



LRGVDC Updates & Activities

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3. Census 2020
4. RGV 2020 – Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)
5. 2019 Mayor’s Walk for Wellness (It’s Time Texas Community Challenge)
6. RGV BCycle Bike Share Program
7. RGV Day at the Capitol

**Item #5: Department Reports**

**A. Economic Development**

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Director

- Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Program Update

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Director

- Explore RGV

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Executive Director

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- Water Resources
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**C. Health & Human Services**

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

1. Consider Approval of Advisory Council Recommendations for Funding Allocations toward Senior Center Resources and Caregiver Services

**ACTION ITEM**

- Area Plan on Aging

**D. Public Safety**

Criminal Justice Status Report ..... Manuel Cruz, Director

- Criminal Justice Division (CJD) Grant Opportunities – FY 2019
- NIBRS (National Incident Based Reporting System)
- Regional Crime Victim’s Liaison Program

Emergency Communications Status Report ..... Manuel Cruz, Director

1. Consider Approval to Purchase Upgrade Services for Text-to-911 Platform for PSAPs in Hidalgo and Willacy County

**ACTION ITEM**

- Location Validation Program
- Database Program
- Mapping Program
- System and Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) Operations Program
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Homeland Security Status Report ..... Manuel Cruz, Director

- Homeland Security Program
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- Regional Fire Academy

Regional Police Academy Status Report ..... Randall Snyder, Training Coordinator

- In-Service Training Scheduled and Requested for February – March 2019
- Basic Peace Officer Course Graduation and TCOLE Pass Rate
- Upcoming Basic Peace Officer Course Graduation
- Community Events – August 2018 – February 2019

**E. Transportation**

Hidalgo County Metropolitan Planning Organization Status Report ..... Andrew Canon  
Director

Valley Metro Status Report..... Tom Logan, Director

- 1. Consider Approval of Revisions to Vehicle Maintenance & Facility Maintenance Policy

**ACTION ITEM**

- Ridership Report

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

**Item #7: Adjourn**

**\*REMINDER\***  
Next Meeting Date:  
**Wednesday, March 27, 2019**

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

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

**PUBLIC INPUT POLICY:**

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

**ITEM #2.**

**MINUTES**

# MINUTES

MEETING OF THE  
LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS, GENERAL MEMBERSHIP, & LRGVDC CORPORATION

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 30, 2019 – 12:00 PM  
LRGVDC MAIN CAMPUS - 301 W. RAILROAD ST., WESLACO, TEXAS  
BUILDING B, KEN JONES EXECUTIVE BOARD ROOM

PRESIDING: HON. NORMA G. GARCIA, PRESIDENT

- DRAFT-

President Norma G. Garcia called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m. Roll call was taken for the Board of Directors, General Membership and Corporation and a quorum was declared for all organizations.

The President then moved to item 2: Consider Approval of Meeting Minutes

A. May 30, 2018 Annual Elections Meeting

*Willacy County Commissioner Eddy Gonzales made a motion to approve the May 30, 2018 Annual Elections Meeting Minutes as presented. Mayor Cyndie Rathbun seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.*

B. December 5, 2018 Board of Directors Meeting

*Mayor Pro-tem Pete Garcia made a motion to approve the minutes from December 5, 2018 as presented. Commissioner Veronica Whitacre seconded the motion and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.*

President Garcia then moved to item 3: Public Comment and/or Report from Legislative Delegation, there being none she moved to item 4: Administration and addressed the following:

A. Act on Recommendations from Annual Work Program & Budget Committee RE: Adoption of FY 2019 Annual Work Program & Budget

Committee Chair Mayor David Suarez was recognized and stated that the Annual Work Program & Budget Committee met on Wednesday, January 16 to consider the 2019 Annual Work Program & Budget, and that the Committee recommended no revisions. He then turned the floor over to Mr. Ron Garza, Executive Director, who summarized the changes to the budget and thanked the committee for their time and commitment to consider these important operational tools. Upon conclusion of the summary *Mr. Ronald Mills made a motion to approve the 2019 Annual Work Program & Budget as presented. Mayor Pro-tem Norie Gonzalez Garza seconded the motion and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.*

B. Consider Approval of Quarterly and Annual Investment Report

Finance Director Crystal Balboa was recognized and presented the investment reports to the Board. *Mr. Troy Allen made a motion to accept the Quarterly and Annual Investment Reports as presented. Mayor Pro-tem Pete Garcia seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.*

## C. Executive Director Report

### 1. Introduction of New Staff Members

Mr. Garza was recognized and introduced the following new staff members: Luis Escalera, Intern for Community & Environmental Services; Angela Hernandez, Customer Service Representative for Health & Human Services; Jorge Castillo and Jose Juan, Motor Vehicle Technicians for Valley Metro. The Board warmly welcomed our new staff members to the LRGVDC.

### 2. LRGVDC Updates & Activities

Before moving to LRGVDC Updates & Activities Mr. Garza made the following announcements:

Regarding the federal government shut down, Mr. Garza stated that there had been growing concern because some of LRGVDC's programs are funded in large part by federal grants, but luckily the federal government reopened last week. He thanked Mayor Amos Hernandez for the offer of a loan from the City of Pharr if the shutdown had continued and he is relieved the LRGVDC was able to continue normal program activities.

Mr. Garza announced that Mr. Matt Ruszczak, Executive Director of the Rio South Texas Economic Council, was currently hosting a site selector tour that spans from one end of the Valley to the other. There are approximately ten guests, mostly from Europe, that are touring all four counties of the Rio Grande Valley with Mr. Ruszczak and RSTEC Members. The purpose of this tour is to discern the suitability of locations for the site selectors' clients to establish industrial businesses here.

Mr. Garza informed the Board that over the past few months he has worked with staff to customize a training program called "People First" for LRGVDC's 28 staff members that are managers and have supervisory duties. The first session took place January 17 -18 and staff was very engaged in the process. Mr. Garza highly recommended Mr. David Biemer and Mr. Rolando Garza as training presenters and added that they are able to customize their training to an organization's specifications. The second part of the training will include an anonymous survey of employees and reoccurring topics that the Management Team needs to address. He emphasized the importance of investing back into an organization's leaders.

### 3. Census 2020

Mr. Garza informed the Board that there was a Regional Census 2020 Taskforce meeting on December 11, 2018 and a Census Tract Workshop on January 27, 2019. He emphasized that the 2020 census will be *the* most important thing that we will do as a region and he highly encouraged all present to continue training and discussions about how to get the most accurate count for the 2020 census. The current focus for the census is on media and messaging and he stated that there are plans to create commercials with multiple elected officials to promote the importance of everyone completing their census forms. He also announced that the Census Bureau is currently hiring in all three counties.

### 4. RGV Day at the Capitol

Mr. Garza informed the Board that RGV Day at the Capitol was being coordinated by the RGV

Partnership. He congratulated Sergio Contreras, President & CEO of the RGV Partnership, on a successful legislative tour this past week. Over 130 key individuals participated in the tour and the input garnered from it helped clarify and unify the Valley's regional priorities.

A delegation of over 150 Valley representatives will go to Austin for RGV Day at the Capitol on February 5. A lot of time and effort has been put in by the Large and Small Cities Coalitions, from stakeholder input sessions, and from the RGV 2020 process to develop regional priorities to take to the capitol. Those involved are confident that the delegation will be unified in terms of regional priorities and support.

5. 2019 Mayors' Walk for Wellness (It's Time Texas Community Challenge)

Mr. Garza reported that the Mayors' Walk for Wellness was held on the morning of Saturday, January 5 and he thanked Texas Gas Service and Citizens Against Lawsuit Abuse for their voluntary sponsorship of this important health awareness event. He announced that the following mayors signed the Mayor's Pledge that day and participated in the walk:

1. City of Combes, Mayor Marco Sanchez
2. City of Edinburg, Mayor Richard Molina
3. City of Granjeño, Mayor Yvette Cabrera
4. City of Harlingen, Mayor Chris Boswell
5. City of Laguna Vista, Mayor Susie Houston
6. City of Los Indios, Mayor Rick Cavazos
7. City of McAllen, Mayor Jim Darling
8. City of Mission, Mayor Armando O'Caña
9. City of Palmhurst, Mayor Ramiro J. Rodriguez
10. City of Palmview, Mayor Ricardo Villarreal
11. City of Progreso, Mayor Gerardo Alanis
12. City of San Benito, Mayor Ben Gomez
13. City of Weslaco, Mayor David Suarez

Mr. Garza was delighted to announce that our 13 mayors at this regional event was the largest gathering of mayors in the entire state of Texas. He added that a challenge was issued to all 42 Valley mayors in the hope that the remaining 29 will also sign the pledge to improve the health of the citizens in their communities.

He then turned the floor over to Ms. Cindy Salazar-Collier, Manager for It's Time Texas Community Challenge. Ms. Salazar-Collier thanked the LRGVDC for our engagement with It's Time Texas. She informed the Board that the It's Time Texas Board of Directors recognizes the healthy activities in the Valley and announced that as of this past Sunday over 6,500 people have registered for the It's Time Texas initiative across nearly 30 Valley communities. She stated that this kind of engagement does a lot to change the perspective about the health and wellness in the RGV. She proudly announced that those 6,500 people have collectively reported weight loss of over 3,400 pounds and have uploaded over 7,800 "healthy selfies" which are pictures of them engaging in physical activity or eating healthy food. She also announced that approximately 2/5, or 40%, of the engagement in this challenge across the state of Texas is coming from the Rio Grande Valley! She sincerely thanked the mayors that have already signed the Mayor's Pledge.

