



MPO POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

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Meeting Date & Time: January 15, 2025 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 November 20, 2024.
- B. Receive public testimony and approve Resolution No. MPO 2025-01, adopting the 2025-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan. A presentation will be provided by a representative of WSP.

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

- A. Status report by the Regional Mobility Authority (RMA).
- B. TxDOT Project Updates.

VI. DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

VII. COMMUNICATIONS

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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POLICY COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP:

LWCAMPO Chairperson

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

LWCAMPO Vice-Chairperson

Honorable Tano E. Tijerina, Webb County Judge

City of Laredo Representatives

Honorable Ruben Gutierrez, Jr., City Councilmember, District V

Honorable Ricardo 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, Mayor Pro-Tempore, District VII

State Representative

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

Member at Large Representative

Jed A. Brown

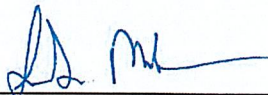
Ex-Officio Representatives

Honorable Judith Zaffirini, State Senator, District 21

Honorable Richard Raymond, State Representative, District 42

Honorable Don McLaughlin Jr., State Representative, District 80

AGENDA REVIEWED:



Juan S. Mendive, AICP
LWCAMPO Director



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 November 20, 2024.



LAREDO & WEBB COUNTY

AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

POLICY COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

November 20, 2024

LIVE WEB LINK: <http://laredotx.swagit.com/live>
PUBLIC ACCESS CHANNEL: Spectrum TV channel 1300

I. CHAIRPERSON TO CALL MEETING TO ORDER

CM. Ruben Gutierrez, called the meeting to order at 1:37 PM.

II. CHAIRPERSON TO CALL ROLL

Graciela S. Briones, MPO Staff, called roll and verified a quorum existed.

Regular members present:

Honorable Dr. Victor D. Treviño, Mayor and LWCAMPO Vice-Chairperson – Arrived at 1:40 PM
Honorable Ruben Gutierrez Jr., Mayor Pro-Tempore, District V
Honorable Vanessa Perez, City Councilmember, District VII
Honorable Ricardo “Richie” Rangel, City Councilmember, District II
Honorable John Galo, Webb County Commissioner, Pct. 3 - Arrived at 1:49 PM
Honorable Jesse Gonzalez, Webb County Commissioner, Pct. 1
Mr. Epigmenio “Epi” Gonzalez, P.E., TxDOT District Engineer
Mr. Jed A. Brown, Member-At-Large

Regular members not present:

Honorable Tano E. Tijerina, Webb County Judge and LWCAMPO Chairperson

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

Second: CM. Gutierrez
For: 6
Against: 0
Abstained: 0

Motion carried unanimously.

CM. Rangel, made a motion to select CM. Ruben Gutierrez as presiding officer to preside the meeting in the absence of the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson.

Second: CM. Gonzalez
For: 6
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
Graciela S. Briones, LWCAMPO Planner III
Julio A. Niño, LWCAMPO Planner III
Eduardo Bernal, LWCAMPO Planner III
Adriana A. Vigil, LWCAMPO Administrative Assistant

Others:

Roberto Rodriguez, TxDOT
Ana Duncan, TxDOT
Fernando Martinez, TxDOT
Jose Vargas, TxDOT
Luis Villarreal, TxDOT
Jeffrey Gonzalez, COL Traffic
Juan C. Villarreal, COL Traffic
RJ Garza, El Metro Transit
Anthony Garza, Webb County Consultant
Melissa Montemayor, WC-CL RMA/LJA Engineering
Blasita J. Lopez, WC-CL RMA/LJA Engineering
Baltazar Avila, LJA Engineering
Robert Guthart, WSP
Emily Tedford, WSP
Tim Juarez, Stanley Consultants

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IV. ITEMS REQUIRING POLICY COMMITTEE ACTION:

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

CM. Rangel, made a motion to approve the minutes of October 16, 2024.

Second: CM. Gonzalez
For: 6
Against: 0
Abstained: 0

Motion carried unanimously.

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.

Mr. Mendive, MPO Director, welcomed Council Member Rangel to the Policy Committee. He also thanked Council Member Cigarroa for her contributions.

