

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

Wednesday, June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 12:00 Noon

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Presiding: Mayor Norma Sepulveda, President

Item #1: Call to Order

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

Item #2: Consideration and ACTION to Approve Meeting Minutes for  
(May 29, 2024).....President

Item #3: Public Comment

Item #4: Administration..... Manuel Cruz  
Executive Director

- A. AltaCair Foundation Introduction Presentation..... Dr. Rashmi Chandran
- B. Programs and Services that support the RGV Community.....Patricia Rosenlund  
Easter Seals Executive Director
- C. Executive Director Report
  - 1. Introduction of New Employees
  - 2. Updates on Regional News, Funding Opportunities, Training, and Legislation

## Item #5: Department Reports

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

1. Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve reappointment for Even Number Year Regional Water Resource Advisory Committee (RWRAC) Members.
2. Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve Updated Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) Bylaws.
3. Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve Reappointment for Even Number Year Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) Members.
4. Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling (SWIFR) Grant.

#### Program Status Reports

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

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

#### Program Status Reports

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

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

### Criminal Justice & Homeland Security Program ..... Cesar Merla Assistant Director

#### Program Status Reports

Criminal Justice & Homeland Security Program

**Police Academy Program Action Items ..... Javier Solis**  
**Assistant Director**

1. Consideration and **ACTION** to accept the donation of two surplus police vehicles for law enforcement training as part of an interlocal agreement between the Hidalgo County Constable Precinct 4 Office and the Lower Rio Grande Valley Academy.
2. Consideration and **ACTION** to approve an interlocal agreement, as authorized by the Interlocal Cooperation Act Chapter 791 Texas Government Code, with the City of Donna, Texas, by and through the Donna Police Department, to utilize the El Indio Law Enforcement Gun Range for law enforcement firearms training, and with authority to have LRGVDC Executive Director Manuel Cruz sign and finalize the agreement.
3. Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve an interlocal agreement, as authorized by the Interlocal Cooperation Act Chapter 791 Texas Government Code, with the City of La Joya, Texas, by and through the La Joya Police Department to utilize the La Joya Shooting Range for law enforcement firearms training, and with authority to have LRGVDC Executive Director Manuel Cruz sign and finalize the agreement.

Program Status Reports

- Regional Police Academy Status Report

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

Program Status Reports

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

**D. Transportation ..... Tom Logan**  
**Director**

1. Consideration and **ACTION** to approve Hardware Acquisition for LRGVDC Valley Metro.
2. Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve the Acquisition of Miscellaneous and Shop Equipment for LRGVDC Valley Metro.
3. Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve the request to submit the proposal to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Notice Funding Opportunity (NOFO) application for Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Planning Discretionary Grant.

Valley Metro Status Reports

- Ridership Report



**Item #7 New or Unfinished Business**

**Item #8 Adjourn**

**\*REMINDER\***

**NO MEETING IN JULY**

**Next Meeting:**

**Wednesday, August 28**

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

**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, and each speaker will be allowed a maximum of three (3) minutes to speak. All individuals desiring to address the LRGVDC must sign up to do so before the open comment period. The purpose of this comment period is to provide the public with an opportunity to address issues or topics under the jurisdiction of the LRGVDC. For issues or topics that are not otherwise part of the posted agenda for the meeting, LRGVDC members may direct staff to investigate the issue or topic further. No action or discussion shall be taken on issues or topics which are not part of the posted agenda for the meeting. Public members 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 ANNUAL ELECTIONS / BOARD OF**  
**DIRECTORS**

12:00PM WEDNESDAY, May 29, 2024

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

PRESIDING: Mayor Norma Sepulveda

Mayor Norma Sepulveda called the meeting to order at 12:04 p.m. Roll Call was taken and a quorum was attained. They moved on to Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance. Without questions from the board Mr. Cruz then moved on to Consideration and Action to Approve January 31, 2024, Meeting Minutes. ***Ann Cass motioned to approve meeting minutes from January 31, 2024. Jim Darling seconded the motion, and the motion was carried unanimously.***

Item #2 Consideration and Action to Approve Meeting Minutes for April 24, 2024. ***Troy Allen made a motion to approve the meeting minutes for April 24, 2024. Mayor Ramiro Garza seconded the motion, and the motion was carried unanimously upon vote.***

Item #3: Public Comment: No Public Comment, Mayor Norma Sepulveda moved on to the next item.

Item #4: Administration

4A-1. Consideration and Action on Recommendations from Nominating Committee. The 5 persons for Members at Large to General Membership. ***Troy Allen made a motion to Approve 5 persons for Members at Large to the General Membership. Ernie Garcia seconded the motion, and upon a vote, the motion was carried unanimously.***

| Name                       | City    | County  |
|----------------------------|---------|---------|
| Ms. Ann Williams Cass      | McAllen | Hidalgo |
| Mr. David Penoli           | McAllen | Hidalgo |
| Mayor Pro-Tem Rene Estrada | Combes  | Cameron |
| Mr. Jim Darling            | McAllen | Hidalgo |
| VACANT                     |         |         |

Mr. Cruz then stated that it was a whole combination of the whole membership and the board of directors. The LRGVDC general Membership is nominating the following individuals. Mr. Cruz mentioned one item to point out that there is a vacancy because, on the General Membership, it is five Members at Large, with one vacancy available and the discussion from the May 9<sup>th</sup> meeting was for that open spot to nominate someone today. Mr. Cruz did mention that they try and keep it as even as possible to include the three counties. Mayor Sepulveda then asked if anyone from Willacy was willing to nominate. Commissioner Edward Gonzales then stated that Mr. Eleazar Garcia Jr wouldn't be serving another term anymore Judge Guerra recommended Tony Chavez who was a former City Commissioner but is also city Manager for Raymondville as Mr. Garcia from Willacy County. Commissioner Edward Gonzales then stated that he would like to nominate Mr. Chavez for this vacancy with the board's indulgence and approval. Mr. Gonzales also stated that he had spoken to Mr. Chavez who was currently out of town and could not join the meeting. ***Commissioner Gonzales nominated Tony Chavez from Willacy County to fill the vacancy;***

Minutes Board of Directors, May 29, 2024

**Commissioner David Garza seconded the motion, and upon a vote, the motion was carried unanimously. The final slate of members-at-large selected by the Board of Directors is as follows.**

| Name                       | City         | County  |
|----------------------------|--------------|---------|
| Ms. Ann Williams Cass      | McAllen      | Hidalgo |
| Mr. David Penoli           | McAllen      | Hidalgo |
| Mayor Pro-Tem Rene Estrada | Combes       | Cameron |
| Mr. Jim Darling            | McAllen      | Hidalgo |
| Mr. Tony Chavez            | Raymondville | Willacy |

4A.2. Selection of Three (3) at Large members to be elected to the 2024-2025 Board of Directors.

| Name                  | City         | County  |
|-----------------------|--------------|---------|
| Mr. Jim Darling       | McAllen      | Hidalgo |
| Mrs. Ann William Cass | McAllen      | Hidalgo |
| Mr. Tony Chavez       | Raymondville | Willacy |

4A-2. Consideration and Action to approve the 3 at Large members to be elected to the 2024-2025 Board of Directors. **Troy Allen made a motion to approve 3 at Large Members for the 2024-2025 term. Mayor Ramiro Garza seconded the motion, and the motion was carried unanimously upon a vote.**

4B. Consideration and ACTION to approve the LRGVDC’s Participation in the Texas Passenger Rail Advisory Committee and sign the committee’s charter. Mr. Cruz introduced Javier Dominguez to give a summary of the action Item. Javier started by letting the board know that at the beginning of April Travis County Judge Andy Brown reached out across the state inviting stakeholders to join his Travis County Passenger Rail Advisory committee to kind of kick-start or restart the initiative of the Lone Star Rail District and to connect Autin to San Antonio. In that meeting, essentially everyone from the state to the feds told him that if he's only interested in doing something like that, he's essentially not going to get any funding from the state or the feds. And so, they tasked him with creating a statewide passenger rail advisory committee, and as part of that committee, we all provided feedback on charters, and bylaws, possibly having a seminar in San Antonio sometime soon, bringing all these stakeholders from across the state for this initiative. So, for this action item, we're seeking your approval to sign the charter and be a founding member of this statewide passenger advisory committee so that we can attend monthly meetings and be able to provide that feedback. The cool fact is that in August he's already agreed to come down and host one of those meetings here at the LRGVDC. So, we're looking at the first week of August. So right now, his current mission is to get as many elected officials as possible, state legislators, and county judges to all sign letters of support. Although we can't individually sign them here, we can get a LRGVDC letter of support signed. So that we can go around the region and try to collect as many letters of support at your city or county Commissioner's court meetings as well. So that is what that action item is for and I'm ready for any questions if you have any at this time. If I may add something quickly, I forgot to bring up that the TXDOT Rail Division is going to be reapplying for the corridor identification program. In the first wave of the funding cycle for that program, we did get them to include us in their letter of intent or their public comment for the requisition of information or comments for that application. **Troy Allen made a motion to approve LRGVDC’s Participation in the Texas Passenger Rail Advisory Committee. Mayor Ramiro Garza seconded the motion, upon a vote the motion was carried unanimously.**

No further discussion or comments. Mayor Sepulveda moved on to Item 4C Executive report.



4C. Executive Report. Mr. Cruz introduced all new hires as well as promotions. He mentioned that LRGVDC currently has 181 employees. Mr. Cruz mentioned that he hoped to reach at least 200, and the LRGVDC has never had more than 150 to 160 in the past. This demonstrates to you that we're growing and seeking more funding as well to continue our efforts to improve this region.

Mr. Javier Dominquez then wanted to mention to the board an update on the RMAC meeting that took place. As some of you may remember at our February Board meeting, we provided an update about our presentation, on House Bill 71 which was signed by the governor in 2019 after the 86th legislative session. The feedback that we received from our board of directors, that being you all, is that we created a committee to research the funding mechanisms, so we went ahead and we did that. We recently had that this past week and had a great turnout, about 30 or so people attended. We've had about 14 to 15 individuals who have signed up, we provided feedback. We did have a guest speaker from the Laredo Transit Authority, El Metro as well, Mr. R.J. Garza, who has experience here in the Valley as well. We want to extend an invitation to any elected officials to be a part of that committee or send a representative who can vote or provide feedback on your behalf, especially the counties. Like the Mayor of Edinburg said, the bridge and the port operating entities as well, just because HB 71 does lay out some funding mechanisms for that. Hopefully, soon we will schedule a second meeting where we can start coming up and charter bylaws and sort of redefine those goals so that we can come up and provide those updates here to the larger board of directors. We had a great presentation and we kind of did a more in-depth report on House Bill 71 and some of the things that we can hopefully see with economic impact analysis and that feasibility study.

No further questions or discussion Mayor Norma Sepulveda moved on to Item #5

Item #5 Department reports

## **A. Community & Economic Development**

Ms. Melisa Gonzales started by mentioning the first of six Action items she had on the agenda.

1. Consideration and ACTION to approve RGV Economic Development Advisory Committee (RGV EDAC) Bylaws. We had our first EDAC meeting back on April 30th, we had a Zoom follow-up on the 23rd to ensure that all the changes from the members were made to the bylaws. So those bylaws were approved by all the members on the 23rd, and so I'm asking for board approval today. ***Commissioner Ellie Torres made a motion to approve RGV Economic Development Advisory Committee Bylaws. Mayor Rick Guerra seconded the motion, and upon vote, the motion was carried unanimously.***
2. Consideration and ACTION to Approve RGV Economic Development Advisory Committee (RGV EDAC) membership. ***Troy Allen made a motion to approve the RGV Economic Development Advisory Committee (RGV EDAC) membership. Commissioner Ernie Garcia seconded the motion and upon a vote, the motion was carried unanimously.***
3. Consideration and ACTION to Approve EDAC Economic Development Advisory Committee (EDAC) elections of officers. As per the RSCC EDAC Bylaws, the advisory Committee shall consist of the Chair and Vice Chair. ***Commissioner Ernie Garia made a motion to approve the EDAC Economic Development Advisory Committee (EDAC) elections of officers. As per the RSCC EDAC Bylaws, the advisory Committee shall consist of the Chair and Vice Chair. Ms. Veronica Gonzales seconded the motion and upon a vote, the motion was carried unanimously.***
4. Consideration and ACTION to Approve Texas Community Development Block Grant Priorities for 2025-2026. ***Commissioner Edward Gonzales made a motion to approve Texas Community Development Block Grant Priorities for 2025-2026. Mayor Rick Guerra***

***seconded the motion, and upon a vote, the motion was carried unanimously.***

5. Consideration and ACTION to approve Rider 7 PM 2.5 Local Air Quality Planning Grant Between LRGVDC and TCEQ. The LRGVDC was one of four COGs allocated funds for this planning grant. LRGVDC will conduct air quality planning activities in accordance with Rider 7 of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality's (TCEQ) Legislative Appropriation from the 88th Legislature. ***Mayor Oscar Montoya made a motion to approve Rider 7 PM 2.5 Local Air Quality Planning Grant between LRGVDC and TCEQ. Mayor Alma Salinas seconded the motion and upon a vote, the motion was carried unanimously.***
6. Consideration and ACTION to Approve the Interlocal Agreement of Contracting Services Agreement between Cameron County and the LRGVDC and Hidalgo County and the LGVDC. ***Mayor Oscar Montoya made a motion to approve the Interlocal Agreement of Contracting Services Agreement between Cameron County and the LRGVDC and Hidalgo County and the LRGVDC, Mayor Alma Salinas seconded the motion, and upon a vote, the motion was carried unanimously.***

## **B. Health and Human Services Action Item:**

Mrs. Margarita Lopez was recognized and started with her Program Status Reports.

### Program Status Reports

Ms. Margarita Lopez began with her status reports. Detailed Program Status Reports are available for review in the packet provided.

With no further questions or comments, Mayor Norma Sepulveda moved on to C Public Safety.

## **C. Public Safety**

Criminal Justice and Homeland Security Program Action Items.

Mr. Cesar Merla was recognized and started by thanking Mayor Norma Sepulveda and everyone and all departments who participated in the Ready RGV Conference that took place in South Padre Island in May. Mr. Merla also mentioned that they have received very good feedback from other COGS, the main one would be from the North Central Texas Council of Governments out of Dallas Texas. Mr. Merla stated that they would like to have one like the Ready RGV Conference. He mentioned that he would say that the LRGVDC is a trendsetter for the rest of the State on conferences like these. Mayor Norma Sepulveda stated that it was a very incredible event and that she was very impressed lots of folks attended. Mayor Sepulveda also stated that having it on the island was a very good attraction

No further Question Mayor Sepulveda moved on to Police Academy.

Mr. Javier Solis started with Academy Action Items.