Next Ms. Salazar-Collier provided an updated of the standings for the Rio Grande Valley communities in the It's Time Texas leader board across the State of Texas:



- In the Large Community category, the City of McAllen is in 1<sup>st</sup> Place and the City of Brownsville is in 2<sup>nd</sup> Place.
- In the Mid-sized Community category, the City of Harlingen is in 1<sup>st</sup> Place and the City of Pharr is in 4<sup>th</sup> place.
- In the Small Community category, the City of Los Fresnos is in 1<sup>st</sup> Place and the City of Port Isabel is in 5<sup>th</sup> Place.
- In the Extra Small Community category, the City of Laguna Vista is in 4<sup>th</sup> Place.

It's Time Texas also recognizes top performing school districts throughout Texas and currently the Valley school districts on the state-wide leader board are as follows:

- In the Large category, P-SJ-A ISD is in 4<sup>th</sup> Place.
- In the Mid-sized category Harlingen CISD is in 1<sup>st</sup> Place and McAllen ISD is in 2<sup>nd</sup> Place.
- In the Small category Los Fresnos CISD is in 1<sup>st</sup> Place and San Benito ISD is in 5<sup>th</sup> Place.
- In the Extra Small category Point Isabel ISD is in 1<sup>st</sup> Place.

Mr. Garza added that Hidalgo County Precinct 1 Commissioner David Fuentes was also at the Mayors' Walk for Wellness, but It's Time Texas currently does not have a category for counties. The suggestion of including a category for counties has been brought to the attention of the It's Time Texas Board of Directors and Ms. Salazar-Collier stated that they appreciate the feedback.

He next showed a video of highlights from the 2019 Mayor's Walk for Wellness and the RGV Fit 5K. At the conclusion of the video Mr. Garza invited all the mayors present who have not yet done so, to sign the pledge. Ms. Salazar-Collier took photos of each mayor as they signed and will upload them to the It's Time Texas website in order for their communities to earn points associated with signing the Mayor's Pledge. Five more mayors signed the pledge this day:

14. City of Brownsville, Mayor Tony Martinez
15. City of Mercedes, Mayor Henry Hinojosa
16. City of Palm Valley, Mayor George Rivera
17. City of Pharr, Mayor Ambrosio "Amos" Hernandez
18. City of Rancho Viejo, Mayor Cyndie Rathbun

Upon conclusion of Administration items, President Garcia moved to item 5: Department Reports.

#### A. Economic Development

##### Economic Development Status Reports

1. Consider Approval of Regional Small Cities Coalition (RSCC) Officers  
Economic Development Director Terrie Salinas was recognized and informed the Board that at their January 10 meeting the RSCC nominated the following officers:

- Chair – Rolando Vela, Laguna Vista City Manager
- Secretary/Treasurer – Lydia Moreno, Lyford City Secretary
- Member-at-Large #2 – Pete de la Cruz, Edcouch Planning director
- Member-at-Large #1 – Mayor George Rivera, City of Palm Valley

***Mayor Henry Hinojosa made a motion to approve the slate of officers as presented.***

***Willacy County Commissioner Eddy Gonzales seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion passed unanimously.*** Upon conclusion of action Ms. Salinas brought the Board's attention to flyers on the LoanSTAR Program and the Texas PACE Program.

#### Explore RGV Status Report

Economic Development Assistant Director Blanca Davila was recognized to address the following:

1. Consider Approval to Enter into Contractual Agreement for Intellectual Property Legal Services. Ms. Davila informed the Board that after conducting research and gathering legal expertise, the law firm of Gunn, Lee, and Cave, P.C. was found to provide the necessary legal services to secure intellectual property protections to the content associated with the ExploreRGV project (website, app, logo, etc.). Approval is requested to authorize Executive Director, Ron Garza, to execute a contract for legal services. ***Mr. Ronald Mills made a motion to authorize LRGVDC Executive Director Ron Garza to execute a contract for legal services for Intellectual Property. Mayor Pro-tem Pete Garcia seconded the motion and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.*** Upon conclusion of action Ms. Davila provided an update on activity on the new Explore RGV mobile app and facebook page. Staff is very pleased with the organic growth for this new program.

#### B. Community & Environmental Services

##### Community Development Status Report

Program Director Marcie Oviedo was recognized and informed the Board that the status reports on the HUD Disaster Recovery Housing Program were in the meeting packet for review.

##### Environmental Resources Status Report

Ms. Oviedo stated that the Solid Waste Program status report was in the meeting packet for review.

- Water Resources

1. Consider Approval to Create Regional Water Resource Advisory Committee  
Ms. Oviedo informed the Board that the LRGVDC's TCEQ Water Quality 604(b) contract will include an additional task in its Scope of Work. The task states that we will support Watershed Protection Plan Development for the Region. LRGVDC staff is already involved and attends these meetings as part of our education and outreach efforts. LRGVDC is currently meeting routinely with UTRGV, all three counties, and other water resources stakeholders to address water issues for the region as an informal workgroup. As a result of the additional TCEQ task and the need to effectively advocate for additional resources, a Regional Water Resource Advisory Committee is requested. Ms. Oviedo assured the Board that all information relevant to the Advisory Committee will be presented to them. ***Willacy County Commissioner Eddy Gonzales made a motion to***

*approve the creation of a Regional Water Resource Advisory Committee. Councilman Gilbert Enriquez seconded the motion and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.* Upon conclusion of action Ms. Oviedo informed the Board that the next Region M meeting is scheduled for March 20, 2019.

C. Health & Human Services

Area Agency on Aging Status Reports

Program Director Joe Gonzalez was recognized and gave the status reports on the Texas Silver Haired Legislature and Housing Bond Funding being Approved.

1. Presentation on Accessing Secondary Health Care

Mr. Salomon Torres, Member of the Equal Voice Network Health Working Group, was recognized and informed the Board about the findings of the White Paper he wrote in October 2018 for Equal Voice Health Working Group titled “Health Care Access in the Rio Grande Valley: The Specialty Care Challenge”.

D. Public Safety

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

Criminal Justice Program Status Reports

Mr. Cruz informed the Board that the Criminal Justice Program status report was in the meeting packet for review.

Emergency Communications Status Report

1. Consider Approval to Purchase New Computer Workstations for Emergency Communications 9-1-1

Mr. Cruz informed the Board that in accordance with the program’s equipment replacement schedule the computer workstations will replace existing employee workstations. The estimated cost for the 20 workstations is \$321,000.00. Emergency Communications staff is requesting new workstations because the current machines have met ideal life expectancy, are malfunctioning, and are no longer able to keep up with current software. This is a budgeted item previously approved by the funding agency, Commission on State Emergency Communications (CSEC). ***Mayor Henry Hinojosa made a motion to approve the purchase of new computer workstations for Emergency Communications 9-1-1 as presented. Mayor Rick Cavazos seconded the motion and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.***

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

Homeland Security Status Report

1. Consider Approval of Resolutions for Grant Applications for FY 2019-20 Homeland Security Grant Program (LETPA/SHSP) Funding Cycle

Mr. Cruz stated that in accordance with the Office of the Governor’s Homeland Security Grant Division, the LRGVDC is required to submit a resolution for each of the five (5) grant applications. ***Mayor Henry Hinojosa made a motion to approve the resolutions for grant***

*applications for FY 2019-20 Homeland Security Grant Program (LETPA/SHSP) funding cycle as presented. Mr. Ronald Mills seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.* Upon conclusion of action Mr. Cruz noted that the Homeland Security Program status reports were in the meeting packet for review.

#### Regional Police Academy Status Report

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

#### E. Transportation

##### Hidalgo County Metropolitan Planning Organization Status Report

HCMPO Director Andrew Canon was recognized and brought the Board's attention to the list of Bills for the 86<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature that pertain to transportation. He also provided a list showing which committees Valley representatives will serve on during this legislative session.

##### Valley Metro Status Report

Program Director Tom Logan was recognized and addressed the following items:

1. Consider Approval of Revisions to Drug and Alcohol Policy  
Mr. Logan reported that these revisions are minor changes to the Drug and Alcohol Policy that pertain to staff changes. These changes are required in order to be in compliance with the Federal Transit Administration and the Texas Department of Transportation. ***Mr. Ronald Mills made a motion to approve the revisions to the Drug and Alcohol Policy as presented. Mayor Pro-tem Pete Garcia seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.***
2. Consider Approval of Zero Dollar Lease Agreement between Cameron County and LRGVDC  
Mr. Garza made a correction that this is actually a \$1.00 lease, not a \$0 lease.  
Mr. Logan informed the Board that the purpose of this lease agreement is to transition the operations of Valley Metro public transportation service from the existing downtown Valley Transit terminal to the previous location of the Cameron County Precinct 4 offices at 201 N. T Street in Harlingen. It is projected that transit services and intercity mobility will be improved for bus riders because this location will serve as a more efficient north/south and east/west route hub. He added that this lease agreement was presented to the Cameron County Commissioners Court and approved on January 22, 2019. ***Mr. Troy Allen made a motion to approve the lease agreement between Cameron County and LRGVDC at \$1.00 per year. Mayor Henry Hinojosa seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.*** Upon conclusion of action Mr. Logan gave the ridership report.

