

LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL



AGENDA MEETING OF THE LRGVDC BOARD OF DIRECTORS LRGVDC Main Campus, 301 W. Railroad Street, Building B Weslaco, TX 78596

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Wednesday, May 29, 2019

Ken Jones Executive Board Room

(MEETING TO COMMENCE IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING ANNUAL ELECTION MEETING AT **12:00 P.M.**)

Presiding: The Honorable Norma G. Garcia, President

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Item #1: Call to Order

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

Item #2: Consider Approval of Meeting Minutes (April 24, 2019 Board Meeting) President

ACTION ITEM

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

Item #4: Administration

- A. Act on Recommendations from Nominating Committee..... Hon. Norma G. Garcia
Committee Chair

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

ACTION ITEM

- 2. Selection of Three (3) Members-at-Large to be Elected to the 2019-2020 Board of Directors

ACTION ITEM

A. Executive Director Report..... Ron Garza

ACTION MAY BE TAKEN ON ANY OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS

LRGVDC Updates & Activities

1. Introduction of New Staff Members
2. 86th Legislative Session
3. 2019 RGV-to-DC Trip
4. Large Cities Coalition
5. Regional Marketing Campaign (Explore RGV)
6. RGV B-Cycle (BikeShare Program)
7. Road to Recycling Tire Project

Item #5: Department Reports

A. Economic Development

Economic Development Status Report Terrie G. Salinas, Director

- Economic Development Administration (EDA) – Grant Projects
- Regional Small Cities Coalition
- Kari’s Law Project

Explore RGV Status Report Blanca Davila, Assistant Director

- Explore RGV

B. Community & Environmental Services

Community Development Status Report Marcie Oviedo, Director

- HUD Disaster Recovery Housing Program

Environmental Resources Status Report Marcie Oviedo, Director

- Solid Waste Management Program
- Water Resources
 - Regional Water Resource Advisory Committee
 1. Consider Approval of Regional Water Resource Advisory Committee Bylaws

ACTION ITEM

2. Consider Approval of Membership to Regional Water Resource Advisory Committee

ACTION ITEM

- Rio Grande Regional Water Planning Group (Region M)
- Reservoir Levels

C. Health & Human Services

Area Agency on Aging (AAoA) Status Reports Jose L. Gonzalez, Director

1. Consider Approval of Appointment to Texas Silver-Haired Legislature

ACTION ITEM

- 22nd Annual Centenarian Recognition Celebration

D. Public Safety

Criminal Justice Status Report Manuel Cruz, Director

- Criminal Justice Division (CJD) Planning
- Computerized Criminal Justice History (CCH) Compliance
- Regional Crime Victim's Liaison Program

Emergency Communications Status Report Manuel Cruz, Director

- Location Validation Program
- Database Program
- Mapping Program
- System and Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) Operations
- Public Education/Training Program

Homeland Security Status Report Manuel Cruz, Director

- Homeland Security Program
- Citizen Corps Program (CCP)/Community Preparedness

Regional Police Academy Status Report Manuel Cruz, Director

- In-Service Training
- Civilian Response to Active Shooter Training
- Grant Writing USA Workshop
- Specialty Training Courses
- Report on Current Academies

E. Transportation

Valley Metro Status Report Tom Logan, Director

1. Consider Approval to Purchase Motorola 2-Way Radios and Service

ACTION ITEM

2. Consider Approval to Enter into Interlocal Agreement for Radio Service with Rio Grande Valley Communication Group (RGVCG)

ACTION ITEM

3. Consider Approval to Enter into Contract for Bulk Diesel for Transit Fleet

ACTION ITEM

4. Consider Approval to Enter into Contract for Tires for Transit Fleet

ACTION ITEM

5. Consider Approval to Enter into Contract for Bus Wrap Services

ACTION ITEM

- Ridership Report
- Regional Transportation Advisory Panel (RTAP) Activity

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

Item #7: Adjourn

REMINDER

Next Meeting Date:
Wednesday, June 26, 2019

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

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24, 2019 – 12:00 PM
LRGVDC MAIN CAMPUS - 301 W. RAILROAD ST., WESLACO, TEXAS
BUILDING B, KEN JONES EXECUTIVE BOARD ROOM

PRESIDING: HON. NORMA G. GARCIA, PRESIDENT

- DRAFT-

President Norma G. Garcia called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. Roll call was taken and a quorum was declared.

The President then moved to item 2: Consider Approval of Meeting Minutes (March 27, 2019 Board Meeting). **Mayor Ambrosio Hernandez made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Member-at-Large Eddy Gonzalez seconded and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.**

President Garcia then moved to item 3: Public Comment and/or Report from Legislative Delegation and recognized the 5th grade class from Rodriguez Elementary in Harlingen. Miss April Munoz, President of Rodriguez Elementary Student Council spoke on behalf of her fellow council members and thanked the Board for the opportunity to see government in action. She said their class is learning about recycling and participating in their own recycling projects and they are especially interested in the Road-to-Recycling Tire Collection Project. She stated that as elected officials of the RGV the Board's voice and leadership is vital to our future and thanked them for their commitment and service. The Board was impressed with Miss Munoz' poise and confidence as she made her comments.

Upon conclusion of Public Comments President Garcia moved to item 4: Administration and recognized Executive Director Ron Garza to address the following:

A. Consider Approval of Quarterly Investment Report

President Garcia noted that this report was included in the meeting packet and asked if there were any questions on it. There being none, she asked for a motion, **Mr. Troy Allen made a motion to accept the Quarterly Investment Report. Mayor Henry Hinojosa seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.**

B. Presentation on Texas Gas Service Cost of Service Adjustment

Ms. Naomi Perales, TGS Community Relations Manager, was recognized and introduced Ms. Marie Masson, TGS Rates Manager, from their Austin Office. Ms. Masson gave a presentation that explained what a Cost of Service Adjustment (COSA) is, the 2018 capital investment in the RGV area from the COSA, the anticipated impacts to customer bills, and the implementation timeline. No action needed.

C. Executive Director Report

LRGVDC Updates & Activities

1. Introduction of New Staff Members

Mr. Garza announced that Valley Metro has hired four new bus drivers: Mr. Gerardo Medrano, Mr. David Lopez, Mr. Diego Moreno and Ms. Maribel Munoz; they were in training and unable to attend the meeting.

2. Staff Recognition for Years of Services

Staff was recognized for 5, 10, 15, and 20 years of service to the LRGVDC.

At this time Mr. Garza yielded the floor and requested to continue his report later in the meeting.

President Garcia moved to item 5: Department Reports.

A. Economic Development

Economic Development Status Reports

Mr. Garza informed the Board that Director Terrie Salinas was unable to attend and that the reports on the Regional Small Cities Coalition, the Readiness for Resilience Workshop, the Texas Rural Funders Collaborative, and the Kari's Law Project were in the meeting packet for review.

Census 2020

Mr. Garza thanked all who attended the April 1, 2019 Census Day events in Edinburg and Brownsville then turned the floor over to Assistant Director Blanca Davila. Ms. Davila informed the Board that the LRGVDC will host the next RGV Census 2020 Regional Taskforce meeting and the Regional Census Tracts Updates Forum on Tuesday, April 30, 2019.

Explore RGV Status Report

Ms. Davila stated the Explore RGV report was in the meeting packet for review.

B. Community & Environmental Services

Community Development Status Report

1. Consider Approval of Resolution 2019-01 Proclaiming April National Fair Housing Month

Program Director Marcie Oviedo was recognized and informed the Board that this is an annual resolution declaring April as National Fair Housing Month and supports awareness of Fair Housing. **Commissioner David Garza made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-01 Proclaiming April as National Fair Housing Month as presented. Member-at-Large Eddy Gonzalez seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.** Upon conclusion of action Ms. Oviedo informed the Board that the status reports for the HUD Disaster Recovery Housing Program and the Environmental Resources programs were in the meeting packet for review.

C. Health & Human Services

Area Agency on Aging Status Reports

Program Director Joe Gonzalez was recognized to address the following:

1. Consider Approval to Issue Request for Proposals and Contractor Solicitation RE: AAoA Services Under Title III of Older American's Act

Mr. Gonzalez informed the Board that the Advisory Council recommends approval to authorize the Area Agency on Aging to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) and to solicit contractors for fiscal year 2020. The purpose of this RFP is to procure such services as congregate meals, home delivered meals, transportation, senior center operations, caregiver education and training. The purpose for the contractor solicitation to procure services that case managers provide for their clients on an individual basis. These services include medical transportation, homemaker, respite care, residential modifications, medication assistance, medical supplies, and durable medical equipment. The RFP and the solicitation of contractors will be posted in June 2019. **Mayor Pro-tem Norie Gonzalez Garza made a motion to approve issuing RFPs and contractor solicitations RE: AAoA Services under Title III of the Older American Act as recommended by the Advisory Council. Mayor Cyndie Rathbun seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.**

2. Consider Approval to Provide Housing Bond Funding to COTO de Casa to Provide Housing Repairs for Seniors

Mr. Gonzalez stated that COTO de Casa is a non-profit organization under the Mission Housing Authority. The Advisory Council recommends approval to award the Housing Bond funds to COTO de Casa to provide housing repairs for seniors. The Housing Bond funds are a result of fees collected by housing corporations from loans to multi-housing developments. The fees are paid in lieu of a 5% housing unit set aside for older persons of low to moderate income including veterans, homeless persons, heads of household, or other older persons. The fees are paid to the Texas Health and Human Services Commission. The government code directs that the funds are to be used to obtain housing for older persons. The funds are made available to the Area Agencies on Aging and the amount of funds for the LRGVDC Area Agency on Aging is \$19,082. A second round is set to be released before the end of April and all funds must be expended by August 31, 2019. **Mayor Cyndie Rathbun made a motion to approve providing housing bond funding to COTO de Casa to provide housing repairs for seniors. Mr. Troy Allen seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.**

Upon conclusion of action Mr. Gonzalez informed the Board that the 22nd Annual Centenarian Recognition event is scheduled for Thursday, May 2 at the Weslaco Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Center. There are over 140 centenarians in this region and May is designated as "Older Americans Month". This event is a great opportunity to show appreciation to our older Americans by recognizing their contributions which have made this country and the RGV a great place to live.

D. Public Safety

President Garcia next recognized Director Manuel Cruz to address the following items:

Criminal Justice Program Status Reports

1. Consider Approval of FY 2019-2020 Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) and Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (JJDP) Program Rankings and

Resolutions

Mr. Cruz stated that the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee (CJAC) convened on April 10 to review, score, and rank the JAG and JJDP grant applications. The prioritization lists and resolutions were provided to the Board for review.

Raymondville Commissioner Edward Gonzales made a motion to approve the JAG and JJDP priority lists and resolutions as presented. Mayor Ambrosio Hernandez seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.

2. Consider Approval of FY 2019-2020 Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) and Justice and Training Program and General Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Assistance Direct Services Program Rankings and Resolution

Mr. Cruz stated that at the April 11 CJAC meeting the committee reviewed, scored, and ranked both the VAWA and the VOCA grant applications. The prioritization lists, and the resolutions were provided to the Board for review. **Mayor Henry Hinojosa made a motion to approve the FY 2019-2020 VAWA and VOCA Assistance Direct Services Program rankings and resolutions as presented. Mr. Paul Hernandez seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.** Upon conclusion of action Mr. Cruz stated that the Regional Crime Victim's Liaison Program status report was in the meeting packet for review.

Emergency Communications Status Report

1. Consider Approval to Purchase Installation Services for Generators at Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs)

Mr. Cruz informed the Board that as per LRGVDC procurement procedures, the competitive sealed bids process solicited installation services for 13 generators at PSAPs. The generators will provide backup power in the event of an electricity outage so PSAPs are able to continue providing 9-1-1 services until power has been restored. The list of PSAPs receiving new generators is subject to change to a lesser amount pending evaluation of equipment and building specifications at some locations.

The solicitation of bids was conducted, and one qualifying bid was received. After further research and negotiation, the selected recommended vendor is Loftin Equipment Co. which will provide installation services, equipment set-up, and engineering services to meet all building requirements and codes. Upon Board approval LRGVDC will enter into contractual services at an average cost of \$63,180 per unit. This is a budgeted line item with the Emergency Communications/9-1-1 Program approved by funding agency CSEC. **Mayor Rick Cavazos made a motion to approve the purchase of installation services for generators at PSAPs as presented. Mayor Henry Hinojosa seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.**

2. Consider Approval of Next Generation 9-1-1 (Stage 2 A) Strategic Plan

Mr. Cruz stated that as per CSEC requirements for the next biennium, regional planning commissions must submit a stage 2 strategic plan that outlines details of the region to include Next Generation 9-1-1, equipment plan summary, network, contingency plan, monitoring, and training requirements. **Mayor Cyndie Rathbun made a motion to approve the Next Generation 9-1-1 (Stage 2 A) Strategic Plan. Mayor Henry Hinojosa seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.**

Upon conclusion of action Mr. Cruz informed the Board that the week of April 14 is designated as National Public Safety Telecommunications Week to recognize the Public Safety Telecommunicators who serve the public in countless ways with little or no acknowledgement of their role in public safety. Mr. Cruz stated the LRGVDC Emergency Communications/9-1-1 Division takes great pleasure in presenting the following awards:

- Telecommunicator of the Year – Mr. Isamar Ochoa with Edinburg PD
- Team of the Year – Ms. Laura Cerda, Ms. Brenda Alvarado, Ms. Rosa Lopez, Ms. Irma Barrera, and Ms. Clarissa Calzada with Edinburg PD Communications
- Supervisor of the Year – Mr. Kenneth Ennis with Pharr Fire Communications

Homeland Security Status Report

Mr. Cruz noted that the Homeland Security Program status reports were in the meeting packet for review.

Regional Police Academy Status Report

Mr. Cruz noted that the regular status reports for the Regional Police Academy were in the meeting packet for review.

E. Transportation

Valley Metro Status Report

Valley Metro Director Tom Logan was recognized and informed the Board that the regular status reports were in the meeting packet for review.

Upon conclusion of the program status reports President Garcia recognized Mr. Garza to continue the Executive Director Report.

C. Executive Director Report

LRGVDC Updates & Activities

3. LRGVDC PeopleFirst Leadership Training

Mr. Garza informed the Board that management staff received PeopleFirst Leadership Training, an intensive 24 instructional hours of customized training completed in two sessions, the first in January and the second in April, that was custom designed for the LRGVDC by Dr. David Biemer. In between the two sessions an anonymous survey was conduct with all staff. In the second session an action plan was created from the results of the surveys. One significant course of action was to reframe the “Discipline” chapter of the LRGVDC Human Resources Policy & Procedures to “Employee Coaching and Performance”. This change reflects that instead of disciplining our employees, we feel that coaching to improve performance is more effective moving forward and continuing a first-class culture. He also announced that the 3rd Annual All Staff Meeting is scheduled for the end of May and that the action plan created based on the survey responses will be shared at this meeting. In addition to the survey, an anonymous 360° survey was sent to the management staff regarding Mr. Garza’s performance and how management sees the day to day interactions. The results of this survey will also be considered moving forward.