Mr. Mendive stated that the 2025-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) was one of the core documents for the MPO. He further stated the MTP is a document that has to be updated every 5 years. Mr. Mendive, mentioned there would be a presentation by a WSP Consultant and after the committee would ask if there were any public testimony.

Mr. Mendive, introduced Mr. Robert Guthart, WSP who would give an update presentation of the 2025-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP).

Mr. Guthart, WSP, Transportation Planner, introduced himself to the Policy Committee, he stated that WSP has been supporting the MPO in preparing the update to the 2025-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). Mr. Guthart, spoke about what the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) was, he stated that the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) established a long-term transportation agenda for the Laredo Region and it outlines Regional Transportation priorities, also identifies transportation projects to meet the needs identified over the course of the planning process and meet the goals for a 20-year horizon. He also stated that the plan was updated every 5-years. Mr. Guthart, presented the MTP schedule that has been followed in the process to

update the plan. He went through every event and milestone that lead to the final draft of the Metropolitan transportation Plan (MTP). Mr. Guthart, gave a recap of what the Goals and Objectives for Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) were. Mr. Guthart, stated that he Goals and Objectives were prepared based off of previous MTPs so that they could carry over consistency and they also followed the guidelines, planning factors and emphasis areas that had to be covered. He further stated that the goals were used to develop the Project Evaluation and Prioritization project. He mentioned there was a Call for Projects Nominations and there were several nominations received and were then evaluated to understand which were the priorities for the region. He stated that was why the Project Evaluation Criteria was developed for each goal. He also stated the Project Evaluation Criteria was developed to be data driven which mostly was Geographic Information System (GIS) based, in order to evaluate each project's ability to fulfill one of the 10 goals of the MTP. He further stated they also had subjective criteria which was also taken to consideration to understand the priorities that were wanted to get the scores, and understanding the community priorities and needs to fulfill that quality of life in Laredo. Mr. Guthart, then went over the Fiscally Constrained Project list that was developed with the evaluation process. He stated the projects 1-15 were projects that were either programmed in the current Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), the past Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and or in TxDOT's Unified Transportation Program (UTP), he further stated that those projects were included in the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) because they were within that Planning Horizon. He also stated that the projects 1-15 are expected to be let for construction between 2025-2050. He also shared the projects that were selected thought the evaluation and prioritization process. He shared with the committee a map showing all the projects on the Fiscally Constrained Project List. Mr. Guthart, stated that since the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) was a Fiscally Constrained document and they had received more project nominations then there were expected revenues to fulfill all the needs. He shared the Illustrative Project List or Projects Needs List that were also received, and he stated that those projects would be listed on the MTP as project needs that do not have project funding at the time. He also stated that as funding became available those projects would be listed in the MTP for consideration. Mr. Guthart, stated that there would be a Public Meeting the following day (November 21st) at the Laredo Public Library from 5:30pm to 7:30pm. He stated there would be a small presentation about the 2025-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). Mr. Guthart, mentioned that the objective of the item being presented was to request the Policy Committee to open a 20-day public comment period for the Draft 2025-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), for that comment period to be from November 20th to December 9th. He also stated that there was a webpage for the public to provide any general comments.

CM. Gutierrez, made a motion to initiate a 20-day public review and comment period for the draft 2025-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP).

Second: CM. Gonzalez
For: 8
Against: 0
Abstained: 0

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Guthart, thanked the committee and stated that once the comments if any were received they would be processed and any necessary revisions would be made. He further stated that once that is done, the MPO staff and WSP Consultants would be returning to the Policy Committee for the adoption of the Final 2025-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP).

CM. Perez, asked if the purpose of the public meeting would be, to have the public comment on priorities of the project list or just to update the public on the plan.

Mr. Guthart, stated that any comments on priorities of the project list would be welcome.

CM. Perez, asked if there was any flexibility for future funding.

Mr. Mendive, stated that the revenues for projects they have through 2050 are for projects already listed on the Fiscally Constrained List. He further stated that as funding could change other projects could be added.

CM. Gonzalez, stated that the public meeting was to inform the community what would happen in the next decade, and also to prepare or accelerate projects that are needed for the community. CM. Gonzalez, stated that this will help to prepare for big projects like the 4/5 Bridge.

