

# 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 79596

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Wednesday, April 29, 2020

12:00 Noon

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Presiding: Mayor David Suarez, President

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### Item #1: Call to Order

- A. Roll Call
- B. Invocation

**Item #2: Consideration and ACTION to Approve Meeting Minutes (February 26, 2020) ..... President**

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

**Item #4: Administration ..... Ken Jones  
Interim Executive Director**

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
2. Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) Funding Recommendations
3. Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Area Plan
4. Homeland Security Advisory Committee Rankings of Conditionally Approved Projects for FY 2020-21 Homeland Security Grant Funding
5. Revised Department of Transportation (DOT) Physical Exam Policy to ensure compliance with Federal Transit Administration regulations

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

- C. Presentation and **ACTION** to Accept Quarterly Investment Report .....Crystal Balboa  
Director of Finance
- D. Presentation and Possible **ACTION** on Texas Gas Service  
Cost of Services Adjustment ..... Stacey McTaggart  
Rates and Regulatory Director
- E. Executive Director Report .....Ken Jones

LRGVDC Updates & Activities

**ACTION MAY BE TAKEN ON ANY OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS**

1. Status on LRGVDC Staff Shelter-in-Place/Working-from-Home
2. Executive Director Selection

**Item #5: Department Reports**

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

Program Action Items:

1. Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve Letter to Legislative Representatives in Support of 120 Day Extension to Complete Census 2020 Questionnaire
2. Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve Resolution 2020- 03 Proclaiming April as National Fair Housing Month

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 Approve Contract Extensions for Title III Subrecipients and Vendors
2. Consideration and **ACTION** to Authorize Area Agency on Aging to Amend Senior Center Contracts to Provide Additional Support for emergency Services

Program Status Reports:

- Operations

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

Program Action Items:

1. Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve Nominations for 9-1-1 Emergency Communications Advisory Committee (9-1-1 ECAC) Chair and Vice Chair
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)
3. Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve Criminal Justice Advisory Committee's (CJAC) Rankings and Resolutions for FY 2020-2021 Criminal Justice Grant Conditionally Approved Projects

Program Status Reports:

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

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

Program Status Reports:

- Valley Metro
- Rio Grande Valley MPO

**Item #6: New or Unfinished Business**

**Item #7: Adjourn**

**\*REMINDER\***

Next Meeting Date:  
**Wednesday, May 27, 2020**

**ANNUAL ELECTIONS MEETING 12:00 Noon**

**Board of Directors Meeting  
Immediately Following**

Agenda items may be considered, deliberated and/or acted upon in a different order than numbered above.

The Board of Directors of the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council reserves the right to adjourn into Executive (Closed) session at any time during the course of 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 Executive Session.

**PUBLIC INPUT POLICY:**

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

**ITEM #2.**

**MINUTES**

# MINUTES

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

12:00 PM WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2020  
LRGVDC MAIN CAMPUS - 301 W. RAILROAD STREET, WESLACO, TEXAS  
BUILDING B, KEN JONES EXECUTIVE BOARD ROOM

PRESIDING: MAYOR AMBROSIO “AMOS” HERNANDEZ, SECRETARY

- DRAFT -

Secretary Ambrosio Hernandez was asked to chair this meeting in the absence of President David Suarez, and the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Presidents. He called the meeting to order at 12:01 p.m. Roll call was taken, and a quorum was declared.

Chairman Hernandez then moved to item 2: Consideration and Action to Approve Meeting Minutes (January 29, 2020 Board, Membership, and Corporation Meeting)

***Willacy County Commissioner Eddy Gonzalez made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 29, 2020 Board, Membership & Corporation Meeting as presented. Commissioner David Garza seconded, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.***

Chairman Hernandez then moved to item 3: Public Comment and/or Report from Legislative Delegation.

Mr. Jaime Gutierrez, Grants Coordinator for the City of Elsa was recognized. He announced that the City of Elsa has scheduled a groundbreaking ceremony on Saturday, February 29 at 9:00 am at the Veterans Memorial Park for the Pacific Trails Nature Park project. He invited the Board of Directors and those in attendance to attend and thanked LRGVDC staff for distributing the invitation throughout the Lower Rio Grande Valley.

Mr. Greg Goodman was recognized next and informed the Board that the Goodman Corporation, which is based in Houston, provides grant writing services and has been encouraged by the EDA to come to the Valley to offer his services regarding disaster recovery support.

Upon conclusion of Public Comments Chairman Hernandez moved to item 4: Administration

- A. Consideration and Action to Approve Nomination of an Elected or Appointed Official of a Non-entitlement Community to be Considered for Appointment to the Unified Scoring Committee (USC) by the Agriculture Commissioner.

Executive Director Ron Garza was recognized and stated that the USC is responsible for determining objective scoring factors for all regions in accordance with the requirements of this section and the current TxCDBG Action Plan. The USC must establish the numerical value of the points assigned to each scoring factor as described in the Committee Guidelines provided by the department. Per state guidelines, a primary and alternate nominee shall be an elected or appointed official from the following entities:

Non-Entitlement Cities		
Indian Lake - Cameron	Los Fresnos - Cameron	Raymondville - Willacy
Laguna Vista - Cameron	Lyford - Willacy	Rio Hondo - Cameron
La Feria - Cameron	Palm Valley - Cameron	San Perlita - Willacy
Los Indios - Cameron	Port Isabel - Cameron	

USC replaces the Regional Review Committee. As per state guidelines, a primary and alternate (proxy) nominee shall be an elected or appointed official from the region's non-entitlement cities. He added that the nominee must pass a background check and be willing to travel. The first meeting will be scheduled in Corpus Christi. ***Mayor Henry Hinojosa nominated Mayor Pro-tem Rick Salinas from Lyford. Commissioner David Garza nominated Mayor Gus Olivarez from Rio Hondo. Mayor Hinojosa amended his nomination to be a motion to appoint Lyford Mayor Pro-tem Rick Salinas as the Unified Scoring Committee appointee and Mayor Gustavo Olivarez as his proxy. Commissioner David Garza seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.***

**B. Consideration and Action to Approve Amendment of LRGVDC Procurement Purchasing Threshold**

Mr. Garza informed the Board that LRGVDC's Procurement Policy states that all procurements above \$5,000 are required to complete a competitive bidding process. The \$5,000 threshold poses certain timeline and resource limitations on competition for purchases and contracts. An assessment of procurement policies of other councils of government was completed and it was determined that \$5,000 is *well* below the average threshold amount. Increasing the threshold will promote greater selection of potential vendors and streamline procurements. Raising procurement thresholds has also been undertaken by the federal government which raised and simplified the micro-purchase levels under the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR). After completing an analysis of comparable organizations and internal resources, staff recommends an amendment to the LRGVDC Procurement Policy by raising the competitive bidding procedure threshold to \$15,000. Upon conclusion of discussion ***Commissioner David Garza made a motion to approve the amendment of the LRGVDC Procurement purchasing threshold as presented. Commissioner Pilar Garza seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously***

**C. Consideration and Action on Resolution 2020-01 Regarding Internet Sales Tax Revenue**

Mr. Garza stated that this resolution would express support to a proposed rule change regarding how internet sales tax is distributed. The Texas State Comptroller is considering rules revisions for the Texas Administrative Code, and these revisions will potentially change the rules so that local communities would get a portion of sales tax from online purchases. This resolution would be adopted on behalf of all the cities and jurisdictions in the Lower Rio Grande Valley. Should the Board choose to adopt this resolution the RGV Partnership would help circulate a letter template for each jurisdiction to consider and modify for their community. The Comptroller's Office will accept public comments for 2-3 weeks.

Mayor Chris Boswell asked where the language for this resolution came from. Mr. Garza stated that it came from a letter Senator Juan Hinojosa wrote supporting this rules revision. Mayor Boswell was of the understanding that the comptroller was proposing that the sales tax be apportioned to the city where the goods are delivered and that is more specific than the wording in this draft resolution.

Mr. Garza stated that this resolution was generalized to be in support of the entire region. If the Board approves this resolution, it and a letter template will be sent to the 43 Valley cities for their consideration and modification. Mayor Boswell suggested adopting this resolution with added language proposed by the Comptroller. Upon conclusion of discussion ***Mayor Chris Boswell made a motion to adopt Resolution 2020-01 with the added language as proposed by the comptroller. Mayor Henry Hinojosa seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.***

**D. Consideration and Action on Resolution 2020-02 Regarding Rio Grande Valley Regional Hike & Bike Connectivity Network**

Mr. Garza stated that this resolution is to formally support the many entities that are planning and building hike & bike trails and increase the infrastructure across the Valley. Being connected to existing hike & bike systems increases the weight of applications seeking to add new hike & bike infrastructure. This is a high-level resolution to help promote consideration of surrounding infrastructure when entities begin designing hike & bike trails. Upon conclusion of discussion, ***Mayor Pro-tem Norie Gonzalez Garza made a motion***

***to approve Resolution 2020-02 Regarding Rio Grande Valley Regional Hike & Bike Connectivity Network as presented. Mayor Henry Hinojosa seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.***

E. Executive Director Report

LRGVDC Updates & Activities

1. Introduction of New Staff Members

Executive Director Ron Garza was recognized and announced that Ms. Elvia Garcia Donaldson, Case Manager for Area Agency on Aging, and Mr. Manuel Cruz, Jr., Dispatcher for Valley Metro have joined the LRGVDC staff, but were in training and unable to attend the meeting.

2. Census 2020

Mr. Garza stated that the key dates for the census are March 12<sup>th</sup>, the first day for self-response, April 1<sup>st</sup>, Census day, and July 31<sup>st</sup> which is the last day to respond. Valley Baptist Legacy Foundation has provided a small grant to have ambassadors on busses to encourage the public to respond while riding Valley Metro busses. The ambassador program is called “Count Me RGV”.

The recent Census Regional Marketing Campaign collected \$96,500 from the following entities: Cameron County, Hidalgo County, Willacy County, City of Brownsville, City of Edinburg, City of Harlingen, City of La Feria, City of McAllen, City of Pharr, City of San Benito, City of Weslaco, Futuro RGV, Lonestar National Bank, and the RGV Partnership. Our thanks to these contributors for their support of this regional effort. The funds will be used to create public service announcements for the Rio Grande Valley Region. Ms. Xochitl Zamora from the City of McAllen was recognized and stated that she and her staff are scheduled to be here at LRGVDC’s Main Campus at 11:00 am on Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup> to film community representatives that contributed to this effort.

3. Mitigation & Disaster Recovery Funding

Mr. Garza provided a brief update noting that a call for projects will be forthcoming and a meeting to review all existing Hazard Mitigation Plan projects for prioritization is scheduled for March 11<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner David Garza was recognized and briefed the board on a visit from HUD Undersecretary Brian Montgomery. Undersecretary Montgomery visited the Valley without announcing it to the press; while here he requested a list of projects Valley entities have been requesting funding for, the Undersecretary was impressed with the regional approach Valley officials are taking.

Upon conclusion of the Disaster Recovery Funding report, Mr. Garza added that the next Road to Recycling event is scheduled for Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup> and staff will use the same model of collection as in previous years. Each year this effort has averaged removing approximately 25,000 tires from the environment.

4. Real Estate Services RFQ

In the interest of time management this status report was not heard.

5. Explore RGV

In the interest of time management this status report was not heard.

6. RGV B-Cycle

In the interest of time management this status report was not heard.



7. 2020 It's Time Texas Community Challenge

Mr. Garza informed the Board that the challenge runs through March 1<sup>st</sup>, he showed the live leader board and announced that the LRGVDC will host the awards ceremony on March 27<sup>th</sup>.

Upon conclusion of the Executive Director report Chairman Hernandez 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 Regional Tourism & Travel Advisory Committee (RTTAC) Bylaws

The newly re-formed Regional Tourism & Travel Advisory Committee held their first meeting on February 11<sup>th</sup>. The committee reviewed and approved their newly drafted bylaws which were included in the meeting packet for review. All advisory committee bylaws must be presented for Board approval. ***Mr. Ronald Mills made a motion to approve the Regional Tourism & Travel Advisory Committee bylaws as presented. Mr. Javier Deleon seconded the motion, and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.***

2. Consideration and Action to Approve Regional Tourism & Travel Advisory Committee (RTTAC) Chair and Vice-Chair

Ms. Davila reported that the RTTAC recommends Mr. Sergio Contreras, President/CEO of the RGV Partnership, and Ms. Barbara Garza, President/CEO of the Weslaco Area Chamber as the chair and vice chair of the RTTAC. ***Mr. Ronald Mills made a motion to approve Mr. Contreras and Ms. Garza as the Chair and Vice Chair of the RTTAC as recommended by the Advisory Committee. Commissioner Marco Villegas seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.***

Program Status Reports

The status reports were provided in the meeting packet for review.

