



## MPO POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

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**Meeting Date & Time:** November 20, 2024 at 1:30 PM

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

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

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### AGENDA:

I. CHAIRPERSON TO CALL MEETING TO ORDER

II. CHAIRPERSON TO CALL ROLL

III. CITIZEN COMMENTS

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IV. ITEMS REQUIRING POLICY COMMITTEE ACTION:

A. Approval of the minutes for the meeting held on October 16, 2024.

B. Receive public testimony and initiate a 20-day public review and comment period for the draft 2025-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). A presentation on the draft 2025-2050 MTP will be provided by a representative of WSP.

C. Discussion with possible action on canceling the December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Policy Committee meeting.

## MPO POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

### V. REPORT(S) AND PRESENTATIONS (No action required).

- A. Status report by the Regional Mobility Authority (RMA).
- B. TxDOT Project Updates
- C. Update by MPO staff on an administrative modification to three projects listed on the FY 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

### VI. DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

### VII. COMMUNICATIONS

### VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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**POLICY COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP:**

***LWCAMPO Chairperson***

Honorable Tano E. Tijerina, Webb County Judge

***LWCAMPO Vice-Chairperson***

Honorable Dr. Victor D. Treviño, City of Laredo Mayor

***City of Laredo Representatives***

Honorable Ruben Gutierrez, Jr., Mayor Pro-Tempore, District V

Honorable Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr., City Councilmember, District II

***County of Webb Representatives***

Honorable Jesse Gonzalez, Webb County Commissioner, Pct. 1

Honorable John Galo, Webb County Commissioner, Pct. 3

***Laredo Mass Transit Board Representative***

Honorable Vanessa Perez, City Councilmember, District VII

***State Representative***

Mr. Epigmenio "Epi" Gonzalez, P.E., TxDOT District Engineer

***Member at Large Representative***

Jed A. Brown

***Ex-Officio Representatives***

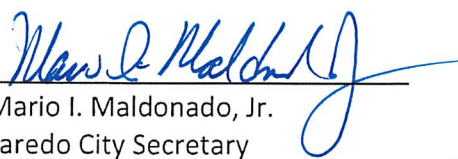
Honorable Judith Zaffirini, State Senator, District 21

Honorable Richard Raymond, State Representative, District 42

Honorable Tracy O. King, State Representative, District 80

**AGENDA REVIEWED:**

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Juan S. Mendive, AICP  
LWCAMPO Director

  
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Mario I. Maldonado, Jr.  
Laredo City Secretary

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# **LAREDO & WEBB COUNTY**

## **AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

### **Item IV.A.**

**A. Approval of the minutes for the meeting held on October 16, 2024.**





# LAREDO & WEBB COUNTY

## AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

### POLICY COMMITTEE

#### MEETING MINUTES

October 16, 2024

LIVE WEB LINK: <http://laredotx.swagit.com/live>  
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#### I. CHAIRPERSON TO CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Judge Tano E. Tijerina, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 1:40 PM.

#### II. CHAIRPERSON TO CALL ROLL

Juan Mendive, MPO Director, called roll and verified a quorum existed.

#### Regular members present:

Honorable Tano E. Tijerina, Webb County Judge and LWCAMPO Chairperson  
Honorable Ruben Gutierrez Jr., Mayor Pro-Tempore, District V  
Honorable Melissa R. Cigarroa, City Councilmember, District III  
Mr. Epigmenio "Epi" Gonzalez, P.E., TxDOT District Engineer  
Mr. Jed A. Brown, Member-At-Large

#### Regular members not present:

Honorable Dr. Victor D. Treviño, Mayor and LWCAMPO Vice-Chairperson  
Honorable Vanessa Perez, City Councilmember, District VII  
Honorable Jesse Gonzalez, Webb County Commissioner, Pct. 1  
Honorable John Galo, Webb County Commissioner, Pct. 3

CM. Gutierrez, made a motion to excuse members not present.

Second: Mr. Brown  
For: 5  
Against: 0  
Abstained: 0

Motion carried unanimously.

#### Ex-Officio members not present:

Honorable Judith Zaffirini, State Senator, District 21  
Honorable Richard Raymond, State Representative, District 42  
Honorable Tracy O. King, State Representative, District 80

**LWCAMPO Staff present:**

Juan S. Mendive, LWCAMPO Director  
Julio A. Niño, LWCAMPO Planner III  
Adriana A. Vigil, LWCAMPO Administrative Assistant

**Others:**

Kirk D. Fauver, FHWA Texas  
Sara Garza, TxDOT  
Ana Duncan, TxDOT  
RJ Garza, El Metro Transit  
Guillermo Cuellar, Webb County Engineering  
Anthony Garza, Webb County Consultant  
Melissa Montemayor, WC-CL RMA/LJA Engineering  
Blasita J. Lopez, WC-CL RMA/LJA Engineering

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**IV. ITEMS REQUIRING POLICY COMMITTEE ACTION:**

**A. Approval of the minutes for the meeting held on July 17, 2024.**

CM. Gutierrez, made a motion to **approve** the minutes of July 17, 2024.

Second: CM. Cigarroa  
For: 5  
Against: 0  
Abstained: 0

Motion carried unanimously.

**B. Presentation on the 2024 Transportation Management Area (TMA) Certification Review by Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) representative, Kirk D. Fauver, with possible action.**

Kirk D. Fauver, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), thanked everyone for their participation back in June on the TMA Certification Review of the MPO's transportation planning process. He stated the MPO was found in excellent status, and doing a great job developing performance measures and developing plans and Transportation Improvement Plans (TIP) and Unified Planning Work Programs (UPWP). He stated that he wanted to commend the MPO, they had about 19 commendations in their final report. He continued by stating that there was an extensive review of the Metropolitan Planning process and it was found in good order. Mr. Fauver, stated that there were about 20 recommendations for improvement but no corrective actions were found in the review.

Mr. Mendive, stated that there was a draft of the commendations and recommendations made in the Policy packet, and that the MPO had already started working on some of the recommendations.

Mr. Fauver, stated one of the things found was the website wasn't really up to par, since they had a hard time getting into the website as an external user, he asked the MPO staff to work with the City of Laredo's Information Service and Telecommunications (IST) Department to help resolve that issue.

Judge Tijerina, asked if the report had been emailed and shared to the Policy Committee.

Mr. Fauver, stated that the final report was in draft stage and getting final comments from the Director of Planning and Programming Development for FHWA and FTA. He stated that final comments will be integrated into the report, but nothing that would change the outcome of the recommendations and commendations. Mr. Fauver, stated that the final product might be ready to share the following week. Mr. Fauver, stated that the MPO was performing well as there were many outstanding commendations for the MPO in the final certification report. He stated, that they were looking forward to continuing the partnership with the Laredo Webb County area MPO. He also stated that public awareness of Transportation needs and more public engagement was necessary, to make sure those needs were understood by the citizens. He continued by stating that they were looking forward to putting more effort in that area, including the areas that are disadvantage and low income as they move forward with the planning process. He reiterated that there were no corrective actions. He stated that a corrective action would be findings not meeting or conforming with the regulations of the laws under Title 23, and the corrective action process would require a response within six months to a year to fix it. He also stated that the Congestion Management Plan (CMP) and all the planning documents were found in good order. He finally stated that everyone was doing a great job overall.



CM. Cigarroa, mentioned that she was glad Mr. Fauver was explaining the difference between commendations, recommendations, and corrective actions

CM. Cigarroa, stated that it was great to hear that there were no corrective actions. She stated that it was thanks to the leadership of Mr. Mendive and she wanted to congratulate him on that.

Mr. Fauver, stated that Mr. Mendive's leadership had been outstanding in their site. He stated that he had been doing an outstanding job.

CM. Cigarroa, stated that one of the commendations was the fact the LWCAMPO had undertaken the Vision Zero plan, which really speaks about the partnership with the Regional Mobility Authority (RMA) in leading that safety study. CM. Cigarroa, thanked the RMA as well for participating and being a key component of that. She also stated that Vision Zero was not something that all communities were undertaking.

Mr. Fauver, stated that some of the bigger cities have adopted Vision Zero plans and policies but not the smaller Transportation Management Association (TMA) or Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO) have so it was good to know that the LWCAMPO has. He also stated that there were presentations from their safety engineer on that topic and the national policies and programs that were being implemented to take Vision Zero to the next level. He mentioned that if the Committee liked to invite the FHWA back they would be willing to give that presentation to explain it better.

CM. Cigarroa, stated it would be good for the Policy Committee to hear those presentations. She asked Judge Tijerina, if there would be a time when he thought it would be convenient to have that presentation.

Mr. Fauver, stated that they could be added to the agenda on a future meeting to give that presentation.

Judge Tijerina, thanked Mr. Fauver for the presentation and he also thanked Mr. Mendive and everyone on the MPO for doing a great job.

Mr. Mendive, stated that the MPO had a good team and a good leadership with the Committee as well. He also stated there would be a report summary of the interviews with the elected officials as well.

Mr. Fauver, stated there would be a one-page summary of all the conversations with the elected officials. Mr. Fauver, thanked the Committee for the time.

**C. Discussion with possible action to provide a Letter in Support of the City of Laredo Colombia Solidarity International Bridge Expansion Project.**

Mr. Mendive, stated that the Colombia Solidarity International Bridge Expansion was indeed a City of Laredo project, but there was a request for a Letter of Support received

by a consultant that was working on the project. Mr. Mendive, stated that the Letter of Support would be from the MPO for their project for the Presidential Permit application.

Mr. Mendive mentioned there was a letter in the packet about the roll as an MPO. He stated, that the Colombia Bridge was inside the MPO boundary, if in the future there was any federal money attached to the Colombia Bridge, the MPO would need to program it into the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Judge Tijerina, asked what the Bridge Expansion Project consists of. He further asked what exactly was the MPO in support of.

