

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, October 28, 2020, 12:00 Noon

GoToMeeting Video Conference

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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
- D. In Memoriam – Mayor Pro-tem Jesse Zuniga, La Feria

Item #2: Consideration and ACTION to Approve Meeting
Minutes (September 30, 2020) President

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

Item #4: Administration Manuel Cruz
Executive Director

A. Presentation on Updates from the Texas Workforce Commission ... Julian Alvarez
TWC Commissioner

B. Consideration and ACTION to Adopt Annual Investment
Policy and Accept Quarterly Investment Report Crystal Balboa
Finance Director

C. Consideration and **ACTION to Approve Contract for Landscaping..... Rick Carrera
Business Operations Director**

D. Executive Director Report

ACTION MAY BE TAKEN ON ANY OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS

LRGVDC Updates & Activities

1. Introduction of New Staff Members and Announcement of Promotions
2. It's Time Texas (Melissa Garcia, RGV Regional Manager)
3. Census 2020
4. Texas Association of Regional Councils (TARC) Updates
5. RGV Day at the Capitol
6. Upcoming 87th Legislative Session

Item #5: Department Reports

- **Community & Economic Development..... Rick Carrera
Director**

Program Action Items:

1. Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve Texas State University to Provide Professional Services to Update the Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP) and Authorize the Executive Director to Enter into an Interlocal Agreement for these Services.

Program Status Reports:

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

- **Health & Human Services Jose L. Gonzalez
Director**

Program Action Item:

1. Consideration and **ACTION** to Add Vendors (Contractors) to Vendor Pool
2. Consideration and **ACTION** to Authorize Executive Director Manuel Cruz to Sign all Documents Related to Community Development Block Grant Funding

Program Status Reports:

- Medicare Open Enrollment Period

- **Public Safety Randall Snyder
Director**

Program Status Reports:

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

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

Program Action Item:

1. Consideration and **ACTION** to Authorize the Executive Director to Negotiate and Enter into an Interlocal Agreement with City of Edinburg for the Purpose of Establishing Valley Metro Microtransit Service

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

No Meeting in November

Next Meeting Date:
Wednesday, December 9, 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, SEPTEMBER 30, 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 12:09 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 (August 26, 2020)

Commissioner David Garza made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 26, 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; there being none he moved to item 4: Administration.

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

Mr. Cruz was recognized and stated that this modification consists of establishing an official LRGVDC procedure to streamline processing requests for information and public records. The LRGVDC has followed the guidelines set forth by the Attorney General concerning requests for information, and upon Board approval will post the policy updates and requirements on the LRGVDC website. The instructions on how to make a Freedom of Information Request and File an Open Records Request from the LRGVDC were provided to the Board for review. President Darling agreed that this practice meets the Attorney General's guidelines. Upon conclusion of discussion ***Mayor Pro-tem Rick Salinas made a motion to approve the modification of requirements for Freedom of Information Act and requests for public records as presented. Commissioner David Garza seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.***

B. Executive Director Report

1. Introduction of New Staff Members

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

2. Census 2020

Mr. Cruz provided the status of LRGVDC and our partners' Census 2020 outreach work and thanked the cities that contributed to this effort. These contributions funded geofencing outreach that was concentrated on census tracts with the lowest response rates. Through another funding source staff purchased 9 (nine) iPads that were lent to cities and counties for census takers to use one-on-one at various locations in low response areas.

3. RGV Day at the Capitol
Mr. Cruz reported that coordinating the RGV Day at the Capitol has been and will continue to be a fluid process due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and revisions to social distancing mandates. Staff is waiting to see if, and how, the capitol will allow public access during the 87th legislative session. He shared “Save the Date” information provided by the RGV Partnership who is coordinating the potential trip for the RGV Day at the Capitol as well as the 2021 Legislative Tour.
4. Upcoming 87th Legislative Session
Mr. Cruz presented the 87th Legislative Session Objectives that were developed by the Texas Association of Regional Councils (TARC) and highlighted some of the high priority items.
5. Agreement between Rio South Texas Economic Council and LRGVDC

Mr. Cruz reminded the Board that the LRGVDC has had a partnership with RSTEC since 2017 whereby we have provided office space, maintained their financial accounts, and provided administrative assistance. However, RSTEC has found an opportunity for further advancement with the Council for South Texas Economic Progress (COSTEP) in McAllen. Mr. Matt Ruszczak, Executive Director of the RSTEC stated that this is a modification of the original agreement, and since RSTEC has physically relocated from the LRGVDC to COSTEP the agreement needs to be updated. In this new agreement there is a continuation of our relationship that maintains the LRGVDC as a member of RSTEC and RSTEC’s involvement with the LRGVDC. It further stipulates the closing out of the accounting process for FY 2019/2020 which ends today. Therefore, starting on October 1, 2020, the beginning of the new FY 2020/2021 COSTEP will provide all services. Upon conclusion of discussion ***Mayor Chris Boswell made a motion to approve the Agreement between RSTEC and LRGVDC as presented. Mr. Javier De Leon seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.***

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

A. Community & Economic Development

Program Action Items:

1. Consideration and Action to Approve Creation of Regional Water Resource Advisory Committee Exploratory Sub Committee

President Darling reported that the Regional Water Resource Advisory Committee (RWRAC) recommends the establishment of the Clean Rivers Program Exploratory Subcommittee. The subcommittee will explore the establishment of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) Clean Rivers Program (CRP) for the Rio Grande Valley Region. The goals of this subcommittee 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)

Upon conclusion of discussion, Mayor Chris Boswell made a motion to approve the creation of the RWRAC Exploratory Sub Committee as presented. Commissioner Pilar Garza seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.

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

President Darling reported that 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, and 2) project identification and design.

The LRGVDC and RATES, Inc., also a non-profit, will cooperate on the project with their shared LRGVDC Regional Watershed Coordinator and LRGVDC's Regional Water Resource Advisory Committee. Further structural and engineering design assessments will be contracted after the H&H study is completed. To avoid duplication on this project, the 2012 plan titled, "Lower Rio Grande Valley Regional Economic Adjustment Plan for Building Disaster Resilient Communities" will be referenced during this process. \$7,983,000.00. will be requested from the TWDB and a 10% match will be from Cameron, Hidalgo, and Willacy Counties. Mr. Cruz added that Cameron County has approved the 10% match and passed a resolution for it, the resolutions from Hidalgo and Willacy Counties are pending. ***Commissioner David Garza made a motion to approve filing a Flood Infrastructure Fund application with the caveat that creating duplication on the flood studies will be avoided. Mayor Pro-tem Norie Gonzalez Garza seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.***

Program Status Reports

The Community & Economic Development Program Status Reports were provided in the meeting packet for review.

B. Health & Human Services

Director Jose Gonzalez was recognized to address the following items:

Program Action Item

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. ***Mayor Chris Boswell made a motion to approve adding these vendors to the Vendor Pool as recommended by the Advisory Council. Mayor Pro-tem Rick Salinas seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.***

Program Status Reports

The Status Reports for the Area Agency on Aging were provided in the meeting packet for review.

