



Southwest Area Regional Transit District (SWART) - Middle Rio Grande Valley's Regionally Coordinated Transit Plan is scheduled to "Kickoff" a meeting with the Stakeholders for Region 24. The Hendrickson Transportation Group (HTG) Consulting team was selected for the plan in March 2021.

The Regionally Coordinated Transit Plan aims to complete the following objectives:

- Assist SWART, the City of Del Rio and the nine (9) counties combined it represents; Dimmit, Edwards, Kinney, La Salle, Maverick, Real, Uvalde, Val Verde, and Zavala in identifying the needs assessment and developing a 5-year plan for the county's existing rural transportation and demand-response.
- Engage with the general public and stakeholder groups through community outreach to receive feedback about public transit and identify levels of support for potential projects.
- Provide direction and guidance in how the county should develop its public transportation program, including operational improvements and a capital plan.
- Prepare for an expected loss-of-funding for the City of Eagle Pass when the transit system is reclassified from a rural area service provider to urban area service provider following the 2020 Census. Define which type of transit service (fixed-route, demand-response, micro-transit, etc.) is feasible and develop a robust financial plan how to fund such service.
- Inform County officials and residents about future public transportation needs, the projects that address those needs, and the costs and benefits of those projects.
- Review adjoining county and regional transit plans to provide context around Region 24 transit projects and how they will connect to the larger regional network.

Hendrickson Transportation Group, Inc. (HTC) is the leading consultant for the project. A project kick-off meeting is planned for April 29, 2021 at 2:00 pm. Following the kick-off meeting and subsequent approval of the project management plan, the consultant will develop a public involvement plan and launch the project website and questionnaire.

RideSWART – Hendrickson Transportation Group (HTG) will promote opportunities for public input when they occur and encourages all residents to participate.

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