1. Consideration and ACTION to accept the appointment of all current LRGV Academy Advisory Committee members as of March 20, 2024. The LRGV Academy Advisory Committee met on March 20th, 2024. LRGVDC Executive Director Manuel Cruz re-appointed all current members of the Advisory Committee as recommended by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement. The effective date of re-appointment is March 20th, 2024. The term of said re-appointments shall remain in effect as set forth by the LRGV Academy Committee Bylaws. ***Troy Allen made a motion to approve and accept the appointment of all current LRGV Academy Advisory Committee members as of March 20,***

**2024. Mayor Oscar Montoya seconded the motion, and upon a vote, the motion was carried unanimously.**

2. Consideration and ACTION to accept Raymondville Chief of Police Uvaldo Zamora as Vice Chair for the LRGV Academy Advisory Committee. There was a need to fill in the vacant Vice Chair seat on the LRGV Academy Advisory Committee. The Committee met on March 20, 2024. The Advisory Committee nominated and voted to have Raymondville Chief of Police Uvaldo Zamora serve as Vice Chair for the committee. There was a need to fill in the vacant Vice Chair seat on the LRGV Academy Advisory Committee. The Committee met on March 20, 2024. The Advisory Committee nominated and voted to have Raymondville Chief of Police Uvaldo Zamora serve as Vice Chair for the committee. **Mayor Oscar Montoya made a motion to approve and accept Raymondville Chief of Police Uvaldo Zamora for the LRGV Academy Advisory Committee. Commissioner Ellie Torres seconded the motion and upon a vote, the motion was carried unanimously.**

3. Consideration and ACTION to amend the updated sections in the LRGV Academy BPOC Rules, Policies, and Procedures Handbook. Constant revision and updating of the BPOC Handbook are required by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement. LRGV Academy staff have identified four areas that require change. **Commissioner Ellie Torres made a motion to approve and amend the update sections in the LRGV Academy BPOC Rules, Policies, and Procedures Handbook. Mayor Alma Salinas seconded the motion and upon a vote, the motion was carried unanimously.**

4. Consideration and ACTION to amend the requirements for the documentation and retention of all LRGV Academy police in-service training files. These items are legally mandated by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement and are to be kept on file for no less than 5 years. Currently, the LRGV Academy requires the submission of nonessential materials such as power points, written notes, and copies of every individual examination which are not required by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement. Amending the requirements for documentation to only require the legally mandated items will create space both physically and electronically for the retention of mandated files thus keeping our storage expenses relatively low. **Mayor Rick Guerra made a motion to approve and amend all requirements for documentation and retention of all LRGV Academy policies in-service training files. Commissioner Ellie Torres seconded the motion and upon a vote, the motion was carried unanimously.**

5. Consideration and ACTION to approve an Interlocal Agreement, as authorized by the Interlocal Cooperation Act Chapter 791 Texas Government Code, with the City of Alton Texas by and through the Alton Police Department, to report law enforcement training to the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement and with the authority for the LRGVDC Executive Director Manuel Cruz to sign and finalize the agreement. **Commissioner Ellie Torres made a motion to approve the Interlocal Agreement, as authorized by the Interlocal Cooperation Act Chapter 791 Texas Government Code, with the City of Alton, Texas, by and through the Alton Police Department, to report law enforcement training to the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement and with the authority for LRGVDC Executive Director Manuel Cruz to sign and finalize the agreement. Mayor Rick Guerra seconded the motion and upon a vote, the motion was carried unanimously.**

Lastly, Mr. Solis wanted to announce that on August 3<sup>rd</sup> LRGV Academy will be hosting the Police K9 Competition, the Rio Grande Valley South Texas Police K9 Competition. Mr. Solis mentioned that it will take place in the City of Edinburg at the Parks and Recreation Center. He mentioned that he would like to extend a Welcome to all.

With no further comments or questions from the Board Mayor Norma Sepulveda moved on to RGV Emergency Communications.



## Program Status Reports

Mr. Dennis Moreno started by letting the Board know that there were no Action Items and then proceeded to the GIS Division, 911 and Information Technology, and community Engagement reports that were all in the packet provided to everyone for review.

With No Further Comments or concerns, Mayor Norma Sepulveda then moved to Item D Valley Metro

### **D. Transportation Valley Metro Action Item:**

Mr. Tom Logan was recognized for the action items on the agenda.

1. Consideration and ACTION to approve Software Subscription renewal for LRGVDC Valley Metro. The staff seeks the Board's approval to renew the software subscriptions, encompassing any forthcoming renewals related to the Hardware or Software, as long as funding or equipment remains necessary. ***Mayor Ramiro Garza motioned to approve Software subscription renewal for LRGVDC Valley Metro. Commissioner Edward Gonzales seconded the motion and upon a vote, the motion was carried unanimously.***

## Program Status Reports

Mr. Logan then moved on to the Ridership Report. Tom Logan stated that they have transported 619,000 passengers with an increase of 145,000 passengers from the previous year. Mr. Logan wanted to mention that UTRGV and Students as a whole are over 60% of their Ridership.

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

### **Rio Grande Valley MPO Action Items**

1. Consideration and ACTION to Approve the procurement of replacement loggers, batteries, and software subscription for the Rio Grande Valley Bicycle & Pedestrian Counter program. ***Mayor Alma Salinas motioned to approve the Procurement of replacement loggers, batteries, and software subscriptions for the Rio Grande Valley Bicycle & Pedestrian Counter Program. Commissioner Ellie Torres seconded the motion and upon a vote, the motion was carried unanimously.***

### **Item #7 New & Unfinished Business**

There being no further business to come before the board, Mayor Norma Sepulveda made a motion to adjourn at 12:57 PM

ATTEST:

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Mayor Norma Sepulveda

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Liza Alfaro, Recording Secretary

**ITEM #4.B**

**ADMINISTRATION**

2024



# AltaCair Foundation

United for the Underserved Communities in the RGV

AltaCair Foundation

LaSara, TX



## Who We Are

### Our Mission

To facilitate collaboration in meeting the basic healthcare needs of the underserved and unserved population.

### Our Vision

To meet healthcare needs of all members of RGV and elevate RGV to a community with ease of access to public health .



# Our Approach: Theory of Change

## Collaboration

AltaCair aims to foster collaboration among organizations across all sectors, forming teams tailored to achieve the shared objective of meeting our community's fundamental requirements.

## Bridging Capital

AltaCair provides bridging capital to assist non-profit organizations in addressing operational gaps through technology, innovative access, strategic planning, and long-term communication channels.

## NonProfits

Nonprofits, or NGOs, rely on donations and grants to address societal needs, advocate for causes, and drive social change in collaboration with governments and businesses.

## Government

Government entities support infrastructure, address community needs, invest in critical projects, provide essential services, regulate industries, and aim to reduce disparities to build resilient communities and promote equitable access to opportunities.

## Listening Approach

AltaCair will utilize convening and listening sessions to establish a continuous partnership with different entities in the community. This is aimed at addressing the needs of the unserved and underserved population.

## Advocacy

AltaCair is steadfast in its mission to upholding the rights of Rio Grande Valley colonia residents through partnerships and advocacy for community needs.

## Education

Educational institutes benefit communities by providing formal learning, skills development, research, and innovation, improving residents' socio-economic status. They offer adult education, job training, literacy programs, and collaborate with local organizations and government agencies to address challenges.

## HealthCare

Healthcare organizations aid colonias and underserved communities with medical services, health education, and outreach programs. They tackle health challenges, provide preventive care, and address social determinants like poverty and lack of education to empower residents for better well-being.

## Equity

Equity in colonias means fair access to resources, services, and opportunities, regardless of socioeconomic status, leading to improved quality of life and empowered communities.

## Access

Access transforms colonia residents' lives, providing essential services, education, and opportunities previously out of reach. It empowers communities, fostering resilience and sustainable growth.

## Social Care

Social care in colonias ensures access to essential services, support networks, and resources, fostering community resilience and well-being despite socio-economic challenges.

## Economic Impact

When residents of colonias thrive economically, the entire community benefits from increased spending power, job creation, and improved local infrastructure, leading to sustainable growth and prosperity.



# Our Goal

AltaCair Foundation is here to serve the basic needs of the unserved, under served and uninsured population by connecting organizations' efforts to the individuals in need, while filling the gaps created by health disparities.

We aim to raise awareness and foster collaboration to address the challenges faced by LaSara and its residents.



THANK YOU

# Thank You

Thank you for joining us in our mission to uplift underserved communities. Together, we can create meaningful change and build a brighter future for all. Your support makes a difference!

**#wellnessforall**

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# **ITEM #4.C**

## **ADMINISTRATION**

### **Executive Director Report**



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Item #4: Administration

3. Introduction of New Staff Members..... Manuel Cruz  
Executive Director

**New Hire Date: May 28, 2024**

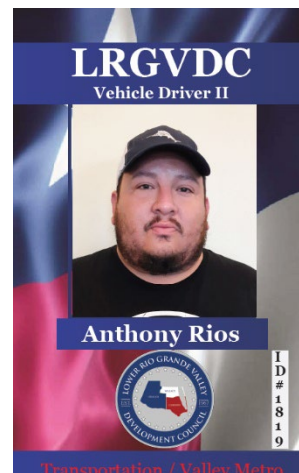
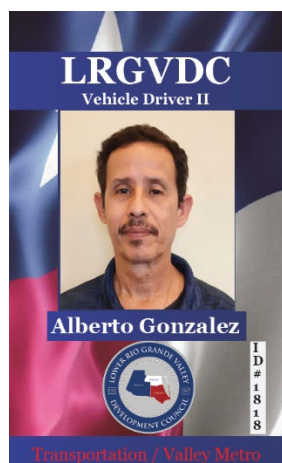
Brando Maldonado – Purchaser I – Administration- Business Operations

Jack Cano – Program Specialist – (Water Quality) C&ED

Riciero (Riz) Avelar –Maintenance Specialist V–Transportation Valley Metro

Alberto Gonzalez- Vehicle Driver II- Transportation Valley Metro

Anthony Rios- Vehicle Driver II-Transportation Valley Metro



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Item #4: Administration

3. Introduction of New Staff Members..... Manuel Cruz  
Executive Director

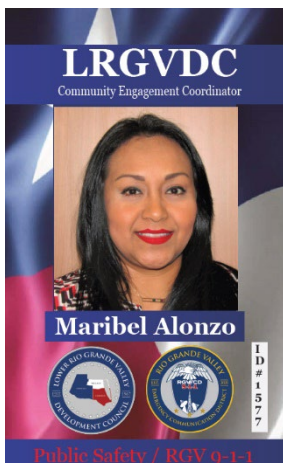
**New Hire Date: June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

Aida Zuniga- Case Manager I- CTI Health & Human Services - AAoA



**Competitive Promotion: June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

Maribel Alonzo- Community Engagement Coordinator- Public Safety- RGV ECD 911



# **ITEM #5.A**

## **COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

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## Item #5: Department Reports

### A. Community & Economic Development

#### Program Action Item

1. Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve Reappointment for Even Number Year Regional Water Resource Advisory Committee (RWRAC) Members.

As per the bylaws, the advisory committee officers and representatives shall be appointed to four (4) year staggered terms with elections occurring in May on odd-numbered calendar years. A member may be reappointed to multiple terms without term limits; however, must be re-designated each term by the LRGVDC Board of Directors.

| RWRAC Reappointed Members |  |
|---------------------------|--|
| Commissioner Ellie Torres | Hidalgo County Precinct 4                    |
| Commissioner Ernie Garcia | Willacy County Precinct 4                    |
| Bobby Salinas             | City of Alamo                                |
| Xavier Cervantes          | City of Harlingen                            |
| Maribel Guerrero          | City of Brownsville                          |
| Roy Jimenez               | City of Donna                                |
| Annabell Cardona          | Valley Grande Institute for Academic Studies |

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### B. Community & Economic Development

#### Program Action Item

2. Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve Updated Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) Bylaws.

These operating guidelines have been updated in compliance with the requirements of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) 2024-2025 Administrative procedures.

At the upcoming SWAC meeting on June 25, 2024, the SWAC committee will consider approving the updated SWAC Bylaws.

Because the SWAC will meet the day before the Board is scheduled to meet, staff will provide the changes to the bylaws being recommended during the meeting.

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A. Community & Economic Development

Program Action Item

3. Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve Reappointment for Even Number Year Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) Members.

At the upcoming SWAC meeting on June 25, 2024, the SWAC committee will consider Reappointment for Even Number Year Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) Members.

Because the SWAC will meet the day before the Board is scheduled to meet, staff will provide the names of the individuals being recommended during the meeting.



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### A. Community & Economic Development

#### Program Action Item

4. Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling (SWIFR) Grant

The Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council (LRGVDC) approved the Regional Solid Waste Management Plan on September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021, and since its approval, the LRGVDC has worked on ensuring solid waste projects target identified goals and objectives. The TCEQ SWIFR Grant opportunity will have a positive impact in the region and will include the development of the LRGV Composting and Vermiculture Pilot School Project, the LRGVDC ensured regional management plan Goal #1, Goal #2 and Goal #3, and several of the objectives associated with these goals, were targeted. Not only does this project target identified goals and objectives, but also targets 2 out of the 8 identified priorities. These board priorities were developed for each concern identified during the planning process.

# Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council Board of Directors Meeting

June 26, 2024

## Item #5: Department Reports

### A. Community & Economic Development

#### Program Status Reports

- Economic Development Administration

Updating CEDS (Comprehensive Economic Development Strategies) – Through the developed Rio Grande Valley Economic Development Advisory Committee (RGVEDAC), they will strengthen the CEDS for the region, as well as assist in the input and development of that regional plan. We look forward to your feedback! The next EDAC meeting is scheduled for July 16, 2024, at 10:00 AM.

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

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

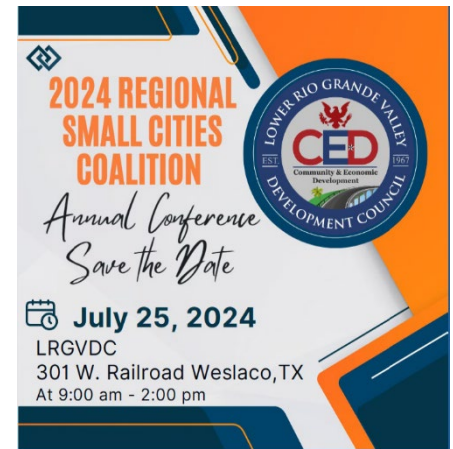
There are no application submission deadlines and applications will be accepted on an ongoing basis. Visit the following links for more information on this funding opportunity, [Public Works](#), [Economic Adjustment Assistance](#).

Staff are available to provide technical assistance, project development, and grant administration on EDA proposals and projects. For any assistance or information on EDA in general, contact the Community & Economic Development Department. Staff also serve as the regional point of contact for the Economic Development Administration (EDA) and will continue to disseminate information accordingly. Staff also continues to coordinate efforts with other governmental entities on their economic development related activities to maximize benefits of all projects and objectives for the region and avoid any duplication of efforts and resources.

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

- Regional Small Cities Coalition (RSCC)

We are excited to announce that we will host our first “2024 Annual RSCC Conference” on Thursday, July 25, 2024, from 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM, at the LRGVDC main office. The registration form has been emailed to the small cities. The purpose of this conference is to provide information on resources that can be helpful to small cities. If you have any questions regarding this meeting, contact C&ED staff, Brenda Salinas, at [bsalinas@lrgvdc.org](mailto:bsalinas@lrgvdc.org)



- Community & Economic Development Assistance Fund

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

#### Upcoming Activity:

- September 2024, Regional Kick-off Meeting (for CDBG awarded communities)

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

- Solid Waste Management Program:

The next Solid Waste Advisory Committee meeting will be in person on September 10, 2024, at 10:00 AM at the LRGVDC Ken Jones Board Room Bldg. B 301 W. Railroad Weslaco, Texas 78596.

