

LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL



AGENDA VIRTUAL MEETING OF THE LRGVDC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

LRGVDC Main Campus, 301 W. Railroad Street, Building B

Weslaco, TX 78596

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Wednesday, September 30, 2020, 12:00 Noon

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Presiding: President Jim Darling

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Item #1: Call to Order

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

Item #2: Consideration and **ACTION to Approve Meeting**

Minutes (August 26, 2020)..... President

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

Item #4: Administration Manuel Cruz
Executive Director

- A. Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve Modification of Requirements for
Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) or Public Records Requests**

B. Executive Director Report

ACTION MAY BE TAKEN ON ANY OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS

LRGVDC Updates & Activities

1. Introduction of New Staff Members
2. Census 2020
3. RGV Day at the Capitol
4. Upcoming 87th Legislative Session
5. Agreement between Rio South Texas Economic Council and LRGVDC

Item #5: Department Reports

A. Community & Economic Development..... **Manuel Cruz** **Executive Director**

Program Action Items:

1. Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve Creation of Regional Water Resource Advisory Committee Exploratory Sub Committee
2. Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve Resolution Authorizing the Filing of a Flood Infrastructure Fund Application

Program Status Reports:

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

B. Health & Human Services **Jose L. Gonzalez, Director**

Program Action Item:

1. Consideration and **ACTION** to Add Vendors (Contractors) to Vendor Pool

Program Status Reports:

- Area Plan 2021-22
- N4a MIPPA Grant Extension
- Opioid Misuse Prevention for Older Texans Funding Extended

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

Program Action Items:

1. Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve Century Link as the Vendor for Connectivity of Next Generation 9-1-1 for the Regional ESINet Project
2. Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve WSC Inc. as the Vendor for an Uninterruptible Power Supply (UPS) for McAllen Police Department
3. Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve Entering into Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Cameron County
4. Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve Entering into an Agreement with Texas State Technical College

Program Status Reports:

- 9-1-1/Emergency Communications
- Criminal Justice Program
- Homeland Security Program
- Regional Police Academy

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

Program Action Items:

1. Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve Procurement of Revenue Vehicles for Valley Metro Rural Fleet
2. Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve Revisions to Valley Metro Operating Policies and Procedures

Program Status Reports:

- Valley Metro
 - Ridership Report
 - COVID-19 Precautionary Measures
 - Regional Transportation Advisory Panel (RTAP)
- Rio Grande Valley MPO

Item #6: New or Unfinished Business

Item #7: Adjourn

REMINDER

Next Meeting Date:
Wednesday, October 28, 2020
12:00 PM

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

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

PUBLIC INPUT POLICY:

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

ITEM #2.

MINUTES

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

12:00 PM WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26, 2020
GLOBAL GOTOMEETING VIDEO CONFERENCE PLATFORM
INITIATED AND CHAIRED FROM
LRGVDC MAIN CAMPUS - 301 W. RAILROAD STREET, WESLACO, TEXAS
BUILDING B, SMALL BOARD ROOM

PRESIDING: MAYOR JIM DARLING, PRESIDENT

- DRAFT -

President Jim Darling, called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m. Roll call was taken, and a quorum was declared.

President Darling then moved to item 2: Consideration and Action to Approve Meeting Minutes (June 24, 2020)

Commissioner David Garza made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 24, 2020 Board Meeting as presented. Mayor Pro-tem Norie Gonzalez Garza seconded; and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.

President Darling then moved to item 3: Public Comment and/or Report from Legislative Delegation and recognized Mr. Pedro Cabral, Veteran's Outreach Specialist for Hidalgo County. Mr. Cabral informed the Board that a new grant has become available called the Broken Arrow Grant. This grant will provide mortgage assistance, vehicle repair assistance, even for vehicles damaged by flooding from Hurricane Hanna, it will also provide for assistance with utilities and funeral expenses.

Upon conclusion of Public Comments, President Darling moved to item 4: Administration.

A. Presentation on State Action Plans for FY 2018/19 Disaster Funding Allocations

Mr. Cruz was recognized and introduced Ms. Esmeralda Sanchez who is a part of the Texas General Land Office Community Development and Revitalization Program (GLO-CDR). This team is responsible for oversight and project implementation for all sub recipient housing, and infrastructure contracts. With that preface, Ms. Sanchez introduced Mr. Shawn Strange, Texas General Land Office (GLO) Manager of the Policy Development Team who gave a presentation titled "Texas General Land Office, Community Development and Revitalization Program (GLO-CDR).

B. Presentation and Consider Action on 2019 Annual Audit

President Darling introduced this item and asked the Board if there were any questions on the 2019 Annual Audit. There being none, he stated that there are two critical portions of the audit. The first is on page 2 that, in summary, states that the LRGVDC Financial records meet all accounting requirements and depict proper financial conditions of the organization. The other is on page 162, the last paragraph titled "Opinion on Each Major Federal and State Program". There it states that in the auditor's opinion the LRGVDC "complied in all material respects with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal and state programs for the year ended December 31, 2019".

The President then recognized Ms. Melissa Gonzalez, Oscar R. Gonzalez, CPA & Associates for her comments. She informed the Board that our Finance Department staff does an excellent job on keeping their records in order. After all the testing that was conducted, there were no findings as noted on page 165. Upon conclusion of the report, ***Commissioner David Fuentes made a motion to accept the 2019 Annual Audit Report as presented. Councilman Johnny Garcia seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.***

C. Consideration and Action on Quarterly Investment Report

Finance Director Crystal Balboa stated that the report was provided in the meeting packet and that there were no items to report, she then opened the floor for questions. There being none, ***Commissioner David Garza made a motion to accept the Quarterly Investment Report; Mayor Pro-tem Norie Gonzalez Garza seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.***

D. Consideration and Action to Approve Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for Trail Counter Project

Mr. Cruz was recognized and informed the Board that the LRGVDC was awarded a grant through the Valley Baptist Legacy Foundation to purchase 18 bicycle pedestrian counters to collect data. The data will be analyzed by staff from the RGVMPD and shared with cities and the Texas Department of Transportation. The goal of this project is to create a methodology to collect data and use it to plan and prepare for trails and bicyclists and pedestrian facilities in the future. To date, this is the largest collective effort and partnership to collect bicycle and pedestrian data on trails in Texas.

Cities participating in the program were selected by partners and the LRGVDC for meeting various criteria including length, access to public transportation, public and state parks, connection to schools, residential, and civic services, and if the trails are promoted. Staff recommends approval of the MOU for the following cities:

- Brownsville (Southmost Hike and Bike Trail)
- San Benito (Heavin Resaca Trail)
- Harlingen (McKelvey/Arroyo Park Trail)
- McAllen (Bicentennial Hike and Bike Trail)
- Mission (Mission Hike and Bike Trail)

Mr. Cruz added that these are the initial participating cities and as this project progresses other cities will be invited to join this project. ***Commissioner Eleazar Guajardo made a motion to approve the MOU for this Trail Counter Project as presented. Mr. Ronald Mills seconded the motion.*** President Darling recommended to have legal counsel review this contract because there are many ongoing duties that have the potential for liability and obligations that flow back and forth between the LRGVDC and other member cities. He also advised the participating cities to have their own legal counsel review the document. There being no further questions or comments he called for a vote; ***upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.***

E. Consideration and Action to Approve Interlocal Agreement for RGV B-Cycle Project

Mr. Cruz informed the Board that the LRGVDC was awarded a grant through the Valley Baptist Legacy Foundation and through the Transportation Alternatives Program through the RGVMPD to create the RGV B-Cycle Program. The RGV B-Cycle Program is a regional bikeshare initiative which focuses on improving the quality of life for Valley residents by providing health and wellness options through active transportation, and “last mile” support for the various public transportation networks in the region. This program will allow residents to “rent” bicycles at a low-cost option for the purpose of recreation or transportation.

The interlocal agreement is required by the funding agency in order to move forward with the application process. At this time, the following cities are participants: Alamo, Edinburg, McAllen, and Pharr. Staff recommends approval of the Interlocal Agreement for the RGV B-Cycle project. Mr. Cruz noted that this

agreement will be a living document. Upon conclusion of discussion ***Commissioner David Garza made a motion to approve the Interlocal Agreement for the RGV B-Cycle Project. Commissioner Eleazar Guajardo seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.***

F. Consideration and Action to Approve Interlocal Agreement for Hidalgo County Active Mobility Plan Project

Mr. Cruz informed the Board that the LRGVDC was awarded a grant through the Rio Grande Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization (RGVMPO), formerly the HCMPO and through TxDOT through the Transportation Alternatives Program for the Hidalgo County Active Transportation Master Plan – This project will unify all trail and sidewalk systems in Hidalgo County and provide plans for opportunities of connection and highlight tourism destinations using active transportation. Components of active transportation include hiking, biking, horseback riding, kayaking, etc. The engineering and design firm that will be hired by the LRGVDC will be experts in bicycle and pedestrian planning, alternative transportation master plans, and tourism development plans. All cities/towns and public/private partnerships in Hidalgo County are invited to be a part of this plan and provide feedback as valuable stakeholders to ensure the most comprehensive plan is created.

Staff recommends approval of the Interlocal Agreement for the Hidalgo County Active Mobility Plan project. ***Commissioner Eleazar Guajardo made a motion to approve the Interlocal Agreement for the Hidalgo County Active Mobility Plan Project as presented. Councilman Johnny Garcia seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.***

G. Executive Director Report

1. Introduction of New Staff Members

Mr. Cruz was recognized and announced our new staff members and staff who had been promoted; photos of the individuals were shown on screen along with their title and department.

2. Census 2020

Mr. Cruz stated that staff was as surprised as everyone else with the deadline for census reporting was shortened from the original deadline extension of October 30 to September 30. Staff regrouped and assessed our census efforts. He thanked the cities and agencies that contributed to the Census 2020 campaign for a total of \$34,500 and reported on efforts using iPads that were purchased specifically for Census enumerators to use while at public events and venues. Staff has provided these iPads to various cities at their request. Staff has also been sending weekly updates on Census count percentages, and unfortunately the current count is below the 2010 census numbers. Mr. Cruz is hopeful that with a great push forward we can count many more citizens of the RGV.

Upon conclusion of Administration Items President Darling moved to item 5: Department Reports.

A. Community & Economic Development

Mr. Cruz was recognized to address the following:

Program Action Items:

1. Consideration and Action to Approve Acceptance of Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) Funding in the Amount of \$100,044.00, and Contingent upon TWDB Approval, Execute Subcontract with Research, Applied Technology, Education, and Services (RATES) to Conduct Freshwater Flow Monitoring and Reporting.

Mr. Cruz informed the Board that last December, under the direction of the Regional Water Resource Advisory Committee (RWRAC), the LRGVDC submitted an application for funding to the TWDB to conduct Real-time Hydrologic Fresh Water Monitoring in the International Boundary and Water

Commission (IBWC) Floodway, Hidalgo & Willacy Drains, and Raymondville Drain. Early this year staff received notice of the award and most recently submitted the Interagency Cooperation Contract to the TWDB and the Statement of Work for the project. As recommended by the RWRAC and contingent upon approval by the TWDB the LRGVDC will execute a subcontract with RATES to complete the Statement of Work. ***Commissioner Eleazar Guajardo made a motion to approve acceptance of TWDB funding in the amount of \$100,044.00 to execute a subcontract with RATES to conduct Freshwater Flow Monitoring and Reporting. Councilman Johnny Garcia seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.***

2. Consideration and Action to Approve Nominee to Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC)

Mr. Cruz reported that the SWAC unanimously recommends Mr. David Avila with RDA Technologies to fill the vacancy in the Private Sector category on the SWAC. ***Commissioner David Fuentes made a motion to approve Mr. David Avila's nomination to the SWAC. Commissioner Eleazar Guajardo seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.***

3. Consideration and Action to Approve Solid Waste Advisory Committee's (SWAC) Recommendation to Redistribute TCEQ Solid Waste Funds

Mr. Cruz informed the Board that no responses were received for the Request for Qualifications to do a Tire Study. Therefore the SWAC recommends redistributing the \$40,000.00 budget for this study to the 2021 Road to Recycling program events, and to hire one or more interns to research and gather data to update the Regional Solid Waste Management Plan. ***Commissioner Eleazar Guajardo made a motion to approve the redistribution of funds as recommended by the SWAC. Mayor Pro-tem Rick Salinas seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.***

Program Status Reports

Mr. Cruz reported that this year's Road-to-Recycling event had 44 collection sites and resulted in the removal of 20,000 tires from the environment. Mr. Cruz then turned the floor over to Mr. Derek Katznelson. Mr. Katznelson reported that the Regional Water Resource Advisory Committee is considering the creation of an exploratory committee to investigate the process and capacity to operate a Clean Rivers Program for the Lower Rio Grande Valley Region. The proposed structure would be to have the LRGVDC as the administrative agent and partner with the Rio Grande Regional Water Authority. The RWRAC will discuss possible action at their September meeting and bring recommendations before this board. President Darling gave the reservoir level report and the status of the Mexican water debt. The remaining status reports are available for review in the meeting packet.