Mr. Mendive, stated that indeed the 2025-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan was a guide for the next 25 years. He also stated that as some projects would be in the Fiscally Constrained List they also made sure to include other projects that may not have funding at the time but are still in the 25-year plan. He further stated that as funding became available they can be moved into the Fiscally Constrained List. Mr. Mendive, also stated that as priorities shift the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) can always be amended along with the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

CM. Perez, stated that the Public meeting would be beneficial for people in the community to attend and inform themselves, especially those who have comments on infrastructure and or concerns.

Mr. Mendive, stated that the federal process requires them to provide a summary of any comments received for the final adoption of the document.

Mayor Treviño, congratulated CM. Rangel on being appointed as MPO Policy Committee member. He stated that CM. Rangel had been appointed because more representation from South Laredo was needed and having someone that lives in South Laredo. He further stated that CM. Rangel would be an appropriate appointment to the MPO Policy Committee.

CM. Rangel, thanked Mayor Treviño for the opportunity of his appointment to the MPO Policy Committee.

CM. Perez, thanked CM. Rangel for his time and service.

Mayor Treviño, asked if there was anyone in the audience For or Against the item. There were no speakers For or Against.

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

Mr. Mendive, stated that the next meeting was scheduled for December 18th, and as done in previous years it is usually canceled.

CM. John Galo, made a motion to approve canceling of the December 18th, 2024 Policy Committee meeting.

Second: CM. Gutierrez
For: 8
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. Brown, stated that there will be a full report given to the MPO Policy Committee, City Council and Commissioner's Court on Safe Streets for all Vision Zero in the early months of 2025. He also stated that they would start giving quarterly updates on the Vallecillo and where they stand in the timeline. Mr. Brown stated that they had a meeting that morning at the TxDOT District office, where there were people from the City of Laredo, Webb County, the Regional Mobility Authority (RMA, the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), and TxDOT.

CM. Gonzalez, stated that in 2017-2018 there was a vision of having Wormser Rd. realignment project and now that the road is there, this will help improve traffic mobility and help connect from 83 South traveling Eastbound on Lomas Del Sur and all the way to Concord Hills to 359. He stated that having that would be a very good connection and will alleviate traffic in South Laredo and East Laredo as well.

Mr. Brown, stated that there was a draft presented to the City of Laredo and the team members involved where the RMA was contributing \$1 million dollars the City of Laredo had taken the lead and the Webb County Drainage District 1 was contributing \$352,000.00. He stated that the funding to complete the project is available, and all the Developers there have offered to donate the Right-of-Way. He further stated that one Developing company had offered to contribute to Civil Engineering design which was about \$400,000.00 that they are not having to pay for.

Mr. Jed Brown, WC-CL RMA, presented the following report as part of the packet:

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.

B. TxDOT Project Updates

Mr. Mendive, stated that it would be a standing item with updates on TxDOT Projects.

Jose Vargas, TxDOT Engineer, gave a brief update on TxDOT Construction Projects. He stated that there were currently 20 active projects running a total of about \$797 million. Mr. Vargas, stated that he would prepare a presentation for upcoming meetings.

CM. Gonzalez, asked if all the Right-of-Way acquisitions on SH 84 – Hachar Reuthinger Road Project had been resolved.

Mr. Vargas, stated that the City of Laredo was still working on the last parcel but that did not pose a problem. He also stated that there was just one more parcel pending to be acquired.

CM. Gonzalez, asked about the overpass on Lomas Del Sur, he asked if there would also be a concrete barrier included as an addition towards the end.

Mr. Vargas, stated that there would be a concrete barrier at the bridge and continue North to tie into the existing barrier on the 359 overpasses.

CM. Gutierrez, asked if TxDOT was working on the expansion of I-35 after the Checkpoint.

Mr. Gonzalez, stated that TxDOT had been having meetings with Customs and Border Protection (CBP) and some property owners at Encinal, TX. He also stated that CBP had requested for TxDOT to convert the West frontage Rd. to a one-way South Bound direction to defer travelers from using the frontage Rd. as a means to bypass the check point. He also stated the meeting held last month had been very well attended and there were good points brought up by the property owners. He further stated that there was a project to add capacity to I-35, to expand to 6 lanes, 3 lanes in each direction and separate the truck traffic similar to the Falfurrias Checkpoint. Mr. Gonzalez, stated that CBP was working on shifting some resources so that they could have more checking booths open to inspect vehicles and help move the traffic faster.