Mr. Mendive, stated that the consultants were present and they could give more information on the Expansion project.

Ms. Melissa Montemayor, LJA Engineering, stated the proposed expansion would be two new structures that will be parallel to existing structures. She further stated that the proposal was to have four lanes on the two new structures, so that there will be an additional eight lanes total being added at Colombia Solidarity International Bridge. Ms. Montemayor, continued by stating that this would be to be able to take on the additional traffic that was being proposed over the next 20, 30, 40 years at Colombia Solidarity Bridge. She also stated that the application was being submitted before the Thanksgiving Holidays, and the Bridge follows under the National Defense Authorization Act, so it would be within that window of 120 days that the State Department and the White House would have to review and approve a permit.

Judge Tijerina, asked if the annexation would still part of the City of Laredo or would it be part of Webb County.

Ms. Montemayor, stated that the expansion would be all within the City of Laredo annexed portion, she further stated that the Webb County had passed a Resolution to sign the application because the property that was annexed was very close to the original area where the original Colombia Solidarity Bridge permit was issued.

Judge Tijerina, stated that the City of Laredo noticed the Webb County was listed in the original permit and asked the Webb County to sign a waiver stating that the City of Laredo could take over that area.

Ms. Montemayor, stated that after the original permit was issued the property was annexed.

Judge Tijerina, stated that the 4/5 Bridge will grow 5% to 7% a year with the new trucks. He also stated that he agrees with the expansion.

Mr. Brown, stated that the City of Laredo approached the Regional Mobility Authority (RMA) for a similar Letter of Support as well. He further stated that the Consultants are just trying to submit the most complete application. Mr. Brown stated that since the RMA was a transportation organization, any transportation project like that would be supported by them. He further stated that the community needed all similar projects.

Judge Tijerina, made a motion to provide a Letter in Support of the City of Laredo Colombia Solidarity International Bridge Expansion Project.

Second: CM. Gutierrez  
For: 5  
Against: 0  
Abstained: 0

Motion carried unanimously.

**V. REPORT(S) AND PRESENTATIONS (No action required).**

**A. Status report by the Regional Mobility Authority (RMA).**

Mr. Jed Brown, LJA Engineering, presented the following report part of the packet: Mr. Brown, stated that they had split out the Vallecillo status report and the Safe Streets status report to give a more detailed report to the Policy Committee members.

**WC-CL RMA October 2024 Status Report to LWCAMPO**

- 1. Vallecillo Overpass** – The WC-CL RMA will not be managing the development of the Overpass design. TxDOT Laredo District has recently informed us that they will be developing the design of this project. The WC-CL RMA stands ready to provide information from the Vallecillo Road Project to TxDOT so that the two projects' connections are well coordinated. The WC-CL RMA received the \*.dgn files and traffic data from TxDOT to incorporate into the Vallecillo Road traffic studies, and the WC-CL RMA has prepared a construction estimate for the proposed Overpass. \$16 million has been provided by the MPO via Category 2 funds towards the cost of the overpass. The overpass has an estimated construction cost of \$47,350,390, assuming the project lets in 2027. The goal is to have the Overpass project included in the UTP adopted in August 2025.
- 2. Springfield Phase IV** – Similar to Springfield Phase III, the RMA has committed up to \$1 million to the City to assist with the funding of the construction of Phase IV of the project from Hospitality Drive to Bob Bullock Loop. The sponsorship and implementation are subject to the negotiation of an Inter Local Agreement (ILA) between the City and the RMA. The RMA submitted a draft ILA to the City on 4/9/2024. The RMA originally intended to utilize the Category 12 Strategic Partnership dollars for the funding of the project. The RMA has decided to proceed for the construction of this project utilizing the RMA Vehicle Registration Fees. The ILA between the City and the RMA was executed on 9/9/2024.
- 3. Concord Hills (Wormser Road/ Lomas Del Sur to Los Presidentes)** – The RMA has committed \$1 million to the development of a new location 1.3 mile, 2-lane minor



arterial roadway extension from Los Presidentes to Wormser Road/ Lomas Del Sur within a nominal ROW width of 90' in partnership with the City. The project will provide a parallel route to Cuatro Vientos and provide additional access to the new Laredo Sports Complex and the Municipal Water Park. The sponsorship and implementation are subject to the negotiation of an Inter Local Agreement (ILA) between the City and the RMA. The RMA is working with the City and the property owners for the donation of the ROW and the finalization of the construction cost estimate for the project. The RMA recommitted its support in funding on the project February 14, 2024, at the February Board Meeting.

4. **North Laredo and Cuatro Vientos Transportation Reinvestment Zones (TRZ)** - The RMA is awaiting execution of the ILA with the City to commence the North Laredo TRZ Study. The City notified the WC-CL RMA on 2/13/24 that the City will move forward with drafting and distributing the ILA to the WC-CL RMA and commence the project. Regarding the Cuatro Vientos TRZ, the City would like to commence the process of implementing the TRZ with support from the WC-CL RMA. The RMA and the City will commence negotiation of the ILA to codify the agency roles for the implementation.
5. **FM 1472 and Killam Industrial Blvd. Turn Lanes** – The RMA conducted a TDLR inspection of the project. The final change order was completed with concurrence from the RMA to TxDOT on 7/24/2024. Project is 100% complete.
6. **The Vallecillo Road Project** – (See supplemental memorandum)
7. **Vision Zero Webb Laredo Safety Action Plan (Safe Streets for All)** - (See supplemental memorandum)
8. **Other Items** - The next RMA Board meeting in late October or early November.

Mr. Brown, gave the update on the Safe Streets for All which is Vision Zero, he stated that project was moving along and that it should be finalized by the end of the year. He also stated that there was still money left in the budget to move towards implementation. Mr. Brown continued by stating that a group of different representatives from the community will work together to identify the 10 areas of biggest need. They will try and choose different parts of the city that could actually use improvements that will cause less wrecks and help save lives. He also stated that it will go back to the MPO for presentation probably around January 2025.

Mr. Brown, also gave an update on the Vallecillo Overpass, he stated that there was a stakeholders meeting in September in the Mines Rd. area that was very well attended. He stated that the overpass was not specifically an RMA project, but the RMA was working on it because it needed to happen in conjunction with the Vallecillo Rd. project. Mr. Brown also stated that in TxDOT's review of the design was found that additional right-of-way might be needed for the slope of the overpass back to the West into the Killam's property. The boundaries needed to be redefined. He

continued by stating that LJA and the other team of consultants were already looking into that, and will work with TxDOT on it. Mr. Brown also stated that there might be a change in the design of the overpass that had been discussed in that meeting. He stated that TxDOT had a different idea of a better overpass design to carry additional traffic that's also tied what is planned by the Killam's on the East side of IH 35. He stated that if additional right-of-way needed on the West side of Vallecillo they would need to know soon so that it can be planned with the needed environmental clearances, the surveying process and everything else that it pertains. He stated that Vallecillo was moving along well and they were trying to stay on schedule but any changes to the design of the overpass could impact the process on the West side. Mr. Brown also stated that they would really like to see the project funded in next year's Unified Transportation Program (UTP).

Mr. Epi Gonzalez, stated that TxDOT had a good idea of what was being proposed on the West side, and that they only to make sure they were building a bridge that won't become obsolete in 10 years. He also stated that the overpass could be built in phases just making sure that whatever was build would be able to be expanded and have the space to build the additional lanes in the future.

#### **B. Update and presentation on the 2025-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP).**

Mr. Gonzalez, asked if an item could be added to next month's agenda for a status update on the Hachar-Ruthinger Rd. project.

Judge Tijerina, stated that it would be talked about in the Communications item in this meeting.

Mr. Mendive, stated that they had mentioned adding an item for TxDOT updates more frequently to the agenda.

Mr. Mendive, gave an update Presentation on the 2025-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). He stated that he had been providing updates in his Director's Comments. He continued by giving a background of the MTP, he stated what the MPO functions were, the LWCAMPO which is the MPO for the urbanized area comprised of the City of Laredo, City of Rio Bravo and portions of the Webb County. He stated that the Metropolitan Transportation Plan was developed for a planning horizon of 25 years, that was updated every 5 years with the purpose to establish the long-term transportation policy agenda of the region. Mr. Mendive, shared the MTP Goals and Objectives, which consist of Safety, Asset Preservation, Economic Vitality and Competitiveness, System Reliability, Innovation and Technology, Connectivity, Equity, Environmental Sustainability, Climate Resilience, and Sustainable Financing. He continued by sharing the next steps of the MTP, which consisted of finalizing the MTP

project list, completing the draft MTP document, presenting the draft MTP to the Policy Committee, releasing the draft MTP for 45-day public comment period, holding a Public Meeting on November 21<sup>st</sup>, and adopting the final MTP.

## **VI. DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS**

Juan Mendive, MPO Director presented the following report part of the packet:

### **Director's Report October 16, 2024**

#### **1. Microtransit Feasibility Study Update:**

- The MPO is working with El Metro on a Microtransit Feasibility Study. The study is authorized in the FY24 and FY25 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) and is being funded with the MPO's Transportation Planning Funds.
- A kick-off meeting with the consultants along with MPO and El Metro staff was held on September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024. We continue to meet every other week to discuss the project's progress. The study is scheduled to last approximately 9 months.

#### **2. Potential State Designations for the 2024 PM2.5 National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAAQS):**

- MPO staff is closely monitoring the proposed designation of Webb County as a non-attainment area for PM2.5.
- Non-attainment status will result in additional federal metropolitan transportation planning process requirements to help mitigate air quality. This includes additional analysis and requirements when programming/using federal funds for transportation projects within the MPO boundary.
- Our partners at TxDOT and FHWA are aware of this potential designation, especially considering many other counties in Texas are in a similar situation. From my discussions with these partners at meetings, it is understood that guidance will be provided to any of the MPOs that will be impacted by the non-attainment designations.

