

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, September 27, 2023, 12:00 noon

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Presiding: Mayor David Suarez, President.

Item #1: Call to Order

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

Item #2: Consideration and ACTION to Approve Meeting Minutes (August 30, 2023)-----President

Item #3: Public Comment

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

- A. Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve Award of Landscaping Services Contract.....Armando Perez
Assistant Director of Purchasing
- B. Executive Director Report
 - 1. Introduction of New Staff Members
 - 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 Regional Water Resource Advisory Committee (RWRAC) Officers.

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 ServicesMargarita 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 Action ItemsCesar Merla
Assistant Director

1. Consideration and **ACTION** to approve the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee (CJAC) Recommendation of Appointment of New Committee Member Mark Perez, Chief of Police, City of Alton, Texas.
2. Consideration and **ACTION** to approve the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee (CJAC) Recommendation on Appointment of New Committee Member Rosa Hernandez, Nurse Manager Doctor’s Hospital at Renaissance.

Program Status Reports

- Criminal Justice & Homeland Security Program Status Report.....Cesar Merla
Assistant Director

Regional Police Academy Program Action Items.....Manuel Cruz
Executive Director

3. Consideration and **ACTION** to approve revisions to the LRGV Academy Instructor Contract for Professional Services.

Program Status Reports

- Regional Police Academy Status Reports.....Manuel Cruz
Executive Director

- Rio Grande Valley Emergency Communication District
Status Report.....Dennis Moreno
Assistant Director

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

D. Transportation

Valley Metro Action Item.....Tom Logan
Director

1. Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve procurement of vehicles for Valley Metro.

Valley Metro Status Reports

- Ridership Report
- Regional Transportation Advisory Panel (RTAP) Activity
- Public Outreach Events

Rio Grande Valley MPO Status Report..... Andrew Canon
RGVMPO Executive Director

Item #6: New or Unfinished Business

Item #7 Adjourn

REMINDER

Next Meeting:

**Wednesday, October 25, 2023
12:00 noon**

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

The Board of Directors of the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council reserves the right to adjourn into an Executive (Closed) session at any time during this meeting to discuss any of the items listed on this agenda as authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Chapters 551.071, 551.072, 551.074, and 551.075, Texas Government Code. No final action will be taken in the Executive Session.

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 be signed up to do so prior to 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. Members of the public may be recognized on posted agenda items deemed appropriate by the Chair as these items are considered, and the same 3-minute time limitation applies.”

ITEM #2.

MINUTES

MINUTES

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

12:00PM WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30, 2023

HELD IN-PERSON AND VIA 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: 1st VICE-PRESIDENT MAYOR NORMA SEPULVEDA

- DRAFT -

1st Vice-President Norma Sepulveda called the meeting to order at 12:04 p.m. Roll Call was taken, and a quorum was declared.

Present:

Mayor Norma Sepulveda, City of Harlingen
Mayor Norie Gonzalez Garza, City of Mission
Judge Aurelio Guerra, Willacy County
Mr. Jim Darling, Member-At-Large
Commissioner David Garza, Cameron County
Councilman Johnny Garcia, City of Edinburg
Commissioner Omar Quintanilla, City of McAllen
Commissioner Edward Gonzalez, City of Raymondville
Mayor Ricardo “Rick” Guerra, City of San Benito
Ms. Veronica Gonzales, UTRGV
Mr. Luke Lucio, TSTC
Mr. Troy Allen, Delta Lake Irrigation District
Mr. Ronald Mills, Willacy County Navigation District
Ms. Ann Williams Cass, Member-At-Large
Ms. Lupita Sanchez Martines, Grassroots Organization

Absent:

Mayor David Suarez, City of Weslaco
Mayor John Cowen, City of Brownsville
Commissioner Elie Torres, Hidalgo County
Commissioner J. R. Garza, City of Alamo
Commissioner Betty Rodriguez, City of La Villa
Mayor Mike Carter, City of Laguna Vista
Mayor Jaime Gonzalez, City of Los Indios
Mayor Oscar Montoya, City of Mercedes
Mayor Ambrosio “Amos” Hernandez, City of Pharr
Commissioner Marco “Markie” Villegas, City of San Juan
Mr. Paul Hernandez, South Texas College
Mr. Eleazar Garcia Jr., Member-At-Large

Chairwoman Norma Sepulveda then moved to item 2. Consideration and Action to Approve Meeting Minutes (June 28, 2023). Commissioner David Garza inquired if the attendance of members was reflected in the minutes. Mr. Cruz responded that an external attendance record is filed and will be reflected in future meeting minutes. ***Commissioner David Garza motioned to approve the presented minutes from June 28, 2023. Mr. Jim Darling seconded, and the motion carried unanimously upon a vote.***

Chairwoman Sepulveda moved to Item 3. Public Comment.

Mr. Mario Reyna, representative of the Hidalgo County Prosperity Task Force, was recognized; he informed on an initiative that started back in February 2022 by Hidalgo County Judge Richard F. Cortez. He mentioned a 29% poverty rate in Hidalgo County, which is a significant number of people; therefore, the initiative is to help the population living under those conditions to prosper. The Prosperity Task Force was created to provide more human capital. Different groups have been created to assist with these efforts. The groups consist of medical services, housing, transportation, administration, finance, counseling, mentoring, economic development, workforce development, and higher education. We also have a policy group and a CEO group. The idea is to mobilize these opportunities, so they reach the people in need.

Mr. Reyna further stated that a thousand people have been working poverty wages, they are working, but still fall in the poverty wage gap, and as many as 6%, about 7800, have a bachelor's degree. This program is designed to do things a little differently. He mentioned that there is a program called Unite Us, which is a program that will identify the people who need help. Hopefully, this platform will be used like some out there, such as, the Food Bank, STC, and United Way; the program will be announced sometime in October.

Lastly, he mentioned the Recompete Pilot Program, which will cover four (4) counties and a potential budget of \$50 million, and some of the agencies involved are institutions such as UTRGV and Texas A&M. He extended the invitation to anyone who would like to support and participate in are more than welcome.

Without questions from the board, Chairwoman Sepulveda moved to Item 4. - Administration.

A. Update from Legal Counsel on Texas Gas Services Proposed Rate Increase.

Mr. Thomas Brocato, the representative of Lloyd Gosselink Rochelle & Townsend, was recognized; he joined online to provide an update on the Texas Gas Service increase rate presented in the August board meeting. He initially started with the procedural portion of where things stand. On June 30th, the TGS Bar for comprehensive base rate case for the Rio Grande Valley Surface Area gave a deadline for the city action to suspend effective September 3rd. He mentioned that he sent out a reminder that morning and received resolutions from 15 cities thus far. He expressed his concern that more cities have not acted, and the deadline is two (2) days. Therefore, if a municipality has acted, he stated to please send in the resolution so that a copy can be submitted. If they have not done so, contact me immediately to arrange, perhaps with the company, to request more time if needed. There will be a technical conference set up for next week where the consultants will visit with the company. This will allow them to make some informal discoveries. They have engaged with three (3) consultants they have relied on for many years and are skilled. They have begun to conduct the discovery on the utility and anticipate a response soon.

Mr. Brocato stated the settlement conferences are for September 21 and October 5 with the hope of starting negotiations to reach an agreement ultimately. If an agreement is not reached, they will file testimony on October 18th and there will be a hearing on November 29th and 30th. The deadline for the final city action is December 1st. In late October, they will provide an update on the last action to approve a settlement, hopefully, or deny the rate increase. The company is asking for a \$9.8 million increase, a 25.94%, almost 26% increase if you exclude the cost of gas, which is pass-through. After further details were provided on the process and procedures Mr. Brocato opened the session for any questions. There were no questions from the board.

B. Presentation and Consider Action regarding the 2022 Annual Audit.

Mr. Adrian Webb, CPA, was recognized; he conducted an Audit for the LRGVDC for the year ended December 31, 2022. He mentioned beginning with the opinion page, which starts on page one. The council received an unmodified opinion, a clean opinion with no findings. The only adjustment made to the Council was whether it says a matter of change of accounting principle. Mr. Webb provided an overview of the results of the audit for the board members. The information was not submitted in the agenda packet, but the board was provided with a copy. **Mr. Ronald Mills motioned to consider action regarding the 2022 Annual Audit. Commissioner David Garza seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously upon a vote.**

C. Presentation and Action to Accept Quarterly Investment Report.

Ms. Crystal Balboa, Finance Director, was recognized; she mentioned that the investment report was provided for review and is in the agenda packet. **Mr. Troy Allen motioned to accept the quarterly Investment report. Mr. Ronald Mills seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously upon a vote.**

D. Consideration and Action to Approve Resolution 2023-04 to Become a Member of the American Flood Coalition (AFC).

Mr. Manuel Cruz was recognized; he summarized the 2023-04 resolution. Since the Elected Officials Workshop in South Padre Island was a success, the American Coalition has extended an invitation to the LRGVDC to join as members. No dues or funding is involved, but we will continue to emphasize the flood or water rising and flood issues in our Lower Rio Grande Valley region.

Chase Kronzer, representative of the American Flood Coalition, was recognized; he wanted to re-iterate that they don't ask for any funds for many members. He would like to add members of the coalition as a signal that those members are dedicated to elevating flooding and sea level rise as an issue. Also, the LRGVDC will be mentioned as a great example not only throughout the state but across the country. **Commission David Garza motioned to approve Resolution 2023 to become a member of the American Flood Coalition (AFC). Councilman Johnny Garcia seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously upon a vote.**

E. Consideration and Action for the Executive Director to enter Negotiations and Approve the Contract for Hidalgo County Active Transportation and Active Tourism Plan.

Mr. Cruz was recognized and provided the background and history of this grant and project before Armando Perez presented. He stated the award was received as part of the FY2019-2020 Transportation Alternative Set-Aside (TASA) Funds awarded to the LRGVDC for the Hidalgo County Active Plan. This plan intends to define opportunities for a regional network in Hidalgo County. The focus will be on active multimodal transportation and opportunities for active tours, bike and pedestrian infrastructure tourism, destinations by using current infrastructure, such as, flooding and drainage, mitigation strategies, address health and wellness, community, and economic development. The grants we received are reimbursement-based; therefore, Hidalgo County provided the advance for 100% project funding. He mentioned that they were on the last step before they ventured into negotiations to obtain consulting services.

Armando Perez, Asst. Director of Purchasing was recognized, and he informed the board the following vendor was selected through the RFP process. The proposals were submitted and evaluated by a committee based on the criteria in the RFP. The contract will be for 8 to 12 months from work authorization and approval for the proposed professional services to the LRGVDC. The vendor that was selected was Half Associates. **Mr. Ronald Mills motioned action for the Executive Director to enter negotiations and the approval of the Hidalgo County Active Transportation and Active Tourism Plan contract. Commissioner David Garza seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously upon a vote.**

F. Presentation and Action to Approve Resolution 2023-05 for the Establishment and Membership of the RGV Recompete Coalition and UTRGV's Submission of the RGV Recompete Plan to the Economic Development Administration (EDA).

Mr. Manuel Cruz was recognized; he stated back in June 2023, the Economic Development Administration (EDA) started contacting the LRGVDC to announce an upcoming launch of the Distressed Area Recompete Pilot Program that will provide grant funding to distressed communities across the country to create and connect workers to good jobs and support long term comprehensive economic development.

Mr. Cruz introduced Mr. Ron Garza from UTRGV who is spearheading this initiative. The Recompete Pilot Program was enacted as part of the CHIPS and Science Act of 2022 as the Distressed Area Recompete Pilot Program. Congress appropriated \$200 million. EDA expects to make approximately 4-8 implementation investments, with awarded regions receiving between \$20 million and \$50 million on average.