B. Health & Human Services

Director Jose Gonzalez was recognized to address the following items:

Program Action Items:

1. Consideration and Action to Authorize Issuing Special Request for Proposals for Special Projects Servicing the Elderly

Mr. Gonzalez stated that staff seeks authorization to issue a special request for proposals for the period from April 1, 2020 to September 30, 2020. The purpose of the RFP is to provide an opportunity to local organizations to apply for special projects serving the elderly. The source of funds are carryover funds in the amount of \$300,000.

Chairman Hernandez asked Mr. Gonzalez to send the rules to qualify for these projects to the board so they will have ample information to apply for them. Mr. Garza reminded the Board that the Area Agency on Aging is tasked with reviewing and ranking projects for these funds and will submit their recommendation to the Board for final approval. ***Commissioner Eddy Gonzalez made a motion to authorize issuing the Special Request for Proposals for Special Projects servicing the elderly as requested. Ms. Celeste Sanchez seconded the motion, and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.***

It was the consensus of the Board to act on items 5. B. 2. and 5. B. 3. together.

2. Consideration and Action to Authorize Staff to Acquire Medication Management Software for the Opioid Misuse Prevention for Older Texans Grant

Mr. Gonzalez stated that staff seeks authorization to contract with HomeMeds, a national evidence-based program utilized by many Area Agencies on Aging for medication reviews. Medication review is the major component of the Opioid Grant. The cost breakdown for the program is as follows:

<b>Opioid Misuse Prevention for Older Texans Grant</b>			
<b>HomeMeds Cost</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Units</b>	<b>Totals</b>
Software Cost	\$332.00	6	\$1,992.00
Pharmacy Review	\$20.00	1,160	\$23,200.00
Webinar Training	\$3,000.00	1	\$3,000.00
			\$28,192.00

3. Consideration and Action to Authorize Entering into a Contract with Amigos Del Valle Regarding Opioid Misuse Prevention for Older Texans Grant

Mr. Gonzalez stated that staff seeks authorization to contract with Amigos Del Valle regarding the Opioid Misuse Prevention for Older Texans grant. The purpose of the contract is to have Amigos Del Valle staff gather medication lists from new home delivered meals clients and pay Amigos del Valle a \$15.00 stipend per client once the information is submitted to Area Agency on Aging staff. All data will be entered in the Medication management program to identify seniors that may be at risk. Upon conclusion of discussion ***Mr. Ronald Mills made a motion to authorize staff to acquire medication management software through HomeMeds and to authorize entering into a contract with Amigos del Valle for the Opioid Misuse Prevention for Older Texans Grant. The Hon. Norma G. Garcia seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.***

#### Program Status Reports

The status reports on the Congregate Meal Project and the Home-Delivered Meals Project were available in the meeting packet for review.

#### C. Public Safety

It was the consensus of the Board to hear items 5. C. 1. – 5. and act on them in one motion.

#### Program Action Items:

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

1. Consideration and Action to Approve Purchase of Promotional Items for Telecommunicator Week

Mr. Cruz stated that staff requests approval to purchase \$38,864.49 of promotional items as part of LRGVDC's ongoing efforts to honor Telecommunicators during the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of April. LRGVDC's ECOMMS/911 Department will utilize an existing contract with Promo Direct to make this purchase, this is a budgeted and planned line item under Public Education.

2. Consideration and Action to Approve Regional Police Academy Advisory Board Nominations for Chair and Vice Chair

At their January 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting, the Regional Police Academy Advisory Board nominated Valley International Airport Police Chief Michael Sullenger as Chair, and Mission Police Chief Robert Dominguez as Vice Chair.

3. Consideration and Action to Approve Regional Police Academy Advisory Board members in the Law Enforcement Category

The Regional Police Academy Advisory Board recommends the following new members: Combes Police Chief Patrick Quill, Hidalgo Police Chief Jesus Ortega, and Edinburg Police Lieutenant Michael Cerda.

4. Consideration and Action to Approve an Increase to Regional Police Academy Tuition

Mr. Cruz stated that over the past few years the RPA has taken on new costs with the addition of maintaining a fleet of four vehicles to be used for the Emergency Vehicle Operations Course (EVOC). The RPA conducts three (3) EVOCs a year. To prepare the units for the most recent academy, nearly \$8,000, last year almost \$14,000, was spent to ensure the units were in safe operational condition. With the cost of maintenance to keep the vehicles operating, additional funding is needed. The total additional costs incurred during the course of the academy consisted of the following items:

Taser cartridges – 3 @ \$35.00 ea.	\$105.00
Textbooks	\$65.00
CPR Certification	\$30.00
Vehicle Maintenance/Upkeep	\$100.00
Total	\$300.00

LRGVDC Regional Police Academy tuition is currently \$2,200 and the Regional Police Academy Board is recommending increasing it to \$2,500 to cover these expenses. The cost to attend other academies in the Lower RGV is over \$2,600, which makes the LRGVDC RPA the most cost-effective option.

5. Consideration and Action to Approve an Increase in Hourly Rate for Regional Police Academy Contract Instructors

The Academy proposed an increase in hourly rate from \$25 an hour to \$30 an hour for instructional staff. Contractual personnel that operate in a support function will remain at \$25 an hour. This will allow the LRGVDC RPA to remain competitive with rates other academies are paying their contract instructors. Should the Board approve, this rate increase would take effect March 2, 2020.

Upon conclusion of Mr. Cruz' description and requests for action, ***Mr. Ronald Mills made a motion to approve items 5. C. 1. – 5. as presented. Commissioner Pilar Garza seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.***

Program Status Reports:

The program status reports were in the meeting packet for review and Mr. Cruz reminded the Board that the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual South Texas All Hazards Conference is scheduled to begin on March 25<sup>th</sup> at the McAllen Convention Center.

D. Transportation

Program Action Items:

1. Consideration and Action to Revise Transit Service Department Drug & Alcohol Policy

Director Tom Logan was recognized and informed the Board that staff requests approval to incorporate revisions to the Drug and Alcohol Policy as recommended by their federal funding agency, the Federal Transit Administration, and to ensure program compliance with its regulations. ***Commissioner Eddy Gonzalez made a motion to approve the Revised Transit Service Department Drug & Alcohol Policy***

***as presented. Mayor Henry Hinojosa seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.***

Program Status Reports:

The Valley Metro program status reports were available in the meeting packet for review.

RGVMPO Executive Director Andrew Canon was recognized and announced that staff is moving forward with their 10 Year Plan and Mr. Luis Diaz has been promoted to Assistant Director of the RGVMPO, he has been with the MPO for 8 years.

Chairman Hernandez 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 resignation and Interim Appointment

***Commissioner Eddy Gonzalez made a motion to go into executive session; Commissioner David Garza seconded, and upon a vote executive session began at 12:58 pm.***

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

***At 1:30 pm Chairman Hernandez reconvened open session.***

***Mayor Chris Boswell made a motion to accept the resignation of Executive Director Ron Garza effective today with his last day being March 13, 2020. Commissioner Eddy Gonzalez seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.***

***Mayor Boswell made a motion to post the notice of vacancy as proposed by the Executive Director and appoint Mr. Kenneth N. Jones, Jr. as the Interim Executive Director effective March 9, 2020 under the terms discussed in executive session. The Hon. Norma G. Garcia seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.***

Chairman Hernandez next moved to item 7. – New or Unfinished Business.

Staff surprised Executive Director Ron Garza with a slideshow of memorable moments of his time with the LRGVDC. Chairman Ambrosio Hernandez and the Board thanked him for his service and the Board gave him a standing ovation. There being no further business to come before the Board, ***Commissioner David Garza made a motion to adjourn; Mayor Pro-tem Rick Salinas seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 1:34 pm.***

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Mayor David Suarez, President

ATTEST:

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Deborah Morales, Recording Secretary

**ITEM #4. A.**

**ADMINISTRATION**

**RATIFICATION**

**OF**

**EXECUTIVE**

**COMMITTEE**

**ACTION**

Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council  
Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, March 25, 2020

Item #4: Administration

- B. Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve Initial Purchase of  
Eco-Counters and Authorize Executive Director to Make Any  
Future Purchase Regarding this Project ..... Sarah Dierlam  
Executive Analyst

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 bicyclist and pedestrian data totaling \$115,989, with no local match requirement. This purchase includes up to 18 bicyclist & pedestrian counters, a yearly license fees, 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 or 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.



September 6, 2019

Ron Garza  
Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council  
301 W. Railroad Street  
Weslaco, TX 78596

Dear Ron,

It is my pleasure to collaborate with the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council and the Rio Grande Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization in the RGV Trail Counter Project. The Valley Baptist Legacy Foundation has approved a grant award of \$115,989.00 for this project.

#### *Project Description*

The LRGVDC will act as fiscal agent for a grant awarded to the RGV Metropolitan Planning Organization to develop a regional trail counter system.

The project goal is to develop and refine a pedestrian and cyclist monitoring system of trail usage in the Rio Grande Valley. The project has two objectives: 1) develop a process to monitor year-round trail use; and 2) summarize trail use data into reports useful for the LRGVDC, RGV MPO, the Valley Baptist Legacy Foundation, RGV municipalities, and other stakeholders including, but not limited to, the Caracara Trails Advisory Committee and the Hidalgo County Active Mobility Plan.

#### *Outputs*

1. Purchase 18 Eco Counter trail counters and all related equipment, software, and materials (see attached cost estimate and project budget).
2. Determine placement of trail counters with input from LRGVDC and RGV MPO staff, in coordination with the Valley Baptist Legacy Foundation, RGV municipalities, and other stakeholders including, but not limited to, the Caracara Trails Advisory Committee and the Hidalgo County Active Mobility Plan.
3. Establish a trail counter data sharing process with Valley Baptist Legacy Foundation, RGV municipalities, and other stakeholders including, but not limited to, the Caracara Trails Advisory Committee and the Hidalgo County Active Mobility Plan.

### *Outcomes*

1. Develop a region-wide trail monitoring system.
2. Provide evidence for making trail-planning decisions. This includes providing supporting data for decision-making associated with other regional quality of life and healthy lifestyle projects such as the RGV BCycle, the Caracara Trail Network, and the Hidalgo County Active Mobility Plan.
3. Determine trail usage across the RGV, and identify gaps and opportunities for trail development and other quality of life and healthy lifestyle projects.

### *Conditions and Requirements*

1. The Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council will provide fiscal oversight of the grant funds and act as the prime recipient of the funds.
2. The RGV Metropolitan Planning Organization will provide expertise in the procurement, installation, maintenance and management, and data collection related to the project and act as the sub recipient.
3. Grant funds must be used in accordance with the project budget.
4. Hardware and software procured must adhere to the options included in the proposal provided by Eco Counter. See document titled "Eco Counter Option Comparison."
5. Establish trail counter data sharing process with the Valley Baptist Legacy Foundation.
6. Follow other project information found in the full project description not specified in this letter.

The Foundation will schedule one site visit and at least one progress report to evaluate the project over the next year.

Please do not hesitate to email or call me if you have any questions. Thank you for the work you are doing for our community.

Sincerely,



Judy Quisenberry  
Executive Director  
Valley Baptist Legacy Foundation  
(956) 335-3037



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

February 26, 2020

**Item #5: Department Reports**

**A. Community & Economic Development**

**Program Action Item**

1. Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) Funding Recommendations

The FY 2020/2021 Solid Waste grant opened on January 6, 2020 and closed on February 14, 2020. 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 Solid Waste Advisory Committee on Wednesday, March 11, 2020.

The funding recommendations are as follows:

<b>Entity</b>	<b>Funding Amount</b>	<b>Score</b>
<b>Fiscal Year 2020</b>		
1. City of Alton	\$25,000.00	81.88
2. City of Weslaco	\$23,810.00	77.94
<b>Fiscal Year 2021</b>		
3. City of Alamo	\$24,797.65	77.88
4. City of Peñitas	\$25,000.00	76
<b>No Funding</b>		
5. City of Elsa	\$0	74.23
6. City of San Juan	\$0	72.82

Board approval is needed to submit to TCEQ for their final approval.