#### **3. Recent Conferences/Travel Attended by MPO Staff:**

- I attended the I-27 Advisory Committee meeting in Del Rio, Texas on September 19, 2024. I provided a brief presentation/update on the Laredo Webb County Area MPO's ongoing activities.



- Two MPO planners are attending the American Planning Association (APA) Texas Chapter Conference in Allen, Texas from October 16<sup>th</sup> through October 18<sup>th</sup>.

#### 4. Texas Transportation Commission Meetings:

- October 31, 2024
- November 14, 2024
- December 17, 2024

Upcoming Texas Transportation Commission meetings and agendas can be found on the following link: <https://www.txdot.gov/about/leadership/texas-transportation-commission/meeting-dates-agendas.html>

#### 5. Upcoming regularly scheduled MPO meetings:

- Active Transportation Committee – October 30, 2024
- Technical Committee – November 12, 2024
- Policy Committee – November 20, 2024

CM. Cigarroa, asked Mr. Mendive if he was planning to attend any of the upcoming Texas Transportation Commission meetings and if there were any opportunity to comment.

Mr. Mendive, answered that there were not any items that they could go and speak on, but they would be open to it. He stated that there is usually no MPO Policy meeting in December, so they could be open to travel to one of the Texas Transportation Commission meetings. He further stated that once they had the UTP item on the agenda, the meeting will be attended.

CM. Cigarroa, stated that the time they attended on of the Texas Transportation Commission meetings the idea was to mention Vallecillo, but it didn't quite work that way, since the focus was on the UTP. She also stated that her thoughts were that the Commissioners were receptive and understanding of the current conditions in Laredo and the challenging that we were facing with the growth. She further stated that everything ties in very well with the needs for Vallecillo and other similar projects. She continued by stating that she would like to attended to continue to remind them what is going on in Laredo and our particular needs. CM. Cigarroa, stated that she would be willing to attend any of the meetings with Mr. Mendive.

Mr. Mendive, stated that it would just depended on what else is going on at the moment of the meetings. He stated that the next few weeks and month would be pretty busy with

the MTP being approved and the Public meetings. He continued by stating that the meeting would be on December 17<sup>th</sup> usually starting at 10:30 am.

Mr. Brown, stated that he would appreciate they mentioned Vallecillo in specifically the overpass and to know what to ask for. He also stated that the August UTP that will be adopted next August of 2025, there were some category 12 funds that need to be programed and asked for by January to make sure they make it into the UTP. He continued by stating that they need to get the message out there and that he actually speaks to the Commissioners any time they come into town.

CM. Cigarroa, stated that in the Border Connectivity seminar there were a lot of presentations about projects and a lot of focus was on the needs to increase trade and make it more efficient.

Mr. Gonzalez, stated that the UTP for Laredo was at \$200-\$300 million a few years ago, and now it was at \$2.1 billion.

Judge Tijerina, stated that in order to the City of Laredo and the Webb County to come evenly with the infrastructure were \$10 billion that were lacking.

## **VII. COMMUNICATIONS**

Judge Tijerina, asked Mr. Gonzalez on the status of the Hachar-Reuthinger Rd. Project.

Mr. Gonzalez, stated that construction had already started. He stated that they had been running into some challenges with some utilities, that they haven't impacted the contractor but they were getting to that point, and it is causing them to fall behind schedule. He also stated that conversation they have had with the contractor is that their goal is to finish 1 year in advance. He continued by stating that there was a construction management plan that they had worked on before letting, that protects the city from possible delays or inefficiency claims. He stated that there were also dates set for when the utilities were support to be cleared and now they are getting to that point where they have not been clear and the contractors could claim inefficiency or delays. Mr. Gonzalez, stated that Ramon Chavez COL Engineer and his staff could give more information on that.

Judge Tijerina, stated that the item would be added to next month's meeting agenda.

CM. Cigarroa, asked if there was something in particular that they City of Laredo could do to help push forward through the utilities issue.

Mr. Gonzalez, stated that they had been having bi-weekly meetings and there had been some progress but the only thing needed would be more effort in reviewing the submittals of the designs for the utilities

CM. Cigarroa, asked who was responsible for the AEP transmissions lines plans.

Mr. Gonzalez, replied that as per the agreement the City of Laredo was responsible for the right-of-way acquisition and the utility adjustments.

Judge Tijerina, congratulated Webb County for the 4/5 Bridge. He stated that it was not just for Webb County it was also for the City of Laredo and the region. He also stated that they had been in negotiations and finalizing their contract with South West Bridge and IKA which were partners. He continued by stating that once they have that finalized would be presented to the City of Laredo.

Mr. Brown, congratulated Judge Tijerina on the 4/5 Bridge.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Judge Tijerina, made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:30 PM.

Second: CM. Gutierrez  
For: 5  
Against: 0  
Abstained: 0

Motion carried unanimously.

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Juan S. Mendive, AICP  
LWCAMPO Director

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Webb County Judge Tano E. Tijerina  
LWCAMPO Chairperson



# **LAREDO & WEBB COUNTY**

## **AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

### **Item IV.B.**

- B. Receive public testimony and initiate a 20-day public review and comment period for the draft 2025-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). A presentation on the draft 2025-2050 MTP will be provided by a representative of WSP.**

**LAREDO & WEBB COUNTY AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION  
POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING ACTION ITEM**

<b>DATE:</b> 11/20/24	<b>ITEM:</b> IV.B
<b>SUBJECT:</b> Discussion and recommendation to initiate a 20-day public review and comment period for the 2025-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP).	
<b>INITIATED BY:</b> Staff	<b>STAFF SOURCE:</b> Juan S. Mendive, MPO Director
<b>PREVIOUS ACTION:</b> None	
<p><b>BACKGROUND:</b></p> <p>By federal law, each Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is required to develop and maintain a long-range transportation plan, known as a <b>Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)</b>, in accordance with 49 USC 5303(i), to accomplish the objectives outlined by the MPO, the state, and the public transportation providers with respect to the development of the metropolitan area’s transportation network and to assure the continued influx of federal transportation funds to the area.</p> <p>The <b>2025-2050 Laredo Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)</b> is an official intermodal transportation plan developed through a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive (3-C) planning process.</p> <p>The purpose of this <b>2025-2050 Laredo MTP</b> is to provide systematic, long-range planning for transportation projects and programs within the metropolitan planning area (MPA) comprised of the City of Laredo, the City of Rio Bravo, and portions of Webb County, Texas. The <b>2025-2050 Laredo MTP</b> identifies the existing and future transportation needs, financial resources, and project or programming priorities for the MPA and determines how a multi-modal transportation system (including transit, highway, bicycle, pedestrian and accessible transportation) will be managed and operated to meet the region’s economic, transportation, development and sustainability goals from 2025 through the horizon year 2050, while remaining fiscally constrained. The <b>2025-2050 Laredo MTP</b> also develops coordinated transportation strategies and recommendations including roadway development and operations, truck and rail freight movement, transit operations, bikeways and pedestrian facilities; to provide the necessary transportation facilities essential for the continued mobility and economic vitality of Laredo.</p> <p>The <b>2025-2050 Laredo MTP</b>, addresses and meets all <i>Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act of 2012 (MAP-21)</i>, <i>Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act of 2015 (FAST Act)</i>, and the <i>Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA)</i> planning requirements as provided by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA).</p>	
<b>STAFF RECOMMENDATION:</b> Staff recommends approval.	<b>COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:</b> The Technical Committee recommends approval.