C. Public Safety

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

As part of the Emergency Communications 9-1-1 FY 20-21 Strategic Plan and as required by the Commission on State Emergency Communications, staff requests approval to engage Century Link. Their task would be to reconfigure from Legacy 9-1-1 to Next Generation 9-1-1 for host sites at the McAllen PD and the Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office. The cost associated for this project is \$77,310.80 and the vendor is under H-GAC contract No. EC07-20. ***Mayor Chris Boswell made a motion to approve Century Link as the Vendor for Connectivity of Next Generation 9-1-1 for the Regional ESINet Project as presented. Commissioner Pilar Garza seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.***

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 services, 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 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 and the cost associated with this project will be \$32,344.08. ***Commissioner David Garza made a motion to approve Century Link as the Vendor for Connectivity of Next Generation 9-1-1 for the Regional ESINet Project. Mayor Pro-tem Rick Salinas seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.***

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 an 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. ***Mayor Trey Mendez made a motion to approve entering into a MOU with Cameron County as presented. Mayor Chris Boswell seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.***

4. Consideration and Action to Approve Entering into an Agreement with Texas State Technical College

The RPA requests 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. ***Commissioner Pilar Garza made a motion to approve entering into an agreement with Texas State Technical College. Commissioner Rene Villafranco seconded the motion; Mr. Javier De Leon abstained. Upon a vote the motion carried.***

Program Status Reports:

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

D. Transportation

President Darling congratulated Valley Metro Director Tom Logan on the opening of the Edinburg Transit Terminal; he commented that it is a 1st class facility and the LRGVDC should be proud of this accomplishment. He then turned the floor over to Mr. Logan who thanked President Darling for the kind words and for speaking at the Ribbon Cutting on behalf of the LRGVDC. Mr. Cruz thanked the City of Edinburg for their hospitality and the Board Members and staff who were able to attend.

Mr. Logan then reported on the following items:

Program Action Items:

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

Mr. Logan stated that Valley Metro received close to \$1.3 million from the state to replace the rural fleet of busses. Staff requests approval to purchase up to twelve (12) busses, including seven (7) Type II busses and five (5) Type XI busses. These busses 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 busses is \$532,000.00 and the cost of the five Type XI busses is \$750,301.00, for a total purchase of \$1,282,301.00. ***Mayor Chris Boswell made a motion to approve the purchase of up to twelve busses as presented. Mayor Trey Mendez seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.***

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

Mr. Logan stated that the revisions include changes to the department, changes in employee responsibility/titles and an updated organizational chart. Adoption of these revisions will ensure Valley Metro/LRGVDC remains in compliance with FTA regulations. ***Mr. Javier De Leon made a motion to approve the revisions to the Valley Metro Operating Policies and Procedures as presented. Commissioner David Garza seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.***

Program Status Reports:

President Darling asked if Valley Metro was experiencing any difficulty enforcing COVID-19 precautionary measures. Mr. Logan was happy to report that there have been no difficulties, that the public is complying. The full status reports were available in the meeting packet for review and Mr. Logan stated that ridership numbers were slowly increasing.

President Darling reminded the Board that the RGVMPPO meeting will begin at 1:30 pm.

Item 6. – New or Unfinished Business

Commissioner Garza reported that he attended the virtual TARC training last week along with Mr. Cruz and several LRGVDC staff members. He stated that the legislative agenda items that were presented earlier were approved by the TARC Board of Directors. As the alternate representative for the LRGVDC on the TARC Board of Directors he appreciated the opportunity to represent our region in this very different and informative arena.

Item 7. – Adjourn. There being no further business to come before the Board, ***President Darling adjourned the meeting at 12:51 pm.***

Mayor Jim Darling, President

ATTEST:

Deborah Morales, Recording Secretary

ITEM #4. B.

ADMINISTRATION

ANNUAL INVESTMENT POLICY & QUARTERLY INVESTMENT REPORT



Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council

Mayor Jim Darling, McAllen President
Judge Aurelio "Keter" Guerra, Willacy County 1st Vice President
Mayor Ambrosio "Amos" Hernandez, Pharr 2nd Vice President
Mayor Chris Boswell, Harlingen Secretary
Mayor Trey Mendez, Brownsville Treasurer
Mayor David Suarez, Weslaco Immediate Past President

BOARD MEMBERS

David A. Garza
Commissioner, Cameron County

David Fuentes
Commissioner, Hidalgo County

Pilar Garza
Commissioner, Alamo

Johnny Garcia
Councilman, Edinburg

Rick Salinas
Commissioner, Lyford

Henry Hinojosa
Mayor, Mercedes

Norie Gonzalez Garza
Mayor Pro-tem, Mission

George Rivera
Mayor, Palm Valley

Dave Kusch
Mayor, Primera

Edward Gonzales
Commissioner, Raymondville

Benjamin "Ben" Gomez
Mayor, San Benito

Marco "Markie" Villegas
Commissioner, San Juan

Veronica Gonzales
UT Rio Grande Valley

Paul Hernandez
South Texas College

Javier De Leon
Texas State Technical College

Troy Allen
Delta Lake Irrigation District

Ronald Mills
Willacy County Navigation District

Norma G. Garcia
Member-at-Large

Celeste Sanchez
Member-at-Large

Commissioner Jesse Zuniga
Member-at-Large

Christina Patiño Houle
Grassroots Organizations

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Manuel "Manny" Cruz

MEMORANDUM

TO: LRGVDC BOARD MEMBERS

FROM: Crystal Balboa, Director of Finance

SUBJ: LRGVDC Investment Policy

DATE: October 22, 2020

It is time again for LRGVDC's Annual consideration of our Investment Policy. Staff is recommending re-adoption of our current policy (attached). Thank you for consideration of this item and please contact me or Manuel Cruz should there be any questions.

LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL
Quarterly Investment Report
July 1, 2020 through September 30, 2020

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

Recorded Interest Income for the quarter \$850.86

	Beginning 07/01/20	Ending 09/30/20
Investments in TexPool Prime:		
Water Plan	\$62,992.07	\$63,046.22
9-1-1	433,773.89	434,146.78
TCEQ	168,651.02	108,908.20
Transit	28,653.77	28,678.40
TWDB	327.42	88,160.10
GLO-Closing Cost	99,049.73	99,134.88
Kari's Law	75,801.24	75,866.41
Tire Project	22,884.94	22,904.61
RGV Explorer	56,598.66	56,647.32
Total	\$ 948,732.74	\$ 977,492.92

TexPool Prime Rate as of September 30, 2020 – 0.2386%



Crystal Balboa
Director of Finance

ITEM #4. C.

ADMINISTRATION

**LANDSCAPING
SERVICES**

Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council
Board of Directors Meeting

October 28, 2020

Item #4: Administration

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

This contract will be for one (1) year with the option of two 1-year renewals for land and landscape services to Maldonado Nursery & Landscaping. The land and landscape services will be for all LRGVDC locations, including those in Weslaco, Harlingen, and Edinburg.

ITEM #5. A.

**COMMUNITY
&
ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT**

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

October 28, 2020

Item #5: Community & Economic Development

A. Community & Economic Development

Program Action Item

1. Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve Texas State University to Provide Professional Services to Update the Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP) and Authorize the Executive Director to an Enter into Interlocal Agreement for Said Services.

The Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) recommends that Texas State University develop the Regional Solid Waste Management Plan (RSWMP) for the next 20 years.