This is a great opportunity for the RGV as funding has not been awarded on a regional basis instead of small pots of money. Mr. Garza stated that meetings have taken place with key stakeholders from within the region. This opportunity has very few parameters which provides a wider scope for the applicant. All university administrators and presidents from higher education and community colleges met to review the project and agreed on the concept. Essentially, it's a three-level approach. The goal is to make sustainable systems whether with or without these funds, however, \$20 to \$50 million dollars will be a great springboard to assist with this initiative. 70 percent must be workforce development and students from all these organizations may benefit from job placement. It's unfortunate that we currently have high paying jobs that are not filled today in the RGV. Step one is to fill these jobs with local talent and second, as we harden this system target the recruitment of new industries. Other possibilities from this are the improvement of the site selector process for new companies aiming to relocate to this area, consolidation of the MSA designation, and creating resources for entrepreneurship. Oct 5th is when the plan is due along with other thousands of plans nationally. Of those thousands of plans only 20 will be invited and selected to apply. Six will be selected for actual funding. This is a great way to come together as a region. UTRGV will take the lead on behalf of the coalition. The resolution is being presented to you today to first make you part of the coalition as the first members and confirm that UTRGV will be submitting the application. Resolutions will be presented to other cities. Mrs. Veronica Gonzales reminded the board members of the event that RGV Partnership had and the commitment that all cities would work collaboratively as a region. Commissioner David Garza requested clarification on the process as most funding agencies provide guidance before applying, such as, a white paper and/or requirements on the number of documents that can be submitted. Upon clarification Mayor Norma Sepulveda thanked UTRGV for taking the lead and carrying this heavy load for the region and asked for a motion. ***Mr. Troy Allen motioned to approve Resolution 2023-05 Mayor Norie Gonzalez Garza seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously upon a vote.***

G. Executive Director Report

1. Introduction of New Staff Members:

Mr. Cruz briefly announced the new staff members from Valley Metro, the AAA department, the Finance Department, and the recent addition of Ms. Melisa Gonzalez, Assistant Director for Community & Economic Development.

2. Updates on Regional News, Funding Opportunities, Training, and Legislation:

Mr. Cruz reminded the board about the Texas BDO deadline to submit the survey for broadband that is coming up on August 31, 2023. He informed the board of some actual funding that will be allocated; the Texas Department of Information Resources is spearheading this along with the public safety office. There are a billion dollars nationwide under the Infrastructure Investment Jobs Act for Cybersecurity opportunities. Texas will receive \$40 million over the next four (4) years; therefore, all the COG regions

will participate in this funding opportunity.

Mr. Cruz stated that we may be assisting the PSO in reviewing, scoring, and ranking the applications.

DIR and the PSO will work together to manage the grant program to pass these funds through to local projects.

- Texas is estimated to receive \$40 million over 4 years.
 - Year 1(FY22): 8 million
 - Year 2(FY23): 16 million
 - Year 3: 12 million
 - Year 4: 4 million
- Escalating match requirement each year
 - Year 1: 10%
 - Year 2: 20%
 - Year 3: 30%
 - Year 4: 40%
 - Hard and Soft Matches allowed.
 - There will be a match waiver.
- Funds will be split into COG regions by population.
 - Possibly a funding floor for smaller regions.
 - The maximum amount of funds will go to local entities.
 - Funds will be limited to one-time cybersecurity services to ensure the program does not become an unfunded mandate.
 - 25% of funds must go to rural entities.

DIR wishes to include the COGs in the project recommendation process. There is 7000+ local entities that are eligible for the SLCGP funds, and the COGs know the regions' jurisdictions better than the State Cyber Planning Committee does. This opportunity would allow the COGs to provide guidance to the State Cyber Planning Committee by supplying a recommendation of the projects that should be funded in each region.

Ms. Ann Cass inquired whether all broadband grant allocations covering individual sign-ups or are they for putting basic broadband towers or is it dependent in the areas? Mr. Cruz responded that the allocation of funding would depend solely on the broadband coverage area map the FCC has developed, which we all disagree with. However, under the IIJA, there are many streams of funding. Each funding opportunity will have eligibility or allowable equipment, such as tower infrastructure, or assistance for the community with equipment, but that will be further delineated as soon as the grants are made available. Commissioner David Garza pointed out that there are current programs in place if you have accessibility where residents can get subsidies for two years from the federal government. Mrs. Veronica Gonzales brought up the concern of sustainability. Mr. Jim Darling commented on the program McAllen has and the costs associated with maintaining the equipment. Commissioner David Garza highly recommended partnering with local providers, such as AT&T and others.

Upon conclusion of Administration items, Vice-President Sepulveda moved to Item 5. - Department Reports.

A. Community and Economic Development

Program Status Reports

In the interest of time Mayor Sepulveda requested that we address the items needing action. Mr. Cruz quickly mentioned the vacancy in the RWRAC for the special purpose drainage district and the monthly status reports are in the meeting packet for review.

B. Health & Human Services

Department Program Action Item

1. Mrs. Margarita Lopez requested review and approval of the Lower Rio Grande Valley AAA Area Plan that is required by the state. **Mayor Norie Garza motioned to approve the LRGVDC (AAA) Area Plan FY 2024-2026. Commissioner Gonzales seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously.**
2. Mrs. Margarita Lopez presented the list of subrecipients list of Sub-recipients Proposal Fiscal Year 2024. **Mr. Troy Allen motioned to approve the List of Sub-recipients Proposal Fiscal Year 2024 as presented. Mr. Ronald Mills seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously.**
3. Mrs. Margarita Lopez presented the Direct Purchases Service (DPS) Vendor / Contractors list for Fiscal Year 2024. **Mr. Troy Allen motioned to approve the Direct Purchases Service (DPS Vendor / Contractor list for Fiscal Year 2024 as presented. Mr. Ronald Mills seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously.**
4. Mrs. Margarita Lopez presented the Citizens Advisory Council Membership Application for Cesar Merla. **Mr. Troy Allen motioned to approve the Citizens Advisory Council Membership Application from Cesar Merla as presented. Judge Aurelio Guerra seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously.**

Program Status Reports

The monthly status reports are in the meeting packet for review.

C. Public Safety

Department Program Action Item

1. Mr. Cesar Merla presented the Homeland Security Advisory Committee (HSAC) Bylaws and Policies & Procedure for FY 2024-2025. **Mr. Ronald Hill motioned to approve the Homeland Security Advisory Committee (HSAC) Bylaws and Policies and Procedures for the FY 2024-2025 as presented. Commissioner Edward Gonzalez. seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously.**
2. Mr. Cesar Merla presented the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee (CJAC) Bylaws, Biennium Form, and Policies & Procedures for FY 2024-2025. **Commissioner Edward Gonzalez motioned to approve the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee (CJAC) Bylaws, Biennium Form, and Policies & Procedures for FY 2024-2025 as presented. Mr. Troy Allen seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously.**

Program Status Reports

The monthly status reports for Criminal Justice & Home Security, Regional Police Academy, and Rio Grande Valley Emergency Communications District are in the meeting packet for review.

D. Transportation

Department Program Action Item

1. Mr. Tom Logan presented the Valley Metro Policy and Facility Maintenance Plan Revisions. ***Commissioner David Garza motioned to approve the Valley Metro Policy and Facility Maintenance Plan Revisions as presented. Mr. Ronald Hill seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously.***

Rio Grande Valley MPO Status Report.

A power point presentation would be emailed to the board for review at a later date.

Item 6. – New or Unfinished Business

Mr. Cruz reminded the board about the Public Safety Wellness Seminar scheduled to take place on September 14th.

Item 7. – Adjourn

With no further business to come before the Board, ***Commissioner David Garza motioned to adjourn, Mr. Jim Darling seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 1:10 p.m.***

Mayor David Suarez, President

ATTEST:

Angela Alvarado, Recording Secretary

ITEM #4. A.

ADMINISTRATION

**LANDSCAPING
CONTRACT**

Lower Rio Grande Valley Development
Council Board of Directors Meeting

September 27, 2023

Item #4: Administration

Program Action Item Armando Perez, Assistant Direct of Purchasing

A. Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve Award of Landscape Services Contract

This contract will be for one (1) year with the option of four 1-year renewals for lawn and landscape services to South Texas Landscapes Irrigation & Pest Control, LLC. The lawn and landscape services will be for all LRGVDC locations, including those in Weslaco, Harlingen, and Edinburg.

The vendor was selected through the solicitation process. This was the only vendor to submit a proposal, however they meet the requirements and ask approval for these services.

ITEM #4. B.

ADMINISTRATION

EXECUTIVE

DIRECTOR

REPORT

ITEM #5. A.

**COMMUNITY
&
ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT**

Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council
Board of Directors Meeting

September 27, 2023

Item #5: Community & Economic Development

A. Community & Economic Development

Program Action Item

1. Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve Regional Water Resource Advisory Committee (RWRAC) Officers.

As per the RWRAC Bylaws, the Advisory Committee shall consist of the following officers elected by the RWRAC. Officers shall begin term upon RWRAC action item approval. Officers may only be selected from current committee representatives. The appointment of an officer shall only be granted to a specific individual (not a membership composition category representative). Only individuals elected may carry out the functions of the officer.

At the September 13, 2023, RWRAC meeting, the committee recommended the following members as officers:

- Chairman: Commissioner David Garza, Cameron County
- Vice Chairman: Commissioner Ernie Garcia, Willacy County

Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council Board of Directors Meeting

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Item #5: Department Reports

A. Community & Economic Development

Program Status Reports

- Economic Development Administration
Updating CEDS (Comprehensive Economic Development Strategies) - Staff are working on updating CEDS and will be conducting a required SWOT analysis prior to updating the economic development strategies. Staff will be reaching out and utilizing the C&ED advisory committees: Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC), Regional Small Cities Coalition (RSCC), Regional Water Resource Advisory Committee (RWRAC), including stakeholders and community members. Once the SWOT analysis is conducted, there will be three in-person meetings held in each county to obtain information for CEDS updates. The LRGVDC anticipates having a draft CEDS to the board by December 2023.

EDA has published a new Fiscal Year 2023 Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance (PWEAA) Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO), [Notice of Funding Opportunity \(grants.gov link\)](#). The Public Works program provides resources to meet the construction and/or infrastructure design needs of communities to enable them to become more economically competitive. Supported activities under EDA's EAA program include construction and non-construction such as construction or upgrading of public infrastructure, sectoral partnerships for workforce training, design and engineering, technical assistance, economic recovery strategies, and capitalization or re-capitalization of Revolving Loan Funds (RLF). 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](#).

EDA has published a FY23 EDA Disaster Supplemental Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO), [Notice of Funding Opportunity \(grants.gov link\)](#). The Economic Development Administration (EDA) is providing support to those communities impacted by natural disasters in 2021 and 2022. The awards made under this NOFO are designed to address economic challenges in those areas where a Presidential declaration of a major disaster has been issued. Funding will help communities devise and implement long-term economic recovery strategies through a variety of construction and non-construction projects. [EDA Announces Notice of Funding Opportunity for Regions Impacted by Natural Disasters | U.S. Economic Development Administration](#)

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)

Flyers were received on behalf of the Community Relations Specialist from the Texas Economic Development and Tourism Department of the Office of Governor Greg Abbott on two programs developed to assist small cities get more attention and help get their names out to the world. Flyers for the following were emailed out to RSCC members.

- [**Film Friendly Texas**](#)
- [**Music Friendly Texas Program**](#)

Through a partnership with TXDOT, cities or towns can promote their event festival, relic, or anything remotely "touristy", or unique to their city, etc., can be advertised on their website by using the hashtag #texastodo on social media, as well as send an email to texasevents@txdot.gov to have them advertised Governor's tourism webpage and Travel Texas page.

A RSCC meeting was held on Sept 21, 2023, in Sullivan City. Presentations from the American Flood Coalition and Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) were provided with much significant information to the small cities.

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

- Community & Economic Development Assistance Fund

The LRGVDC will soon be receiving the CEDAF contract and will execute with the Texas Department of Agriculture. Staff shall carry out specified technical assistance activities in the Contractor's state planning region. Staff will also be responsible for disseminating program information to keep TxCDBG eligible communities informed of information, outreach on Section 3 opportunities, and promote Fair Housing.

The Community Development Fund is the largest fund category in the Texas Community Development Block Grant program (CDBG). This fund is available through a competition in each of the 24 state planning regions. Although most funds are used for Public Facilities (water/wastewater infrastructure, street and drainage improvements and housing activities), there are numerous other activities for which these funds may be used. Visit our Community Development webpage at

<http://www.lrgvdc.org/community.html> to view the Lower Rio Grande Valley regional project priorities.

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**

Staff will take the FY 2024/2025 Regional Solid Waste Grants Program Resolution for the COG application to the board next month.

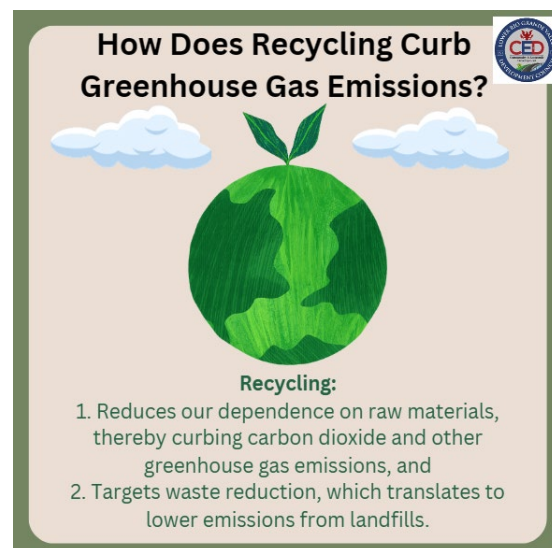
The next SWAC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 3, 2023, at 10:00 am via GoToMeeting.