November 20, 2024

# Update on the 2025-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)

MPO Policy Committee Meeting

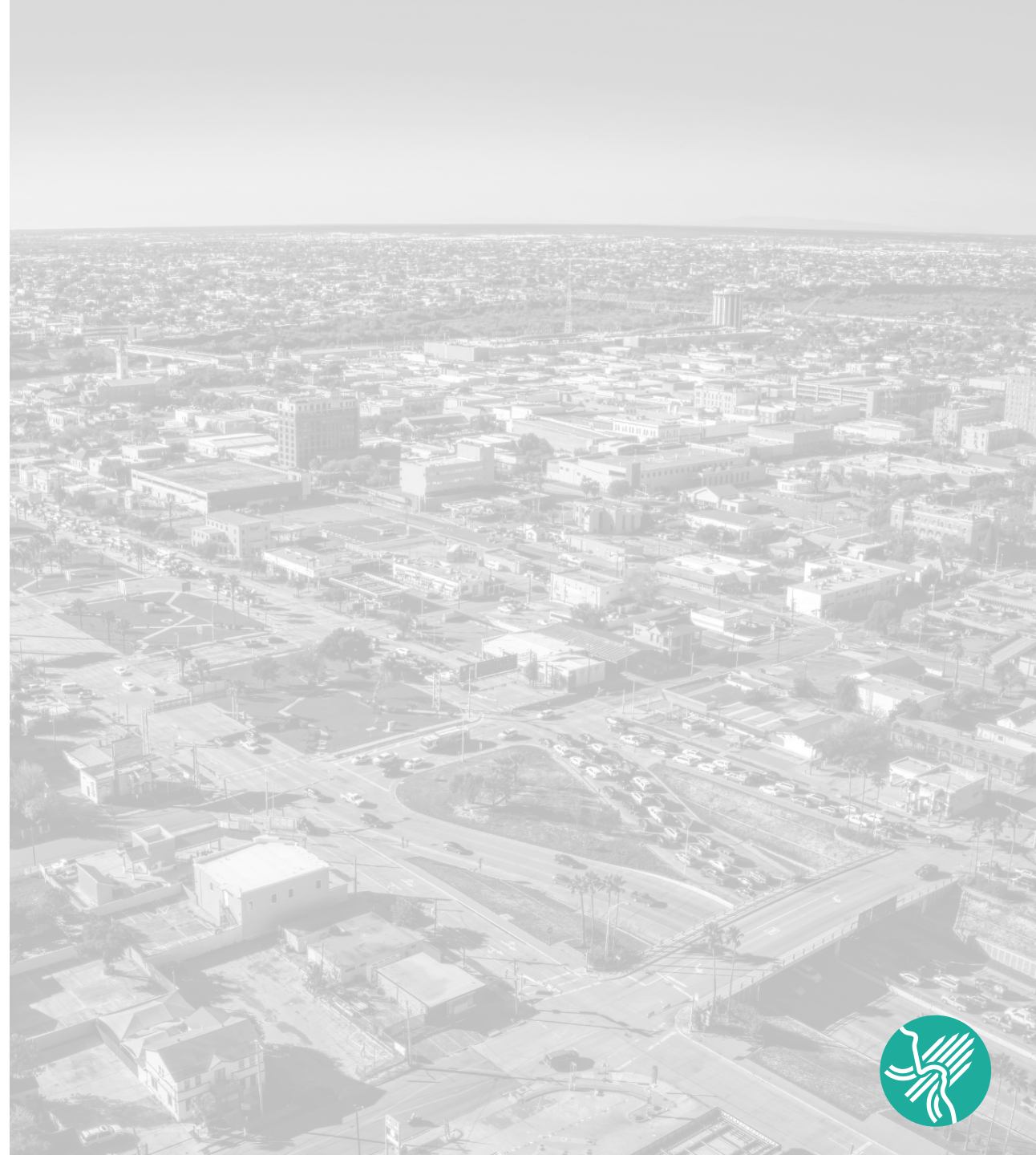


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Laredo & Webb County Area

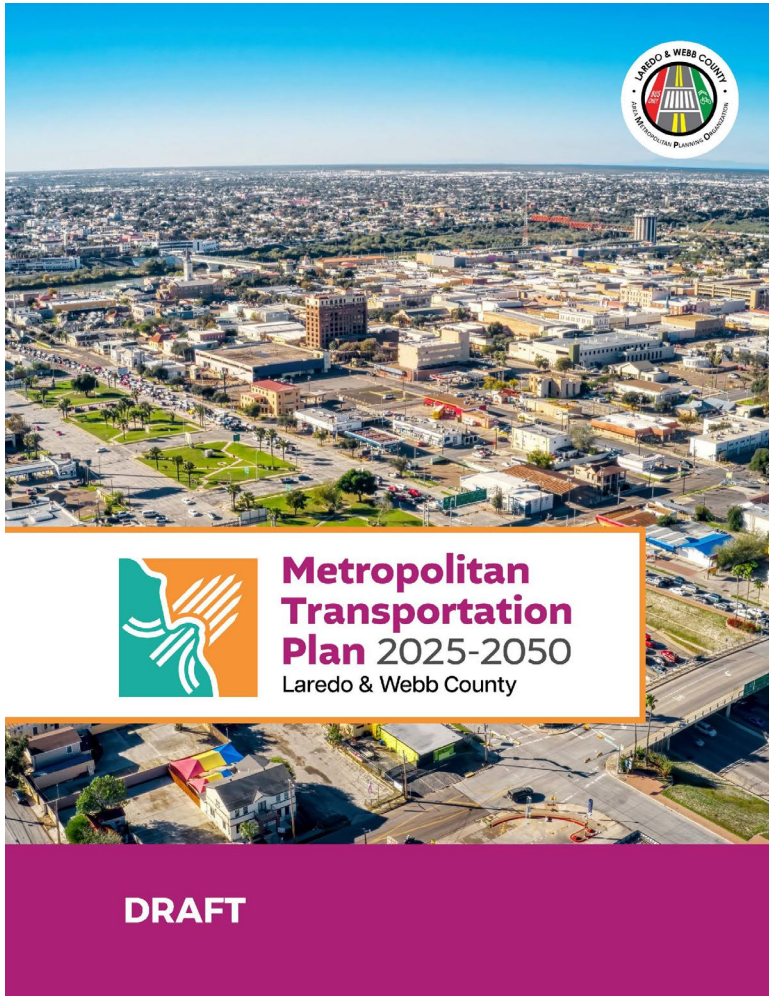


# Agenda

- MTP Background
- MTP Schedule
- Goals and Objectives
- Project Evaluation and Prioritization
- Fiscally Constrained Project List
- Illustrative Project List
- Public Meeting #2
- Draft MTP for Public Comment
  - **Request Policy Committee to open 20-day public review and comment period of Draft MTP**
- Next Steps







## Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)

### Planning Horizon.

20 years or more

### Update Timing.

Every 5 years

**Purpose.** The MTP establishes the long-term transportation policy agenda for the region. The MTP outlines regional transportation priorities and identifies transportation projects to meet regional transportation goals over the plan's horizon, while remaining fiscally constrained.



# MTP Schedule

Baseline Data  
*Datos Base*



**Spring 2024**  
***Primavera 2024***

Existing Conditions  
*Condiciones Existentes*

Establish Goals and  
Objectives  
*Establecer Metas y  
Objetivos*

Public Meeting #1  
*Reunión Pública #1*

Needs Analysis  
*Análisis de Necesidades*



**Summer 2024**  
***Verano 2024***

Needs Analysis  
*Análisis de Necesidades*

Stakeholder  
Coordination  
*Coordinación con  
Interesados*

Call for Projects  
*Convocatoria de  
Proyectos*

Revenue Projections  
*Proyecciones de  
Retribución*

Project Evaluation  
*Evaluación de Proyecto*



**Fall 2024**  
***Otoño 2024***

Project Prioritization  
*Priorización de  
Proyectos*

Performance  
Measurement  
*Medida de Rendimiento*

Recommendations  
*Recomendaciones*

Public Meeting #2  
*Reunión Pública #2*

Prepare Draft MTP  
*Preparar el Borrador del  
MTP*

MTP Adoption  
*Aprobación del MTP*



**Winter 2024**  
***Invierno 2024***

Issue Draft MTP for  
Public Comment  
*Publicar Borrador del  
MTP para Comentario  
Público*

Adoption of MTP  
*Aprobación del MTP*



# MTP Goals and Objectives



**Safety** - Improve safety of transportation system across all modes and for all users, and achieve zero transportation-related serious injuries and fatalities



**Asset Preservation** – Maintain and preserve existing transportation assets and infrastructure to keep the overall transportation system in good condition



**Economic Vitality and Competitiveness** – Sustain an effective and efficient freight network and expand access to economic opportunities in the region



**System Reliability** – Provide an efficient surface transportation system that maintains travel time reliability and reduces congestion



**Innovation and Technology** – Leverage latest research and technologies to enhance the transportation system



# MTP Goals and Objectives



**Connectivity** – Develop an integrated and connected transportation network



**Equity** – Promote equitable access to safe and affordable mobility options, and avoid unequitable adverse impacts on communities



**Environmental Sustainability** – Protect and enhance natural, historic, and cultural resources in the region



**Climate Resilience** – Reduce greenhouse gas emissions and enhance resilience of the overall transportation system against extreme climate events



**Sustainable Financing** – Identify responsible financing options that are sustainable in the long run



# Project Evaluation and Prioritization

- Updated project evaluation criteria:
  - Objective criteria: Data-driven criteria aligning with the MTP goals.
  - Subjective criteria: Criteria to align scoring with stakeholder and community priorities.