Previously the SWAC had decided to utilize interns to work on the RSWMP but due to lack of applications, the SWAC decided that it would be beneficial for Texas State University Institute of Government Innovation to perform the services as they bring several years of experience in producing studies and plans on related concerns for governmental entities. Additionally, they are able to meet the deadline established by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for this plan.

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Item #5: Department Reports

A. Community & Economic Development

Program Status Reports

- Economic Development Administration

LRGVDC's EDA Disaster Grant has been utilized to perform application grant work and coordination to ensure submittal of LRGVDC's Flood Infrastructure Fund Category 1 to be submitted on October 19, 2020.

Staff attended the Texas Economic Development Council Annual Conference from October 5 – October 9, 2020 to refine skills related to Economic Development technical assistance and partnership building.

Staff encourages any current or future partners to visit the LRGVDC Economic Development webpage, <http://www.lrgvdc.org/business.html> to learn more about Economic Development Administration (EDA) funding opportunities.

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 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

If you are looking for some new adventures, then Explore RGV is the perfect place to start! #Search#Explore#GO!

We invite you to Download the Explore RGV app at the Apple Store and Google Play or visit www.exploregv.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

Visit our updated “Community & Economic Development” webpage, <http://www.lrgvdc.org/community.html> that provides information and resources on the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) funding opportunities. The LRGVDC was awarded funding from 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.

- Solid Waste Management Program

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 October’s effects of spooky pollution. You can find our weekly educational social media postings on the LRGVDC Facebook page.

LRGVDC’s TCEQ contract for water quality has been renewed for another term. Future activities are to engage with the public virtually and partner with environmental and educational non-profits to distribute water quality reminder materials.

- Flood Infrastructure Fund

Staff submitted a proposal to the Texas Water Development Board for consideration for a \$7.9 million Flood Infrastructure Fund (FIF) grant. If awarded, the grant will fund The Lower Rio Grande Valley Regional Flood Protection Planning project which will promote the identification, development, and implementation of flood mitigation solutions to benefit the region. Total cost of this project, if awarded, will be \$8.87 million including local matching funds from the regional partners participating in this project. The proposal, with regionality

taken into great consideration, required considerable coordination with other area entities submitting FIF applications to ensure no duplication of objectives, outcomes or metrics would occur, greatly improving the probability of an award by TWDB.

- **Regional Water Resource Advisory Committee**

Staff continues to anticipate the Regional Flood Planning Group selection for political subdivision for the Lower Rio Grande Valley Region.

The next RWRAC meeting date is TBD.

- **Rio Grande Regional Water Planning Group (Region M)**

At their October 7, 2020 meeting the Region M Group unanimously adopted the 2021 Rio Grande Regional Water Plan which completed the 5th five-year cycle of Regional Water Planning. The Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) is in the process of developing contracts for the 6th five-year cycle of Regional Water Planning. The next Region M meeting, which will begin the 6th cycle of Regional Water Planning, is scheduled for January 6, 2021.

Please visit the Region M Website at www.riograndewaterplan.org to check out Rio Grande Regional Water Planning Group activities.

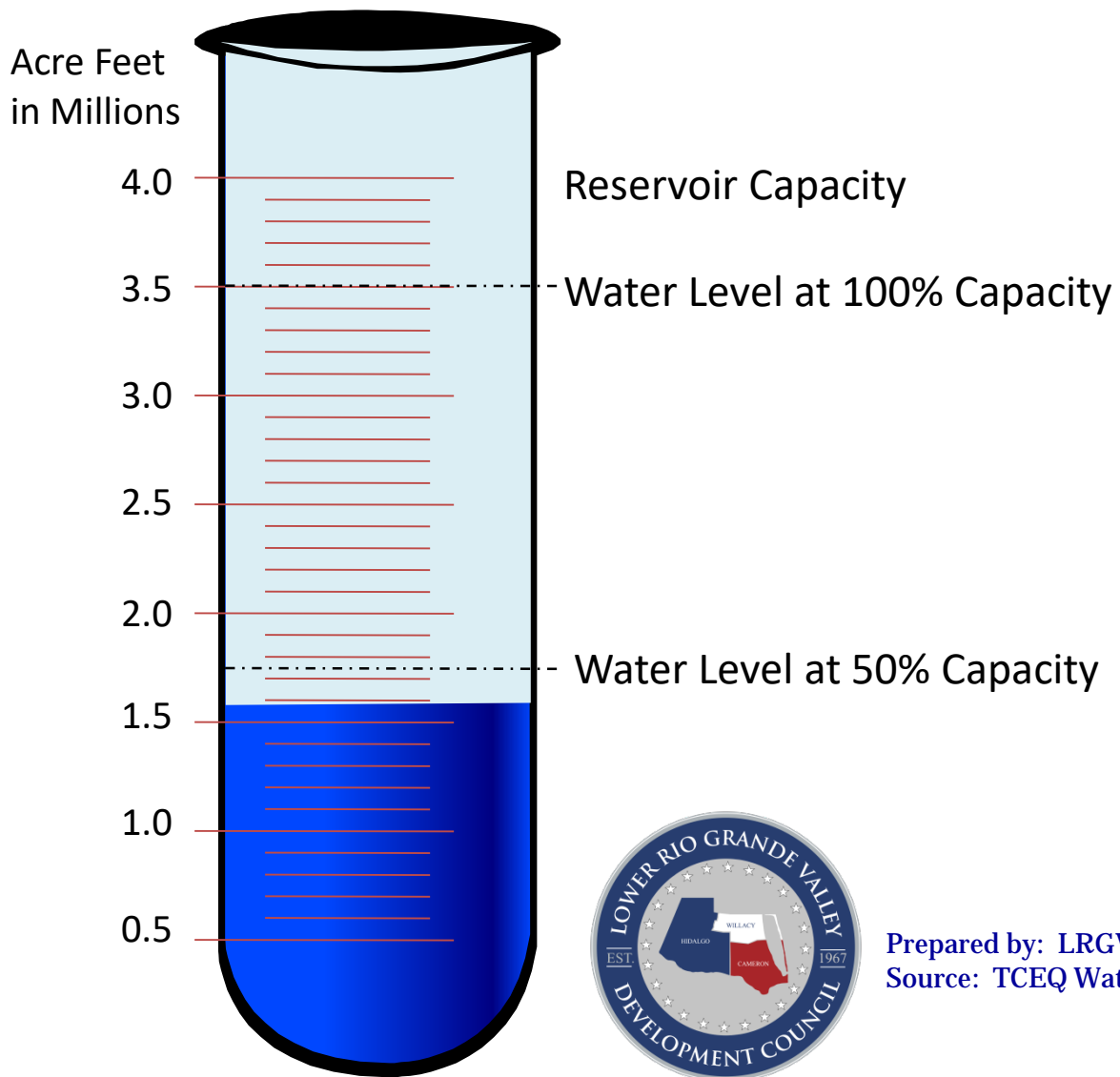
- **Reservoir Levels**

On October 17, 2020, the U.S. combined ownership at Amistad/Falcon stood at 46.85% of normal conservation capacity, impounding 1,588,992 acre-feet, down from 54.76% (1,857,337 AF) of normal conservation a year ago. Overall the system is holding 29.84% of normal conservation capacity, impounding 1,767,348 acre-feet with Amistad at 36.80% of conservation capacity, impounding 1,205,526 acre-feet and Falcon at 21.23% of conservation capacity, impounding 561,822 acre-feet. Mexico has 7.05% of normal conservation capacity, impounding 178,356 acre-feet at Amistad/Falcon.