4. Consider Meeting Date for 2019 Nominating Committee Meeting
Mr. Garza informed the Board that the Nominating Committee is comprised of all Board Members, and he recommended having a lunch meeting on Wednesday, May 22 at 12:00 noon at Arturo's Restaurant in Weslaco. ***Member-at-Large Eddy Gonzalez made a motion to schedule the 2019 Nominating Committee Meeting at 12:00 noon on Wednesday, May 22 at Arturo's Restaurant. Mayor Pro-tem Norie Gonzalez Garza seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.***
5. Caucus in May for Board Member Representing the Poor and Under Privileged
With the passing of Mr. Arturo Ramirez last May, Mr. Gilbert Ortiz who served as his alternate stepped in to fill his seat as the Grassroots member for the 2018-2019 term. According to LRGVDC bylaws, this group can caucus to select a representative to sit on the Board. Usually they would do so independently, but this year Mr. Garza has invited them to join the Annual Elections Meeting in May and caucus at the same time as the other groups under the same guidelines of one individual from each organization being able to cast a vote.
6. 2019 RGV to DC Trip
Mr. Garza informed the Board that the RGV Partnership is coordinating the RGV to DC Trip which is scheduled for June 18-21. The group will advocate the regional priorities developed through the Regional Strategic Plan during their time in Washington DC.
7. 86th Legislative Session
The regular session of the 86th Legislature will adjourn on Monday, May 27. The governor's last day to veto is June 16 unless they go into special session. Senate Bill 2 and House Bill 2 have caught the attention of most jurisdictions. Senate Bill 2 was debated on the floor last week and House Bill 2 has been postponed. The Valley has had very good representation at the state capitol with almost continuous representation throughout the session.
8. 9th Annual Walk-N-Rolla
Mr. Garza announced that the 9th Annual Walk-n-Rolla and Mutt Strutt are scheduled for Saturday, April 27 and will be a part of the Edinburg Cool Cities Celebration.
9. 2019 Road-To-Recycling (Regional Tire Collection)
Mr. Garza announced that this is the 3rd year the LRGVDC is coordinating the Road-to-Recycling Tire Collection event. This year there are 50 collection sites in 22 cities throughout the 3-county area and citizens can bring in 4 tires at no charge which makes this a truly regional project.

A new tool to assist this year's recycling effort is the development of a digital collection map created in partnership with Cityflag. Cityflag created the map at no cost, so no Board action is required. Using this map, citizens can easily locate the closest collection site to them and in addition, they can upload pictures of any illegally dumped tires they see and report the location for collection. Mr. Garza thanked the participating cities and is pleased that participation has increased each year.

This project is named "Road-to Recycling" with the intent of it progressing to something more environmentally sustainable than collection. Mr. Garza has scheduled a visit to Pine Bluff, Arkansas May 16-17 to learn about Jefferson County's robust, sustainable tire recycle program. This facility turns tires into an aggregate, the aggregate is processed into a fuel

for the local paper mill industry. This recycling program has become so successful that a new paper mill opened in the area because of the availability of this sustainable resource. Jefferson County is willing to share what they have learned, the pitfalls and the best practices. Mr. Garza invited those who are interested to join him on this trip.

Lastly Mr. Garza thanked all those who participated in the “Census Day – 1 Year and Counting” events on April 1. The two events were well attended and held on the same day, the first one in the morning in Edinburg at the Hidalgo County Commission Chamber and the second in the afternoon in Brownsville at the Historic Market Square. This 1-year point puts the Valley in a critical window of preparation. As Ms. Davila reported earlier, a Regional Taskforce meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 30. This meeting will focus on the PSAP (Participant Statistical Areas Program) process and finishing census tract splits. Every census tract has an optimal size that must be adhered to; some census tract sites exceed the limit and need to be split. Each jurisdiction is being asked to confirm their census tract splits to ensure they do not exceed the set limits. The Valley is identified as one of the most critically undercounted areas and most prone to be undercounted. The US Census Bureau has provided a tremendous amount of resources for this region, but it is ultimately in local hands.

Upon conclusion of the Executive Director Report, Mr. Garza asked the President’s permission to transition to and begin an historic event; a non-action item under Transportation. He announced that the signing ceremony to transition to the Rio Grande Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization (RGVMPO) will now take place and he invited the following federally designated signatories to come forward to sign the RGVMPO Re-Designation Agreement:

Cameron County Judge Eddie Trevino, Jr.
Hidalgo County Judge Richard Cortez
City of Brownsville Mayor Tony Martinez
City of Edinburg Mayor Pro-tem David Torres
City of Harlingen Mayor Chris Boswell
City of McAllen Mayor Jim Darling
City of Mission Mayor Armando O’Caña
City of Pharr Mayor Ambrosio Hernandez

They each came forward one by one to sign this historic agreement that merged the Brownsville MPO, the Harlingen-San Benito MPO and the Hidalgo County MPO into one Rio Grande Valley MPO.

To commemorate this historic event, each signatory was provided a pen engraved with their name and “Rio Grande Valley MPO”. Upon signing, the designees commented on the struggles they bore while forging this technically complex agreement. They acknowledged that the process began with Valley leaders years ago and that the groundwork they laid provided the foundation for today’s leaders to bring this merger to fruition. Many people thought that these communities would never put their differences aside for the betterment of the entire region, but through deliberation and concession every designee strongly advocated for their community, learned how to respect and honor each other’s differences, compromised, and determined what would be best for all the citizens of the Rio Grande Valley. They acknowledged that this document was built on trust and that great things can happen when the Rio Grande Valley works as one unit.

President Garcia next moved to item 6. – New or Unfinished Business. There being none, she called for a motion to adjourn. ***Mayor Henry Hinojosa made a motion to adjourn, Mr. Troy Allen seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 1:13 pm.***

Hon. Norma G. Garcia, President

ATTEST:

Deborah Morales, Recording Secretary

ITEM #4. A.

ADMINISTRATION

NOMINATING

COMMITTEE

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

May 29, 2019

Item #4: Administration

A. Act on Recommendations from Nominating Committee Hon. Norma G. Garcia
Committee Chair

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

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

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

ACTION ITEM

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Item #4: Administration

A. Act on Recommendations from Nominating Committee Hon. Norma G. Garcia
Committee Chair

2. Selection of Three (3) Members-at-Large to be Elected to the 2019-2020 Board of Directors

The Nominating Committee recommends the following individuals to fill the three (3) At-large seats on the Board of Directors for 2019-2020:

NAME	CITY	COUNTY	SELECTED BY
Hon. Norma G. Garcia	Donna	Hidalgo	General Membership
Commissioner Ben Neece	Brownsville	Cameron	General Membership
Ms. Celeste Sanchez	San Benito	Cameron	General Membership

ACTION ITEM

ITEM #5. A.

**ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT**

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Item #5: Department Reports

A. Economic Development

Economic Development Status Report Terrie G. Salinas, Director

- Economic Development Administration (EDA) - Grant Projects

We are pleased to announce the Regional Office for Economic Development Administration (EDA) has considered funding for two applications. Staff worked on these applications earlier this year and received notice last week. The applications are:

- 1) City of Weslaco - "Weslaco Airport Hangar Expansion & Infrastructure Project"
- 2) Brownsville Community Improvement Corporation's (BCIC), "eBridge Center for Business & Commercialization"

Staff would also like to commend the Economic Development Corporation of Weslaco for completing their project on time and on budget. The final request for reimbursement was submitted to EDA. Upon final review and approval by the EDA Engineer this project should close early next month. The project ran smoothly, and staff enjoyed working with all the entities involved, especially Megamorphosis Architecture, the Project's Engineering Company and Noble Texas Builders, the project's contractor. Staff also received tremendous support from the City of Weslaco, Mr. Mike Perez, City Manager and his staff including the city's engineer at the time.

- Regional Small Cities Coalition

The Regional Small Cities Coalition was hosted by the City of La Villa on May 16, 2019 at their city hall. We had excellent food and three great speakers this month. The Coalition welcomed back Ms. Queta Caballero who presented on the Texas-Mexico Border Transportation Master Plan. She invited the RSCC to participate in a brief survey and will provide status reports at upcoming meetings.

The next speakers were Mr. Alberto Morales and Juan Gonzalez who are Partnership Specialist for Census 2020. They provided a brief presentation on the importance of the Complete Count Committees and were able to schedule several meetings with the RSCC members for city presentations.



Ms. Enriqueta "Queta" Caballero



Mr. Gonzalez & Mr. Morales, Census 2020

- **Kari's Law Project**

The Economic Development Department continues to provide information on Kari's Law and 9-1-1 services to businesses and public agencies in Hidalgo and Willacy Counties.

Staff was able to schedule a brief presentation on May 21, 2019 at the South Texas Manufacturing Association Meeting. This is their last meeting before summer break and attendance is usually over one hundred members. Staff will distribute information and will reach out to make presentations to the company leaders or safety officers.

Staff has also schedule two more presentations. One in the Alamo next month. The final date was just selected and will be on June 3, 2019. The next presentation will also be in June, but the final date is still pending on the location in Raymondville.

Staff will continue to contact businesses to provide presentations throughout the two-county area and is available any time. Thank you.

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A. Economic Development

Explore RGV Blanca Davila, Assistant Director

The intellectual property process for Explore RGV continues and the registration application has been submitted to the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) for review. Their response will be received in five to six months.

Explore RGV is ready for download at the Apple Store and Google Play or visit www.goexplorergv.com. Please follow @goexplorergv on Twitter, Instagram, and Facebook.

ITEM #5. B.

**COMMUNITY
&
ENVIRONMENTAL
SERVICES**

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B. Community & Environmental ServicesMarcie Oviedo, Director

Community Development Status Report

- **HUD Disaster Recovery Housing Program**

The Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council 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.

Environmental Resources Status Report

- **Solid Waste Management Program**

Staff continues to provide technical assistance and outreach and continues to monitor all Solid Waste Management Projects. Contracts for FY-2018 are nearing completion and FY-2019 contracts have been executed and will be completed by July 31, 2019. All information pertaining to the Solid Waste Program is available at www.lrgvdc.org/solidwaste.html

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B. Community & Environmental ServicesMarcie Oviedo, Director

- **Water Resources**

- **Regional Water Resource Advisory Committee**

- 1. **Consider Approval of Regional Water Resource Advisory Committee Bylaws**

The Regional Water Resource Advisory Committee is submitting for review and approval their draft Bylaws. This item requires Board approval.

ACTION ITEM

**LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL
REGIONAL WATER RESOURCE
ADVISORY COMMITTEE (RWRAC)
(DRAFT) BYLAWS**



Article I: Organization:

The official, designated name of the advisory committee shall be Regional Water Resource Advisory Committee (RWRAC). The official acronym shall be “RWRAC.”

Article II: Authority:

The RWRAC was created on January 30, 2019 as approved and under the authority of Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council (LRGVDC).

The advisory committee shall provide policy guidance, programmatic implementation, and/or recommendations relative to the function and scope of the committee, or as otherwise directed by LRGVDC Board of Directors. Committee progress, updates, and recommended actions shall be presented for discussion and/or required approvals during regular meetings of the LRGVDC Board of Directors by the LRGVDC staff liaison. As per Article VI of these bylaws, the RWRAC shall recommend amendments as appropriate to support the functions of the committee.

Article III: Purpose & Function:

The purpose of the advisory committee is to educate, promote, foster, and coordinate community and regional planning efforts on the environmental, economic, and other social impacts of existing, new or proposed regulations, policies, and control regarding water resources management.

The advisory committee will provide advocacy, guidance, technical assistance, and information to the region on priority matters of water resources management.

Members of the advisory committee will assist and support water issues including, but not limited to the following:

- Rio Grande Valley Reservoir Systems and the supplemental water resources;
- Water usage and conservation issues;
- Reservoir system operations;
- Water Distribution;
- Local and regional water demand;
- Pass-through requirements;
- Water quality requirements;
- Flood mitigation, response and resiliency;
- Drought management planning, and;
- Federal, state and local regulations governing water.

The Advisory Committee shall carry out the following functions and/or objectives:

1. Identify and promote Lower Rio Grande Valley regional water management and conservation strategies ensuring sustainable use of water supplies, enhance economic vitality and protect the base flows of the region's rivers and streams.
2. Maintain strong communication links among federal, state, county, local government, individual citizens and all other stakeholders.
3. Promote education regarding water resource knowledge and promote informed use of water resource studies and planning tools including the development of a regional water resource asset map.
4. Monitor and analyze legislation affecting the management and operation of regional water resources.
5. Research, apply for, and administer suitable funding programs and projects which impact the water resources of the LRGV.
6. Provide water resource coordination in response to regional adversity events and mitigation resilience action planning.
7. Propose revisions, expansions, and deletions to planning, policies and ordinances relating to pass-through requirements, water supply development, water quality, drought management and water conservation issues.

Article IV: Membership:

Advisory Committee members are comprised of representatives from organizations, stakeholders and individuals complimentary towards the scope of the committee, with regionally diverse representation, as recommended by the RWRAC and approved by the LRGVDC Board of Directors.

The Committee will consist of fifteen (15) voting members from the region as listed below:

a. Composition.

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|--------------------------|---------------------|
| • Cameron County | (1) Representative |
| • Hidalgo County | (1) Representative |
| • Willacy County | (1) Representative |
| • Large City (>25K Pop.) | (3) Representatives |
| • Small City (<25K Pop.) | (1) Representative |

- Special Purpose District – Drainage (*One from each County*) (3) Representatives
- Special Purpose District – Irrigation (1) Representative
- Special Purpose District – General (1) Representative
- LRGV Storm Water Task-Force (1) Representative
- Region M Water Planning Group (1) Representative
- University of Texas – RGV (2) Representatives
- International Boundary/Water Commission (USIBWC) (1) Representative

(17) Voting Representatives

b. Qualifications.

1. All committee members must be within the LRGVDC boundary area and reside or work in the county they are to represent.
2. Each membership composition category shall have no more than 2 representatives from the same county.
3. Representative must either be an elected official of the representing county or a designated stakeholder with the professional qualifications to serve as the most applicable representative. Representative shall not be for-profit and otherwise representing outside interests.

c. Voting.

Each member of the Advisory Committee shall have one (1) vote. Typically, the Chair's vote will be utilized as a tie-breaker. Each member must be present at the meeting to cast a vote. No proxy or absentee voting permitted.

d. Officers.

The Advisory Committee shall consist of the following officers, as elected by the RWRAC. Officers shall begin term upon RWRAC action item approval.

- Chair Shall preside at meetings.
- Vice-Chair Shall act on behalf of Chair during absence.

Officers may only be selected from current committee representatives. The appointment of an officer shall only be granted to a specific individual (not membership composition category representative). Only individuals elected may carry out functions of the officer.

e. Service Terms. (Officers and Representatives)

Advisory committee officers and representatives shall be appointed to two (2) year terms. A member may be reappointed to multiple terms without term limits; however, must be re-designated each term by LRGVDC Board of Directors.

f. Attendance.

Members who fail to attend three (3) consecutive meetings shall be subject to removal from the Advisory Committee.

g. Alternates.

Members of the Advisory Committee shall designate (1) one alternate who will have full voting privileges during a member absence. Alternates must confirm on record as part of Advisory Committee minutes and shall meet all membership qualifications.

h. Vacancies.