# Fiscally Constrained Project List

Map #	CSJ	Project Name	Limits From	Limits To	Project Description	Expected Fiscal Year	Cost of Approved Phases
1	0086-16-008	SL 20 Interchange at Lomas Del Sur Blvd.	0.58 miles south of Lomas Del Sur Blvd.	0.72 miles north of Lomas Del Sur Blvd.	Construction of interchange improvement at Lomas Del Sur Blvd.	2025	\$41,565,320
2	0922-33-076	FM1472 / Flecha Lane	Intersection of FM 1472 and Flecha	0.17 miles east of FM 1472	Realignment of Flecha and Las Cruces	2025	\$1,800,000
3	0922-33-177	River Vega Trail	Ana Park	LCC Campus	Construction of River Vega Multiuse Alternative Transportation Trail	2025	\$696,850
4	0922-33-213	World Trade Bridge Expansion	World Trade Bridge		Preliminary engineering and construction for the expansion of the World Trade Bridge consisting of 8 lanes by building a new 8 lanes by building a new 8-lane bridge adjacent to the existing bridge for a total of 16 lanes after completing of the project	2025	\$12,000,000
5	5000-00-234	NEVI Charging Station	619 Crossroads Ave. Laredo, Texas		Install 8 direct current fast charge ports along the Electric Alternative Fuel Corridors (IH 35)	2025	\$1,304,115
6	0018-05-089	Replace Bridge at Uniroyal Dr.	0.47 miles south of Uniroyal Interchange	3.22 miles north of Uniroyal Interchange	IH-35 reconstruction & interchanges (reconstructed/new) at Uniroyal Dr. and SH 84	2026	\$254,133,312
7	0018-06-185	Direct Connector #3 and # 6	0.5 miles east of IH 35	0.50 miles north of US 59	New direct connector (#3, #4 and #6) northbound and southbound IH 35 To US 59 eastbound	2026	\$113,505,334
8	0922-33-093	Calton and Santa Maria Interchange	0.25 miles east of Calton / Santa Maria interchange	0.25 miles west of Calton / Santa Maria interchange	Construction of a grade separation interchange	2026	\$16,240,154
9	0922-33-205	Vallecillo Road	FM 1472	IH 35	Construction of Vallecillo Road 4-lane off-system highway with continuous turn lane	2027	\$37,956,556
10	0086-14-077	US 59 (Loop 20) Interchange at Airport	0.5 miles south of E Corridor Rd. (Airport)	0.5 miles north of E Corridor Rd. (Airport)	Construction of interchange at airport	2028	\$37,329,691
11	0086-14-086	US 59 (Loop 20) Reconstruction	Business 59	0.28 miles south of Jacaman Rd.	Converting a 6-lane non-freeway facility to a 6-lane freeway facility with auxiliary lanes and frontage roads	2028	\$79,634,871
12	0542-01-094	US 59 Widening (Future IH 69)	7.49 miles west of FM 2895	Intersection of US 59 and Loop 20	Widen existing roadway to 4-lane divided (Future I-69 Corridor)	2031	\$346,528,000
13	0922-33-231	Mangana-Hein Expansion Segment 1	2.43 miles east of SH 20 (Cuatro Vientos Blvd.)	SH 20 (Cuatro Vientos Blvd.)	Widen Mangana-Hein Road from 2 lanes to 4 lanes	2033	\$13,662,500
14	3532-02-013	FM 3338 / FM 1472 Realignment	FM 3338		Realignment of intersection FM 1472 / FM 3338	2033	\$5,000,000
15	0922-33-232	Mangana-Hein Expansion Segment 2	SH 20 (Cuatro Vientos Blvd.)	US 83	Widen Mangana-Hein Road from 2 lanes To 4 lanes	2034	\$7,260,000
16	0018-06-218	Vallecillo Road Interchange at IH 35	0.5 miles north of Vallecillo Road	0.5 miles south of Vallecillo Road	New interchange at Vallecillo Road	2030	\$72,800,000
17	0086-16-009	SL 20 Interchange at Cielito Lindo Blvd.	0.1 miles south of Cielito Lindo Blvd.	0.1 miles north of Cielito Lindo Blvd.	Construction of interchange improvement at Cielito Lindo Blvd.	2030	\$42,000,000
18	0086-16-010	SL 20 Interchange at Sierra Vista Blvd.	0.1 miles south of Sierra Vista Blvd.	0.1 miles north of Sierra Vista Blvd.	Construction of interchange improvement at Sierra Vista Blvd.	2030	\$44,800,000
19	0922-33-039	Laredo Outer Loop, Segment 5	US 59	SH 359	Construction new 4-lane divided highway - Laredo Outer Loop Segment 5	2034	\$84,672,000
20	0922-33-203	Loop 20 Extension, Segment 3B	Rio Bravo City	SL 20 Southern Extension	Construction new 4-lane divided highway Rio Bravo Extension Segment 3B	2034	\$28,448,000
21	Not Applicable	River Road	FM 1472	Bernadette Lane	New location roadway serving as a non-commercial parallel alternate route to FM 1472 that will also have connectivity to FM 1472 from existing developments between the two, this is 4-lane divided with shared use paths on both sides.	2040	\$107,308,000

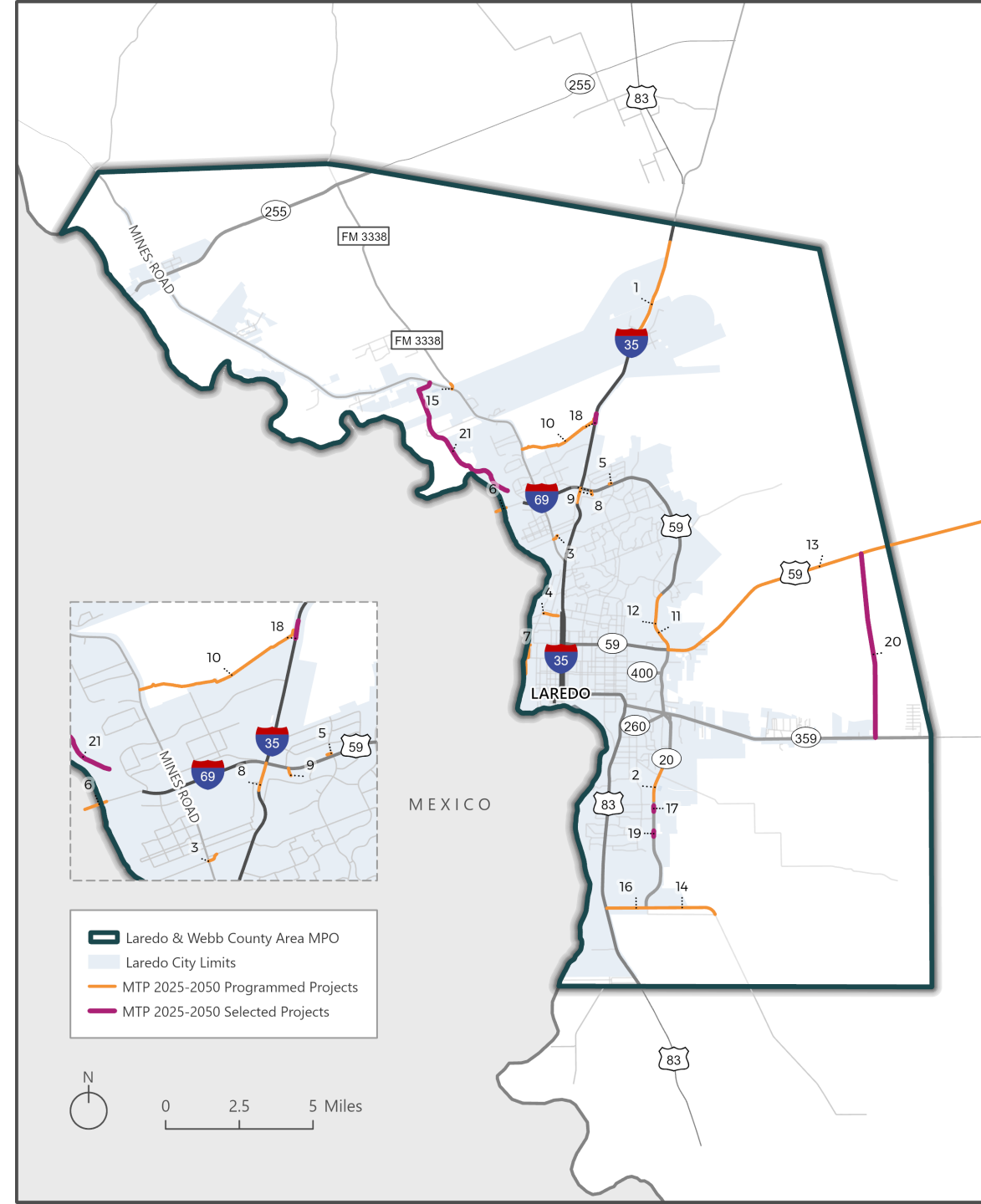




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20	Loop 20 Extension, Segment 3B	2034	\$28,448,000.00
21	River Road	2040	\$107,308,000.00

\*Projects highlighted in green were selected as part of the MTP 2025-2050 project selection process and are included in the fiscally-constrained plan