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B. Health & Human Services

Area Agency on Aging Action Item ..... Jose L. Gonzalez, Director

1. Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve Fiscal Year 2021 -2022 Area Plan

The Advisory Council recommends approval of the Fiscal Year 2021 – 2022 Area Plan. This 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, 2020.

\* The 2021-2022 Area Plan is available for review on a separate attachment.

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C. Public Safety

Program Action Item..... Manuel Cruz, Director

1. Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve 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, 2020 in accordance with grant guidance. The HSAC reviewed and prioritized the FY2020-2021 Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSP-State Homeland Grant Program/ LETPA-Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Activities) applications. The HSAC recommends the attached rankings of the projects.

Due to the stringent prioritization schedule, the prioritization list will be presented on the day of the board meeting.



## HSAC Recommendations for FY2020/21 Homeland Security Grant Program HSAC Recommendations

### Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Activities (LETPA) Conditionally Approved Projects

Scored, Ranked and Approved on 03/18/2020

SCORES	LETPA	Rankings	Project Title	Discipline	Request	HSAC Recommendations	Equipment Requested Items in RED are approved.	Comments
81.45	San Juan	1	LEERRT 2021	LE	\$ 174,538.00	\$ 25,647.21	(2) Breaching tool; PPE	
77.45	Donna	2	Donna Police SHSP Project	LE	\$ 53,250.00	\$ 53,250.00	(1) SKYCOP Solar Surveillance Tower	
66.09	Harlingen	3	HPD SWAT Helmet Upgrade	LE	\$ 45,109.28	\$ 45,109.28	(16) Protech Delta helmets w/earpieces, microphones & accessories	
58.09	Mission	4	Mission SWAT Equipment Grant Project	LE	\$ 65,998.00	\$ 35,000.00	(1) Robotex Avatar III; (1) Matrice 200/210 Zenmuse Drone w/XT2 dual visible/thermal camera; (15) AVON C50 Gas respirator mask	
50.27	Hidalgo County	5	Hidalgo-2020 LETPA-Sheriff's Office	LE	\$ 7,601,781.50	\$ 10,000.00	Armored vehicle; mobile hospital; robots; PPE; other items too numerous to list, Flash Blanket	
				Total	\$ 7,940,676.78	\$ 169,006.49		
				Total Available for Project		\$ 169,006.49		
				Balance		\$ -		

Note: By Federal mandate, 25% of HSGP must be awarded to Law Enforcement.



State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) Conditionally Approved Projects

SCORES	SHSP	Rankings	Project Title	Discipline	Request	Approved	Equipment Request	Comments
94.09	LRGVDC	6	LRGVDC Regional Planning	PLN	\$ 182,636.04	\$ 182,636.04	(3 1/2) Homeland Security Planning Staff	
81.45	Brownsville	7	BFD Dive & Rescue Team Communications	Fire	83,012.80	\$ 45,380.00	Divator DP1 surface supply system; Rescue Buoyancy compensators and related equipment; Divator Mask and related equipment	
78.18	Cameron County	8	SHSP LETPA Solicitation -FY2		\$ 6,033.96	\$ 6,033.96	(1) YUNEEC H520-CGOET bundle airframe w/additional gimbal camera	
76.63	Brownsville	9	OEM Light Towers	EM	\$ 60,686.70	\$ 28,028.90	(6) Light towers; (1) 36 ft. HD flatbed trailer (2) Light Towers	
76.45	Mission	10	Regional Response Mission Fire	Fire	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	(1) 35KW Gen; Vehicle & Equipment Maint.	
76.36	LRGVDC	11	LRGVDC & Fire Alliance Regional Academy	Fire	\$ 51,100.00	\$ 51,100.00	(1) Coordinator.; office supplies; (1) thermal imager (6) radios	
74.18	Harlingen	12	Regional HAZMAT UTV Transport Vehicle		\$ 54,500.00	\$ 28,750.00	(1) polaris ranger; (1) Firelite Transport Darley; (1) Medlite Transport Basic MTB	
72.27	Mission	13	Message Board & Light Tower		\$ 36,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	(2) light towers; (1) message board	
70.36	McAllen	14	McAllen/Rio Grande Valley Public Works ERT Enhancements	PW	\$ 298,000.00	\$ 32,500.00	(1) Light towers; (1) message boards; (2) 20- 30kw gens.	
67.27	Weslaco	15	SHSP - Regular Projects - Weslaco PD	LE	\$ 31,562.79	\$ 4,250.00	(6) Harris XL-200 portable 7/800 MHz P25 Trunking sys, w/encryption, including programming, battery & mics w/charger base = \$27,312.79; (1) Mobile Radio for unit w/P25 trunking, sys., w/encryp & installation = \$4,250.00	
67.09	Mission	16	Mission Fire HAZMAT Identification Project	Fire	\$ 53,430.00	\$ 4,280.00	ResQ CQL The original 1064nm RAMAN chemical ident. Device; chip measurement tube sets sys; (8) Tyrex or Tyvex suits; emergency safety footwear covers; Kestrel Weather station handheld meter	
64.36	Progreso	17	Progreso Radios		\$ 25,000.00	\$ 16,662.00	(6) P25 Radios	
63.81	Brownsville	18	Brownsville Fire Department Operational Radios	Fire	\$ 128,642.25	\$ 37,398.55	P25 Portable Radios	
Total					\$ 1,060,604.54	\$ 507,019.45		
						\$ 507,019.45		
						\$ -		

Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council  
Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, March 25, 2020

Item #5: Department Reports

D. Transportation

Valley Metro Status Report ..... Tom Logan, Director

1. Consideration and **ACTION** to Revise Department of Transportation (DOT)  
Physical Exam Policy

Staff requests Board approval to incorporate revisions to the Department of  
Transportation Physical Exam Policy to ensure compliance with Federal Transit  
Administrations regulations.

# **LRGVDC**

## **Transit Services Department**

### **DOT Physical Exam Policy**



Approved by

LRGVDC Board of Directors

**March 25, 2020**

**510 S. Pleasantview Drive**

**Weslaco, TX 78596**

**(956) 969-5761**

**1-800-574-8322**

## **LRGVDC Transportation Department – Valley Metro DOT Physical Exam Policy**

As per USDOT Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) program requirements, all individuals that by the nature of their job description and/or duties must have a Commercial Driver License (CDL) to fulfill their obligations with Valley Metro are required to pass periodic DOT physical examinations. Qualified physicians <https://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/national-registry-certified-medical-examiners-search> selected by the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council (LRGVDC) will perform the examinations in accordance with DOT guidelines at a certified facility. Failure to pass DOT physical examination, refusal to submit to the examination, or refusal to release information required for the examination will result in termination.

Upon satisfactory completion of the DOT physical examination the bus operators, relevant Maintenance personnel, and other required individual (s) will receive a Medical Examiner's Certificate demonstrating their physical qualification for operation of a commercial motor vehicle. The Certificate must always remain in the employee's possession while performing driving functions for the LRGVDC Transportation Department – Valley Metro. A copy of the document shall be stored in the employee's DOT file. This File is kept separate from the employee's personnel file

DOT physical examinations will be required at the following times:

### **1. Pre-Employment**

After acceptance of a conditional job offer, ~~any applicant who by his/her job description or duties must be a holder of a Commercial Driver License will be required to undergo a DOT pre-employment physical examination. The applicant's employment is contingent upon acceptable results of the examination.~~ applicant must provide copy of the Medical Examiner's Certificate or DOT Physical Medical Card. For the LRGVDC to accept the Medical Examiner's Certificate, the certificate:

- cannot expire within 6 months from their hire date,
- must be certified by a Medical Examiner, and
- the Medical examiner must be listed on the National Registry of Certified Medical Examiners.

LRGVDC Staff upon receiving the applicants Medical Examiner's Certificate will verify information listed on the certificate, assuring the expiration date, certification, and listing of Medical Examiner are valid.

A notice of the LRGVDC Transportation Department – Valley Metro policy regarding pre-employment physical examinations for operators, applicable Maintenance personnel and other pertinent individuals shall be posted clearly in the application areas of the Human Resources office and the transit administrative offices, as well as on application materials for drivers, applicable Maintenance personnel and other included individuals.

### **2. Transfer**

Any current LRGVDC employee who transfers into any revenue service driving position, Maintenance Department with specific CDL requirement positions, or any other position that might require a CDL, is subject to the same requirements of DOT pre-employment physical examinations.



### **3. Annual DOT Physical Re-certification**

All bus operators, applicable Maintenance personnel, and other pertinent individuals will be required to get their DOT physical examination on a yearly basis re-certification upon expiration date or unless otherwise stated by the Medical Examiner. Valley Metro will not cover the cost for the initial mandatory required annual DOT physical examination.; if the employee fails to pass the initial examination, Valley Metro will pay for one additional follow up physical testing. If the current employee fails the second physical testing (first follow up after the initial testing), any subsequent physical examination(s) DOT physical examinations will be performed on the employee's own time and personal expense. It is the responsibility of the If you as an employee need to pay for subsequent physical examinations., please be aware that payment for services is required at the time of ordering the services. Medical Providers will only accept payment for services in the form of cash, credit cards, and debit cards. NO MONEY ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED. To prevent potential invoice mistakes, a copy of the payment receipt for services rendered by the certified testing facility must be presented to Finance Department.

If the current employee fails to pass the initial examination, he/she will be given 30 calendar days from the date of the initial physical examination's failure to pass another follow up examination (s). If satisfactory physical examination results are not received within the 30 calendar days from the date the initial physical examination's failure, the relevant employee's employment with LRGVDC Transportation Department – Valley Metro will be terminated.

The Medical Examiner must be a service provider authorized by Valley Metro and listed in the National Registry of Certified Medical Examiners. The applicable employee will not be allowed to drive until a successful DOT physical examination result is received by the LRGVDC Transportation Department – Valley Metro. During this time the employee will be required to use his/her sick leave, and if sick leave is exhausted, he/she will be allowed to use his/her annual leave and, if annual leave is exhausted, he/she will be placed on leave without pay upon prior approval.

### **4. Other**

The LRGVDC Transportation Department – Valley Metro may require any applicable employee to undergo a DOT physical examination under any circumstances where it believes one is required, selected and paid by Valley Metro. The physical examination will be in accordance with USDOT guidelines at a certified facility and approved by Regional Transit Director and HR Director.

Circumstances may include but are not limited to: return to work after a leave of absence or after an accident. It is Valley Metro's Management decision to schedule applicable employees for their required yearly DOT physical examination three (3) working days before their current valid Medical Examiner's Certificate expiration date.

If the current employee fails to pass the examination, he/she will be given 30 calendar days from the date of the physical examination's failure to pass another follow up examination (s). If satisfactory physical examination results are not received within the 30 calendar days from the date the physical examination's failure, the relevant employee's employment with LRGVDC Transportation Department – Valley Metro will be terminated.

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Item #5: Department Reports

D. Transportation

Valley Metro Status Report ..... Tom Logan, Director

2. Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve Purchase of Revenue Vehicles

Staff requests Board approval to purchase up to six (6) heavy-duty 35-foot revenue vehicles from Alexander Dennis/New Flyer bus manufacturer as part of an existing five (5) year contract. These buses will be incorporated into the Valley Metro Motor Bus Fleet.

Purchase of these vehicles will be made using FTA grants with matching TDCs from TxDOT, as local match. The cost of each bus is \$365,689.48 for a total purchase of up to \$2,194,136.88.

## ENVIRO 200 NORTH AMERICA



Alexander Dennis Inc.  
31566 Railroad Canyon Road

Suite 342

Canyon Lake, CA 92587  
Tel: (951) 244-9429  
Fax: (951) 755-0318

Valley Metro, Weslaco TX

Contract XXXX - 6 x 35' Enviro 200

Rev. B - March 13th, 2020

	US\$ Each	From RFP # LRGVDC-TX-34-0010-00
Base Price Per Contract 35' 2 Doors	\$ 321,038.72	FRED-PPI-Category 1413
PPI	\$ 34,543.76	March '15 235.1 Contract sign date Jan '20 260.4 Option award date
<b><u>Options / Changes</u></b>		
EPA 2017 change	\$ 4,472.00	
Front + Rear "Help" style bumper	\$ 3,500.00	
Bike rack - Sportswork 2 position	\$ 1,931.00	
Interior Ad racks	\$ 204.00	

<b>Bus Options Grand Total For Contract L201</b>	<b>\$ 365,689.48</b>
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Training - on site at Valley Metro 40hrs mechanic training	\$ 12,300.00
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ALEXANDER DENNIS INC

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jason Steinbrunn".