The LRGVDC was one of FIVE Texas Councils of Governments (COGS) approached by TCEQ to participate in applying to receive SWIFR Funding. With the LRGVDC approaching this project through a regional concept, identifying an educational organization who can provide a regional impact was imperative. In our research, the Region One Education Service Center is part of a state-wide system of 20 regional education service centers created in 1965 by the 59th Texas Legislature to assist school districts across the state. Originally slated to work with school districts as a media center, the role of the education service center has expanded to work alongside school districts to carry out the three main objectives as stipulated in the TEC §8.002: *to assist school districts in improving student performance in each region of the system; enable school districts to operate more efficiently and economically; and implement initiatives assigned by the legislature or commissioner.* Located in South Texas on the United States/Mexico border, Region One ESC serves 38 school districts and 10 charter school systems in the eight

county areas of Brooks County, Cameron County, Hidalgo County, Jim Hogg County, Starr County, Webb County, Willacy County, and Zapata County.

A partnership with Region One would give the LRGVDC the opportunity to expand this project to all the Region One service area which reaches beyond the LRGVDC 3-county region. The LRGV Composting and Vermiculture Pilot School Project could potentially reach 38 school districts and 10 charter schools in the counties of Brooks, Cameron, Hidalgo, Jim Hogg, Starr, Webb, Willacy and Zapata, as well as expand into two other Councils of Government, Coast Bend Council of Governments and South Texas Development Council. As a project objective is to develop a program curriculum, Region One has the expertise to be able to ensure problem solution-based learning activities are incorporated into the curriculum, as well as ensure all state and or federal educational components are included.

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

- Water Quality Program

Staff coordinated meetings with Cameron County, Cameron County EDC, Hidalgo County EDC, Laguna Madre Water Supply, Port Mansfield PUD, Sebastian MUD, Delta Lake Irrigation District, and Texas A & M Kingsville Citrus Center. As the Economic Development District for the Rio Grande Valley, one of our goals is to be the gateway between potential investors and our regional partners. Staff worked with Mr. Jason Amudson, a farmer and entrepreneur based in NE Minnesota, and Mr. Nate Capistrant, an engineering physicist, who has an innovative idea to share with this region to address critical water shortages. They are developing devices in partnership with two engineering schools, University of MN - Duluth and the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul. The goal was to set up visits with water producers, farms, and economic development agencies with the hopes of establishing relationships. To help create this technology, they are interested in partnering with one or more water producers to apply for funding from the Texas Water Development Board for their New Water Supply for Texas Fund. The project idea is as follows: Converting established indoor dehumidification technology for use outside for manufacturing, agriculture, household use, municipal water systems, and the replenishment of remote aquifers. The devices we are developing can be powered by either the grid or 12 volt solar. In manufacturing, AWGs can supply clean, cost-effective water for industrial processes. For agriculture, they offer a reliable water source for farms and ranches. Households can enjoy the convenience of generating their own water, reducing dependence on municipal supply. Municipal water systems can integrate AWGs to augment their water sources, enhancing resilience against droughts. Lastly, the remote recharging of aquifers with carbon-neutral AWG-produced water can help maintain groundwater levels, vital for ecosystems and human usage alike. The advancement of AWG technology, including the use of renewable energy sources, promises to make these devices more efficient and accessible, potentially revolutionizing how we obtain and distribute water in various sectors.



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

## June Messages: Hurricane Preparedness & World Environment Day



Staff worked with Valley Metro to create and wrap our local buses with the inspiration of promoting to the public on keeping our water systems clean of trash. The target for this promotion will be in all three counties on six bus routes. Also included are interior placards on twenty buses.

Unit 2104 - route 10/20 (Mission – McAllen – Edinburg)  
Unit 1808 - route Willacy County (Raymondville – Harlingen)  
Unit 2203 - route 50 (Brownsville – Laguna Vista)  
Unit 1520 - route 12 (Weslaco-Delta Area-Edinburg)  
Unit 2108 - route 31 (Harlingen – McAllen)

Remember to be Water Wise, Don't Clog or Contaminate our Water Systems, and Only Rain Down the Storm Drains!





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

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

- Regional Water Resource Advisory Committee (RWRAC)

Staff are working with Hidalgo & Cameron Counties for the Flood Infrastructure Funds (FIF), TWDB Project No. 40038. The counties will undertake Task 2.2 (Drainage Characterization) and Task 2.3 (Project Assessments) of the TWDB Project No. 40038. The FIF project requires the development, processing, and contracting for characterizing drainage pathways, identifying flood control projects, and assessing the feasibility of those projects; and procures qualified engineering firms and staff to conduct engineering and drainage projects regularly. The project will also call for a no-cost time extension.

The RWRAC meeting was held on June 12, 2024, at 2:00 PM. The meeting was very informative, and several updates were given regarding the RGV FIF projects. The following information was presented and shared with the committee: Drought/Reservoir levels, USACE Watershed Assessment Project, and current FIF projects (LRGVDC FIF Project, Brownsville HUC 10 Watershed Study, Cameron County Drainage District #3 Flood Protection, City of Harlingen HUC 10 Flood Protection Plan, Raymondville Watershed Study, and Willacy County Watershed Study). The next RWRAC meeting is scheduled for September 11, 2024, at 2:00 PM.

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

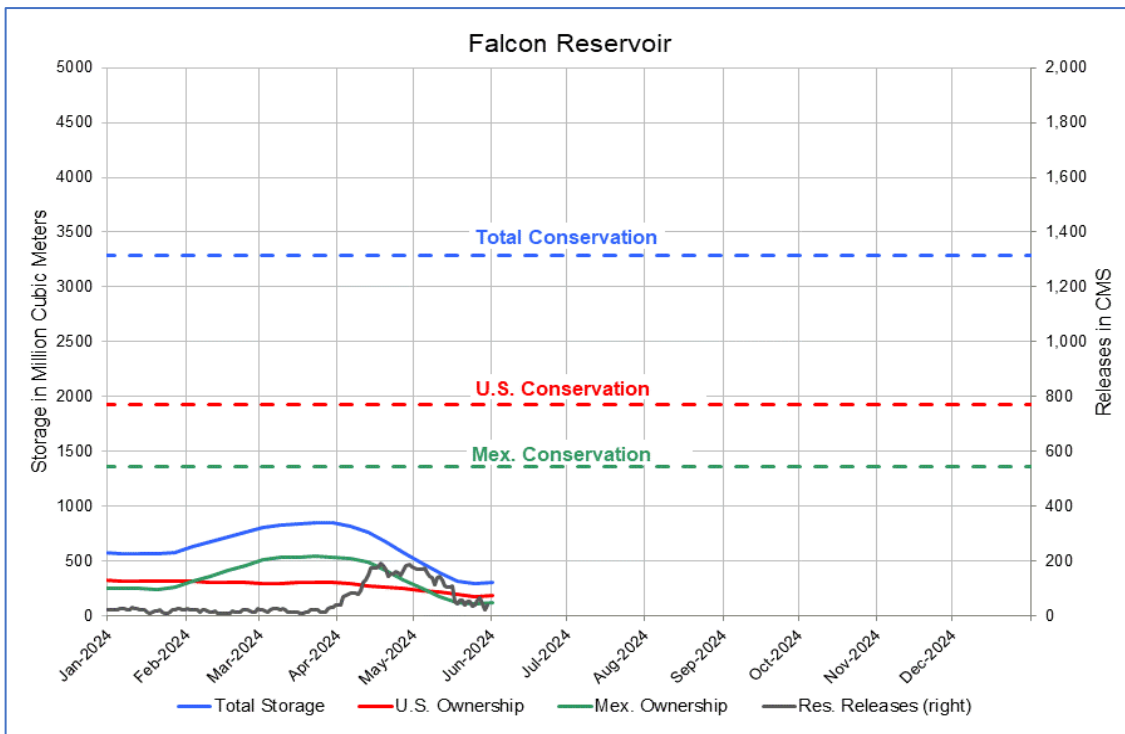
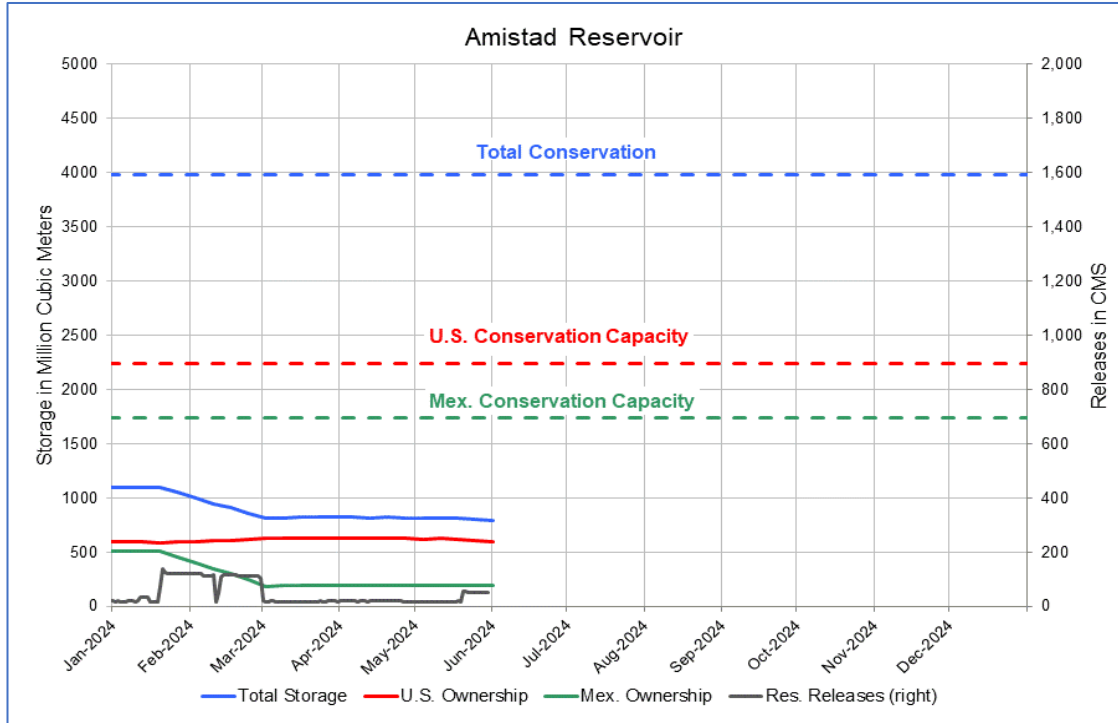
- Rio Grande Regional Water Planning Group (Region M)

The Region M Group meeting is scheduled for August 7, 2024, at 9:30 am. Meetings are held hybrid at the LRGVDC Ken Jones Board Room and via GotoMeeting.



For any Region M or meeting information, please visit website:  
<http://riograndewaterplan.org>

- Reservoir Levels as of June 13, 2024. (taken from IBWC: [Home - IBWC](#))



# **ITEM #5.B**

## **HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES**

**Area Agency on  
Aging  
(AAA)**

Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council  
Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, June 26, 2024

Item #5: Department Reports

B. Health & Human Services

Area Agency on Aging Program Status Report

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

- **Direct Consumer Services Report – Care Coordination May 2024**
  - The Care Coordination Program serviced a total of 109 new clients.
  - A total of 337 individuals were provided with case management assistance.

| <b>Direct Consumer Services</b>  | <b>Total<br/>New<br/>Clients</b> | <b>Total<br/>Clients<br/>Serviced</b> |
|--|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <b>Care Coordination Services</b>  | 109                              | 337                                   |
| <b>Health Maintenance Services</b><br>Assistance paying for medication, durable medical equipment, and other medical supplies.                           | 41                               | 42                                    |
| <b>Homemaker Services</b><br>Temporary assistance with light housekeeping duties such as cleaning, laundry, and meal preparation.                        | 31                               | 96                                    |
| <b>Transportation Services</b><br>Assistance with transportation services to medical, rehabilitation, and dialysis appointments.                         | 3                                | 4                                     |
| <b>Residential Repair Services</b><br>Assistance with home modifications such as grab bars, ADA commodes, ramps, widening of doorways, and tub removals. | 42                               | 42                                    |

- **Direct Consumer Services Report – Caregiver Support May 2024**
  - The Caregiver Support Program serviced a total of 45 new clients.
  - A total of 201 individuals were provided with case management assistance.

| <b>Direct Consumer Services</b>   | <b>Total New Clients</b> | <b>Total Clients Serviced</b> |
|---|--------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>Caregiver Support Services</b>   | 45                       | 201                           |
| <b>Respite In-Home Services</b><br>Provide relief to the caregiver and includes personal care such as bathing, grooming, dressing, transferring, and light housekeeping duties. | 46                       | 145                           |
| <b>Health Maintenance Services</b><br>Assistance paying for medication, durable medical equipment, and other medical supplies.  | 22                       | 24                            |

- **Direct Consumer Services Report – Community Development Block Grant May 2024**
  - The CDBG Program serviced a total of 18 new clients.
  - A total of 25 individuals were assisted with health maintenance services under the Community Development Block Grant Program.

| <b>Direct Consumer Services</b>  | <b>Total New Clients</b> | <b>Total Clients Serviced</b> |
|--|--------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>Community Development Block Grant Health Maintenance Services</b><br>Assistance paying for medication, durable medical equipment, and other medical supplies.                           | 9                        | 9                             |
| <b>Community Development Block Grant Homemaker Services</b><br>Temporary assistance with light housekeeping duties such as cleaning, laundry, and meal preparation.                        | 7                        | 14                            |
| <b>Community Development Block Grant Residential Repair Services</b><br>Assistance with home modifications such as grab bars, ADA commodes, ramps, widening of doorways, and tub removals. | 2                        | 2                             |

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

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

| <b>Direct Consumer Services Interest List</b> |              |
|---|--------------|
| Care Coordination Services                    | 1,396        |
| Caregiver Support Services                    | 284          |
| <b>Grand Total</b>                            | <b>1,680</b> |

- **Nutrition Program Report: May 2024**

- Successfully enrolled 150 new clients into the Home Delivered Meals program
- Successfully delivered 44,818 meals.
- Successfully enrolled 117 new clients into the Congregate Meals program.
- Successfully served 13,174 Congregate meals.

| <b>Meals Program</b> | <b>Total New Clients</b> | <b>Total Meals Served</b> |
|----------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| Home Delivered Meals | 150                      | 44,818                    |
| Congregate Meals     | 117                      | 13,174                    |

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

- Program successfully enrolled 144 new clients.
- Senior Centers conducted 28,390 activities with their clients.

| <b>Senior Center Operations</b> |        |
|---------------------------------|--------|
| New Clients                     | 144    |
| Total activities                | 28,390 |

## Special Services Report

- **Benefit Counselors Program – May 2024**

- Achieved the enrollment of 182 new clients and established 167 contacts.

| <b>Benefit Counselors</b> | <b>Total New Clients</b> | <b>Total Contacts</b> |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| HICAP Awareness           | 57                       | 11.5                  |
| HICAP Assistance          | 26                       | 72.75                 |
| MIPPA                     | 81                       | 31.25                 |
| Legal Awareness           | 0                        | 0                     |
| Legal Assistance          | 18                       | 51.5                  |