CM. Gutierrez, stated that when they visited Washington DC. last year he had spoken to the chief of Border Patrol and he had mentioned that they did have the manpower to open more inspection booths but the traffic can't move fast enough because of there was no room. CM. Gutierrez, asked if there was something short term that could be done. For Example, adding 1 or 2 miles of acceleration lanes to get the tractors back on I-35 and not hold up all the traffic. He stated that there was usually 1 or 2 miles of backup traffic to get to the checkpoint on both lanes, since the tractors don't respect the specification of staying on the right lane. He asked if they could look into something like that and help fund some acceleration lanes.

Mr. Gonzalez, stated that it was one of their top priority projects for the District to add additional lanes South and North of the Checkpoint for about 2-3 miles. He stated there wasn't a time frame yet, but it had been submitted last year for funding but unfortunately it wasn't selected for funding, but it would be submitted again for funding.

CM. Galo, stated that the issue was to actually get to the checkpoint with the traffic of the trucks on the 2 lanes on I-35 heading to the checkpoint.

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

Mr. Mendive, gave a quick update on the administrative modifications. He stated the update was for informational purposes only since they do not require a formal action or formal revision required. He stated that projects CSJ: 0922-33-093 - Calton and San

Maria Interchange and CSJ: 0018-05-089 - Replace Bridge at Uniroyal Dr. had been requested by TxDOT to change the letting date from FY 2025 to FY 2026. He also stated that the project CJS: 0922-33-236 - SPRINGFIELD extension PH 4 had been administrative amended as per sponsor request, to reflect the removal of federal funding and utilizing local funding sources.

VI. DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

Mr. Mendive, MPO Director went over the report that was part of the packet as follows:

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 Rangel Jr., City of Laredo Council Member for District II, to the MPO Policy Committee. Council Member Ricardo 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 11th 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)

VII. COMMUNICATIONS

CM. Gonzalez, congratulated CM. Gutierrez and CM. Perez, on their recent reelection. He also congratulated Mayor Treviño on having the all propositions passed.

CM. Galo, thanked the staff and the Policy Committee members on a good year and the progress they have accomplished. He wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and Happy Holidays.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

CM. Gutierrez, made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:22 PM.

Second: CM. Galo
For: 8
Against: 0
Abstained: 0

Motion carried unanimously.

Juan S. Mendive, AICP
LWCAMPO Director

Mayor, Dr. Victor D. Treviño
LWCAMPO Chairperson



LAREDO & WEBB COUNTY

AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

Item IV.B.

- B. Receive public testimony and approve Resolution No. MPO 2025-01, adopting the 2025-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan.
A presentation will be provided by a representative of WSP.**



LAREDO & WEBB COUNTY

AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

RESOLUTION NO. MPO 2025-01

BY THE LAREDO WEBB COUNTY AREA
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
POLICY COMMITTEE

ADOPTING THE 2025-2050 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN (MTP)

WHEREAS, the Laredo and Webb County Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (LWCAMPO), for the Laredo Urbanized Area has reviewed and wishes to adopt the proposed 2025-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan; and,

WHEREAS, the Laredo and Webb County Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (LWCAMPO) Policy Committee finds that the proposed 2025-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) meets the high priority improvements necessary for the LWCAMPO area;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Laredo Webb and County Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (LWCAMPO), for the Laredo Urbanized Area, adopted the 2025-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), which is attached hereto and made part hereof for all purpose:

We certify that the above resolution was passed and adopted on this 15th day of January 2025, at a public meeting of the Policy Committee of the Laredo and Webb County Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (LWCAMPO).

Honorable Dr. Victor D. Treviño
City of Laredo Mayor and Chairperson of
the LWCAMPO Policy Committee

Juan S. Mendive, AICP
LWCAMPO Director

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

**LAREDO & WEBB COUNTY AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
POLICY COMMITTEE**

DATE: 01/15/25	ITEM: IV.B.
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SUBJECT: Receive public testimony and approve Resolution No. MPO 2025-01, adopting the 2025-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan. A presentation will be provided by a representative of WSP.