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

10/17/2020, 44.85% of Capacity or 1,588,992 AF

Down from 1,857,337 AF of Normal Conservation a year ago



Prepared by: LRGVDC
Source: TCEQ Watermaster

**NOTE: Mexico Ownership/Reservoir Capacity for
October 17, 2020: 7.05% (178,356) A.F.**

Rio Grande Watermaster Report

10/17/20

AMISTAD RESERVOIR

Normal Conservation Elevation	340.462	Meters	1,117.00 Feet	
Water Elevation	326.900	Meters	1,072.50 Feet	-44.49
Total Normal Conservation Capacity	4,040,325	TCM	3,275,532 Acre-Feet	
Total Combined Storage	1,487,000	TCM	1,205,526 Acre-Feet	36.80%
US Share of Current Storage	1,414,000	TCM	1,146,344 Acre-Feet	95.09%
Mexico share of Current Storage	73,000	TCM	59,182 Acre-Feet	4.91%
TOTAL RELEASES AVG	29.90	CMS	1,056 CFS	
US Release AVG	26.90	CMS	950 CFS	89.97%
Mexico Release AVG	3.00	CMS	106 CFS	10.03%
TOTAL INFLOWS AVG	51.70	CMS	1,826 CFS	
US Inflows AVG	47.90	CMS	1,692 CFS	
Mexico Inflows AVG	3.80	CMS	134 CFS	
TOTAL LOSSES AVG	11.70	CMS	413 CFS	
US Reservoir Loss AVG	11.10	CMS	392 CFS	
Mexico Reservoir Loss AVG	0.60	CMS	21 CFS	

FALCON RESERVOIR

Normal Conservation Elevation	91.805	Meters	301.20 Feet	
Water Elevation	80.390	Meters	263.75 Feet	-37.45
Total Normal Conservation Capacity	3,264,813	TCM	2,646,817 Acre-Feet	
Total Combined Storage	693,000	TCM	561,822 Acre-Feet	21.23%
US Share of Current Storage	546,000	TCM	442,648 Acre-Feet	78.79%
Mexico share of Current Storage	147,000	TCM	119,174 Acre-Feet	21.21%
Total Releases AVG	34.50	CMS	1,218 CFS	
US Release AVG	34.50	CMS	1,218 CFS	100.00%
Mexico Release AVG	0.00	CMS	0 CFS	0.00%
TOTAL INFLOWS AVG	28.40	CMS	1,003 CFS	
US Inflows AVG	26.80	CMS	946 CFS	
Mexico Inflows AVG	1.60	CMS	57 CFS	
TOTAL LOSSES AVG	6.75	CMS	238 CFS	
US Reservoir Loss AVG	5.33	CMS	188 CFS	
Mexico Reservoir Loss AVG	1.42	CMS	50 CFS	

OVERALL STATUS

Normal Conservation Capacity - Amistad	4,040,325	TCM	3,275,532 Acre-Feet	
US Share of Amistad Normal Conservation	2,270,663	TCM	1,840,849 Acre-Feet	
Current US share of Normal Conservation	1,414,000	TCM	1,146,344 Acre-Feet	62.27%
Normal Conservation Capacity - Falcon	3,264,813	TCM	2,646,817 Acre-Feet	
US Share of Falcon Normal Conservation	1,913,180	TCM	1,551,034 Acre-Feet	
Current US share of Normal Conservation	546,000	TCM	442,648 Acre-Feet	28.54%
Normal Capacity - Amistad/Falcon System	7,305,138	TCM	5,922,348 Acre-Feet	
Normal Conservation Capacity - US	4,183,843	TCM	3,391,883 Acre-Feet	57.27%
Normal Conservation Capacity - Mexico	3,121,295	TCM	2,530,466 Acre-Feet	42.73%
Current Storage US	1,960,000	TCM	1,588,992 Acre-Feet	46.85%
Current Storage Mexico	220,000	TCM	178,356 Acre-Feet	7.05%
Current Storage - Amistad - Falcon System	2,180,000	TCM	1,767,348 Acre-Feet	
Percent of Storage Capacity	29.84%		29.84%	

ITEM #5. B.

**HEALTH
&
HUMAN SERVICES**

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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 the Vendor Pool

In response to the open enrollment for Direct Purchased Services, the Area Agency on Aging received ten (10) additional applications. The Advisory Council is recommending adding these organizations to the current contractor pool. The list of organizations and proposed services are attached.

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B. Health & Human Services

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

2. Consideration and **ACTION** to Authorize Executive Director Manuel Cruz to Sign all Documents Related to the Community Development Block Grant Funding

The Advisory Council recommends Board authorization for Executive Director Manuel Cruz to sign all applications and agreements on behalf of the Area Agency on Aging for CDBG funding. This authorization is for the cities of Brownsville, Edinburg, Harlingen, McAllen, Mission, Pharr, and San Benito covering the program years of 2021 – 2022 and 2022 - 2023.

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Item #5: Department Reports

B. Health & Human Services

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

- **Medicare Open Enrollment Period**

The Annual Medicare Part D open enrollment started on October 15. This is the time of year that Medicare beneficiaries have an opportunity to search for Medicare Part D options that best meet their needs. The Area Agency on Aging Benefits Counselors are available to guide clients to make the appropriate choices for their health care coverage and can also provide assistance regarding Medicare Advantage Plans. The enrollment period ends on December 7.

ITEM #5. C.

PUBLIC SAFETY

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Item #5: Department Reports

C. Public Safety

Criminal Justice Program

- Staff is planning workshops for the upcoming Criminal Justice grants cycle.
- On October 16, the Office of the Governor Criminal Justice Division released the following funding grant categories for FY 2020-21:

LRGVDC COG-21 Region				
Total CJD funding for the region is \$ 2,977,058.45 for 34 projects.				
Edward Byrne Memorial JAG Grant Program	State Criminal Justice Program (421) Fund	Truancy Prevention Grant Program	Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Formula Grant Program	Violence Against Women (VAWA) Formula Grants
11 Projects Funded	4 Projects Funded	2 Projects Funded	14 Projects Funded	3 Projects Funded
\$ 627,479.59	\$ 247,240.65	\$ 109,347.55	\$ 1,705,503.79	\$ 287,486.87

Homeland Security Program

- Staff participated in the Homeland Security Grants Division Regional conference call on October 8th and received updates from the Public Safety Office.
- Staff attended the Emergency Training Alliance Board-RGV online meeting on October 8th.
- Staff attended the Hidalgo County LEPC online meeting on October 8th.
- Staff attended the RGV Healthcare Preparedness Coalition online meeting on October 14th.