B. Health & Human Services

Director Jose Gonzalez was recognized to address the following items:

Program Status Reports

Mr. Gonzalez gave the status reports on additional food bags distributed in all three counties, the special initiatives, the Quality Assurance Survey, and the Telephone Reassurance Program. He added that the Quality Assurance Survey for the Home Delivered Meals will be available for the September Board meeting.

C. Public Safety

Program Action Items:

1. Consideration and Action to Approve Contract Extension to Next Generation 9-1-1 for Enterprise Geospatial Database Management System (EGDMS) Managed Service Project

Mr. Cruz was recognized and informed the Board that as part of the Emergency Communications 9-1-1

FY 20-21 Strategic Plan and as required by the Commission of State Emergency Communications (CSEC), our funding agency, the Next Gen 9-1-1 EDGMS managed service project will continue not only to improve the GIS data for 9-1-1 services but also to improve the current wireless 9-1-1 call mapping to provide accurate addresses. The vendor was selected by CSEC under Statement of Work No. 477.8.00127 as authorized by and subject to the terms and conditions of the contract with the Department of Information Resources Contract #DIR-TSO-3441. This is a CSEC and legislatively approved budget line item. GEO-Comm Inc. is the vendor and the cost will be \$116,887.42.

Commissioner Eleazar Guajardo made a motion to approve the contract extension to Next Generation 9-1-1 for EDGMS Managed Service Project as presented. Councilman Johnny Garcia seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.

It was the consensus of the Board to take action on items 5.C.2-5 in one motion.

2. Consideration and Action to Approve Purchase of Server Networking Equipment and Accessories for emergency Communications/9-1-1 Division

In accordance with the Emergency Communications/9-1-1 FY 2020-21 Strategic Plan and the 10-year equipment replacement cycle, the new system and accessories will replace the current outdated systems. The estimated costs for a turn-key project is \$256,393.40. The current equipment has met its ideal life expectancy and this new server networking system is a critical component for day-to-day operations and the up-to-date hyper convergence technology will operate more efficiently and allow for future expansion. This is a CSEC approved budget item and the purchase will be made through Texas DIR #TS03763 with TransChes Global Management, Inc.

3. Consideration and Action to Approve Purchase of 9-1-1 Recording Equipment for Public Safety Answering Pointes (PSAPs) in Hidalgo & Willacy Counties

In accordance with the Emergency Communications/9-1-1 FY 2020/21 Strategic Plan and the 10-year equipment replacement cycle, the 9-1-1 recording equipment must be replaced at a total cost of \$196,922.00. The new equipment will replace equipment that has met its life expectancy. This equipment is used to record 9-1-1 emergency calls and text messages at all PSAPs. The new regional design proves to be more cost-effective when compared to the current traditional systems at each PSAP. This is a CSEC approved budget item and the purchase will be made through Houston-Galveston Area Council contract #RP07-20 with Vista Com as the vendor.

4. Consideration and Action to Approve Resolution for FY 2020-22 COG-21 Interoperable Communications Infrastructure Regional Project Grant

The LRGVDC's Homeland Security program applied for the Interoperable Communications Infrastructure Regional Project grant and is slated to receive \$1.1 million in funding. The grant will be used to purchase repeaters, and infrastructure hardware/software. The equipment will fill regional gaps in operable/interoperable communications identified in the LRGVDC's Regional Interoperable Communications Plan which include creating interconnectivity between bordering counties' radio communication systems and adding repeater capacity to radio sites.

5. Consideration and Action to Approve Entering into Interlocal Agreement with City of Weslaco

The LRGVDC Regional Police Academy (RPA) requests approval to enter into an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Weslaco. This agreement is for the use of the Weslaco Police Department Firing Range and will allow the RPA to utilize the facility for academy training purposes.

Upon conclusion of presentation of items 5. C. 2. - 5., Mayor Chris Boswell made a motion to approve these items as presented. Mayor Pro-tem Norie Gonzalez Garza seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.

Program Status Reports:

Upon conclusion of action Mr. Cruz noted that the status reports were available for review in the meeting packet.

D. Transportation

Valley Metro Program Director Tom Logan was recognized to report on the following items:

Program Action Items:

1. Consideration and Action to Approve Valley Metro/Hidalgo County MOU

Mr. Logan informed the Board that staff request approval to enter into an MOU with Hidalgo County Precinct 4 for the construction and installation of a bus stop at Health Education Center (HEC) Clinic in San Carlos. In accordance with the need for bus stop improvement to serve the patrons of the clinic, a cooperative effort was agreed upon involving UTRGV, Hidalgo County Precinct 4, and LRGVDC's Valley Metro. Valley Metro will provide the shelter, Precinct 4 will provide A & E and hire the contractor, and UTRGV will supervise operation of the clinic. Staff recommends approval for LRGVDC's authorized official to execute related documents. ***Commissioner Eleazar Guajardo made a motion to approve the Valley Metro/Hidalgo County MOU as presented. Councilman Johnny Garcia seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.***

Hidalgo County Precinct 4 Commissioner Ellie Torres shared her enthusiasm for this project. Ms. Veronica Gonzalez, UTRGV thanked the LRGVDC and Commissioner Torres and stated that this bus shelter will improve access to health care and education.

2. Consideration and Action to Approve Procurement of Heavy-Duty Parts from Gillig Bus Manufacturing for Bus Fleet

Mr. Logan stated that staff requests Board approval to purchase Heavy-duty parts from Gillig Bus Manufacturer to refurbish Gillig busses in the Valley Metro fleet. These parts will be purchased using TxDOT grant #ICB-2018-LRGVDC-00031, the grant will cover this purchase at 100%, no local match is required. ***Commissioner Eleazar Guajardo made a motion to approve procurement of heavy-duty parts from Gillig Bus Manufacturing for Bus Fleet as presented. Councilman Johnny Garcia seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.***

Program Status Reports:

Mr. Logan reported that Valley Metro is averaging approximately 15,000 passengers per month, when during normal operations the average is approximately 70,000. Staff noticed a decrease in July with the increased shelter in place mandates. Ridership is slowly increasing, and passengers are following our recommendations to wear face coverings and maintain social distancing.

Mr. Cruz attributed the success of LRGVDC programs to the cooperation and collaborative efforts of our partners, especially during this unprecedented COVID-19 pandemic and Hurricane Hanna. He expressed optimism for the future of the Valley with continued collaborative efforts.

Item 6. – New or Unfinished Business, there being none, ***President Darling adjourned the meeting at 1:08 pm.***

Mayor Jim Darling, President

ATTEST:

Deborah Morales, Recording Secretary

ITEM #4. A.

ADMINISTRATION

**FREEDOM OF
INFORMATION ACT**

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

September 30, 2020

Item #4: Administration

- A. Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve Modification of Requirements for Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) or Public Records Requests

The LRGVDC will follow best practices concerning requests for information and have the policy updates and requirements referred to on the LRGVDC website. Instructions on how to make an FOIA request from the LRGVDC are on the following pages.

File an Open Records Request

LRGVDC's open records policies are governed by the Texas Public Information Act, Chapter 552 of the Texas Government Code. However, general questions or information about LRGVDC programs and divisions can be answered by a division's staff. LRGVDC also makes a variety of documents publicly available through its website such as its reports, budget documents, and meeting agendas and minutes.

Any information collected, assembled, or maintained by LRGVDC is available to the public and can be acquired through submitting an open records request. Submit a written request during normal business hours, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday to Friday, via one of the following options:

Email

lrgvdc@lrgvdc.org

Postal Mail
Attn: Open Records Requests
Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council
301 W Railroad
Weslaco, Tx 78596

The request does not need to use any special language but should identify as specifically as possible the information being requested. The more specific you are, the more likely you are to get the information you really want without getting a lot of extra information. A request will require the requestor's name and contact information such as an email address or phone number. The LRGVDC FOIA form must be used to file a request.

Frequently Asked Questions

What type of information is available through an open records request?

Open record requests are made for records and documents that are collected, assembled, or maintained by LRGVDC. To answer general questions or to receive general information about a LRGVDC program division, contact the program division directly.

How long will it take to receive the information?

The amount of time it takes to fill a request depends on the type and amount of information requested. If LRGVDC cannot give the requested information within 10 working days after receiving a request, LRGVDC will tell the requestor the date and time the information will be available.

Will getting the information cost me anything?

The Office of the Attorney General sets what public agencies may charge for information. The rules may be found in the Texas Administrative Code, Title 1, Sections 70.1-70.11. If a request will likely incur a cost, the requestor will be told in writing and given a chance to withdraw or change the request before having to pay.

The LRGVDC will charge the following fees for the services or materials keeping consistent with Texas Administrative Code Rule 70.3:

Copy charge

- (1) Standard paper copy – 10 cents per page. Each side that has recorded information is considered a page.
- (2) Nonstandard copy – 50 cents per page for oversize paper copy (e.g.: 11 inches by 17 inches, not including maps and photographs using specialty paper)

Labor - \$15/hr. The labor charge includes the actual time to locate, compile, manipulate data, and reproduce the requested information.

A labor charge shall not be billed in connection with complying with requests that are for 50 or fewer pages of paper records, unless the documents to be copied are located in two (2) or more separate buildings that are not physically connected with each other; or a remote storage facility.

When confidential information pursuant to a mandatory exception of the Act is mixed with public information in the same page, a labor charge may be recovered for time spent to redact, blackout, or otherwise obscure confidential information in order to release the public information.

Overhead charge A charge shall be computed at 20% of the charge made to cover any labor costs associated with a particular request.

Computer resource charge - \$1.00 per clock hour per PC or computer used.

Miscellaneous supplies The actual cost of miscellaneous supplies, such as labels, boxes, and other supplies used to produce the requested information, will be added to the total charge for public information.

Postal and shipping charges - Any related postal or shipping expenses which are necessary to transmit the reproduced information to the requesting party will be added.

These charges are subject to periodic reevaluation and update. The LRGVDC will utilize Public Information Cost Estimate Model provided by the Attorney General of the State of Texas. That cost estimate model can be found at this link:

<https://www2.texasattorneygeneral.gov/og/public-information-cost-estimate-model>

You must respond to any written estimate of charges within 10 days of the date the governmental body sent it or the request for information may be deemed withdrawn.

PUBLIC INFORMATION REQUEST

This request is made under the Freedom of Information Act and Government Code, Chapter 552, §552.002, which guarantees public access to certain, non-exempted information in the custody of governmental agencies.

DATE: _____ TIME: _____

PERSON REQUESTING INFORMATION

PRINT NAME: _____

REPRESENTING COMPANY (IF APPLICABLE): _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

PHONE NO.: _____ CELL PHONE: _____

FAX NO.: _____ E-MAIL: _____

PLEASE PROVIDE A DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INFORMATION:

In making this request, I understand that the LRGVDC is under no obligation to create a document, to do legal research, or to answer questions to satisfy my request or to comply with a standing/ongoing request for information. I further understand that copies of the information will be released only in accordance with the Texas Public Information Act, and the LRGVDC reserves the right to seek an opinion from the Texas Attorney General with regard to the release of said information. If an Attorney General's opinion is sought by the LRGVDC, you will be notified.