\***HICAP:** Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program

\***MIPPA:** Medicare Improvement for Patients and Providers Act

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

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

| <b>CTI Coaches</b> | <b>Total New Clients</b> | <b>Total Clients Served</b> |
|--------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>May 2024</b>    | 86                       | 219                         |

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



- **Ombudsman Program Report – May 2024**

- The Ombudsman handled 76 complaints, successfully resolving 50 cases.
- They dedicated 200.80 activity hours and recorded 198 activity totals.
- The volunteers collectively contributed 6.50 in-kind hours.
- We have 3 new volunteers in training and 3 new volunteers that will begin training in July.

| Ombudsman |                       |                      |                  |                               |             |
|-----------|-----------------------|----------------------|------------------|-------------------------------|-------------|
| Month     | Total Volunteer Hours | Total Activity Hours | Total Activities | Total Investigated Complaints | Total Cases |
| May 2024  | 6.50                  | 200.80               | 198              | 76                            | 50          |

## Aging and Disabilities Resource Center

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

- The intake team had a total of 532 interactions via phone lines, walk-ins, emails, faxes, and follow ups.

| IR&A Interactions  |     |
|--------------------|-----|
| 1-800 AAA          | 27  |
| 1-855 ADRC         | 35  |
| (956) 682-3481     | 63  |
| (956) 412-0958     | 119 |
| Walk-ins           | 11  |
| E-mails            | 197 |
| Fax                | 14  |
| Follow ups         | 57  |
| Total Interactions | 523 |

| <b>Consumer Age Group</b> |     |
|---------------------------|-----|
| Consumers 60+             | 366 |
| Consumer 59 and below     | 17  |
| Total Consumers           | 383 |

| <b>Consumer Demographics</b> |     |
|------------------------------|-----|
| Consumers with a Disability  | 382 |
| Veterans                     | 22  |

| <b>Top Call Topics</b> |    |
|------------------------|----|
| Respite Services       | 81 |
| Health Maintenance     | 67 |
| Homemaker Services     | 66 |
| Residential Repairs    | 65 |
| Benefits Counseling    | 63 |

● **Benjamin Rose Institute Care Consultant Report – May 2024**

- During May, the Benjamin Rose Institute (BRI) Care Consultants successfully enrolled 9 new caregivers and made 17 total contacts.
- Actively participated in 5 events, meetings, and coalitions reaching a total of 166 individuals, 9 were 60 years of age and above, 156 individuals were 59 years of age and below.
- During outreach activities interacted with 4 individuals with a disability, 3 veterans, and 1 consumer with a caregiver.

| <b>Caregivers Assisted</b> |    |
|----------------------------|----|
| Total New Clients          | 9  |
| Total Contacts             | 17 |

| Outreach Events       |   |
|-----------------------|---|
| Total Outreach Events | 5 |

| Outreach Consumer Age Group |     |
|-----------------------------|-----|
| Consumers 60+               | 9   |
| Consumers 59 and below      | 156 |
| Total Consumers             | 166 |

| Outreach Consumer Demographics |   |
|--------------------------------|---|
| Consumers with a Disability    | 4 |
| Veterans                       | 3 |
| Consumer with a Caregiver      | 1 |

- **ADRC Benefits Counseling Report – May 2024**
  - Provided support to 4 new consumers regarding MIPPA, HICAP, and Legal Assistance.
  - Engaged with a total of 103 individuals, comprising of 12 individuals aged 60 and above, and 91 individuals aged 55 & below.
  - During outreach efforts, interacted with 24 individuals with disabilities, 8 Veterans, and 5 individuals who have a caregiver.

| Consumers Assisted              |   |
|---------------------------------|---|
| Unduplicated Consumers Assisted | 4 |

| Outreach Events       |    |
|-----------------------|----|
| Total Events Attended | 14 |

| Outreach Consumer Age Group |     |
|-----------------------------|-----|
| Consumers 60+               | 12  |
| Consumers 59 and below      | 91  |
| Total Consumers             | 103 |

| Outreach Consumer Demographics |    |
|--------------------------------|----|
| Consumers with a Disability    | 24 |
| Veterans                       | 8  |
| Consumer with a Caregiver      | 5  |

● **ADRC Housing Navigator Report – May 2024**

- Assisted 7 consumers with housing inquiries, offering tailored resources, showcasing the agency's excellence, and providing valuable support to community members facing housing challenges.
- Actively participated in 3 events, meetings, and coalitions engaging with 82 individuals, 15 individuals were 60 years of age and above, 67 individuals were 59 years of age and below.
- During outreach activities interacted with 19 individuals with a disability, 5 Veterans, and 3 individuals with a Caregiver.

| Housing Intakes Total  |   |
|------------------------|---|
| Cameron County         | 4 |
| Hidalgo County         | 3 |
| Willacy County         | 0 |
| Total Housing Intakes: | 7 |

| Outreach Events       |   |
|-----------------------|---|
| Total Outreach Events | 3 |

| Outreach Consumer Age Group |    |
|-----------------------------|----|
| Consumers 60+               | 15 |
| Consumers 59 and below      | 67 |
| Total Consumers             | 82 |

| Outreach Consumer Demographics |    |
|--------------------------------|----|
| Consumers with a Disability    | 19 |
| Veterans                       | 5  |
| Consumer with a Caregiver      | 3  |

- **ADRC Respite Services Report – May 2024**
  - Assisted 2 caregivers and 2 care recipients with Respite Caregiver Services.

| Unduplicated Respite Consumers |   |
|--------------------------------|---|
| Caregivers:                    | 2 |
| Care Recipients                | 2 |

| <b>Unduplicated Respite Consumers – Age Group</b> |   |
|---|---|
| Consumers 60+                                     | 2 |
| Consumers 59 and below                            | 2 |

| <b>Unduplicated Respite Consumers – Demographics</b> |   |
|--|---|
| Consumers with a Disability                          | 3 |
| Veterans   | 0 |
| Consumer is a Caregiver                              | 2 |

● **ADRC Special Initiatives Report – May 2024**

- Actively participated in 10 events, meetings, and coalitions engaging with 274 individuals, 44 individuals were 60 years of age and above, 230 individuals were 59 years of age and below.
- During outreach activities interacted with 3 individuals with a disability, 4 Veterans, and 1 individual who has a caregiver.

| <b>Outreach Events</b> |    |
|------------------------|----|
| Total Events           | 10 |

| <b>Outreach Consumer Age Group</b> |     |
|------------------------------------|-----|
| Consumers 60+                      | 44  |
| Consumer 59 and below              | 230 |
| Total Consumers                    | 274 |



| <b>Outreach Consumer Demographics</b> |   |
|---------------------------------------|---|
| Consumers with a Disability           | 3 |
| Veterans                              | 4 |
| Consumer with a Caregiver             | 1 |

- **Outreach Events:**

- **May 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> 2024 Inaugural Ready RGV Conference**

- Our staff had the privilege of attending the Inaugural READY RGV Conference. In addition to attending sessions, our staff also tabled and provided information about the Area Agency on Aging and Aging and Disability Resource Center programs. These programs are vital resources for supporting our aging population, individuals with disabilities, and caregivers, ensuring they receive the care and support they need.





○ **May 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> UTRGV Mental Health Awareness Fair**

- The team attended the Mental Health Awareness Fair on May 29th and May 30th at the UTRGV Brownsville and Edinburg Campuses. The fair offered an abundance of resources on self-care, wellness, and educational activities that are essential for promoting mental health. Additionally, the team was able to provide valuable resources to caregivers and individuals with disabilities. This event provided insights for the community to implement healthy practices into their daily lives.



# **ITEM #5.C**

## **PUBLIC SAFETY**

Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council  
Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, June 26, 2024

Item #5: Department Reports

C. Public Safety ..... Cesar Merla, Assistant Director

Criminal Justice Program

- Staff attended the Safe Streets for Texas workshop on June 5<sup>th</sup> at the LRGVDC Ken Jones Executive Boardroom
- Staff members attended the TEEX Active Shooter workshop hosted by Region One in Edinburg, Texas in order to increase public safety awareness and knowledge
- Staff hosted the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee meeting June 12<sup>th</sup> at the LRGVDC Ken Jones Executive Boardroom

Homeland Security Program

- Staff hosted the Homeland Security Advisory Committee meeting on June 6, 2024, at the LRGVDC Ken Jones Executive Boardroom.
- Staff attended the Cameron County Emergency Preparedness (CCOEM) Meeting on June 7, 2024, at Brownsville Event Center.
- Staff hosted the RGV-ETAB Fire Academy on June 27, 2024, at the LRGVDC Ken Jones Executive Boardroom.



# READINESS: TRAINING IDENTIFICATION AND PREPAREDNESS PLANNING

MGT-418

LRGVDC Ken Jones Executive Board Room September 19 - 20, 2024

DHS/FEMA-funded course



# READINESS: TRAINING IDENTIFICATION AND PREPAREDNESS PLANNING

MGT-418

Instruction covers creating effective training plans through organizational collaboration establishing a whole community approach. With the jurisdictional training assessment process, the integrated assessment team creates a jurisdictional profile and evaluates the ability to fully implement Emergency Operation Plans (EOPs). Training gaps are identified and cataloged. The after action review (AAR) process assist in gap identification. Methods for closing training gaps are prioritized, improvement plans are developed, and courses of action are identified. Through this procedure training cost may be reduced and organizational collaboration increased. This course is instructed as a partnership between The National Emergency Response and Rescue Training Center (NERRTC) and The National Center for Biomedical Research and Training (NCBRT).

## Topics

- Preparedness Tools
- Whole Community Team Building and Jurisdictional Awareness
- Identifying Training Needs
- Creating an Improvement Plan
- Next Steps, Testing, and Evaluation
- Preparing to Teach Readiness: Training Identification and Preparedness Planning

## Prerequisites

### FEMA / SID Number

Students must register and bring a copy of their SID number to class. Register online:

[cdp.dhs.gov/femasid](https://cdp.dhs.gov/femasid)

## Recommendations

Incident Command System (ICS-100, ICS-200, ICS-700, ICS-800)

## Course Length

Two Days (16 hours)

## Venue

Jurisdiction

## Class Size

20-40 Participants

## CE Credits

IACET – 1.6 CEUs

## Participants

- Government Administration
- Private Sector and Non-Governmental Organizations
- Emergency Management Agency
- Health Care, Public Health, and Emergency Medical Service
- Public Works
- Law Enforcement
- Fire Service
- Communications
- Hazardous Material personnel
- Other Stakeholders

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1. Consideration and **ACTION** to accept the donation of two surplus police vehicles to be utilized for law enforcement training as part of an interlocal agreement between the Hidalgo County Constable Precinct 4 Office and the Lower Rio Grande Valley Academy.

The Hidalgo County Constable Precinct 4 Office is donating two surplus Ford Explorers to the LRGV Academy for the purpose of utilizing them for training in the BPOC Academies.

**EXHIBIT "A"**

**SURPLUS PROPERTY**

**Description of Items:**

|     |                         |                           |
|-----|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| i.  | 2016 Ford Explorer u416 | Vin No. 1FM5K8AR6GGA19046 |
| ii. | 2015 Ford Explorer u410 | Vin No. 1FM5K8AR6GGA19047 |



STATE OF TEXAS           §  
  §  
COUNTY OF HIDALGO   §

**INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN  
HIDALGO COUNTY CONSTABLES PRECINCT 4 AND THE LOWER RIO GRANDE  
VALLEY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL REGIONAL POLICE ACADEMY**

THIS Agreement is made on and entered into, effective as of the **28 day of May, 2024**, by and between the **COUNTY OF HIDALGO** by and through its **HIDALGO COUNTY CONSTABLES PRECINCT 4**, hereinafter referred to as ("County"), and **THE LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL REGIONAL POLICE ACADEMY** hereinafter referred to as ("LRGVDC-RPA"), collectively referred to as ("Parties"), pursuant to the provisions of the Texas Interlocal Cooperation Act ("Act"), Chapter 791, et seq., Texas Government Code and Texas Local Government Code Chapter 263.

**WITNESSETH:**

**WHEREAS**, the LRGVDC-RPA is a municipality defined as a "Political Subdivision" under the Interlocal Cooperation Act, a political subdivision organized under the laws of the State of Texas;

**WHEREAS**, the County is defined as a "Local Government" under the Interlocal Cooperation Act, a political subdivision organized under the laws of the State of Texas;

**WHEREAS**, the Interlocal Cooperation Act, Chapter 791 Texas Government Code, provides authorization for a local government to contract with one or more local governments to perform governmental functions and services under the terms of the Act;

**WHEREAS**, County may dispose of surplus property by donating it to a civic or charitable organization located in the county, pursuant to Tex. Loc. Gov't Code § 263.152(4)(B), if it serves a public purpose;

**WHEREAS**, the surplus items identified in the attached Exhibit "A" is no longer needed by County for any purpose;

**WHEREAS**, County will transfer the surplus equipment identified in the attached Exhibit "A" to LRGVDC-RPA to serve a joint public purpose of maintaining the City and County's, shared, current and future infrastructure and maintain the health and safety of its constituents;

**WHEREAS**, the surplus equipment will be utilized by LRGVDC-RPA to properly train cadets with the equipment that is utilized in Law Enforcement agencies, and upon graduating their services will benefit the health and safety of the constituents and citizens of Hidalgo County; and

**NOW THEREFORE**, for good and sufficient consideration, PARTIES hereby agree as follows:

1. County hereby declares that the items identified in the attached Exhibit "A" is surplus property.
2. County hereby finds that the transfer of the surplus items as identified in the attached Exhibit "A" to LRGVDC-RPA serves a public purpose.
3. County hereby transfers the surplus items identified in the attached Exhibit "A" to LRGVDC-RPA
4. LRGVDC-RPA hereby accepts the transfer of the surplus items identified in the attached Exhibit "A."
5. LRGVDC-RPA accepts the transferred Equipment in "as-is" condition and acknowledges that County makes no warranty in any manner as to the working condition for any purpose.
6. In consideration for the transfer of the equipment identified in the attached Exhibit "A", LRGVDC-RPA agrees that County shall have no further financial responsibility for any relocation, transportation, repair, maintenance or upkeep expenses related to the equipment being transferred.
7. LRGVDC-RPA will be responsible for obtaining any title transfer and/or insurance on the equipment being transferred.
8. This Agreement is not intended to extend the liability of the Parties beyond that provided by law. Neither County nor LRGVDC-RPA waive, nor shall be deemed to have hereby waived, any immunity or defense that would otherwise be available to it against claims arising from third parties.
9. This Agreement represents the entire agreement between County and LRGVDC-RPA and this Agreement supersedes all prior negotiations, representations or agreements, either written or oral between the Parties. This Agreement may be amended only by written instrument signed by the governing bodies of both County and LRGVDC-RPA or those authorized to sign on behalf of those governing bodies.
10. The validity of this Agreement and of any of its terms or provisions, as well as the rights and duties of the Parties, shall be governed by the laws of the State of Texas.
11. In the event that any portion of this Agreement shall be found to be contrary to law, it is the intent of the Parties that the remaining portions of this Agreement shall remain valid and in full force and effect to the extent possible.
12. The undersigned officer or agent is the properly authorized official who has the necessary authority to execute this Agreement, and each party hereby certifies to the other that any necessary resolutions extending said authority have been duly passed and are now in full force and effect.