A vacancy occurs when:

- Term expires without reappointment;
- Member voluntarily resigns;
- Member is physically unable to perform duties of committee; or
- LRGVDC Board of Directors reappoints committee member due to conduct, disqualification of representation, or other business-related reasons.

Vacancies shall be filled through committee level selection and recommendation process and approved by LRGVDC Board of Directors. The RWRAC shall recommend revisions to selection process, as appropriate to support the functions of the committee.

i. Conduct.

Each Advisory Committee member shall maintain professionalism and objectivity when carrying out business of the Committee. Conduct unbecoming of an appropriate representation shall be addressed by LRGVDC staff liaison or executive director and, committee member may be removed by LRGVDC Board of Directors.

j. Conflict of Interest.

All Advisory Committee members must disclose perceived or actual conflicts of interest and/or abstain from applicable votes. It is the responsibility of each Committee Member to discharge his or her duties in those respective capacities in good faith, in a manner the person reasonably believes to be in the best interests of RWRAC and LRGVDC, and with the care an ordinarily prudent person in a like position would exercise under similar circumstances. A conflict of interest is defined as referring only to personal, proprietary interests of the persons covered by this policy and their immediate families. Committee members shall not be present during presentations involving funding and/or prioritizations.

k. Ex-Officio Membership:

As an inclusive resource to the region, executives and administrators representing publicly-funded, official-capacity federal and state organizations designated to provide water management, disaster recovery, community resilience and/or environmental quality services and resources shall serve as ex-officio, non-voting member. Ex-officio members shall not count towards establishment of a quorum and may include agencies such as, but not limited to:

- Arroyo Colorado Watershed Partnership (ACWP)
- Lower Laguna Madre Estuary Partnership (LLMEP)
- Research, Applied Technologies, Education and Services (RATES)
- South Texas College (STC)
- Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ)
- Texas General Land Office (TGLO)
- Texas Groundwater Protection Committee
- Texas On-Site Wastewater Treatment Research Council
- Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board (TSSWCB)
- Texas State Technical College (TSTC)
- Texas Water Development Board (TWDB)
- Texas Water Resources Institute (TWRI)
- U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD)
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

Article V: Procedures:

a. Meetings.

Regular meetings shall be held at least quarterly with written notice and agenda submitted to all members at least (3) business days prior to meeting date. Special meetings may be called more frequently, at the discretion of the Advisory Committee or a LRGVDC designated staff liaison with written notice and agenda submitted to all members at least (3) business days prior to meeting date. Advisory Committee meetings shall be conducted under Robert's Rules of Order.

b. Quorum.

The quorum for transaction of substantive action shall be fifty-one percent (51%) of the voting membership. In the absence of quorum, the Advisory Committee may choose to discuss topics informally but may take no action or accept recommendations.

c. Minutes.

A designated LRGVDC staff member shall maintain minutes of each Advisory Committee meeting. Minutes shall be reviewed and approved as a standing agenda item.

d. Subcommittees.

The Advisory Committee shall maintain the authority to designate standing, technical, ad-hoc and/or temporary subcommittees within scope to improve the recommendations and nature of the advisory committee. Subcommittee activity updates shall be recorded at Advisory Committee meetings.

e. Open Meetings.

RWRAC Advisory Committee meetings shall be open to the public and generally subject to the Texas Open Meetings Act.

Article VI: Amendments:

The Advisory Committee shall propose amendments to bylaws by subcommittee recommendation, regular, or special meetings; however, shall not be effective or approved until formal action is taken by LRGVDC Board of Directors as per Article II.

a. Bylaws Adoption/Amendment History.

Adopted: _____
Date

By: _____

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B. Community & Environmental ServicesMarcie Oviedo, Director

- Water Resources
 - Regional Water Resource Advisory Committee
- 2. Consider Approval of Membership to Regional Water Resource Advisory Committee

The Regional Water Resource Advisory Committee met on May 1 and recommends the following committee members:

Cameron County	David A. Garza, County Commissioner
Hidalgo County	David Fuentes, County Commissioner
Willacy County	Eduardo Gonzales, Commissioner
Large City (>25K Pop.)	Tomas Reyna, City of Edinburg
Large City (>25K Pop.)	Carlos Lastra, City of Brownsville
Large City (>25K Pop.)	Carlos Sanchez, City of Harlingen
Small City (<25K Pop.)	Melisa Gonzales, City of Alamo
Special Purpose District – Drainage (Cameron)	Albert Barreda, Cameron Board
Special Purpose District – Drainage (Hidalgo)	Ellie Torres, Hidalgo Board
Special Purpose District – Drainage (Willacy)	Open, Willacy Board
Special Purpose District – Irrigation	Jose Hinojosa, SCID #15
Special Purpose District – General	Joey Trevino, EEDC
LRGV Storm Water Task-Force	Jose Figueroa, City of Mercedes
Region M Water Planning Group	Open (<i>Pending Request to Region M</i>)
University of Texas – RGV	Javier Guerrero
University of Texas – RGV	Andrew Ernest

ACTION ITEM

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B. Community & Environmental ServicesMarcie Oviedo, Director

- Water Resources

- Rio Grande Regional Water Planning Group (Region M)

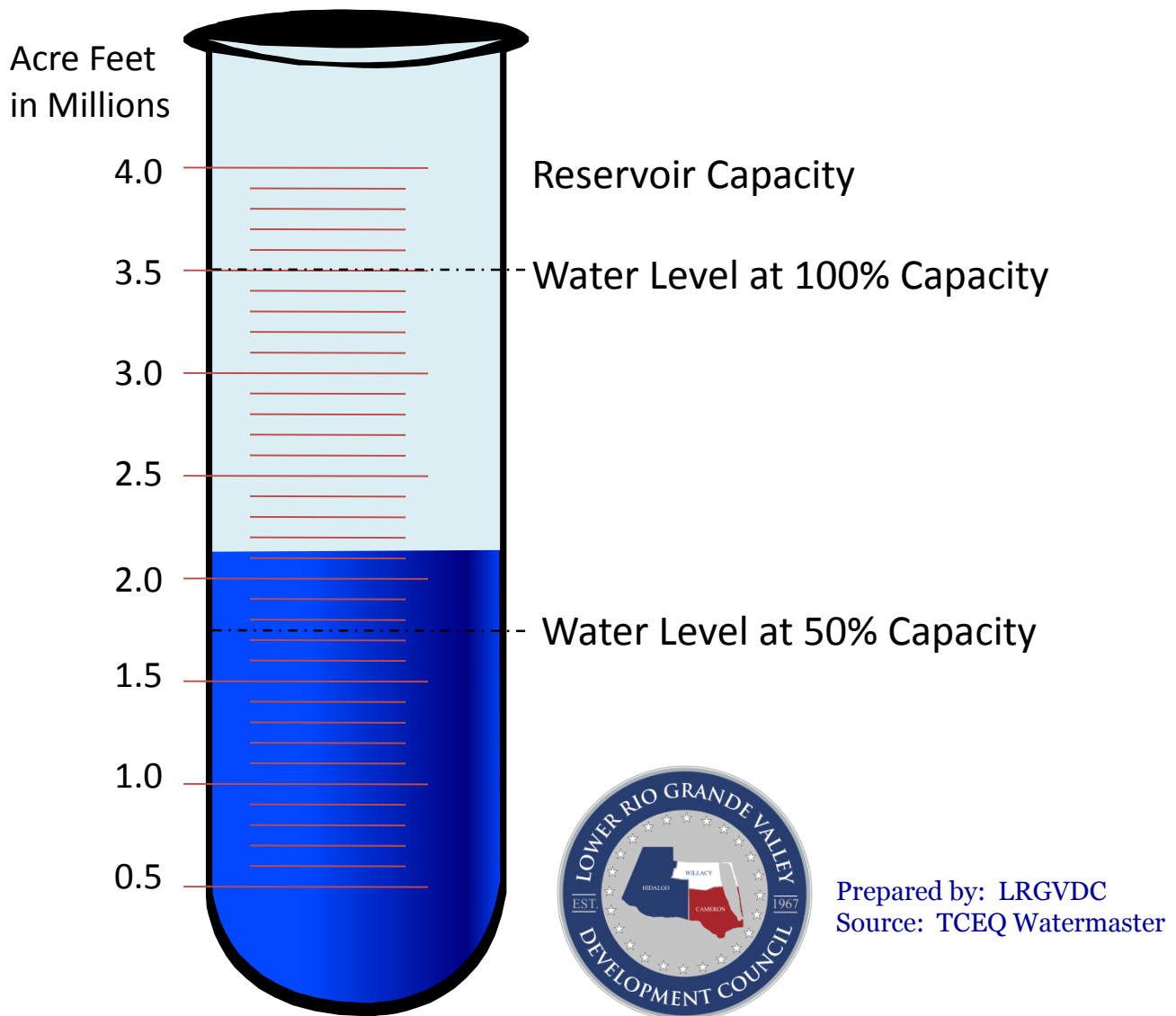
The next meeting of the Region M Group is scheduled for Wednesday, June 5, 2019 at 10:30 am. Please visit the Region M Website at www.riograndewaterplan.org for updates on the 2021 Regional Water Plan and other Rio Grande Regional Water Planning Group activities.

- Reservoir Levels

On May 18, 2019, the U.S. combined ownership at Amistad/Falcon stood at 63.20% of normal conservation capacity, impounding 2,143,517 acre-feet, up from 56.57% (1,918,951 AF) of normal conservation a year ago. Overall the system is holding 43.20% of normal conservation capacity, impounding 2,558,601 acre-feet with Amistad at 49.65% of conservation capacity, impounding 1,626,284 acre-feet and Falcon at 35.22% of conservation capacity, impounding 932,317 acre-feet. Mexico has 16.40% of normal conservation capacity, impounding 415,084 acre-feet at Amistad/Falcon.

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

5/18/2019, 63.20% of Capacity or 2,143,517 AF
up from 1,918,951 AF of Normal Conservation a year ago



**NOTE: Mexico Ownership/Reservoir Capacity for
May 18, 2019: 16.40% (415,084) A.F.**

Rio Grande Watermaster Report

05/18/19

Amistad

Normal Conservation Elevation	340.462	Meters	1,117.00 Feet	
Water Elevation	330.640	Meters	1,084.77 Feet	-32.22
Total Normal Conservation Capacity	4,040,325	TCM	3,275,532 Acre-Feet	
Total Combined Storage	2,006,000	TCM	1,626,284 Acre-Feet	49.65%
US Share of Current Storage	1,804,000	TCM	1,462,521 Acre-Feet	89.93%
Mexico share of Current Storage	202,000	TCM	163,763 Acre-Feet	10.07%
TOTAL RELEASES AVG	145.00	CMS	5,121 CFS	
US Release AVG	22.50	CMS	795 CFS	15.52%
Mexico Release AVG	122.50	CMS	4,326 CFS	84.48%
TOTAL INFLOWS AVG	57.80	CMS	2,041 CFS	
US Inflows AVG	42.60	CMS	1,504 CFS	
Mexico Inflows AVG	15.20	CMS	537 CFS	
US Reservoir Loss	11.00	CMS	388 CFS	

Falcon

Normal Conservation Elevation	91.805	Meters	301.20 Feet	
Water Elevation	83.450	Meters	273.79 Feet	-27.41
Total Normal Conservation Capacity	3,264,813	TCM	2,646,817 Acre-Feet	
Total Combined Storage	1,150,000	TCM	932,317 Acre-Feet	35.22%
US Share of Current Storage	840,000	TCM	680,996 Acre-Feet	73.04%
Mexico share of Current Storage	310,000	TCM	251,320 Acre-Feet	26.96%
Total Releases AVG	135.00	CMS	4,767 CFS	
US Release AVG	51.20	CMS	1,808 CFS	37.93%
Mexico Release AVG	83.80	CMS	2,959 CFS	62.07%
TOTAL INFLOWS AVG	164.00	CMS	5,792 CFS	
US Inflows AVG	27.50	CMS	971 CFS	
Mexico Inflows AVG	136.50	CMS	4,820 CFS	
US Reservoir Loss	5.69	CMS	201 CFS	

Overall Status

Normal Conservation Capacity - Amistad	4,040,325	TCM	3,275,532 Acre-Feet	
US Share of Amistad Normal Conservation	2,270,663	TCM	1,840,849 Acre-Feet	
Current US share of Normal Conservation	1,804,000	TCM	1,462,521 Acre-Feet	79.45%
Normal Conservation Capacity - Falcon	3,264,813	TCM	2,646,817 Acre-Feet	
US Share of Falcon Normal Conservation	1,913,180	TCM	1,551,034 Acre-Feet	
Current US share of Normal Conservation	840,000	TCM	680,996 Acre-Feet	43.91%
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	2,644,000	TCM	2,143,517 Acre-Feet	63.20%
Current Storage Mexico	512,000	TCM	415,084 Acre-Feet	16.40%
Current Storage - Amistad - Falcon System	3,156,000	TCM	2,558,601 Acre-Feet	
Percent of Storage Capacity	43.20%		43.20%	

ITEM #5. C.

**HEALTH
&
HUMAN SERVICES**

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C. Health & Human Services

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

1. Consider Approval of Appointment to Texas Silver-Haired Legislature

The Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council recommends the appointment of Ms. Rose Timmer from Brownsville to the Texas Silver-Haired Legislature as the representative for the Lower Rio Grande Valley. Mrs. Timmer will, along with other seniors across Texas, discuss and address issues affecting seniors. They will develop recommendations this September and present those to the members of the Texas legislature for possible action.

ACTION ITEM

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C. Health & Human Services

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

- 22nd Annual Centenarian Recognition Celebration

The 22nd Annual Centenarian Recognition was held May 3 at the Weslaco Event Center. Nineteen centenarians attended this year. The oldest centenarian in attendance was 107-year-old Mr. Camilo Briones from Edinburg, there were also several 102-year-olds in attendance. The Centenarians and their family members enjoyed food, entertainment, and door prizes.



ITEM #5. D.

PUBLIC SAFETY

**CRIMINAL
JUSTICE**

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D. Public Safety

Criminal Justice Program Status Report Manuel Cruz, Director

- **Criminal Justice Division (CJD) Planning**

The Office of the Governor – Criminal Justice Division continues to review all eGrant applications for FY 2019-2020 and applications. We are waiting to receive the outcome of the applications and funding decision from CJD.

- **Computerized Criminal Justice History (CCH) Compliance**

As per CJD each county must reach 90% CCH status by August 1, 2019 in both categories (adult and juvenile) arrest dispositions for applications to receive an award from CJD. Below are the latest updates that were provided as of May 1. The District Attorney's Offices from each of the counties are the points of contact and the responsible agencies in meeting this requirement.

Statewide Combined Completeness Percentage as of May 1:

COUNTY	ADULT	JUVENILE
Cameron	90%	98%
Hidalgo	93%	95%
Willacy	85%	94%

Source: Texas DPS, Crime Records Service

- **Regional Crime Victim Program**

The RCVL program had one intern, Ms. Isabel Rodriguez from UTRGV, complete an internship for the Spring semester. Plans are underway for one summer intern. RCVL staff is working on a series of trainings for Crime Victim Liaisons in the region during the months of June, July and August.

ITEM #5. D.