Signature of Requestor

ITEM #4. B. 5.

ADMINISTRATION

**RSTEC
AGREEMENT**



PARTNERSHIP PROPOSAL BETWEEN
LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL
&
RIO SOUTH TEXAS ECONOMIC COUNCIL



Through this proposal, it is sought to partner with, assist, and support the Rio South Texas Economic Council (RSTEC) to further carry out its mission and goals of promoting the region by providing limited and specific fiscal management support.

The Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council (LRGVDC), formed under Texas Law in 1967 is one of Texas' 24 regional Council of Governments (COG's) serving Cameron, Hidalgo and Willacy County. The LRGVDC promotes and encourages cooperation among local units of government in order to improve the region's health, safety, and general welfare and to plan for future development, and also holds the designation as the region's Economic Development District (EDD).

Roles/Responsibilities of LRGVDC would include:

- Provide, at no cost, limited fiscal support to assist RSTEC with financial records transfers and financial audit information requests related to FY2019 & FY2020 during which the LRGVDC provided RSTEC services including duties such as recordkeeping of monthly board meeting minutes, general ledger record keeping and issuing of various expenditure checks.
- Grant RSTEC, at no cost, access to LRGVDC meeting rooms based upon availability.
- Grant RSTEC membership in the LRGVDC under the Special Purpose District membership category

Roles/Responsibilities of RSTEC would include:

- Grant the LRGVDC membership in RSTEC under the Institutional Member membership category

Agreement Term & Renewal:

- This Agreement is for a term of twelve (12) months, beginning October 1, 2020, and subject to approval by RSTEC and LRGVDC. Renewal for another twelve (12) month term shall be subject to approval by RSTEC and LRGVDC at least sixty (60) days prior to the expiration of the current term.
- Either RSTEC or LRGVDC may terminate this agreement prior to expiration of the current term with at least sixty (60) days of notice, submitted in writing via certified mail.



About RSTEC

Founded in 2008, the Rio South Texas Economic Council (RSTEC) is a regional, membership based, economic development marketing organization focused on promoting the Rio South Texas region for business expansion and relocation.

RSTEC works to transform our region by building in-person relationships with site selection decision makers in the target industries of manufacturing, supply chain/logistics, energy, and quality of life industries and by advancing the Rio South Texas brand. RSTEC operates on the “Collaborate to Compete” model, where all Members benefit from direct and equal access to all relationships made and all prospects generated.

Furthermore, RSTEC engages in enhancing the investment attractiveness of the Rio South Texas region by supporting regional workforce pipeline development efforts and regional economic development capacity building.

The RSTEC Family of Members

Organization Name	Primary Contact	Email
Alamo EDC	Rafael Tapia	rtapia@alamotexas.org
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COSTEP	Patricia Beard	pbeard@costep.org
Greater Brownsville Incentives Corporation	Ramiro Aleman	raleman@greaterbrownsville.com
Harlingen EDC	Raudel Garza	rgarza@harlingenedc.com
I-CI Global	Torsten Buchwald	torsten.buchwald@i-ci.co
Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council	Manuel Cruz	mcruz@lrgvdc.org
McAllen EDC	Keith Patridge	keith@mcalledc.org
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SIDEE	Rene Gonzalez	ReneXavierGonzalez@sidee.com
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Rio South Texas Economic Council
FY2021 Program of Work

Activity
Host the Annual RSTEC Site Selector FamTour
Host RSTEC regional Quick-Tours for Site Selectors, Company Executives, and Decision Influencers
Host the RSTEC Building Blocks Economic Development Workshops & Member Only Speaker Dinners
Host the RSTEC Booth at the ICSC Red River Conference & Dealmaking
Facilitate collaboration between the 7 Texas Counties and the 10 Tamaulipas Municipios that make up the Rio South Texas Region
Be a thought leader in Apprenticeship & Industry 4.0
Provide GIS Planning-Zoom Prospector GIS Site Analysis & Property Listing Tool for Members on the RSTEC Website
Be an active member in the Transatlantic Business & Investment Council (TBIC) and German American Chamber of Commerce (GACC), sharing Company, Multiplier, and Decision Influencer Leads generated with the Membership
<p>Additional Member Benefits:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assistance of RSTEC ED with site visits by Site Selectors, Company Executives, and Decision Influencers; • Assistance of RSTEC ED with Workshops and Strategic Planning; • Assistance of RSTEC ED with Investment Lead RFI Requests; • Access to Company Leads generated by organizations RSTEC is affiliated with; • Access to Company Recruitment Activities by organizations RSTEC is affiliated with; • Networking, peer assistance, and collaboration among economic development stakeholders in RSTEC

All activities are subject to funding

ITEM #5. A.

**COMMUNITY
&
ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT**

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

September 30, 2020

Item #5: Community & Economic Development

A. Community & Economic Development

Program Action Item

- 1. Consideration and ACTION to Approve Creation of Regional Water Resource Advisory Committee Exploratory Subcommittee**

The Regional Water Resource Advisory Committee (RWRAC) recommends the establishment of the Clean Rivers Program Exploratory Subcommittee. The subcommittee will explore the establishment of a Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) Clean Rivers Program (CRP) for the Rio Grande Valley region. Goals include assessing the technical capability of our region's water testing capacity, petitioning the Texas state legislature, and scoping which organization would have the best capacity to assume CRP duties.

The RWRAC unanimously recommends the following six individuals as the initial subcommittee members:

Commissioner David Garza	Cameron County – Precinct 3
Mr. Carlos Sanchez	City of Harlingen
Mayor Jim Darling	City of McAllen
Mr. Saul Garcia	Hidalgo County – Precinct 1
Ms. Melisa Gonzales	City of Alamo
Dr. Chris Fuller	Research, Applied Technology, Education, and Services (RATES)

**Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council
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September 30, 2020

Item #5: Community & Economic Development

B. Community & Economic Development

Program Action Item

2. Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve Resolution Authorizing the Filing of a Flood Infrastructure Fund Application

This application will be for Financial Assistance from the Texas Water Development Board for the Lower Rio Grande Valley Regional Flood Protection Planning Project. The project aims to accurately plan for flood infrastructure for the purpose of alleviating flooding issues within the Lower Rio Grande Valley. Project tasks will occur in two phases over 36 months: 1) a hydrologic and hydraulic (H&H) study, then 2) project identification and design.

The LRGVDC and RATES, Inc., a non-profit, will be cooperating on the project with their shared LRGV Regional Watershed Coordinator and LRGVDC's Regional Water Resources Advisory Committee. Further structural and engineering design assessments will be contracted after the H&H study is completed.

Funds requested from TWDB will be \$7,983,000 with the remaining 10% match from Cameron, Hidalgo, and Willacy counties. This project will cover the 3-county area. The Lower Rio Grande Valley Regional Flood Protection Planning Project H&H locations are shown in the below map:

Application Filing and Authorized Representative Resolution

A RESOLUTION by the _____ of the _____ requesting financial assistance from the Texas Water Development Board; authorizing the filing of an application for assistance; and making certain findings in connection therewith.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE _____ OF THE _____:

SECTION 1: That an application is hereby approved and authorized to be filed with the Texas Water Development Board seeking financial assistance in an amount not to exceed \$_____ to provide for the costs of _____.

SECTION 2: That _____ be and is hereby designated the authorized representative of the _____ for purposes of furnishing such information and executing such documents as may be required in connection with the preparation and filing of such application for financial assistance and the rules of the Texas Water Development Board.

SECTION 3: That the following firms and individuals are hereby authorized and directed to aid and assist in the preparation and submission of such application and appear on behalf of and represent the _____ before any hearing held by the Texas Water Development Board on such application, to wit:

Financial Advisor: _____

Engineer: _____

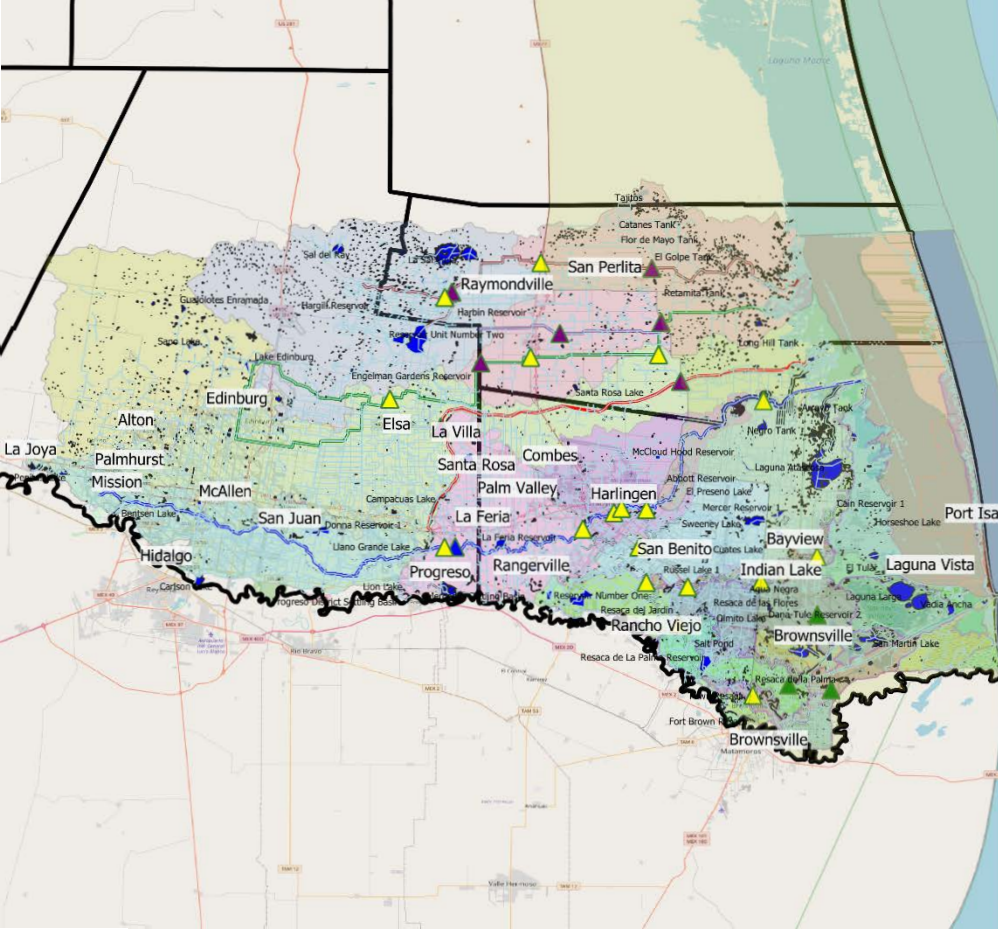
Bond Counsel: _____

PASSED AND APPROVED, this the _____ day of _____, 20____.

ATTEST: _____

By: _____

(Seal)



REON/RTHS

- ▲ Active
- ▲ Committed
- ▲ Contracted
- ▲ Proposed

National Hydrography Dataset

- Flowlines
- Waterbodies

LRGV Major Drains

- Raymondville Drain East
- Raymondville Drain West
- Willacy Main Drain
- HCCDD1 North Main Drain
- IBWC Floodway
- Arroyo Colorado East (Tidal)
- Arroyo Colorado West-Central

River & Estuary Observation Network

Rio Grande Valley

Map of Current, Contracted and Proposed Real Time Hydrologic Stations, overlaid on HUC12 Subwatersheds



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Item #5: Department Reports

A. Community & Economic Development

Program Status Reports

- Economic Development Administration

On September 3, 2020 the Economic Development Administration (EDA) officially announced selections for the EDA CARES Act Non-Competitive Economic Development District (EDD) awards and we are proud to announce that the LRGVDC has been selected as a grantee. LRGVDC, EDA CARES Act Recovery Assistance grant will allow staff to respond to the coronavirus pandemic in the region with technical assistance, project identification, and regional coordination to assist with job retention and job creation.