Jason Steinbrunn  
VP - Commercial

Signed and accepted:

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Name:

Company:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date:

**ITEM #4. C.**

**ADMINISTRATION**

**QUARTERLY  
INVESTMENT  
REPORT**

LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL  
Quarterly Investment Report  
January 1, 2020 through March 31, 2020

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

Recorded Interest Income for the quarter		\$4,908.66
	Beginning 01/01/20	Ending 03/31/20
Investments in TexPool Prime:		
Water Plan	\$62,621.19	\$62,876.07
9-1-1	533,174.74	150,655.74
TCEQ	72,348.25	168,340.44
Transit	516,796.31	310,920.37
TWDB	163,723.34	326.82
GLO-Closing Cost	98,466.54	98,867.32
Kari's Law	75,354.95	75,661.66
Tire Project	22,750.21	22,842.80
RGV Explorer	56,265.44	56,494.43
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,601,500.97</b>	<b>\$ 946,985.65</b>

TexPool Prime Rate as of March 31, 2020 – 0.9860%



Crystal Balboa  
Director of Finance

**ITEM #5. A.**

**COMMUNITY  
&  
ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT**

**Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council  
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April 29, 2020

**Item #5: Department Reports**

**B. Community & Economic Development**

**Program Action Item**

1. Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve a Letter to Legislative Representatives in Support of 120 Day Extension to Complete the Census 2020 Questionnaire

The US Census Bureau is requesting statutory relief from congress for 120 additional calendar days to deliver final apportionment counts, extending the deadline to October 30, 2020.

April 29, 2020

**DRAFT LETTER**

Congressman/Senator  
Dist  
Address  
Address

**Re: Support of 120 Day Extension for 2020 Census Count**

Dear Congressman/Senator X:

The Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council (LRGVDC) is a strong partner of the US Census Bureau by raising awareness and actively engaging in regional efforts supporting the goal of counting 100% of the three (3) county region's population. In August of 2018 the LRGVDC formed the "Census 2020 Regional Taskforce" to maximize regional efforts to achieve this goal.

As you are aware, the "Census Hard to Count Map" (HTC 2020 Census) identifies the Lower Rio Grande Valley region as having some of the hardest census tracts to count in the country. Our rural communities report some of the highest statistics with households having no internet access at home. Additionally, the population of immigrants in these Hard-to-Count tracts exceeds 55,0000.

Adding to the challenge for a complete census count is the COVID-19 pandemic. As a result, the regions' planned census 2020 field activity has been indefinitely suspended to meet the current "Shelter-in-Place" mandate. This removed a critical component to the success of the census count.

Therefore, the LRGVDC fully supports the US Census Bureau's request seeking statutory relief from congress for 120 additional calendar days to deliver final apportionment counts. We are hopeful that this additional time will allow reinstatement of planned door-to-door outreach to be concentrated in these "Hard to Count" tracts thus maximizing accuracy for this region's 2020 Census effort.

On behalf of the LRGVDC, thank you in advance for supporting the US Bureau of Census' request to extend the final census count deadline, and for your continued dedication and support to address the comprehensive needs of this region.

Sincerely,

Mayor David Suarez  
LRGVDC Board President



(date)

## LETTER TEMPLATE

(Congressman/Senator name)

District (#)

(Address)

### **Re: Support of 120 Day Extension for 2020 Census Count**

Dear (Congressman/Senator X)

The (entity name) is a strong partner of the US Census Bureau by raising awareness and actively engaging in regional efforts supporting the goal of counting 100% of the three (3) county region's population. In August of 2018 the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council (LRGVDC) formed the "Census 2020 Regional Taskforce" to maximize regional efforts to achieve this goal of which (entity name) is a part.

As you are aware, the "Census Hard to Count Map" (HTC 2020 Census) identifies the Lower Rio Grande Valley region as having some of the hardest census tracts to count in the country. Our rural communities report some of the highest statistics with households having no internet access at home. Additionally, the population of immigrants in these Hard-to-Count tracts exceeds 55,0000.

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On behalf of the (entity name), thank you in advance for supporting the US Bureau of Census' request to extend the final census count deadline, and for your continued dedication and support to address the comprehensive needs of this region.

Sincerely,

(name)

(title)

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

April 29, 2020

**Item #5: Department Reports**

**C. Community & Economic Development**

**Program Action Item**

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

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.



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

## **RESOLUTION 2020-03**

### **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 David Suarez, 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 29<sup>th</sup>, day of April 2020.**

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Honorable Mayor David Suarez  
LRGVDC Board President

# Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council Board of Directors Meeting

April 29, 2020

## Item #5: Department Reports

### B. Community & Economic Development

#### Program Status Reports

- Regional Small Cities Coalition

The Regional Small Cities Coalition Meeting (RSCC) has rescheduled April and May meetings due to COVID-19. The next meeting for RSCC is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, June 11, 2020 and will be hosted by City of Palm Valley at Harlingen Country Club at 11:30 a.m.

- 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 committee or as otherwise directed by LRGVDC Board of Directors.

RTTAC Events Calendar Subcommittee meeting was held on April 14, 2020 at 10:00 AM, via Skype to discuss the launch of the calendar during the summer.

RTTAC Marketing Subcommittee meeting was held on April 21, 2020 at 10:00 AM, via Skype to discuss marketing kits and content.

The next RTTAC meeting is tentatively scheduled for June 9, 2020, location/virtual meeting and time to be determined.

We invite you to download the Explore RGV app at the Apple Store and Google Play or visit [www.exploreargv.com](http://www.exploreargv.com) and to follow @goexplorergv on Twitter, Instagram, and Facebook.

- Census 2020

The Census 2020 Regional Taskforce meeting was held on April 3, 2020 at 10:00 AM, via conference call. Regional updates and best practices for community outreach were shared. Self-response date began March 12, 2020 and Census Day was April 1, 2020.

U.S. Census Partnership Specialists provided an update regarding self-response due date being extended to August 14, 2020 due to COVID-19.

- 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 the following, 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.

- 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 submitted to TCEQ and are pending final approval. Once approved, the LRGVDC will proceed with 2020/2021 Sub-grantee contracts.

The next meeting for the Solid Waste Advisory Committee will be May 19, 2020, location/virtual meeting and time to be determined.

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](http://www.lrgvdc.org/solidwaste.html).

- Water Quality Program

Staff continues to provide education and outreach to cities/communities on water quality issues by attending different functions.

- Regional Water Resource Advisory Committee

The Regional Water Resource Advisory Committee (RWRAC) held a meeting Wednesday, March 11, 2020 at 2:00 PM to facilitate a “LRGV Regional Mitigation Workshop”. The purpose of the workshop was to assess current Hazard Mitigation Plans and identify regional projects that would have the greatest mitigation impact with funding opportunities from the TX General Land Office (GLO).

During the workshop, presentations were given by each of the lead organizations from the LRGV Hazard Mitigation Plans (Cameron County, City of Brownsville, Hidalgo County, City of Los Fresnos, and Willacy County).

Cities and Counties were asked to provide regional projects identified as priorities for the committee to assess and include as key regional projects due April 8, 2020. Once the list is finalized and approved by the RWRAC, a resolution will be presented for approval to LRGVDC’s Board of Directors.

The next meeting for the RWRAC is scheduled for May 13, 2020 at 2:00 PM, location/virtual meeting and time to be determined.

GLO intends to provide adequate time to potential subrecipients to submit Mitigation Applications by Fall 2020.

- **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 April 8 public hearing in Eagle Pass was cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Notice of cancellation was sent to water stakeholders within the 8-county region and posted on the LRGVDC and Region M website.

The Group will hold a virtual public hearing in May 6 based out of Weslaco to review and receive comments on the region's Initially Prepared Plan (IPP) for the 2021 Rio Grande Regional Water Plan. Notices were sent to water stakeholders within the 8-county region. All Region M meetings are open to the public and include opportunities for public comment.

Please visit the Region M Website at [www.riograndewaterplan.org](http://www.riograndewaterplan.org) for updates on the 2021 Rio Grande Regional Water Plan and other Rio Grande Regional Water Planning Group activities.

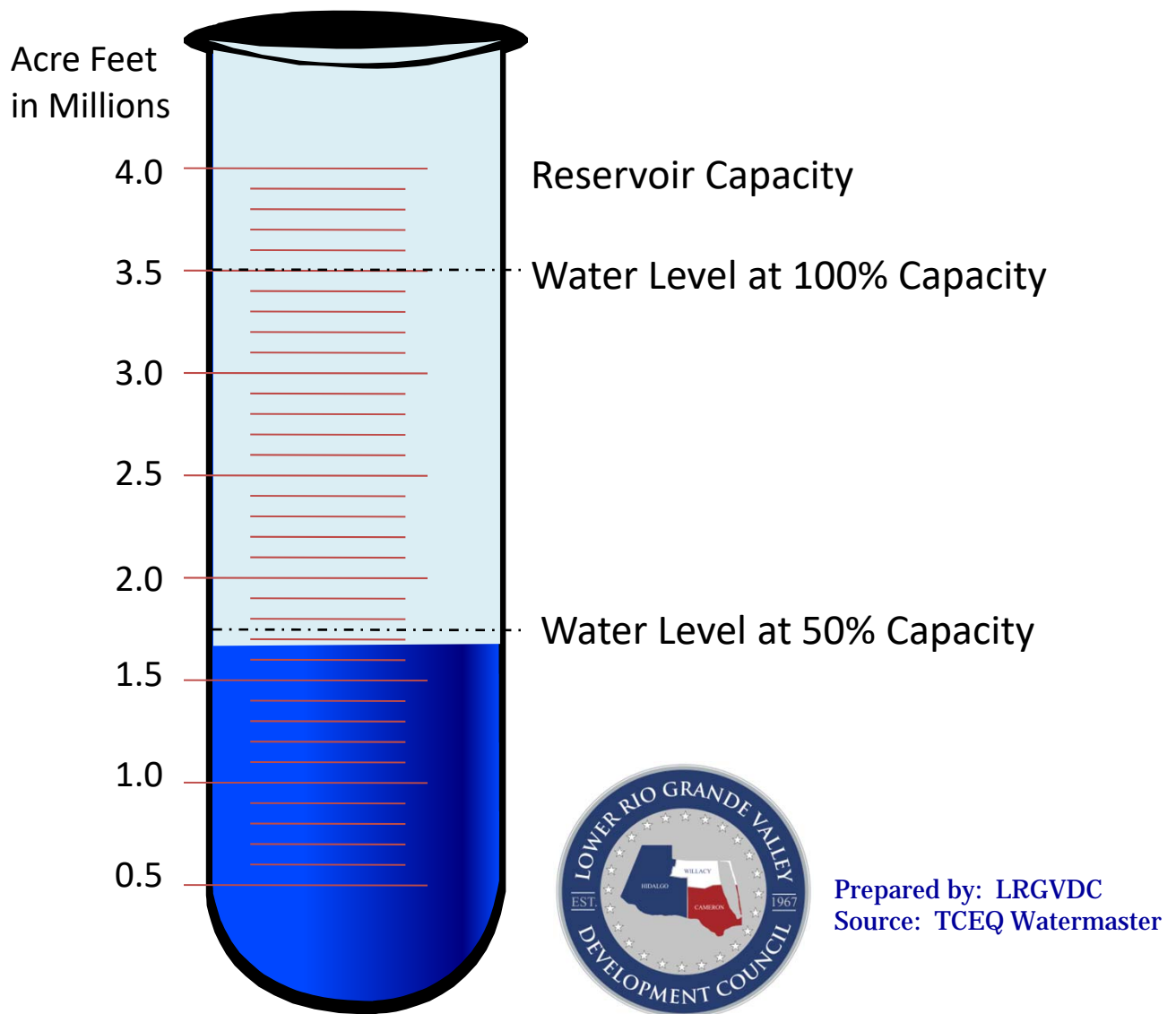
- **Reservoir Levels**

On April 18, 2020, the U.S. combined ownership at Amistad/Falcon stood at 49.69% of normal conservation capacity, impounding 1,685,466 acre-feet, down from 64.73% (2,195,403 AF) of normal conservation a year ago. Overall the system is holding 30.01% of normal conservation capacity, impounding 1,777,076 acre-feet with Amistad at 39.23% of conservation capacity, impounding 1,284,975 acre-feet and Falcon at 18.59% of conservation capacity, impounding 492,101 acre-feet. Mexico has 3.62% of normal conservation capacity, impounding 91,610 acre-feet at Amistad/Falcon.

