material	Quantity	Price	Amount
180	HEAD, MAGNETIC - WRITE B14240-0001 S/A SHAFT NO.5	3 EA	39.68 USD	119.04
190	B13885-0002 S/A MOTOR MAIN DRIVE	3 EA	171.13 USD	513.39
200	A00379-0017 RING,RETAINING	20 EA	0.25 USD	5.00
210	A00375-0002 PAD,BUMPER 3M BLACK	70 EA	0.69 USD	48.30
220	B07501-0012 SCREW,SHOULDER-SLOTTED HD, S.S. TYPE 303	15 EA	6.84 USD	102.60
230	A01938-0001 SWITCH GRYHL 30-1	4 EA	8.20 USD	32.80
Gross Value:				53,512.59
Total Tax:				
Final Amount:				53,512.59

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Regional Transportation Advisory Panel (RTAP) Activity:

- RTAP Sub-committee held a virtual meeting on February 27, 2024, and discussed updates that were provided by the partnering agencies regarding the needs and gaps of the 5-Year Transit Plan.
- Next RTAP meeting will be held April 25, 2024.
- RGVMPPO provided updates on UMAP training and upcoming Transportation Policy Board meeting, detailing the recipients of the 5310 program funds.
- Valley Metro and City of McAllen presented updates from B-Metro and Island Metro, respectively. Both provided updates on ongoing projects such as McAllen's North Transfer Station grand opening and GPS Tracking systems and Valley Metro's bus shelter project, CDL Academy, and transit terminal construction. STC and VAIL discussed transportation issues for students and potential routes, including the possibility of bringing back the Purple Line route.
- Dr. Lidia Fonseca, RTAP Board Chair, suggested collaborating with the mobility manager to test the system's accessibility for individuals with disabilities.
- The meeting also involved discussions about the University of Montana's Rural Transportation Advisory Committee and the invitation for representation from the Valley. Additionally, there was a mention of an upcoming conference for caregivers and individuals with disabilities, and the announcement of the next meeting scheduled for April 25th at Valley Metro. Overall, the meeting covered a range of topics related to transit funding, ongoing projects, and future plans for transportation in the Valley.



VALLEY METRO - REGIONAL TRANSIT SERVICE DEPARTMENT

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



Serving the RGV's Five-County Region:

- Cameron
- Hidalgo
- Starr
- Willacy
- Zapata

Proudly serving:

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

Types of Systems Provided

- **21 Fixed Routes**
Providing service in the counties of Hidalgo, Cameron, and Rio Grande City. (with advanced notice, most routes may deviate up to 1/2 mile of the main route)
- **3 RGV Metro Express (limited stops)**
Connecting Brownsville, Harlingen, McAllen, Edinburg, and Port Isabel
- **5 Demand Response**
Serving Willacy, Starr, and Zapata Counties
- **5 Microtransit-Fast Ride**
Serving Cameron and Hidalgo County, City of Edinburg, Mission to Sullivan City, and San Benito to Brownsville on Military Road.
- **B-Cycle**
Available in McAllen, Harlingen, and Brownsville.



VALLEY METRO TRANSIT TERMINAL LOCATIONS

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

Valley Metro Fares:

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

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

VM Transit Website



Route Maps with locations



ValleyMetro Weslaco

Ride Systems



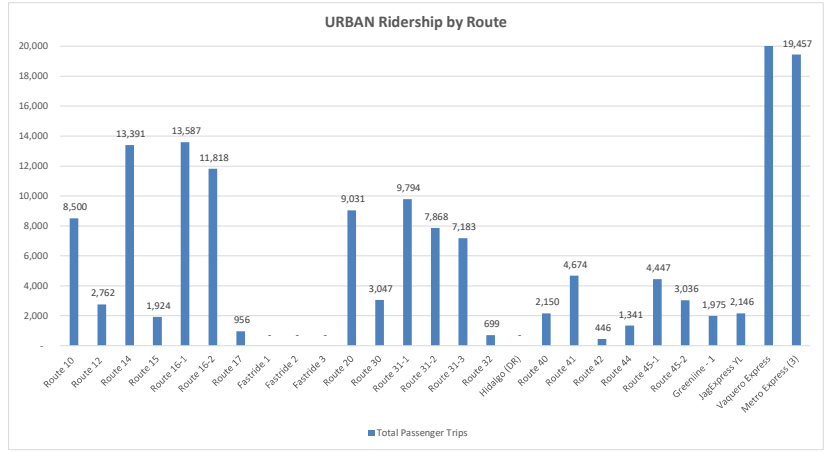
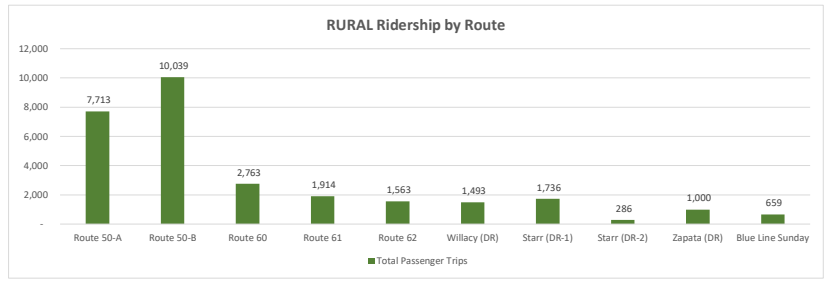
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VM Regional Call Center 1-800-574-8322