LRGVDC staff encourages any current or potential partners to visit the LRGVDC Economic Development webpage, <http://www.lrgvdc.org/business.html> to learn more about Economic Development Administration (EDA) funding opportunities. Currently EDA has funding for FY 2020 EDA Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance Programs including CARES Act Funding, and a new funding grant will become available October 1, 2020.

Staff is available to provide technical assistance, project development, and grant administration on EDA proposals and projects. Please contact Derek Katznelson, dkatznelson@lrgvdc.org and/or Valerie Ramos, vramos@lrgvdc.org for assistance.

- Regional Small Cities Coalition

The Regional Small Cities Coalition (RSCC) meetings will be scheduled quarterly.

The next RSCC meeting is scheduled on Thursday, November 12, at 11:30 a.m. via GoToMeeting. If you would like to join this virtual meeting, please visit the LRGVDC Upcoming Events Page on our website, lrgvdc.org. There you can find the GoToMeeting link along with a Public Comment Form. The public can submit comments to the RSCC by filling out a Public Comment Form and emailing it to Brenda Salinas at bsalinas@lrgvdc.org a day before the meeting.

- Explore RGV

The free Explore RGV app is your go to guide for all the things to check out! Learn about the outdoor hot spots, historical sites, trails for biking, and so much more! #Search#Explore#GO!

We invite you to Download the Explore RGV app at the Apple Store and Google Play or visit www.explorergv.com and to follow @goexplorergv on Twitter and Facebook.

The next Regional Tourism & Travel Advisory Committee (RTTAC) meeting has been scheduled for November 10, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. via GoToMeeting. If you would like to join this virtual meeting, please visit LRGVDC Upcoming Events page on our website, lrgvdc.org, there you will find the GoToMeeting link along with a Public Comment Form. The public can submit comments to the RTTAC by filling out a Public Comment Form and emailing it to Valerie Ramos at vramos@lrgvdc.org a day before the meeting.

- **Community & Economic Development Assistance Fund**

Staff updated our “Community & Economic Development” webpage to provide information and resources on the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) funding opportunities. The LRGVDC has been awarded funding from the TDA for the purpose of providing administrative support to the Regional Review Committee and/or related administrative assistance to the department, and technical assistance to Texas Community Development Block Grant (TxCDBG) Program. Visit our revamped webpage for more information at: <http://www.lrgvdc.org/community.html>

- **Solid Waste Management Program**

On September 22, 2020, staff facilitated a Regional Solid Waste Management Plan Virtual Forum to collect input from stakeholders on goals, objectives, and strategies for the 2022-2042 regional plan. Further comments can be made on Solid Waste goal setting by sending an email to dkatznelson@lrgvdc.org.

Staff continues to provide technical assistance, outreach, and monitoring on all Solid Waste Management Projects. Information about the Solid Waste Program is available at www.lrgvdc.org/solidwaste.html.

The next Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) meeting is scheduled for November 17, 2020 at 10:00 am via GoToMeeting. If you would like to join this virtual meeting, please visit LRGVDC Upcoming Events page on our website, lrgvdc.org where you will find the GoToMeeting link along with a Public Comment Form. Members of the public can submit comments to the SWAC by filling out a Public Comment Form and emailing it to Brenda Salinas at bsalinas@lrgvdc.org a day before the meeting.

- **Water Quality Program**

Staff continues to educate the public on water quality issues with the month of September’s #BacktoSchoolRGV hashtag. You can find our weekly educational social media postings on the LRGVDC Facebook page.

- Regional Water Resource Advisory Committee

The Regional Water Resource Advisory Committee (RWRAC) held a virtual meeting Wednesday, September 9, 2020 at 2:00 pm via GoToMeeting.

Staff and Executive Director Manuel Cruz updated RWRAC on the ability for LRGVDC's regional projects living document to be included into local hazard mitigation plans (HMAP). During each plan's amendment period, jurisdictions with regional projects can include these updated items in the HMAP. If included, a jurisdictional applicant's project can be eligible for certain state or federal grants.

The next RWRAC meeting date is TBD.

- Rio Grande Regional Water Planning Group (Region M)

The Region M Group held a Special Meeting on September 16 where they discussed and approved revisions to Water Management Strategies included in the 2021 Rio Grande Regional Water Plan (Plan). The next business meeting is scheduled on October 7, 2020 at 10:00 am via GoToMeeting. At this meeting, the Group will consider adoption of the Plan.

Please visit the Region M Website at www.riograndewaterplan.org for updates on the 2021 Rio Grande Regional Water Plan and other Rio Grande Regional Water Planning Group activities.

- Reservoir Levels

(pending)

ITEM #5. B.

**HEALTH
&
HUMAN SERVICES**

Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council
Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, September 30, 2020

Item #5: Department Reports

B. Health & Human Services

Area Agency on Aging Program Action Items Jose L. Gonzalez, Director

1. Consideration and **ACTION** to Add Vendors (Contractors) to Vendor Pool

The Area Agency on Aging issued a vendor solicitation notice to add vendors to the existing vendor pool. This is an open solicitation with no deadline. As of July 31, 2020, six (6) applications were received. The Advisory Council recommends the addition of: Hands of Angels, Angeles Divinos, New Life Home Health Services, All Generations Home Care, and Foot Solutions McAllen. The list of services and prices are attached.

Contractor Applicant List FY 2021

<u>CONTRACTOR</u>	<u>SERVICES</u>	<u>RATES</u>
Hands of Angels	Personal care	\$18.00
Angeles Divinos	Personal care	\$18.00
New Life HHS	Caregiver Respite care In home	\$13.50
	Homemaker	\$13.50
All Generations HC	Caregiver Respite Care In-home	\$13.22
	Homemaker	\$14.00
Foot Solutions McAllen	Diabetic Foot Ware Services	
	Diabetic Shoes OTC Depth Inlay A5500	\$66.84
	Diabetic Shoes Custom Made A5501	\$199.41
	Diabetic Inserts, Foot Orthotic, Heat Moldable A5512	\$27.11
	Diabetic Inserts, Custom made A5513	\$40.46

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Item #5: Department Reports

B. Health & Human Services

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

- **Area Plan 2021 - 2022**

The Area Agency on Aging received notice that the Area Plan for the period of 2021 to 2022 has been approved. The official approval letter and signed document will be sent by the Health and Human Services Commission.

- **N4a MIPPA Grant Extension**

The Area Agency on Aging received notice that the n4a Medicare Improvement Provider and Patient Act project has been extended until the end of 2020. The project was to identify health care providers and build partnerships with them to provide services to their members regarding Medicare. The initial ending of the project was December 31, 2019 but an extension was provided up to September 30, 2020.

- **Opioid Misuse Prevention for Older Texans Funding Extended**

The office of Aging Services Coordination (ASC) has issued a notification of funding in the amount of \$127,190 to continue providing medication management reviews to 1,161 individuals, provide pain management through an evidenced based intervention, and develop a capacity building strategy. This is part of the Health and Human Service strategy to continue addressing the opioid crisis among the elderly.

ITEM #5. C.

PUBLIC SAFETY

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

Wednesday, September 30, 2020

Item #5: Department Reports

C. Public Safety

Program Action Item

1. Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve Century Link as the Vendor for Connectivity of Next Generation 9-1-1 for the Regional ESINet Project

As part of the Emergency Communications 9-1-1 FY20-21 Strategic Plan and as required by our funding agency the Commission on State Emergency Communications (CSEC) staff is requesting approval to engage Century Link. Their task would be to reconfigure from legacy 9-1-1 to Next Generation 9-1-1 for our host sites at the McAllen PD and the Hidalgo County Sherriff's Office.

The cost associated for this project will be \$77,310.80. This vendor is under H-GAC contract No. EC07-20.

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Item #5: Department Reports

C. Public Safety

Program Action Item

2. Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve WSC Inc. as the Vendor for an Uninterruptible Power Supply (UPS) for McAllen Police Department

In the interest of providing continuous emergency communications/9-1-1 service, staff requests approval to procure WSC Inc. to provide the system and installation. A UPS provides a type of electricity bridge between the time the power goes out and an emergency back-up generator kicks in. The McAllen Police Department, one of our regional 9-1-1 host sites, was put under stress when the power went out during Hurricane Hanna. This UPS system is designed to deliver continuous power and alleviate future strains to 9-1-1 infrastructure.

WSC, Inc. is a licensed 9-1-1 vendor, the cost associated with this project will be \$32,344.08.

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C. Public Safety

Program Action item

3. Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve Entering into Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Cameron County

The Regional Police Academy (RPA) requests approval to enter into a MOU with Cameron County through the Cameron County Commissioner's Court. The purpose of this MOU is to allow the RPA the use of the Cameron County Airport located at 27617 Buena Vista, Los Fresnos for training purposes. This MOU will require an annual update. The currently proposed MOU has an expiration date of September 07, 2021.

2020C09295

Cameron County Commissioners' Court Agenda Request Form

No. 2-M

Date: August 31, 2020 Meeting Date Request: September 8, 2020
 Deadline for Action: September 8, 2020 Contact Person: Joe E. Vega
 Department: Parks & Recreation Phone: (956) 761-3700 Fax: (956) 761-5317
 Department Head Name: Joe E. Vega Signature: A-EV

Caption:

Consideration and authorization to execute Agreement (Contract No. 2020C09295) between Cameron County and the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council for the use of the Port Isabel-Cameron County Airport to provide police training courses and exercises.

Background: (Briefly summarize your request. If needed use separate sheet(s) or attach supporting documentation)

See attached Agreement

CONSENT

**PLEASE FILL IN ALL BLANKS WITH REQUIRED INITIALS AND FISCAL DATA INFORMATION
OR PLACE N/A IF IS NOT APPLICABLE**

County Judge N/A Auditor N/A Budget A-EV Legal ROV Human Resources N/A Purchasing N/A
 Construction Manager N/A 1295 Form _____
 Fiscal Data: Dept. Name: N/A Fund No. N/A Funds From: Department: Yes No Amt. Expended: \$ N/A
 Funds Available: Yes No General: Yes No Impact on future budget: Yes No
 Grant: Yes No

Comments:

Action taken by Commissioners' Court

Approved _____ Tabled _____ Denied _____ Motion made by _____ Seconded _____ Vote _____

THE STATE OF TEXAS §
 § KNOW ALL PERSONS
 § BY THESE PRESENTS
COUNTY OF CAMERON §

This agreement is made and entered into by and between the County of Cameron, by and through its County Judge, hereinafter called the "COUNTY", and Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council hereinafter called "LRGVDC" represented by Manuel Cruz, Executive Director.

WITNESSETH:

I.

TERM

LRGVDC shall use the property on an as needed basis from September 8, 2020 through September 7, 2021.

II.

PROPERTY INVOLVED IN AGREEMENT

The subject property in this Agreement is the area designed by the Cameron County Administrator at the County Airport. LRGVDC shall only use the designated area at the Cameron County Airport for providing police driving training courses and exercises.

III.

USE OF THE PROPERTY

The purpose of this Agreement is to permit LRGVDC to provide safety police training courses and exercises.

LRGVDC shall not alter or interfere with any existing structures, fences or facilities and will conserve the natural habitat of the property. All trash shall be removed from the property and

LRGVDC shall leave the property in a clean condition. Explosives, pyrotechnic devices of any kind, firearms, and campfires are prohibited in order to avoid the risk of fire damage.

IV.

FEES AND OBLIGATIONS

In consideration for the use of the property, LRGVDC agrees to pay to the COUNTY a fee of Fifty Dollars and No Cents (\$50.00) per day for the use of the facility. The COUNTY will invoice monthly for the amount of days used by LRGVDC. All fees are to be paid to the Cameron County Airport Manager and shall be sent to the address stated in Paragraph VI. All checks shall be made payable to the Port Isabel-Cameron County Airport.

LRGVDC agrees to contact Joe E. Vega by email at: JEVega@co.cameron.tx.us for availability and usage of the airport 30 days or more prior to scheduling the police training courses and exercises.

LRGVDC agrees to carry minimum liability insurance coverage in the amounts of \$100,000.00/300,000.00 to indemnify COUNTY while this Agreement is in force. In addition, LRGVDC will provide proof of insurance to COUNTY within five (5) days from the date of execution of this Agreement.