INITIATED BY: Staff	STAFF SOURCE: Juan S. Mendive, MPO Director
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PREVIOUS ACTION: On November 20, 2024, the Policy Committee initiated a 20-day public review and comment period.

BACKGROUND: By federal law, each Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is required to develop and maintain a long-range transportation plan, known as a Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), 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.

On 10/18/23, the Policy Committee approved a motion to award and execute a professional services contract with WSP USA, Inc. for the 2025-2050 Laredo Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) update in the amount of \$376,504.25 with the following timeline:

SPRING 2024	Existing conditions / Establish Goals & Objectives / Public Meeting #1
SUMMER 2024	Needs Analysis / Stakeholder Coordination / Call for Projects / Revenue Projections
FALL 2024	Project Prioritization / Performance Measurement / Recommendations / Public Meeting #2 / Prepare Draft
WINTER 2024	Issue Draft MTP for Public Comment / Adoption of MTP
JANUARY 2025	Adoption of the 2025-2050 Laredo Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)

The purpose of the 2025-2050 Laredo MTP 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 2025-2050 Laredo MTP 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 2025-2050 Laredo MTP 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. Furthermore, the 2025-2050 Laredo MTP, addresses and meets all *Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act of 2012 (MAP-21)*, *Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act of 2015 (FAST Act)*, and the *Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA)* planning requirements as provided by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA).

The Draft MTP was presented to the Policy Committee on 11/20/24 to receive public testimony and to initiate a 20-day public review and comment period. The Draft MTP was available online for public review until 12/09/24. The comments received and with associated responses provided by the LWCAMPO are part of the MTP under Appendix C (see attached). If approved, the 2025-2050 Laredo Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) will be an official intermodal transportation plan developed through a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive (3-C) planning process.

The final draft of the document may be accessed through the following link: [Final Draft 2025-2050 MTP](#)

A representative from WSP USA, Inc. will give a presentation to the Committee on the final draft of the document.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval.	COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: The Technical Committee recommended approval.
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January 15, 2025