RIDERSHIP COUNT
YEAR TO DATE FY 2024 (February)

Route	Total Passenger Trips	Route Activity	Area(s) Served
RURAL			
Route 50-A	7,713	2%	Brownsville, Port Isabel
Route 50-B	10,039	2%	Brownsville, Port Isabel
Route 60	2,763	1%	Roma, Rio Grande City
Route 61	1,914	0%	Rio Grande City
Route 62	1,563	0%	Rio Grande City
Willacy (DR)	1,493	0%	Willacy County
Starr (DR-1)	1,736	0%	Starr County
Starr (DR-2)	286	0%	Starr County
Zapata (DR)	1,000	0%	Zapata County
Blue Line Sunday	659	0%	Brownsville, Port Isabel
URBAN			
Route 10	8,500	2%	Edinburg
Route 12	2,762	1%	Edcouch, Elsa, Edinburg
Route 14	13,391	3%	Edinburg
Route 15	1,924	0%	Edinburg
Route 16-1	13,587	3%	Courthouse Circulator
Route 16-2	11,818	3%	Courthouse Circulator
Route 17	956	0%	Edinburg T-line
Fastride 1	-	0%	Edinburg
Fastride 2	-	0%	Hidalgo County
Fastride 3	-	0%	Cameron County
Route 20	9,031	2%	Mission
Route 30	3,047	1%	Pharr, San Juan
Route 31-1	9,794	2%	Cameron-Hidalgo County
Route 31-2	7,868	2%	Hidalgo-Cameron County
Route 31-3	7,183	2%	Cameron-Hidalgo County
Route 32	699	0%	Donna
Hidalgo (DR)	-	0%	City of Hidalgo
Route 40	2,150	0%	Harlingen
Route 41	4,674	1%	Harlingen
Route 42	446	0%	San Benito
Route 44	1,341	0%	Primera, La Feria, Santa Rosa
Route 45-1	4,447	1%	Cameron County
Route 45-2	3,036	1%	Cameron County
Greenline - 1	1,975	0%	Rio Grande City
JagExpress YL	2,146	0%	Weslaco, Pharr, McAllen
Vaquero Express	306,372	66%	Edinburg
Metro Express (3)	19,457	4%	Rio Grande Valley
TOTAL	465,770	100%	**Total Ridership Count subject to change when finalized

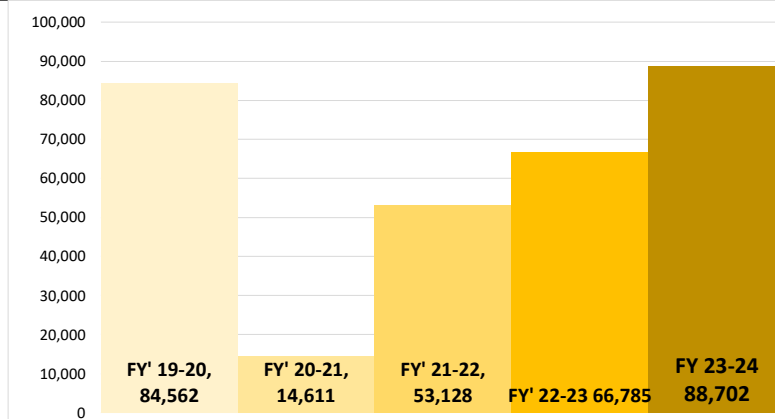


Active Routes	Rural	Urban	Total
Flex Routes	6	17	23
Demand Response	6	0	6
Fixed-Metro Express	0	3	3
	12	20	32