Upon conclusion of departmental reports President Garcia moved to item #6: Executive Session

- A. Personnel Matters pursuant to Section 551-074(1) to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee RE: Executive Director Annual Performance Evaluation. ***Mayor David Suarez made a motion to go into executive session. Mayor Pro-tem Norie Gonzalez Garza seconded the motion and executive session began at 1:08 pm.***

At 1:17 pm *Mayor Pro-tem Norie Gonzalez Garza made a motion to close Executive Session; Mayor Rick Cavazos seconded the motion* and regular session was reconvened. *Mayor David Suarez then made a motion to approve a merit raise of 3.5% for Executive Director Ron Garza. Mr. Ronald Mills seconded the motion, President Norma G. Garcia abstained, and upon a vote the motion carried.*

President Garcia next moved to item 7. – New or Unfinished Business. There being none, President Garcia called for a motion to adjourn. *Ms. Veronica Gonzales made a motion to adjourn, Willacy County Commissioner Eddy Gonzales seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 1:19 pm.*

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Hon. Norma G. Garcia, President

ATTEST:

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Deborah Morales, Recording Secretary

**ITEM #5. A.**

**ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT**

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

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**Item #5: Department Reports**

**A. Economic Development**

Economic Development Status Report ..... Terrie G. Salinas, Director

- **The Texas PACE Program**

The Texas PACE Authority is currently working on scheduling three PACE training workshops starting in April. Plans are to have one workshop in each county consecutively, so the speakers do not have to fly in for different workshops.

The first workshop is in Hidalgo County and is scheduled for April 10, 2019 beginning at 4:00 p.m. at the Radisson located at 2721 South 10<sup>th</sup> Street in McAllen. This workshop is being sponsored by the LRGVDC, South Texas Manufacturing Association and the McAllen Economic Development Corporation. There will be a mixer shortly after the workshop. A flyer was not available at this time but will be emailed to the Board and interested parties.

There was no Regional Small Cities Coalition meeting this month, instead the Committee decided to attend the Rio Grande Valley Day at the Capitol in Austin.

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**Item #5: Department Reports**

**A. Economic Development**

**Explore RGV ..... Blanca Davila, Assistant Director**

Explore RGV staff has requested a one-year extension from the Economic Development Administration to carry out the regional marketing campaign and ensure the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council secures Explore RGV's intellectual property rights.

Explore RGV is ready for download at the Apple Store and Google Play or visit [www.goexplorergv.com](http://www.goexplorergv.com). Please follow @goexplorergv on Twitter, Instagram, and Facebook.



**ITEM #5. B.**

**COMMUNITY  
&  
ENVIRONMENTAL  
SERVICES**

# Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council Board of Directors Meeting

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## Item #5: Department Reports

### B. Community & Environmental Services .....Marcie Oviedo, Director

#### Community Development Status Report

- HUD Disaster Recovery Housing Program

The Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council was awarded contracts with the Texas General Land Office as a subrecipient to administer HUD CDBG-Disaster Recovery funding issued as a result of Hurricane Dolly. All funds have been expensed for the following: Non-Family Rental, Multi-Family Rental and Administrative costs. The grants awarded to the LRGVDC were expensed and projects have been completed at 100%. The contract between LRGVDC and the Texas General Land Office (GLO) for Multi-Family Rental ended December 31, 2018. LRGVDC is working with GLO to finalize contract close-out.

#### Environmental Resources Status Report

- Solid Waste Management Program

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

- Water Resources

- Regional Water Resource Advisory Committee

The Regional Water Resource Advisory Committee has met informally and is discussing the development of their Bylaws and committee representation. Their next meeting is scheduled for March 13, 2019 and once information is finalized it will be presented to the LRGVDC Board of Directors for approval.

- Rio Grande Regional Water Planning Group (Region M)

Please visit the Region M Website at [www.riograndewaterplan.org](http://www.riograndewaterplan.org) for updates on the 2021 Regional Water Plan and other Rio Grande Regional Water Planning Group activities. The Committee currently has two vacancies and all information for those vacancies are posted on the Region M Website. The next Region M Meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, March 20, 2019.

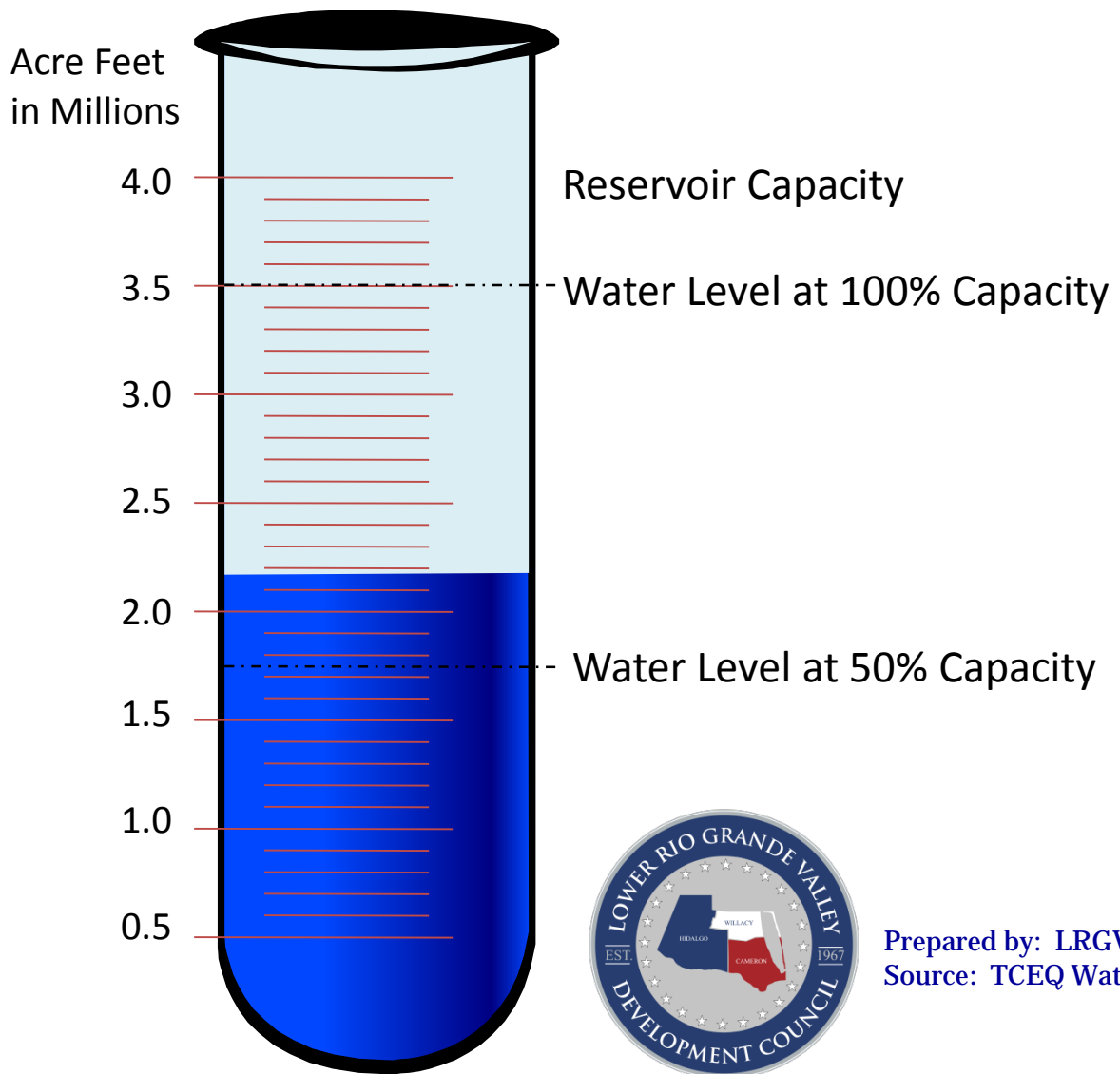
- **Reservoir Levels**

**On February 16, 2019, the U.S. combined ownership at Amistad/Falcon stood at 64.18% of normal conservation capacity, impounding 2,176,756 acre-feet, down from 65.71% (2,228,642 AF) of normal conservation a year ago. Overall the system is holding 50.61% of normal conservation capacity, impounding 2,997,195 acre-feet with Amistad at 60.47% of conservation capacity, impounding 1,980,565 acre-feet and Falcon at 38.41% of conservation capacity, impounding 1,016,630 acre-feet. Mexico has 32.42% of normal conservation capacity, impounding 820,439 acre-feet at Amistad/Falcon.**