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

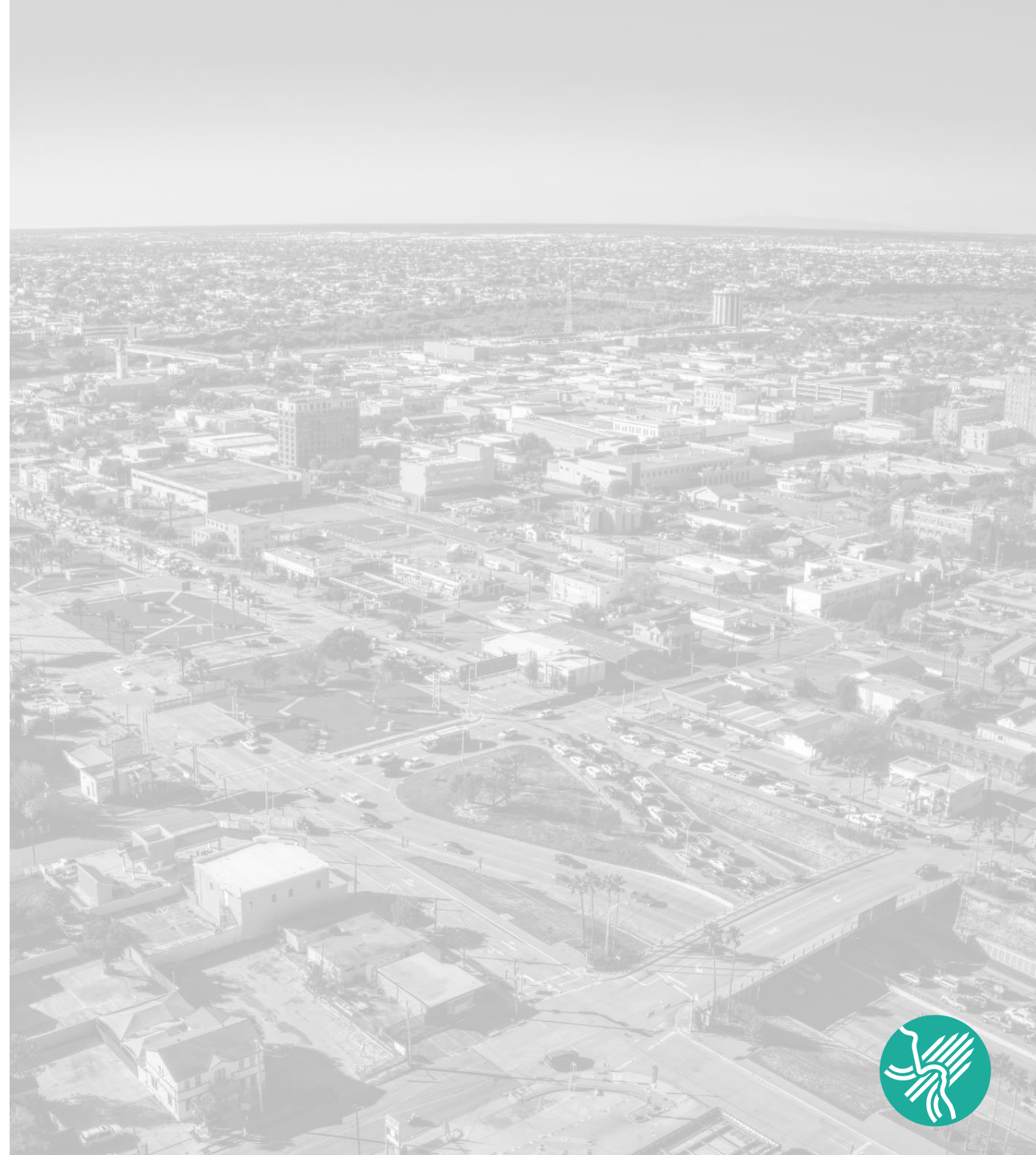
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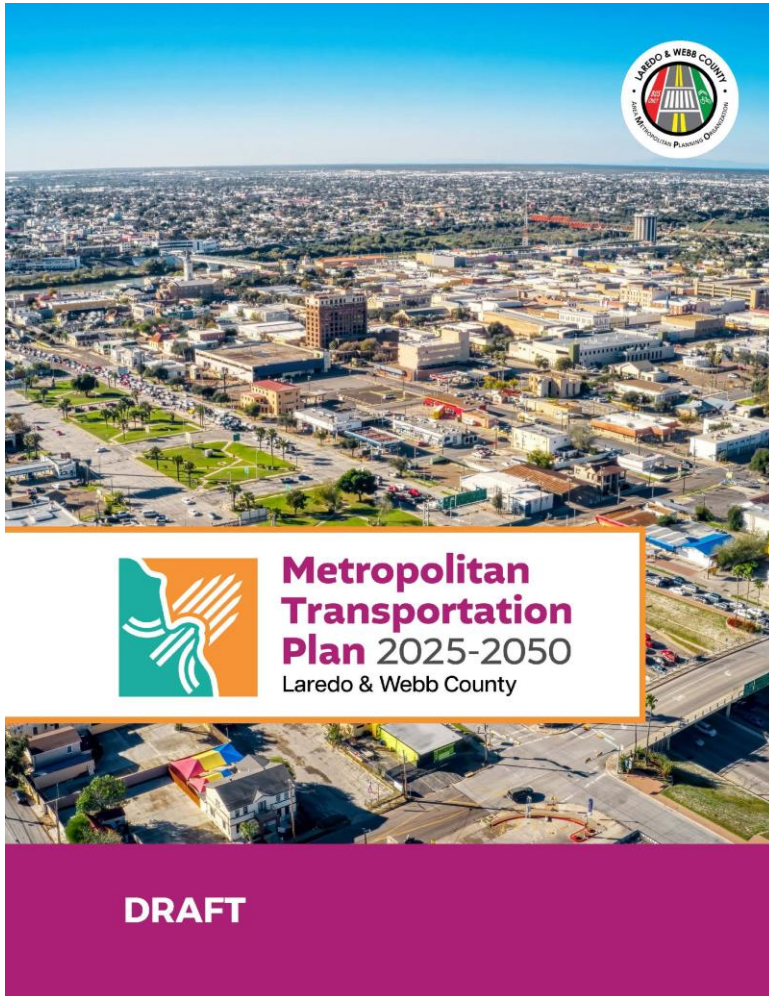


