

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

This Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") is effective when executed by both parties ("Effective Date") by and between the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council, a voluntary association of local governments in Cameron, Hidalgo, and Willacy Counties ("LRGVDC"), and the County of Hidalgo, a county in Texas.

A. PURPOSE:

The purpose of this MOU is to establish the rights and responsibilities of each party in a public bus transportation project operated under the 'Valley Metro' banner that will serve the citizens of Hidalgo County. The goal of the project is to provide access and mobility for workers, low-income persons, students, the disabled, the elderly, veterans, and others who require public transit to reach their employment locations, county services and other destinations.

B. STATEMENT OF SERVICES TO BE PERFORMED:

1. LRGVDC will operate a shuttle bus route (Downtown Parking Shuttle) in the City of Edinburg, Hidalgo County. The route will operate from Monday through Friday from 7:30am to 5:30pm. Service frequencies of five (5) minute from 7:30am till 1:30pm and 10 minute frequencies from 1:30pm till 5:30pm.
2. LRGVDC will perform all administrative activities for this project, including: adhering to state and federal regulations, submitting reports, operating the service in an effective and efficient manner, publicizing and marketing the service, maintaining the vehicles in working order, and all other activities related to operating the service.

C. CONTRACT AMOUNT:

The County of Hidalgo will provide a local match up to the amount of **\$160,969.00**. See Attachment B for details.

D. TERM:

The term of this MOU begins on September 3, 2018 and automatically expires on August, 30, 2019, if not terminated earlier by either party.

This MOU may be amended or extended upon mutual agreement of the LRGVDC and The County of Hidalgo.

E. NOTICES:

All notices, consents, approvals, demands, requests or other communications provided for or permitted to be given under any of the provisions of this MOU, with the exception of the notice for termination under the TERMINATION section of this MOU, shall be in writing, delivered by regular United States mail, and addressed as follows:

If to LRGVDC: Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council (Valley Metro)
510 S. Pleasantview Dr.
Weslaco, TX 78596

Attention: Tom Logan, Director
Phone: 956-969-5761
Email: tlogan@lrgvdc.org.

If to County of Hidalgo: The County of Hidalgo
100 E. Cano, Suite 201,
Edinburg, TX 78539
Attention: Michael Leo
Phone: (956)318-2600
Email: michael.loe@co.hidalgo.tx.us

F. TERMINATION:

Either party may terminate this MOU at any time upon sixty (60) days written notice of the termination to the other party. Such notice shall be delivered by United States certified mail return receipt requested.

Executed effective as of the Effective Date by the following duly authorized representatives of the Agreement Parties:

The County of Hidalgo:

**LRGVDC:
Lower Rio Grande Valley Development
Council**

By: _____

By: _____

Name: Ramon Garcia

Title: Judge

Date: _____

Name: Ron Garza

Title: Executive Director

Date: _____