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

**2/16/2019, 64.18% of Capacity or 2,176,756 AF**

down from 2,228,642 AF of Normal Conservation a year ago



Prepared by: LRGVDC  
Source: TCEQ Watermaster

**NOTE: Mexico Ownership/Reservoir Capacity for  
February 16, 2019: 32.42% (820,439) A.F.**

# Rio Grande Watermaster Report

02/16/19

## Amistad

Normal Conservation Elevation	340.462	Meters	1,117.00 Feet	
Water Elevation	333.220	Meters	1,093.24 Feet	-23.76
Total Normal Conservation Capacity	4,040,325	TCM	3,275,532 Acre-Feet	
Total Combined Storage	2,443,000	TCM	1,980,565 Acre-Feet	60.47%
US Share of Current Storage	1,713,000	TCM	1,388,746 Acre-Feet	70.12%
Mexico share of Current Storage	730,000	TCM	591,818 Acre-Feet	29.88%
TOTAL RELEASES AVG	23.90	CMS	844 CFS	
US Release AVG	20.30	CMS	717 CFS	84.94%
Mexico Release AVG	3.60	CMS	127 CFS	15.06%
TOTAL INFLOWS AVG	42.50	CMS	1,501 CFS	
US Inflows AVG	32.70	CMS	1,155 CFS	
Mexico Inflows AVG	9.80	CMS	346 CFS	
US Reservoir Loss	4.61	CMS	163 CFS	

## Falcon

Normal Conservation Elevation	91.805	Meters	301.20 Feet	
Water Elevation	84.025	Meters	275.67 Feet	-25.52
Total Normal Conservation Capacity	3,264,813	TCM	2,646,817 Acre-Feet	
Total Combined Storage	1,254,000	TCM	1,016,630 Acre-Feet	38.41%
US Share of Current Storage	972,000	TCM	788,010 Acre-Feet	77.51%
Mexico share of Current Storage	282,000	TCM	228,620 Acre-Feet	22.49%
Total Releases AVG	38.10	CMS	1,345 CFS	
US Release AVG	29.90	CMS	1,056 CFS	78.48%
Mexico Release AVG	8.20	CMS	290 CFS	21.52%
TOTAL INFLOWS AVG	49.70	CMS	1,755 CFS	
US Inflows AVG	33.70	CMS	1,190 CFS	
Mexico Inflows AVG	16.00	CMS	565 CFS	
US Reservoir Loss	4.10	CMS	145 CFS	

## Overall Status

Normal Conservation Capacity - <b>Amistad</b>	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	1,713,000	TCM	1,388,746 Acre-Feet	75.44%
Normal Conservation Capacity - <b>Falcon</b>	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	972,000	TCM	788,010 Acre-Feet	50.81%
Normal Capacity - Amistad/Falcon System	7,305,138	TCM	5,922,348 Acre-Feet	
Normal Conservation Capacity - US	4,183,843	TCM	3,391,883 Acre-Feet	57.27%
Normal Conservation Capacity - Mexico	3,121,295	TCM	2,530,466 Acre-Feet	42.73%
Current Storage US	2,685,000	TCM	2,176,756 Acre-Feet	64.18%
Current Storage Mexico	1,012,000	TCM	820,439 Acre-Feet	32.42%
Current Storage - Amistad - Falcon System	3,697,000	TCM	2,997,195 Acre-Feet	
Percent of Storage Capacity	50.61%		50.61%	

**ITEM #5. C.**

**HEALTH  
&  
HUMAN SERVICES**

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Board of Directors Meeting**

Wednesday, February 27, 2019

**Item #5: Department Reports**

**C. Health & Human Services**

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

1. Consider Approval of Advisory Council Recommendations for Funding Allocations toward Senior Center Resources and Caregiver Services

As per AAA Advisory Council recommendations, approval is requested to proceed with the purchase of additional support resources for area senior centers.

This funding is a budgeted item and must be utilized by the end of 2019 fiscal year.

These services will provide additional resources such as transportation and operations support to regional senior centers.

The amount of funding under support services is \$260,000 and the amount of funding for caregiver services is \$100,000.

Attached is an excel worksheet with the recommended projects and service descriptions.

This item requires Board Action.

**ACTION ITEM**

Capital Equipment

Organization	No.	Cost	Recommended Amount	Purpose
Title IIIB				
Amigos Del Valle, Inc.	4	\$ 36,833	\$ 147,332	Purchase four vehicles to replace older units. Will provide transportation services to the seniors within the communities of Edinburg, Elsa, Donna, and San Juan.
City of Los Indios	1	\$ 35,000	\$ 35,000	Purchase a vehicle to provide transportation services to the seniors within the Los Indios service area.
City of La Joya	1	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	transportation services to replace an old existing unit. It will address some of the transportation needs for the seniors within the La Joya service area.
City of Los Fresnos	1	\$ 26,041	\$ 26,041	Purchase a vehicle to provide transportation services to replace an old existing unit. It will address some of the transportation needs for the seniors within the Los Fresnos service area.

\$ 233,373

Senior Center Operations

Title IIIB				
Cameron Willacy Community Projects			\$ 3,325	Provide additional support for senior center activities.
City of Rio Hondo			\$ 3,325	
City of La Joya			\$ 3,325	
City of Santa Rosa			\$ 9,997	
Mission Housing Authority			\$ 3,325	
WellMed			\$ 3,325	

\$ 26,622

Total Title III-B \$ 259,995

Caregiver Services

Title IIIE

WellMed			\$ 38,731	To provide respite services to caregivers when attending a meeting or workshop at the WellMed Community Centers. Will also conduct a media campaign regarding caregiver issues.
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**Item #5: Department Reports**

**C. Health & Human Services**

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

- **Area Plan on Aging**

The Health and Human Service Commission Office of Area Agencies on Aging will be issuing final instructions for the Area Plan on Aging for fiscal years 2021 and 2022. As part of the Area Plan development the Area Agency on Aging will conduct a regional needs assessment on the needs of the elderly.

This plan will lay the foundation for how the Area Agency on Aging will address the needs of the elderly for the regions.

**ITEM #5. D.**

**PUBLIC SAFETY**

**CRIMINAL  
JUSTICE**

Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council  
Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, February 27, 2019

Item #5: Department Reports

D. Public Safety

Criminal Justice Program Status Report.....Manuel Cruz, Director

- Criminal Justice Division (CJD) Grant Opportunities – FY 2019

**The deadline for the FY2019-2020 Criminal Justice funding cycle is February 28, 2019.**

The following grant funding opportunities are administered by the LRGVDC:

- VOCA – General Victim Assistance – Direct services programs
- VAWA – Violent Crimes Against Women Criminal Justice and Training Projects – Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Dating Violence, and Stalking
- JAG – Criminal Justice Programs – Justice Assistance Programs
- JJDP – Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Programs
  
- NIBRS (National Incident Based Reporting System)

The LRGVDC in collaboration with the Department of Public Safety (DPS) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), will be hosting a free NIBRS training session. This will be a two-day session taking place March 14-15, 2019.

This regional training will assist agencies with the transition to NIBRS. Due to seating limitation 60 seats were made available for this training session and currently all seats have been filled.

This workshop will cover various NIBRS subjects, with emphasis on the following topics:

- Crimes Against Persons
- Crimes Against Property
- Crimes Against Society
- Group A and Group B Crimes
- Location codes and NIBRS Data Elements
- Incident-Based Reporting (IBR) guidelines

- **Regional Crime Victim's Liaison Program**

The RCVL staff has been collaborating with other agencies in the month of February in preparation for 2019 Spring Break in South Padre Island. The RCVL staff will be on-site during Spring Break 2019 to provide services to victims of crime. Staff continue to do outreach sessions in the region.

Should there be any questions, please advise.

**ITEM #5. D.**

**PUBLIC SAFETY**

**EMERGENCY  
COMMUNICATIONS**

Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council  
Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, February 27, 2019

Item #5: Department Reports

D. Public Safety

Emergency Communications Status Report ..... Manuel Cruz, Director

1. Consider Approval to Purchase Upgrade Services for Text-to-911 Platform for PSAPs in Hidalgo and Willacy County

In accordance with Program Policy Statement (PPS) 36 from CSEC we must convert to Message Session Relay Protocol (MSRP) text-to-9-1-1. Upgrades for this service must be purchased. Emergency Communications is requesting the new MSRP Text-to-9-1-1 Service at all 19 of our PSAP locations. This will provide an additional feature for Text Calls that are necessary in NextGen911. West Safety Solutions is the sole provider of the Text-to-911 for the LRGVDC PSAPs. This is a CSEC approved budgeted line item.

Should there be any questions, please advise.

**ACTION ITEM**

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**Item #5: Department Reports**

**D. Public Safety**

Emergency Communications Status Report ..... Manuel Cruz, Director

- **Location Validation Program**

Staff constantly generates address tickets, addresses new subdivisions and responds to customer requests for 9-1-1 Physical Addresses in Hidalgo and Willacy Counties.

Staff has also been meeting with the City planners from Edinburg and Pharr to correct addresses that show as errors in the 9-1-1 system. Staff plans to work more closely with City of Pharr to assist them in addressing their Extra Territorial Jurisdiction (ETJ) area.