PUBLIC SAFETY

**EMERGENCY
COMMUNICATIONS**

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D. Public Safety

Emergency Communications Status ReportManuel Cruz, Director

- **Location Validation Program**

Staff constantly generates address tickets, addresses new subdivisions and customer requests for their 9-1-1 Physical Address for Hidalgo and Willacy Counties. Recently we have had joint meetings with Precinct 4 and Edinburg City Planners relating to the naming and renaming of existing streets and roads within Edinburg City Limits

Staff was encouraged by the interest and the attendance of the Addressing Training provided in March of this year, we have scheduled a local Region Addressing Meeting for June 4, 2019 from 9:30 am to 12:00 pm at LRGVDC's main campus in Weslaco.

- **Database Program**

Database staff updates the 9-1-1 database and adds new streets and ranges as new subdivisions are developed in Hidalgo and Willacy Counties. In April, 22 Telephone Numbers (TN) were corrected, and 64 streets in the Master Street Address Guide (MSAG) were added/updated. Also, over 330 address request calls were received which resulted in 314 address tickets for 9-1-1 physical addresses. Staff also updates accordingly the No Record Found (NRF) list received from West Inc. on a daily basis. The NRFs are those telephone numbers that dial 9-1-1 and no record shows in the 9-1-1 system.

Additionally, staff validates 9-1-1 physical addresses for West Inc. on the new Voice Over Internet Protocol (VOIP) TNs being issued in this Region. This process is performed since it is the telephone company responsibility to validate a phone number physical address before issuing them to customers.

In an effort of having every single 9-1-1 physical address in our GIS map staff began reviewing subdivisions within city limits to ensure they have been added for 9-1-1 emergency purposes.

- **Mapping Program**

Mapping Program staff has transitioned all 9-1-1 physical address data to the new state approved EGDMS Schema; this change is vital to the future of 9-1-1 call routing. It has been implemented at the LRGVDC 9-1-1 office as well as the host sites at McAllen PD and the Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office. The EGDMS 3 project has started and we have completed our initial data load. Staff continuously works on address point verification to ensure accurate call routing

in the new I-3 9-1-1 Environment. Mapping staff received training on publishing data on the web to help better our understanding of ArcGIS online. Staff also continues to update address information on its local maps. We are continuing our efforts in training staff to become more efficient and are focusing heavily on expanding our GIS web presence by participating in programs like the LRGVDC Road-to-Recycling Tire Collection Project, the Census 2020 PSAP Tract project and Regional Animal Care Coalition.

- **System and Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) Operations**
Systems staff continues monitoring our PSAP sites. Systems team continues with the installation of a third Host site at our Weslaco office that will help create a segregated network. Systems team has moved PSAP equipment from Mercedes PD to its new site at the Weslaco PD co-location facility at 1912 Joe Stephens Ave. Our division congratulates Mercedes on their major accomplishment in the establishment of a city EMS (see photos below). Mercedes EMS dispatch went live at 12:01 a.m. May 18, 2019. Systems staff has completed upgrading PSAP front room equipment at each of our 18 PSAP's.
- **Public Education /Training Program**
Public Education is an ongoing priority for the Emergency Communications 9-1-1 Division; and staff continues to reach out to communities to educate residents. The 9-1-1 Division distributed over 13,306 promotional items during April.

Public Education events that took place in April are as follows:

- Human Trafficking Conference – April 1, 2019
- HSAC Meeting – April 4, 2019
- Meeting City Leaders – April 5, 2019
- Desert Thunder Music Festival – April 6, 2019
- Team Mario 5K – April 6, 2019
- Criminal Justice Advisory Meeting – April 10, 2019
- Día del Nino Book & Easter Fair – April 16, 2019
- Lasara Community Easter Hunt – April 18, 2019
- LRGVDC Board Meeting – April 24, 2019
- 9th Annual Walk-N-Rolla – April 27, 2019

Upcoming events are listed on our events calendar at https://gis.lrgvdc911.org/event_request/calendar.php

Training that took place in April:

- Power911 & Map-Flex training was held at ECOMMS 9-1-1 facility to local Telecommunicators.

Event Request Notice: All event requests must be submitted through our online system. This “*Online Request Form*” must be submitted 14 business days prior to the event. All fields must be populated, and the event flier must be uploaded. To view the online system, visit our website: www.lrgvdc911.org and select the “*Event Request*” tab. Once the event has been submitted, an

ECOMMS staff member will receive the notification and approve or deny the event based on availability.

Mercedes EMS Ribbon Cutting



ITEM #5. D.

PUBLIC SAFETY

**HOMELAND
SECURITY**

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D. Public Safety

Homeland Security Program Status Report.....Manuel Cruz, Director

- **Homeland Security Program**

Staff continues to provide technical assistance to jurisdictions with Emergency Management Plans (EMPs) and identify training opportunities for regional first responders. Staff is finalizing the purchase of equipment for some of the area's first responders via recently awarded grants. Staff also continues to manage the fire coordinator grant-funded position for the Emergency Training Alliance Board Fire Academy #50, which is currently underway.

- **Citizen Corps Program (CCP)/Community Preparedness**

The first Ready RGV! Community Volunteer Fair was held on May 25, 2019 at the McAllen Public Library. Thru a collaboration with the City of McAllen Emergency Management Office this event provided the public with information on volunteer opportunities with local agencies; in particular those that respond to emergencies and/or disasters. Plans are underway to host community volunteer fairs in Cameron and Willacy County.

COG staff continues to promote its community preparedness campaign, Ready RGV! Learn. Prepare, Engage, which is found online at www.readyrgv.org

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D. Public Safety

Regional Police Academy Status ReportManuel Cruz, Director

- **In-Service Training**
The Regional Police Academy continues to offer in-service training throughout the region. During the timeframe of April 13, 2019 – May 17, 2019 the Regional Police Academy has facilitated training in the areas of Civilian Interaction, Intermediate Use of Force, Intermediate Arrest Search and Seizure, and Verbal De-Escalation, Field Training Officer and the current Legislative Update.
- **Civilian Response to Active Shooter Training**
The Regional Police Academy will be conducting the Civilian Response to Active Shooter training at La Feria ISD on May 31, 2019 at their request. This training is scheduled for one day and will be instructed at every campus.
- **Grant Writing USA Workshop**
Bringing training to the region remains a priority for the Regional Police Academy. The Academy has scheduled Grant Writing USA to bring their training on grant writing and grant management to the region. The grant writing workshop will be offered July 29 – 30, 2019. This will be followed by grant management on October 24 – 25, 2019. Both courses will be hosted at the LRGVDC Main Campus, Building B in the Ken Jones Executive Board Room.
- **Specialty Training Courses**
The Edinburg Police Department will be hosting the Intoxilyzer 9000 Operator School. This course is provided by Fondren Forensics and will be June 24 – 27, 2019. In coordination with the Edinburg Police Department and TEEX, the 40-hour course of Intermediate Defensive Tactics is scheduled at the Edinburg Training Center July 22 – 26, 2019.
- **Report on Current Academies**
Testing is still in progress for the 201st Day Academy and the 202nd Night Academy. The 201st has a tentative start date in August 2019 while the 202nd has a tentative start date in January 2020. The 199th Night Academy and 200th Day Academy are still in process and progressing on schedule.

ITEM #5. E.

TRANSPORTATION

VALLEY METRO

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E. Transportation

Valley Metro Status Report Tom Logan, Director

1. Consider Approval to Purchase Motorola 2-Way Radios and Service

Staff requests Board approval to purchase Motorola Equipment and Service to be used by the Valley Metro Operations and Maintenance Divisions. Motorola equipment and service are necessary for transit operations, maintenance personnel, and administrative staff to communicate through a 2-way radio system. The 2-way radio network is available throughout Hidalgo, Cameron, Willacy, Starr and Zapata Counties.

Purchase of this budgeted equipment and service will be made using FTA grant funds and TxDOT Transportation Development Credits (TDC's). Motorola Solutions was selected through the Buy Board Purchasing Cooperative (TX DIR Contract # TSO-4101) at the cost of \$193,373.87 for a total of 69 two-way radios and system integration.

ACTION ITEM

PRICE WORK SHEET

DESCRIPTION	QTY	PRICE
Subscriber Equipment:		
• Fleet - APX 1500 7/800 MHz - Control Stations	4	\$ 18,131.00
• Fleet - APX 1500 7/800 MHz - Mobiles	60	\$ 235,860.00
• Fleet - APX 900 7/800 MHz - Portables	5	\$ 16,026.60
Systems Integration		
System Integration Services, including:		\$ 19,668.00
• Project Management		
• Control Station Removal, Template, Programming and Installation Services		
• Mobile Removal, Template, Programming and Installation Services		
• Portable Radios Template and Programming Services		
• Customer Training		
• Freight Services		
SYSTEM PRICING SUMMARY		PRICE
Subscriber Equipment		\$ 270,017.60
Systems Integration		\$ 19,668.00
Total System Price		\$ 289,685.60
TX DIR Discount		\$ (72,311.73)
Motorola Solutions Trade-in Allowance (at Est. 60 units)		\$ (24,000.00)
Estimated Total System Price		\$ 193,373.87

FLEET

QTY	NOMENCLATURE	DESCRIPTION	EACH (DUP)	AMOUNT (DUP)
		APX 1500 7/800 - CONTROL STATION - FLEET		
4	M36URS9PW1 N	APX1500 7/800	\$ 1,564.00	\$ 6,256.00
4	QA01339AA	ENH: SW P25 TRUNKING	\$ 1,070.00	\$ 4,280.00
4	QA01648AA	ADD: ADVANCED SYSTEM KEY - HARDWARE	\$ 5.00	\$ 20.00
4	GA00804AA	ADD: APX O2 CONTROL HEAD (Grey)	\$ 492.00	\$ 1,968.00
4	G444AH	ADD: APX CONTROL HEAD SOFTWARE	\$ -	\$ -
4	G66AW	ADD: DASH MOUNT O2 WWM	\$ 125.00	\$ 500.00
4	G89AC	ADD: NO RF ANTENNA NEEDED	\$ -	\$ -
4	W382AM	ADD: CONTROL STATION DESK GCAI MIC	\$ 169.00	\$ 676.00
4	G142AD	ADD: NO SPEAKER NEEDED	\$ -	\$ -
4	G91AE	ADD: CONTROL STATION POWER SUPPLY	\$ 269.00	\$ 1,076.00
4	W665BJ	ADD: BASE STATION APEXWWM	\$ 70.00	\$ 280.00
0	G996BD	ENH: OVER THE AIR PROVISIONING	\$ 100.00	\$ -
0	G24AX	INT: 3 YEAR SERVICE FROM THE START LITE	\$ 131.00	\$ -
1	DSSMART1500	UPS,1500VA SMARTPRO TOWER LINE-INTE	\$ 742.00	\$ 742.00
		7/800 ANTENNA ASSEMBLY		\$ -
4	DSMFBW7463	WIDEBAND FIBERGLASS OMNI ANTENNA 74	\$ 344.00	\$ 1,376.00
4	DSMMK12	ANTENNA MOUNTING BRACKET	\$ 32.00	\$ 128.00
4	DDN1088A	L4TNM-PSA TYPE N MALE PS FOR 1/2 IN	\$ 17.75	\$ 71.00
4	TDN9289	221213 CABLE WRAP WEATHERPROOFING	\$ 19.00	\$ 76.00
4	DSSG1206B2A	SG12-06B2A 1/2IN SURE GROUND GROUND	\$ 16.75	\$ 67.00
400	L1705A	LDF4-50A CABLE: 1/2" LDF HELIAX (PROVIDED BY STC)	\$ -	\$ -
4	DDN1089A	L4TNF-PSA TYPE N FEMALE PS FOR 1/2	\$ 28.50	\$ 114.00
4	DSIS50NXC2MA	RF SPD, 125-1000MHZ DC BLOCK FLANGE	\$ 80.00	\$ 320.00
4	DDN9769B	F1TNM-HC 1/4" TYPE N MALE CONNECTOR (AFTER PP)	\$ 27.25	\$ 109.00
100	L1700A	FSJ1-50A CABLE: 1/4" SUPERFLEX (PROVIDE BY STC)	\$ -	\$ -
4	DSF1MU	F1MU 1/4" MINI UHF MALE S FLEX CONNECTOR	\$ 18.00	\$ 72.00
		APX 1500 7/800 FOR FLEET		
60	M36URS9PW1 N	APX 1500 7/800	\$ 1,564.00	\$ 93,840.00
60	QA02756	ADD: 3600 OR 9600 TRUNKING BAUD SIN	\$ 1,570.00	\$ 94,200.00
60	QA01648AA	ADD: ADVANCED SYSTEM KEY - HARDWARE	\$ 5.00	\$ 300.00
60	GA00804AA	ADD: APX O2 CONTROL HEAD (Grey)	\$ 492.00	\$ 29,520.00
60	G444AH	ADD: APX CONTROL HEAD SOFTWARE	\$ -	\$ -

FLEET

QTY	NOMENCLATURE	DESCRIPTION	EACH (DUP)	AMOUNT (DUP)
60	G66AW	ADD: DASH MOUNT O2 WWM	\$ 125.00	\$ 7,500.00
60	G174AF	ADD: ANT 3DB LOW-PROFILE 762-870	\$ 43.00	\$ 2,580.00
60	W22BA	ADD: PALM MICROPHONE	\$ 72.00	\$ 4,320.00
60	B18CR	ADD: AUXILARY SPKR 7.5 WATT	\$ 60.00	\$ 3,600.00
0	G996BD	ADD: PROGRAMMING OVER P25 (OTAP)	\$ 100.00	\$ -
0	G24AX	INT: 3 YEAR SERVICE FROM THE START LITE	\$ 131.00	\$ -
		APX 900 7/800 PORTABLE FOR FLEET		
5	H92UCF9PW6 N	APX 900 7/800 MHZ MODEL 2 PORTABLE	\$ 1,597.00	\$ 7,985.00
5	QA04096AA	ENH: P25 TRUNKING	\$ 1,070.00	\$ 5,350.00
5	QA01648AA	ADD: ADVANCED SYSTEM KEY - HARDWARE	\$ 5.00	\$ 25.00
0	G996AZ	ADD: PROGRAMMING OVER P25 (OTAP)	\$ 100.00	\$ -
0	QA03399AB	ADD: ENHANCED DATA	\$ 173.00	\$ -
5	QA06765	ALT: IMPRESS LI-ION 3000MAH	\$ 85.00	\$ 425.00
0	H885BK	ADD: 3 YEAR SERVICE FROM THE START LITE	\$ 90.00	\$ -
5	H799BC	ADD: TEST RESULTS / RATED AUDIO PRI	\$ -	\$ -
5	PMNN4493	BATT IMPRES LIION LOW VOLT IP68 3000T	\$ 127.00	\$ 635.00
5	PMPN4174A	CHGR DESKTOP SINGLE UNIT IMPRES, US/NA	\$ 69.25	\$ 346.25
5	PMLN5842A	HARD LEATHER CARRY CASE WITH 2.5 IN SWIVEL BELT LOOP -	\$ 60.00	\$ 300.00
5	PMMN4069A	IMPRES RSM, 3.5MM AUDIO JACK	\$ 121.00	\$ 605.00
5	RLN4941A	RECEIVE ONLY EARPIECE W/TRANSLUCENT TUBE	\$ 71.07	\$ 355.35
		TOTAL LINE ITEM AMOUNT		\$ 270,017.60