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

- **Water Quality Program**

Staff continues to educate the public on water quality issues with the “Back to School-water Saving Tips” and “How Does Recycling Curb Greenhouse Gas Emissions” for the month of September. You can find educational social media postings on the LRGVDC Facebook page. Give a thumbs up or leave a comment! Outreach efforts for this program also include staff attending in-person events. 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.

September messages:



Staff continue to support water quality aspects that are considered in the States Water Plan and continue to support projects that provide water quality monitoring stations that are placed in targeted locations. The monitoring stations provide real time data on nutrients including dissolved oxygen, conductivity/temperature, nitrate, and ammonium in the main drainage outlets to the coastal waters. Updates on these water projects occur on a regular basis, and progress on data collection and other aspects of this project is good.

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

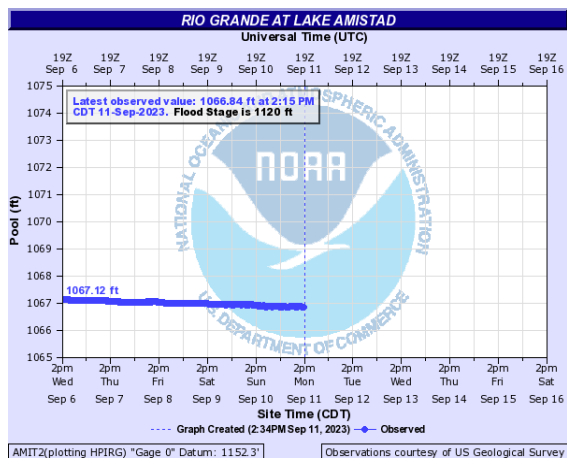
Visit our Water Resource webpage at: <https://www.lrgvdc.org/water.html>

- Regional Water Resource Advisory Committee (RWRAC)
A Regional Water Resource Advisory Committee (RWRAC) meeting was held on September 13, 2022, at 2:00 p.m. The agenda included updates and presentations from current ongoing water projects, such as Fresh Water Flows Project, Clean Rivers Program, and Flood Infrastructure Fund Project.
The nominations for **Special Purpose District-Drainage for Hidalgo County category** was tabled and action will be taken at the December 12th Meeting.
- A Regional Water Resource Advisory Committee (RWRAC) meeting is scheduled for December 12, 2023, at 2:00 p.m.
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 met on August 2, 2023, and discussed updates and approved municipal and non-municipal water demand projections to be used in the 2026 Rio Grande Regional Water Plan. The next Region M meeting will be in November 2023.
For more information on Region M, please visit website: <http://riograndewaterplan.org>
- Reservoir Levels as of September 11th, 2023
Falcon Reservoir is considered "full" or at "flood stage" when the water level is 301.2 feet above sea level. Keep in mind, the bottom of the lake at the dam is about 200 feet above sea level. That means, when full, the water at the dam would be just over 100 feet deep.

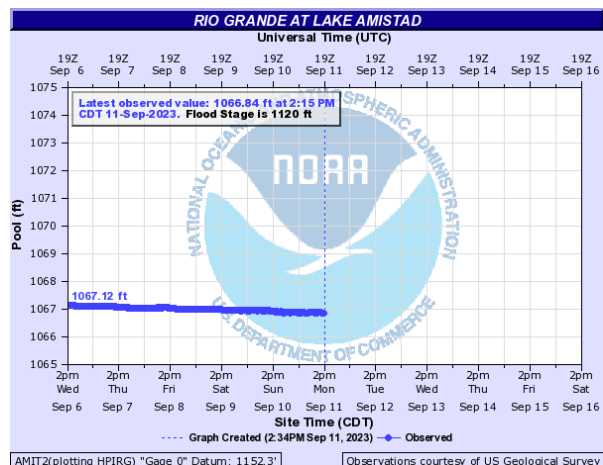
The Falcon graph shows the current level of the water above sea level. For example, if the graph shows a level of 271.20 feet, that means the surface of the lake is 271.20 feet above sea level. At the dam, the lake would be about 71.20 feet deep. At that level, the lake is still 30 feet below "full" or "flood stage."

Amistad's "full" level is 1117 feet above sea level. The bottom of the lake at Amistad Dam is about 900 feet above sea level. These graphs are provided by the International Boundary and Water Commission (IBWC).

Falcon Dam



Amistad Lake



ITEM #5. B.

**HEALTH
&
HUMAN SERVICES**

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B. Health & Human Services

Area Agency on Aging Status Report

• **Direct Consumer Services Report - August 2023**

Direct Consumer Services	Total New Clients	Total Clients Serviced
Care Coordination Services	80	284
<p style="text-align: center;">Health Maintenance Services Assistance paying for medication, durable medical equipment, and other medical supplies.</p>	19	26
<p style="text-align: center;">Homemaker Services Temporary assistance with light housekeeping duties such as cleaning, laundry, and meal preparation.</p>	13	49
<p style="text-align: center;">Transportation Services Assistance with transportation services to medical appointments, rehabilitation appointments, and Dialysis appointments.</p>	4	12
<p style="text-align: center;">Residential Repair Services Assistance with home modifications such as grab bars, ADA commodes, ramps, widening of doorways, and tub removals.</p>	23	23
Caregiver Support Services	42	198
<p style="text-align: center;">Respite In-Home Services Assistance includes light housekeeping duties such as cleaning, laundry, meal preparation, bathing, grooming, and dressing.</p>	28	88
<p style="text-align: center;">Health Maintenance Services Assistance paying for medication, durable medical equipment, and other medical supplies.</p>	10	11

Community Development Block Grant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All funds exhausted for FY 2022-2023 • Site monitoring conducted on August 23, 2023 by Mission CDBG reported no findings.
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Care Coordination Services Interest List	
Health Maintenance Services	333
Homemaker Services	443
Residential Repair Services	333
Transportation Services	21
Respite In-Home Services	256
Grand Total	1,386

• **Meals Program Report: August 2023**

August 2023 - Meals Program	Total New Clients	Total Meals Served
Home Delivered Meals	164	53,598
Congregate Meals	44	9,905

• **Senior Center Operations Report – August 2023**

August 2023	Total New Clients	Total Activity Count
Senior Center Operations	180	26,726

Special Services Report

- **Benefit Counselors Program – August 2023**

Special Services – Benefits Counselors	Total New Clients	Total Clients Served
August 2023	299	323

- **Care Transition Intervention (CTI) Report – August 2023**

Special Services – CTI Coaches	Total New Clients	Total Clients Served
August 2023	83	236

- **Ombudsman Program Report - August 2023**

Special Services – Ombudsman					
Month	Total Volunteer Hours	Total Activity Hours	Total Activities	Total Investigated Complaints	Total Cases
August 2023	26.83	90.83	128	76	45

Aging and Disabilities Resource Center

- **Information Referral & Assistance Report – August 2023**

Category	August 2023 Total Interactions (455)
1-800 AAA	52
1-855 ADRC	6
(956) 682-3481	101
(956) 412-0958	92
Walk-ins	9
E-mails	104
Fax	5
Follow ups	86

Consumer Age Group	August 2023 Total Consumers (370)
Consumers 60+	349
Consumers 59 and below	21

Consumer Demographics	August 2023 Total Break Down by Demographic
Consumers with a Disability	237
Veterans	22

Unmet Needs	August 2023 Total Unmet
Total Consumers	3

August 2023	
Top Call Topics	Total Top Call Topics
Respite Services	100
Homemaker Services	75
Benefits Counseling	70
Residential Repairs	68
Health Maintenance	50

- **ADRC Benefits Counseling Report – August 2023**

August 2023	
Consumers Assisted	9

Category	August Totals
Total Outreach Events	18
Outreach Material Distribution of ADRC Flyers	347

Consumer Age Group	August Total (330)
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Consumers 60+	144
Consumers 59 and below	186

Consumer Demographics	August Total
Consumers with a Disability	29
Veterans	37
Consumer with a Caregiver	12

- **ADRC BRI Care Consultant Report – August 2023**

Category	August Totals
Total Outreach Events	11
Outreach Material Distribution of ADRC Flyers	123

Consumer Age Group	August Total (123)
Consumers 60+	87
Consumers 59 and below	36

Consumer Demographics	August Total
Consumers with a Disability	16
Veterans	17
Consumer with a Caregiver	10

- **Housing Navigator Report – August 2023**

Housing Intakes Total	August Total Intakes (10)
Cameron County	4
Hidalgo County	6

Willacy County	0
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Category	August Totals
Total Outreach Events	12
Outreach Material Distribution of ADRC Flyers	144

Consumer Age Group	August Total (72)
Consumers 60+	16
Consumers 59 and below	57

Consumer Demographics	August Total
Consumers with a Disability	7
Veterans	17
Consumer with a Caregiver	2

● **ADRC Respite Services Report – August 2023**

Category	August Totals
Total Consumers	7
Total Outreach Events	5
Outreach Material Distribution of ADRC Flyers	89

Consumer Age Group	August Total (89)
Consumers 60+	54
Consumers 59 and below	35

Consumer Demographics	August Total
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Consumers with a Disability	20
Veterans	17
Consumer with a Caregiver	9

- **Special Initiatives Report – August 2023**

Category	August Totals
Outreach Material Distribution of Vaccine Flyers	252
Total Number of Events	9

Consumer Age Group	August Total (174)
Consumers 60+	145
Consumer 59 and below	107

Consumer Demographics	August Total
Consumers with a Disability	28
Veterans	23
Consumer with a Caregiver	12

ITEM #5. C.

PUBLIC SAFETY

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C. Public Safety

Program Action Item Cesar Merla, Assistant Director

1. Consideration and **ACTION** to approve the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee (CJAC) Recommendation of Appointment of New Committee Member Mark Perez, Chief of Police, City of Alton, Texas.

Mark Perez, a US Army Veteran, proudly serves as the Chief of Police for the City of Alton, Texas. His impressive credentials include a Texas Master Peace Officer license, Mental Health Peace Officer certification, and recognition as a TCOLE Firearms and Proficiency Instructor. Additionally, he has earned a Public Manager certification from the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley.

Chief Perez recently completed his certification from the prestigious Bill Blackwood Law Enforcement Management Institute of Texas and has also successfully graduated from the FBI-LEEDA and Trilogy Courses. His extensive experience, unwavering leadership, and profound knowledge of law enforcement make him an asset to the Criminal Justice Advisory Council.

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Program Action Item Cesar Merla, Assistant Director

2. Consideration and **ACTION** to approve the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee (CJAC) Recommendation on Appointment of New Committee Member Rosa Hernandez, Nurse Manager Doctor's Hospital at Renaissance.

Rosa Hernandez boasts a decade of experience as a dedicated Registered Nurse, actively practicing her profession at the Doctor's Hospital at Renaissance Health Safe H.A.V.E.N. Forensic Exam Center. Her educational journey began with an Associate's Degree from South Texas College in 2013. Rosa Hernandez is furthering her academic pursuits through the Bachelor of Science in Nursing program at the University of Texas-Arlington.

In recognition of her commitment to specialized care, Rosa Hernandez has been a Certified Adult/Adolescent/Pediatric Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) since 2019 and achieved certification as a Certified Intimate Partner Violence Examiner in 2020. Her extensive medical knowledge and invaluable expertise make her a valuable addition to the Criminal Justice Advisory Council.

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C. Public Safety Cesar Merla, Assistant Program Director

Criminal Justice Program

- Staff attended the Texas Association Regional of Councils (TARC) Bi-Annual Staff Training on Criminal Justice from September 6-8, 2023, in Austin, TX.
- Staff hosted the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee (CJAC) on September 13, 2023, at the Ken Jones Executive Board Room.

