

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is entered into by and between the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council (LRGVDC), the Rio Grande Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Transportation Policy Board, acting as the legal representative of the Rio Grande Valley MPO urbanized area, and County of Hidalgo, acting as a contributor of local match for the Rio Grande Valley MPO Safe Streets and Roads for All Comprehensive Safety Action Plan.

WHEREAS the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council acts as the fiduciary agent for the Rio Grande Valley MPO; and

WHEREAS the Rio Grande Valley MPO utilized the 2019 American Community Survey Census dataset as instructed by the Notice of Funding Opportunity in the Safe Streets and Roads for All Action Plan application; and

WHEREAS the Rio Grande Valley MPO determined the proportion of the local match to reflect population percentages equivalent to the total of the four local match contributors of the Safe Streets and Roads for All Action Plan application; and

WHEREAS the Population of the County of Hidalgo, the County of Starr, the City of Brownsville, and the City of Harlingen combined was 1,176,555 people; and

WHEREAS the Population of the County of Hidalgo was 855,176 comprising of Seventy-three percent of that total population; and

WHEREAS the County of Hidalgo so graciously agreed to provide up to \$46,500 of local match funds for the Rio Grande Valley MPO at the County Commissioners Court held on Tuesday September 6th, 2022; and

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED that County of Hidalgo will provide \$36,500 in local match funds to support the Rio Grande Valley MPO development of the regions' first transportation comprehensive safety action plan. This would allow the Rio Grande Valley MPO to identify proven safety countermeasures that would benefit the region and select pilot projects that could be funded through a future application for an implementation grant through the same Safe Streets and Roads for All grant program.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED that the County of Hidalgo will send the local match funds to the LRGVDC within 30 days of signing this Memorandum of Understanding.

The Rio Grande Valley MPO will create a sub-committee inviting planning partners from the County of Hidalgo region to help with the development of the comprehensive safety action plan.

Termination of this MOU may be made by notification to the other party at least 60 days written notice prior to the effective date of the cancellation.

Signed on this ____ day of August, 2023.

Approved by CC on 8/22/23 – AI 92153
Executive Office: _____

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