- **Database Program**

Database staff updates the 9-1-1 database and adds new streets and ranges as new subdivisions are developed in Hidalgo and Willacy Counties. In January 214 Telephone Numbers (TN) were corrected, 47 streets in the Master Street Address Guide (MSAG) were added/updated. Over 300 address request calls were received which resulted in 277 address tickets for 9-1-1 physical addresses. Staff also updates the No Record Found (NRF) list received from West Inc. daily. NRFs are those telephone numbers that dial 9-1-1 and no record shows in the 9-1-1 system.

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

- **Mapping Program**

Mapping Program staff has transitioned all 9-1-1 physical address data to the new State approved EGDMS Schema; this change is vital to the future of 9-1-1 call routing. It has been implemented at the LRGVDC 9-1-1 office as well as host sites at McAllen PD and the Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office. The EGDMS 3 project has begun and we have continued our monthly data load. Staff continuously works on address point verification in order to ensure accurate call routing in the new I-3 9-1-1 Environment. Staff also continues to update address information on local maps. GIS team members Jennifer Ochoa and Joe Garcia are collaborating with our Economic Development Department and Community and Environment Services Department for the Census 2020 Geographic Update Partnership Software (GUPS) program. We are continuing

our efforts in training staff to become more efficient and are focusing heavily on expanding our GIS web presence

- **System and Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) Operations**  
Systems staff continues monitoring our PSAP sites. Staff continues the installation of a third Host site at our Weslaco office that will help create a segregated network. Systems staff is now using Amp for Endpoints and Umbrella to monitor internet traffic and prevent cyber-attacks on our network. In a collaborative effort between Systems and GIS we have been approved as a test site for Rapid SOS, which is a software used to get better location accuracy and continued location service during and after a 9-1-1 call is made. We have extended this project and are testing location accuracy with US Border Patrol agents in hard to reach border areas in an effort to accurately locate immigrants in distress. Systems staff is in the process of upgrading PSAP front room equipment and are preparing for the final phase of our generator installation project.
- **Public Education/Training Program**  
Public Education is an ongoing priority for the Emergency Communications 9-1-1 Division and staff continues to reach out to communities to educate residents. The 9-1-1 Division distributed 13,848 promotional items during the month of January.

Scheduled Public Education events are as follows:

Border Fest Hidalgo March 2-3, 2019

Career Day at Julian S. Adame Elementary March 8, 2019

South Texas All Hazards Conference MCC March 27-28, 2019

Scheduled Trainings are as follows:

URISA Workshop – Managing Addressing for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century March 7-8, 2019

COHART Training – HCSO Academy March 18-22, 2019

PSAP Recorder Training – ECOMMS/9-1-1 March 14, 2019

***Event Request Notice:*** All event requests must be submitted through our online system. This “*Online Request Form*” must be submitted 14 business days prior to the event. All fields must be populated, and the event flier must be uploaded. To view the online system, visit our website: [www.lrgvdc911.org](http://www.lrgvdc911.org) and select the “*Event Request*” tab. Once the event has been submitted, an ECOMMS staff member will receive the notification and approve or deny the event based on availability.

Efforts continue to focus on educating the Lower Rio Grande Valley on “Kari’s Law” along with “Text to 9-1-1”, “Know Your Location” and “Location Validation.” Three (3) PSA’s were completed to promote and assist staff in raising awareness to our resident’s, currently all PSA’s are running at local Cinemark theaters throughout Hidalgo County.



**ITEM #5. D.**

**PUBLIC SAFETY**

**HOMELAND  
SECURITY**

Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council  
Board of Directors Meeting

February 27, 2019

Item #5: Department Reports

D. Public Safety

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

- Homeland Security Program

The deadline to apply for HSGD FY 2019-20 Grants (LETPA/SHSP) funding on eGrants is February 28, 2019.

Staff has been providing technical assistance to jurisdictions applying for these grants.

COG staff continues to provide technical assistance to jurisdictions with Emergency Management Plans (EMPs), and identifying training opportunities for regional first responders.

**The South Texas 2019 All Hazards Conference is scheduled to take place March 27–28, 2019 at the McAllen Convention Center.**

**The Opening Ceremony will take place at the Performing Art Center.**



- Citizen Corps Program (CCP)/Community Preparedness

This program continues to promote its community preparedness campaign, Ready RGV! LRGVDC staff was at the Young Hearts Matter Dating Abuse Awareness and Prevention event on February 9, 2019 in McAllen. Staff continues to identify opportunities in the LRGVDC region for citizens to learn and engage in community preparedness.

- **Regional Fire Academy**

**Regional Fire Academy #50 commenced on Monday, February 11, 2019 at 9:00 A.M. in Weslaco with 27 cadets from Fire Departments in Cameron and Hidalgo County**

**This project is a collaborative effort between the LRGVDC and the Emergency Training Alliance Board that will collaborate to host the required firefighter I & II training curriculum. The training will teach the cadets to respond and utilize specialized equipment before, during, and after a terrorism or CBRNE event, in Cameron, Hidalgo, and Willacy Counties.**

**The academy coordinator, hired by the LRGVDC, will provide coordination/scheduling, while the host fire department will provide instruction. The curriculum will provide the highest standards of training to firefighters that provides vital skills to protect them from fire and other hazards related to terrorism events that threaten the public's safety.**

**This coordination will continue to enhance the Regional Response Teams capabilities by providing education, assistance, and certification of personnel to the fire service by coordinating and managing the regional fire academy.**

**Basic Texas Commission on Fire Protection's Firefighter I & II curriculum will include 900 hours of Hazardous Material Awareness, Operations, PPE, Product Control, and Emergency Medical Technician/Paramedic.**

**ITEM #5. D.**

**PUBLIC SAFETY**

**REGIONAL  
POLICE ACADEMY**

**Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council  
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Wednesday February 27, 2019

**Item #5: Department Reports**

**D. Public Safety**

Regional Police Academy Status Report .....Randall Snyder, Training Coordinator

In-Service Training Scheduled and Requested for February – March 2019

Civilian Interaction Training – 4 sessions – Legislative Mandate  
Verbal De – Escalation – 2 sessions – Legislative Mandate  
Basic Instructor Course Scheduled March 2019  
Firearms Instructor Course (Requested, pending scheduling)  
TCOE 3185 Legislative Update (Requested, pending scheduling)  
Narcotics Identification (Requested, pending scheduling)

• Basic Peace Officer Course Graduation and TCOLE Pass Rate

BPOC Classes Reported

197<sup>th</sup> Basic Peace Officer Course – 29 graduates (November 15, 2018)  
28 of 29 successfully passed TCOLE on first attempt

198<sup>th</sup> Basic Peace Officer Course – 33 graduates (February 8, 2018)  
32 of 33 successfully passed TCOLE on first attempt

TCOLE Pass Percentage – 96.77%

• Upcoming Basic Peace Officer Course Graduation

The 199<sup>th</sup> and 200<sup>th</sup> Basic Peace Officer Courses start Monday March 4, 2019

199<sup>th</sup> BPOC Anticipated Graduation – November 2019

200<sup>th</sup> BPOC Anticipated Graduation – August 2019

• Community Events – August 2018 – February 2019

Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events (C.R.A.S.E.) instructed at Port Isabel  
ISD, Rio Hondo ISD, Rising Scholars Academy – San Benito and Island Baptist  
Church.

Participated as judges for High School Skills USA competition at TSTC Harlingen in  
various Law Enforcement skills competitions.

**ITEM #5. E.**

**TRANSPORTATION**

**VALLEY METRO**

Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council  
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Wednesday, February 27, 2019

Item #5: Department Reports

E. Transportation

Valley Metro Status Report ..... Tom Logan, Director

- Consider Approval of Revisions to Vehicle Maintenance & Facility Maintenance Policy

A new addition to the vehicle maintenance policy is required as LRGVDC has acquired several new Gillig buses.

These Gillig buses will be utilized primarily for rotation on the new RGV Metro Express service.

These changes go into effect March 1, 2019.

Please see Attachment A

**ACTION ITEM**

Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council  
Board of Directors Meeting

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Item #5: Department Reports

E. Transportation

Valley Metro Status Report ..... Tom Logan, Director

- Ridership Report

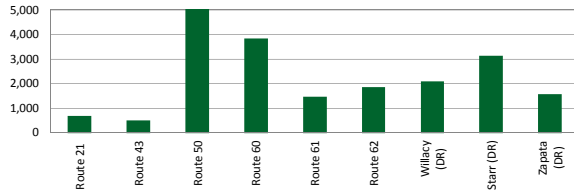
Both the rural and urban transit systems are operating, and all systems are monitored daily. For the month of January 2019 ridership for the urban system, which operates Monday through Saturday in the urban areas of Hidalgo, Cameron, and Starr Counties has been averaging **14,473** passengers a week. Ridership for the rural system which operates in the rural areas of Cameron, Hidalgo, Willacy, Starr, and Zapata Counties has an average of **1,792** passengers per week for the month of January 2019.