EXECUTED IN DUPLICATE COPIES, EACH OF WHICH SHALL HAVE THE FULL FORCE AND EFFECT OF AN ORIGINAL, TO BE EFFECTIVE AS STATED HEREIN, BUT MINISTERIALLY SIGNED ON THE DATES INDICATED BELOW.

APPROVED BY COMMISSIONER'S COURT ON MAY 28, 2024.

AGENDA ITEM No. 95405

EXECUTIVE OFFICE: MM

LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

By: JS  
Javier Solis (May 31, 2024 19:21 CDT)

Date: May 31, 2024

Javier Solis, Assistant Director/ Training Coordinator

HIDALGO COUNTY: County Judge

By: Richard F. Cortez

Date: Jun 5, 2024

Hon. Richard F. Cortez, County Judge

HIDALGO COUNTY: Constable Precinct 4

By: A "JR" Gaitan  
A "JR" Gaitan (Jun 7, 2024 09:14 CDT)

Date: Jun 7, 2024

Atanacio "J.R." Gaitan, Constable Precinct 4

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Office of the Criminal District Attorney,  
Toribio "Terry" Palacios

Michelle Lopez  
Michelle Lopez (Jun 4, 2024 14:28 CDT)

Michelle Lopez, Assistant District Attorney

ATTEST:



Arturo Guajardo Jr.

Arturo Guajardo Jr., County Clerk

Interlocal Agreement: Hidalgo County-Constables PCT 4 & Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council Regional-Policy Academy  
C-24-0174-05-28

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Board of Directors Meeting

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2. Consideration and **ACTION** to approve an interlocal agreement, as authorized by the Interlocal Cooperation Act Chapter 791 Texas Government Code, with the City of Donna, Texas, by and through the Donna Police Department, to utilize the El Indio Law Enforcement Gun Range for law enforcement firearms training, and with the authority to have LRGVDC Executive Director Manuel Cruz sign and finalize the agreement.

The purpose of this interlocal agreement is to establish a partnership with the City of Donna, Texas for the utilization of an adequate shooting range. The El Indio Law Enforcement Gun Range meets the requirements established by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement for the implementation of the required BPOC firearms course. Establishing an interlocal agreement with the City of Donna, Texas, by and through the Donna Police Department, will expand the availability of adequate firearm training facilities for the LRGV Academy Basic Peace Officer Course.

(Please see the attached interlocal agreement)

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3. Consideration and **ACTION** to approve an interlocal agreement, as authorized by the Interlocal Cooperation Act Chapter 791 Texas Government Code, with the City of La Joya, Texas, by and through the La Joya Police Department, for the purpose of utilizing the La Joya Shooting Range for law enforcement firearms training, and with the authority to have LRGVDC Executive Director Manuel Cruz sign and finalize the agreement.

The purpose of this interlocal agreement is to establish a partnership with the City of La Joya, Texas for the utilization of an adequate shooting range. The La Joya Shooting Range meets the requirements established by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement for the implementation of the required BPOC firearms course. Establishing an interlocal agreement with the City of Donna, Texas, by and through the Donna Police Department, will expand the availability of adequate firearm training facilities for the LRGV Academy Basic Peace Officer Course.

(Please see attached interlocal agreement)

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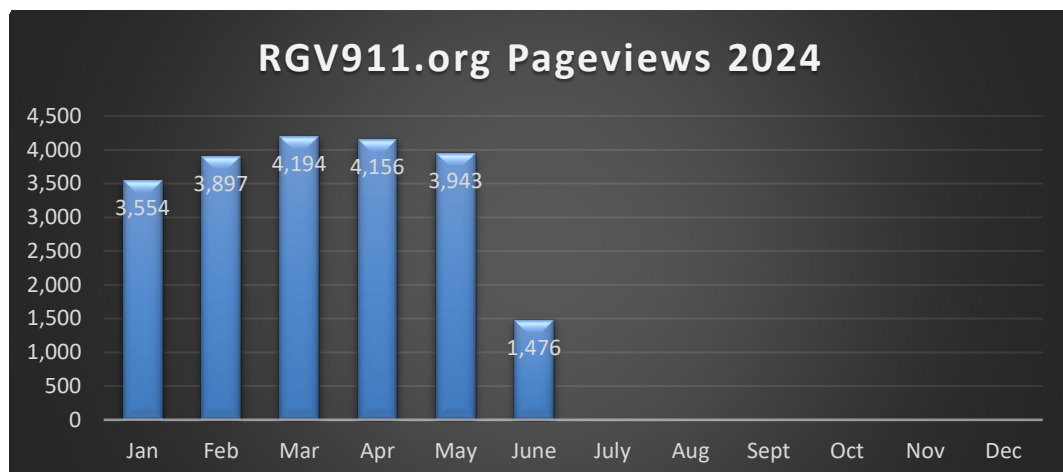
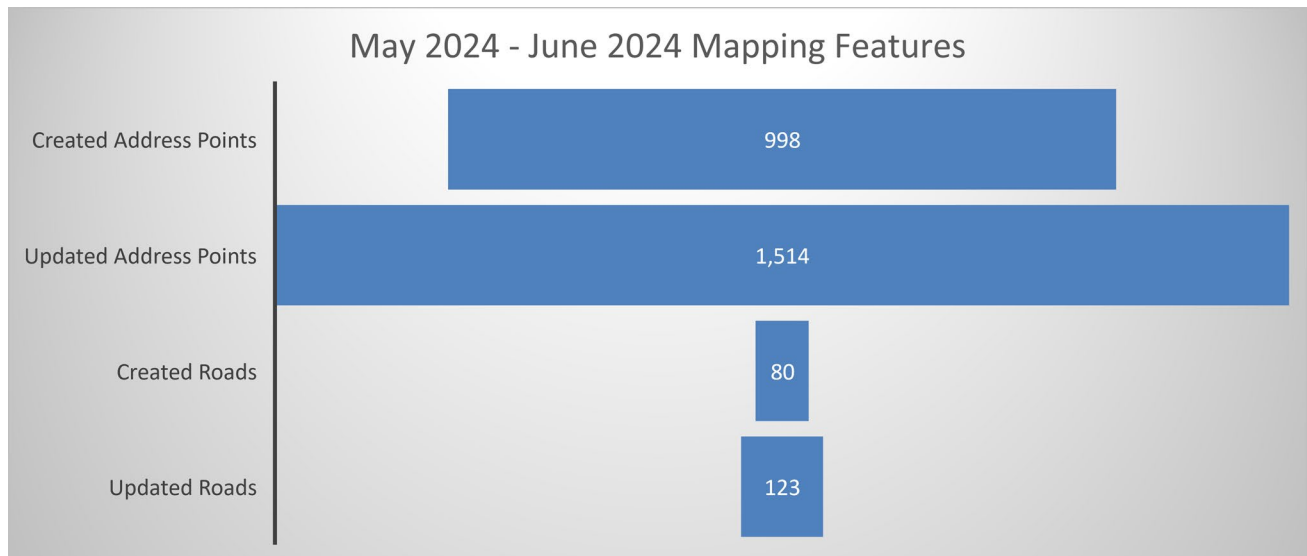
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### C. Public Safety

#### Rio Grande Valley Emergency Communication District Status Report

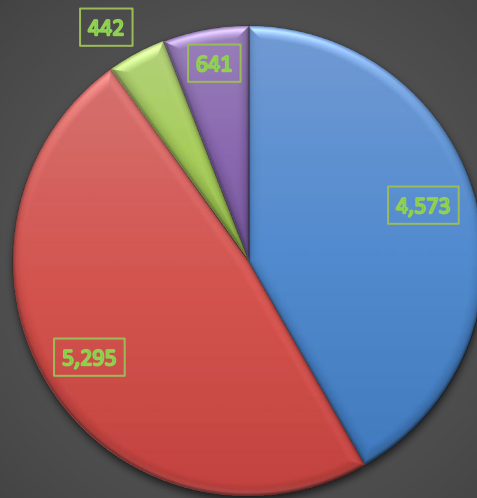
- GIS Division

Our GIS Data Hub is now our primary website and can be found at [www.rgv911.org](http://www.rgv911.org). The GIS team has uploaded several informational maps that other public entities, and the public can readily download. This data has streamlined our general information request process. Following our GeoSpatial Strategic plan, we have moved our old address tickets from our previous system to our new Rubicon ticket system. We will begin updating our Rubicon Dashboard to be able to search previous customer address tickets. This Project is estimated to take 1 month and should be finished by mid July 2024. Below are the monthly statistics for the GIS team.



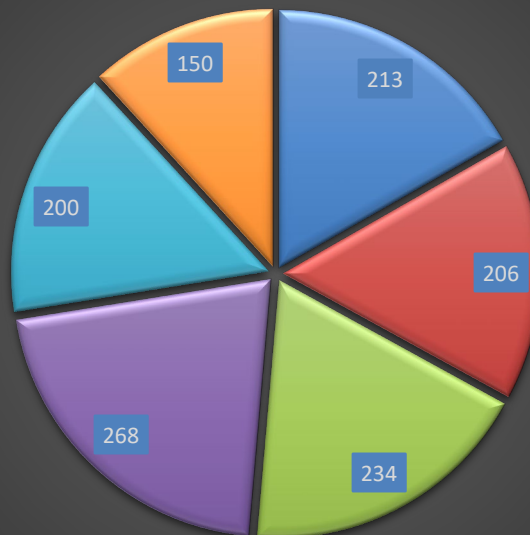


## 2024 Total Production : GIS



Created Address Points Updated Address Points Created Roads Updated Roads

## Address Tickets from January to June 2024



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

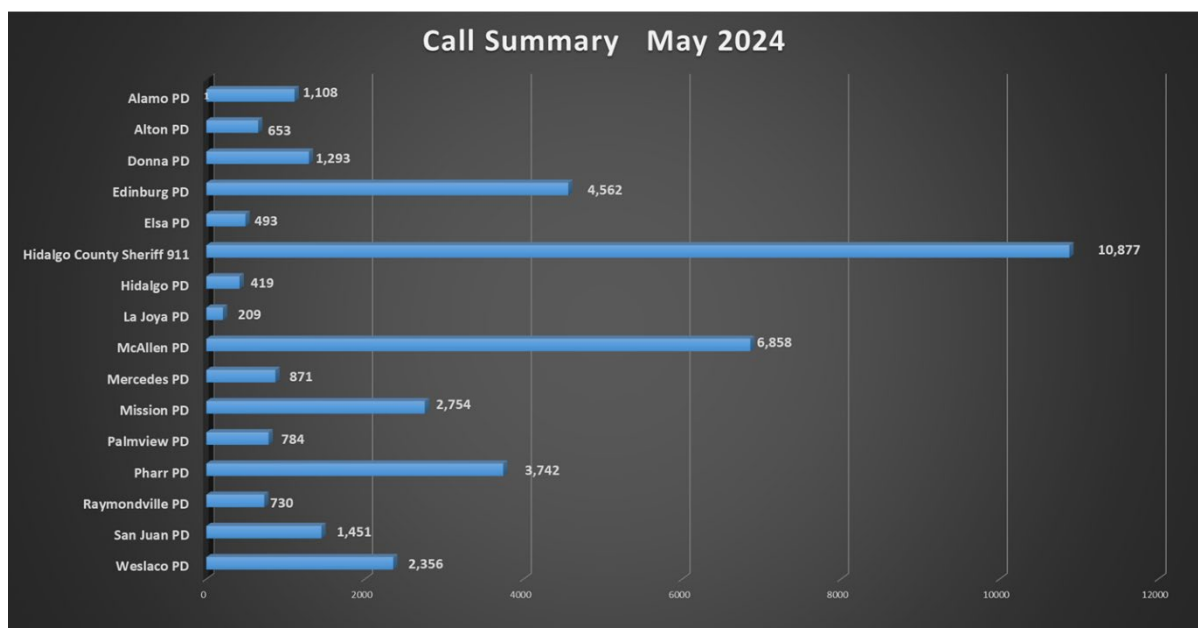
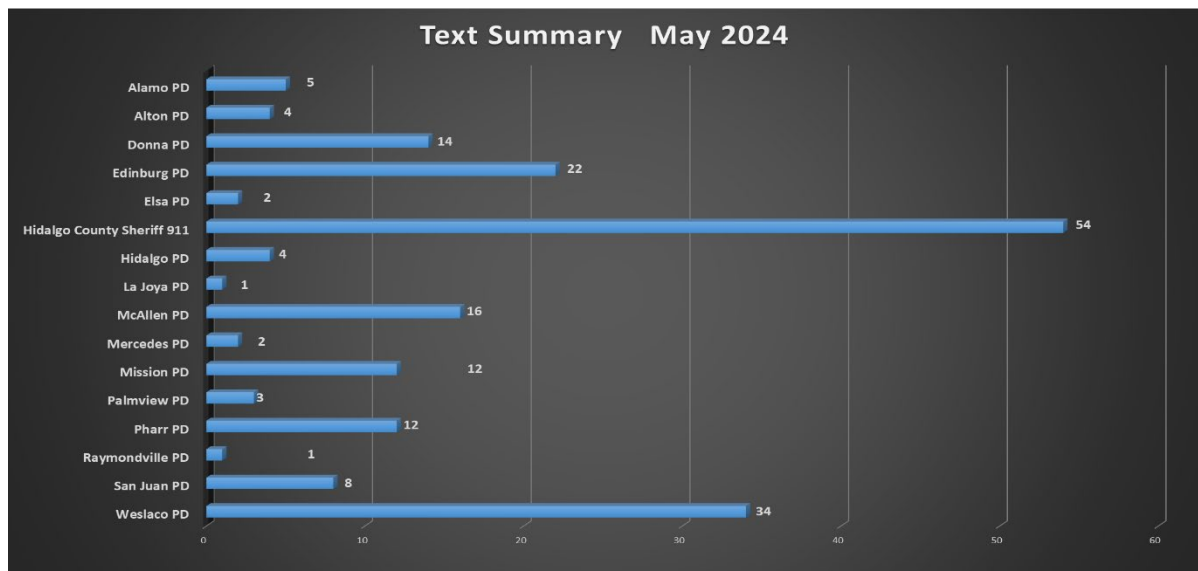


- 9-1-1 | Information Technology

The 9-1-1 | Information Technology team has been pro-actively planning for the current hurricane season. We have been in the process of doing additional UPS tests and diesel generator start-up testing at every PSAP to make sure they are operating at optimal levels in the event of an unplanned power outage.

On June 4th – 6th, 2024, the Information Technology team along with our Public Education department held our quarterly Power 911/Mapflex education track for new and current telecommunicators. The training went very well with good feedback from the telecommunicators on the professionalism and content of the classroom instruction. We will be taking some of the feedback and applying the suggestions to future trainings in order to enhance what we believe is an already robust program that will continue to improve and evolve as new features and information is available for the PSAP staff.

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



- Community Engagement

May was a fantastic month for our Community Engagement Team, filled with diverse and impactful events. From attending conferences to participating in 5K runs and addressing community gatherings, we enjoyed every single moment. Our main goal was always to educate and inform the citizens of both Hidalgo and Willacy counties. Each event provided a valuable opportunity to connect with the community and share important information. The positive response from participants has been incredibly rewarding and motivates us to continue our efforts.