Homeland Security Program

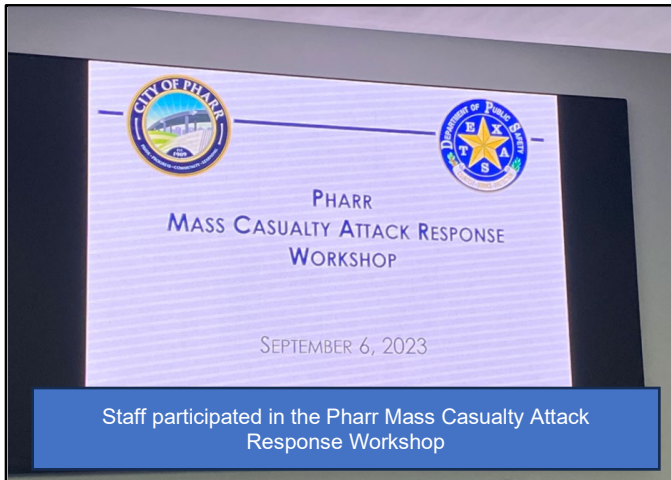
- Staff attended the Texas Association of Councils (TARC) Bi-Annual Staff Training on Homeland Security from September 6-8, 2023, in Austin, TX.
- Staff attended the Pharr Mass Casualty Attack Response Workshop on September 6, 2023, at the Pharr 1 Conference Room.
- Staff hosted the Homeland Security Advisory Committee meeting on September 7, 2023, at the Ken Jones Executive Board Room.
- Staff hosted the Threat Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (THIRA) Session 1: Hurricane and HAZMAT on September 12, 2023, at the Ken Jones Executive Board Room.
- Staff attended the Cradlepoint Mobile Networking Summit on September 12, 2023, at the McAllen Central Fire Station Board Room.
- Staff attended the 1st Annual Public Safety Wellness Seminar on September 14, 2023, at the McAllen Convention Center.
- Staff hosted the HAZMAT Workshop on September 20, 2023, at the Ken Jones Executive Board Room.
- Staff hosted the Threat Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (THIRA) Session 2: Border Violence and Pandemic on September 28, 2023, at the Ken Jones Executive Board Room.



Staff hosting the THIRA/SPR Session 1



Staff attending the McAllen Emergency Management Communication presentation on Cradepoint Mobile Networking



Staff participated in the Pharr Mass Casualty Attack Response Workshop

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Program Action ItemManuel Cruz
Executive Director

- 3. Consideration and **ACTION** to approve revisions to LRGV Academy Instructor Contract for Professional Services.

On June 2023, the Regional Police Academy Advisory Committee convened to review and revise the Lower Rio Grande Valley Academy Instructor Contract. This is necessary to provide updates related to compliance, accurately delineate the responsibilities and duties of each party, and ensure the successful services are rendered to benefit the education of cadets and peace officers in the region. These updates include rate adjustments to be competitive with market value within the discipline. The changes made are highlighted in yellow. A copy of the previous contract is attached for comparison purposes. RPA Advisory Committee and staff recommend approval.

**CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES
BETWEEN THE LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL
&
SERVICE PROVIDER FOR THE LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY ACADEMY**

I. Introduction

This contract for professional services (the “Contract”) is between the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council (LRGVDC), through its Lower Rio Grande Valley Academy, hereinafter referred to as “LRGVDC Academy” and

_____, hereinafter referred to as “SUB-CONTRACTOR.” Services rendered through this contract may include Basic Peace Officer Course (BPOC) and/or In-Service Training. Both parties entering into this contract agree to serve as role-models and guides for developing and delivering quality training to law enforcement representatives and licensees in their roles as peace officers. Both parties are committed to provide oversight and assuring regulatory compliance with Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (TCOLE) directly related to the operations and management of the Lower Rio Grande Valley Academy Training Program. As representatives of the LRGVDC Academy, both parties will adhere to the highest ethical and professional standards in the instruction and management of the trainings programs, training records, and training contract.

The SUB-CONTRACTOR understands they are not an employee of the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council or of the LRGVDC Academy and shall not present himself/herself as such. The SUB-CONTRACTOR is not entitled to any benefits bestowed upon employees of the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council.

II. Responsibilities/Duties:

2.1 The LRGVDC Academy will:

- LRGVDC Academy agrees to compensate the SUB-CONTRACTOR on an hourly basis for contracted Training Instructor services. When Instructors are tasked with updating curriculum, their service hours will be dependent on the number of hours required or assigned to that specific course. Example: If a course in the BPOC Handbook is four hours, an Instructor can only invoice a maximum of the four hours.
 - Payment for services shall be at an:
 - Hourly rate not to exceed \$35.00 per hour of instruction for basic instruction (courses which do not require a secondary instructor certification) and consulting/administrative support duties such as updating curriculum, reference and background checks, and investigations.
 - Hourly rate not to exceed \$40.00 per hour of instruction for specialty instruction (courses which require secondary instructor certification). List of applicable courses are noted on Appendix II. Charge Listing.

- Hourly rate not to exceed \$45.00 per hour of consulting/administrative support duties when updating curriculum with a TCOLE advanced instructor proficiency certification.
- Payment is established by the LRGVDC Academy in accordance with LRGVDC payment policies. The LRGVDC shall not withhold any deductions from Sub-contractor payment since all SUB-CONTRACTOR's are independent contractors and not employees of the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council.
- LRGVDC Staff will review invoice and backup documentation, process invoice submitted by SUB-CONTRACTOR and remit payment. Payment is contingent on the completion of training documentation to include files, reports, and instructor materials, and upon availability of funds. If possible, such payment from LRGVDC Academy will be accomplished within forty-five (45) days of receipt of the Instructor's Invoice. All payments for services by the SUB-CONTRACTOR shall be made payable to

Name:

Address:

Phone Number:

- LRGVDC Academy will hold instructors accountable for compliance.
- LRGVDC Academy will conduct an on-site observation at any time as determined by the LRGVDC Training Coordinator/Director. The following criteria will be monitored:
 - Instructor Resume (Does it accompany course being monitored?)
 - Course Objectives (Have course objectives been identified?)
 - Course Lesson Plans (Are lesson plans included in packet and up to date?)
 - Course Abstract (Downloadable from TCOLE)
 - Power Points/Handouts (Have handouts available and administered to class?)
 - Test/Key to be administered (Does test cover all subject matter reviewed?)
 - Student Evaluations (to be distributed at end of every course)
- LRGVDC Academy will periodically review student evaluations of instructor to ensure BPOC objectives are being effectively reviewed and taught.

2.2 The SUB-CONTRACTOR will:

- The SUB-CONTRACTOR agrees to provide Training Instruction (TCOLE Instructor Proficiency) services as prescribed and approved by the LRGVDC Academy and Training Coordinator/Director.
- SUB-CONTRACTOR will refer to the TCOLE Instructor and Faculty Handbook.
- SUB-CONTRACTOR agrees to adhere to the LRGVDC Academy Training Schedule/Calendar.

- SUB-CONTRACTOR (for in-service training) will provide the LRGVDC Academy proposed calendar to the Training Coordinator in advance of training date.
- At the request of the LRGVDC Academy Training Coordinator/Director, the SUB-CONTRACTOR shall prepare lesson plans, test or exam questions, or criteria for the assessment of student skills for both BPOC and in-service.
- SUB-CONTRACTOR will, consistent with TCOLE Standards, submit all paperwork related to training in a timely manner to the LRGVDC Academy staff.
 - Training Checklist
 - Grade sheet (BPOC only)
 - Roster(s)
 - Resume to include an as of date
 - Bio-sketch to include an as of date
 - Lesson Plan
 - Powerpoint/Handouts
 - TCOLE Abstract, if applicable
 - Graded exams
 - Student evaluations
 - Blank exam, answer key, and scantrons
- SUB-CONTRACTOR will adhere to copyright standards and regulations.
- The SUB-CONTRACTOR will initiate and submit an invoice detailing date, BPOC Academy Number, course number, course description, the actual number of hours taught, and services provided to the LRGVDC Finance Department to: invoices@lrqfdc.org and include olgah@lrqfdc.org; mgalvan@lrqfdc.org; regionalpoliceacademy@lrqfdc.org;
- In the event of an **unscheduled absence** by the SUB-CONTRACTOR, LRGVDC Academy may cancel or suspend this contract and the SUB-CONTRACTOR shall be compensated for all services provided or materials delivered prior to the cancellation date or shall repay any advanced payment for services not yet rendered.
- All licenses, legal certifications, or inspections required for the services, facilities, equipment, or materials, and all applicable state and federal laws and local ordinances and LRGVDC Academy rules must be complied with by the SUB-CONTRACTOR. Specifically, the **SUB-CONTRACTOR** agrees to become familiar with and comply with the **Lower Rio Grande Valley Academy BPOC Rules, Policies, and Procedures**. Failure to comply with this requirement shall be treated as a default under the contract.
- The SUB-CONTRACTOR **on an annual basis** shall provide completed LRGVDC Academy forms which includes the Sub-contractor's résumé, **bio-sketch to include an as of date** or vitae and copies of relevant certificates in compliance with TCOLE. **Any updates to these documents will be provided to the LRGVDC Academy.**

- The SUB-CONTRACTOR agrees to provide LRGVDC Academy a completed and up-to-date copy of the lesson plan and other documents as required by TCOLE for each course being delivered to the LRGVDC Academy and its customers/students during the term of this contract.
- The SUB-CONTRACTOR agrees to maintain compliance with all TCOLE Rules and namely, Texas Administrative Code, Title 37, Part 7, Chapter 215, section 215.10 (Course Instructor Requirements). Failure to comply with this requirement shall be treated as a termination under the contract.

III. **Term, Termination, & Severability**

- 3.1 This Contract shall be for an initial term of two (2) years unless otherwise terminated and will not automatically renew. A new contract must be initiated. All services billed must be rendered within the two (2) year period. This Contract commences on the date signed.
- 3.2 Either party may terminate this contract in whole whenever such termination is found to be in the best interest of the LRGVDC Academy. Termination shall be affected by the conveyance of a written notification thereof to the other party at least thirty (30) days in advance of the effective date of the termination.

IV. **Assignability**

The Sub-Contractor shall not assign any interest in this Contract, and shall not transfer any interest in the same (whether by assignment or novation), without the prior written consent of the LRGVDC thereto: Provided, however, that claims for money due or to become due to the Subcontractor from the LRGVDC under this Contract may be assigned to a bank, trust company, or other financial institution without such approval. Notice of any such assignment or transfer shall be furnished promptly to the LRGVDC.

V. **Compliance Requirements**

All licenses, legal certifications, or inspections required for the services, facilities, equipment, or materials, and all applicable state and federal laws and local ordinances must be complied with by the Subcontractor. Failure to comply with this requirement shall be treated as a default.

VI. **Copyrights**

Where Subcontractor activities under this agreement, supported by this program produce original books, manuals, films, computer programs (including executable computer programs and supporting data in any form), or other material that can be copyrighted, the LRGVDC may copyright such. The Subcontractor grants the LRGVDC Lower Rio Grande Valley Academy a royalty-free, nonexclusive, and irrevocable license to edit, copy, reproduce, and/or distribute materials created in support of this contract to any and all other individuals and entities.

VII. Interest of Sub Contractor

The Subcontractor covenants that he/she presently has no interest and shall not acquire any interest, direct or indirect, which would conflict in any manner or degree with the performance of services required to be performed under this Contract. The Subcontractor further covenants that in the performance of this Contract no person having any such interest shall be employed.

VIII. Liability Hold Harmless

The Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council shall not be liable for any defaults, omission, or negligence of the Subcontractor. Subcontractor shall agree to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the LRGVDC from liability and claim for damages because of bodily injury, death, property damage, sickness, disease or less and expense arising from subcontractor's performance under this agreement while providing BPOC instruction. The subcontractor is acting in the capacity of an independent subcontractor with respect to this agreement with the Lower Rio Grande Valley Academy.

The Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council hereby agrees to execute this contract with sub-contractor to render technical and professional services described herein, and sub-contractor hereby agrees to the performance of services and to the conditions described herein.

Manuel Cruz
Executive Director
LRGV Academy

Signature

Printed Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone #: _____

Date Signed

Date Signed _____

Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council Regional Police Academy

Training Contract Agreement

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_____, hereinafter referred to as "Sub-contractor."