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

**4/18/2020, 49.69% of Capacity or 1,685,466 AF**

Down from 2,195,403 AF of Normal Conservation a year ago



**NOTE: Mexico Ownership/Reservoir Capacity for  
April 18, 2020: 3.62% (91,610) A.F.**

# Rio Grande Watermaster Report

04/18/20

## AMISTAD RESERVOIR

Normal Conservation Elevation	340.462	Meters	1,117.00 Feet	
Water Elevation	327.685	Meters	1,075.08 Feet	-41.92
Total Normal Conservation Capacity	4,040,325	TCM	3,275,532 Acre-Feet	
Total Combined Storage	1,585,000	TCM	1,284,975 Acre-Feet	39.23%
US Share of Current Storage	1,521,000	TCM	1,233,090 Acre-Feet	95.96%
Mexico share of Current Storage	64,000	TCM	51,885 Acre-Feet	4.04%
TOTAL RELEASES AVG	57.70	CMS	2,038 CFS	
US Release AVG	52.10	CMS	1,840 CFS	90.29%
Mexico Release AVG	5.60	CMS	198 CFS	9.71%
TOTAL INFLOWS AVG	31.10	CMS	1,098 CFS	
US Inflows AVG	24.30	CMS	858 CFS	
Mexico Inflows AVG	6.80	CMS	240 CFS	
TOTAL LOSSES AVG	8.75	CMS	309 CFS	
US Reservoir Loss AVG	8.40	CMS	297 CFS	
Mexico Reservoir Loss AVG	0.35	CMS	12 CFS	

## FALCON RESERVOIR

Normal Conservation Elevation	91.805	Meters	301.20 Feet	
Water Elevation	79.700	Meters	261.48 Feet	-39.71
Total Normal Conservation Capacity	3,264,813	TCM	2,646,817 Acre-Feet	
Total Combined Storage	607,000	TCM	492,101 Acre-Feet	18.59%
US Share of Current Storage	558,000	TCM	452,376 Acre-Feet	91.93%
Mexico share of Current Storage	49,000	TCM	39,725 Acre-Feet	8.07%
Total Releases AVG	99.30	CMS	3,507 CFS	
US Release AVG	56.10	CMS	1,981 CFS	56.50%
Mexico Release AVG	43.20	CMS	1,526 CFS	43.50%
TOTAL INFLOWS AVG	138.00	CMS	4,873 CFS	
US Inflows AVG	52.30	CMS	1,847 CFS	
Mexico Inflows AVG	85.70	CMS	3,026 CFS	
TOTAL LOSSES AVG	4.37	CMS	154 CFS	
US Reservoir Loss AVG	4.11	CMS	145 CFS	
Mexico Reservoir Loss AVG	0.26	CMS	9 CFS	

## OVERALL STATUS

Normal Conservation Capacity - <b>Amistad</b>	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	1,521,000	TCM	1,233,090 Acre-Feet	66.98%
Normal Conservation Capacity - <b>Falcon</b>	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	558,000	TCM	452,376 Acre-Feet	29.17%
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	2,079,000	TCM	1,685,466 Acre-Feet	49.69%
Current Storage Mexico	113,000	TCM	91,610 Acre-Feet	3.62%
Current Storage - Amistad - Falcon System	2,192,000	TCM	1,777,076 Acre-Feet	
Percent of Storage Capacity	30.01%		30.01%	



**ITEM #5. B.**

**HEALTH  
&  
HUMAN SERVICES**

# Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, April 29, 2020

## Item #5: Department Reports

### B. Health & Human Services

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

1. Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve Contract Extensions for Title III Subrecipients and Vendors

Staff requests authorization to extend current agreements with subrecipients and vendors. The end period for this extension will be September 30, 2021. The rationale for such request is the current situation with the COVID-19 pandemic. The subrecipients include Amigos Del Valle, senior centers, and caregiver education and training. 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

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”. The senior centers are Los Fresnos, Rio Hondo, Port Isabel, Los Indios and La Joya, status of the Santa Rosa center is pending. Only those centers that are willing to continue providing services will be considered for this amendment. The amount of funds will depend on the level of effort for each center.

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**B. Health & Human Services**

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

- **Operations**

The Area Agency on Aging has continued to provide information, referral, and assistance. Staff has been working at both the Harlingen satellite office and the main office in Weslaco. Most of our Case Managers have been working from home.

The Area Agency on Aging has also been participating with Hidalgo County Senior Food Calls on a weekly basis. In addition, we have been working closely with Amigos Del Valle on the conversion of the congregate meal participants to receive home delivered meals and addressing the home delivered meal waiting list.

**ITEM #5. C.**

**PUBLIC SAFETY**

# Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council Board of Directors Meeting

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## Item #5: Department Reports

### C. Public Safety

#### Emergency Communications/9-1-1 Status Report

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 convened on Monday, April 13, 2020 for the first time under its new structure and leadership. The membership nominated the following officers.

- Chair - Chief Robert Dominguez, Chief of Police, City of Mission
- Vice Chair - Chief Jonathan Flores, City of Alamo

# Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council Board of Directors Meeting

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## Item #5: Department Reports

### C. Public Safety

#### Emergency Communications/9-1-1 Status Report

2. Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve FY2018/19 Use of Revenue Funding Recommendations from 9-1-1 Emergency Communications Advisory Committee (9-1-1 ECAC)

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 (PSAPs) within Hidalgo County to make a formal written request for funding to continue enhancing PSAP operations at the end of a biennium.

The estimated amount of funding available from FY2019 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 convened on Monday, April 13, 2020 and recommends approval of the projects and funding amounts on the attached document.



Emergency Communications/9-1-1  
FY2019 Available Funding Estimated Total  
\$800,000  
Use of Revenue

CSEC UR		Project Title	Discipline	Approved	Scalable	Focus	Equipment Request Approved equipment highlighted in RED.
1	Weslaco	EMD Certification	LE	\$ 54,379.86	Yes	9-1-1 PSAP Enhancement	(1) Power Phone EMD Certification
2	Edinburg	Shift Supervisory Positions	LE	\$ 106,661.86	Yes	9-1-1 PSAP Enhancement	(1) Three Supervisory Positions
3	Elsa	CAD System Software Implementation	LE	\$ 21,911.85	Yes	9-1-1 PSAP Enhancement	(1) Eforce CAD System Software
4	Hidalgo	Communications Specialists Positions	LE	\$ 130,527.00	Yes	9-1-1 PSAP Enhancement	(1) Two full time Communications Specialists 1st yr & One the second year
5	Mission	Telecommunicator Salaries and Certification	LE	\$ 110,503.86	Yes	9-1-1 PSAP Enhancement	(1) Sixteen Dispatcher salary increase (2) Intermediate, Advanced and Master Certification
6	San Juan	Telecommunicator Salaries and PSAP Training	LE	\$ 36,271.85	Yes	9-1-1 PSAP Enhancement	(1) Terminal Agency Coordinator (2) Telecommunicator/PSAP Training
7	Donna	Telecommunicator Salaries and Software	LE	\$ 81,161.86	Yes	9-1-1 PSAP Enhancement	(1) Telecommunicators salary increase (2) New equipment to include consoles, radios, monitors, CAD system and chairs
8	Pharr	Training, Software, Healthy Dispatcher and Public Education	LE	\$ 143,420.00	Yes	9-1-1 PSAP Enhancement	(1) Training (2) Software (3) Massage Chair, Pantry, Console Treadmill & Bike
9	Alamo	Software Upgrade	LE	\$ 115,161.86	Yes	9-1-1 PSAP Enhancement	(1) Zetron Network to support media dock and console
Total				\$ 800,000.00			
Total Available for				\$ 800,000.00			
Balance				\$ -			

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**C. Public Safety**

Program Action Item ..... Manuel Cruz, Director

**3. Consideration and ACTION to Approve Criminal Justice Advisory Committee's (CJAC) Rankings and Resolutions for FY2020–2021 Criminal Justice Grant Conditionally Approved Projects**

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, 2020 via GoTo Webinar 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 as presented on the attached spreadsheets.



# **RESOLUTION ADOPTING AND SUBMITTING FY 2020/2021 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Programs To the Criminal Justice Division**

**WHEREAS**, the Criminal Justice Division of the Governor's Office of the State of Texas received a budget allocation for fiscal year 2020/2021 for the JAG Program; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee and the Board of Directors has recommended this list of priorities for available funds in the area of JAG Programs; and

**WHEREAS**, these applications serve Cameron, Hidalgo, and Willacy County agencies and therefore their populations; and,

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the Criminal Justice Division of the Governor's Office guidelines, the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee and the LRGVDC Board of Directors have reviewed and prioritized each application received.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Directors of the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council as follows:

**SECTION 1:** The list of priorities is adopted as the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council FY2020-2021 Budget for the JAG Programs.

**SECTION 2:** The attached list by applicant and title has received favorable review under the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee requirement and strong recommendation for funding.

**SECTION 3:** The Board of Directors of the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council is authorized to submit this priority list to the Office of the Governor's Criminal Justice Division.

Adopted and approved this 29<sup>th</sup> day of April 2020

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**HONORABLE DAVID SUAREZ**  
LRGVDC Board of Directors, President



## CJAC Recommendations for FY2020/21 Criminal Justice Program Funding

4/22/2020

### DJ-Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program

SCORES	JAG	Rankings	Project Title	Discipline	Request	CJAC Recommendations	Comments
66.88	Cameron County	1	Direct File Case System	DJ	\$ 24,749.72	\$ 24,749.72	The CJAC and LRGVDC recommend 100% funding.
66.34	City of Penitas	2	Portable Radios	DJ	\$ 13,230.00	\$ 13,230.00	The CJAC and LRGVDC recommend 100% funding.
65.73	Hidalgo County	3	Domestic Violence Unit	DJ	\$ 85,686.95	\$ 85,686.95	The CJAC and LRGVDC recommend 100% funding.
64.96	Hidalgo County	4	Domestic Violence Court	DJ	\$ 143,480.24	\$ 143,480.24	The CJAC and LRGVDC recommend 100% funding.
64.19	City of Alamo	5	Communication Enhancement Grant	DJ	\$ 39,420.00	\$ 39,420.00	The CJAC and LRGVDC recommend 100% funding.
63.96	City of Raymondville	6	Firing Range Equipment Project	DJ	\$ 53,300.00	\$ 53,300.00	The CJAC and LRGVDC recommend 100% funding.
63.69	City of Mission	7	Digital Project	DJ	\$ 19,000.00	\$ -	*Ineligible as per CJAC Policy Manual, pg. 8, " Equipment Only Funding Requests: Applicants requestings funding only for equipment and no programmatic services will be considered a biennium only applicant."
63.61	City of Raymondville	8	Drug Enforcement Officer	DJ	\$ 56,953.00	\$ 56,953.00	The CJAC and LRGVDC recommend 100% funding.
63.5	City of La Joya	9	La Joya Governors Office CJ Grant 2020	DJ	\$ 90,134.00	\$ 90,134.00	The CJAC and LRGVDC recommend 100% funding.
62.07	City of Sullivan City	10	Police Equipment Project	DJ	\$ 45,031.00	\$ 45,031.00	The CJAC and LRGVDC recommend 100% funding.