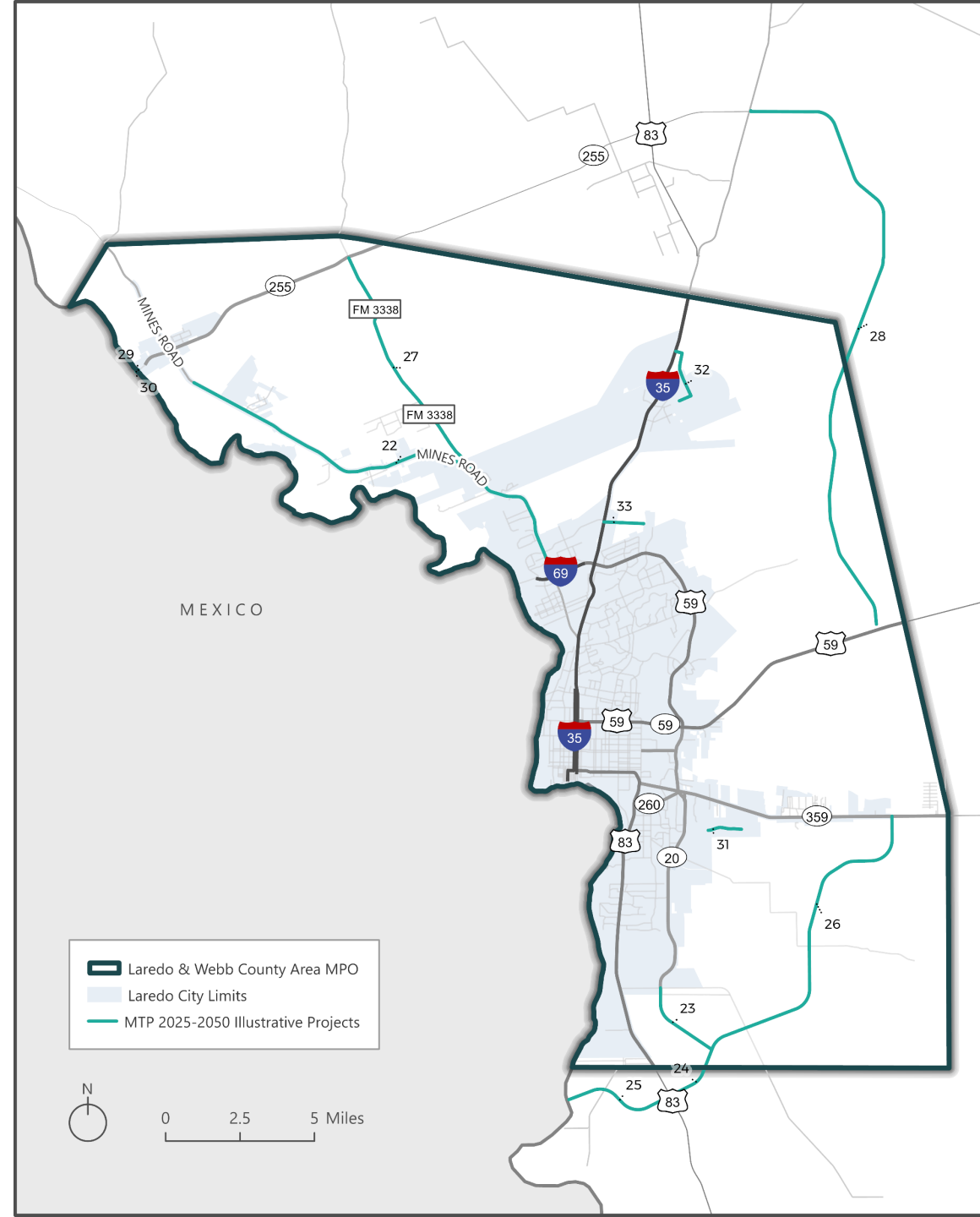






## Illustrative Project List

Map #	Project Name	Let Year	YOE Costs
22	FM 1472	2034	\$253,762,770.99
23	Loop 20 Extension, Segment 3A	2034	\$65,072,000.00
24	Future Laredo Outer Loop, Segment 2	2034	\$106,624,000.00
25	Future Laredo Outer Loop, Segment 1	2035	\$122,752,000.00
26	Future Laredo Outer Loop, Segment 4	2036	\$274,400,000.00
27	FM 3338 Widening	2036	\$56,000,000.00
28	Future Laredo Outer Loop, Segment 6	2039	\$258,608,000.00
29	Colombia Solidarity Bridge Enhancements	2035-2050	TBD
30	Colombia Solidarity Bridge Expansion	2035-2050	TBD
31	Los Presidentes Blvd. Extension	2035-2050	\$7,302,776.47
32	Uniroyal Drive to Reuthinger Interchange Truck Relief Route	2035-2050	\$11,671,071.50
33	United Avenue Extension	2035-2050	\$16,799,000.00
*Location Varies	UISD Bus Stops	2035-2050	TBD
*Location Varies	Vision Zero Projects	2035-2050	TBD





**Metropolitan  
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Plan 2025-2050**  
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# Public Meeting

## SAVE THE DATE!

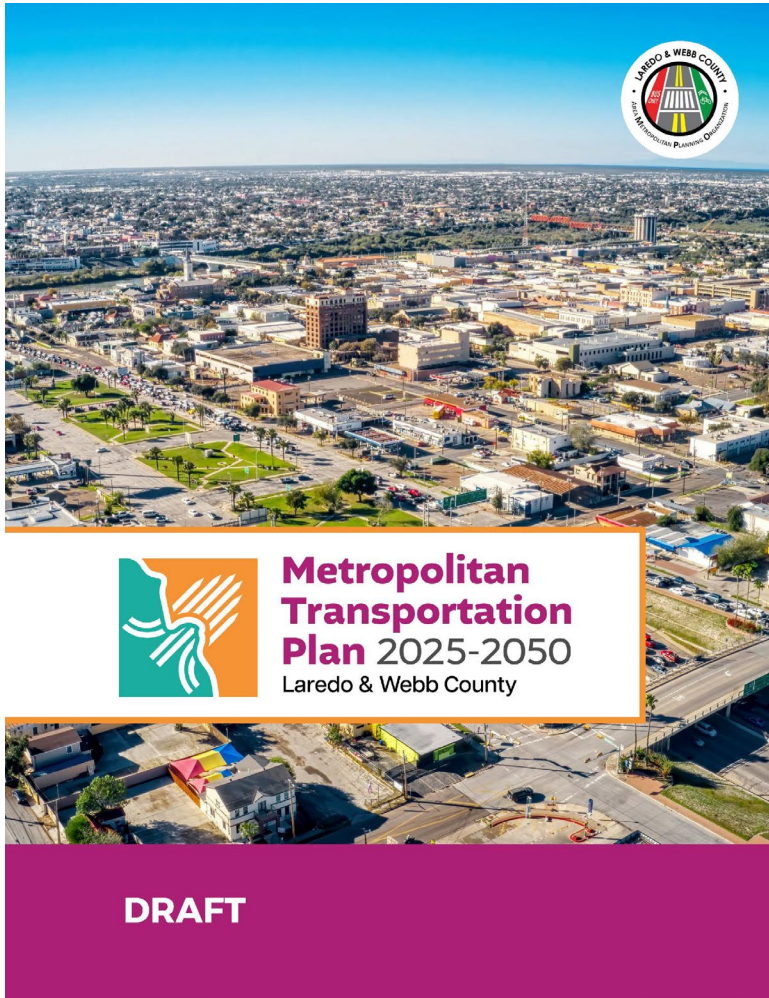


→ Join us **November 21<sup>st</sup>** from **5:30 PM to 7:30 PM** at **Joe A. Guerra Laredo Public Library (1120 E. Calton Road, Multipurpose Room)**

→ Opening Remarks at 6:00 PM

→ Refreshments compliments of the City of Laredo, Economic Development Department





## Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)



### OBJECTIVE:

Request Policy Committee to open 20-day comment period for *Draft Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2025-2050*, November 20 through December 9, 2024.

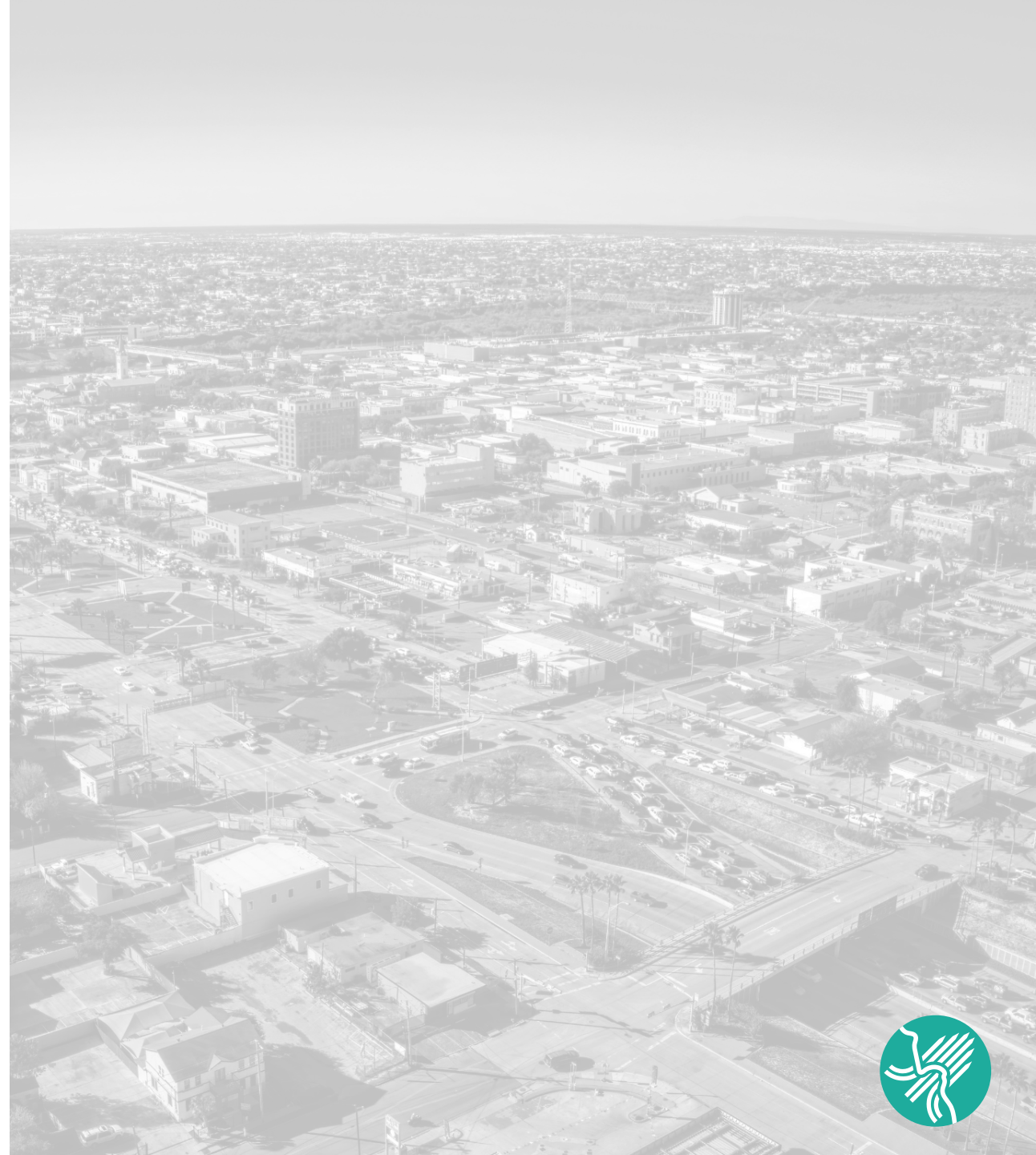






# Next Steps

- Release draft MTP for 20-day public comment period.
- Public Meeting November 21.
- Address comments on Draft MTP.
- Policy Committee to adopt final MTP.