- On October 14th staff conducted an online workshop for the current grantees of FY2020-21 Homeland Security grants; 17 attended. Grantees were given information on new grant requirements. This workshop was optional as it was not a grant requirement.
- Staff is gathering information for the annual SPR (Stakeholder Preparedness Review) report which is due to the state by November 30th. The SPR is used to identify gaps in planning, organization, equipment, training, and exercises within the 32 Core Capabilities as defined by the National Preparedness Goal. The SPR feeds into the LRGVDC Regional Implementation Plan and is an important tool for the selection of projects that are funded by the Homeland Security Grants Division.
- Staff has been distributing 2020 Emergency Response Guidebooks to jurisdictions in the LRGVDC region.
- On October 16, the Office of the Governor Homeland Security Grants Division release the following funding grant categories for FY 2020-21:

LRGVDC COG-21 Region	
LETPA (Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Activities)	SHSP (State Homeland Security Program)
5 Projects Funded	15 Projects Funded
\$ 169,006.49	\$ 594,045.96
Total HSGD funding for region is \$ 763,052.45 for 20 projects.	

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Item #5: Department Reports

C. Public Safety

Emergency Communications/9-1-1 Status Report

- Emergency Communications District Update**

Of the 27 resolutions required to move forward with establishing an Emergency Communication District, 15 have been successfully passed with 12 remaining. The following table shows status of resolutions as of 10/21/2020.

Status of Resolutions to Establish ECD	
Entity	Status
1. City of Raymondville	Passed
2. City of San Perlita	Passed
3. City of Lyford	Passed
4. City of Donna	Passed
5. City of Edcouch	Passed
6. City of Elsa	Passed
7. Willacy County	Passed
8. City of La Joya	Passed
9. City of Hidalgo	Passed
10. City of Alamo	Passed
11. City of Mission	Passed
12. City of La Villa	Passed
13. City of Mercedes	Passed
14. City of Palmview	Passed
15. City of Edinburg	Passed
16. City of Palmhurst	Pending
17. City of Pharr	On Agenda for November 02, 2020
18. City of Sullivan City	Pending
19. City of McAllen	On Agenda for October 26, 2020
20. City of Alton	On Agenda for October 27, 2020
21. City of Progresso Lakes	Pending
22. Hidalgo County	Pending
23. City of Penitas	Pending
24. City of Progresso	Pending
25. City of San Juan	Pending
26. City Grajeno	Pending
27. City of Weslaco	Pending

- **Location Validation (LV) Program**
LV staff continues issuing 9-1-1 physical addresses including new subdivisions in Hidalgo and Willacy Counties. The border wall gates along the levees from the east Hidalgo boundary line to the west Hidalgo boundary line are being addressed. The levee in Hidalgo County is named “Border Fence Service Rd.”; these addresses are measured and assigned using county ranges with good results.
- **Database Program**
Database staff continues validating addresses and updating the 9-1-1 database via its new GeoDatabase application. In October the department received over 450 address request calls which resulted in 425 9-1-1 physical addresses. 707 streets in the Master Street Address Guide (MSAG) were updated this month. Staff continues validating 9-1-1 physical addresses for West Inc. This validation relates to the new voice over internet protocol telephone numbers being issued in this Region.
- **Mapping Program**
The mapping team continues mapping daily address tickets while maintaining data quality. The team has finished the GeoMSAG conversion and will continue with its maintenance. The team participated in their yearly planning meetings with ESRI to create a clear plan for achieving FY 2021 goals. Additionally, LV team members have been successfully cross trained to use the geographic information system (GIS) software and tools to enter subdivision plot information into our GIS data.
- **System and Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) Operations**
Our System and PSAP Operations Team received and installed a new 9-1-1 recording system. Staff facilitated the archiving of data from the previous recording system, installation, and training. Training on the newly installed recording system will be provided to our PSAP administrators soon. We are also installing the recently received 9-1-1 servers and are preparing to migrate to the new hyper-convergence technology servers. Our team continues to provide technical assistance to staff members that are working remotely.
- **Public Education/Training Program**
Public Education is an ongoing priority for the Emergency Communications/9-1-1 Division. Outreach efforts continue through the LRGVDC Facebook page to assist in educating residents on ECOMMS/9-1-1. This month staff distributed 2,700 Halloween bags to our 16 PSAP entities. Our staff has completed recertification on the CJIS Security Awareness Training which is valid until 2022. Selected staff has begun graphic design training on a bi-weekly basis.

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Item #5: Department Reports

C. Public Safety

Regional Police Academy Status Report

- The 203rd Basic Peace Officer Course graduated on Friday, October 02, 2020. Academy classes remain in session. The 202nd Basic Peace Officer Course is still on schedule and will graduate on November 06, 2020 via virtual platform.
- Entrance Testing for the Regional Police Academy is continuing. Testing is currently scheduled to continue through December 2020. Academy sites are anticipated to begin as they reach capacity. All satellite locations are developing and submitting safety protocols to maintain safety standards in accordance with local, state, and CDC guidelines.
- In-service courses are resuming for officers at various agencies. The Regional Police Academy plans to expand additional opportunities for in person intermediate level training at the Weslaco location.
- Instructors Vargas and Leal are currently completing the Texas Department of Public Safety Driver's Instructor Training Course in Florence Texas.

ITEM #5. D.

TRANSPORTATION

Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council
Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, October 28, 2020

Item #5: Department Reports

D. Transportation

Valley Metro Action Item Tom Logan, Director

1. Consideration and **ACTION** to Authorize the Executive Director to Negotiate and Enter into an Interlocal Agreement with City of Edinburg for the Purpose of Establishing Valley Metro Microtransit Service

Microtransit is a form of demand-responsive transport. This transit service offers flexible routing and/or flexible scheduling of minibus vehicles. Microtransit extends the efficiency and accessibility of existing transit service so that transit can be provided either as a stop-to-stop service or curb-to-curb service. Conceptually, microtransit fits somewhere between private individual transportation such as cars, taxicabs, or Uber and public mass transit (busses).

The City of Edinburg has submitted Letter of Intent (see Appendix) to move forward with Valley Metro Microtransit Project, tentatively dubbed “FAST RIDE” for the benefit of the general public. Funding for the project, both local and Federal, is currently in place.



October 21, 2020

Manuel Cruz
Executive Director
LRGVDC
301 W. Railroad St.
Weslaco, Texas 78596

Re: Edinburg Micro-transit "Edinburg Fast Ride" Service Proposal

Dear Mr. Cruz,

Please accept this letter as a statement of financial commitment from the City of Edinburg, Texas (City) for the proposed transit "Edinburg Fast Ride" service project. The City is fully committed to provide the local match of \$65,813.34. The local match is committed for the procurement of a new the transit vehicle and operating cost of one year of service. It's our understanding that our contribution will be used as local match for \$112,470.00 of Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funds administered by the LRGVDC – Valley Metro.

Furthermore, the City is committed to providing the necessary efforts to promote the new service to our residents and visitors to ensure that this project is a success and its future growth beyond the initial pilot year. As part of our commitment we will make available secured parking space at our facility for storing and preparing the unit for its daily service.

The City of Edinburg is proud to continue the partnership between the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council (LRGVDC), Valley Metro, and our federal and state counterparts. Public transportation continues to be a priority for the City as we look to connect our residents with the rest of the Rio Grande Valley. Should you have any questions or would like to discuss this further, please contact me at any time.