YEAR TO DATE RIDERSHIP REPORT

Year to Date - February 2024	Prior Year February 2023	DIFFERENCE	% DIFFERENCE
465,770	347,682	118,088	34%

* Rural service - service in rural low-population areas outside of urbanized areas * Urban service- service between or within urbanized areas



Fiscal Year	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Total	Difference	%Change
FY' 2019-2020	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' 2020-2021	17,149	19,332	16,190	16,072	16,620	14,611	19,300	18,169	18,080	19,842	19,774	31,381	226,520	-608,386	-73%
FY' 2021-2022	42,242	40,558	37,262	26,918	22,233	53,128	45,400	44,843	28,314	30,112	35,091	24,384	430,484	203,964	90%
FY' 2022-2023	69,699	71,269	58,154	33,800	47,975	66,785	62,828	63,687	36,978	34,870	33,997	50,988	631,030	200,546	47%
FY 2023-2024	94,382	100,219	81,110	43,030	58,327	88,702	0	0	0	0	0	0	465,770	35,286	8%
Monthly Change from Previous FY	24,683	28,950	22,956	9,230	10,352	21,917	0	0	0	0	0	0	163,740	118,088	0
Percent Change	35%	41%	39%	27%	22%	33%	-100%	-100%	-100%	-100%	-100%	-100%	-26%	-82%	-83%

FY 2024 VALLEY METRO RIDERSHIP REPORT

RIDERSHIP BY CITIES - PICK-UP LOCATION

CITY	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	TOTAL
Edinburg	9,360	9,877	7,806	4,851	7,509	8,569	47,972
UTRGV Edinburg	65,221	70,258	56,528	20,318	33,307	60,740	306,372
Pharr	657	640	679	832	873	1,352	5,033
Mission	826	801	636	737	903	971	4,874
McAllen	4,750	4,517	3,745	4,318	3,935	3,804	25,069
San Carlos	20	21	25	17	24	27	134
La Blanca	2	2	2	4	5	1	16
Elsa	108	144	92	53	48	57	502
Edcouch	36	53	47	22	25	28	211
La Villa	33	45	26	35	55	71	265
San Juan	477	434	287	347	277	374	2,196
Alamo	303	339	256	312	290	326	1,826
Donna	441	461	446	604	507	573	3,032
Weslaco	983	1,116	910	733	783	1,104	5,629
Mercedes	406	415	323	456	453	460	2,513
La Feria	232	234	207	238	220	169	1,300
Harlingen	2,286	2,258	1,876	1,983	2,164	2,290	12,857
San Benito	140	234	165	211	227	222	1,199
Brownsville	3,775	3,765	3,221	3,386	3,286	3,678	21,111
Santa Rosa	80	68	60	55	57	61	381
Los Fresnos	272	308	174	192	154	211	1,311
Laguna Vista	166	258	177	209	139	135	1,084
Laguna Heights	160	193	154	154	144	180	985
Port Isabel	1,266	1,176	1,117	1,233	1,101	1,232	7,125
Rio Grande City	1,532	1,735	1,441	1,030	1,104	1,373	8,215
Willacy County	233	249	225	242	270	274	1,493
Starr County	425	446	331	267	263	290	2,022
Zapata County	192	172	154	172	192	118	1,000
Total	94,382	100,219	81,110	43,030	58,327	88,702	465,770

RIDERSHIP BY SYSTEM

Agency	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	TOTAL
VALLEY METRO	28,553	29,294	24,112	22,484	24,809	27,549	156,801
UTRGV	65,221	70,258	56,528	20,318	33,307	60,740	306,372
STC	472	549	396	155	186	388	2,146
TSTC	136	118	74	73	25	25	451
Total	94,382	100,219	81,110	43,030	58,327	88,702	465,770

RURAL AND URBAN COUNT

AREA	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	TOTAL
Rural	5,685	5,808	4,942	4,776	4,687	5,243	31,141
Urban	88,697	94,411	76,168	38,254	53,640	83,459	434,629
Total	94,382	100,219	81,110	43,030	58,327	88,702	465,770

RIDERSHIP BY COUNTY

COUNTY	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	TOTAL
Hidalgo County	83,623	89,123	71,808	33,639	48,994	78,457	405,644
Cameron County	8,377	8,494	7,151	7,680	7,504	8,190	47,396
Willacy County	233	249	225	242	270	274	1,493
Starr County	1,957	2,181	1,772	1,297	1,367	1,663	10,237
Zapata County	192	172	154	172	192	118	1,000
Total	94,382	100,219	81,110	43,030	58,327	88,702	465,770