- The SUB-CONTRACTOR agrees to provide Police Training Instructor services to the LRGVDC Regional Police Academy as prescribed and approved by the LRGVDC Regional Police Academy and Training Coordinator/Director.
- LRGVDC Academy agrees to compensate the SUB-CONTRACTOR on an hourly basis for contracted Police Training Instructor services.
- Sub-contractor agrees to schedule training consistent with the LRGVDC Academy scheduling policy.
- At the request of the LRGVDC Academy Training Coordinator/Director, the SUB-CONTRACTOR shall prepare lesson plans, test or exam questions or criteria for the assessment of student skills.
- Payment for services shall be at an hourly rate of \$30.00 per hour of instruction. Reimbursement Rate for SUB-CONTRACTOR will not exceed \$30.00 per hour of instruction. Payment is established by the LRGVDC Academy in accordance with LRGVDC payment policies. The LRGVDC shall not withhold any deductions from Sub-contractor payment since all SUB-CONTRACTOR's are independent contractors and not employees of the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council.
- Payment for services provided will be initiated by the submittal of an invoice from by the SUB-CONTRACTOR, detailing the actual number of hours taught and services provided during each period.
- Payment for services delivered will be processed upon receipt of the invoice, contingent upon availability of funds. If possible, such payment from LRGVDC Academy will be accomplished within thirty (30) days of receipt of the Instructor's Invoice. All payments for services by the SUB-CONTRACTOR shall be made payable to _____.
- In the event of a default by the SUB-CONTRACTOR, LRGVDC Academy may cancel or suspend the contract and the SUB-CONTRACTOR shall be compensated for all services provided or materials delivered prior to the cancellation date or shall repay any funds advanced for services not yet rendered.
- All licenses, legal certifications, or inspections required for the services, facilities, equipment, or materials, and all applicable state and federal laws and local ordinances and LRGVDC Academy rules must be complied with by the SUB-CONTRACTOR. Specifically, the SUB-CONTRACTOR agrees to become

familiar with and comply with the Rules and Standards of the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council Regional Police Academy. Failure to comply with this requirement shall be treated as a default under the contract.

- The SUB-CONTRACTOR shall, upon execution of the contract, furnish the LRGVDC Academy completed LRGVDC Academy forms per the requirements of the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (TCOLE), which includes the Sub-contractor's résumé or vitae and copies of relevant certificates as requested by the LRGVDC Academy. In addition, the SUB-CONTRACTOR agrees to provide LRGVDC Academy a completed and up-to-date copy of the lesson plan and other documents as required by TCOLE for each course being delivered to the LRGVDC Academy and its customers during the term of this contract. The SUB-CONTRACTOR further agrees to maintain compliance with all TCOLE Rules and namely, Texas Administrative Code, Title 37, Part 7, Chapter 215, section 215.10 (Course Instructor Requirements) Failure to comply with this requirement shall be treated as a default under the contract.
- **The Sub-contractor understands that the Sub-contractor is not an employee of the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council or of the LRGVDC Regional Police Academy and shall not present her/himself as such, nor is the Sub-contractor entitled to any benefits bestowed to employees of the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council.**
- This Contract commences on **the date signed** and terminates on **August 31, 2023**, unless written notice is given by the Sub-contractor to terminate sooner or the LRGVDC Academy indicating that the Sub-contractor's services are no longer required by the LRGVDC Academy.

Monitoring Policy

- Should SUB-CONTRACTOR instruct more than (5) times annually, LRGVDC Regional Police Academy will conduct an on-site observation. The following criteria will be monitored:
 - **Instructor Resume (Does it accompany course being monitored?)**
 - **Course Objectives (Have course objectives been identified?)**
 - **Course Lesson Plans (Are lesson plans included in packet and up to date?)**
 - **Course Abstract (Downloadable from TCOLE)**
 - **Power Points/Handouts (Have handouts available and administered to class?)**
 - **Test/Key to be administered (Does test cover all subject matter reviewed?)**
 - **Student Evaluations (to be distributed at end of every course)**
- LRGVDC Regional Police Academy will periodically review student evaluations of instructor to ensure BPOC objectives are being effectively reviewed and taught.
- The Training Coordinator or designee will ensure monitoring of instructors and courses.
 - **Instructor's knowledge of the subject was**
 - **Instructor's preparedness for the class was**
 - **Presentation of clear course objectives**
 - **Presentation of course materials was**
 - **Instructor's enthusiasm for the subject was**
 - **Encouragement of participation was**

- Failure to comply with the LRGVDC monitoring policy will result in replacement of instructor and/or Host Site.
- All Instructor Contracts and Instructor Course Monitoring Tool Results will be on file with LRGVDC Finance Department and Regional Police Academy.

Manuel Cruz
Executive Director
LRGVDC Police Academy
mcruz@lrgvdc.org
(956) 682-3481

Date Signed

Printed Name:

Address:

Email:

Phone #956-778-3660

Date Signed

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LRGV Academy Status Reports

- On Thursday, September 9, 2023, 16 cadets from the 222nd Weslaco Night Academy and Project Management Specialist Monic Galvan actively participated in the Weslaco Firefighters Association L3207's 911 Memorial 5K.
- As of Wednesday, September 13, 2023, the 26 cadets from the 221st Edinburg Day Academy have completed Chapter 41 firearms training.
- On Friday, September 15, 2023, the LRGV Academy, in collaboration with the Mission Police Department, conducted an orientation session for the 223rd Basic Peace Officer Course with 22 cadets.
- As of Wednesday, September 27, 2023, the 26 graduates from the 221st Edinburg Day Academy are scheduled to graduate, and the ceremony will take place at the Edinburg Conference Center at Renaissance.
- The LRGV Academy is not currently offering entrance exams, as both academies scheduled for September and November have already reached the maximum number of applicants.

Pictured below are the cadets of the
222nd Weslaco Night Academy after completing the
Weslaco Firefighters Association L3207's 911 Memorial 5K



Pictured below are cadets of the 221st
Edinburg. Day Academy during firearms.



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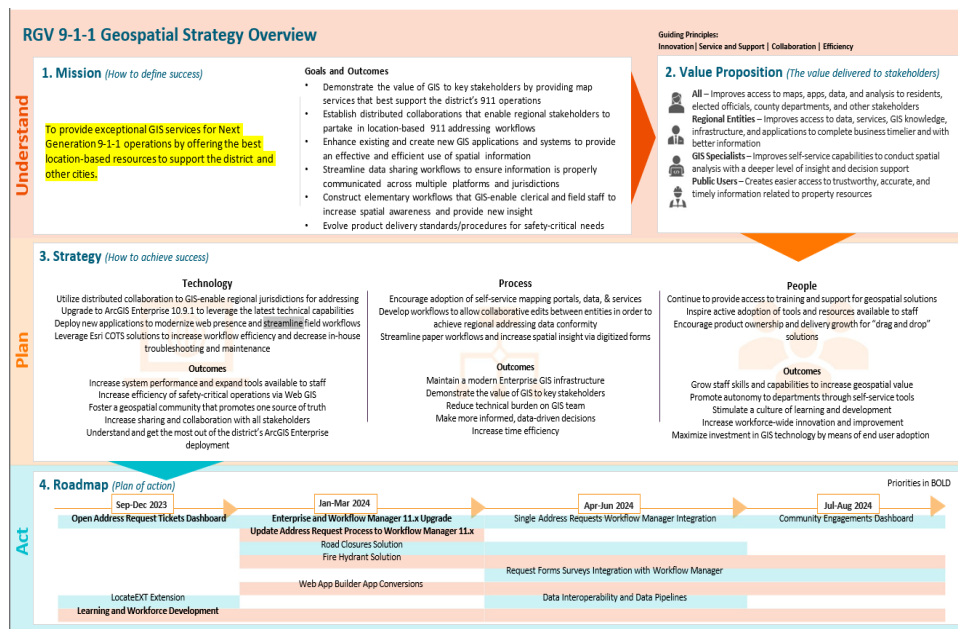
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Rio Grande Valley Emergency Communication District Status Report

- GIS Division

Our GIS Data Hub is now our primary website and can be found at www.rgv911.org. The GIS team has uploaded several informational maps that other public entities and the public can readily download. This data has streamlined our general information request process. We have created an Emergency Response map that will aid our local 9-1-1 call responding EMS agencies to respond using 9-1-1 address data. We will do the same for local Police departments that do not host a PSAP in the RGV9-1-1 region. In August, the GIS team met with our ESRI account team to plan for next year's GIS activities starting September 2023 and ending August 2024. Below is our GeoSpatial Strategic plan. We submitted a location-based routing (LBR) request to Verizon Wireless in early September. This new technology will begin switching from traditional Cell phone tower routing to LBR routing. LBR routing is achieved by activating a service that will force the cellphone to turn on GPS services and automatically send location data with the call. It is a vital service as it will make it, so the 9-1-1 system knows precisely what PSAP to send the call to instead of first sending it to the PSAP assigned to the tower. It significantly reduces the need for the transfer of 9-1-1 calls. Today, Verizon is the only primary carrier to start making the switch. AT&T will switch across the board next year, and T-Mobile has not yet defined a timeframe.



- Community Engagement Division

This report provides a comprehensive overview of the community engagement activities conducted throughout August 2023. It offers a detailed account of our interactions and initiatives aimed at connecting with the local community during this period.

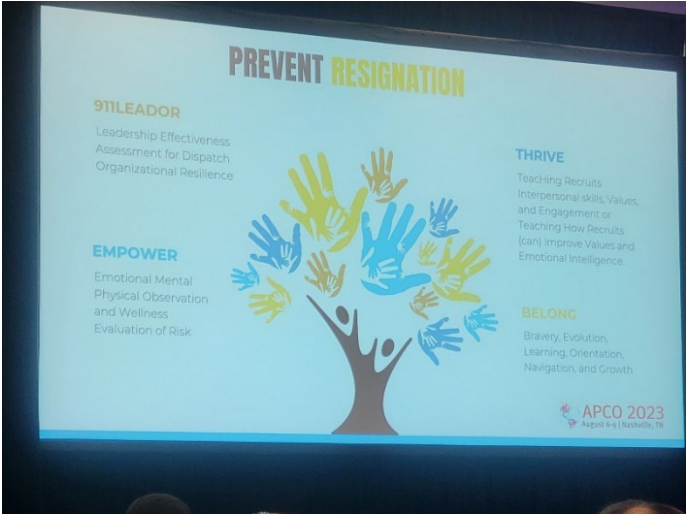
On August 6-9th, staff attended the APCO 2023 International Annual Conference in Nashville, TN. The APCO Conference was an incredibly informative and enriching experience for our team. Throughout the conference, we had the opportunity to attend numerous sessions and workshops that expanded our knowledge base significantly. However, it was the sessions on leadership that genuinely stood out. The insights and strategies shared in these sessions are bound to be of great value to our Community Engagement and Public Education Department. From effective communication to innovative problem-solving techniques, we learned many practical skills to enhance our department's ability to engage with the community and provide valuable public education initiatives. In summary, the APCO Conference was an invaluable learning opportunity, and we are excited to apply what we've learned to serve our community better.

On August 17, staff attended the Annual Christmas in August School Supply Giveaway in Raymondville, TX. We thank the Raymondville Police Department for the kind invitation and for hosting this fantastic event we've participated in over the years. The Annual Christmas in August School Supply Giveaway has consistently been a source of joy for our community. This event not only ensures that students are well-prepared for the upcoming school year but also fosters a sense of togetherness among residents, local businesses, and dedicated volunteers who join forces to make a substantial impact on the lives of young learners. Rio Grande Valley Emergency Communication District - RGV 911 was delighted to contribute school supplies for the children, equipping them for the school year ahead. Additionally, we took the opportunity to educate the children about 911 emergencies and their crucial role in ensuring safety. Teaching them the proper procedure for dialing 911, staying composed, and providing essential information empowers them to respond effectively during critical situations, potentially becoming lifesavers themselves.

APCO 2023 International Annual Conference in Nashville, TN



Pictured Left to Right: Attendees for the Conference, Angela Alvarado, Maribel Alonzo, and (middle) speaker Tracy Eldridge.



Leadership courses provided by APCO 2023, Presenting Resignation

Annual Christmas in August School Supply Giveaway City of Raymondville



Pictured Left to Right: Ruby Garza, Cell Phone Sally with attendee.



Pictured Left to Right: Monica Estrada, CSR I, Cell Phone Sally and Paw Patrol.

The RGV9-1-1 1st Annual Public Safety Wellness Seminar held at the McAllen Convention Center on September 14, 2023, was an incredible event that impacted all attendees. The seminar provided a valuable platform for our dedicated Public Safety to focus on their well-being and self-care. The outcome of the seminar was nothing short of remarkable, as participants gained valuable insights into stress management, mental health, and overall wellness strategies. It was heartwarming to witness the positive transformation in our telecommunicators as they embraced healthier lifestyles and coping mechanisms. Awarding our 9-1-1 telecommunicators for their dedication and resilience was remarkable, recognizing their unwavering commitment to public safety.



Display of awards that were given for Years of Commitment and Dedication.



Master of Ceremony Trey Serna KRGV News Anchor alongside Dennis Moreno Asst. Director, Maribel Alonzo Community Engagement Specialist and Manuel Cruz Executive Director.



Manuel Cruz, Executive Director, giving words of encouragement to our 9-1-1 Telecommunicators.



McAllen PD Honor Guards



9-1-1 Telecommunicator of the Year Juan “JJ” Marques and Sherrif J.E. “Eddie” Guerra.