V.

INDEMNIFICATION

This Agreement is made upon the express condition that the COUNTY shall be free from all liabilities and claims for damages and/or suits for or by reason of any injury or injuries to any person or persons or property of any kind whatsoever, whether the person or property of LRGVDC, its agents or employees, or third persons, from any cause or causes whatsoever while in or upon said property or any part thereof during the term of this agreement occasioned by any occupancy

or use of said premises or any activity carried on by LRGVDC. LRGVDC hereby convents and agrees to indemnify and save harmless the COUNTY from all liabilities, charges, expenses (including counsel fees) and costs on account of or by reason of any such injuries, liabilities, claims, suits or losses however occurring or damages growing out of same.

VI.

NOTICES

Any notice or writing required or permitted to be given under the terms of this Agreement shall be regarded as delivered when a copy of same has been delivered to the party entitled to receive it by Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested, or by personal delivery at the address given below or such other address as a party may designate by written notice to the other party.

TO LRGVDC: Randall Snyder, Director- Regional Police Academy
Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council
301 W. Railroad
Weslaco, Texas 78596

TO COUNTY: Joe E. Vega, Airport Manager
Cameron County
33174 State Park Road 100-South
South Padre Island, Texas 78597

VII.

TERMINATION OF AGREEMENT

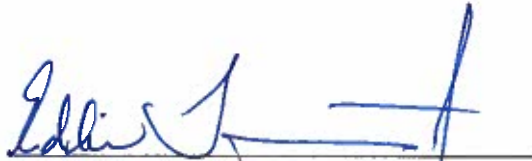
This Agreement may be terminated by either party by giving five days (5) written notice to the other party of its intention to terminate the Agreement.

VIII.

GENERAL PROVISIONS

- (a) This document embraces the entire agreement between the parties hereto and no statement, remark, agreement, or understanding, oral or written, not contained herein shall be recognized or enforced. This Agreement may be modified only by written addendum hereto signed by all parties. Further, this Agreement is not assignable.
- (b) For the purpose of this Agreement, the singular number shall include the plural, and masculine shall include the feminine and vice versa, whenever the context so admits.
- (c) The caption and headings in the Agreement are inserted solely for convenience of references, and are not a part of not intended to govern, limit and/or aid in the construction of any provision hereof.
- (d) This Agreement is governed by the laws of State of Texas and construed there under and is performable in Cameron County, Texas.
- (e) If any section, paragraph, sentence or phase hereof is held to be illegal or unenforceable by a Court of competent jurisdiction, such illegality or unenforceability shall not affect the remainder of this Agreement.

SIGNED on this the 8th day of ~~August~~ ^{September}, 2020.


Eddie Treviño, Jr., County Judge

Manuel Cruz, Executive Director
Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council

Attested By:


Sylvia Garza-Perez, County Clerk



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C. Public Safety

Program Action item

- 4. Consideration and ACTION to Approve Entering into an Agreement with Texas State Technical College**

The RPA request approval to finalize the proposed Letter of Agreement with Texas State Technical College (TSTC). The purpose of this agreement is to allow the RPA to continue use of the provided TSTC classroom for instruction and training.

LETTER OF AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
TEXAS STATE TECHNICAL COLLEGE
AND
LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
FOR

THE DEVELOPMENT OF PARTNERSHIPS WITH BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY IN THE
CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS REGION

This Letter of Agreement (Agreement) is between the **Texas State Technical College (TSTC)** located at 1902 North Loop 499, Harlingen, Texas 78550, and the **Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Corporation (LRGVDC)** located at 301 W. Railroad Street, Weslaco, Texas. In the Agreement, TSTC and the LRGVDC may be collectively referred to as the "Parties" or individually as a "Party".

1. **PURPOSE:** There is a need for education and workforce training for Law Enforcement Officers in the Cameron County, Texas region that will be served by establishing an onsite partnership with LRGVDC. This Agreement establishes a mutually beneficial relationship between LRGVDC and TSTC for education and training services and establishes responsibilities between the parties.

2. **UNDERSTANDINGS OF THE PARTIES:**

2.1. The TSTC will:

1. Donate a classroom more closely described in the attached Exhibit A, and hereinafter referred to as the "Classroom", which is located on the TSTC campus for the Police Academy.
2. Furnish the Classroom with a standard desks, chairs, and IT connectivity. Eligibility to use the Classroom will be open until this Letter of Agreement expires or the Parties dissolve the relationship.

2.2. The LRGVDC, in the course of carrying out its normal services to all public community will:

1. Accept the donation of the classroom from TSTC, in accordance with Texas Labor Code § 303.0031(f) and § 301.021.
2. Continue collaborating with the TSTC to conduct outreach to the business community.

2.3. TSTC and LRGVDC understand:

1. That TSTC is an agency of the State of Texas and the sole owner of the donated Classroom, and that the duration of this donation shall be for the term of the Agreement and no longer.
2. That this donation is made pursuant to the authority granted under Section 135.561, Texas Education Code, and it is in the best interest of fulfilling the mission of TSTC to donate the Classroom for use as a teaching area to LRGVDC.
3. The donation of said Classroom is made subject to The Board of Regents of Texas State Technical College finding that the Classroom is not needed for the purposes of carrying on education and training in the role and scope of the College.

3. PERSONNEL: Each Party is responsible for all costs of its personnel, including pay and benefits, support, and travel. Each Party is responsible for supervision and management of its personnel.

4. POINTS OF CONTACTS: The following points of contact will be used by the Parties to communicate in the implementation of this Agreement. Each Party may change its points of contact upon reasonable notice to the other Party.

4.1. For TSTC:
Cledia Hernandez, Provost for Harlingen Campus – Texas State Technical College – Ph. (956) 364-4020 email: cledia.hernandez@tstc.edu

4.2 For LRGVDC:
Manuel Cruz, Executive Director – Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council – Ph. (956) 682-3481 email: mcruz@lrgvdc.org

5. FUNDS AND MANPOWER: This Agreement does not document nor provide for the exchange of funds or manpower between the Parties nor does it make any commitment of funds or resources.

6. MODIFICATION OF THE AGREEMENT: This Agreement may only be modified by the written agreement of the Parties, duly signed by the authorized representatives. This Agreement will be reviewed after the first anniversary of its Effective Date then every two years in its entirety.

7. DISPUTES: Any disputes relating to this Agreement will, subject to any applicable law, Executive order, or directive, be resolved by consultation between the Parties.

8. **TERMINATION OF UNDERSTANDING:** This Agreement may be terminated in writing at will by either Party.

9. **TRANSFERABILITY:** This Agreement is not transferable except with the written consent of the Parties.

10. **ENTIRE UNDERSTANDING:** It is expressly understood that this Agreement embodies the entire understanding between the Parties regarding mutual benefits and partnerships.

11. **EFFECTIVE DATE:** This Agreement takes effect beginning on the day after the last Party signs.

12. **EXPIRATION DATE:** This Agreement expires on _____.

APPROVED:

TSTC

Texas State Technical College

LRGVDC

Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Corporation

By: _____

Cledia Hernandez
Provost, TSTC in Harlingen

By: _____

Manuel Cruz
Executive Director, LRGVDC

Date: _____

Date: _____

FORM APPROVED:

TSTC

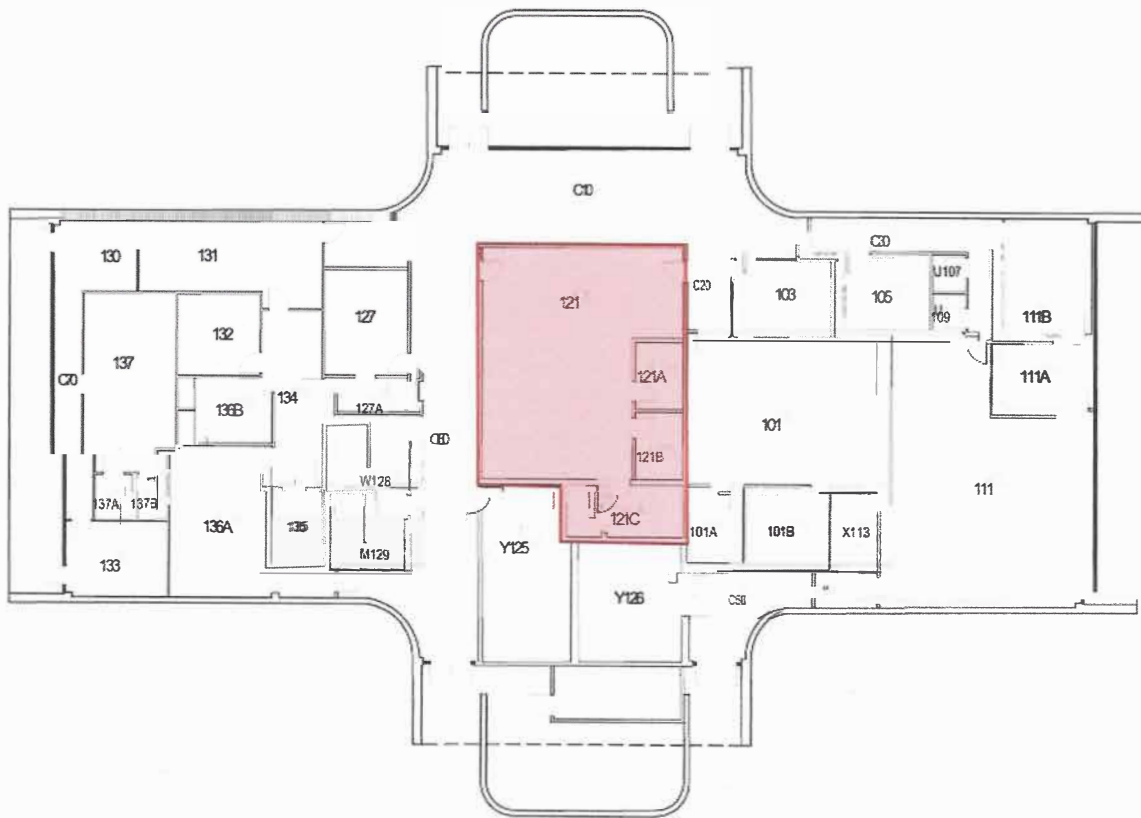
Texas State Technical College

By:

Edward C. Vallejo
Associate General Counsel
Texas State Technical College

Date:

EXHIBIT A



200A PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING

Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council Board of Directors Meeting

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C. Public Safety

Emergency Communications/9-1-1 Status Report

- Staff has attended various city commission meetings to request approval for resolutions of support for our efforts to establish a Emergency Communications District. To date the Cities of Raymondville, San Perlita, Lyford, Edcouch and Donna have approved such resolutions.
- Location Validation Program
LV staff continues working routinely issuing 9-1-1 physical addresses and addressing new subdivisions for Hidalgo and Willacy Counties. Staff has also visited incorporated cities to introduce an interlocal agreement that allows for the exchange of information regarding addressing guidelines.
- Database Program
Database staff continues validating addresses and updating the 9-1-1 database via its new GeoDatabase application. This month staff updated over 150 streets in the 911Net, and, over 500 address request calls were received which resulted in 508 address tickets for 9-1-1 physical addresses. The implementation of our web site for customers to download their physical address to electronic devices has been a big success. This method was implemented due to COVID-19 social distancing mandates.
- Mapping Program
The Mapping GIS team continues to maintain the GeoMSAG. The GIS team has attended several trainings to improve processes within our department.

One of those processes is a high priority project coordinated with the Texas Department of Health and Human Services that allows sharing information with our Public Safety Answering Points by identifying homes with potential COVID-19 patients. This information allows the Telecommunicators to alert the first responders of the need to use PPE. With the number of COVID-19 cases growing faster than expected, this process was becoming burdensome. Due to the high importance of this information, staff determined that a faster solution was needed. So they developed an advanced geocoding function that accomplishes in 4 hours what previously took days. This advancement provides Telecommunicators with the most up-to-date data quickly and accurately.