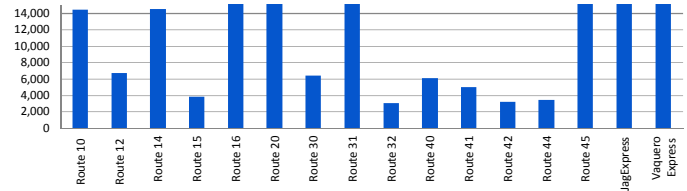


**LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL**  
**Valley Metro Service Summary**  
 FY 2019 September - January

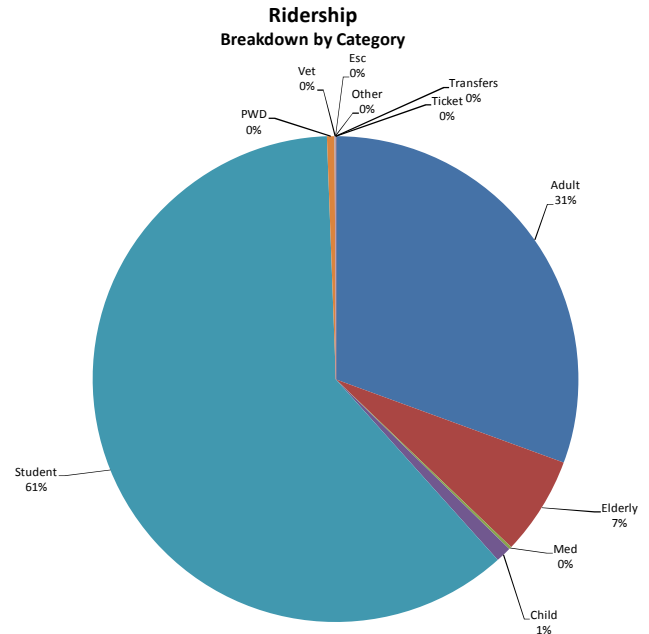
**RURAL**  
**Ridership by Route**



**URBAN**  
**Ridership by Route**



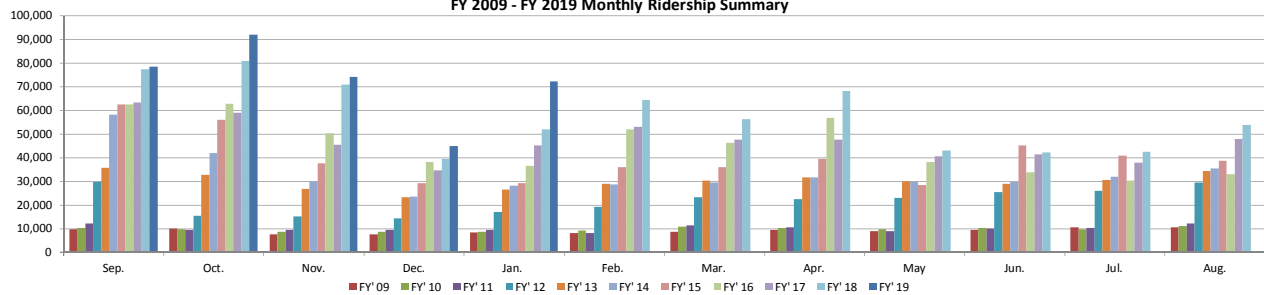
	Route	Total Passenger Trips	Route Activity	Area(s) Served
<b>RURAL</b>	Route 21	692	0%	Sullivan City, West Hidalgo County
	Route 43	491	0%	South Cameron County
	Route 50	21,787	6%	Brownsville, Port Isabel
	Route 60	3,810	1%	Roma, Rio Grande City
	Route 61	1,463	0%	Rio Grande City
	Route 62	1,843	1%	Rio Grande City
	Willacy (DR)	2,071	1%	Willacy County
	Starr (DR)	3,117	1%	Starr County
	Zapata (DR)	1,570	0%	Zapata County
<b>Metro Express</b>	5,671	2%	Rio Grande Valley	
<b>URBAN</b>	Route 10	14,427	4%	Edinburg
	Route 12	6,720	2%	Edcouch, Elsa, Edinburg
	Route 14	14,480	4%	Edinburg
	Route 15	3,809	1%	Edinburg
	Route 16	30,805	8%	Edinburg
	Route 20	15,280	4%	Mission
	Route 30	6,438	2%	Pharr, San Juan
	Route 31	32,635	9%	Hidalgo County
	Route 32	3,069	1%	Donna
	Route 40	6,127	2%	Harlingen
	Route 41	5,006	1%	Harlingen
	Route 42	3,174	1%	San Benito
	Route 44	3,427	1%	Primera, La Feria, Santa Rosa
	Route 45	22,187	6%	Cameron County
	JagExpress	37,493	11%	Weslaco, Pharr, McAllen
	Vaquero Express	113,741	31%	Edinburg
	Hidalgo	82	0%	City of Hidalgo
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>361,415</b>	<b>100%</b>		



FY 2018 September - January	FY 2019 September - January	DIFFERENCE	% DIFFERENCE
320,206	361,415	41,209	13%

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

**FY 2009 - FY 2019 Monthly Ridership Summary**



Fiscal Year	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Total	Difference	%Change
FY' 08	9,978	4,927	4,378	4,077	9,057	9,065	8,832	9,195	9,624	9,031	8,706	9,568	96,438	45,095	88%
FY' 09	9,538	9,913	7,540	7,562	8,323	8,113	8,567	9,344	8,720	9,363	10,483	10,428	107,894	11,456	12%
FY' 10	10,274	9,702	8,580	8,471	8,670	9,204	10,836	10,274	9,566	10,107	9,537	10,931	116,152	8,258	8%
FY' 11	12,184	9,480	9,336	9,254	9,445	8,016	11,255	10,460	8,801	10,046	10,176	12,111	120,564	4,412	4%
FY' 12	29,644	15,256	14,982	14,267	17,057	19,196	23,184	22,450	22,827	25,436	25,807	29,518	259,624	139,060	115%
FY' 13	35,707	32,758	26,634	23,293	26,542	28,858	30,087	31,465	29,911	28,744	30,596	34,255	358,850	99,226	38%
FY' 14	58,118	41,893	30,069	23,338	28,011	28,593	29,386	31,638	29,761	29,806	31,733	35,241	397,587	38,737	11%
FY' 15	62,317	55,976	37,648	29,214	29,063	35,854	35,785	39,503	28,431	45,056	40,891	38,683	478,421	80,834	20%
FY' 16	62,348	62,627	50,274	38,130	36,305	51,887	46,286	56,675	37,990	33,822	30,148	32,939	539,431	61,010	13%
FY' 17	63,305	58,773	45,397	34,433	45,012	53,051	47,542	47,628	40,601	41,409	37,719	47,917	562,787	23,357	4%
FY' 18	77,255	80,744	70,823	39,507	51,877	64,209	56,076	68,058	42,956	42,169	42,264	53,725	689,663	126,876	23%
FY' 19	78,440	91,930	74,137	44,709	72,199										
Monthly Change from Previous FY	1,185	11,186	3,314	5,074	6,865										
% Change	2%	14%	5%	15%	15%										

**FY 2016 URBANIZED PERFORMANCE MEASURES**

<b>COST EFFECTIVENESS</b>		<b>SERVICE EFFICIENCY</b>	
Cost per revenue mile =	\$3.01 State Avg. = \$4.54	Passengers per revenue mile =	0.29 State Avg. = .95
Cost per revenue hour =	\$57.91 State Avg. = \$69.62	Passengers per revenue hour =	5.85 State Avg. = 14.57
Cost per passenger =	\$8.41 State Avg. = \$4.78		

**FY 2016 NONURBANIZED PERFORMANCE MEASURES**

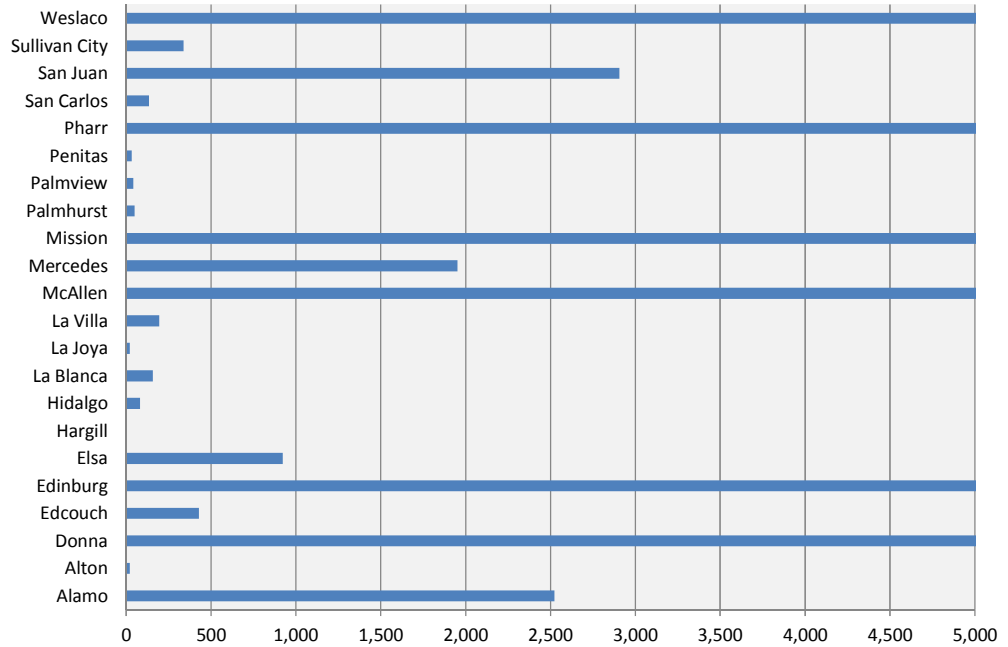
<b>COST EFFECTIVENESS</b>		<b>SERVICE EFFICIENCY</b>	
Cost per revenue mile =	\$3.95 State Avg. = \$3.19	Passengers per revenue mile =	0.31 State Avg. = .19
Cost per revenue hour =	\$71.08 State Avg. = \$60.90	Passengers per revenue hour =	5.44 State Avg. = 3.61
Cost per passenger =	\$19.24 State Avg. = \$16.89		