Marissa Figueroa Communications Supervisor of the Year and Sherrif J.E. “Eddie” Guerra.



David Atkins Key-Note Speaker author of the Leveled-Up Life Book.



Raul Rivas Key-Note Speaker presenting “Trauma Behind the Badge.”



Sherriff “J.E” Guerra presented the State of Representatives’ Commemorative Flag and Plaque to Ms. Mary Lou Coronado, honoring her daughter Sandra Coronado, who was killed by a drunk driver on December 9, 2018, in the morning on her way to her shift as a Telecommunicator at the Hidalgo County Sheriff’s Office.

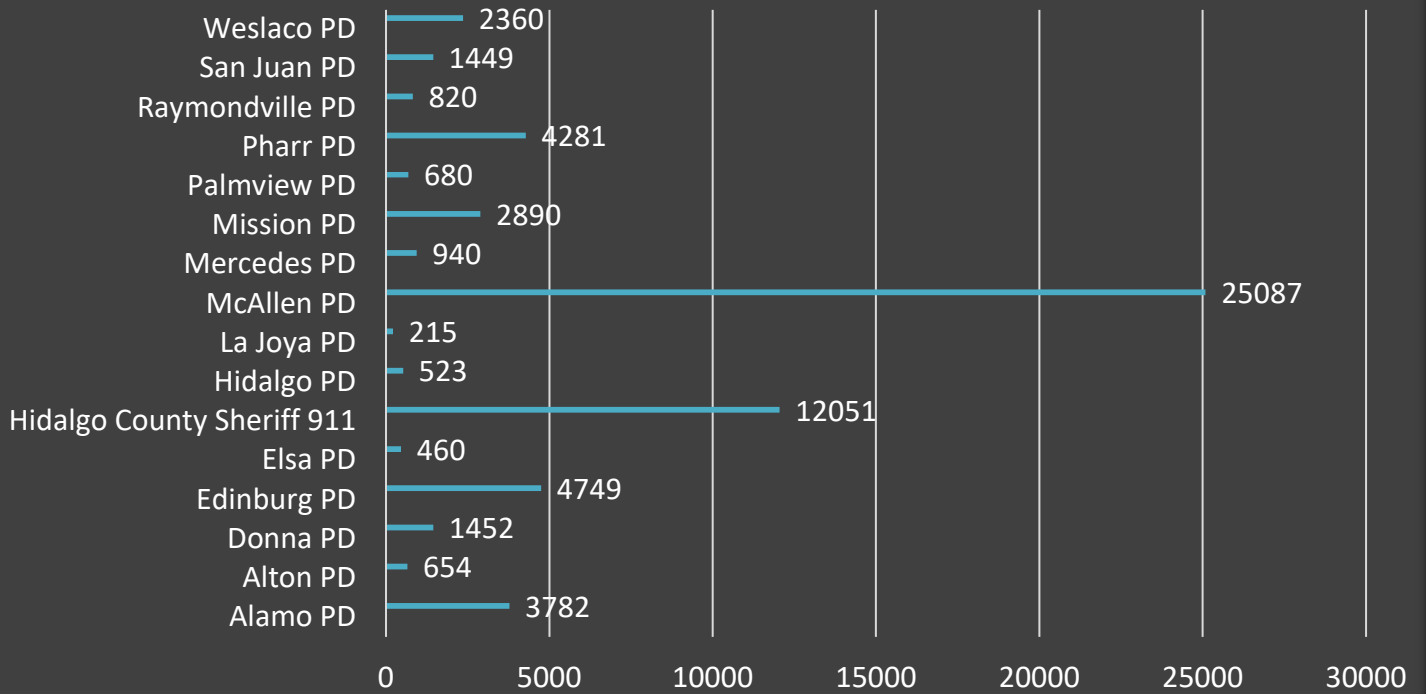
- 9-1-1 | Information Technology

The 9-1-1 | Information Technology team is currently in the middle of Phase 2 of our UPS upgrade project, and to update our progress, we are currently assessing each PSAP's electrical infrastructure to see what needs to be upgraded as far as wiring and hardware so that we are prepared for future power consumption needs. The goal is to have the electrical infrastructure capable of handling future growth if we add new equipment and technology.

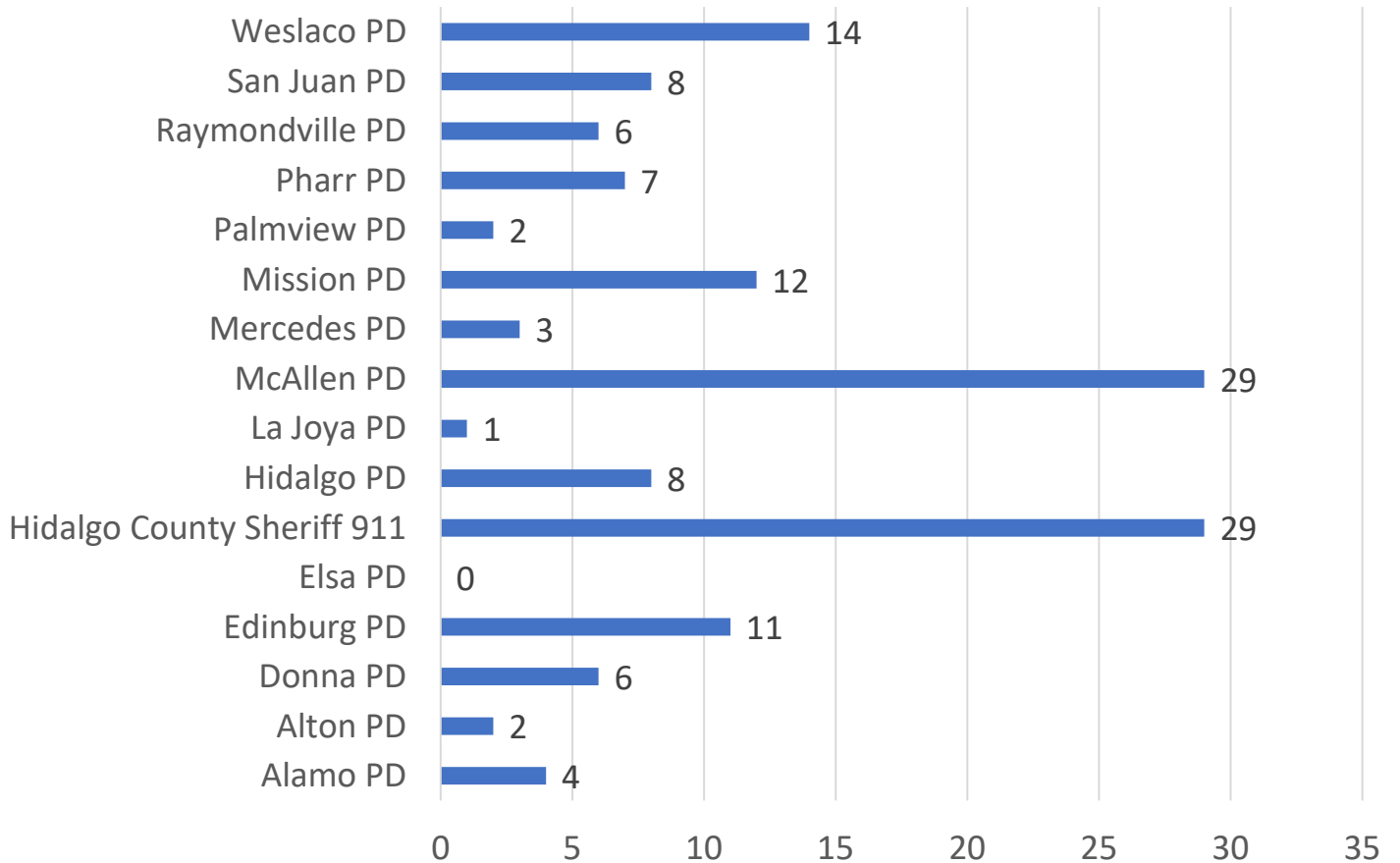
In addition, our I.T. team will be starting 4th quarter audits at each of the 17 PSAPs on October 1st, going through the various 9-1-1 equipment tests and generator maintenance follow-ups as well as speaking with each of our PSAP staff members to make sure we assess their needs, take care of operational issues, and inquiring about the need for additional training.

We also plan to continue our next monthly PSAP meeting with all the PSAP supervisors, which will address all these issues in an informative virtual or in-person group discussion environment. Our continuing goal is to ensure our 9-1-1 call delivery systems are in optimal working order to maintain 99.9% operational efficiency in serving our public safety partners and the community.

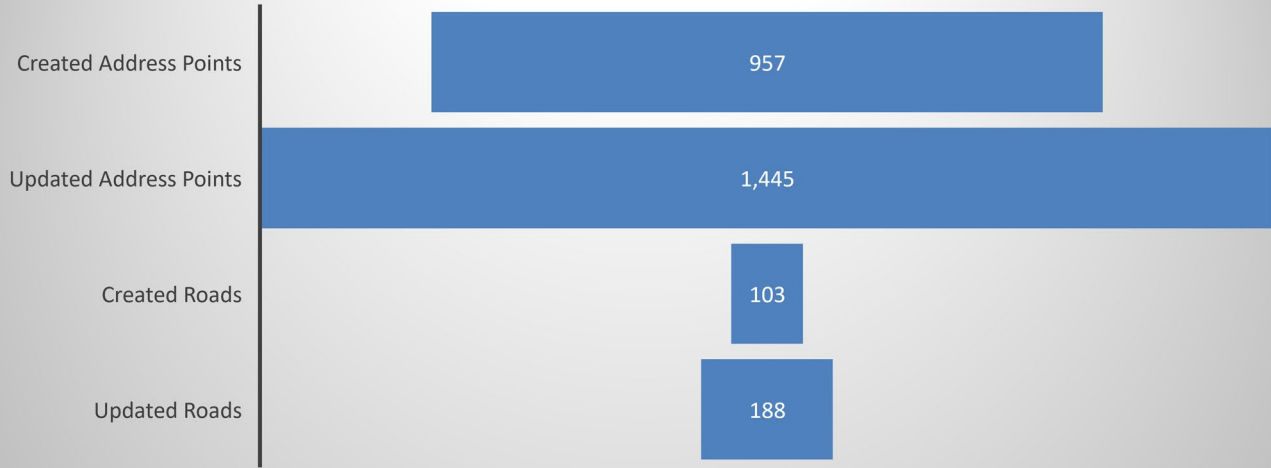
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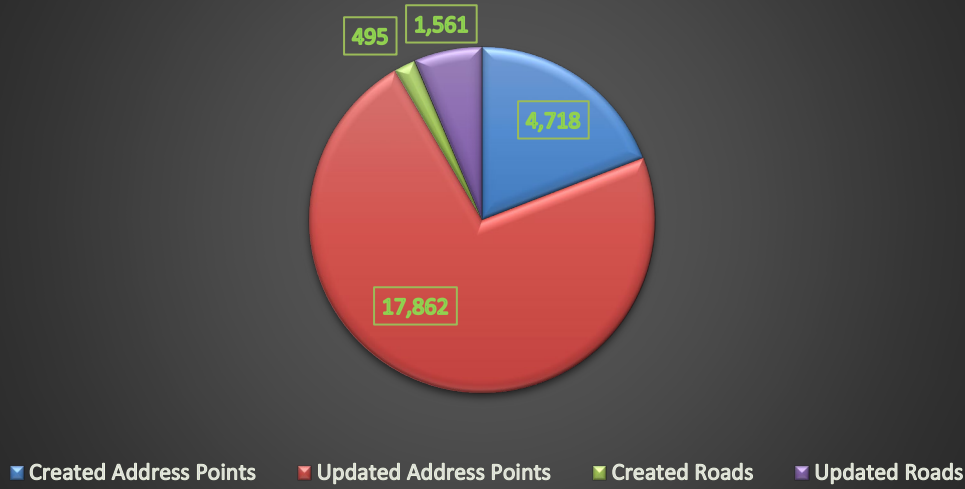
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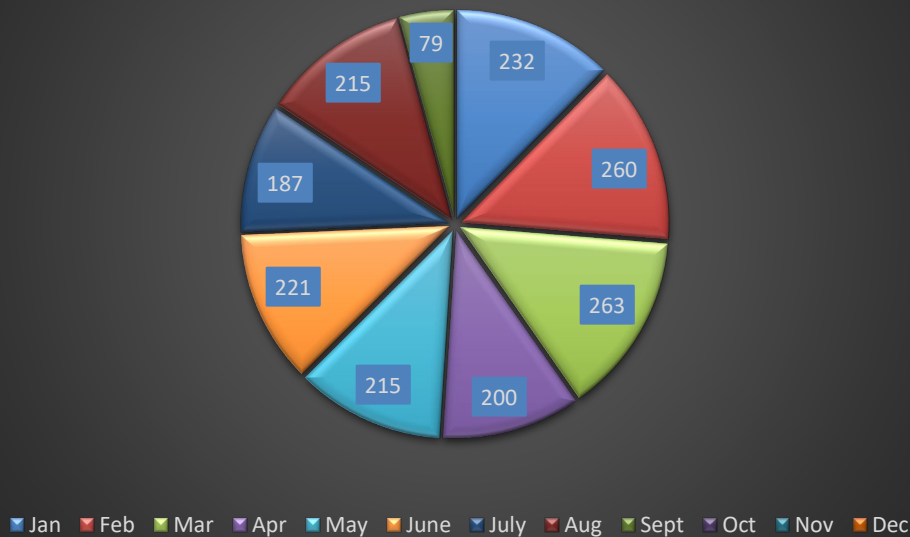
August - September 2023 Mapping Features



2023 Total Production : GIS



Address Tickets from January to September 2023



ITEM #5. D.