RECURRING COST

STANDARDIZED SERVICES - MIP 5000 DISPATCH W/ SUBSCRIBER UNITS		Year 1*	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
APX 1500 Control Stations (less power supplies)*	4	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 320.00	\$ 330.00
APX 1500 Mobiles*	60	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,716.00	\$ 4,857.00
APX 900 Portables*	5	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 270.00	\$ 278.00
TOTAL - LRGVDC SERVICES		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,306.00	\$ 5,465.00

* 3 Year Extended Warranty - Covered in Original Purchase - at Motorola Service Facility

RIO GRANDE VALLEY COMMUNICATIONS GROUP		Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
FULL AIRTIME SERVICES @ \$132 PER YEAR SUBSCRIBER UNITS	69	\$ 9,108.00	\$ 9,381.00	\$ 9,662.00	\$ 9,952.00	\$ 10,251.00
ONE TIME ACTIVATION FEE @ \$20 PER UNIT NEW SUBSCRIBER UNITS	69	\$ 1,380.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL - RGVCG SERVICES		\$ 9,108.00	\$ 9,381.00	\$ 9,662.00	\$ 9,952.00	\$ 10,251.00

TOTAL - RECURRING COST	\$ 9,108.00	\$ 9,381.00	\$ 9,662.00	\$ 15,258.00	\$ 15,716.00
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**Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council
Board of Directors Meeting**

Wednesday, May 29, 2019

Item #5: Department Reports

E. Transportation

Valley Metro Status Report Tom Logan, Director

2. Consider Approval to Enter into Interlocal Agreement for Radio Service with Rio Grande Valley Communication Group (RGVCG)

Staff requests Board approval to enter into an interlocal agreement for radio service with Rio Grande Valley Communication Group (RGVCG). This service will allow the LRGVDC - Valley Metro transportation operators to utilize the RGVCG 700/800-megahertz radio system to communicate through their 2-way radio system within Hidalgo, Cameron, Willacy, Starr and Zapata Counties. The radio system has a recurring cost that includes annual radio maintenance fees, T-1 communication lines, and infrastructure up-grades.

ACTION ITEM

INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT RADIO SERVICE

STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTY OF HIDALGO §

This Agreement made and entered into by and between the **RIO GRANDE VALLEY COMMUNICATIONS GROUP**, a Texas non-profit corporation, (hereinafter sometimes referred to the “RGVCG”) and **LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL**, a (home rule city, political subdivision, department of the State of Texas, federal agency) situated in (Hidalgo), (hereinafter sometimes referred to as the LRGVDC).

The initial addresses of the parties, which one party may change by giving written notice of its changed address to the other party, are as follows:

RGVCG
Randy Ashley
Communications Manager
PO Box 220
McAllen, Texas 78501

LRGVDC
Ron Garza
Executive Director
301 W. Railroad St.
Weslaco, Texas 78596

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the RGVCG owns and maintains a multi-site 700/800 megahertz trunked radio system and is duly licensed by the Federal Communications Commission (hereinafter referred to as “FCC”) for the operation of same; and

WHEREAS, LRGVDC desires to utilize the RGVCG’s 700/800 megahertz radio system for government functions, and

WHEREAS, RGVCG is able to accommodate additional radio units on its trunked 700/800 megahertz radio system and is willing to cooperate with LRGVDC to affect usage of the system for said purposes; and

WHEREAS, the radio system recurring costs include annual radio maintenance fees, T-1 communication lines, and infrastructure up-grades as required; and

WHEREAS, the RGVCG is hereby furnishing a service related to homeland security activity under this interlocal agreement and as the furnishing local agency is not responsible for any civil liability that arises from the furnishing of the services under this contract; and

WHEREAS, the RGVCG and LRGVDC are authorized to enter into an agreement for the provision of such services pursuant to the provisions of Interlocal Cooperation Act, Texas Government code Ann. § 791.001, et seq.

NOW, THEREFORE, the RGVCG and LRGVDC hereby agree to the terms and conditions of this Contract. This Contract consists of the following sections:

All of the above described sections and documents are hereby incorporated into this Agreement by this reference for all purposes.

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IN WITNESS HEREOF, RGVCG and LRGVDC have made and executed this contract in multiple copies, each of which is an original.

**RIO GRANDE VALLEY
COMMUNICATIONS GROUP**

Jeff Johnston, Chairman Date

Attest:

Randy Ashley, Board Secretary

Approved as to form:

Evaristo Garcia, RGVCG Attorney

**LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY
DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL**

Ron Garza, Executive Director Date

Attest:

Name, Title

I. DEFINITIONS

As used in this contract, the following terms shall have the meanings set out below:

“Contract” means the agreement the RGVCG and LRGVDC .

“Contract Term” is defined in Article IV.

“RGVCG” is defined in the preamble to this contract and includes its successors and assigns.

“Communications Manager” means the Director of the RGVCG or the designee.

“Regional Radio System” (RRS) means the RGVCG’s trunked 700/800 megahertz radio system.

“Radio Unit” or “Unit” means a mobile, stationary, or portable radio communications device, which communicates at certain air wave frequencies.

II. DUTIES OF RGVGC

A. In General

During the Contract Term, RGVCG shall provide radio air time on and support for the Regional Radio System (RRS) for as many as 69 radio units and/or IP consoles. The numbers of units for either primary or back-up dispatch on the regional radio system may be increased by mutual written agreement of the RGVCG and LRGVDC.

Within 30 days of Countersignature, the RGVCG shall program the radio unit(s) according to the initial configuration agreeable to the RGVCG Communications Manager and LRGVDC. RGVCG may program each radio unit, for a service charge, with the capability to access the regional radio system within 30 days after submittal of such unit to the RGVCG Radio Support Section for programming.

B. Stolen Units

Upon notification that one or more of LRGVDC’s radio units have been lost or stolen, the RGVGC shall take all reasonable actions to prevent the stolen or lost radio unit from gaining access to the regional radio system.

C. Optional Services

The RGVCG may provide radio repair and installation/removal services at LRGVDC's written request in accordance with the current radio systems management price list (updated annually in September).

III. DUTIES OF LRGVDC

A. Procurement of Radio and Console Units

It is understood that LRGVDC must procure its own radio and/or console units, which must be compatible with the regional radio system (P25 Compliant and 700/800 capable), and is responsible for the maintenance of its radio and console units.

B. T1 Communications Lines

It is understood that LRGVDC must provide and maintain its own T1 lines, if needed, between LRGVDC and the Core location at 201 N. 21st Street, McAllen, Texas.

C. Stolen Units

LRGVDC shall notify the RGVCG when one or more unit(s) have been stolen or lost within 24 hours of LRGVDC's discovery that the unit(s) have been lost or stolen.

D. Payment of Airtime

LRGVDC shall pay the RGVCG for the access to the regional radio system provided herein at a rate of **\$11.00 per unit, per month for full-time** radio and/or console air time and support. LRGVDC shall prepay these yearly charges in full at the beginning of the Contract Term and each renewal thereof, based upon the number of radio units then in service. Should LRGVDC change the number of radio units in service during the Contract Term, the following provisions shall apply:

1. In the event the number of LRGVDC radio units in service increases during a Contract Term, the charge for each additional radio unit shall be prorated based upon the remaining fractional part of the current Contract Term. The entire amount owed for the additional radio units, for the time remaining in the then current Contract Term, shall be prepaid to the RGVCG.
2. In the event the number of LRGVDC radio units in service decreases during the Contract Term, the RGVCG shall either allow a credit or make a refund to LRGVDC for a prorated portion of the prepaid fee

based on the remaining fractional part of the current Contract Term. The credit/refund allowed will be accomplished within sixty (60) days of the date LRGVDC gives the RGVCG written notice of its decrease in the number of radio units it has in service.

3. Prorated portions of the Contract Term shall be calculated on a monthly basis with fractions rounded to the nearest whole month.
4. LRGVDC, if a part time subscriber, shall have the option to upgrade radio service to full-time use. In the event LRGVDC upgrades the radio service to full-time use, a rate of \$11.00 per unit, per month shall apply.

E. Payment for Programming

LRGVDC shall pay the RGVCG for the programming and activation of LRGVDC's radios for use on the regional radio system at a rate of \$40.00 per radio, upon initial access to the regional radio system. The entire amount owed for the programming of radio units shall be paid to the RGVCG within sixty (60) days of the invoice date for such services.

As an option, the programming of radio units on the regional radio system can be completed by LRGVDC or an approved vendor as authorized by the RGVCG. In the event LRGVDC exercises the option to program, or have programmed, its own radios, a Twenty Dollar (\$20.00) per radio activation fee shall still apply.

F. Fee Adjustment

It is expressly understood and agreed that the RGVCG may increase the annual fees provided for herein by giving LRGVDC written notice of its intention to increase said fees at least ninety (90) days prior to the effective date of the proposed increase. Fee adjustments can only be made at the beginning of an annual contract term unless the initial contract is entered upon after the fee adjustment is approved.

G. Breach

The decision to exercise rights granted by this subsection shall be made by the Governing Board of the RGVCG. If LRGVDC commits a breach of this Contract, the Governing Board shall deliver a written notice of breach to LRGVDC that specifies the nature of the breach and indicates that unless the breach is cured within thirty (30) days, additional steps shall be taken. A breach in payment of the annual assessment can only be cured by paying that Annual Assessment. If LRGVDC does not cure that breach within thirty (30) days of receiving the written notice of breach, LRGVDC is in default and the Governing Board shall deliver a

written notice of default to LRGVDC that specifies the following:

1. The nature of the default,
2. The date of the notice of breach,
3. The failure of LRGVDC to cure timely, and
4. LRGVDC's interest in the RRS is terminated on the effective date stated in the notice if the termination is approved by the Governing Board unless the default is cured by LRGVDC paying that Annual Assessment during the first quarter of the next budget cycle after that in which the breach occurred

If LRGVDC fails to make any payment of any sum due under this Agreement and such failure continues for forty-five (45) days after the RGVCG has given LRGVDC written notice of such failure, then LRGVDC is in default under this Agreement. In the event of LRGVDC's default, the RGVCG has the right to terminate the Agreement, deny LRGVDC any service provided by the RGVCG under this Agreement, and retain all moneys paid to the RGVCG pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Agreement as liquidated damages. Each and every right and remedy of the RGVCG and LRGVDC are cumulative to and not in lieu of each and every other such right and remedy afforded by law and equity.

Should the RGVCG fail to perform as provided under the terms of this Agreement, LRGVDC's sole remedy is termination of this Agreement, and the RGVCG agrees to make a refund to LRGVDC of the portion of the pre-paid fee based upon that fractional part of the one-year term remaining under this Agreement.

IV. TERM AND TERMINATION

The initial Contract Term will be prorated to September 30, 2019. The first full Contract Term shall be one (1) year from the date October 1, 2019. This Contract will automatically renew for as many as nine (9) additional one-year terms, unless it is terminated by either party giving the other party prior written notice of its intention to terminate. Said notice of termination shall be given to the other party not less than thirty (30) days prior to the expiration of the Contract Term. Notwithstanding the preceding provisions, the Contract Term will end:

- Immediately if all or substantially all of the authorizations held by the RGVCG or LRGVDC are revoked by the FCC or its successor agency, or
- Upon either party giving the other party thirty (30) days prior written notice of its intent to terminate.
- Within thirty (30) days of termination of this Contract, LRGVDC shall allow the RGVCG access to LRGVDC's radio units for the purpose of removing its programming that allows access to the RGVCG Regional Radio System.

V. MISCELLANEOUS

A. Release

TO THE EXTENT PERMITTED BY THE TEXAS CONSTITUTION AND TEXAS STATE LAW, LRGVDC, ITS PREDECESSORS, SUCCESSORS, AND ASSIGNS HEREBY RELEASE, RELINQUISH, AND DISCHARGE THE RIO GRANDE VALLEY COMMUNICATIONS GROUP, ITS PREDECESSORS, ASSIGNS, LEGAL REPRESENTATIVES, AND ITS FORMER, PRESENT AND FUTURE AGENTS, EMPLOYEES, DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS FROM ANY LIABILITY ARISING OUT OF THE SOLE AND/OR CONCURRENT NEGLIGENCE OF RGVCG FOR ANY INJURY, INCLUDING DEATH OR DAMAGE TO PERSONS OR TO PROPERTY WHERE SUCH DAMAGE IS SUSTAINED IN CONNECTION WITH OR ARISING OUT OF THE WORK PERFORMED UNDER THIS CONTRACT.

Additionally, it is expressly understood and agreed that one hundred percent (100%) coverage of any area at all times is improbable. There may be acts of God or adverse transmission condition such as short-term unpredictable meteorological effects and sky-wave interference from distant stations that can interrupt the regional radio system. Likewise, there are other causes beyond reasonable control of the RGVCG, including, but not limited to, motor ignition and other electrical noise that may be minimized by corrective devices at the User's expense. Any surveys, studies, research, or other measures taken to ensure the adequacy of coverage provided to the User under this Agreement are the sole responsibility and expense of the User

B. Independent Contractor

The RGVCG agrees to perform the services as an independent contractor and not as a subcontractor, agent or employee of LRGVDC.

C. Force Majeure

"Force Majeure" includes, but is not limited to, acts of God, acts of the public enemy, war, blockades, insurrection, riots, epidemics, landslides, lightning, earthquakes, fires, storms, floods, washouts, tornadoes, hurricanes, arrests and restraints of government and people, explosions, and any other inability of either party to carry out its obligations under this Contract, except strikes or labor disputes and breakage or damage to machinery or equipment, whether similar to those enumerated or otherwise, and not within the control of the party claiming such inability, and which by the exercise of due diligence and care such party could not have avoided.

In the event either party is rendered unable, wholly or in part, by Force Majeure, to carry out any of its obligations under this Contract, it is agreed that, upon such party's giving notice and full particulars of such Force Majeure in writing or by telegraph or telefax to the other party within five (5) business days after the occurrence of the cause relied upon, then the obligations of the party giving such notice, to the extent it is affected by Force Majeure and to the extent that due diligence is

being used to resume performance at the earliest practicable time, shall be suspended during the continuance of any inability so caused as to the extent provided, but for no longer period. Such cause shall as far as possible be remedied with all reasonable dispatch.

D. Entire Agreement

This Contract merges the prior negotiations and understandings of the parties hereto and embodies the entire agreement of the parties, and there are no other agreements, assurances, conditions, covenants (expressed or implied) or other terms with respect to the Project, whether written or verbal, antecedent or contemporaneous, with the execution hereof.

E. Applicable Laws

This Contract is subject to all laws of the State of Texas, the Certificate of Formation and Bylaws of the Rio Grande Valley Communications Group, the rules of LRGVDC, the laws of the federal government of the United States of America, and all rules and regulations of any regulatory body or officer having jurisdiction.

Venue for any litigation relating to this Contract shall be Hidalgo County, Texas.

F. Enforcement

The RGVCG Chairman or his or her designee shall have the right to enforce all legal rights and obligations under this Contract without further authorization.