RIDERSHIP BY PRECINCTS

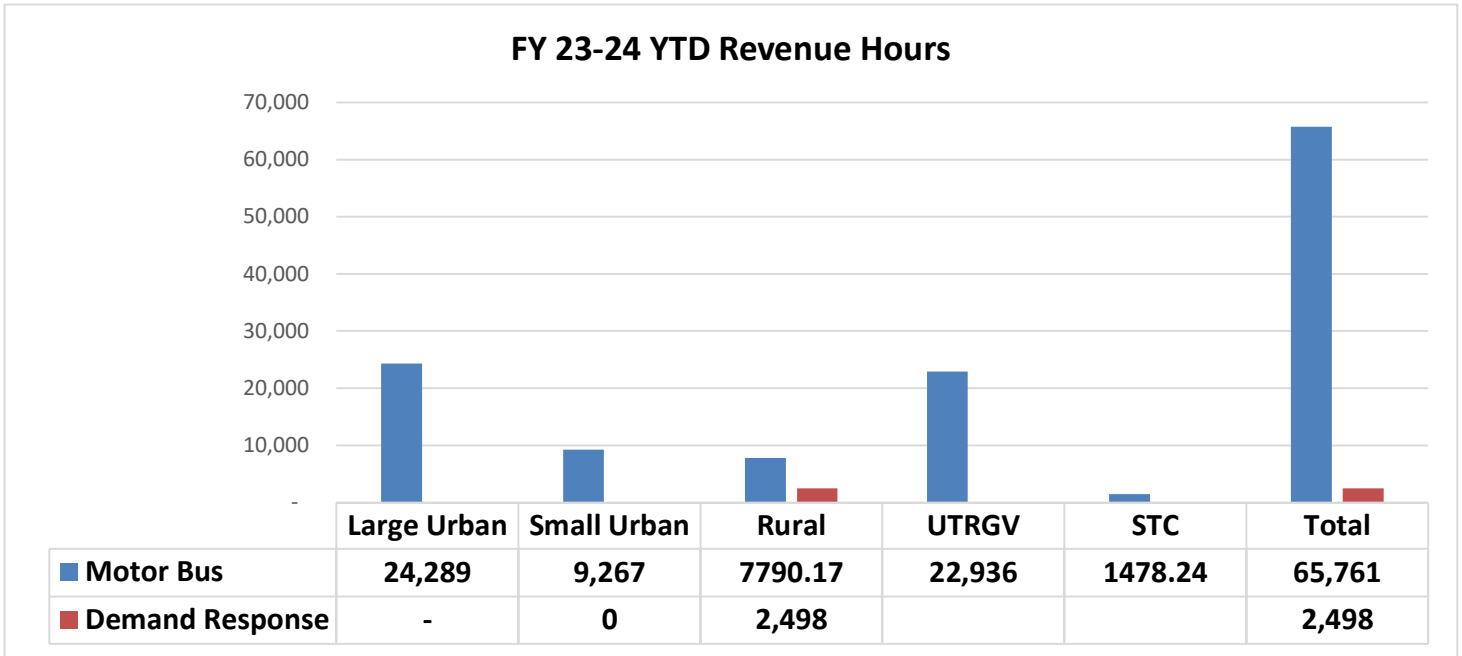
PRECINCT	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	TOTAL
Precinct 1	4,528	4,878	4,225	4,950	4,609	5,116	28,306
Precinct 2	7,751	7,937	6,720	7,651	7,258	8,106	45,423
Precinct 3	1,651	1,647	1,219	1,482	1,482	1,550	9,031
Precinct 4	80,488	86,349	69,581	31,407	46,670	75,811	390,306
Harlingen MPO Area	3,144	3,209	2,631	2,962	3,133	3,214	18,293

Year to Date 2023-2024

Distribution of Revenue Hours

	Large Urban	Small Urban	Rural	UTRGV	STC	Total
Motor Bus	24,289	9,267	7790.17	22,936	1478.24	65,761
Demand Response	-	0	2,498			2,498