TRANSPORTATION

Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council
Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, September 27, 2023

Item #5: Department Reports

D. Transportation

Valley Metro Status ReportTom Logan, Director of Regional Transportation

1. Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve procurement of Transportation vehicles for Valley Metro.

Staff requests Board approval to purchase Transportation vehicles. Vehicles will be incorporated into the Valley Metro Fleet expansion. Purchase of these vehicles will be made with 100% TxDOT and FTA Federal Funding with Transportation Development Credits.

Funding Source	Grant Number	Quantity	Procurement Type	Amount	Vehicle Service
FTA	TX-2023-101	2	ENC EZ Rider 35' buses	1,210,000	Expansion - Large Urban
FTA	TX-2023-067	1	Type XI	247,598	Expansion - Small Urban
TxDOT	5310-2023-LRGVDC-00086	1	Type III	185,000	Expansion - Rural

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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.

Valley Metro met with TxDOT for the 4th quarterly Financial Monitoring Review on September 12. Meetings were held with UTRGV, Sulivan City, City of Elsa, and City of Edcouch to discuss ongoing and upcoming transit projects.

Breakdown of Ridership per system:

RIDERSHIP BY SYSTEM														
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VALLEY METRO	24,680	24,278	19,760	18,450	23,027	22,927	26,720	25,018	23,958	22,481	21,962	26,679	279,940	21%
UTRGV	44,388	46,384	38,037	15,184	24,617	43,506	35,837	38,321	12,899	12,330	11,969	24,131	347,603	102%
STC	334	292	243	66	243	254	180	246	83	22	19	147	2,129	674%
TSTC	297	315	114	100	88	98	91	102	38	37	47	31	1,358	-34%
Total	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	50%

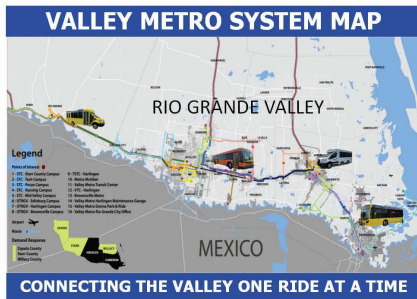
Regional Transportation Advisory Panel (RTAP) Activity:

- RTAP committee and RTAP Sub-committee held in-person with virtual meetings in July and August 2023. A presentation was made by General Land Office (GLO) on the Economic Development Strategy and Resiliency Study Transit Call. A presentation was also made by United Way. Partnering Transit agencies provided individual updates on efforts to better inform the public of the available transportation resources. LRGVDC Valley Metro was awarded a TxDOT grant in the amount of \$40,000 to continue assessing and meeting the needs and gaps of the 5-year Transit Plan.
- Valley Metro’s Planning Department staff continues to hold public involvement events. The events highlight the modes of travel available to the public within their perspective city and region. We are currently working on events in the Rural areas of the Rio Grande Valley.



VALLEY METRO - REGIONAL TRANSIT SERVICE DEPARTMENT

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



Serving the RGV's Five-County Region:

- Cameron
- Hidalgo
- Starr
- Willacy
- Zapata

Proudly serving:

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

Types of Systems Provided

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



VALLEY METRO TRANSIT TERMINAL LOCATIONS

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

Valley Metro Fares:

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

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

VM Transit Website



Route Maps with locations



ValleyMetro Weslaco

Ride Systems



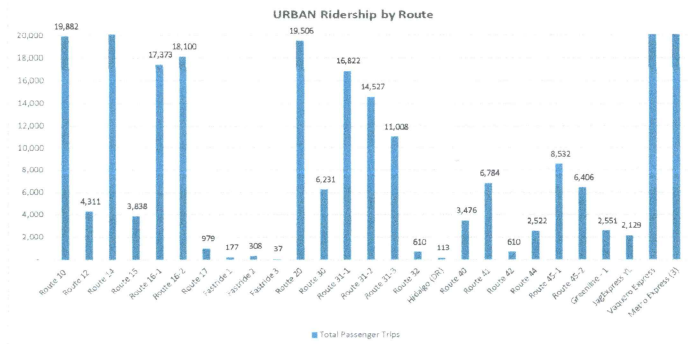
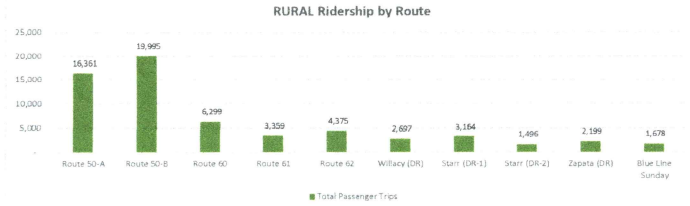
Track our buses in real time



VM Regional Call Center 1-800-574-8322

RIDERSHIP COUNT YEAR TO DATE FY 2023 (August)

Route	Total Passenger Trips	Route Activity	Area(s) Served
Route 50-A	16,361	3%	Brownsville, Port Isabel
Route 50-B	19,995	3%	Brownsville, Port Isabel
Route 60	6,299	1%	Roma, Rio Grande City
Route 61	3,359	1%	Rio Grande City
Route 62	4,375	1%	Rio Grande City
Willacy (DR)	2,697	0%	Willacy County
Starr (DR-1)	3,164	1%	Starr County
Starr (DR-2)	1,496	0%	Starr County
Zapata (DR)	2,199	0%	Zapata County
Blue Line Sunday	1,678	0%	Brownsville, Port Isabel
Route 10	19,882	3%	Edinburg
Route 12	4,311	1%	Edcouch, Elsa, Edinburg
Route 14	21,225	3%	Edinburg
Route 15	3,838	1%	Edinburg
Route 16-1	17,373	3%	Courthouse Circulator
Route 16-2	18,100	3%	Courthouse Circulator
Route 17	979	0%	Edinburg T-line
Fastride 1	177	0%	Edinburg
Fastride 2	308	0%	Hidalgo County
Fastride 3	37	0%	Cameron County
Route 20	19,506	3%	Mission
Route 30	6,231	1%	Pharr, San Juan
Route 31-1	16,822	3%	Cameron-Hidalgo County
Route 31-2	14,527	2%	Hidalgo-Cameron County
Route 31-3	11,008	2%	Cameron-Hidalgo County
Route 32	610	0%	Donna
Hidalgo (DR)	113	0%	City of Hidalgo
Route 40	3,476	1%	Harlingen
Route 41	6,784	1%	Harlingen
Route 42	610	0%	San Benito
Route 44	2,522	0%	Primera, La Feria, Santa Rosa
Route 45-1	8,532	1%	Cameron County
Route 45-2	6,406	1%	Cameron County
Greenline - 1	2,551	0%	Rio Grande City
JagExpress YL	2,129	0%	Weslaco, Pharr, McAllen
Vaquero Express	347,603	55%	Edinburg
Metro Express (3)	33,747	5%	Rio Grande Valley
TOTAL	631,030	100%	**Total Ridership Count subject to change when finalized

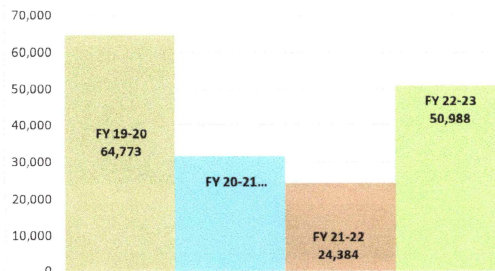


Active Routes	Rural	Urban	Total
Flex Routes	6	18	24
Demand Response	6	4	10
Fixed-Metro Express	0	3	3
	12	25	37

YEAR TO DATE RIDERSHIP REPORT			
Year to Date - August 2023	Prior Year August 2022	DIFFERENCE	% DIFFERENCE
631,030	430,484	200,546	47%

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

FY 22-23 Ridership Report Month of August



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%
Monthly Change from Previous FY	27,457	30,711	20,892	6,882	25,742	13,657	17,428	18,844	8,664	4,758	-1,094	26,604	200,546	-430,484	-68%
Percent Change	65%	76%	56%	26%	116%	26%	38%	42%	31%	16%	-3%	109%	47%	-211%	-76%

FY 2022 VALLEY METRO RIDERSHIP REPORT

RIDERSHIP BY CITIES - PICK-UP LOCATION

CITY	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	TOTAL
Hidalgo	28	21	17	20	27	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	113
Edinburg	7,420	7,093	5,812	3,726	5,936	7,208	8,026	7,865	5,747	4,451	4,204	7,512	75,000
UTRGV Edinburg	44,388	46,384	38,037	15,184	24,617	43,506	35,837	38,321	12,899	12,330	11,969	24,131	347,603
Pharr	902	948	676	640	931	929	1,183	1,026	983	1,199	1,079	861	11,357
Mission	730	677	523	706	752	620	815	703	720	821	760	720	8,547
McAllen	3,934	3,860	3,173	3,370	4,219	3,403	4,149	3,905	4,239	3,874	3,869	4,555	46,550
San Carlos	27	44	47	32	28	30	32	35	31	21	26	21	374
Elsa	50	42	43	52	54	59	70	71	45	23	27	66	602
Edcouch	29	19	21	42	25	22	28	38	43	32	31	21	351
La Villa	26	28	23	34	44	21	26	24	13	38	21	19	317
San Juan	297	320	282	304	367	340	426	493	502	475	476	473	4,755
Alamo	275	289	260	301	337	268	350	278	350	301	269	288	3,566
Donna	269	240	191	279	467	370	393	425	458	454	376	376	4,298
Weslaco	807	746	603	485	800	695	762	767	619	583	481	682	8,030
Mercedes	178	178	207	279	209	173	227	300	262	254	347	394	3,008
La Feria	122	104	88	132	169	171	189	209	247	239	218	240	2,128
Harlingen	1,560	1,467	1,356	1,474	1,549	1,678	2,014	1,859	2,003	1,819	1,730	2,221	20,730
San Benito	172	134	151	272	216	310	319	259	146	157	162	121	2,419
Brownsville	3,836	3,899	2,921	3,037	3,219	2,949	3,553	3,292	3,700	3,742	4,017	4,001	42,166
Santa Rosa	45	17	51	54	64	87	79	54	54	70	57	49	681
Los Fresnos	338	333	255	251	282	270	230	238	209	193	178	211	2,988
Laguna Vista	184	216	138	173	235	218	187	195	153	163	173	187	2,222
Laguna Heights	207	199	127	216	205	163	226	198	134	123	120	140	2,058
Port Isabel	1,220	1,294	860	990	1,291	1,126	1,360	1,171	1,364	1,355	1,484	1,408	14,923
Rio Grande City	1,937	1,921	1,559	1,075	1,187	1,410	1,422	1,258	1,164	1,237	1,115	1,299	16,584
Willacy County	243	250	230	198	178	229	261	190	223	233	218	244	2,697
Starr County	315	384	362	297	364	347	425	376	473	452	363	502	4,660
Zapata County	155	159	141	164	175	173	220	127	190	225	225	245	2,199
Total	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

RIDERSHIP BY SYSTEM

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RURAL AND URBAN COUNT

AREA	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	TOTAL
Rural	5,900	6,104	4,587	4,473	5,029	4,998	5,713	4,990	5,265	5,526	5,664	5,925	64,174
Urban	63,799	65,165	53,567	29,327	42,946	61,787	57,115	58,697	31,713	29,344	28,333	45,063	566,856
Total	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