G. Assignment

LRGVDC shall not assign this Contract at law or otherwise without the prior written consent of the Board of Directors of the RGVCG.

H. Parties in Interest

This Contract shall not bestow any rights upon any third party, but rather shall bind and benefit the RGVCG and LRGVDC only.

I. Legislative Action (Optional Language for State or Federal Agency)

LRGVDC is a state agency whose authority is subject to the actions of the Texas Legislature and/or the United States Congress. If LRGVDC and/or the subject matter of this Agreement become subject to a legislative or regulatory change or the revocation of statutory or regulatory authority that would render the services to be provided under this Agreement impossible, unnecessary, void or substantially amended or that would terminate the appropriations for this

Agreement, LRGVDC may immediately terminate this Agreement without penalty to, or any liability whatsoever on the part of LRGVDC, the State of Texas and the United States.

J. Payment of Services

Invoices to LRGVDC Accounts Payable are to be sent to the following:

LRGVDC
Joanna Saenz
Finance Department
301 W. Railroad Street
Weslaco, Texas 78596
Or electronically to: invoice@lrgvdc.org



QUOTE

c/o City of McAllen
Attn: Randy Gonzales
PO Box 220
McAllen, TX 78505-0220
(956) 681-1445

QUOTE NO. 2497
DATE May 20, 2019
CUSTOMER ID LRGVDC

TO LRGVDC
Ron Garza
301 W. Railroad St.
Weslaco, Texas 78596
Invoice@lrgvdc.org

SALESPERSON	JOB	PAYMENT TERMS	DUE DATE
RA	2018-2019	Net 30	QUOTE

QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	LINE TOTAL
69.00	Full Time Annual Subscriptions to the RGVCG RRS	\$ 33.00	\$ 2,277.00
	July 1, 2019 to September 30, 2019		
	3 Months @ \$11 per radio per month = \$33 per unit		
69.00	Activation (One Time Fee)	\$ 20.00	\$ 1,380.00
69.00	Full Time Annual Subscriptions to the RGVCG RRS	\$ 144.00	\$ 9,936.00
	October 1, 2019 to September 30, 2020		
	12 Months @ \$12 per radio per month = \$144 per unit		
69.00	Full Time Annual Subscriptions to the RGVCG RRS	\$ 156.00	\$ 10,764.00
	October 1, 2020 to September 30, 2021		
	12 Months @ \$13 per radio per month = \$144 per unit		
	Please see attached radio inventory for radio details.		
		SUBTOTAL	\$ 24,357.00
		SALES TAX	-
		TOTAL	\$ 24,357.00

Make all checks payable to: **Rio Grande Valley Communications Group**
THANK YOU FOR YOUR BUSINESS!

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E. Transportation

Valley Metro Status Report Tom Logan, Director

3. Consider Approval to Enter into a Contract for Bulk Diesel for Transit Fleet

Staff requests Board approval to enter into a contract with Petroleum Traders Corporation (PTC) for bulk diesel for the Valley Metro transit fleet.

As per LRGVDC Policy, competitive procurement process was conducted for this purchase. Petroleum Traders Corporation was selected from the eligible bidders as the most responsive bidder exhibiting the best value.

This contract agreement will allow the LRGVDC-Valley Metro to order diesel fuel at bulk rates resulting in significant cost savings.

ACTION ITEM

Diesel, LOW SULFUR TRANSPORT TRUCK DELIVERY (TTD) (7,000 gallons)

		(A)	(B)	(C)
		OPIS \$/GALLON	Profit Per Gallon	Total Unit Price Per Gallon
PTC	Price as of 4/15/19	\$2.1282	\$0.0072	\$2.1354
Argendegui	Price as of 4/17/19	\$2.1473	\$0.1050	\$2.2523

Diesel, LOW SULFUR LESS THAN FULL TRANSPORT TRUCK DELIVERY (TTD) (less than 7,000 gallons)

		(A)	(B)	(C)
		OPIS \$/GALLON	Profit Per Gallon	Total Unit Price Per Gallon
PTC	Price as of 4/__/19	NO BID	NO BID	NO BID
Argendegui	Price as of 4/17/19	\$2.1473	\$0.2350	\$0.2382

Price per Container delivered

		Oil	Universal Antri-freeze	ATF - Transmission Dextron 3
PTC	Price as of 4/__/19	NO BID	NO BID	NO BID
Argendegui	Price as of 4/17/19	\$581.03/ \$883.53	\$335.66	\$491.47

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Valley Metro Status Report Tom Logan, Director

4. Consider Approval to Enter into a Contract for Tires for Transit Fleet

Staff requests Board approval to enter into a contract with Goodyear Corporation as the provider for tires to LRGVDC- Valley Metro.

As per LRGVDC Policy, competitive procurement process was conducted for this purchase. Goodyear Corporation was selected from the eligible bidders as the most responsive bidder exhibiting the best value.

This contract agreement will allow the LRGVDC-Valley Metro to purchase tires at bulk rates resulting in significant cost savings.

ACTION ITEM

Price per tire

Tire	T&W Tire	Goodyear
265/70/19.5	\$512.00	\$300.00
225/75/16	\$127.21	\$109.65
225/70/19.5	\$317.96	\$245.00
245/70R/19.5	\$325.39	\$255.00
265/75-22 (5 (front)	\$355.00	\$300.00
225/65/16	\$78.79	\$68.95
225/75/16	\$109.65	\$109.65
315/80R/22.5	\$598.95	\$665.00
245/75/22 (5 (rear)	\$290.00	\$345.00
235/70/17	\$109.39	\$112.98
245/70/17	\$118.32	\$124.44
235/80/17	\$119.87	\$137.70
	\$3,062.53	\$2,773.37

Total Dollars

Qty.	T&W Tire	Goodyear
196	\$100,352.00	\$58,800.00
770	\$97,951.70	\$84,430.50
18	\$5,723.28	\$4,410.00
35	\$11,388.65	\$8,925.00
20	\$7,100.00	\$6,000.00
70	\$5,515.30	\$4,826.50
41	\$4,495.65	\$4,495.65
41	\$24,556.95	\$27,265.00
30	\$8,700.00	\$10,350.00
6	\$656.34	\$677.88
6	\$709.92	\$746.64
6	\$719.22	\$826.20
	\$267,869.01	\$211,753.37

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Valley Metro Status Report Tom Logan, Director

5. Consider Approval to Enter into a Contract for Bus Wrap Services

Staff requests Board approval to enter into a contract with Brands Imagining for bus wrap services.

As per LRGVDC Policy, competitive procurement process was conducted for this purchase. Brands Imagining was selected from the eligible bidders as the most responsive bidder exhibiting the best value.

This contract agreement will allow the LRGVDC-Valley Metro to acquire bus wrapping services from a designated provider resulting in cost savings and greater efficiency to advertising entities.

ACTION ITEM

AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL AND BRANDS IMAGING

This contract is by and between the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council, 301 W. Railroad St., Weslaco, Tx. 78596 (hereafter referred to as "LRGVDC") and Brands Imaging, Philadelphia, PA hereafter referred to as ("contractor"). This contract is for provision of bus wrapping services, which can include wrapping removal, wrap design, production and installation services. This is an indefinite delivery and indefinite quantity contract. There is no guarantee on the number of buses that will require the services listed above or the number of wraps that will be needed during the duration of this agreement.

1. SCOPE OF SERVICE

- a.) Provide bus wrapping services for Valley Metro buses.
- b.) Provide design services, when requested, by Valley Metro or entity that Valley Metro has sold or obligated advertising space to on its fleet of buses.
- c.) Schedule wrapping within three business days of notification by LRGVDC. The wrapping must be completed in a timely manner and scheduled in a manner that best fits both Brands Imaging and Valley Metro.
- d.) Contractor must possess valid any applicable city and/or county permits for all aspects of wrapping and follow all environmental laws pertaining to disposal of bus wraps and associated materials.

2. QUALIFYING CONDITIONS

- a.) Contractor agrees to follow all Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) policies and guidelines. Contractor will not undertake any activity that may cause LRGVDC to violate any provision of TCEQ certifications and assurances.
- b.) All orders will be proceeded by a Purchase Order from the LRGVDC.
- c.) The contractor shall procure and maintain insurance for the duration of the contract.
- d.) WARRANTY:
Graphics produced by Brands Imaging will all be composed of 3M Certified materials that the service provider (3M and Brands Imaging) warranties for 12 months against unnatural wear and tear under the conditions described:
-Manufacturing Defects and Ink Performance (adhesive defects, adhesion failure on recommended substrates, excessive image fading, etc.)
**Please note, Horizontal/Non-Vertical Surfaces and 10 degree surfaces are not warranted.

e.) APPOINTMENTS:

Brands Imaging will provide all clients with an opportunity to schedule an appointment prior to start of project to discuss design, timeline and perform a site survey to examine, measure and check existing conditions of areas for applications. In some instances, additional measurements might be needed upon final design approval before production can begin. This process will take about 15 minutes and must be taken at least 1 week prior to your scheduled installation date. Appointments for Installation will be scheduled on a "first come, first serve" basis, with consideration to timing of graphic approval with our existing production and installation schedules.

f.) DESIGN:

All customers will have a four (4) image revision process, unless otherwise noted and agreed upon by Brands Imaging. Brands Imaging will provide one (1) initial design proof and four (4) additional revision proofs for the client. For each additional revision that Brands Imaging designs after the agreed upon revisions, a fee of \$65.00 per hour will be added to final invoice. *BRANDS IMAGING SHALL NOT BE LIABLE FOR MISSING PROJECTED COMPLETION DATES IF THE CLIENT FALLS SHORT DURING THE DESIGN PROCESS OR EXCEED THE GIVEN NUMBER OF REVISIONS.*

Client Supplied Logos must be provided to Brands Imaging in a vector file format. If client does not have access to the preferred file format, a design fee of \$65.00 per hour will be added to final invoice for the recreation of the logo, unless otherwise noted and agreed upon by Brands Imaging.

Client is responsible for review and verification of all spelling, grammar and other content provided on the Brands Imaging design proof. *BRANDS IMAGING SHALL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY CONTENT ERRORS AFTER FINAL DESIGN APPROVAL.*

Designs are based on two-dimensional templates and may vary slightly from the actual vehicle. Adjustments to placement may occur during installation and will be based on industry standards. Client is responsible for review and approval of proofs and comparison to actual vehicle to check for obstacles (door handles, gas caps, locks, etc.).

g.) PRODUCTION:

After final design approval, print production will occur as soon as possible. Any additional changes to the design after print has begun will result in additional charges to the client.

PLEASE NOTE, Colors on computer monitors and paper prints may vary significantly from intended colors. Printed color samples can be produced for an additional fee of \$50.00. *BRANDS IMAGING SHALL NOT BE LIABLE FOR COLOR MATCH DIFFERENCES IF THE CLIENT ELECTS TO NOT SEE A PRINTED COLOR PROOF.* Brands Imaging shall not be liable for failed vinyl adhesion and loss of paint during

installation on vehicles that are not factory painted. Any damages wrought upon the product during installation will be repaired at the service provider's (Brands Imaging) expense.

Brands Imaging will produce all vehicle wraps with a 3M Gloss UV Laminate that will protect your graphic from fading, exposure to moisture and dirt. Hand washing with a non-abrasive detergent via soft cloth or sponge is the preferred method for cleaning. Car Washes are NOT recommended as they can rub the film causing edges to lift or chip and dull graphics, and is not covered under warranty. Exposure to sun and atmospheric pollutants will cause vinyl to degrade over time. It's recommended to keep your wrapped vehicle in a garage or under cover to prolong your wrap's life past warranty.

LRGVDC shall inspect each vehicle and determine if the work performed, not limited to but including the wrapping, is satisfactory.

4. TERMS OF PAYMENT

- a.) Invoice shall be submitted to the LRGVDC upon completion and inspection of each vehicle in accordance with the pricing schedule and checklist, as per Exhibit A.
- b.) If changes in plans or specifications are necessary after the performance of the contract has begun or if it is necessary to decrease or increase the quantity of work to be performed or of materials, equipment, or supplies to be furnished the LRGVDC must approve change orders before changes are made.

5. LENGTH OF THE CONTRACT

This contract shall become effective upon receipt of all required signatures. The work to be performed under this contract will terminate one (1) year from the effective date.

This contract may be extended upon mutual agreement by the LRGVDC and Brands Imaging with an annual renewal of up to five (5) years.

6. WRITTEN NOTICE OF ISSUE

In the event that any issue arises including but not limited to any potential delays, change orders, time extensions, weather delays the contractor agrees to notify the LRGVDC in writing with a proposed resolution.

7. TERMINATION

- a. Termination by Both Parties. The parties may terminate this Agreement at any time by mutual agreement on terms agreeable to the parties.
- b. Termination by Brands Imaging. Brands Imaging may terminate this Agreement:
 - i. At any time, with cause or without cause, on 120 days prior written notice to LRGVDC/Valley Metro; or

- ii. Immediately upon any breach of this Agreement by LRGVDC/Valley Metro, which breach is not cured within any applicable cure period; or
 - iii. By giving notice of termination or non-renewal at least 120 days prior to the renewal date.
- c. Termination by LRGVDC/Valley Metro. LRGVDC/Valley Metro may terminate this Agreement:
 - i. Immediately upon any breach of this Agreement by Brands Imaging which breach is not cured within any applicable cure period; or
 - ii. Termination of the renewal term must be received in writing 120 days prior to the renewal date.

Termination shall not affect any obligations of either party for conduct occurring on or prior to the effective date of termination.

Either party to this agreement shall have the right to terminate this contract at any time, and for any reason, after 30 days' written notice and any payment requested shall be made on work completed and / or goods delivered and as provided for in the contract.

8. COMPLETE AGREEMENT

This Agreement shall constitute the entire agreement between the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof and shall supersede all previous negotiations, commitments and writings with respect to such subject matter.

Other Agreements. This Agreement is not intended to address, and should not be interpreted to address, the matters specifically and expressly covered by other agreements between the parties.

Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in one or more original or facsimile counterparts, all of which shall be considered one and the same agreement and shall become effective when one or more such counterparts has been signed by each of the parties and delivered to the other party.

9. NOTICES

Except as otherwise provided in this section, all notices and other communications hereunder shall be in writing and hand delivered or mailed by registered or certified mail (return receipt requested) or sent by any means of electronic message transmission with delivery confirmed (by voice or otherwise) to the parties at the following addresses (or at such other addresses for a party as shall be specified by like notice) and will be deemed given on the date on which such notice is received:

If to Vendor: Brett Brand
 www.brandsimaging.com
 215-520-6205 - c
 215-279-7218 - Ext 1
 brett@brandsimaging.com

If to LRGVDC: LRGVDC
 Attn: Ron Garza
 Executive Director
 301 W. Railroad St.
 Weslaco, Texas 78596
 rongarza@lrgvdc.org

With a copy to: LRGVDC
 Tom Logan
 Director of Valley Metro
 510 S. Pleasantview Drive
 Weslaco, Tx 78596
 682-3481 ext. 301
 tlogan@lrgvdctransit.org

10. WAIVERS

The failure of any party to require strict performance by the other party of any provision in this Agreement will not waive or diminish that party's right to demand strict performance thereafter of that or any other provision hereof.