**Thank you!**



# **LAREDO & WEBB COUNTY**

## **AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

### **Item IV.C.**

**C. Discussion with possible action on canceling the December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
Policy Committee meeting.**



# **LAREDO & WEBB COUNTY**

## **AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

### **Item V.A.**

**A. Status report by the Regional Mobility Authority (RMA).**





### WC-CL RMA November 2024 Status Report to LWCAMPO

- 1. Vallecillo Overpass** – The WC-CL RMA will not be managing the development of the Overpass design. TxDOT Laredo District has recently informed us that they will be developing the design of this project. The WC-CL RMA stands ready to provide information from the Vallecillo Road Project to TxDOT so that the two projects' connections are well coordinated. The WC-CL RMA received the \*.dgn files and traffic data from TxDOT to incorporate into the Vallecillo Road traffic studies, and the WC-CL RMA has prepared a construction estimate for the proposed Overpass. \$16 million has been provided by the MPO via Category 2 funds towards the cost of the overpass. The overpass has an estimated construction cost of \$47,350,390, assuming the project lets in 2027. The goal is to have the Overpass project included in the UTP adopted in August 2025. On November 4, 2024, the WC-CL RMA, State Representative Richard Raymond Pena, Roland Ortiz (Killam Company) met with the TxDOT Laredo District (District Engineer Epi Gonzalez, TP&D Director Roberto Rodriguez, and PM Ana Duncan) convened to receive an update on the progress of the schematic design for the project.
- 2. Springfield Phase IV** – Similar to Springfield Phase III, the RMA has committed up to \$1 million to the City to assist with the funding of the construction of Phase IV of the project from Hospitality Drive to Bob Bullock Loop. The sponsorship and implementation are subject to the negotiation of an Inter Local Agreement (ILA) between the City and the RMA. The RMA submitted a draft ILA to the City on 4/9/2024. The RMA originally intended to utilize the Category 12 Strategic Partnership dollars for the funding of the project. The RMA has decided to proceed for the construction of this project utilizing the RMA Vehicle Registration Fees. The ILA between the City and the RMA was executed on 9/9/2024.
- 3. Concord Hills (Wormser Road/ Lomas Del Sur to Los Presidentes)** – The RMA has committed \$1 million to the development of a new location 1.3 mile, 2-lane minor arterial roadway extension from Los Presidentes to Wormser Road/ Lomas Del Sur within a nominal ROW width of 90' in partnership with the City. The project will provide a parallel route to Cuatro Vientos and provide additional access to the new Laredo Sports Complex and the Municipal Water Park. The sponsorship and implementation are subject to the negotiation of an Inter Local Agreement (ILA) between the City and the RMA. The RMA is working with the City and the property owners for the donation of the ROW and the finalization of the construction cost estimate for the project. The RMA recommitted its support in funding on the project February 14, 2024, at the February Board Meeting. On November 6, 2024, the WC-CL RMA Board of Directors passed a resolution to sign the ILA between the City and the WC-CL RMA for this project.
- 4. North Laredo and Cuatro Vientos Transportation Reinvestment Zones (TRZ)** - The RMA is awaiting execution of the ILA with the City to commence the North Laredo TRZ Study. The City notified the WC-CL RMA on 2/13/24 that the City will move forward with drafting and distributing the ILA to the WC-CL RMA and commence the project.

Regarding the Cuatro Vientos TRZ, the City would like to commence the process of implementing the TRZ with support from the WC-CL RMA. The RMA and the City will commence negotiation of the ILA to codify the agency roles for the implementation. On November 6, 2024, the WC-CL RMA Board of Directors passed a resolution to sign the ILA for the creation of the Cuatro Vientos TRZ between the City and the WC-CL RMA.



5. **The Vallecillo Road Project** – See supplemental memorandum.
6. **Vision Zero Webb Laredo Safety Action Plan (Safe Streets for All)**- See supplemental memorandum.
7. **Other Items** - The next RMA Board meeting in late October or early November.



## Monthly Report to the LWCAMPO from the WC-CL RMA

**Project:** Vallecillo Road from FM 1472 to IH 35 SBFR  
**Purpose:** November 2024 Monthly Overview Report to LWCAMPO  
**Date Submitted:** November 15, 2024

The following items have been completed to date:

- The draft ROW parcel plats and strip map was completed and submitted to TxDOT and the City of Laredo on August 19, 2024. Comments were received September 11, 2024, and are being addressed. The revisions addressing comments on the ROW Map and parcel plats were resubmitted October 11, 2024, to TxDOT and the City of Laredo. We are awaiting final review by both TxDOT and the City of Laredo Engineering Department before they start the appraisal of the property.
- Environmental studies are largely complete. The last section to be conducted is the noise analysis which is pending traffic volume approval from TP&P. The environmental team will perform the noise analysis when the traffic forecast data is approved by TP&P.
- The Traffic forecast modeling and report development is largely complete. The team submitted the traffic volume deliverable to the District in late June. TP&P provided comments in August 2024. The team prepared responses to the TP&P comments and these were submitted September 25, 2024.
- Utility coordination is on-going with all utility providers along the route. The draft schematic was submitted to the Laredo District on June 28, 2024. The GEC received comments from TxDOT in late July and resubmitted the 90% schematic on September 6, 2024. The submittal of the 60% design of the Plans, Specifications and Estimate is scheduled to be provided by December 2024. Utility coordination is ongoing, and we are identifying locations where level A SUE is required.
- On September 26, 2024, the RMA conducted a successful public meeting with 43 attendees for the Vallecillo Road project at the B. Fasken Recreation Center as part of the public comments for the project environmental clearance. This exceeded the minimum requirements for the environmental clearance of this project. Recently, the RMA received direction from the TxDOT Laredo District that the project will be cleared under a Categorical Exclusion as opposed to an Environmental Assessment. This is important because it advances the environmental clearance from the Spring 2025 to early 2025.

Update to the overall schedule:

It should be noted that the City of Laredo has informed the RMA that they would not proceed with advanced ROW acquisition for the project; thus, requiring environmental clearance completion prior to finalizing the ROW donation from the Killam Company. This directly impacts the anticipated letting date of the Fall of 2025 since ROW will not be available for the placement of relocated utilities. Another option to meet the letting date would be to let the project with a Utility Management Plan; however, this could increase the overall construction bid and exceed the current construction budget. To avoid that issue, the RMA supports the City's decision and will not mobilize utilities to commence their construction until the ROW is in possession by the City of Laredo.



1. Once environmental clearance is complete, the City of Laredo will proceed with the Killam Company in the ROW acquisition. The ROW process is estimated to be complete by early Fall 2025.
2. Upon completion, the new ROW will need to be cleared for the relocation of the existing utilities at the intersections of IH 35 and FM 1472 ROW to the new ROW limits. ROW clearing and grubbing is estimated to last approximately 3 months.
3. Standard utility construction relocation time for utilities is nominally 12 months. Construction for utility relocation is estimated to commence in early 2026 and be complete by Fall of 2026.
4. Upon completion of utility relocation, the RMA anticipates approval by TxDOT for bid advertisement to be received in late 2026. Bid advertisement and letting is anticipated for the early Spring of 2027.
5. The 60% PS&E submittal to the TxDOT Laredo District is anticipated for December 2024.
6. The 100% PS&E submittal to the TxDOT Laredo District is anticipated for May 2025.
7. Construction is anticipated to commence in the Summer of 2027 and construction completion is anticipated for the Fall of 2028.

#### Agreements Update:

The RMA executed its funding agreement with the Killam Company on March 4, 2024 and is amending its Inter Local Agreement with the City of Laredo. The City of Laredo is continuing the development of the ROW agreement with the Killam Company. As the project sponsor, the executed Advanced Funding Agreement (AFA) is solely between TxDOT Laredo District and the RMA.

1. The AFA Amendment from TxDOT to account for the updated funding for the project was approved on 10/18/2024. The WC-CL RMA is now awaiting Federal Project Authorization and Agreement (FPAA) from the Laredo District to commence reimbursement requests for the schematic, environmental and PS&E development of the project.
2. The RMA and the City of Laredo will need to amend their Inter Local Agreement to define roles and responsibilities for construction of the project. The RMA will be advertising and constructing the project, and the RMA will require access to the City of Laredo ROW to commence the work. The RMA approved execution of the amendment to the ILA to account for these updates on 11/6/2024.

**End of Memorandum**



## Monthly Report to the LWCAMPO from the WC-CL RMA

**Project:** Vision Zero Webb Laredo Safety Action Plan by SS4A  
**Purpose:** October 2024 Monthly Overview Report to LWCAMPO  
**Date**  
**Submitted:** November 15, 2024



Work on the Safety Action Plan began in September 2023. The RMA Board, along with Laredo City Council and the Laredo Webb County Area MPO adopted a pledge to reach zero fatalities and serious injuries on Laredo and Webb County roadways by 2040 in February and March of 2024 as part of this effort. A Public Interactive Information Session and Stakeholder Workshop, with multiple public agency staff, stakeholders, and members of the LWCAMPO Active Transportation Committee were held in April 2024. The project team has been present at several other public engagement events put on by others and has been working to build a list of Safety enhancements to be made throughout the community and a list of actions that need to be taken toward that official goal to reach Zero fatalities and serious injuries by 2040.

Another round of stakeholder and public outreach took place in October, including Walktober Pedestrian Safety Month Movie Night on Thursday, October 17, 2024, at Jovita Idar El Progreso Park featuring *The Street Project*. Furthering the theme of transportation and pedestrian safety specifically, Mayor Treviño proclaimed October as Walktober: Pedestrian Safety Month on October 28.