# Distribution of Ridership

## Hidalgo County

Alamo	2,522
Alton	22
Donna	5,920
Edcouch	429
Edinburg	172,883
Elsa	923
Hargill	0
Hidalgo	82
La Blanca	158
La Joya	22
La Villa	194
McAllen	61,227
Mercedes	1,951
Mission	7,588
Palmhurst	50
Palmview	43
Penitas	33
Pharr	10,854
San Carlos	135
San Juan	2,905
Sullivan City	338
Weslaco	8,735
<b>Total</b>	<b>277,014</b>

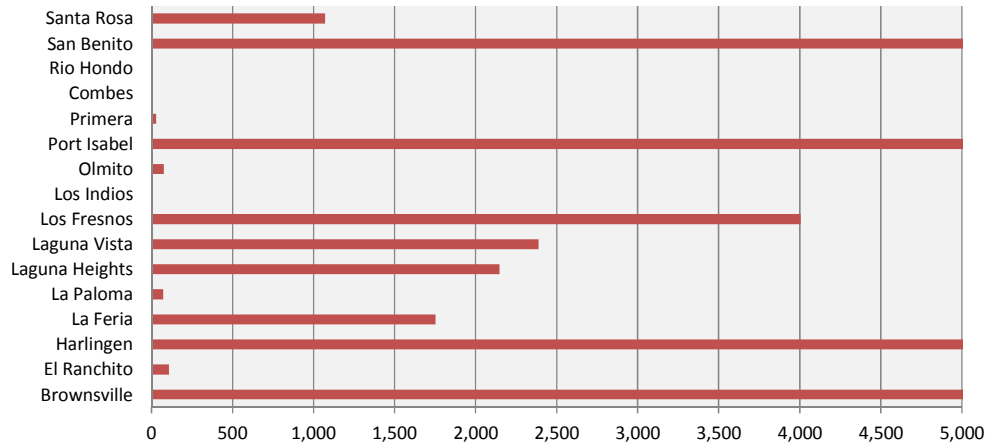
## Hidalgo County by Cities



## Cameron County

Brownsville	22,152
El Ranchito	107
Harlingen	22,809
La Feria	1,753
La Paloma	72
Laguna Heights	2,147
Laguna Vista	2,388
Los Fresnos	4,005
Los Indios	10
Olmito	77
Port Isabel	8,143
Primera	29
Combes	0
Rio Hondo	0
San Benito	5,763
Santa Rosa	1,072
<b>Total</b>	<b>70,527</b>

## Cameron County by Cities



## Willacy County

<b>Total</b>	<b>2,071</b>
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## Starr County

<b>Total</b>	<b>10,233</b>
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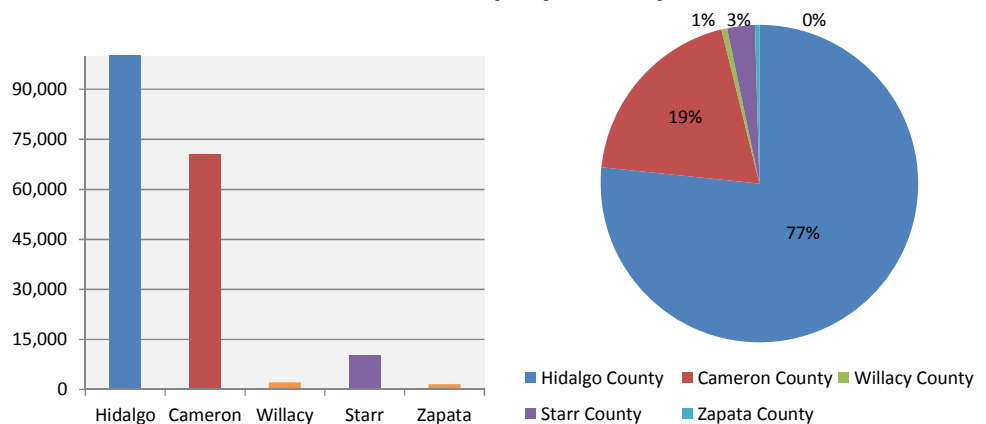
## Zapata County

<b>Total</b>	<b>1,570</b>
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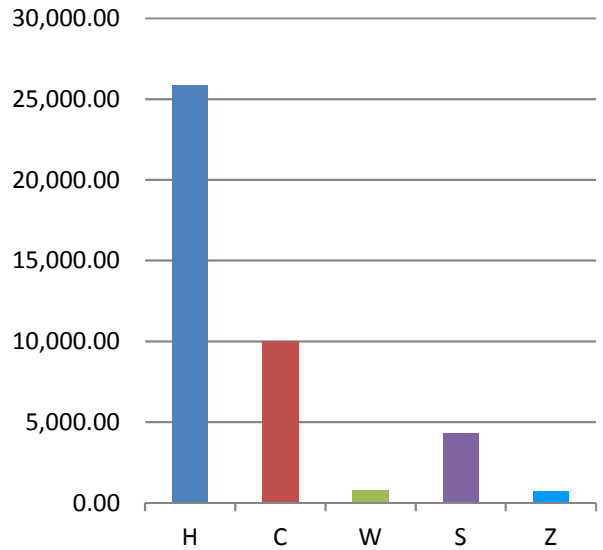
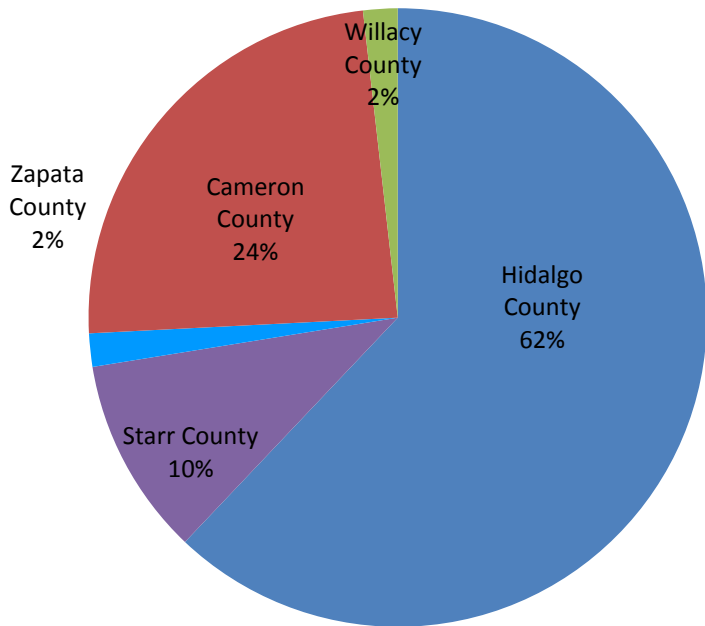
## SYSTEM TOTAL

**361,415**

## Ridership by County

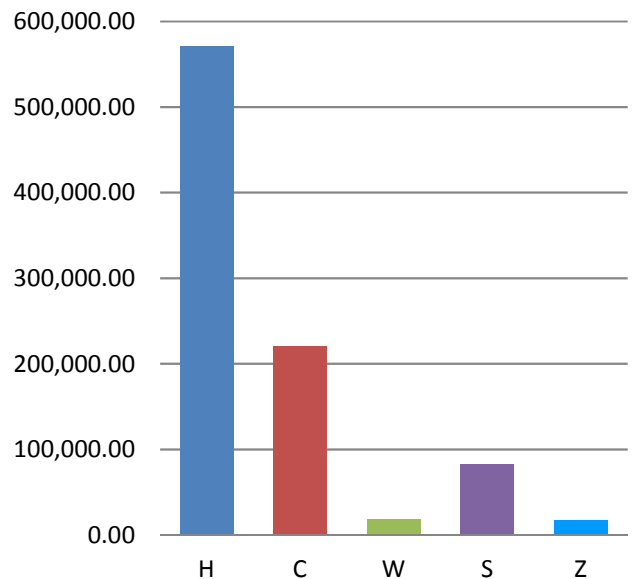
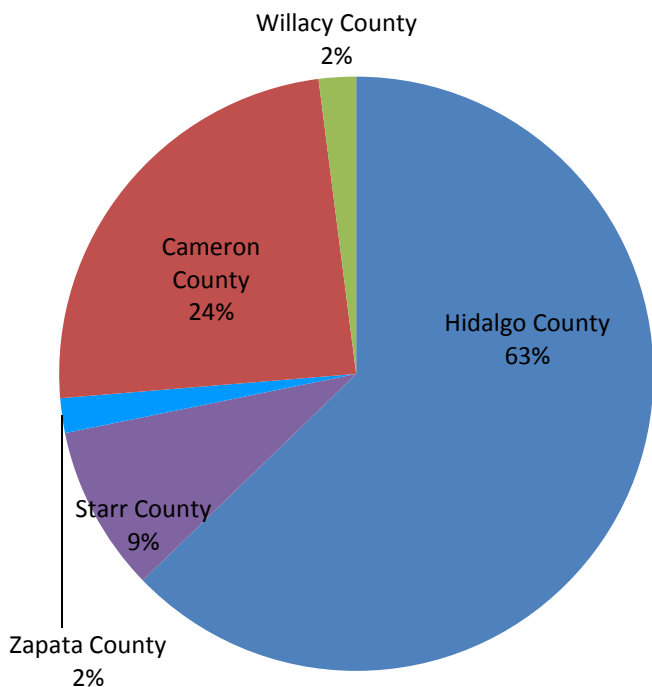