11. AMENDMENTS

This Agreement may not be modified or amended except by an agreement in writing signed by each of the parties hereto.

12. ASSIGNMENT

Brands Imaging may assign this Agreement to any person or entity (i) which acquires all or substantially all of its assets, or (ii) which merges with Brands Imaging. In all other circumstances, neither party may assign this Agreement or its rights or obligations hereunder without the prior written consent of the other party. Any assignment in contravention of this Paragraph shall be void.

13. SUCCESSIONS AND ASSIGNS

The provisions to this Agreement shall be binding upon, inure to the benefit of and be enforceable by the parties and their respective successors and permitted assigns.

14. THIRD PARTY BENEFICIARIES

This Agreement is solely for the benefit of the parties hereto and should not be deemed to confer upon third parties any remedy, claim, liability, reimbursement, cause of action or other right in excess of those existing without reference to this Agreement.

15. TITLE AND HEADINGS

Titles and headings to sections herein are inserted for the convenience of reference only and are not intended to be a part of or to affect the meaning or interpretation of this Agreement.

16. GOVERNING LAW; VENUE

The validity, performance, enforcement, interpretation and any other aspect of this Agreement shall be governed by the internal laws of the State of Indiana and the State of Texas, without application of its principles of conflict of laws, notwithstanding the choice of law provisions of the venue where the action is brought, where the violation occurred, where either party may be located, or any other jurisdiction. The parties hereby agree and consent to the exclusive jurisdiction of the state or federal courts located in Marion County, Indiana, and Hidalgo County, Texas and waive any defense of lack of personal jurisdiction or improper venue or *forum non conveniens* to a claim brought in such court.

17. SEVERABILITY

In the event any one or more of the provisions contained in this Agreement should be held invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any respect by a court of competent jurisdiction, the validity, legality and enforceability of the remaining provisions contained herein and therein shall not in any way be affected or impaired thereby. The parties shall endeavor in good-faith negotiations to replace the invalid, illegal or unenforceable provisions with valid provisions, the economic effect of which comes as close as possible to that of the invalid, illegal or unenforceable provisions.

18. LAWS AND GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

Each party shall be responsible for compliance with all laws and governmental regulations affecting its businesses

19. RELATIONSHIP OF PARTIES

Nothing in this Agreement shall be deemed or construed by the parties or any third party as creating the relationship of principal and agent, partnership or joint venture between the parties, it being understood and agreed that no provision contained herein, and no act of the parties, shall be deemed to create any relationship between the parties other than the relationship of buyer and seller of services nor be deemed to vest any rights, interests or claims in any third parties. The parties do not intend to waive any privileges or rights to which they may be entitled.

20. AUTHORIZATION

The parties signing this Agreement have all necessary power and authority to act on behalf of their respective entities.

21. MODIFICATION

This Agreement may not be modified except by an instrument in writing signed by the party against whom enforcement is sought.

22. OPPORTUNITY FOR REPRESENTATION; NO RESUMPTION AGAINST DRAFTER

Each party acknowledges that it has had an adequate opportunity to obtain counsel and to participate in the drafting of this Agreement. Accordingly, the parties agree that, if this Agreement is interpreted or construed by a court of competent jurisdiction, no presumption shall be applied against the drafter of this Agreement.

23. TELEFACSIMILE

This Agreement may be executed by any party by means of telefacsimile transmission or other electronic transmission, and any party or other person may rely on any such telefacsimile transmission or other electronic transmission signature as constituting an original signature.

Any changes to this document must be approved by LRGVDC and signed by both parties to the agreement.

Executed on this _____ day of _____, 2019.

By: _____
Ron Garza, Executive Director

By: _____
Brett Brand, Owner

Attest: _____
Crystal Balboa, Director of Finance

Exhibit A
Contract Number 00104

Pricing and checklist schedule between the LRGVDC and Brands Imaging.

Pricing Schedule	<u>Unit Price</u>
1. New Flyer Bus Wrap 3M IJ180CV3 Vinyl with 8518 Goss UV Laminate 3M 7 Year Warranty 3M Certified Installation Design, Production, & Graphic Installation	\$3,906.00
2. Type III Bus Wrap 3M IJ180CV3 Vinyl with 8518 Goss UV Laminate 3M 7 Year Warranty 3M Certified Installation Design, Production, & Graphic Installation	\$2,790.00
3. Mini Wrap 3M IJ180CV3 Vinyl with 8518 Goss UV Laminate 3M 7 Year Warranty 3M Certified Installation Design, Production, & Graphic Installation	\$2,450.00

If no design services are required for any of the wrapping services mentioned above, all state prices will be discounted by \$250. Design fees for miscellaneous items such as logos are subject to negotiation on a case-by-case basis and will be added to the fees stated above.

Executed as of the date first set forth above.

Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council

Attn: Ron Garza

Executive Director

301 W. Railroad St.

Weslaco, Texas 78596

956-682-3481 ext. 149

rongarza@lrgvdc.org

“LRGVDC/Valley Metro”

Brands Imaging

By: _____

Brett Brand, President

Date: _____

“Brands Imaging”

Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council

Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, May 29, 2019

Item #5: Department Reports

E. Transportation

Valley Metro Status Report Tom Logan, Director

- Ridership Report

Both the rural and urban transit systems are operating, and all systems are monitored daily. In April 2019 ridership for the urban system, which operates Monday through Saturday in the urban areas of Hidalgo, Cameron, and Starr Counties has been averaging **19,131** 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 **2,252** passengers per week for the month of April.

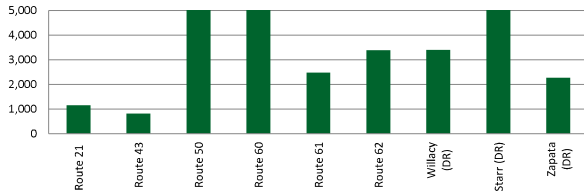
- Regional Transportation Advisory Panel (RTAP) Activity

The next RTAP meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 25, 2019 at UTRGV Edinburg location is TBD.

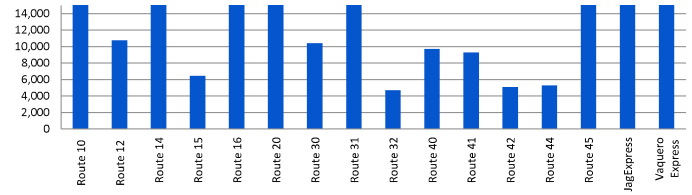


LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL
Valley Metro Service Summary
FY 2019 September - April

RURAL
Ridership by Route

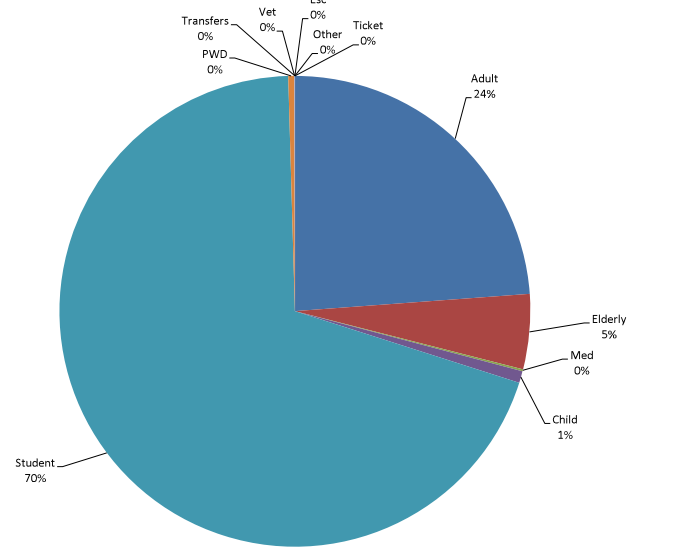


URBAN
Ridership by Route



	Route	Total Passenger Trips	Route Activity	Area(s) Served
RURAL	Route 21	1,161	0%	Sullivan City, West Hidalgo County
	Route 43	823	0%	South Cameron County
	Route 50	39,844	6%	Brownsville, Port Isabel
	Route 60	6,274	1%	Roma, Rio Grande City
	Route 61	2,483	0%	Rio Grande City
	Route 62	3,393	1%	Rio Grande City
	Willacy (DR)	3,410	1%	Willacy County
	Starr (DR)	5,065	1%	Starr County
	Zapata (DR)	2,274	0%	Zapata County
URBAN	Metro Express	22,905	4%	Rio Grande Valley
	Route 10	22,607	4%	Edinburg
	Route 12	10,765	2%	Edcouch, Elsa, Edinburg
	Route 14	22,674	4%	Edinburg
	Route 15	6,452	1%	Edinburg
	Route 16	53,258	9%	Edinburg
	Route 20	24,260	4%	Mission
	Route 30	10,423	2%	Pharr, San Juan
	Route 31	51,024	8%	Hidalgo County
	Route 32	4,721	1%	Donna
	Route 40	9,718	2%	Harlingen
	Route 41	9,289	2%	Harlingen
	Route 42	5,094	1%	San Benito
	Route 44	5,289	1%	Primera, La Feria, Santa Rosa
	Route 45	35,758	6%	Cameron County
	JagExpress	58,349	11%	Weslaco, Pharr, McAllen
	Vaquero Express	189,755	31%	Edinburg
	Hidalgo	152	0%	City of Hidalgo
TOTAL		607,220	100%	

Ridership Breakdown by Category



FY 2018 September - April
508,549

YEAR TO DATE RIDERSHIP REPORT
FY 2019 September - April
607,220

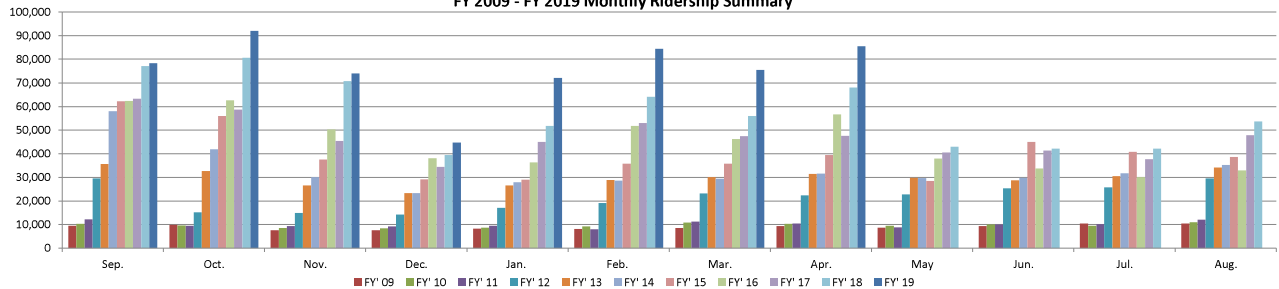
DIFFERENCE
98,671

% DIFFERENCE
19%

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

* Urban service- service between or within urbanized areas

FY 2009 - FY 2019 Monthly Ridership Summary



Fiscal Year	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Total	Difference	%Change
FY '08	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 '09	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 '10	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 '11	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 '12	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 '13	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 '14	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 '15	62,317	55,976	37,648	29,214	29,063	35,854	35,785	39,503	28,431	45,056	40,891	38,683	478,421	80,834	20%
FY '16	62,348	62,627	50,274	38,130	36,305	51,887	46,286	56,675	37,990	33,822	30,148	32,939	539,431	61,010	13%
FY '17	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	23,357	4%
FY '18	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 '19	78,440	91,930	74,137	44,709	72,199	84,562	75,604	85,639					607,220	81,090	18%
Monthly Change from Previous FY	1,185	11,186	3,314	5,202	20,322	20,353	19,528	17,581							
% Change	2%	12%	4%	12%	28%	24%	26%	21%							

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

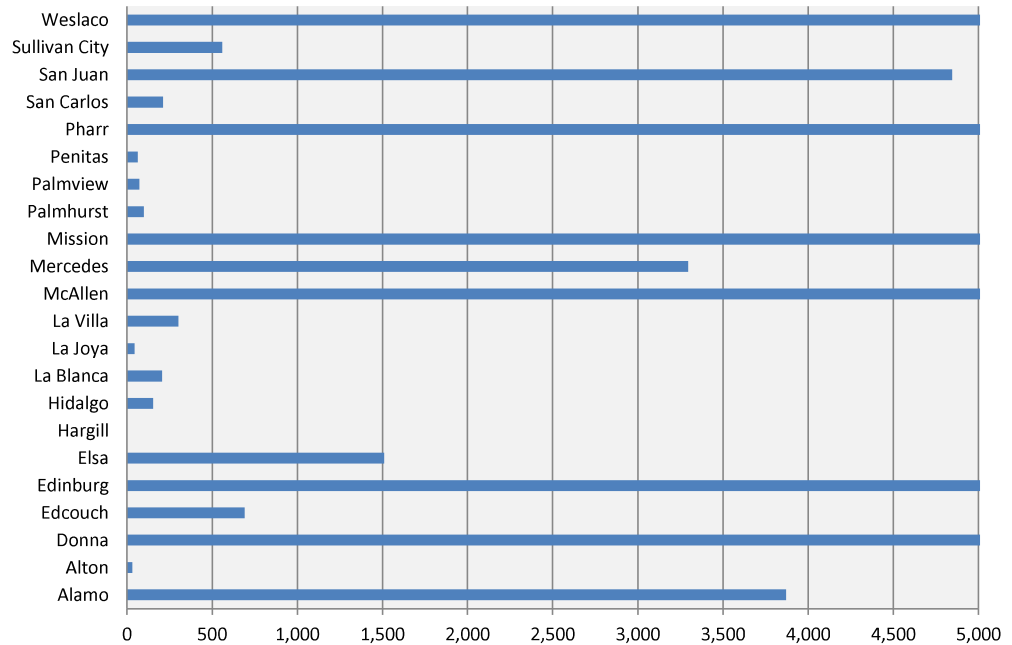
*2018 Texas Transit Statistics Preliminary Report

Distribution of Ridership

Hidalgo County

Alamo	3,871
Alton	31
Donna	9,110
Edcouch	691
Edinburg	288,056
Elsa	1,510
Hargill	0
Hidalgo	152
La Blanca	205
La Joya	44
La Villa	301
McAllen	101,012
Mercedes	3,295
Mission	12,786
Palmhurst	99
Palmview	73
Penitas	62
Pharr	16,760
San Carlos	211
San Juan	4,846
Sullivan City	558
Weslaco	14,152
Total	457,825