Sincerely,

Ron Garza,
City Manager

CC: Tomas D. Reyna, Assistant City Manager
Thomas F. Logan, Director of Regional Transit



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D. Transportation

Valley Metro Status Report Tom Logan, Director

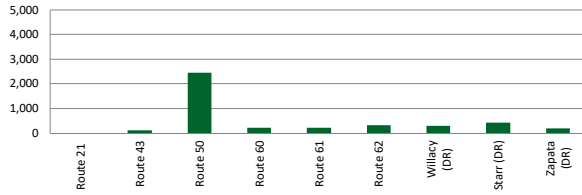
- **Ridership Report**
Both the rural and urban transit systems are in operation and all systems are monitored daily. For the month of September 2020, ridership for the urban system, which operates Monday through Saturday in the urban areas of Cameron, Hidalgo, and Starr Counties has been averaging **2817** 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 **1470** passengers per week for the month of September.
- **COVID-19 Precautionary Measures**
 - Daily cleaning with CDC-approved disinfectant
 - Usage of rear-doors to board/deboard passengers
 - Cordoning-off driver area
 - Installation of hand sanitizer dispensers inside buses
 - Issuing safety memos to staff
- **Regional Transportation Advisory Panel (RTAP) Activity**

The RTAP met in August to discuss regional planning and service coordination. The RTAP will meet again on November 24th, 2020, at 9:30am via TEAMS.

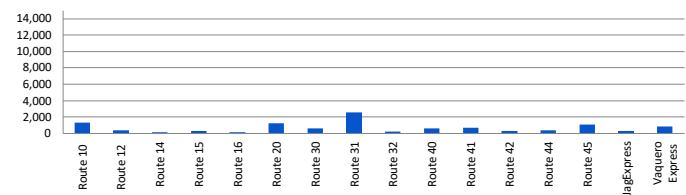


LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL
Valley Metro Service Summary
FY 2021 September

RURAL
Ridership by Route

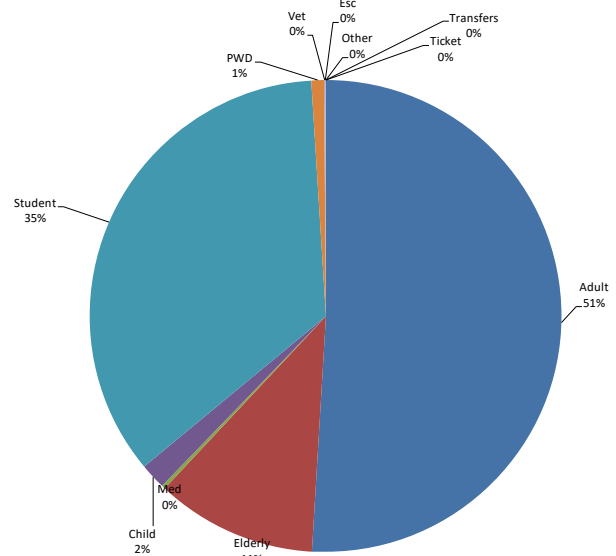


URBAN
Ridership by Route



	Route	Total Passenger Trips	Route Activity	Area(s) Served
RURAL	Route 21	0	0%	Sullivan City, West Hidalgo County
	Route 43	113	1%	South Cameron County
	Route 50	2,440	14%	Brownsville, Port Isabel
	Route 60	222	1%	Roma, Rio Grande City
	Route 61	211	1%	Rio Grande City
	Route 62	322	2%	Rio Grande City
	Willacy (DR)	281	2%	Willacy County
	Starr (DR)	424	2%	Starr County
	Zapata (DR)	185	1%	Zapata County
URBAN	Metro Express	1,682	10%	Rio Grande Valley
	Route 10	1,330	8%	Edinburg
	Route 12	354	2%	Edcouch, Elsa, Edinburg
	Route 14	126	1%	Edinburg
	Route 15	346	2%	Edinburg
	Route 16	162	1%	Edinburg
	Route 20	1,262	7%	Mission
	Route 30	600	3%	Pharr, San Juan
	Route 31	2,581	15%	Hidalgo County
	Route 32	193	1%	Donna
	Route 40	638	4%	Harlingen
	Route 41	702	4%	Harlingen
	Route 42	345	2%	San Benito
	Route 44	355	2%	Primera, La Feria, Santa Rosa
	Route 45	1,102	6%	Cameron County
	JagExpress	299	3%	Weslaco, Pharr, McAllen
	Vaquero Express	853	5%	Edinburg
	Hidalgo	18	0%	City of Hidalgo
TOTAL		17,146	100%	

Ridership Breakdown by Category



FY 2020 Sept-Aug
619,566

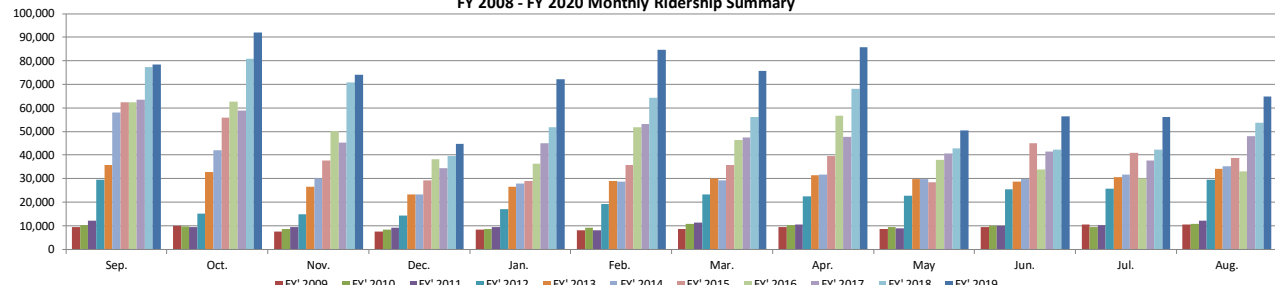
YEAR TO DATE RIDERSHIP REPORT
 FY 2021 Sept-Aug
17,146

DIFFERENCE
-602,420

% DIFFERENCE
-97%

* 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%
FY* 2021	17,146	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	17,146	-817,760	-98%
Monthly Change from Previous FY	-61,294	-91,930	-74,137	-44,709	-72,199	-84,562	-75,604	-85,670	-50,318	-56,330	-56,234	-64,773	-817,760	18,367	2%
% Change	-78%	-100%	-100%	-100%	-100%	-100%	-100%	-100%	-100%	-100%	-100%	-135%	-145%	79%	51%

FY 2018 URBANIZED PERFORMANCE MEASURES*

COST EFFECTIVENESS
 Cost per revenue mile =
 Cost per revenue hour =
 Cost per passenger =

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

\$3.03 State Avg. = \$2.99
 \$71.08 State Avg. = \$59.91
 \$14.83 State Avg. = \$20.21