61.38	City of Edcouch	11	Interdiction Officer	DJ	\$ 30,056.34	\$ 30,056.34	The CJAC and LRGVDC recommend 100% funding.
60.26	City of Weslaco	12	Criminal Justice Program Grant-Weslaco	DJ	\$ 67,372.25	\$ 13,702.53	*Partial funding due to shortfall in funding allocation. If additional funding is made available, the LRGVDC Board requests CJDs consideration to fund this project at 100%.
59.69	City of Alton	13	Pole Camera	DJ	\$ 60,000.00	\$ -	If additional funding is made available, the LRGVDC requests CJDs consideration to fund this project at 100%
59.53	Willacy County	14	Deputy Constable Project	DJ	\$ 104,297.00	\$ -	If additional funding is made available, the LRGVDC requests CJDs consideration to fund this project at 100%
58.76	City of Harlingen	15	Radar Message Sign	DJ	\$ 31,170.00	\$ -	If additional funding is made available, the LRGVDC requests CJDs consideration to fund this project at 100%
58.23	City of La Villa	16	Juvenile/Resource Officer	DJ	\$ 84,463.51	\$ -	If additional funding is made available, the LRGVDC requests CJDs consideration to fund this project at 100%
55.61	RGV Empowerment Zone Corporation	17	Second Chance	DJ	\$ 200,000.00	\$ -	If additional funding is made available, the LRGVDC requests CJDs consideration to fund this project at 100%
54.15	Town of Laguna Vista	18	Vehicle Assistance	DJ	\$ 133,825.50	\$ -	If additional funding is made available, the LRGVDC requests CJDs consideration to fund this project at 100%
Total					\$ 1,282,169.51	\$ 595,743.78	
Total Available for Project						\$ 595,743.78	
Balance						\$ (0.00)	

# **RESOLUTION ADOPTING AND SUBMITTING FY 2020-2021 State Criminal Justice Planning (SF) 421 Program To the Criminal Justice Division**

**WHEREAS**, the Criminal Justice Division of the Governor's Office of the State of Texas received a budget allocation for fiscal year 2020-2021 for the State Criminal Justice Planning (SF) 421 Program; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee and the Board of Directors has recommended this list of priorities for available funds in the area of SF Programs; and

**WHEREAS**, these applications serve Cameron, Hidalgo, and Willacy County agencies and therefore their populations; and,

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the Criminal Justice Division of the Governor's Office guidelines, the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee and the LRGVDC Board of Directors have reviewed and prioritized each application received.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Directors of the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council as follows:

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| <b>SECTION 1:</b> | The list of priorities is adopted as the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council FY2020-2021 Budget for the SF Programs.  |
| <b>SECTION 2:</b> | The attached list by applicant and title has received favorable review under the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee requirement and strong recommendation for funding.         |
| <b>SECTION 3:</b> | The Board of Directors of the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council is authorized to submit this priority list to the Office of the Governor's Criminal Justice Division. |

Adopted and approved this 29<sup>th</sup> day of April 2020

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**HONORABLE DAVID SUAREZ**  
LRGVDC Board of Directors, President



## CJAC Recommendations for FY2020/21 Criminal Justice Program Funding

4/22/2020

### SF-State Criminal Justice Planning (421)

SCORES	SF421	Rankings	Project Title	Discipline	Request	CJAC Recommendations	Comments
73.69	Willacy County	1	Juvenile Justice Alternatives	SF	\$ 38,868.00	\$ 38,868.00	The CJAC and LRGVDC recommend 100% funding.
73.57	Cameron County	2	Community Based Treatment Services	SF	\$ 48,822.00	\$ 48,822.00	The CJAC and LRGVDC recommend 100% funding.
72.92	Boys & Girls Club of Pharr	3	H2O	SF	\$ 133,065.11	\$ 133,065.11	The CJAC and LRGVDC recommend 100% funding.
72.69	Cameron County	4	Purchase of Juvenile Justice Alternatives	SF	\$ 42,876.00	\$ 26,485.54	*Partial funding due to shortfall in funding allocation. If additional funding is made available, the CJAC and LRGVDC requests JDs consideration to fund this project at 100%.
70.68	City of Alamo	5	City of Alamo-Alamo Youth Center Positive Action Crew	SF	\$ 26,201.62	\$ -	If additional funding is made available, the CJAC and LRGVDC requests JDs consideration to fund this project at 100%.
				Total	\$ 289,832.73	\$ 247,240.65	
				Total Available for Project		\$ 247,240.65	
				Balance		\$ -	

## **RESOLUTION ADOPTING AND SUBMITTING FY2020-2021 Truancy Prevention (TP) Grant Program To the Criminal Justice Division**

**WHEREAS**, the Criminal Justice Division of the Governor's Office of the State of Texas received a budget allocation for fiscal year 2020-2021 for the Truancy Prevention Programs; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee and the Board of Directors has recommended this list of priorities for available funds in the area of Truancy Prevention Programs; and

**WHEREAS**, these applications serve Cameron, Hidalgo, and Willacy County agencies and therefore their populations; and,

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the Criminal Justice Division of the Governor's Office guidelines, the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee and the LRGVDC Board of Directors have reviewed and prioritized each application received.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Directors of the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council as follows:

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| <b>SECTION 1:</b> | The list of priorities is adopted as the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council FY2020-2021 for the Truancy Prevention Programs.   |
| <b>SECTION 2:</b> | The attached list by applicant and title has received favorable review under the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee requirement and strong recommendation for funding.         |
| <b>SECTION 3:</b> | The Board of Directors of the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council is authorized to submit this priority list to the Office of the Governor's Criminal Justice Division. |

Adopted and approved this 29<sup>th</sup> day of April 2020

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**HONORABLE DAVID SUAREZ**  
LRGVDC Board of Directors, President



## CJAC Recommendations for FY2020/21 Criminal Justice Program Funding

4/22/2020

### TP-Truancy Prevention Grant Program

SCORES	TP	Rankings	Project Title	Discipline	Request	CJAC Recommendations	Comments
69.23	Raymondville ISD	1	Truancy Project	TP	\$ 51,500.00	\$ 51,500.00	The CJAC and LRGVDC recommend 100% funding.
68.76	City of Weslaco	2	First Offender Program	TP	\$ 64,639.85	\$ 57,847.55	*Partial funding due to shortfall in funding allocation. If additional funding is made available, the CJAC and LRGVDC requests JDs consideration to fund this project at 100%.
68.19	Willacy County	3	School Attendance Program	TP	\$ 61,301.76	\$ -	If additional funding is made available, the CJAC and LRGVDC requests JDs consideration to fund this project at 100%.
66.34	City of Edcouch	4	Juvenile Officer	TP	\$ 34,138.00	\$ -	If additional funding is made available, the CJAC and LRGVDC requests JDs consideration to fund this project at 100%.
				Total	\$ 211,579.61	\$ 109,347.55	
				Total Available for Project		\$ 109,347.55	
				Balance		\$ -	

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING AND SUBMITTING  
FY 2020-2021 Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Projects  
To the Criminal Justice Division**

**WHEREAS**, the Criminal Justice Division of the Governor's Office of the State of Texas received a budget allocation for fiscal year 2020-2021 for the Violence Against Women Act Projects; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee and the Board of Directors has recommended this list of priorities for available funds in the area of Violence Against Women Act Projects; and

**WHEREAS**, these applications serve Cameron, Hidalgo, and Willacy County agencies and therefore their populations; and,

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the Criminal Justice Division of the Governor's Office guidelines, the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee and the LRGVDC Board of Directors have reviewed and prioritized each application received.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Directors of the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council as follows:

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| <b>SECTION 1:</b> | The list of priorities is adopted as the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council FY 2020-2021 for the Violence Against Women Act Projects.                                  |
| <b>SECTION 2:</b> | The attached list by applicant and title has received favorable review under the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee requirement and strong recommendation for funding.         |
| <b>SECTION 3:</b> | The Board of Directors of the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council is authorized to submit this priority list to the Office of the Governor's Criminal Justice Division. |

Adopted and approved this 29<sup>th</sup> day of April 2020

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**HONORABLE DAVID SUAREZ**  
LRGVDC Board of Directors, President





## CJAC Recommendations for FY2020/21 Criminal Justice Program Funding

4/22/2020

### WF-Violence Against Women Formula Grants

SCORES	WF	Rankings	Project Title	Discipline	Request	CJAC Recommendations	Comments
68.73	Hidalgo County	1	Domestic Violence Specialty Prosecutor	WF	\$ 79,230.98	\$ 79,230.98	CJAC and LRGVDC recommend 100% funding.
67.19	Willacy County	2	Domestic Violence Unit	WF	\$ 69,036.32	\$ 69,036.32	CJAC and LRGVDC recommend 100% funding.
66.38	Cameron County	3	Domestic Violence Unit	WF	\$ 265,656.56	\$ 89,219.58	*Partial funding due to shortfall in funding allocation. If additional funding is made available the CJAC and LRGVDC requests CJDs consideration to fund this project at 100%. The remainder of VOCA funding for this project is also recommended.
65.73	City of Alton	4	Saving Lives through Training and Education	WF	\$ 43,540.00	\$ -	If additional funding is made available the CJAC and LRGVDC requests CJDs consideration to fund this project at 100%. The remainder of VOCA funding for this project is also recommended.
65.23	Hidalgo County	5	Violence Against Women Justice and Training Program	WF	\$ 255,781.21	\$ -	If additional funding is made available the CJAC and LRGVDC requests CJDs consideration to fund this project at 100%. The remainder of VOCA funding for this project is also recommended.
64.19	City of Weslaco	6	Violence Against Women Training - Weslaco	WF	\$ 20,678.00	\$ -	If additional funding is made available the CJAC and LRGVDC requests CJDs consideration to fund this project at 100%. The remainder of VOCA funding for this project is also recommended.
				Total	\$ 733,923.07	\$ 237,486.88	
				Total Available for Project		\$ 237,486.88	
				Balance		\$ -	

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING AND SUBMITTING  
FY 2020-2021 Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Grant  
To the Criminal Justice Division**

**WHEREAS**, the Criminal Justice Division of the Governor's Office of the State of Texas received a budget allocation for fiscal year 2020-2021 for the Victims of Crime Act Grant; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee and the Board of Directors has recommended this list of priorities for available funds in the area of Victims of Crime Act Projects; and

**WHEREAS**, these applications serve Cameron, Hidalgo, and Willacy County agencies entities and therefore their populations; and,

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the Criminal Justice Division of the Governor's Office guidelines, the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee and the LRGVDC Board of Directors have reviewed and prioritized each application received.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Directors of the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council as follows:

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| <b>SECTION 1:</b> | The list of priorities is adopted as the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council FY 2020-2021 for the Victims of Crime Act Grant.   |
| <b>SECTION 2:</b> | The attached list by applicant and title has received favorable review under the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee requirement and strong recommendation for funding.   |
| <b>SECTION 3:</b> | The Board of Directors of the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council is authorized to submit this priority list to the Office of the Governor's Criminal Justice Division.   |
| <b>SECTION 4:</b> | For CJD to consider unused funds in the VOCA category to be made available, if allowable, to existing applicants in both VOCA & VAWA categories and to accept consideration of additional applicants in an effort to utilize LRGVDC's full allocation of funds. |

Adopted and approved this 29<sup>th</sup> day of April 2020

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**HONORABLE DAVID SUAREZ**  
LRGVDC Board of Directors, President



## CJAC Recommendations for FY2020/21 Criminal Justice Program Funding

4/22/2020

### VA-Victims of Crime Act Formula Grant Program

SCORES	VA	Rankings	Project Title	Discipline	Request	CJAC Recommendations	Comments
66.88	Family Crisis Center	1	Victim Assistance Program	VA	\$ 151,137.00	\$ 151,137.00	CJAC and LRGVDC recommend 100% funding.
66.73	Friendship of Women	2	Victims' Advocacy & Intervention	VA	\$ 284,885.74	\$ 284,885.74	CJAC and LRGVDC recommend 100% funding.
65.96	Willacy County	3	Victims Assistance Unit	VA	\$ 135,292.08	\$ 135,292.08	CJAC and LRGVDC recommend 100% funding.
65.88	City of Raymondville	4	Victims of Crime Program	VA	\$ 45,562.00	\$ 45,562.00	CJAC and LRGVDC recommend 100% funding.
65.73	Cameron County	5	Victims Assistance for Families of Sexual Abuse/Assault	VA	\$ 64,550.00	\$ 64,550.00	CJAC and LRGVDC recommend 100% funding.
64.84	Friendship of Women	6	Survivor Empowerment & Advocacy Project: Rebuild, Restore & Preserve	VA	\$ 173,558.86	\$ 173,558.86	CJAC and LRGVDC recommend 100% funding.
64.65	The Children's Bereavement Center of South Texas	7	Children's Bereavement Center - Rio Grande Valley	VA	\$ 86,637.54	\$ 86,637.54	CJAC and LRGVDC recommend 100% funding.
64.42	City of Weslaco	8	Crime Victim Coordinator	VA	\$ 41,233.64	\$ 41,233.64	CJAC and LRGVDC recommend 100% funding.
64.38	City of Pharr	9	Human Trafficking Liaison	VA	\$ 42,000.00	\$ 42,000.00	CJAC and LRGVDC recommend 100% funding.
64.34	Cameron County	10	Victim Assistance Program (VOCA)	VA	\$ 449,665.74	\$ 449,665.74	CJAC and LRGVDC recommend 100% funding.
63.61	City of Pharr	11	Domestic Violence Coordinator Project	VA	\$ 38,523.03	\$ 38,523.03	CJAC and LRGVDC recommend 100% funding.
63.5	City of Pharr	12	Crime Victims Liaison Project	VA	\$ 41,200.00	\$ 41,200.00	CJAC and LRGVDC recommend 100% funding.
63.19	RGV-Families & Friends Of Murdered Children	13	Living in the Face of Trauma (Lift) Survivors of Homicide Project	VA	\$ 113,789.62	\$ 113,789.62	CJAC and LRGVDC recommend 100% funding.
62.88	City of Donna	14	Donna Crime Victims Liaison	VA	\$ 38,820.00	\$ 38,820.00	CJAC and LRGVDC recommend 100% funding.
				Total	\$ 1,706,855.25	\$ 1,706,855.25	The CJAC and LRGVDC recommend the remaining of the balance be allocated to the VAWA applications that were not funded due to shortfall in regional allocation.
				Total Available for Project		\$ 2,560,478.44	
				Balance		\$ (853,623.19)	