- System and Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) Operations
Our Systems team has started to receive new equipment for the upgrade for 9-1-1 servers. Staff continues delivering COVID-19 information and technical assistance in

collaboration with GIS staff. The Systems team also provides technical assistance to staff members working remotely.

- **Public Education/Training Program**

Pub Ed continues to reach out to communities through the LRGVDC Facebook page to educate residents on ECOMMS/9-1-1 and COVID-19. This month staff participated in three (3) “Back-to-School” drive-thru events hosted by the Hidalgo County Sheriff’s Office by providing 9-1-1 promotional materials. Our program is also involved in outreach efforts to increase the response rate for Census 2020. Staff has been a part of the Progreso Food Distribution, the La Villa Food Distribution and the Mercedes ISD Phone Banking Event that encouraged residents to complete their Census 2020 survey. Staff participating in these events have followed strict CDC guidelines and social distancing protocols.

Census 2020 Contest!

The LRGVDC ECOMMS/9-1-1 Department has invited LRGVDC staff to participate in a Census 2020 Contest which will take place from September 1 – 30. Contestants must help others fill out the census survey, take a picture of the census reference number and submit it to ECOMMS/9-1-1 staff. The 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners will receive a variety of LRGVDC ECOMMS/9-1-1 swag! The winners will be announced at the September 30 LRGVDC Board of Directors meeting.

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C. Public Safety

Criminal Justice Program Status Report

- Staff attended the Texas Association of Regional Councils 2020 Virtual Staff Training September 16-17 and received updates from the Public Safety Office for the coming year.
- Staff is working on planning objectives for the upcoming Criminal Justice grants cycle.

Homeland Security Program Status Report

- Staff attended the Texas Association of Regional Councils 2020 Virtual Staff Training on September 16-17 and received updates from the Public Safety Office for the coming year.
- Staff submitted special events scheduled in the region for 12/01/20 - 11/30/21 as part of the 2021 National Special Events Data Call which had a deadline of September 11. Special events are part of the region's risk profiles and play a part in LRGVDC's regional funding allocation. The COVID-19 pandemic has caused many events to be cancelled or put on hold, however, staff researched and reported all events found for the required timeframe. Event reporting will still be allowed after September 11; however, new event uploads will not be reviewed until after the initial batch of events have been processed by the Special Events Working Group.
- Staff completed Grant Project #3846101, Light Towers Brownsville-Mission Hub, which involved the purchase of 4 light towers. This equipment addresses gaps identified under the core capability, Mass Search and Rescue Operations, in the 2018 State Preparedness Report for the LRGVDC COG-21 region.
- Staff completed Grant Project #3462303, Texas Task Force-Rio Grande Valley Type 3 Equipment Project, which involved the purchase of 25 Dry Suits for Swiftwater Rescue and 50 Scott Full Face Respirators for the TTF-RGV Type 3 Team. This equipment addresses gaps identified under the core capability, Mass Search and Rescue Operations, in the 2018 State Preparedness Report for the LRGVDC COG-21 region.
- Staff received copies of the 2020 Emergency Response Guidebooks and will distribute them to emergency management coordinators in this region.
- Staff is working on planning objectives for the upcoming Homeland Security grants cycle.

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C. Public Safety

Regional Police Academy Status Report

- Both the 202nd and 203rd academy classes remain in session. The 203rd Day Academy will take their licensing exam on Tuesday September 29, 2020; a graduation ceremony is scheduled for October 2, 2020 via virtual platform.
- The 202nd Night Academy will take their licensing exam at the end of October when scheduling allows. This class has scheduled a graduation ceremony on November 6, 2020 via virtual platform.
- Entrance Testing for the Regional Police Academy has resumed. Exams are being offered with multiple opportunities and multiple dates available weekly. Testing is currently scheduled to continue through December 2020.
- The Regional Police Academy has acquired three additional vehicles for the cadets to utilize during professional police driving skills.

ITEM #5. D.

TRANSPORTATION

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Item #5: Department Reports

D. Transportation

Valley Metro Status Report Tom Logan, Director

1. Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve Procurement of Revenue Vehicles for Valley Metro Rural Fleet

Staff requests Board approval to purchase up to twelve (12) buses, including seven (7) Type II buses and five (5) Type XI buses. These buses will be incorporated into the Valley Metro Rural Motor Bus Fleet and will replace units that have met the end of their useful life.

Purchase of these vehicles will be made using TxDOT grants with matching TDCs from TxDOT, as local match. The cost of the seven Type II buses is \$532,000.00 and the cost of the five Type XI buses is \$750,301.00, for a total purchase of up to \$1,282,301.

TxDOT PGA:5339-D-2020-LRGVDC-00017 5339

Fleet Replacement with TDCs: Section 5339 (b) Discretionary Award funds will be used to purchase a total of twelve (12) vehicles:

- Five (5) Type XI vehicles and miscellaneous equipment.
- Seven (7) Type II vehicles and miscellaneous equipment.

Federal Award Amount \$1,282,301.00

TDC Awarded 256460

Budget

Milestones

ALI Description	Number of Units	Total Award	Total Match	TDC	Estimated RFP/IFB Issued	Estimated Contract Award	Estimated First Vehicle Delivered	Estimated Last Vehicle Delivered	Estimated Contract Complete
Replace - Bus <30' - 11.12.04	7	\$532,000.00	\$0.00	106400	07/31/2020	12/31/2020	09/30/2021	09/29/2023	12/29/2023
Replace - Bus 30' - 11.12.03	5	\$750,301.00	\$0.00	150060	07/31/2020	12/31/2020	09/30/2021	09/29/2023	12/29/2023

Rural Service Fleet Assignment

Number of Units	ROUTE NAME	UNIT ASSIGNED	REPLACEMENT Yes/No Type
1	21 – Sullivan City/Mission	1104	Yes Type 2 (<30')
2	43 – San Benito/Brownsville	1504	Yes Type 2 (<30')
3	50 – Brownsville/Port Isabel/Blue Line	1401	Yes Type 11 (30')
4	50 – Brownsville/Port Isabel/Blue Line	1501	Yes Type 11(30')
5	60 – Green Line/Roma	2015	Yes Type 11 (30')
6	61 – Rio Grande City West	1801	No
7	62 – Rio Grande City East	1802	No
8	Green Line 1	2020	Yes Type 11 (30')
9	Green Line 2	2019	Yes Type 2 (<30')
10	RGC DR 1	2011	Yes Type 2 (<30')
11	RGC DR 2	2012	Yes Type 2 (<30')
12	RGC DR 3	2002	Yes Type 2 (<30')
13	Zapata DR	1901	No
14	Zapata/Laredo (future)	NA	Yes Type 2 (<30')
15	Willacy DR	1808	No
16	Willacy/Harlingen (future)	NA	NA (new grant)
17	Spare 1	2003	Ordered Type 2 (<30')
18	Spare 2	2001	Type 11 (30')

Optional Equipment: Destination signs; bike racks; camera system; spare tire; fire extinguisher; First aid & biohazard kits; safety triangles; Type 11 diesel engine; Ricon lifts; Driver shields; Strobe lights; Pre-wired for two-way radio, farebox, and mobile router)



Memo

To: Rick Carrera, Procurement Director

From: Tom Logan, Director of Regional Transit

CC: Crystal Balboa, Finance Director
Maribel Contreras, Assistant Director
Nancy Sanchez, Grants Coordinator I

Date: 8/25/2020

Re: Request for Procurement of Revenue Vehicles – Rural Fleet

I am writing this memo for Procurement department to proceed with the procedures to purchase revenue vehicles for rural service. The funding for this procurement will come from TxDOT's Project Grant Agreement 5339-D-2020-LRGVDC-00017.

The TxDOT Grant Agreement budget is:

- Replace Bus <30' – 11.12.04:	\$532,000.00
- Replace Bus 30' – 11.12.03:	\$750,301.00
- The total amount available is:	\$1,282,301.00

Listed below are the vehicles needed and we are using TxDOT's vehicle description as a basis for each item:

ALI Description	Number of Units	Total Award
<30' Type II	7	\$532,000.00
30' Type XI	5	\$750,301.00

Also attached are the TxDOT contracts for your reference, PO# Request Form and our Fleet Replacement Log.

Let me know if you have any questions or comments regarding this request. Thank you for your attention in this important matter.

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Valley Metro Status Report Tom Logan, Director

2. Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve Revisions to Valley Metro Operating Policies and Procedures

Staff requests Board approval to adopt revisions to Valley Metro Operating Policies and Procedures. The revisions include changes to the department, changes in employee responsibility/titles and an updated organization chart. Adoption of these revisions will ensure Valley Metro/LRGVDC remains in compliance with FTA regulations.

Operating Policies & Procedures Manual



Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council
Regional Transit Services Department

Proposed Approved date
September 30, 2020
By the LRGVDC Board of
Directors

Note* The complete document is available for review on the lrgvdc.org meetings page

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Board of Directors Meeting**

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D. Transportation

Valley Metro Status Report Tom Logan, Director

- **Ridership Report**

Both the rural and urban transit systems are in operation and all systems are monitored daily. For the month of August 2020, ridership for the urban system, which operates Monday through Saturday in the urban areas of Cameron, Hidalgo, and Starr Counties has been averaging **2,617** passengers a week. Ridership for the rural system which operates in the rural areas of Cameron, Hidalgo, Willacy, Starr, and Zapata Counties has an average of **1,463** passengers per week for the month of August.

- **COVID-19 Precautionary Measures**

- Facial-covering requirement for all passengers
- Daily cleaning with CDC-approved disinfectant
- Usage of rear-doors to board/deboard passengers
- Cordoning-off driver area
- Installation of hand sanitizer dispensers inside buses
- Issuing safety memos to staff

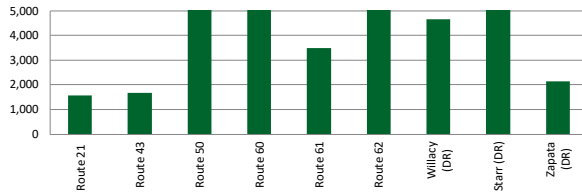
- **Regional Transportation Advisory Panel (RTAP) Activity**

The RTAP met in August to discuss regional planning and service coordination, and the next meeting is scheduled for November 26, 2020 via GoToMeeting video conference.

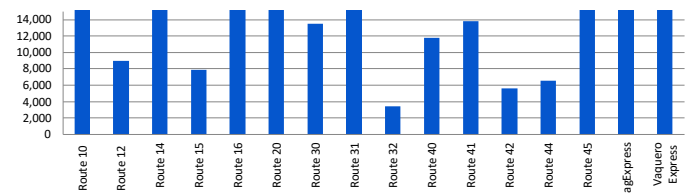


LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL Valley Metro Service Summary FY 2020 August