SERVICE EFFICIENCY

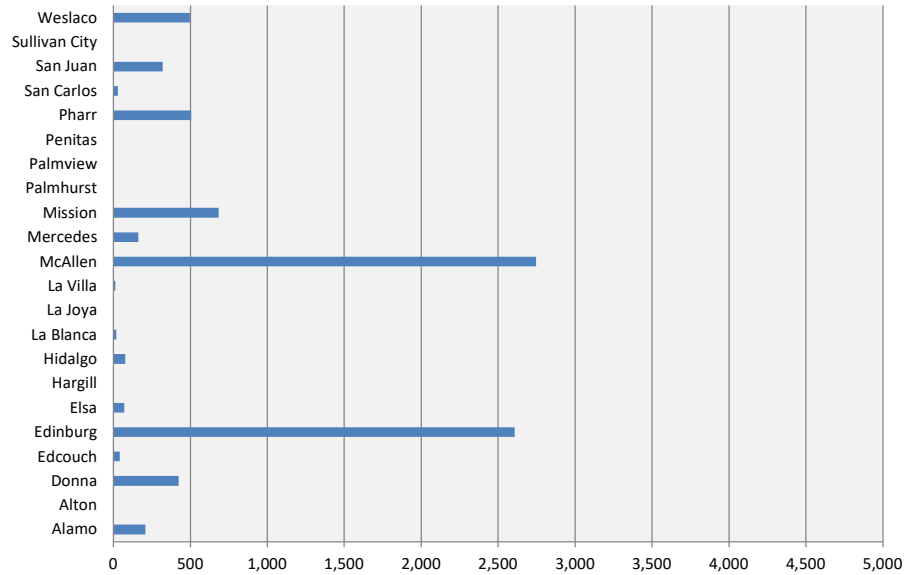
Passengers per revenue mile = 0.20 State Avg. = .15
 Passengers per revenue hour = 5.44 State Avg. = 2.96

Distribution of Ridership

Hidalgo County

Alamo	208
Alton	0
Donna	425
Edcouch	41
Edinburg	2,606
Elsa	70
Hargill	0
Hidalgo	77
La Blanca	18
La Joya	0
La Villa	12
McAllen	2,746
Mercedes	161
Mission	683
Palmhurst	0
Palmview	0
Penitas	0
Pharr	504
San Carlos	29
San Juan	319
Sullivan City	0
Weslaco	496
Total	8,395

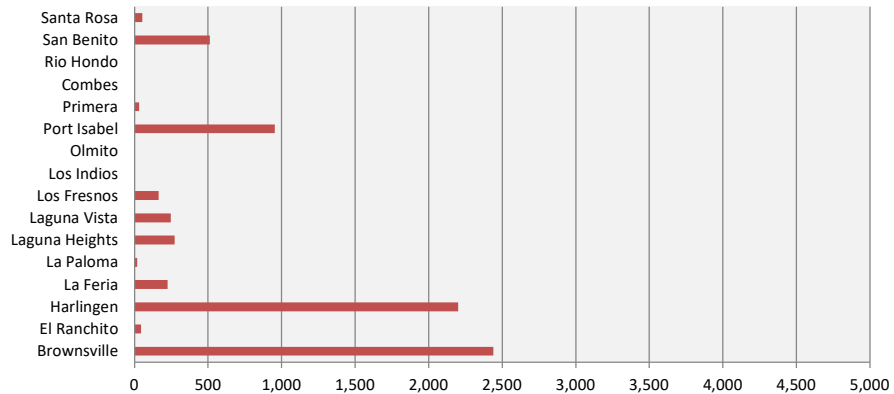
Hidalgo County by Cities



Cameron County

Brownsville	2,440
El Ranchito	44
Harlingen	2,200
La Feria	224
La Paloma	19
Laguna Heights	272
Laguna Vista	247
Los Fresnos	164
Los Indios	2
Olmito	3
Port Isabel	954
Primera	30
Combes	0
Rio Hondo	0
San Benito	513
Santa Rosa	53
Total	7,165

Cameron County by Cities



Willacy County

Total	281
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Starr County

Total	1,179
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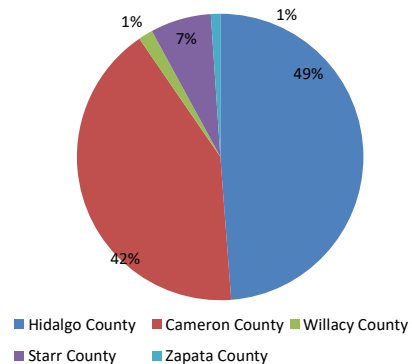
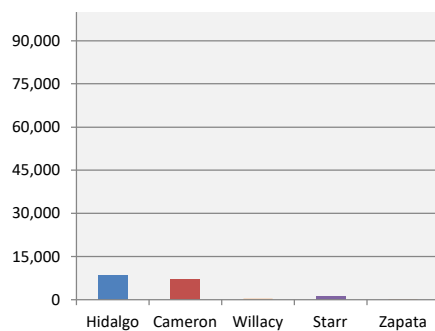
Zapata County

Total	185
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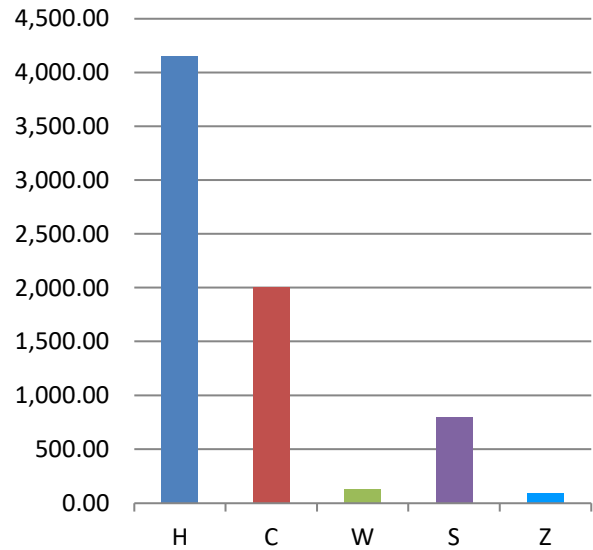
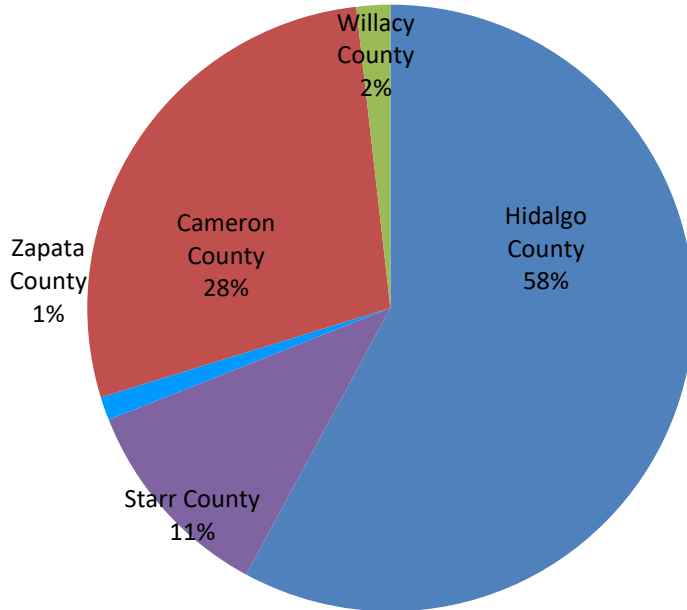
SYSTEM TOTAL