**ITEM #5. D.**

**TRANSPORTATION**

# Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, April 29, 2020

## Item #5: Department Reports

### D. Transportation

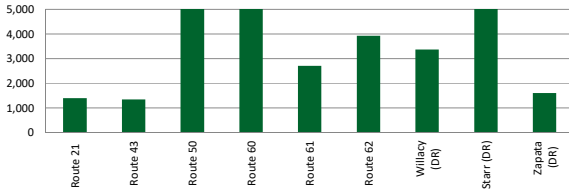
Valley Metro Status Report ..... Tom Logan, Director

- **Ridership Report**  
Both the rural and urban transit systems are in operation and all systems are monitored daily. For the month of March 2020, ridership for the urban system which operates Monday through Saturday in the urban areas of Cameron, Hidalgo, and Starr Counties has been averaging **8,881** 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 **3,404** passengers per week for the month of January.
- **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.

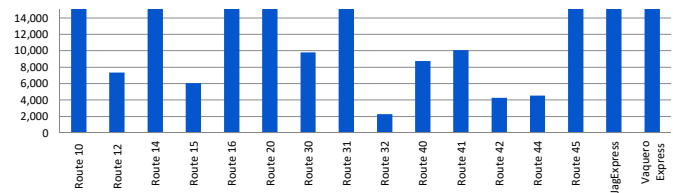


**LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL**  
**Valley Metro Service Summary**  
**FY 2020 March**

**RURAL**  
**Ridership by Route**

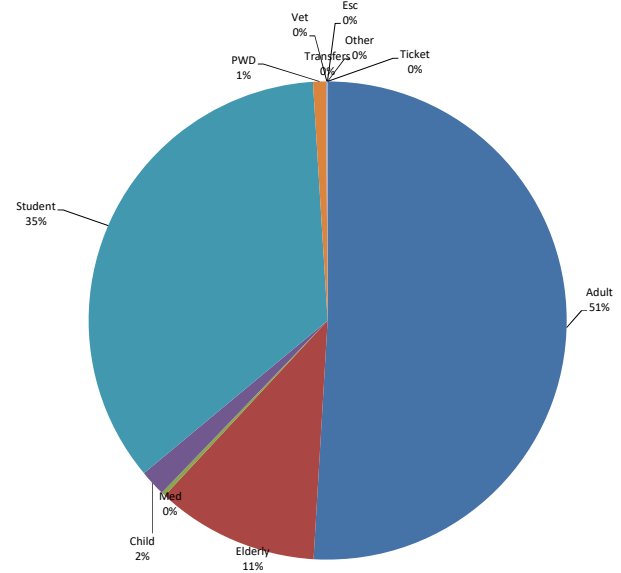


**URBAN**  
**Ridership by Route**



	Route	Total Passenger Trips	Route Activity	Area(s) Served
<b>RURAL</b>	Route 21	1,399	0%	Sullivan City, West Hidalgo County
	Route 43	1,346	0%	South Cameron County
	Route 50	34,713	6%	Brownsville, Port Isabel
	Route 60	5,443	1%	Roma, Rio Grande City
	Route 61	2,716	0%	Rio Grande City
	Route 62	3,929	1%	Rio Grande City
	Willacy (DR)	3,375	1%	Willacy County
	Starr (DR)	6,045	1%	Starr County
	Zapata (DR)	1,611	0%	Zapata County
<b>URBAN</b>	Metro Express	38,395	7%	Rio Grande Valley
	Route 10	17,712	3%	Edinburg
	Route 12	7,350	1%	Edcouch, Elsa, Edinburg
	Route 14	18,450	3%	Edinburg
	Route 15	6,085	1%	Edinburg
	Route 16	40,608	7%	Edinburg
	Route 20	16,758	3%	Mission
	Route 30	9,790	2%	Pharr, San Juan
	Route 31	36,541	7%	Hidalgo County
	Route 32	2,292	0%	Donna
	Route 40	8,740	2%	Harlingen
	Route 41	10,067	2%	Harlingen
	Route 42	4,294	1%	San Benito
	Route 44	4,562	1%	Primera, La Feria, Santa Rosa
	Route 45	25,028	5%	Cameron County
	JagExpress	43,006	9%	Weslaco, Pharr, McAllen
	Vaquero Express	194,377	35%	Edinburg
	Hidalgo	259	0%	City of Hidalgo
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>544,891</b>	<b>100%</b>	

**Ridership Breakdown by Category**



FY 2019 Sept-March  
521,581

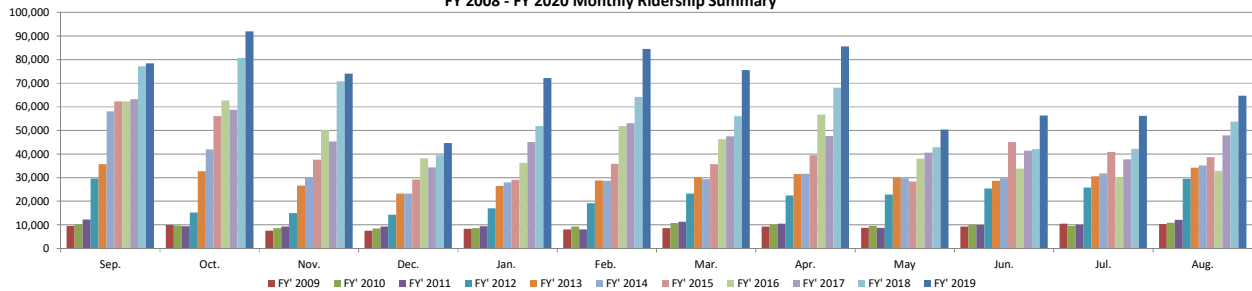
**YEAR TO DATE RIDERSHIP REPORT**  
 FY 2020 Sept-March  
544,891

DIFFERENCE  
23,310

% DIFFERENCE  
4%

- \* 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	37,719	47,917	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								
Monthly Change from Previous FY	13,489	6,378	9,662	11,836	6,431	4,842	-29,328								
% Change	17%	7%	13%	26%	9%	6%	-39%								

**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**

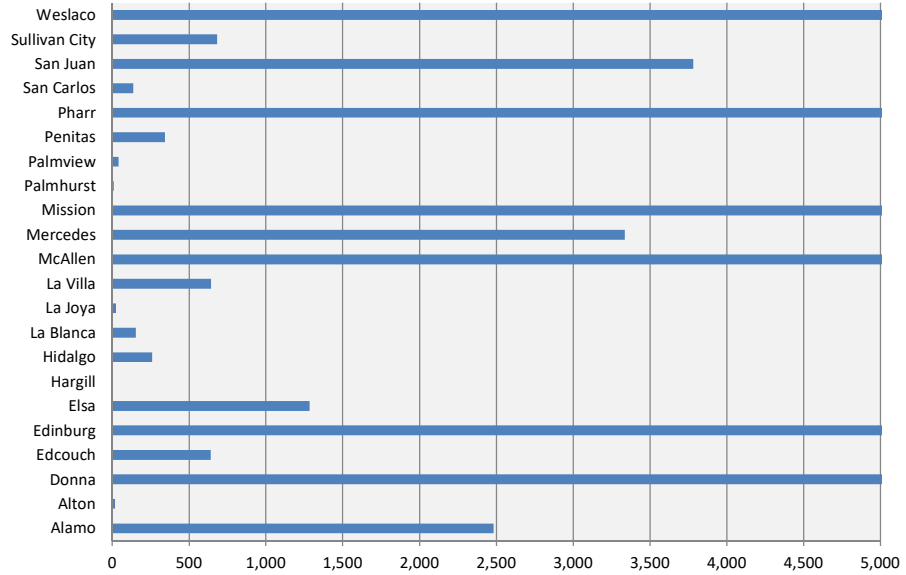
Passengers per revenue mile = 0.20 State Avg. = .15  
 Passengers per revenue hour = 5.44 State Avg. = 2.96

## Distribution of Ridership

### Hidalgo County

Alamo	2,481
Alton	18
Donna	5,456
Edcouch	641
Edinburg	272,303
Elsa	1,284
Hargill	0
Hidalgo	259
La Blanca	154
La Joya	24
La Villa	643
McAllen	81,175
Mercedes	3,336
Mission	9,045
Palmhurst	10
Palmview	42
Penitas	343
Pharr	13,091
San Carlos	138
San Juan	3,782
Sullivan City	682
Weslaco	9,485
<b>Total</b>	<b>404,392</b>

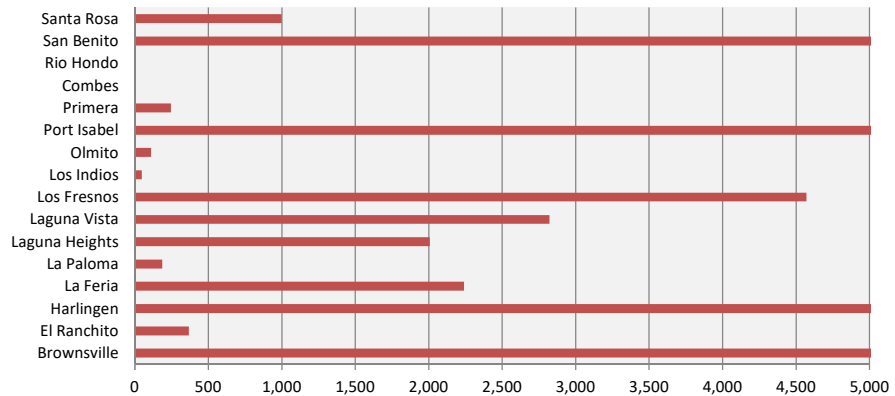
### Hidalgo County by Cities



### Cameron County

Brownsville	47,200
El Ranchito	367
Harlingen	34,840
La Feria	2,241
La Paloma	185
Laguna Heights	2,007
Laguna Vista	2,821
Los Fresnos	4,570
Los Indios	46
Olmito	110
Port Isabel	14,907
Primera	245
Combes	0
Rio Hondo	0
San Benito	6,843
Santa Rosa	998
<b>Total</b>	<b>117,380</b>

### Cameron County by Cities



### Willacy County

<b>Total</b>	<b>3,375</b>
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### Starr County

<b>Total</b>	<b>18,133</b>
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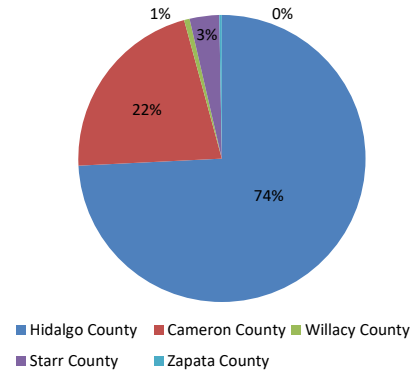
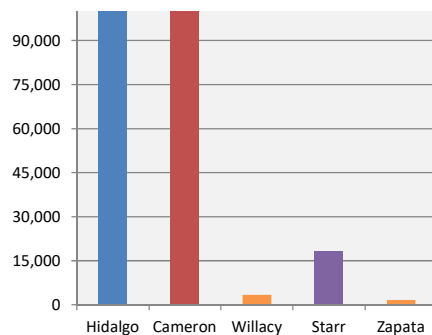
### Zapata County