RIDERSHIP BY COUNTY

COUNTY	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	TOTAL
Hidalgo County	59,365	60,892	49,915	25,460	38,819	57,644	52,328	54,254	26,916	24,862	23,935	40,120	514,510
Cameron County	7,684	7,663	5,947	6,606	7,252	6,982	8,172	7,482	8,012	7,861	8,141	8,578	90,380
Willacy County	243	250	230	198	178	229	261	190	223	233	218	244	2,697
Starr County	2,252	2,305	1,921	1,372	1,551	1,757	1,847	1,634	1,637	1,689	1,478	1,801	21,244
Zapata County	155	159	141	164	175	173	220	127	190	225	225	245	2,199
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RIDERSHIP BY PRECINCTS

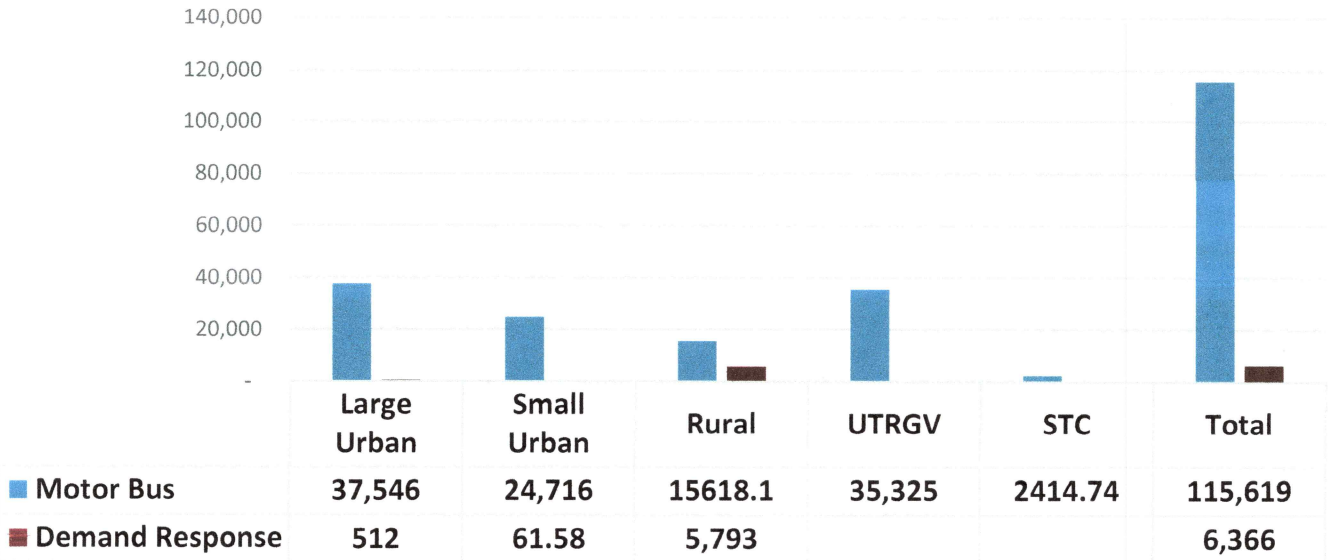
PRECINCT	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	TOTAL
Precinct 1	3,655	3,594	3,035	3,456	4,400	3,660	4,410	4,171	4,514	4,423	3,894	4,551	47,763
Precinct 2	7,191	7,140	5,690	6,334	8,198	6,576	8,208	7,555	8,275	7,999	7,435	7,973	88,574
Precinct 3	1,549	1,610	1,231	1,473	1,833	1,415	1,849	1,606	1,729	1,777	1,723	1,711	19,506
Precinct 4	57,041	58,705	48,216	24,034	36,969	55,776	50,135	52,065	24,992	23,048	21,963	37,898	490,842
Harlingen MPO Area	2,077	1,900	1,853	2,218	2,229	2,429	2,843	2,688	2,714	2,539	2,516	3,025	29,031

Year to Date 2022-2023

Distribution of Revenue Hours

	Large Urban	Small Urban	Rural	UTRGV	STC	Total
Motor Bus	37,546	24,716	15618.1	35,325	2414.74	115,619
Demand Response	512	61.58	5,793			6,366

FY 22-23 YTD Revenue Hours

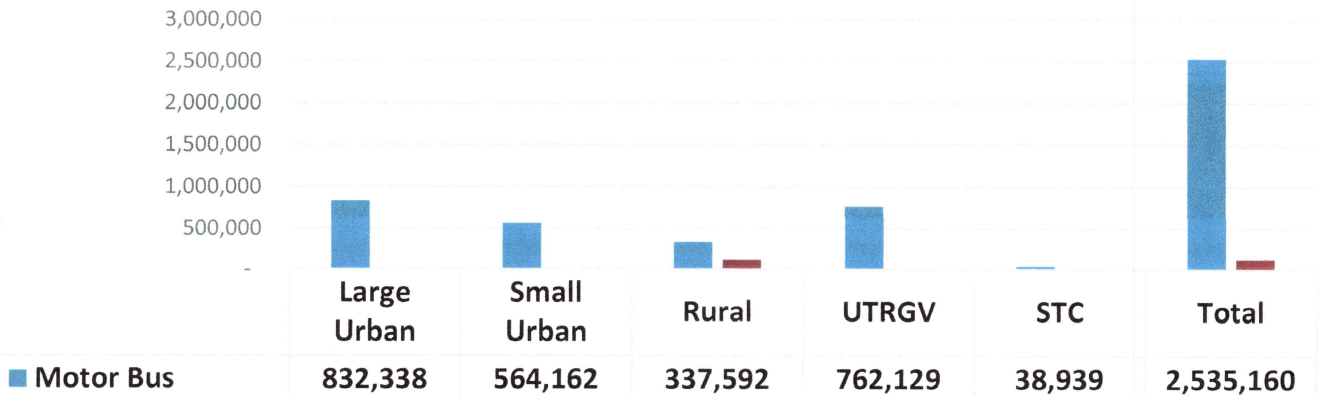


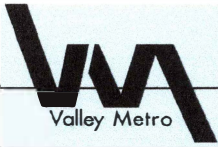
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Distribution of Revenue Miles

	Large Urban	Small Urban	Rural	UTRGV	STC	Total
Motor Bus	832,338	564,162	337,592	762,129	38,939	2,535,160
Demand Response	10,187	472	113,403			124,062

FY 22-23 YTD Revenue Miles





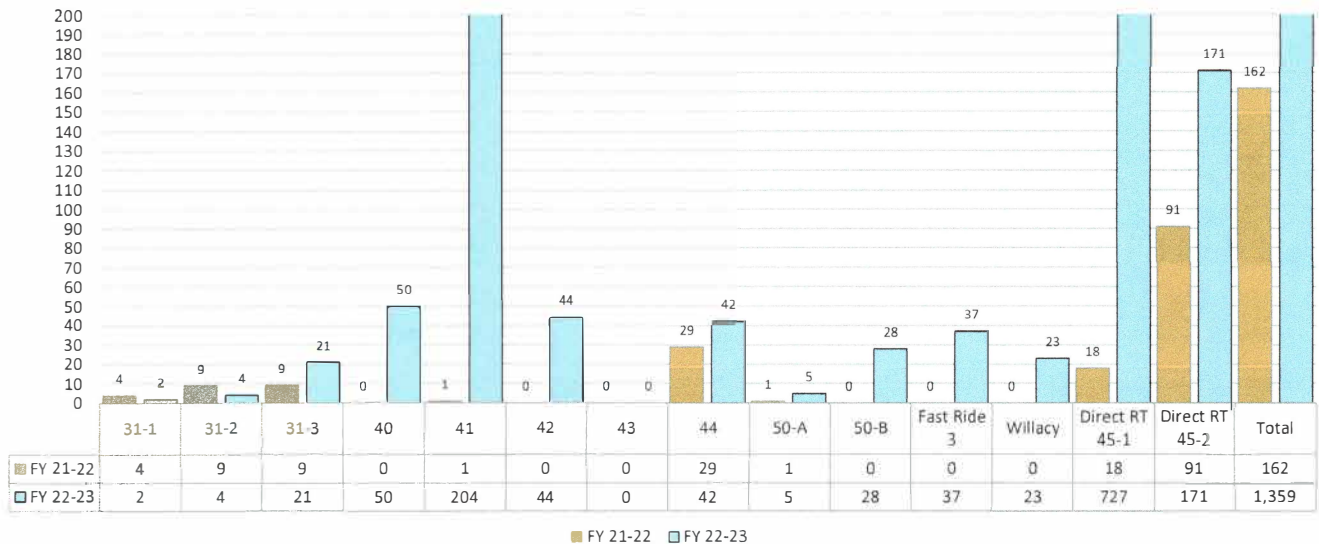
FY 2022-2023 Valley Metro

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	0	1	15	0	0	0	0	0	37	1	179	64	297
October	0	0	0	4	19	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	255	35	315
November	0	0	0	12	19	0	0	1	0	0	0	11	66	5	114
December	0	0	0	5	9	2	0	2	0	0	0	2	62	18	100
January	0	0	0	1	28	3	0	0	0	2	0	3	46	5	88
February	0	0	0	0	23	13	0	5	0	14	0	0	41	2	98
March	0	0	4	6	41	11	0	4	0	5	0	5	13	2	91
April	2	1	7	6	21	15	0	3	1	5	0	0	36	5	102
May	0	0	4	1	8	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	12	12	38
June	0	0	3	4	13	0	0	8	1	0	0	0	4	4	37
July	0	3	2	9	8	0	0	18	0	0	0	0	5	2	47
August	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	8	17	32
Total	2	4	21	50	204	44	0	42	5	28	37	23	727	171	1,359
FY 2021-2022	4	9	9	0	1	0	0	29	1	0	0	0	18	91	162
Change Over Previous FY	4	9	9	50	203	44	0	13	4	28	37	23	709	80	1,197

	Sept.	Oct.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug	Total
Direct Routes	243	290	350	71	80	51	43	15	41	24	8	7	25	1,223
Indirect Routes	54	25	25	43	20	37	55	76	61	14	29	40	6	479
Monthly Total	297	315	375	114	100	88	98	91	102	38	37	47	31	1,733

2022 - 2023 Valley Metro Routes TSTC Student Passenger Count





FY 2022-2023 Valley Metro - UTRGV Student Passenger Counts

Routes	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	Totals
10 direct	241	288	307	128	354	361	358	302	281	187	235	159	3,201
12 direct	143	115	84	34	108	57	78	135	70	51	62	99	1,036
14 direct	2,353	2,675	2,242	708	1,816	2,987	2,509	2,731	704	444	251	1,062	20,482
	49	26	36	36	30	74	76	90	35	1	2	29	484
45-1 direct	0	0	107	46	34	127	96	59	16	5	7	36	533
45-2 direct	0	0	34	13	9	22	33	28	12	4	2	19	176
15 indirect	3	20	6	14	2	12	18	41	35	8	5	3	167
16-1 indirect	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
16-2 indirect	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
17 indirect	29	4	8	6	4	3	0	0	0	5	14	5	78
20 indirect	468	298	193	104	120	151	202	206	120	36	23	82	2,003
21 inactive	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
30 indirect	41	55	62	47	44	30	37	43	13	7	16	17	412
RL 1 indirect	52	56	39	48	54	47	34	27	39	43	31	24	494
RL 2 indirect	20	17	30	18	17	8	29	18	16	18	6	19	216
50-A indirect	58	47	30	15	7	17	44	48	12	2	15	13	308
50-B indirect	46	61	40	15	24	28	43	27	18	36	25	21	384
Vaquero Express	44,388	46,384	38,037	15,184	24,617	43,506	35,837	38,321	12,899	12,330	11,969	24,131	347,603
FY 2022-2023	47,989	50,120	41,287	16,429	27,280	47,483	39,439	42,101	14,288	13,185	12,681	25,726	378,008
FY 2021-2022	22,394	20,172	18,508	6,343	4,579	27,634	19,744	22,967	7,609	9,187	24,716	8,378	192,231
Change Over Previous FY	25,595	29,948	22,779	10,086	22,701	19,849	19,695	19,134	6,679	3,998	-12,035	17,348	185,777

Routes	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	Totals
Direct Routes	2,786	3,104	2,810	965	2,351	3,628	3,150	3,345	1,118	692	559		25,912
Indirect Routes	815	632	440	280	312	349	452	435	271	163	153		4,493
Total VM Count	3,601	3,736	3,250	1,245	2,663	3,977	3,602	3,780	1,389	855	712		30,405
Vaquero Express:	44,388	46,384	38,037	15,184	24,617	43,506	35,837	38,321	12,899	12,330	11,969		347,603

Combined Total	47,989	50,120	41,287	16,429	27,280	47,483	39,439	42,101	14,288	13,185	12,681		378,008
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