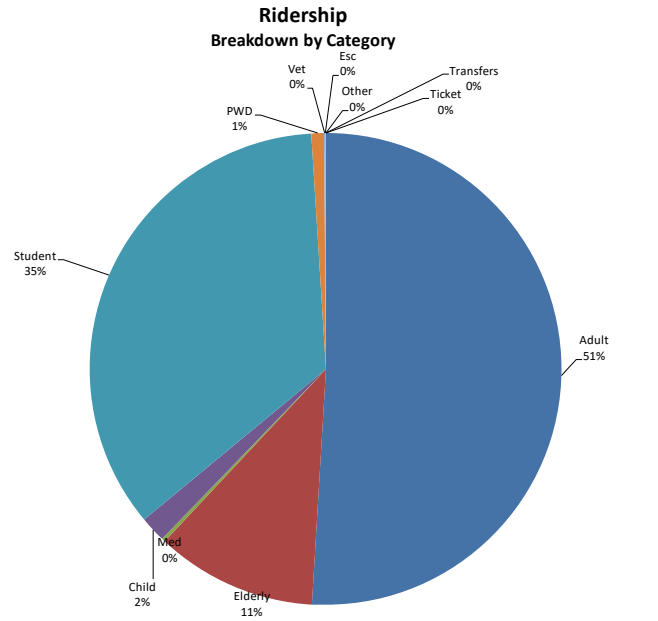
RURAL Ridership by Route



URBAN Ridership by Route



	Route	Total Passenger Trips	Route Activity	Area(s) Served
RURAL	Route 21	1,556	0%	Sullivan City, West Hidalgo County
	Route 43	1,675	0%	South Cameron County
	Route 50	45,181	7%	Brownsville, Port Isabel
	Route 60	5,443	1%	Roma, Rio Grande City
	Route 61	3,490	1%	Rio Grande City
	Route 62	5,619	1%	Rio Grande City
	Willacy (DR)	4,655	1%	Willacy County
	Starr (DR)	8,303	1%	Starr County
	Zapata (DR)	2,128	0%	Zapata County
URBAN	Metro Express	44,672	7%	Rio Grande Valley
	Route 10	24,362	4%	Edinburg
	Route 12	8,955	1%	Edcouch, Elsa, Edinburg
	Route 14	18,506	3%	Edinburg
	Route 15	7,841	1%	Edinburg
	Route 16	41,353	7%	Edinburg
	Route 20	22,993	4%	Mission
	Route 30	13,445	2%	Pharr, San Juan
	Route 31	50,047	8%	Hidalgo County
	Route 32	3,461	1%	Donna
	Route 40	11,759	2%	Harlingen
	Route 41	13,812	2%	Harlingen
	Route 42	5,583	1%	San Benito
	Route 44	6,499	1%	Primera, La Feria, Santa Rosa
	Route 45	30,201	5%	Cameron County
	JagExpress	43,006	8%	Weslaco, Pharr, McAllen
	Vaquero Express	194,609	31%	Edinburg
	Hidalgo	353	0%	City of Hidalgo
TOTAL		619,507	100%	



FY 2019 Sept-Aug
834,906

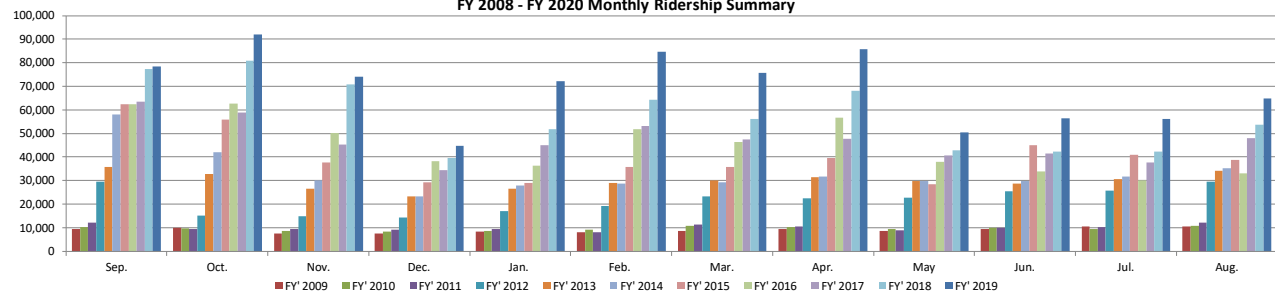
YEAR TO DATE RIDERSHIP REPORT
FY 2020 Sept-Aug
619,507

DIFFERENCE
-215,399

% DIFFERENCE
-26%

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

FY 2008 - FY 2020 Monthly Ridership Summary



Fiscal Year	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Total	Difference	%Change
FY* 2008	9,978	4,927	4,378	4,077	9,057	9,065	8,832	9,195	9,624	9,031	8,706	9,568	96,438	45,095	88%
FY* 2009	9,538	9,913	7,540	7,562	8,323	8,113	8,567	9,344	8,720	9,363	10,483	10,428	107,894	11,456	12%
FY* 2010	10,274	9,702	8,580	8,471	8,670	9,204	10,836	10,274	9,566	10,107	9,537	10,931	116,152	8,258	8%
FY* 2011	12,184	9,480	9,336	9,254	9,445	8,016	11,255	10,460	8,801	10,046	10,176	12,111	120,564	4,412	4%
FY* 2012	29,644	15,256	14,982	14,267	17,057	19,196	23,184	22,450	22,827	25,436	25,807	29,518	259,624	139,060	115%
FY* 2013	35,707	32,758	26,634	23,293	26,542	28,858	30,087	31,465	29,911	28,744	30,596	34,255	358,850	99,226	38%
FY* 2014	58,118	41,893	30,069	23,338	28,011	28,593	29,386	31,638	29,761	29,806	31,733	35,241	397,587	38,737	11%
FY* 2015	62,315	55,976	37,648	29,214	29,063	35,854	35,785	39,503	28,431	45,056	40,891	38,683	478,419	80,832	20%
FY* 2016	62,317	62,627	50,274	38,130	36,305	51,887	46,286	56,675	37,990	33,822	30,148	32,939	539,400	60,981	13%
FY* 2017	63,305	58,773	45,397	34,433	45,012	53,051	47,542	47,628	40,601	41,409	37,719	47,917	562,787	23,388	4%
FY* 2018	77,255	80,744	70,823	39,507	51,877	64,209	56,076	68,058	42,956	42,169	42,264	53,725	689,663	126,876	23%
FY* 2019	78,440	91,930	74,137	44,709	72,199	84,562	75,604	85,670	50,318	56,330	56,234	64,773	834,906	145,243	21%
FY* 2020	91,929	98,308	83,799	56,545	78,630	89,404	46,276	11,431	15,009	17,932	14,182	16,121	619,566	-215,340	-26%
Monthly Change from Previous FY	13,489	6,378	9,662	11,836	6,431	4,842	-29,328	-74,239	-35,309	-38,398	-42,052	-48,652			
% Change	17%	7%	13%	26%	9%	6%	-39%	-87%	-70%	-68%	-75%	-102%			

FY 2018 URBANIZED PERFORMANCE MEASURES*

COST EFFECTIVENESS

Cost per revenue mile = \$2.40 State Avg. = \$4.85
Cost per revenue hour = \$46.22 State Avg. = \$73.39
Cost per passenger = \$4.16 State Avg. = \$5.21

SERVICE EFFICIENCY

Passengers per revenue mile = 0.58 State Avg. = .93
Passengers per revenue hour = 11.12 State Avg. = 14.10

FY 2018 NONURBANIZED PERFORMANCE MEASURES*

COST EFFECTIVENESS

Cost per revenue mile = \$3.03 State Avg. = \$2.99
Cost per revenue hour = \$71.08 State Avg. = \$59.91
Cost per passenger = \$14.83 State Avg. = \$20.21

SERVICE EFFICIENCY

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

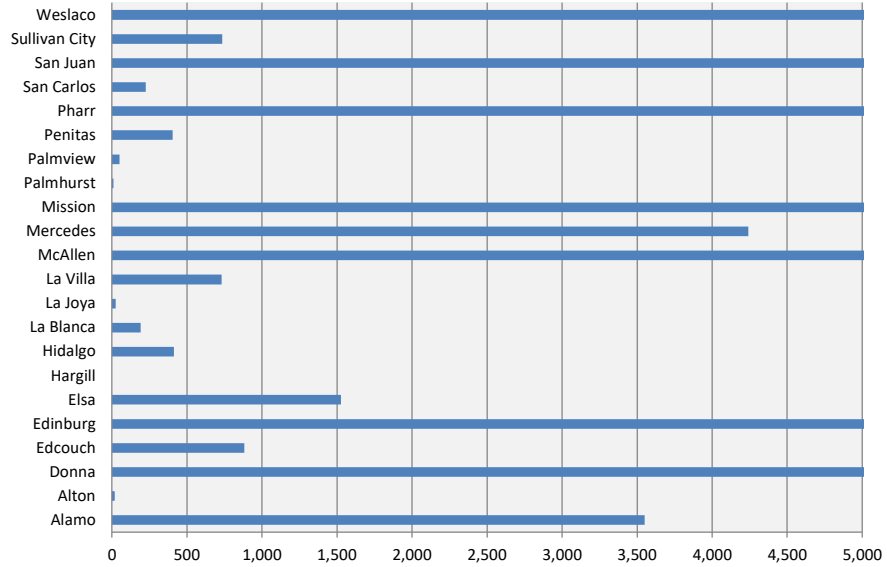
*2018 Texas Transit Statistics Preliminary Report

Distribution of Ridership

Hidalgo County

Alamo	3,551
Alton	18
Donna	7,986
Edcouch	883
Edinburg	279,245
Elsa	1,527
Hargill	0
Hidalgo	412
La Blanca	191
La Joya	25
La Villa	731
McAllen	92,514
Mercedes	4,242
Mission	12,663
Palmhurst	11
Palmview	51
Penitas	404
Pharr	17,662
San Carlos	226
San Juan	5,754
Sullivan City	734
Weslaco	11,566
Total	440,396

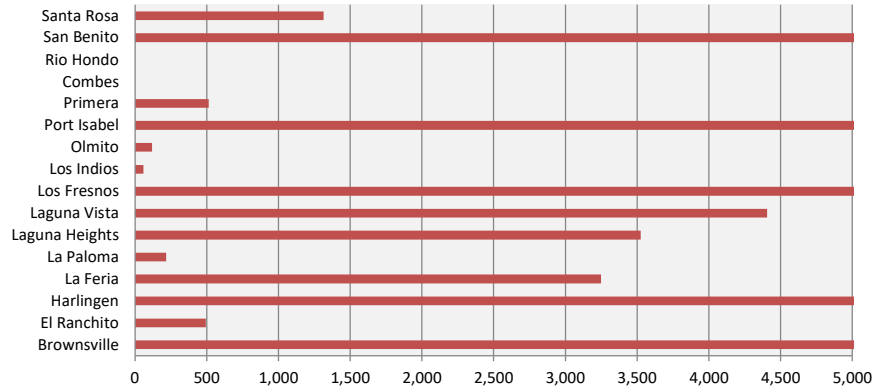
Hidalgo County by Cities



Cameron County

Brownsville	56,552
El Ranchito	492
Harlingen	46,161
La Feria	3,248
La Paloma	216
Laguna Heights	3,525
Laguna Vista	4,406
Los Fresnos	5,459
Los Indios	57
Olmito	117
Port Isabel	18,624
Primera	512
Combes	0
Rio Hondo	0
San Benito	8,848
Santa Rosa	1,315
Total	149,532

Cameron County by Cities



Willacy County

Total 4,655

Starr County

Total 22,855

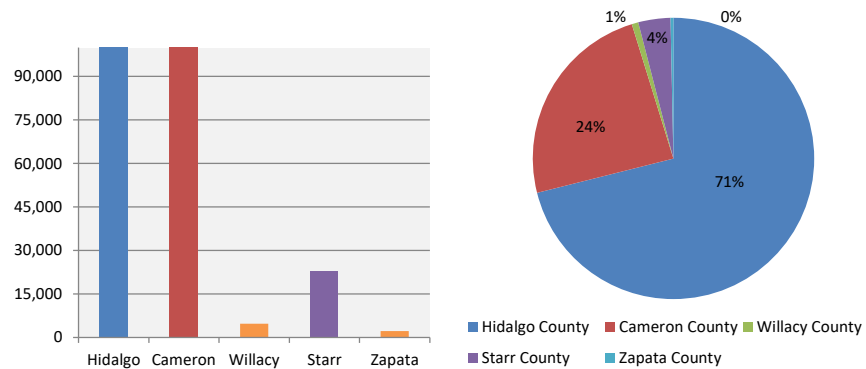
Zapata County

Total 2,128

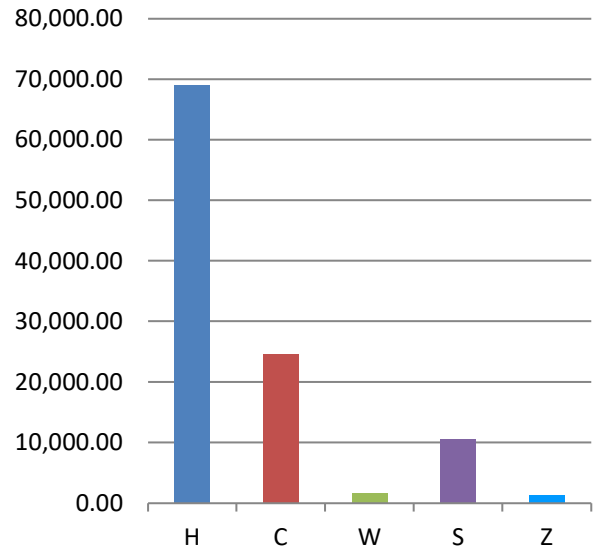
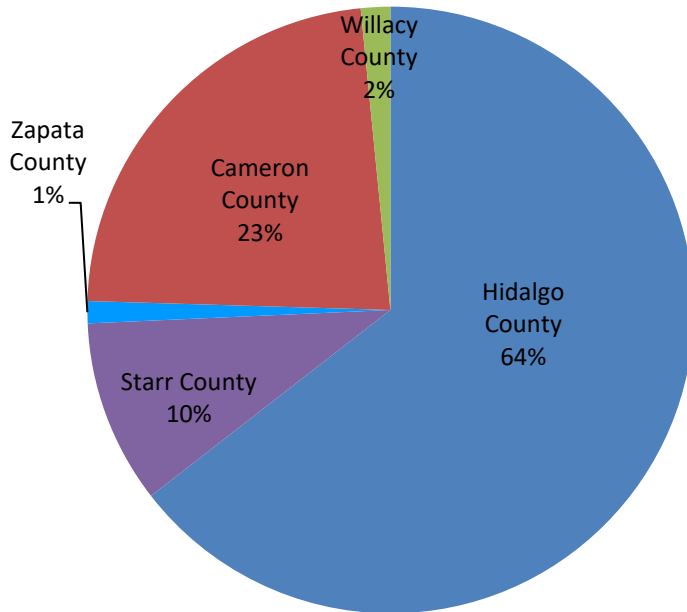
SYSTEM TOTAL

