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MPO POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

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Meeting Date & Time: August 17th, 2022 at 1:30 p.m.

Meeting Location: City of Laredo Council Chambers, 1110 Houston St., Laredo, Texas 78040

Meeting Link: <http://laredotx.swagit.com/live>

Laredo TV: Spectrum TV channel 1300

AGENDA:

- I. CHAIRPERSON TO CALL MEETING TO ORDER
- II. CHAIRPERSON TO CALL ROLL
- III. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Speakers are required to fill out witness cards, which must be submitted to MPO Staff no later than 1:45 p.m. the day of the meeting. Speakers shall identify themselves at the microphone. Comments are limited to three (3) minutes per speaker. No more than three (3) persons will be allowed to speak on any side of an issue. Should there be more than three (3) people who wish to speak on a specific issue, they should select not more than three (3) representatives to speak on their behalf. The presiding officer may further limit public on the interest of order or time. Speakers may not transfer their minutes to any other speaker. Comments should be relevant to MPO business and delivered in a professional manner. No derogatory remarks shall be permitted.

IV. ITEMS REQUIRING POLICY COMMITTEE ACTION:

- A. Approval of the minutes for the meeting held on July 20th, 2022.
- B. Discussion with possible action on gap funding for the Vallecillo Road Project, and any other matters incident thereto. (Requested by Mayor Pete Saenz).
- C. Discussion with possible action on connecting International Blvd. north of US 59/Loop 20 to IH-35 and other necessary mobility improvements in Northeast Laredo, and any other matters incident thereto. (Requested by Dr. Marte A. Martinez).

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- D. Discussion with possible action on the Hachar-Reuthinger Road project.
- V. REPORT(S) AND PRESENTATIONS (No action required).
 - A. Presentation on Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) by Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) representative, Kirk D. Fauver.
 - B. Presentation by TxDOT on the status of ongoing projects.
 - C. Status report by the Regional Mobility Authority (RMA).

VI. DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

- A. Administrative modification to the 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to incorporate an updated MPO/TxDOT Self-Certification Statement.
- B. MPO 2022 Transportation Alternatives (TA) Set-Aside Call for Projects update.
- C. Schedule of upcoming meetings.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

NOTICE INFORMATION:

Notice of this meeting was posted at the municipal government offices, 1110 Houston Street, Laredo, Texas, at a place convenient and readily accessible to the public at all times. Said notice was posted 72 hours before the meeting date and time. The agenda and meeting information was also posted online at <http://www.laredompo.org/agendas-minutes/>.

All meetings of the MPO Committee are open to the public. Persons who plan to attend this meeting and who may need auxiliary aid or services such as: interpreters for persons who are deaf or hearing impaired, readers of large print or Braille, or a translator for the Spanish language are requested to contact MPO Staff at 956-794-1613, or via email at aquijano@ci.laredo.tx.us at least two working days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made. Materials in Spanish may also be provided upon request.

Disability Access Statement: This meeting is wheelchair accessible. The accessible ramps are located at 1110 Victoria and 910 Flores. Accessible parking spaces are located at City Hall, 1110 Victoria.

Ayuda o Servicios Auxiliares: Todas las reuniones del Comité del MPO están abiertas al público. Personas que planean asistir a esta reunión y que pueden necesitar ayuda o servicios auxiliares como: interpretes para personas con discapacidad auditiva, lectores de letra grande o en Braille, o un traductor para el idioma español deben comunicarse con el personal del MPO al 956-794-1613 o por correo electrónico aquijano@ci.laredo.tx.us por lo menos dos días laborales antes de



LAREDO & WEBB COUNTY

AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

Director's Report August 17, 2022

1. As per TxDOT's request to MPOs, an administrative modification to the 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) will be required to incorporate a revised Self-Certification Statement, which reflects updated language in accordance with the new Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA).
2. The draft guidelines for the MPO 2022 Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TASA) Call for Projects have been reviewed by the Active Transportation Committee and Technical Committee. Both committees recommended approval pending FHWA's review. The guidelines will be submitted to FHWA for their review. We plan to bring an action item to the Policy Committee meeting in September to consider approving the guidelines and authorizing the Call for Projects.
3. Upcoming regularly scheduled meetings:
 - Active Transportation Committee – August 31, 2022
 - Technical Committee – September 13, 2022
 - Policy Committee – September 21, 2022



**METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION AND TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
SELF-CERTIFICATION**

In accordance with 23 CFR Part 450.336, the Texas Department of Transportation and the Laredo Webb County Area Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Laredo Urbanized Area, hereby certify that the transportation planning process is addressing the major issues in the metropolitan planning area and is being conducted in accordance with all applicable requirements of:

- (1) 23 U.S.C. 134, 49 U.S.C. 5303, and 23 CFR 450 subpart C;
- (2) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended (42 U.S.C. 2000d-1) and 49 CFR part 21;
- (3) 49 U.S.C. 5332, prohibiting discrimination on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, sex, or age in employment or business opportunity;
- (4) Section 1101(b) of the FAST Act (Pub. L. 114-357) and 49CFR part 26 regarding the involvement of Disadvantaged Business Enterprises in US DOT-funded projects;
- (5) 23 CFR part 230, regarding the implementation of an equal employment opportunity program on Federal and Federal-aid highway construction contracts;
- (6) The provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.) and (49 CFR Parts 27, 37, and 38);
- (7) The Older Americans Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 6101), prohibiting discrimination on the basis of age in programs or activities receiving Federal financial assistance;
- (8) Section 324 of title 23 U.S.C. regarding the prohibition of discrimination based on gender; and
- (9) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794) and 49 CFR part 27 regarding discrimination against individuals with disabilities.

David M. Salazar, P.E.
TxDOT, District Engineer

8/17/22
Date

Honorable Pete Saenz Mayor of Laredo
and Chairperson of the MPO Policy Committee

08/17/22
Date