FY 23-24 YTD Revenue Hours

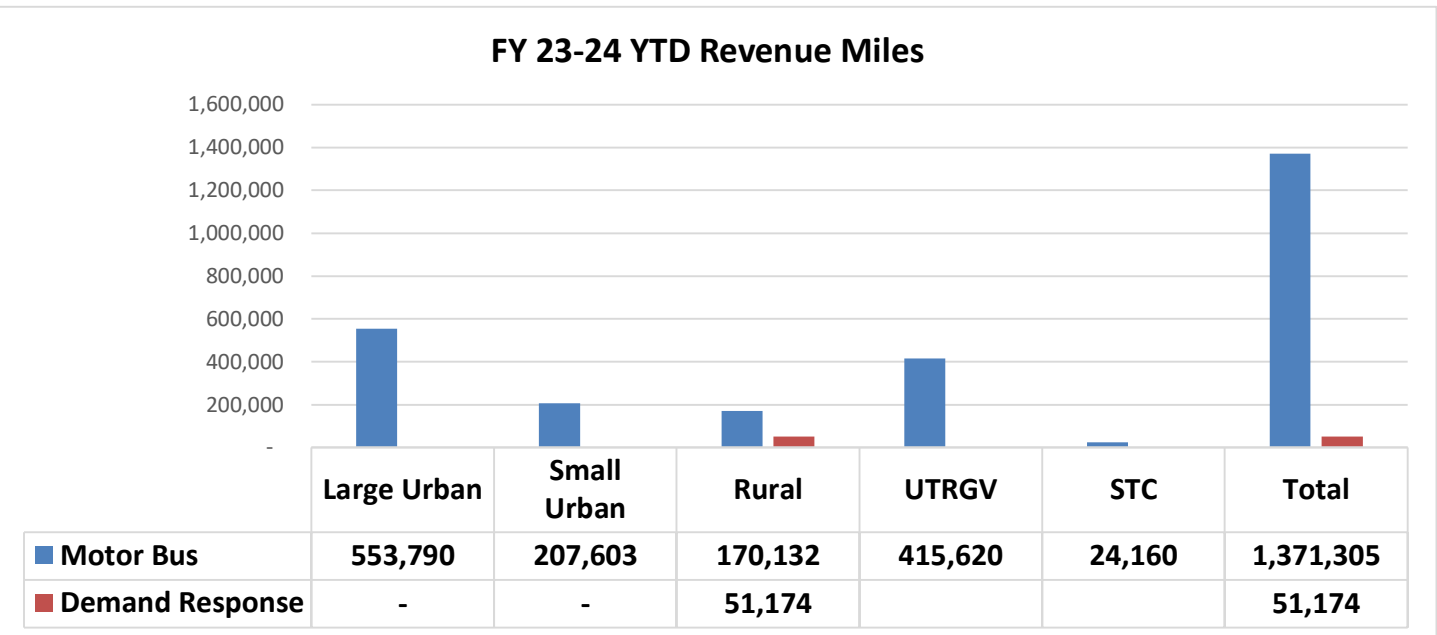


Year to Date 2023-2024

Distribution of Revenue Miles

	Large Urban	Small Urban	Rural	UTRGV	STC	Total
Motor Bus	553,790	207,603	170,132	415,620	24,160	1,371,305
Demand Response	-	-	51,174			51,174

FY 23-24 YTD Revenue Miles





FY 2023-2024 Valley Metro

TSTC MONTHLY PASSENGER COUNT

Routes	31-1	31-2	31-3	40	41	42	43	44	50-A	50-B	Fast Ride 3	Willacy	Direct RT 45-1	Direct RT 45-2	Total
September	0	0	7	2	6	0	0	1	7	2	0	0	83	28	137
October	1	0	2	3	5	8	0	0	5	3	0	0	62	29	119
November	0	7	19	1	9	5	0	1	9	1	0	0	7	15	74
December	6	4	13	0	4	5	0	0	9	3	0	0	21	8	74
January	0	0	18	0	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	3	26
February	4	2	7	0	3	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	1	2	27
March	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
April	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
May	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
June	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
July	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
August	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	11	13	66	6	29	19	0	2	37	9	0	0	174	85	457
FY 2023-2024	4	9	9	0	1	0	0	29	1	0	0	0	18	91	162
Change Over Previous FY	4	9	9	6	28	19	0	-27	36	9	0	0	156	-6	295

	Sept.	Oct.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug	Total
Direct Routes	111	91	148	22	29	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	407
Indirect Routes	25	27	27	52	45	22	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	220
Monthly Total	136	118	175	74	74	25	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	627

2023 - 2024 Valley Metro Routes TSTC Student Passenger Count