1: Walktober Movie Night, Oct. 17



2: Walktober Pedestrian Safety Month Proclamation, Oct.28



The Safety Action Plan development timeline is on track with the first complete draft anticipated for December 2024. The plan will consist of digital and hard copy deliverable products including:

- A. Digital Data Dashboard residing within Vision Zero Webb Laredo Website
- B. Executive Summary
- C. Safety Action Plan Overview
- D. Safety Action Tables
- E. Capital Project Corridor Profiles
- F. Funding Overview
- G. Setting Benchmarks and Measuring Progress
- H. Report appendices featuring:
  - i. Plan and Policy Review Report
  - ii. Laredo/Webb County Systemic Safety Analysis
  - iii. Equity Priority Analysis
  - iv. Capital Plan
  - v. Safety Action List
  - vi. Financial Analysis
  - vii. Public and Stakeholder Engagement Report

The Safety Action Plan will outline 10 Priority Corridors, each with a series of safety improvements recommended, along with various Actions, Policies, and areas of additional study, such as a Bike Network Plan, Complete Streets Policy, and Safe Routes To School Plan for example. Capital Projects associated with the 10 Priority Corridors will have planning-level cost estimates associated with them as well as potential funding sources for each.

These project reports were assembled through the efforts of the following project consultant team:

- LJA Engineering
- Toole Design Group
- Cambridge Systematics
- Able City
- Liquid Studio Group

Upon final submittal of the Safety Action Plan to the RMA it is expected that other partner agencies will move forward with institutional adoption in January and February 2025. This is followed by a grant application for implementation funds in early 2025.

Once the Safety Action Plan has been completed and adopted by the City and MPO, City of Laredo and Laredo Webb County Area MPO will be eligible for FHWA Safe Streets and Roads for All Implementation Grant Funds. Grant applications for the next round of these funds are expected to be out in Spring of 2025. As the Capital Plan continues to materialize, the specific projects to be included in the Grant Application will be identified along with a total Federal funding request, that will require a 20% Local Match. Working through the project consultant team, the RMA will prepare the grant application in line with the grant requirements and the Safety Action Plan. This will be done on behalf of and in partnership with the Grant Applicant who will be providing the local match and ultimately building the projects.



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## Item V.B.

### B. TxDOT Project Updates





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### **Item V.C.**

- C. Update by MPO staff on an administrative modification to three projects listed on the FY 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).**



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### Administrative Modification to FY 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program

#### Summary:

The FY 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is being administratively modified as follows:

The estimated letting dates for the following two projects have been revised from FY 2025 to FY 2026.

- CSJ: 0922-33-093 - Calton and San Maria Interchange
- CSJ: 0018-05-089 - Replace Bridge at Uniroyal Dr.

The following project has been administratively amended as per sponsor request, to reflect the removal of federal funding and utilizing local funding sources only:

- CJS: 0922-33-236 - SPRINGFIELD extension PH 4

No other changes were made to these projects.

The Administrative modifications are being presented for informational purposes. Changing a letting date or changing of funding sources within the TIP years does not require a formal revision. The Laredo Webb County Area MPO (LWCAMPO) Public Participation Plan (PPP) does not required Policy Committee action for non-substantive revisions to the MPO long-range plans and programs such as the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

The three (3) revisions aforementioned are listed in the attached table.

**Laredo Webb County Area MPO  
Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Projects List  
FY2025 - FY2028**

FY 2025								
	CSJ	PROJECT NAME	DESCRIPTION	FROM	TO	PROJECT SPONSOR	CATEGORY	YOE COST
1	0086-16-008	SL 20 Interchange at Lomas Del Sur Blvd.	CONSTRUCTION OF INTERCHANGE IMPROVEMENT AT LOMAS DEL SUR BLVD.	0.580 MILES SOUTH OF LOMAS DEL SUR BLVD.	0.721 MILES NORTH OF LOMAS DEL SUR BLVD.	TxDOT	2, 7	\$41,565,320
2	0922-33-076	FM1472 / Flecha Lane	REALIGNMENT OF FLECHA LN AND LAS CRUCES BLVD.	INTERSECTION OF FM 1472 AND FLECHA LN.	0.174 MILES EAST OF FM 1472	City	10	\$1,800,000
3	0922-33-177	River Vega Trail	CONSTRUCTION OF RIVER VEGA MULTIUSE ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORTATION TRAIL	ANA PARK	LCC CAMPUS	City	9-TAP	\$696,850
4	5000-00-234	NEVI charging station	INSTALL 8 DIRECT CURRENT FAST CHARGE PORTS ALONG THE ELECTRIC ALTERNATIVE FUEL CORRIDORS (IH 35)	619 CROSSROADS AVE, LAREDO, TX		Circle K Stores, Inc.	10NEVI	\$1,304,115
<b>4 PROJECTS FOR FY 2025 IN THE AMOUNT OF:</b>								<b>\$45,366,285</b>
FY 2026								
	CSJ	PROJECT NAME	DESCRIPTION	FROM	TO	PROJECT SPONSOR	CATEGORY	YOE COST
1	0018-05-089	Replace Bridge at Uniroyal Dr.	IH-35 RECONSTRUCTION & INTERCHANGES (RECONSTRUCTED/NEW) @ UNIROYAL DR. & SH 84	0.47 MI S OF UNIROYAL INTERCHANGE	3.22 MI N OF UNIROYAL INTERCHANGE	TxDOT	12, 4	\$254,133,312
2	0922-33-093	Calton and San Maria Interchange	CONSTRUCTION OF A GRADE SEPARATION INTERCHANGE	0.25 MI EAST OF CALTON/SANTA MARIA INTERSECTION	0.25 MI WEST OF CALTON/SANTA MARIA INTERSECTION	City	10	\$16,240,154
3	0018-06-185	Direct Connector #3 and # 6	NEW DIRECT CONNECTOR (#3, #4 AND #6) NORTHBOUND AND SOUTHBOUND IH 35 TO US 59 EASTBOUND	0.50 MI EAST OF IH 35	0.50 MI NORTH OF US 59	TxDOT	12, 11	\$113,505,334
4	N/A (0922-33-236)	SPRINGFIELD extension PH 4	CONSTRUCTION OF NEW OFF-SYSTEM 2-LANE ROADWAY WITH CONC PAVEMENT, CURB GUTTER, STORM SEWER, SIGNS, MARKINGS & HIKE&BIKE TRAIL.	Hospitality Drive	US 59 NBFR	Webb County City of Laredo Regional Mobility Authority	3LC	\$838,555
<b>4 PROJECTS FOR FY 2026 IN THE AMOUNT OF:</b>								<b>\$384,717,355</b>
FY 2027								
	CSJ	PROJECT NAME	DESCRIPTION	FROM	TO	PROJECT SPONSOR	CATEGORY	YOE COST
1	0922-33-205	Vallecillo Road	CONSTRUCTION OF VALLECILLO ROAD 4-LANE OFF-SYSTEM HWY WITH CONTINUOUS TURN LANE	FM 1472	IH 35	RMA	12*, 7, 3LC	\$37,956,556
<b>1 PROJECT FOR FY 2027</b>								<b>\$37,956,556</b>
FY 2028								
	CSJ	PROJECT NAME	DESCRIPTION	FROM	TO	PROJECT SPONSOR	CATEGORY	YOE COST
1	0086-14-077	US 59 (Loop 20) Interchange at Airport	CONSTRUCTION OF INTERCHANGE AT AIRPORT	0.50 MI SOUTH OF E CORRIDOR RD. (AIRPORT)	0.50 MI NORTH OF E. CORRIDOR RD. (AIRPORT)	TxDOT	2M, 12	\$37,329,691
2	0086-14-086	US 59 (Loop 20) Reconstruction	CONVERTING A 6-LANE NON-FREEWAY FACILITY TO A 6-LANE FREEWAY FACILITY WITH AUXILIARY LANES AND FRONTAGE ROADS	BUSINESS 59	0.28 MILES SOUTH OF JACAMAN RD.	TxDOT	12	\$79,634,871
3	0922-33-213	World Trade Bridge Expansion	PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION FOR THE EXPANSION OF THE WORLD TRADE BRIDGE CONSISTING OF 8 LANES BY BUILDING A NEW 8 LANE BRIDGE ADJACENT TO THE EXISTING BRIDGE FOR A TOTAL OF 16 LANES AFTER COMPLETION OF THE PROJECT	WORLD TRADE BRIDGE		City	3, 7	\$12,000,000
<b>3 PROJECTS FOR FY 2028 IN THE AMOUNT OF:</b>								<b>\$128,964,562</b>

**TOTAL OF 12 PROJECTS IN THE AMOUNT OF: \$597,004,758**



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### Item VI.

#### DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS



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### Director's Report November 20, 2024

#### 1. Policy Committee Membership Update:

- We would like to thank Melissa R. Cigarroa, City of Laredo Council Member for District III, for her leadership, service, and dedication while serving on the MPO Policy Committee.
- We would like to welcome Ricardo Richie Rangel, Jr., City of Laredo Council Member for District II, to the MPO Policy Committee. Council Member Ricardo Richie Rangel, Jr. was appointed by Mayor Dr. Victor D. Treviño at the City of Laredo Council meeting on October 28, 2024.

#### 2. Microtransit Feasibility Study Update:

- A public survey to gather feedback from El Metro riders is currently open. The consulting team visited Laredo the week of November 11<sup>th</sup> to conduct field work and engage with our Technical Committee members.

#### 3. Texas Transportation Commission Meetings:

- December 17, 2024
- 2025 schedule not yet available

Upcoming Texas Transportation Commission meetings and agendas can be found on the following link: <https://www.txdot.gov/about/leadership/texas-transportation-commission/meeting-dates-agendas.html>

#### 4. Upcoming regularly scheduled MPO meetings:

- Active Transportation Committee – December 4, 2024
- Technical Committee – December 10, 2024 (may be canceled)
- Policy Committee – December 18, 2024 (may be canceled)



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### **Item VII.**

### **COMMUNICATIONS**



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## Item VIII.

ADJOURNMENT