- **2nd Annual Mental Health Awareness 5K Run, May 4th, 2024.** Willacy County Sheriff's Office organized this event promoting vital awareness. It's incredibly rewarding to participate in activities that shed light on such important issues. We contributed by offering educational resources through 911 services and distributing water bottles to support the participants. It feels good to be part of initiatives that make a difference.
- **2024 LRGVDC Ready RGV Conference, May 9 -10, 2024.** This conference kicked off with a bang, offering a wealth of opportunities for networking and collaboration among various organizations. From lively discussions on disaster preparedness strategies to engaging educational sessions filled with interactive games and activities, attendees found themselves immersed in a dynamic learning environment. It was a promising start, setting the stage for what promises to be an insightful and productive event.
- **Know Your Address Register Your Address, May 11, 2024.** In partnership with the Willacy County Sheriff's Office, this event aimed to assist residents in the rural areas of Willacy County with registering their addresses with RGV911. This initiative is crucial for ensuring rapid emergency response. By registering, residents can significantly enhance their safety and accessibility to emergency services.
- **Community Involvement Town Meeting, May 15, 2024.** Organized by Willacy County Precincts 4 & 7. At the event, we had the opportunity to showcase the various services and departments within our district, ranging from the G.I.S. department to our dedicated I.T. team. Our presentation aimed to inform and engage the community of Sebastian about the valuable resources and support available to them throughout our district.
- **Teach Me 911 Program, May 20, 2024.** The RGV911 Public Education team had a fantastic educational experience with the 5th-grade classes of Memorial Elementary in Weslaco. We discussed the importance of staying safe during summer, whether at home or on family vacations and knowing when to call 911. The students learned about the various devices they can use to contact 911, including smart devices and in-car systems, as well as the option of texting 911. It was a valuable session that equipped the students with essential safety knowledge.
- **Willacy County Young Farmers Fishing Tournament, May 25, 2024.** The Willacy County Young Farmers organization is driven by a team of dedicated volunteers who are passionate about impacting the lives of those they serve. Their members come from diverse backgrounds but share a common commitment to the future of agriculture. The RGV 9-1-1 Public Education team attended the WCYF fishing tournament and had the opportunity to teach the children how to call 911 and what constitutes a 911 emergency.

## **2nd Annual Mental Health Awareness 5K Run**



**Willacy County Sheriff Jose Salazar  
with the the community ready  
to start the 5K run.**



**Public Education Coordinator  
Maribel Alonzo, at the  
RGV911 booth with  
educational literature, water  
bottles, and sweat towels for  
the attendees**



**Raymondville ISD students  
with their metals,  
Feeling accomplished.**



## 2024 LRGVDC Ready RGV Conference



**Pictured above staff talking to the attendees on the service RGV911 has to offer.**



**Shown above are the attendees learning about hurricane preparedness.**

## Know Your Address Register Your Address



**Citizens from San Perlita learning the importance of registering their address.**



## Community Involvement Town Meeting



**This presentation aimed to inform and engage the community of Sebastian about the valuable resources and support available to them throughout our district.**

## Teach Me 911 Program in Memorial Elementary in Weslaco



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# Willacy County Young Farmers Fishing Tournament



**RGV911 staff ready to talk to the community**



**WCYF handing out the trophies to the children that participated in the fishing tournament.**



**Our young friends happy with goodies and educational literature.**

**ITEM #5.D**

**TRANSPORTATION**



# Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council

## Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday June 26, 2024

### D. Transportation

Valley Metro Status Report .....Tom Logan, Director of Regional Transportation

1. Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve Hardware Acquisition for LRGVDC Valley Metro.

Staff is seeking the Board's approval for the acquisition of Hardware essential for the operations of the transit agency, encompassing any forthcoming equipment related to the awarded Federal Transit Administration "FTA" funding listed below, as long as funding or Hardware/equipment remains available and necessary for operational and maintenance needs.

#### HARDWARE GRANTS:

| Source | Grant #     | Award Balance |
|--------|-------------|---------------|
| FTA    | TX-2019-042 | \$42,433      |
| FTA    | TX-2019-114 | \$97,495      |
| FTA    | TX-2020-126 | \$11,996      |
| FTA    | TX-2020-125 | \$34,632      |
| FTA    | TX-2022-057 | \$121,609     |
| FTA    | TX-90-Y057  | \$17,351      |

#### Purpose:

The hardware is vital for supporting transportation operations, ensuring smooth and efficient functioning of systems and services crucial for the transit agency's activities. This encompasses various equipment and technologies essential for maintaining, managing, and optimizing transportation services, infrastructure, and safety measures. The acquisition will adhere to LRGVDC procurement guidelines.

#### Examples of essential Hardware:

- Communication Systems: Radios, intercoms, and communication devices facilitate real-time communication between operators, staff, and passengers.
- Navigation and Tracking Systems: GPS devices and tracking systems help monitor vehicle locations, optimize routes, and provide real-time updates to passengers.
- Ticketing and Fare Collection Machines: Ticket vending machines, fare gates, and card readers are hardware used to collect fares and manage passenger access to transit services.
- Safety and Security Surveillance Systems: Cameras and monitoring equipment enhance security and safety by monitoring activities in stations, vehicles, and other transit areas.
- Signage and Display Boards: Digital displays, LED signs, and information boards provide passengers with updates, schedules, and other relevant information.
- Computers: Computers are indispensable hardware in transportation operations, playing various roles in managing, controlling, and optimizing different aspects of transit systems.
- Other: related Hardware equipment.

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2. Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve Acquisition of Miscellaneous and Shop Equipment for LRGVDC Valley Metro.

Staff is seeking the Board's approval for the Acquisition of Miscellaneous and Shop Equipment essential for the maintenance and operations of the transit agency, encompassing any forthcoming equipment related to the awarded State "TXDOT" and Federal Transit Administration "FTA" funding listed below, as long as funding or equipment remains available and necessary for maintenance and operational needs. The acquisition will adhere to LRGVDC procurement guidelines.

### ACQUISITION MISC. SHOP EQUIPMENT GRANT:

| Source | Grant #                | Award Balance |
|--------|------------------------|---------------|
| TXDOT  | 5311-2022-LRGVDC-00112 | \$209,153     |
| FTA    | TX-2020-126            | \$165,609     |
| FTA    | TX-2020-125            | \$160,822     |
| FTA    | TX-2020-152            | \$182,220     |

Purpose: The purpose of essential miscellaneous and shop equipment is to facilitate efficient maintenance, repair, and operation of transit agency vehicles, infrastructure, and facilities. These tools and equipment help ensure the safety, reliability, and longevity of the transit system by enabling timely inspections, diagnostics, and repairs. Additionally, they support the cleanliness, organization, and overall functionality of transit facilities, contributing to a positive experience for passengers and staff alike.

### Examples of essential Misc. and Shop Equipment:

- Vehicle Lifts and Hoists: Hydraulic lifts or hoists for raising transit fleet and vehicles to facilitate inspection, maintenance, and repair work underneath.
- Test Equipment: Equipment for testing brakes, suspension systems, electrical systems, and other components to ensure compliance with safety standards and optimal performance.
- Fuel Management Systems: Systems for tracking fuel consumption, managing fuel inventory, and preventing fuel theft or misuse.
- Diagnostic Equipment: Diagnostic tools such as OBD scanners, multimeters, and specialized software for troubleshooting vehicle issues are crucial for efficient maintenance.
- Tools and Tool Kits: These include wrenches, screwdrivers, sockets, pliers, hammers, and specialty tools for maintaining vehicles, infrastructure, and facilities.
- Spare Parts Inventory: Stock of essential spare parts for quick repairs and replacements, reducing downtime and ensuring continuous service availability.
- Other: Related miscellaneous and shop equipment.

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D. Transportation

3. Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve request to submit proposal to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) application for Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Planning Discretionary Grant

Staff requests permission to submit application to FTA for a Transit Oriented Development Planning Grant that will encourage comprehensive or site-specific planning in the following areas:

- Enhance economic development and ridership
- Facilitate multimodal connectivity and accessibility
- Increase non-motorized access to transit hubs
- Enable mixed-use development
- Identify infrastructure needs associated with the transit project
- Include private sector participation

The Grant will include consulting services for the Land Use Master Plan and DRT planning along the future LRGVDC Valley Metro Transit Terminal.

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## Item #5: Department Reports

### D. Transportation

Valley Metro Status Report .....Tom Logan, Director of Regional Transit

- Ridership Report

Valley Metro provides regional transportation service of both **Rural** and **Urban** transit systems in the five-county region of the Rio Grande Valley. The **Urban System** is provided in Cameron, Hidalgo, and Starr Counties and includes UTRGV Ridership. Services run Monday – Saturday from 6:00 am to 10:00 pm. The **Rural System** operates in the rural areas of Cameron, Hidalgo, Willacy, Starr, and Zapata Counties. Services run Monday – Sunday from 6:00 am to 9:00 pm.

#### Breakdown of Ridership per system:

| RIDERSHIP COUNT SEPT 2023 - AUG 2024 |        |         |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |         |
|--------------------------------------|--------|---------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------|
|                                      | Sept   | Oct     | Nov    | Dec    | Jan    | Feb    | Mar    | Apr    | May    | TOTAL   |
| VALLEY METRO                         | 28,553 | 29,294  | 24,112 | 22,484 | 24,809 | 27,549 | 27,358 | 31,035 | 27,434 | 242,628 |
| UTRGV                                | 65,221 | 70,258  | 56,528 | 20,318 | 33,307 | 57,734 | 40,047 | 57,839 | 14,430 | 415,682 |
| STC                                  | 472    | 549     | 396    | 155    | 186    | 388    | 258    | 362    | 90     | 2,856   |
| TSTC                                 | 136    | 118     | 74     | 73     | 25     | 25     | 28     | 26     | 49     | 554     |
| Total                                | 94,382 | 100,219 | 81,110 | 43,030 | 58,327 | 85,696 | 67,691 | 89,262 | 42,003 | 661,720 |
| RURAL AND URBAN COUNT                |        |         |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |         |
| AREA                                 | Sept   | Oct     | Nov    | Dec    | Jan    | Feb    | Mar    | Apr    | May    | TOTAL   |
| Rural                                | 5,685  | 5,808   | 4,942  | 4,776  | 4,687  | 5,243  | 5,976  | 6,471  | 5,985  | 49,573  |
| Urban                                | 88,697 | 94,411  | 76,168 | 38,254 | 53,640 | 80,453 | 61,715 | 82,791 | 36,018 | 612,147 |
| Total                                | 94,382 | 100,219 | 81,110 | 43,030 | 58,327 | 85,696 | 67,691 | 89,262 | 42,003 | 661,720 |
| RIDERSHIP BY COUNTY                  |        |         |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |         |
| COUNTY                               | Sept   | Oct     | Nov    | Dec    | Jan    | Feb    | Mar    | Apr    | May    | TOTAL   |
| Hidalgo County                       | 83,623 | 89,123  | 71,808 | 33,639 | 48,994 | 75,451 | 56,295 | 76,580 | 30,248 | 565,761 |
| Cameron County                       | 8,377  | 8,494   | 7,151  | 7,680  | 7,504  | 8,190  | 9,340  | 10,456 | 10,042 | 77,234  |
| Willacy County                       | 233    | 249     | 225    | 242    | 270    | 274    | 284    | 239    | 155    | 2,171   |
| Starr County                         | 1,957  | 2,181   | 1,772  | 1,297  | 1,367  | 1,663  | 1,600  | 1,862  | 1,423  | 15,122  |
| Zapata County                        | 192    | 172     | 154    | 172    | 192    | 118    | 172    | 125    | 135    | 1,432   |
| Total                                | 94,382 | 100,219 | 81,110 | 43,030 | 58,327 | 85,696 | 67,691 | 89,262 | 42,003 | 661,720 |

#### Regional Transportation Advisory Panel (RTAP) Activity:

- RTAP Committee held an in-person/virtual meeting on April 25, 2024, and discussed updates that were provided by the partnering agencies regarding the needs and gaps of the 5-Year Transit Plan as presented by the RTAP Subcommittee.

Next RTAP meeting will be held June 27, 2024, at Valley Metro. The meeting will cover a range of topics related to transit services:

- Updates on ongoing projects.
- Discussions revolved around plans for rural service expansion between Zapata and Laredo, as well as the extension of funding deadlines and the proposal for an expansion of the Metro Express service.
- Updates from RGVMPO
- Updates from Transportation Agencies
- Review and election of new RTAP officers – 2-year terms.

## TRANSIT AGENCY PROJECTS – VALLEY METRO



### NEW UNIT

On May 30, 2024, Valley Metro received a 2024 Type XI Glaval, 24-passenger unit for Small Urban Routes.

### SERVICE EXPANSION - SURVEY

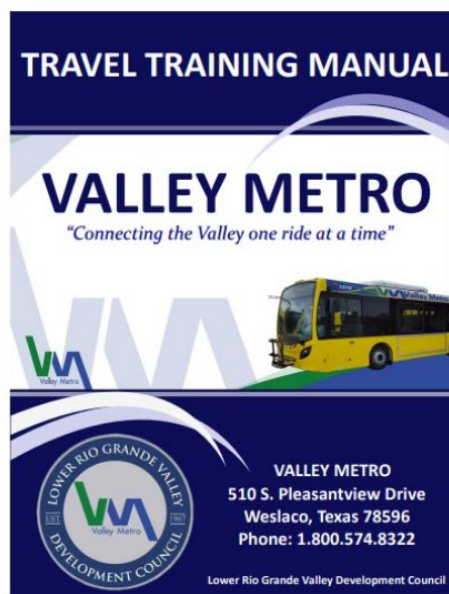
Willacy SEP



### Rural Service Expansion Project

Through TxDOT Funding, Valley Metro will create two new commuter services.

1. Service- Willacy County between Raymondville and Harlingen
2. Service Between Zapata and Laredo.



### Valley Metro Travel Training

Valley Metro held its first Travel Training event with REGION ONE EDUCATION SERVICE CENTER - MIGRANT EDUCATION PROGRAM On May 02, 2024.

Contact us for more Information regarding Travel Training.



### CDL Academy

1 participant successfully completed the training in June. LRGVDC has scheduled 5 participants for training from June to July

### RTAP – Valley Metro

Valley Metro received notice of funding for the RTAP Five-Year Regional Public Transportation Coordination Plan. LRGVDC is 1 of 6 agencies from 22 receiving the maximum funding of \$40,000 .



# New Mobile App COMING SOON



## Mobile Wallets

For Quick Access to your  
EXISTING Passes.

## "Valley Metro RGV" APP



## Keep Riding

Purchase Passes anywhere,  
any time.

## Mobile App Fare Options:

- **REGULAR FARE**
  - Add a variety of passes
- **DISCOUNT FARE**

**Proof will be needed if the following apply:**

- 60 + (1 per person)
- Person with a Disability
- Veteran
- Medicare Recipient



## Simplified

Purchased passes are inactive &  
stored in the rider's Mobile Wallet  
until activated at the time of use.