## Distribution of Revenue Hours



Revenue Hours Provided	
Hidalgo County	25,830.84
Starr County	4,313.57
Zapata County	727.67
Cameron County	9,989.43
Willacy County	749.30
<b>Total Revenue Hours</b>	<b>41,610.81</b>

## Distribution of Revenue Miles



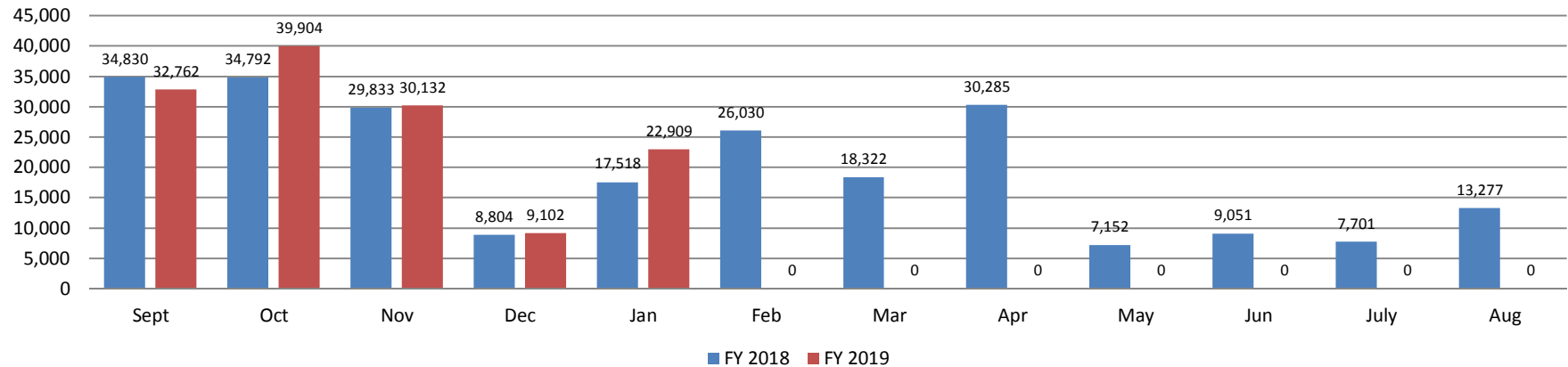
Revenue Miles Provided	
Hidalgo County	570,597
Starr County	82,155
Zapata County	17,097
Cameron County	220,727
Willacy County	18,452
<b>Total Revenue Miles</b>	<b>909,028</b>



**FY 2019 University of Texas Rio Grande Valley  
Valley Metro Routes  
Monthly Cumulative Passenger Counts**

Routes	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Total
10	347	247	129	91	138								952
12	925	979	618	209	332								3,063
14	3,509	4,185	2,933	859	2,047								13,533
15	40	29	23	7	1								100
16	2	0	0	0	0								2
20	460	478	345	135	241								1,659
21	0	0	0	0	0								0
30	15	13	6	10	6								50
31	55	32	14	3	11								115
32	0	0	0	0	2								2
40	0	0	2	0	0								2
41	0	0	0	0	2								2
42	0	0	0	0	0								0
44	0	0	0	0	0								0
45	527	346	247	117	209								1,446
50	18	34	25	23	42								142
<b>Vaquero Express</b>	<b>26,864</b>	<b>33,561</b>	<b>25,790</b>	<b>7,648</b>	<b>19,878</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>113,741</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>32,762</b>	<b>39,904</b>	<b>30,132</b>	<b>9,102</b>	<b>22,909</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>134,809</b>
<b>FY 2018</b>	<b>34,830</b>	<b>34,792</b>	<b>29,833</b>	<b>8,804</b>	<b>17,518</b>	<b>26,030</b>	<b>18,322</b>	<b>30,285</b>	<b>7,152</b>	<b>9,051</b>	<b>7,701</b>	<b>13,277</b>	<b>237,595</b>
<b>Change Over Previous Month</b>	<b>-2,068</b>	<b>5,112</b>	<b>299</b>	<b>298</b>	<b>5,391</b>								

**2018 - 2019 Valley Metro Routes UTRGV Student Passenger Count**





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

Routes	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Total
10	20	62	0	0	0								82
12	105	218	254	143	261								981
14	1	0	0	0	0								1
15	0	0	0	0	0								0
16	0	0	0	0	0								0
20	1	4	3	0	2								10
30	6	8	4	1	0								19
31	123	182	223	122	148								798
32	0	0	0	0	0								0
40	0	0	0	0	0								0
41	1	1	5	0	14								21
42	3	0	1	0	0								4
44	0	3	1	0	3								7
45	0	1	0	0	0								1
60	833	886	694	284	348								3,045
61	56	85	101	51	81								374
62	28	78	99	48	49								302
DR-RGC	53	91	86	70	42								342
Purpleline	913	1,129	848	322	494								3,706
Greenline	2,913	3,436	2,632	1,075	1,189								11,245
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,056</b>	<b>6,184</b>	<b>4,951</b>	<b>2,116</b>	<b>2,631</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>20,938</b>
<b>Non Valley Metro Routes</b>													
Yellowline	3,247	4,582	2,918	1,152	1,219	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13,118
Park & Ride	4,047	3,848	2,920	1,003	1,416	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13,234
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,294</b>	<b>8,430</b>	<b>5,838</b>	<b>2,155</b>	<b>2,635</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>26,352</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>12,350</b>	<b>14,614</b>	<b>10,789</b>	<b>4,271</b>	<b>5,266</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>47,290</b>
Change Over Previous Month		2,264	-3,825	-6,518	995								



**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	981	3,063	2,676	6,720
Route 31 Business 83	798	115	31,722	32,635
Purple Line	3,706		0	3,706
Yellow Line	13,118		0	13,118
Green Line	11,245		0	11,245
Park & Ride	13,234		0	13,234
Route 60 Greenline Roma	3,045		765	3,810
Route 61 RGC West	374		1,089	1,463
Route 62 RGC East	302		1,541	1,843
DR-RGC	342		2,775	3,117
Vaquero Express		113,741	0	113,741
<b>Total</b>	<b>47,145</b>	<b>116,919</b>	<b>40,568</b>	<b>204,632</b>

**Connecting Service**

Routes	Connection	STC	UTRGV	General Public	Total
Route 10 Edinburg - McAllen	12, 31	82	952	13,393	14,427
Route 14 UTRGV VABL	12	1	13,533	946	14,480
Route 15 Edinburg	12	0	100	3,709	3,809
Route 20 Mission - McAllen	31	10	1,659	13,611	15,280
Route 30 Pharr San Juan - Edinburg	31	19	50	6,369	6,438
Route 32 Donna International Bridge	31	0	2	3,067	3,069
Route 40 Harlingen Medical	31	0	2	6,125	6,127
Route 41 Harlingen Retail	31	21	2	4,983	5,006
Route 42 San Benito Harlingen	31	4	0	3,170	3,174
Route 44 La Feria/Santa Rosa/Primera	31	7	0	3,420	3,427
Route 45 Cameron Career Connection	31	1	1,446	20,740	22,187
<b>Total</b>		<b>145</b>	<b>17,746</b>	<b>79,533</b>	<b>97,424</b>

**Total Service**

	STC	UTRGV	General Public	Total
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>47,290</b>	<b>134,665</b>	<b>120,101</b>	<b>302,056</b>



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

Routes	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Total
10	0	93	38	2	8								141
12	1	11	4	0	2								18
14	0	0	0	0	1								1
31	0	16	6	0	1								23
40	0	0	0	0	0								0
41	25	117	86	33	35								296
42	49	77	64	19	101								310
43	0	0	6	4	0								10
44	171	201	176	35	98								681
45	537	839	589	181	479								2625
50	0	3	9	0	0								12
Willacy	0	0	0	0	0								0
<b>Total</b>	<b>783</b>	<b>1357</b>	<b>978</b>	<b>274</b>	<b>725</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4117</b>
<b>Change Over Previous Month</b>		<b>574</b>	<b>-379</b>	<b>-704</b>	<b>451</b>								<b>-783</b>

**TSTC Student Ridership**