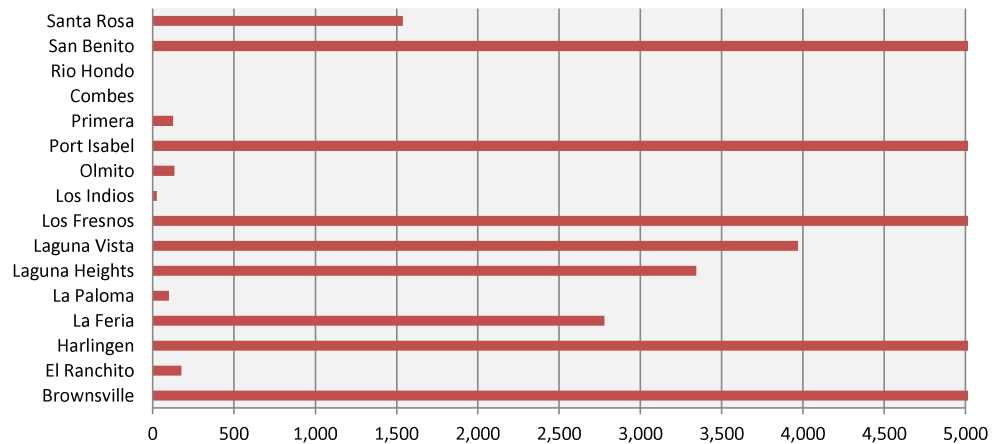
Hidalgo County by Cities



Cameron County

Brownsville	45,013
El Ranchito	176
Harlingen	37,393
La Feria	2,779
La Paloma	99
Laguna Heights	3,344
Laguna Vista	3,971
Los Fresnos	6,730
Los Indios	24
Olmito	134
Port Isabel	15,939
Primera	126
Combes	0
Rio Hondo	0
San Benito	9,230
Santa Rosa	1,538
Total	126,496

Cameron County by Cities



Willacy County

Total 3,410

Starr County

Total 17,215

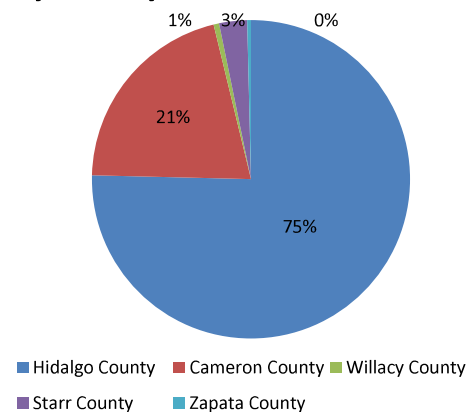
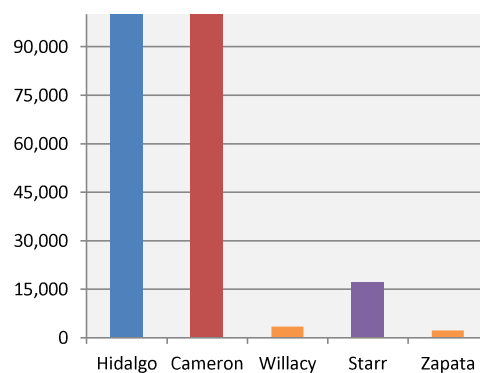
Zapata County

Total 2,274

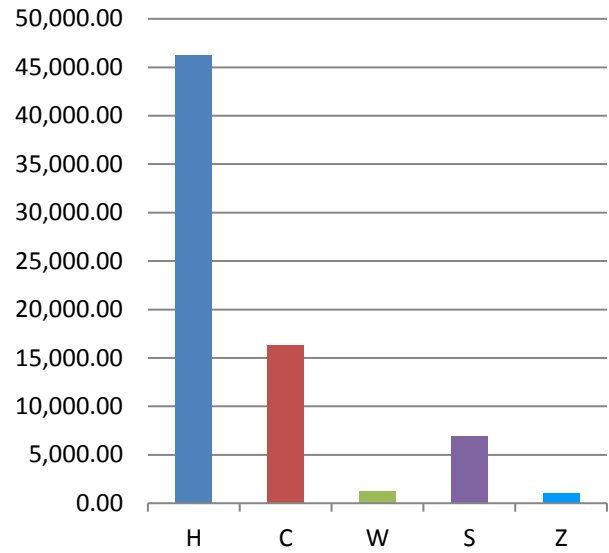
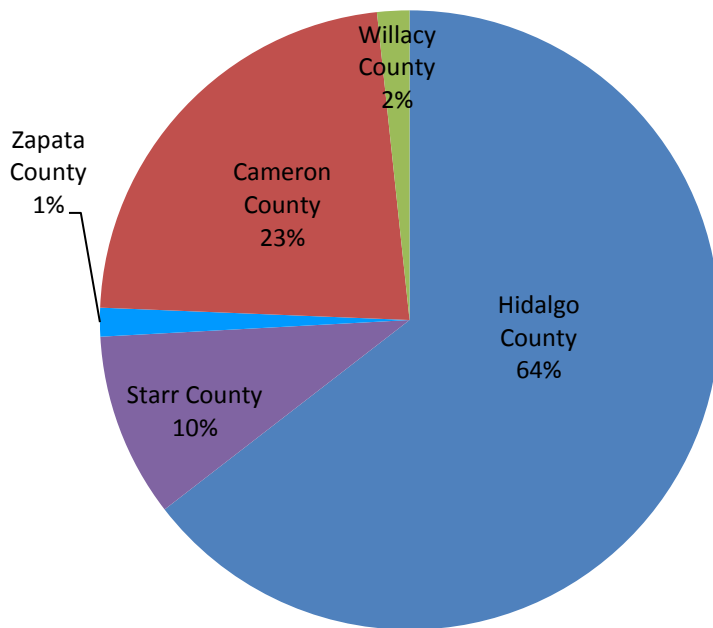
SYSTEM TOTAL

607,220

Ridership by County

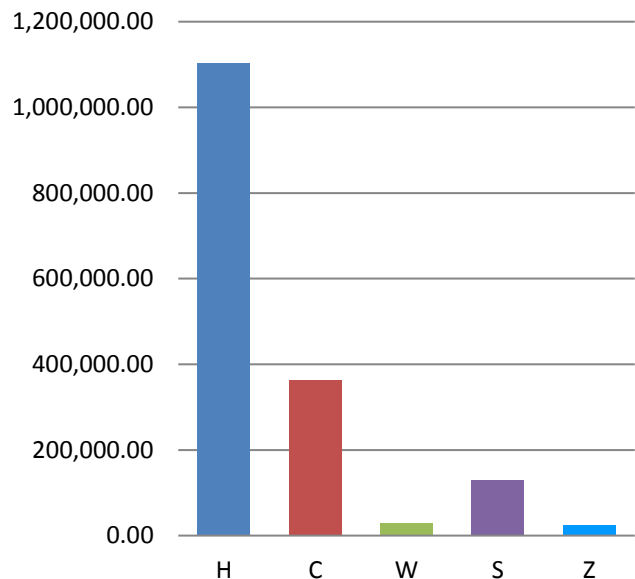
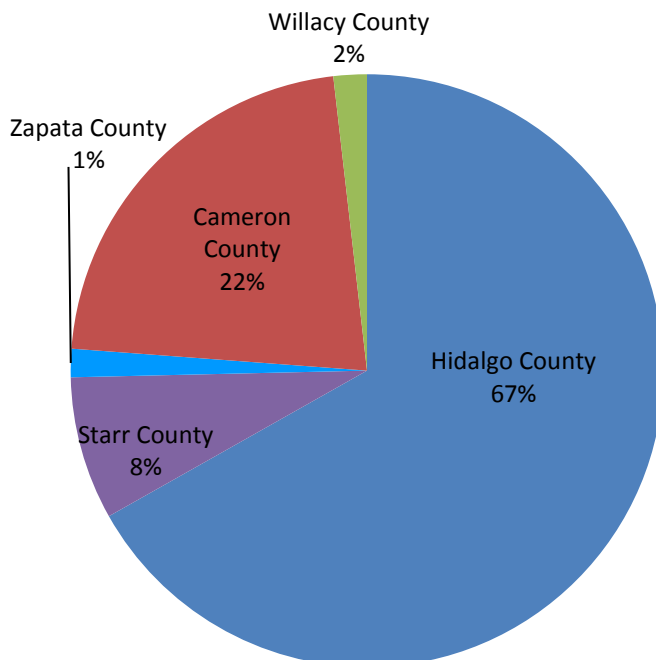


Distribution of Revenue Hours



Revenue Hours Provided	
Hidalgo County	46,246.34
Starr County	6,895.28
Zapata County	1,071.71
Cameron County	16,256.43
Willacy County	1,205.57
Total Revenue Hours	71,675.33

Distribution of Revenue Miles



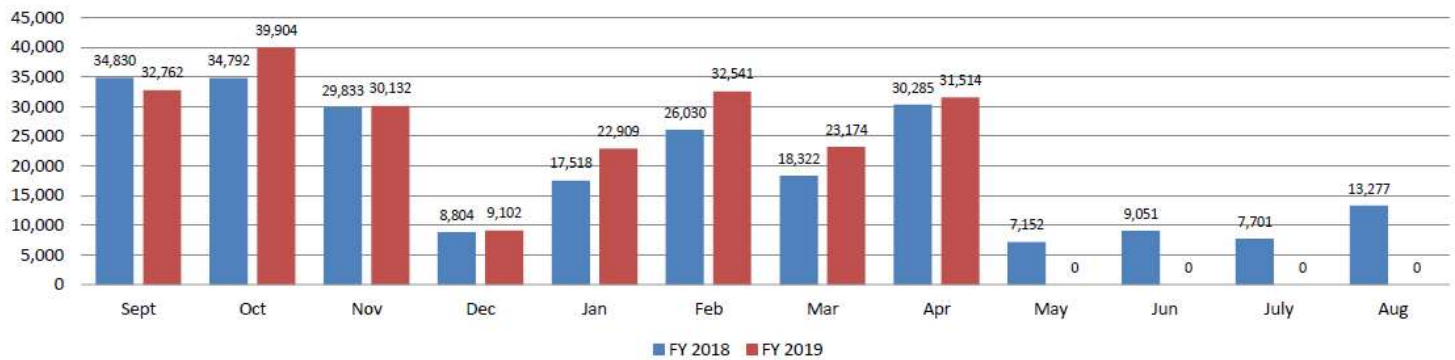
Revenue Miles Provided	
Hidalgo County	1,102,400
Starr County	128,893
Zapata County	25,432
Cameron County	362,950
Willacy County	30,003
Total Revenue Miles	1,649,678



**FY 2019 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	347	247	129	91	138	258	75	57					1,342
12	925	979	618	209	332	665	472	784					4,984
14	3,509	4,185	2,933	859	2,047	2,844	1,926	2,642					20,945
15	40	29	23	7	1	2	0	3					105
16	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					2
20	460	478	345	135	241	326	207	202					2,394
21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					0
30	15	13	6	10	6	15	7	11					83
31	55	32	14	3	11	31	8	1					155
32	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0					2
40	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	0					3
41	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0					3
42	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					0
44	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					0
45	527	346	247	117	209	318	252	0					2,016
50	18	34	25	23	42	39	35	33					249
Vaquero Express	26,864	33,561	25,790	7,648	19,878	28,042	20,191	27,781	0	0	0	0	189,755
Total	32,762	39,904	30,132	9,102	22,909	32,541	23,174	31,514	0	0	0	0	222,038
FY 2018	34,830	34,792	29,833	8,804	17,518	26,030	18,322	30,285	7,152	9,051	7,701	13,277	237,595
Change Over Previous Month	-2,068	5,112	299	298	5,391	6,511	4,852	1,229					

2018 - 2019 Valley Metro Routes UTRGV Student Passenger Count





**South Texas College - FY 2019
Valley Metro Routes
Monthly Cumulative Passenger Counts**

Routes	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Total
10	20	62	0	0	0	1	1	5					89
12	105	218	254	143	261	110	99	86					1,276
14	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					1
15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					0
16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					0
20	1	4	3	0	2	0	2	1					13
30	6	8	4	1	0	1	1	0					21
31	123	182	223	122	148	195	104	29					1,126
32	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					0
40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					0
41	1	1	5	0	14	12	1	5					39
42	3	0	1	0	0	3	0	5					12
44	0	3	1	0	3	9	0	4					20
45	0	1	0	0	0	1	6	19					27
60	833	886	694	284	348	727	535	764					5,071
61	56	85	101	51	81	89	52	77					592
62	28	78	99	48	49	90	53	96					541
DR-RGC	53	91	86	70	42	48	21	19					430
Purpleline	913	1,129	848	322	494	1,163	743	900					6,512
Greenline	2,913	3,436	2,632	1,075	1,189	2,366	1,740	2,416					17,767
Total	5,056	6,184	4,951	2,116	2,631	4,815	3,358	4,426	0	0	0	0	33,537
Non Valley Metro Routes													
Yellowline	3,247	4,582	2,918	1,152	1,219	2,669	3,369	2,450	0	0	0	0	21,606
Park & Ride	4,047	3,848	2,920	1,003	1,416	2,286	1,516	1,697	0	0	0	0	18,733
Total	7,294	8,430	5,838	2,155	2,635	4,955	4,885	4,147	0	0	0	0	40,339
Grand Total	12,350	14,614	10,789	4,271	5,266	9,770	8,243	8,573	0	0	0	0	73,876
Change Over Previous Month		2,264	-3,825	-6,518	995	4,504	-1,527	330					



**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	1,276	4,984	4,505	10,765
Route 31 Business 83	1,126	155	49,743	51,024
Purple Line	6,512		5	6,517
Yellow Line	21,606		0	21,606
Green Line	17,767		0	17,767
Park & Ride	18,733		0	18,733
Route 60 Greenline Roma	5,071		1,203	6,274
Route 61 RGC West	592		1,891	2,483
Route 62 RGC East	541		2,852	3,393
DR-RGC	430		4,635	5,065
Vaquero Express		189,755	0	189,755
Total	73,654	194,894	64,834	333,382

Connecting Service

Routes	Connection	STC	UTRGV	General Public	Total
Route 10 Edinburg - McAllen	12, 31	89	1,342	21,176	22,607
Route 14 UTRGV VABL	12	1	20,945	1,728	22,674
Route 15 Edinburg	12	0	105	6,347	6,452
Route 20 Mission - McAllen	31	13	2,394	21,853	24,260
Route 30 Pharr San Juan - Edinburg	31	21	83	10,319	10,423
Route 32 Donna International Bridge	31	0	2	4,719	4,721
Route 40 Harlingen Medical	31	0	3	9,715	9,718
Route 41 Harlingen Retail	31	39	3	9,247	9,289
Route 42 San Benito Harlingen	31	12	0	5,082	5,094
Route 44 La Feria/Santa Rosa/Primera	31	20	0	5,269	5,289
Route 45 Cameron Career Connection	31	27	2,016	33,715	35,758
Total		222	26,893	129,170	156,285

Total Service

	STC	UTRGV	General Public	Total
Grand Total	73,876	221,787	194,004	489,667



**2019 TSTC
Valley Metro Routes
Monthly Cumulative Passenger Counts**

Routes	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Total
10	0	93	38	2	8	2	2	56					201
12	1	11	4	0	2	0	10	6					34
14	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	0					4
31	0	16	6	0	1	8	4	3					38
40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40					40
41	25	117	86	33	35	69	25	104					494
42	49	77	64	19	101	90	28	0					428
43	0	0	6	4	0	0	0	87					97
44	171	201	176	35	98	78	69	333					1161
45	537	839	589	181	479	535	362	1					3523
50	0	3	9	0	0	0	0	0					12
Willacy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					0
Total	783	1357	978	274	725	785	500	630	0	0	0	0	6032
Change Over Previous Month		574	-379	-704	451	60	-285						-783

TSTC Student Ridership