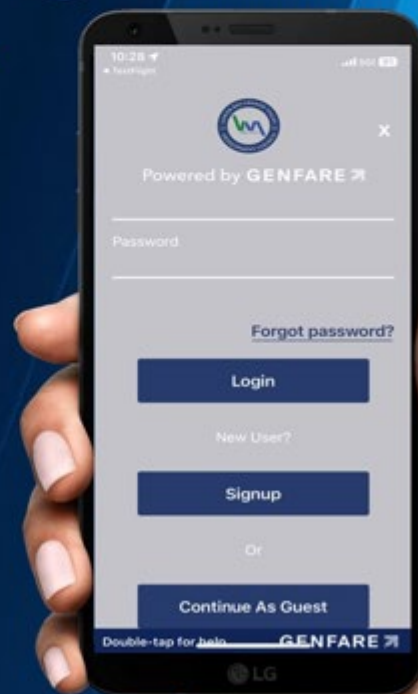
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FACEBOOK



TWITTER



Email: [ValleyMetroRGV@gmail.com](mailto:ValleyMetroRGV@gmail.com)

CALL: 1 (800) 574-8322

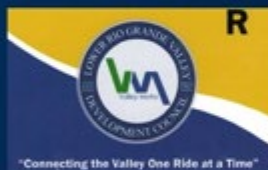




# COMING SOON

## SMARTCARDS

As technology changes, so do your purchasing fare options. Valley Metro's transit system brings you the new and improved way of paying a bus fare with our **SMARTCARDS**. You can select from a **REGULAR** or **DISCOUNT** card to purchase or reload for future trips.



### **REGULAR SMARTCARD**

- Add Up to 3 different Passes
- (This also applies to the Discount Card)**



### **DISCOUNT SMARTCARD:**

**Proof will be needed if the following apply:**

- Must be present to purchase Discount Cards
- Must Be: 60 + ( 1 per person)
- Person with a Disability, and Veterans
- Medicare Recipients

**SMARTCARDS will be Available Soon at  
LRGVDC - VALLEY METRO OFFICE:**

510 S. Pleasantview Dr. Weslaco, TX. 78596

**EMAIL: [ValleyMetroRGV@gmail.com](mailto:ValleyMetroRGV@gmail.com)**

**CALL: 1 (800) 574-8322**





# VALLEY METRO - REGIONAL TRANSIT SERVICE DEPARTMENT

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



## Types of Systems Provided

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

## Serving the RGV's Five-County Region:

- Cameron
- Hidalgo
- Starr
- Willacy
- Zapata



## Proudly serving:

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

## Valley Metro Fares:

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

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

## VALLEY METRO TRANSIT TERMINAL LOCATIONS

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

## VM Transit Website



Route Maps with locations



ValleyMetro Weslaco

## Ride Systems



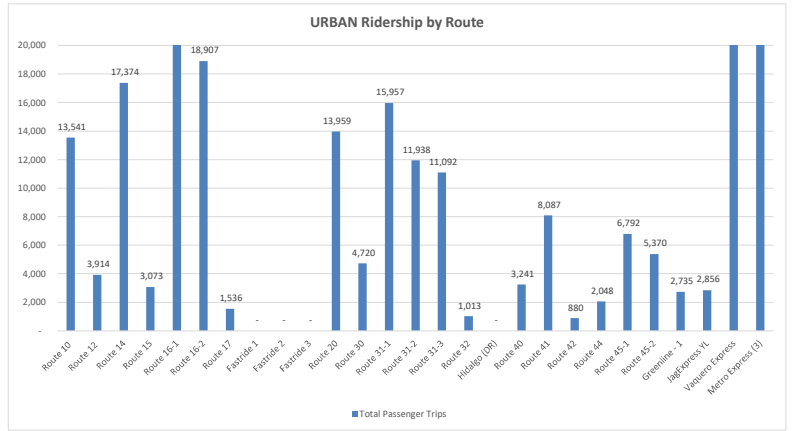
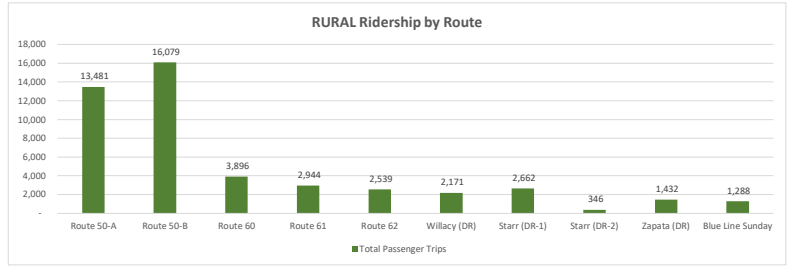
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**RIDERSHIP COUNT  
YEAR TO DATE FY 2024 (May)**

|    | Route             | Total Passenger Trips | Route Activity                   | Area(s) Served  |
|----|-------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------|---|
| 1  | Route 50-A        | 13,481                | 2% Brownsville, Port Isabel      |   |
| 2  | Route 50-B        | 16,079                | 2% Brownsville, Port Isabel      |   |
| 3  | Route 60          | 3,896                 | 1% Roma, Rio Grande City         |   |
| 4  | Route 61          | 2,944                 | 0% Rio Grande City               |   |
| 5  | Route 62          | 2,539                 | 0% Rio Grande City               |   |
| 6  | Willacy (DR)      | 2,171                 | 0% Willacy County                |   |
| 7  | Starr (DR-1)      | 2,662                 | 0% Starr County                  |   |
| 8  | Starr (DR-2)      | 346                   | 0% Starr County                  |   |
| 9  | Zapata (DR)       | 1,432                 | 0% Zapata County                 |   |
| 10 | Blue Line Sunday  | 1,288                 | 0% Brownsville, Port Isabel      |   |
| 11 | Route 10          | 13,541                | 2% Edinburg                      |   |
| 12 | Route 12          | 3,914                 | 1% Edcouch, Elsa, Edinburg       |   |
| 13 | Route 14          | 17,374                | 3% Edinburg                      |   |
| 14 | Route 15          | 3,073                 | 0% Edinburg                      |   |
| 15 | Route 16-1        | 20,891                | 3% Courthouse Circulator         |   |
| 16 | Route 16-2        | 18,907                | 3% Courthouse Circulator         |   |
| 17 | Route 17          | 1,536                 | 0% Edinburg T-line               |   |
|    | Fastride 1        | -                     | 0% Edinburg                      |   |
|    | Fastride 2        | -                     | 0% Hidalgo County                |   |
|    | Fastride 3        | -                     | 0% Cameron County                |   |
| 18 | Route 20          | 13,959                | 2% Mission                       |   |
| 19 | Route 30          | 4,720                 | 1% Pharr, San Juan               |   |
| 20 | Route 31-1        | 15,957                | 2% Cameron-Hidalgo County        |   |
| 21 | Route 31-2        | 11,938                | 2% Hidalgo-Cameron County        |   |
| 22 | Route 31-3        | 11,092                | 2% Cameron-Hidalgo County        |   |
| 23 | Route 32          | 1,013                 | 0% Donna                         |   |
|    | Hidalgo (DR)      | -                     | 0% City of Hidalgo               |   |
| 24 | Route 40          | 3,241                 | 0% Harlingen                     |   |
| 25 | Route 41          | 8,087                 | 1% Harlingen                     |   |
| 26 | Route 42          | 880                   | 0% San Benito                    |   |
| 27 | Route 44          | 2,048                 | 0% Primera, La Feria, Santa Rosa |   |
| 28 | Route 45-1        | 6,792                 | 1% Cameron County                |   |
| 29 | Route 45-2        | 5,370                 | 1% Cameron County                |   |
| 30 | Greenline - 1     | 2,735                 | 0% Rio Grande City               |   |
| 31 | JagExpress YL     | 2,856                 | 0% Weslaco, Pharr, McAllen       |   |
| 32 | Vaquero Express   | 415,682               | 63% Edinburg                     |   |
| 33 | Metro Express (3) | 29,276                | 4% Rio Grande Valley             |   |
| 34 | <b>TOTAL</b>      | <b>661,720</b>        | <b>100%</b>                      | <b>**Total Ridership Count subject to change when finalized</b> |

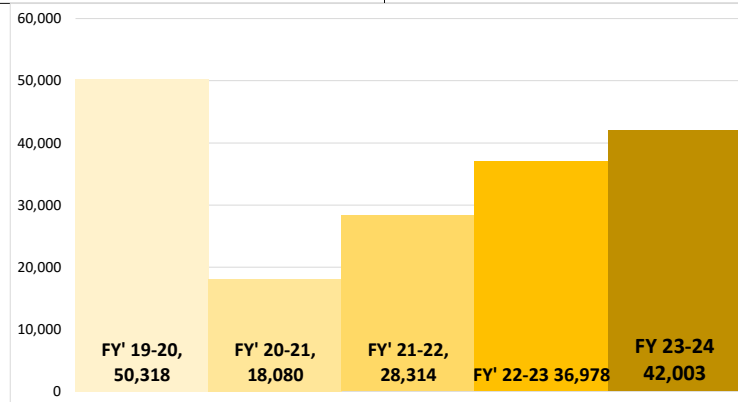


| Active Routes              | Rural     | Urban     | Total     |
|----------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| <b>Flex Routes</b>         | 6         | 17        | 23        |
| <b>Demand Response</b>     | 6         | 0         | 6         |
| <b>Fixed-Metro Express</b> | 0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

| YEAR TO DATE RIDERSHIP REPORT |                       |            |              |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------|------------|--------------|
| Year to Date - May 2024       | Year to date May 2023 | DIFFERENCE | % DIFFERENCE |
| 661,720                       | 511,175               | 150,545    | 29%          |

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

\* Urban service- service between or within urbanized areas



| Fiscal Year                     | Sept   | Oct     | Nov    | Dec    | Jan    | Feb    | Mar    | Apr    | May    | June    | July    | Aug     | Total   | Difference | %Change |
|---------------------------------|--------|---------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------|---------|---------|---------|------------|---------|
| FY' 2019-2020                   | 78,440 | 91,930  | 74,137 | 44,709 | 72,199 | 84,562 | 75,604 | 85,670 | 50,318 | 56,330  | 56,234  | 64,773  | 834,906 | 145,243    | 21%     |
| FY' 2020-2021                   | 17,149 | 19,332  | 16,190 | 16,072 | 16,620 | 14,611 | 19,300 | 18,169 | 18,080 | 19,842  | 19,774  | 31,381  | 226,520 | -608,386   | -73%    |
| FY' 2021-2022                   | 42,242 | 40,558  | 37,262 | 26,918 | 22,233 | 53,128 | 45,400 | 44,843 | 28,314 | 30,112  | 35,091  | 24,384  | 430,484 | 203,964    | 90%     |
| FY' 2022-2023                   | 69,699 | 71,269  | 58,154 | 33,800 | 47,975 | 66,785 | 62,828 | 63,687 | 36,978 | 34,870  | 33,997  | 50,988  | 631,030 | 200,546    | 47%     |
| FY 2023-2024                    | 94,382 | 100,219 | 81,110 | 43,030 | 58,327 | 85,696 | 67,691 | 89,262 | 42,003 | 0       | 0       | 0       | 661,720 | 231,236    | 54%     |
| Monthly Change from Previous FY | 24,683 | 28,950  | 22,956 | 9,230  | 10,352 | 18,911 | 4,863  | 25,575 | 5,025  | -34,870 | -33,997 | -50,988 | 30,690  | 30,690     | 0       |
| Percent Change                  | 35%    | 41%     | 39%    | 27%    | 22%    | 28%    | 8%     | 40%    | 14%    | -100%   | -100%   | -100%   | 5%      | 15%        | 14%     |

# FY 2024 VALLEY METRO RIDERSHIP REPORT

## RIDERSHIP BY CITIES - PICK-UP LOCATION

| CITY            | Sept          | Oct            | Nov           | Dec           | Jan           | Feb           | Mar           | Apr           | May           | June     | July     | Aug      | TOTAL          |
|-----------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|----------|----------|----------|----------------|
| Edinburg        | 9,360         | 9,877          | 7,806         | 4,851         | 7,509         | 8,569         | 6,952         | 9,214         | 6,797         | 0        | 0        | 0        | 70,935         |
| UTRGV Edinburg  | 65,221        | 70,258         | 56,528        | 20,318        | 33,307        | 57,734        | 40,047        | 57,839        | 14,430        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 415,682        |
| Pharr           | 657           | 640            | 679           | 832           | 873           | 1,352         | 1,488         | 1,222         | 1,481         | 0        | 0        | 0        | 9,224          |
| Mission         | 826           | 801            | 636           | 737           | 903           | 971           | 1,082         | 1,082         | 1,190         | 0        | 0        | 0        | 8,228          |
| McAllen         | 4,750         | 4,517          | 3,745         | 4,318         | 3,935         | 3,804         | 3,863         | 4,113         | 3,723         | 0        | 0        | 0        | 36,768         |
| San Carlos      | 20            | 21             | 25            | 17            | 24            | 27            | 27            | 52            | 29            | 0        | 0        | 0        | 242            |
| Elsa            | 108           | 144            | 92            | 53            | 48            | 57            | 44            | 64            | 31            | 0        | 0        | 0        | 641            |
| Edcouch         | 36            | 53             | 47            | 22            | 25            | 28            | 18            | 18            | 43            | 0        | 0        | 0        | 290            |
| La Villa        | 33            | 45             | 26            | 35            | 55            | 71            | 40            | 61            | 23            | 0        | 0        | 0        | 389            |
| San Juan        | 477           | 434            | 287           | 347           | 277           | 374           | 438           | 407           | 396           | 0        | 0        | 0        | 3,437          |
| Alamo           | 303           | 339            | 256           | 312           | 290           | 326           | 322           | 359           | 389           | 0        | 0        | 0        | 2,896          |
| Donna           | 441           | 461            | 446           | 604           | 507           | 573           | 534           | 555           | 517           | 0        | 0        | 0        | 4,638          |
| Weslaco         | 983           | 1,116          | 910           | 733           | 783           | 1,104         | 965           | 1,143         | 769           | 0        | 0        | 0        | 8,506          |
| Mercedes        | 406           | 415            | 323           | 456           | 453           | 460           | 472           | 446           | 428           | 0        | 0        | 0        | 3,859          |
| La Feria        | 232           | 234            | 207           | 238           | 220           | 169           | 181           | 252           | 277           | 0        | 0        | 0        | 2,010          |
| Harlingen       | 2,286         | 2,258          | 1,876         | 1,983         | 2,164         | 2,290         | 2,435         | 2,671         | 2,609         | 0        | 0        | 0        | 20,572         |
| San Benito      | 140           | 234            | 165           | 211           | 227           | 222           | 253           | 311           | 316           | 0        | 0        | 0        | 2,079          |
| Brownsville     | 3,775         | 3,765          | 3,221         | 3,386         | 3,286         | 3,678         | 4,312         | 4,767         | 4,363         | 0        | 0        | 0        | 34,553         |
| Santa Rosa      | 80            | 68             | 60            | 55            | 57            | 61            | 49            | 78            | 82            | 0        | 0        | 0        | 590            |
| Los Fresnos     | 272           | 308            | 174           | 192           | 154           | 211           | 221           | 332           | 316           | 0        | 0        | 0        | 2,180          |
| Laguna Vista    | 166           | 258            | 177           | 209           | 139           | 135           | 180           | 211           | 210           | 0        | 0        | 0        | 1,685          |
| Laguna Heights  | 160           | 193            | 154           | 154           | 144           | 180           | 165           | 218           | 190           | 0        | 0        | 0        | 1,558          |
| Port Isabel     | 1,266         | 1,176          | 1,117         | 1,233         | 1,101         | 1,232         | 1,521         | 1,588         | 1,667         | 0        | 0        | 0        | 11,901         |
| Rio Grande City | 1,532         | 1,735          | 1,441         | 1,030         | 1,104         | 1,373         | 1,290         | 1,531         | 1,078         | 0        | 0        | 0        | 12,114         |
| Willacy County  | 233           | 249            | 225           | 242           | 270           | 274           | 284           | 239           | 155           | 0        | 0        | 0        | 2,171          |
| Sarr County     | 425           | 446            | 331           | 267           | 263           | 290           | 310           | 331           | 345           | 0        | 0        | 0        | 3,008          |
| Zapata County   | 192           | 172            | 154           | 172           | 192           | 118           | 172           | 125           | 135           | 0        | 0        | 0        | 1,432          |
| <b>Total</b>    | <b>94,382</b> | <b>100,219</b> | <b>81,110</b> | <b>43,030</b> | <b>58,327</b> | <b>85,696</b> | <b>67,691</b> | <b>89,262</b> | <b>42,003</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>661,720</b> |