17,205

Ridership by County



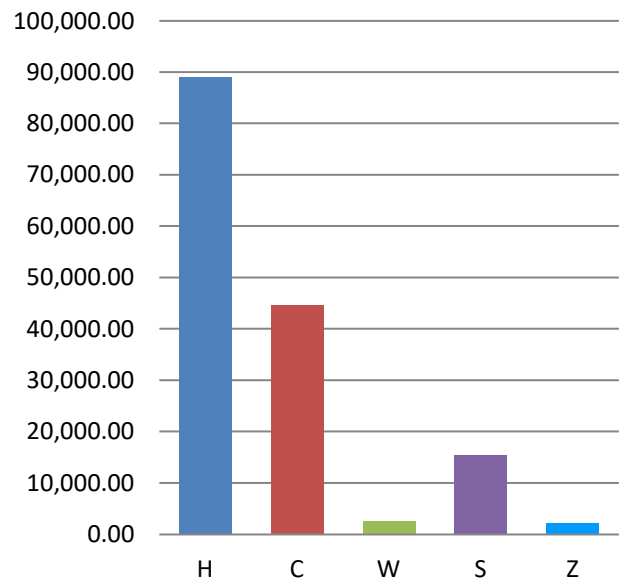
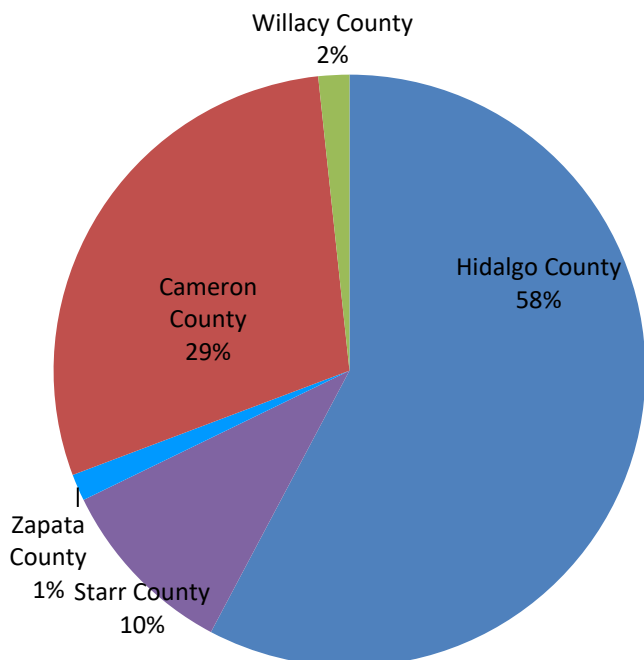
Distribution of Revenue Hours



Revenue Hours Provided

Hidalgo County	4,151.00
Starr County	795.00
Zapata County	90.00
Cameron County	2,003.00
Willacy County	130.00
Total Revenue Hours	7,169.00

Distribution of Revenue Miles



Revenue Miles Provided

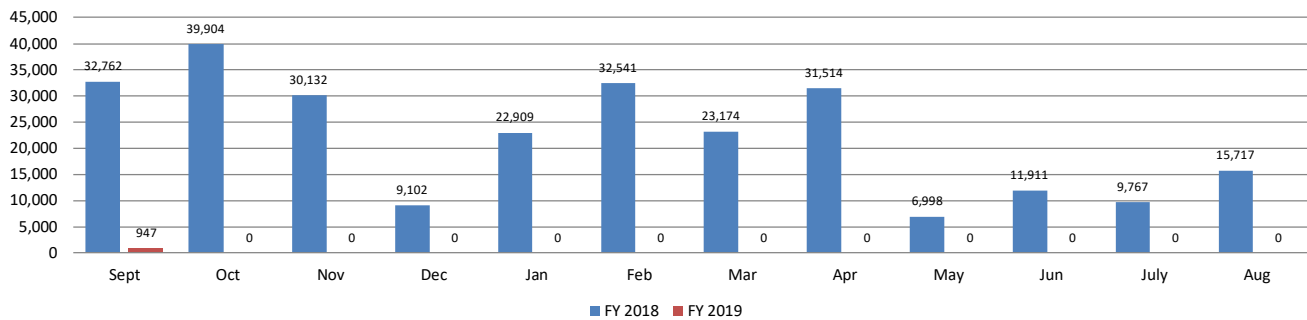
Hidalgo County	89,006
Starr County	15,452
Zapata County	2,279
Cameron County	44,748
Willacy County	2,612
Total Revenue Miles	154,097



**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	0												0
12	27												27
14	66												66
15	0												0
16	0												0
20	0												0
21	0												0
30	0												0
31	0												0
32	0												0
40	0												0
41	0												0
42	0												0
44	0												0
45	1												1
50	0												0
Vaquero Express	853												853
Total	947	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	947
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	-31,815	-39,904	-30,132	-9,102	-22,909	-32,541	-23,174	-31,514	-6,998	-11,911	-9,767	-15,717	

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	0												0
12	8												8
14	0												0
15	0												0
16	0												0
20	0												0
30	0												0
31	43												43
32	0												0
40	0												0
41	0												0
42	0												0
44	3												3
45	0												0
60	17												17
61	9												9
62	6												6
DR-RGC	0												0
Purpleline	22												22
Greenline	87												87
Total	195	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	195
Non Valley Metro Routes													
Yellowline	97												97
Park & Ride	0												0
Total	97	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	97
Grand Total	292	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	292
Change Over Previous Month			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	



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

Direct Service

Routes	STC	UTRGV	General Public	Total
Route 12 Ecouch/Elsa-Edinburg	8	27	319	354
Route 31 Business 83	43	0	2,538	2,581
Purple Line	22		14	36
Yellow Line	97		0	97
Green Line	87		301	388
Park & Ride	0		0	0
Route 60 Greenline Roma	17		205	222
Route 61 RGC West	9		202	211
Route 62 RGC East	6		316	322
DR-RGC	0		424	424
Vaquero Express		853	0	853
Total	289	880	4,319	5,488

Connecting Service

Routes	Connection	STC	UTRGV	General Public	Total
Route 10 Edinburg - McAllen	12, 31	0	0	1,330	1,330
Route 14 UTRGV VABL	12	0	66	60	126
Route 15 Edinburg	12	0	0	346	346
Route 20 Mission - McAllen	31	0	0	1,262	1,262
Route 30 Pharr San Juan - Edinburg	31	0	0	600	600
Route 32 Donna International Bridge	31	0	0	193	193
Route 40 Harlingen Medical	31	0	0	638	638
Route 41 Harlingen Retail	31	0	0	702	702
Route 42 San Benito Harlingen	31	0	0	345	345
Route 44 La Feria/Santa Rosa/Primera	31	3	0	352	355
Route 45 Cameron Career Connection	31	0	1	1,101	1,102
Total		3	67	6,929	6,999

Total Service

	STC	UTRGV	General Public	Total
Grand Total	292	947	11,248	12,487



**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	0												0
12	0												0
14	0												0
31	0												0
40	0												0
41	0												0
42	0												0
43	0												0
44	6												6
45	9												9
50	0												0
Willacy	0												0
Total	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15
Change Over Previous Month		-15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-15

TSTC Student Ridership