619,566

Ridership by County



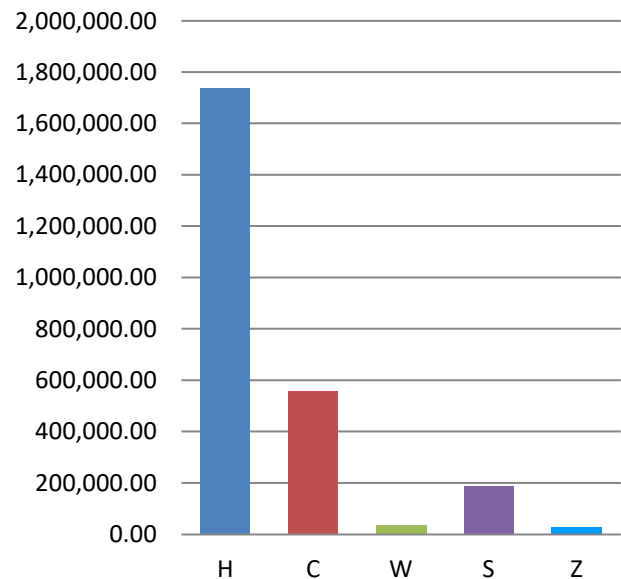
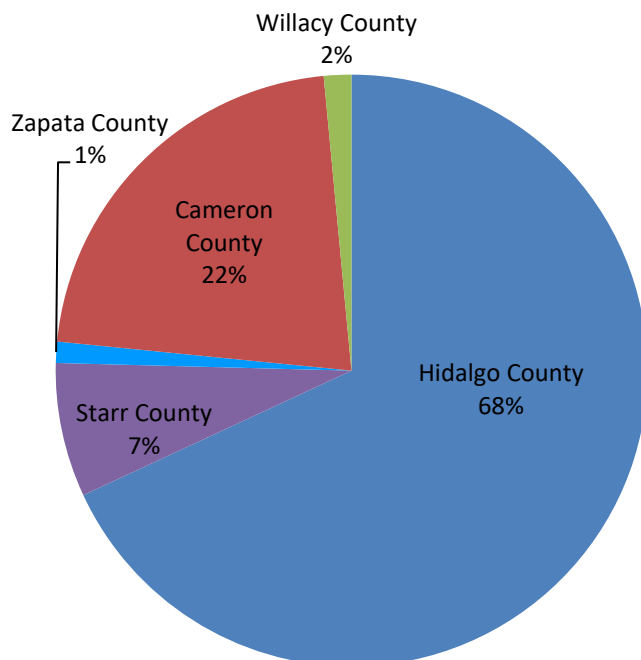
Distribution of Revenue Hours



Revenue Hours Provided

Hidalgo County	68,959.75
Starr County	10,489.24
Zapata County	1,249.75
Cameron County	24,540.25
Willacy County	1,688.45
Total Revenue Hours	106,927.44

Distribution of Revenue Miles



Revenue Miles Provided

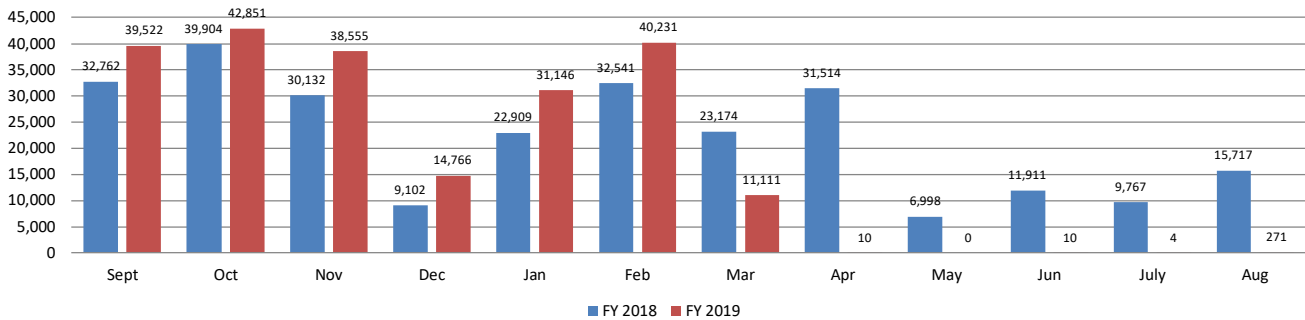
Hidalgo County	1,736,347
Starr County	187,153
Zapata County	29,118
Cameron County	559,440
Willacy County	38,590
Total Revenue Miles	2,550,648



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

Routes	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Total
10	176	203	201	116	170	156	39	0	0	0	0	0	1,061
12	521	538	400	171	236	454	211	8	0	6	3	13	2,561
14	3,555	3,918	2,433	828	2,395	3,059	749	1	0	0	0	24	16,962
15	38	10	8	0	0	19	3	0	0	0	0	0	78
16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
20	217	251	179	139	198	270	117	0	0	0	0	1	1,372
21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
30	53	61	50	35	58	64	18	0	0	0	0	0	339
31	3	3	0	2	4	4	0	0	0	4	1	0	21
32	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
41	0	7	0	0	0	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	18
42	0	0	0	0	3	10	2	0	0	0	0	0	15
44	9	3	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16
45	147	298	241	114	172	270	112	0	0	0	0	2	1,356
50	24	12	10	5	9	4	5	0	0	0	0	0	69
Vaquero Express	34,779	37,547	35,030	13,356	27,900	35,910	9,855	1	0	0	0	231	194,609
Total	39,522	42,851	38,555	14,766	31,146	40,231	11,111	10	0	10	4	271	218,477
FY 2018	32,762	39,904	30,132	9,102	22,909	32,541	23,174	31,514	6,998	11,911	9,767	15,717	266,431
Change Over Previous FY	6,760	2,947	8,423	5,664	8,237	7,690	-12,063	-31,504	-6,998	-11,901	-9,763	-15,446	

2018 - 2019 Valley Metro Routes UTRGV Student Passenger Count





**South Texas College - FY 2020
Valley Metro Routes
Monthly Cumulative Passenger Counts**

Routes	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Total
10	7	10	24	10	3	18	14	0	0	0	0	0	86
12	161	173	108	37	96	241	148	0	0	0	0	0	964
14	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
20	18	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	42
30	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
31	8	66	69	72	132	96	79	12	44	47	17	27	669
32	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
41	10	1	3	1	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	22
42	0	2	3	0	18	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	27
44	16	2	11	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	34
45	145	113	101	88	62	103	98	0	0	0	0	0	710
60	880	1,037	744	339	337	631	309	0	0	0	0	1	4,278
61	100	177	128	76	101	169	83	0	0	0	0	1	835
62	62	136	108	58	80	151	71	0	0	0	0	0	666
DR-RGC	71	94	100	79	61	87	43	0	0	0	0	0	535
Purpleline	896	845	562	236	433	837	458	0	0	0	0	0	4,267
Greenline	1,361	1,558	1,205	564	585	1,144	511	0	0	0	0	0	6,928
Total	3,735	4,239	3,166	1,565	1,908	3,489	1,816	12	44	47	17	29	20,067
Non Valley Metro Routes													
Yellowline	2,638	2,862	2,160	898	1,259	2,371	1,101	0	0	0	0	0	13,289
Park & Ride	4,075	4,608	2,817	1,040	1,659	2,715	1,156	0	0	0	0	0	18,070
Total	6,713	7,470	4,977	1,938	2,918	5,086	2,257	0	0	0	0	0	31,359
Grand Total	10,448	11,709	8,143	3,503	4,826	8,575	4,073	12	44	47	17	29	51,426
Change Over Previous Month			-3,566	-4,640	1,323	3,749	-4,502	-4,061	32	3	-30	12	



**South Texas College - Mid Valley JagExpress
STC Student Passenger Counts Comparison
FY 2019**

Direct Service

Routes	STC	UTRGV	General Public	Total
Route 12 Ecouch/Elsa-Edinburg	964	2,561	5,430	8,955
Route 31 Business 83	669	21	49,357	50,047
Purple Line	4,267		1	4,268
Yellow Line	13,289		0	13,289
Green Line	6,928		5,894	12,822
Park & Ride	18,070		-55	18,015
Route 60 Greenline Roma	4,278		1,165	5,443
Route 61 RGC West	835		2,655	3,490
Route 62 RGC East	666		4,953	5,619
DR-RGC	535		7,768	8,303
Vaquero Express		194,609	0	194,609
Total	50,501	197,191	77,168	324,860

Connecting Service

Routes	Connection	STC	UTRGV	General Public	Total
Route 10 Edinburg - McAllen	12, 31	86	1,061	23,215	24,362
Route 14 UTRGV VABL	12	2	16,962	1,542	18,506
Route 15 Edinburg	12	0	78	7,763	7,841
Route 20 Mission - McAllen	31	42	1,372	21,579	22,993
Route 30 Pharr San Juan - Edinburg	31	2	339	13,104	13,445
Route 32 Donna International Bridge	31	0	0	3,461	3,461
Route 40 Harlingen Medical	31	0	0	11,759	11,759
Route 41 Harlingen Retail	31	22	18	13,772	13,812
Route 42 San Benito Harlingen	31	27	15	5,541	5,583
Route 44 La Feria/Santa Rosa/Primera	31	34	16	6,449	6,499
Route 45 Cameron Career Connection	31	710	1,356	28,135	30,201
Total		925	21,217	136,320	158,462

Total Service

	STC	UTRGV	General Public	Total
Grand Total	51,426	218,408	213,488	483,322



**FY 2020 TSTC
Valley Metro Routes
Monthly Cumulative Passenger Counts**

Routes	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Total
10	13	11	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	27
12	18	2	9	16	6	10	18	0	0	1	0	0	80
14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
31	1	5	0	72	2	1	2	1	1	0	0	0	85
40	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	3
41	67	65	24	20	22	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	204
42	120	82	52	17	89	108	55	0	0	0	0	0	523
43	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
44	75	175	126	31	37	98	39	0	0	0	0	0	581
45	227	441	319	123	214	232	113	0	1	12	6	1	1689
50	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Willacy	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Total	523	782	531	279	373	455	227	1	2	15	6	1	3195
Change Over Previous Month		259	-251	-252	94	82	-228	-226	1	13	-9	-5	-522

TSTC Student Ridership