<b>Total</b>	<b>1,611</b>
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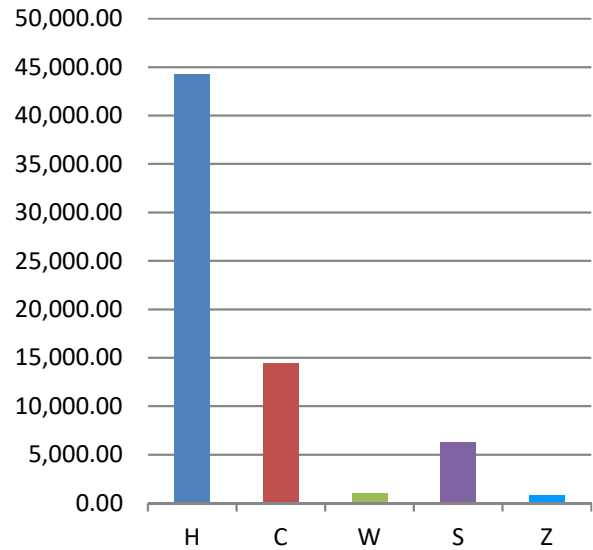
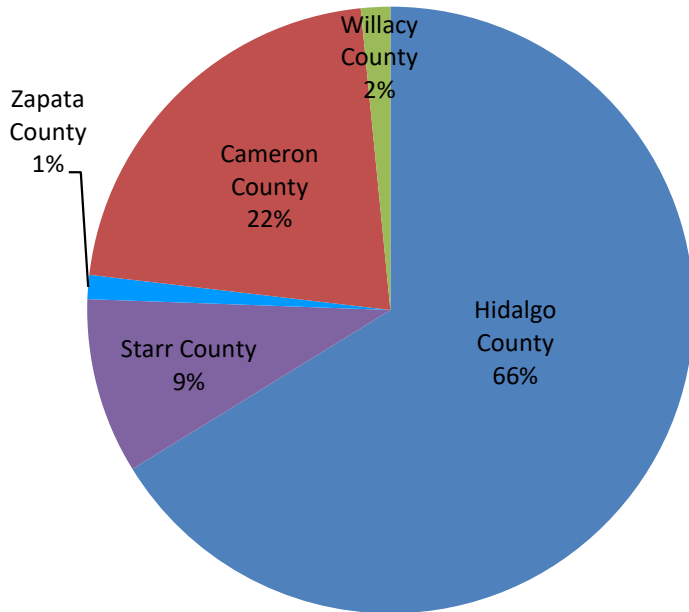
### SYSTEM TOTAL

**544,891**

### Ridership by County



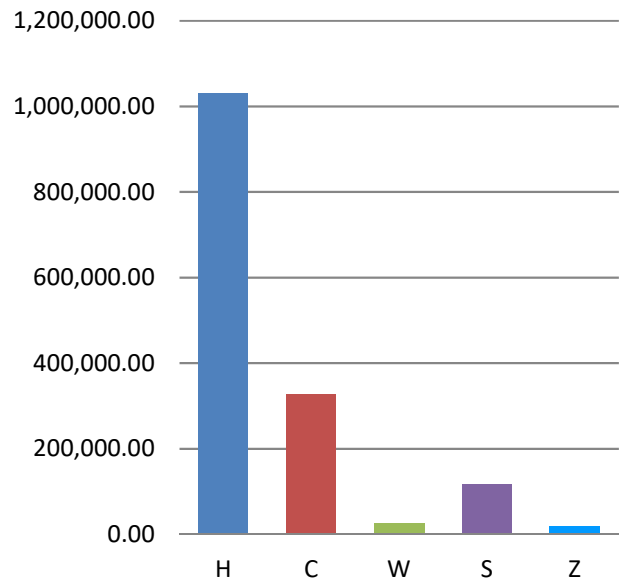
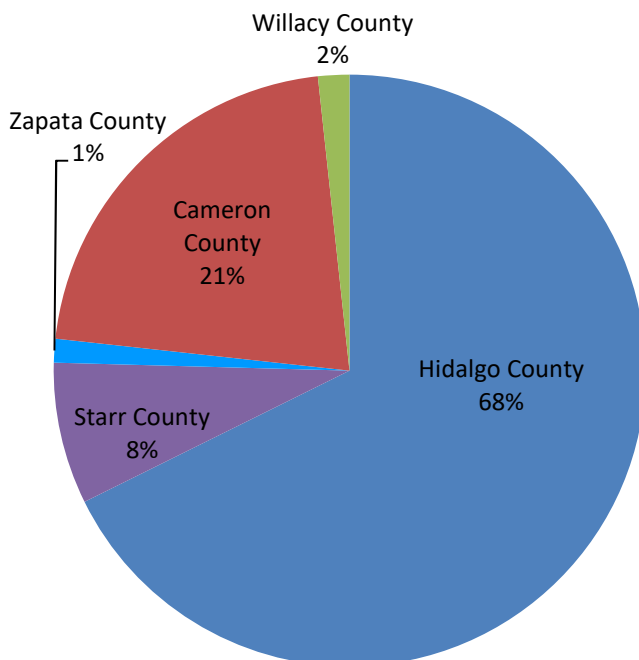
## Distribution of Revenue Hours



### Revenue Hours Provided

Hidalgo County	44,205.85
Starr County	6,255.32
Zapata County	849.45
Cameron County	14,409.83
Willacy County	1,047.16
<b>Total Revenue Hours</b>	<b>66,767.61</b>

## Distribution of Revenue Miles



### Revenue Miles Provided

Hidalgo County	1,029,718
Starr County	117,748
Zapata County	19,621
Cameron County	328,147
Willacy County	25,998
<b>Total Revenue Miles</b>	<b>1,521,232</b>

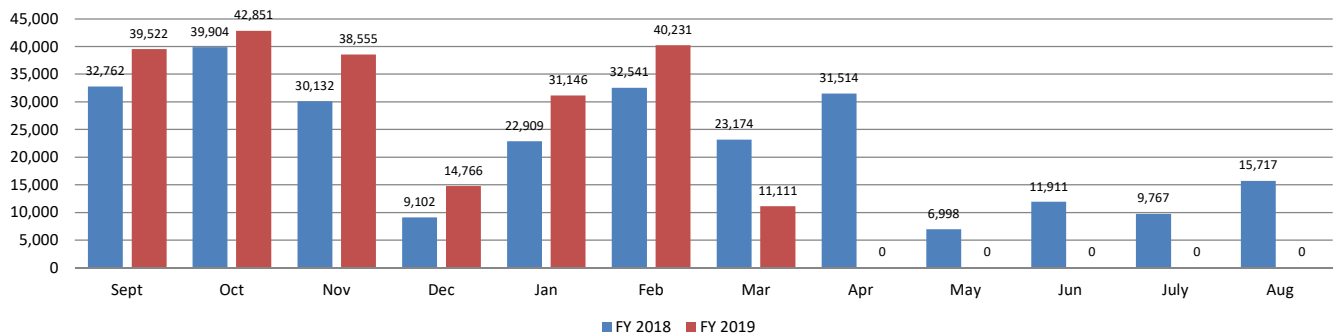




**FY 2020 University of Texas Rio Grande Valley  
Valley Metro Routes  
Monthly Cumulative Passenger Counts**

Routes	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Total
10	176	203	201	116	170	156	39						1,061
12	521	538	400	171	236	454	211						2,531
14	3,555	3,918	2,433	828	2,395	3,059	749						16,937
15	38	10	8	0	0	19	3						78
16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						0
20	217	251	179	139	198	270	117						1,371
21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						0
30	53	61	50	35	58	64	18						339
31	3	3	0	2	4	4	0						16
32	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						0
40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						0
41	0	7	0	0	0	11	0						18
42	0	0	0	0	3	10	2						15
44	9	3	3	0	1	0	0						16
45	147	298	241	114	172	270	112						1,354
50	24	12	10	5	9	4	5						69
Vaquero Express	34,779	37,547	35,030	13,356	27,900	35,910	9,855						194,377
<b>Total</b>	<b>39,522</b>	<b>42,851</b>	<b>38,555</b>	<b>14,766</b>	<b>31,146</b>	<b>40,231</b>	<b>11,111</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>218,182</b>
<b>FY 2018</b>	<b>32,762</b>	<b>39,904</b>	<b>30,132</b>	<b>9,102</b>	<b>22,909</b>	<b>32,541</b>	<b>23,174</b>	<b>31,514</b>	<b>6,998</b>	<b>11,911</b>	<b>9,767</b>	<b>15,717</b>	<b>266,431</b>
Change Over Previous FY	6,760	2,947	8,423	5,664	8,237	7,690	-12,063						

**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						86
12	161	173	108	37	96	241	148						964
14	0	0	0	0	0	0	2						2
15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						0
16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						0
20	18	24	0	0	0	0	0						42
30	0	1	0	0	0	1	0						2
31	8	66	69	72	132	96	79						522
32	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						0
40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						0
41	10	1	3	1	0	7	0						22
42	0	2	3	0	18	4	0						27
44	16	2	11	5	0	0	0						34
45	145	113	101	88	62	103	98						710
60	880	1,037	744	339	337	631	309						4,277
61	100	177	128	76	101	169	83						834
62	62	136	108	58	80	151	71						666
DR-RGC	71	94	100	79	61	87	43						535
Purpleline	896	845	562	236	433	837	458						4,267
Greenline	1,361	1,558	1,205	564	585	1,144	511						6,928
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,735</b>	<b>4,239</b>	<b>3,166</b>	<b>1,565</b>	<b>1,908</b>	<b>3,489</b>	<b>1,816</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>19,918</b>

**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
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,713</b>	<b>7,470</b>	<b>4,977</b>	<b>1,938</b>	<b>2,918</b>	<b>5,086</b>	<b>2,257</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>31,359</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>10,448</b>	<b>11,709</b>	<b>8,143</b>	<b>3,503</b>	<b>4,826</b>	<b>8,575</b>	<b>4,073</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>51,277</b>
Change Over Previous Month			-3,566	-4,640	1,323	3,749	-4,502	-4,073	0	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	2,531	3,855	7,350
Route 31 Business 83	522	16	36,003	36,541
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		1,882	2,716
Route 62 RGC East	666		3,263	3,929
DR-RGC	535		5,510	6,045
Vaquero Express		194,377	0	194,377
<b>Total</b>	<b>50,352</b>	<b>196,924</b>	<b>57,519</b>	<b>304,795</b>

**Connecting Service**

Routes	Connection	STC	UTRGV	General Public	Total
Route 10 Edinburg - McAllen	12, 31	86	1,061	16,565	17,712
Route 14 UTRGV VABL	12	2	16,937	1,511	18,450
Route 15 Edinburg	12	0	78	6,007	6,085
Route 20 Mission - McAllen	31	42	1,371	15,345	16,758
Route 30 Pharr San Juan - Edinburg	31	2	339	9,449	9,790
Route 32 Donna International Bridge	31	0	0	2,292	2,292
Route 40 Harlingen Medical	31	0	0	8,740	8,740
Route 41 Harlingen Retail	31	22	18	10,027	10,067
Route 42 San Benito Harlingen	31	27	15	4,252	4,294
Route 44 La Feria/Santa Rosa/Primera	31	34	16	4,512	4,562
Route 45 Cameron Career Connection	31	710	1,354	22,964	25,028
<b>Total</b>		<b>925</b>	<b>21,189</b>	<b>101,664</b>	<b>123,778</b>

**Total Service**

	STC	UTRGV	General Public	Total
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>51,277</b>	<b>218,113</b>	<b>159,183</b>	<b>428,573</b>



**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						27
12	18	2	9	16	6	10	18						79
14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						0
31	1	5	0	72	2	1	2						83
40	0	1	0	0	0	0	0						1
41	67	65	24	20	22	6	0						204
42	120	82	52	17	89	108	55						523
43	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						0
44	75	175	126	31	37	98	39						581
45	227	441	319	123	214	232	113						1669
50	1	0	1	0	0	0	0						2
Willacy	1	0	0	0	0	0	0						1
<b>Total</b>	<b>523</b>	<b>782</b>	<b>531</b>	<b>279</b>	<b>373</b>	<b>455</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3170</b>
<b>Change Over Previous Month</b>		<b>259</b>	<b>-251</b>	<b>-252</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>-228</b>	<b>-227</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-523</b>

**TSTC Student Ridership**