## RIDERSHIP BY SYSTEM

| Agency       | Sept          | Oct            | Nov           | Dec           | Jan           | Feb           | Mar           | Apr           | May           | June     | July     | Aug      | TOTAL          |
|--------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|----------|----------|----------|----------------|
| VALLEY METRO | 28,553        | 29,294         | 24,112        | 22,484        | 24,809        | 27,549        | 27,358        | 31,035        | 27,434        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 242,628        |
| UTRGV        | 65,221        | 70,258         | 56,528        | 20,318        | 33,307        | 57,734        | 40,047        | 57,839        | 14,430        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 415,682        |
| STC          | 472           | 549            | 396           | 155           | 186           | 388           | 258           | 362           | 90            | 0        | 0        | 0        | 2,856          |
| TSTC         | 136           | 118            | 74            | 73            | 25            | 25            | 28            | 26            | 49            | 0        | 0        | 0        | 554            |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>94,382</b> | <b>100,219</b> | <b>81,110</b> | <b>43,030</b> | <b>58,327</b> | <b>85,696</b> | <b>67,691</b> | <b>89,262</b> | <b>42,003</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>661,720</b> |

## RURAL AND URBAN COUNT

| AREA         | Sept          | Oct            | Nov           | Dec           | Jan           | Feb           | Mar           | Apr           | May           | June     | July     | Aug      | TOTAL          |
|--------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|----------|----------|----------|----------------|
| Rural        | 5,685         | 5,808          | 4,942         | 4,776         | 4,687         | 5,243         | 5,976         | 6,471         | 5,985         | 0        | 0        | 0        | 49,573         |
| Urban        | 88,697        | 94,411         | 76,168        | 38,254        | 53,640        | 80,453        | 61,715        | 82,791        | 36,018        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 612,147        |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>94,382</b> | <b>100,219</b> | <b>81,110</b> | <b>43,030</b> | <b>58,327</b> | <b>85,696</b> | <b>67,691</b> | <b>89,262</b> | <b>42,003</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>661,720</b> |

## RIDERSHIP BY COUNTY

| COUNTY         | Sept          | Oct            | Nov           | Dec           | Jan           | Feb           | Mar           | Apr           | May           | June     | July     | Aug      | TOTAL          |
|----------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|----------|----------|----------|----------------|
| Hidalgo County | 83,623        | 89,123         | 71,808        | 33,639        | 48,994        | 75,451        | 56,295        | 76,580        | 30,248        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 565,761        |
| Cameron County | 8,377         | 8,494          | 7,151         | 7,680         | 7,504         | 8,190         | 9,340         | 10,456        | 10,042        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 77,234         |
| Willacy County | 233           | 249            | 225           | 242           | 270           | 274           | 284           | 239           | 155           | 0        | 0        | 0        | 2,171          |
| Sarr County    | 1,957         | 2,181          | 1,772         | 1,297         | 1,367         | 1,663         | 1,600         | 1,862         | 1,423         | 0        | 0        | 0        | 15,122         |
| Zapata County  | 192           | 172            | 154           | 172           | 192           | 118           | 172           | 125           | 135           | 0        | 0        | 0        | 1,432          |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>94,382</b> | <b>100,219</b> | <b>81,110</b> | <b>43,030</b> | <b>58,327</b> | <b>85,696</b> | <b>67,691</b> | <b>89,262</b> | <b>42,003</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>661,720</b> |

## RIDERSHIP BY PRECINCTS

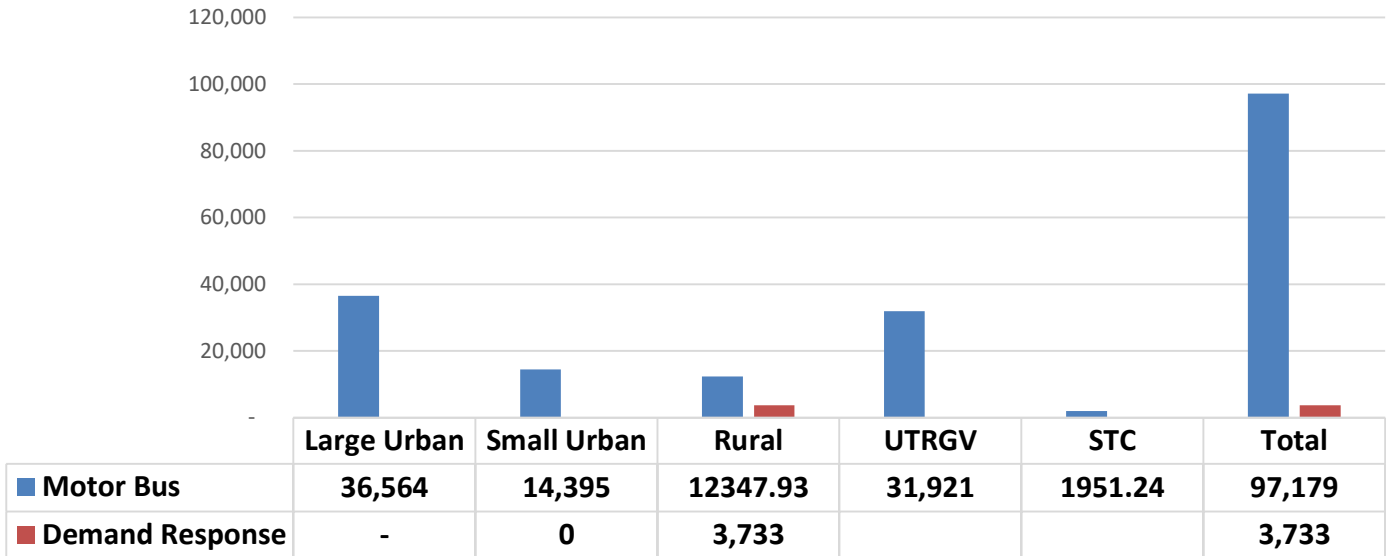
| PRECINCT           | Sept   | Oct    | Nov    | Dec    | Jan    | Feb    | Mar    | Apr    | May    | June | July | Aug | TOTAL   |
|--------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|------|------|-----|---------|
| Precinct 1         | 4,528  | 4,878  | 4,225  | 4,950  | 4,609  | 5,116  | 5,037  | 5,501  | 5,070  | 0    | 0    | 0   | 43,914  |
| Precinct 2         | 7,751  | 7,937  | 6,720  | 7,651  | 7,258  | 8,106  | 8,338  | 8,935  | 8,511  | 0    | 0    | 0   | 71,207  |
| Precinct 3         | 1,651  | 1,647  | 1,219  | 1,482  | 1,482  | 1,550  | 1,602  | 1,713  | 1,613  | 0    | 0    | 0   | 13,959  |
| Precinct 4         | 80,488 | 86,349 | 69,581 | 31,407 | 46,670 | 72,805 | 53,675 | 74,143 | 28,137 | 0    | 0    | 0   | 543,255 |
| Harlingen MPO Area | 3,144  | 3,209  | 2,631  | 2,962  | 3,133  | 3,214  | 3,413  | 3,786  | 3,724  | 0    | 0    | 0   | 29,216  |

## Year to Date 2023-2024

## Distribution of Revenue Hours

|                 | Large Urban | Small Urban | Rural    | UTRGV  | STC     | Total  |
|-----------------|-------------|-------------|----------|--------|---------|--------|
| Motor Bus       | 36,564      | 14,395      | 12347.93 | 31,921 | 1951.24 | 97,179 |
| Demand Response | -           | 0           | 3,733    |        |         | 3,733  |

FY 23-24 YTD Revenue Hours

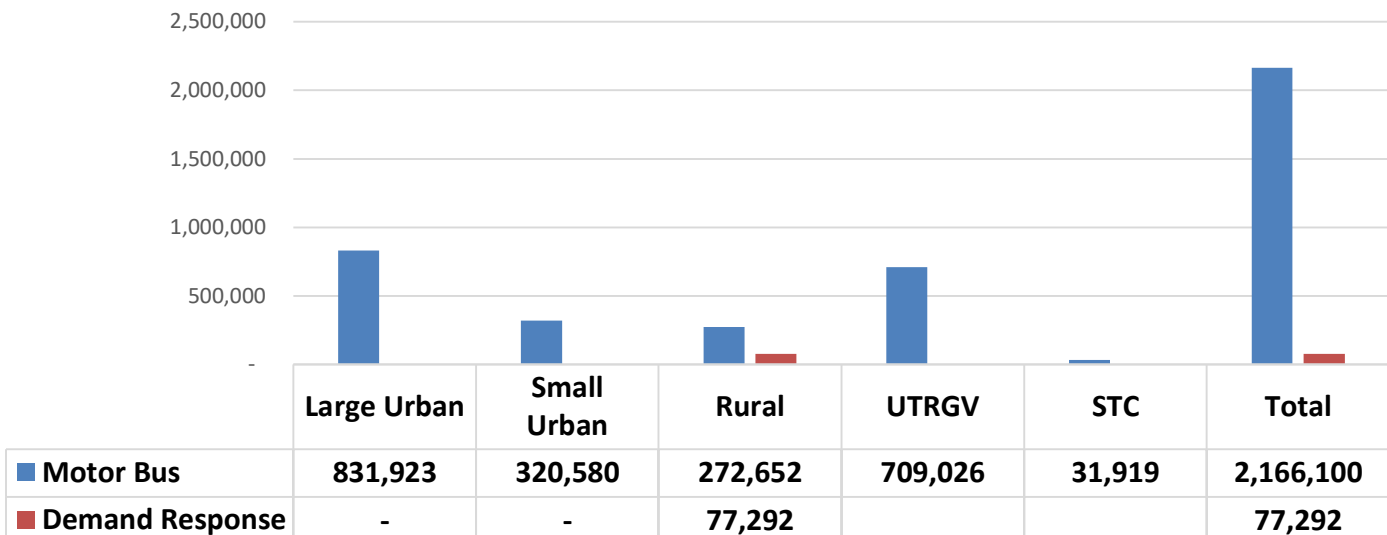


## Year to Date 2023-2024

## Distribution of Revenue Miles

|                 | Large Urban | Small Urban | Rural   | UTRGV   | STC    | Total     |
|-----------------|-------------|-------------|---------|---------|--------|-----------|
| Motor Bus       | 831,923     | 320,580     | 272,652 | 709,026 | 31,919 | 2,166,100 |
| Demand Response | -           | -           | 77,292  |         |        | 77,292    |

FY 23-24 YTD Revenue Miles





## FY 2023-2024 Valley Metro

### TSTC MONTHLY PASSENGER COUNT

| Routes                  | 31-1      | 31-2      | 31-3      | 40        | 41        | 42        | 43       | 44        | 50-A      | 50-B      | Fast Ride 3 | Willacy  | Direct RT 45-1 | Direct RT 45-2 | Total      |
|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------------|----------|----------------|----------------|------------|
| September               | 0         | 0         | 7         | 2         | 6         | 0         | 0        | 1         | 7         | 2         | 0           | 0        | 83             | 28             | 137        |
| October                 | 1         | 0         | 2         | 3         | 5         | 8         | 0        | 0         | 5         | 3         | 0           | 0        | 62             | 29             | 119        |
| November                | 0         | 7         | 19        | 1         | 9         | 5         | 0        | 1         | 9         | 1         | 0           | 0        | 7              | 15             | 74         |
| December                | 6         | 4         | 13        | 0         | 4         | 5         | 0        | 0         | 9         | 3         | 0           | 0        | 21             | 8              | 73         |
| January                 | 0         | 0         | 18        | 0         | 2         | 1         | 0        | 0         | 1         | 0         | 0           | 0        | 0              | 3              | 25         |
| February                | 4         | 2         | 7         | 0         | 3         | 0         | 0        | 0         | 6         | 0         | 0           | 0        | 1              | 2              | 25         |
| March                   | 3         | 0         | 2         | 10        | 0         | 0         | 0        | 2         | 11        | 0         | 0           | 0        | 0              | 0              | 29         |
| April                   | 1         | 0         | 3         | 4         | 8         | 0         | 0        | 1         | 8         | 1         | 0           | 0        | 0              | 0              | 27         |
| May                     | 1         | 2         | 0         | 0         | 24        | 14        | 0        | 3         | 3         | 2         | 0           | 0        | 0              | 0              | 51         |
| June                    | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0        | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0           | 0        | 0              | 0              | 0          |
| July                    | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0        | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0           | 0        | 0              | 0              | 0          |
| August                  | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0        | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0           | 0        | 0              | 0              | 0          |
| <b>Total</b>            | <b>16</b> | <b>15</b> | <b>71</b> | <b>20</b> | <b>61</b> | <b>33</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>8</b>  | <b>59</b> | <b>12</b> | <b>0</b>    | <b>0</b> | <b>174</b>     | <b>85</b>      | <b>564</b> |
| <b>FY 2023-2024</b>     | <b>4</b>  | <b>9</b>  | <b>9</b>  | <b>0</b>  | <b>1</b>  | <b>0</b>  | <b>0</b> | <b>29</b> | <b>1</b>  | <b>0</b>  | <b>0</b>    | <b>0</b> | <b>18</b>      | <b>91</b>      | <b>162</b> |
| Change Over Previous FY | 4         | 9         | 9         | 20        | 60        | 33        | 0        | -21       | 58        | 12        | 0           | 0        | 156            | -6             | 402        |

|                 | Sept. | Oct. | Oct. | Nov. | Dec. | Jan. | Feb. | Mar. | Apr. | May | June | July | Aug | Total |
|-----------------|-------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-----|------|------|-----|-------|
| Direct Routes   | 111   | 91   | 148  | 22   | 29   | 3    | 3    | 0    | 0    | 0   | 0    | 0    | 0   | 407   |
| Indirect Routes | 25    | 27   | 27   | 52   | 44   | 22   | 22   | 28   | 26   | 49  | 0    | 0    | 0   | 322   |
| Monthly Total   | 136   | 118  | 175  | 74   | 73   | 25   | 25   | 28   | 26   | 49  | 0    | 0    | 0   | 729   |

### 2023 - 2024 Valley Metro Routes TSTC Student Passenger Count