**Metropolitan
Transportation
Plan** 2025-2050
Laredo & Webb County Area

Agenda

- MTP Background
- MTP Schedule
- Fiscally Constrained Project List
- Illustrative Project List
- Public Meeting #2
- Adoption of MTP
 - **Request Policy Committee to adopt 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



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

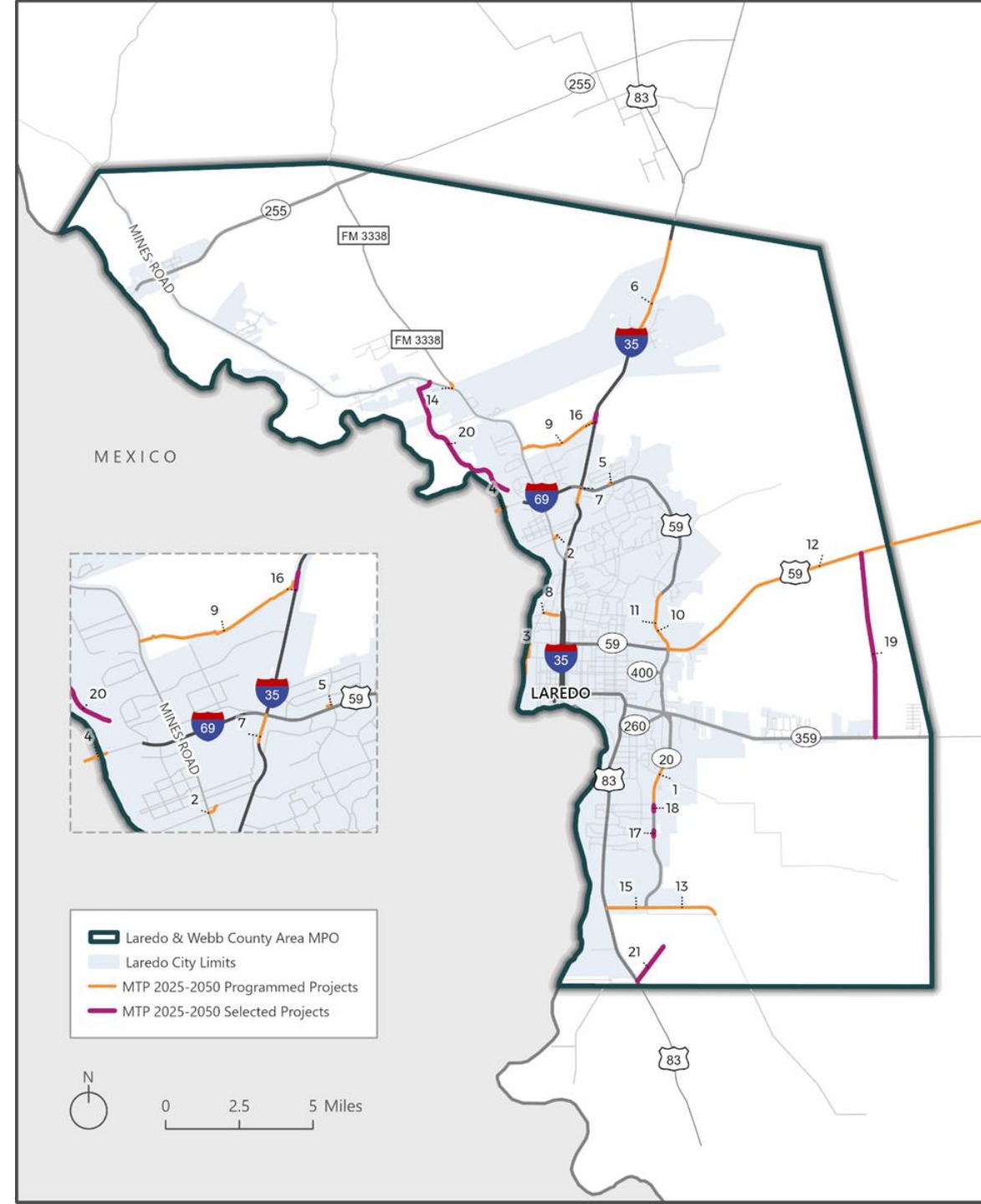




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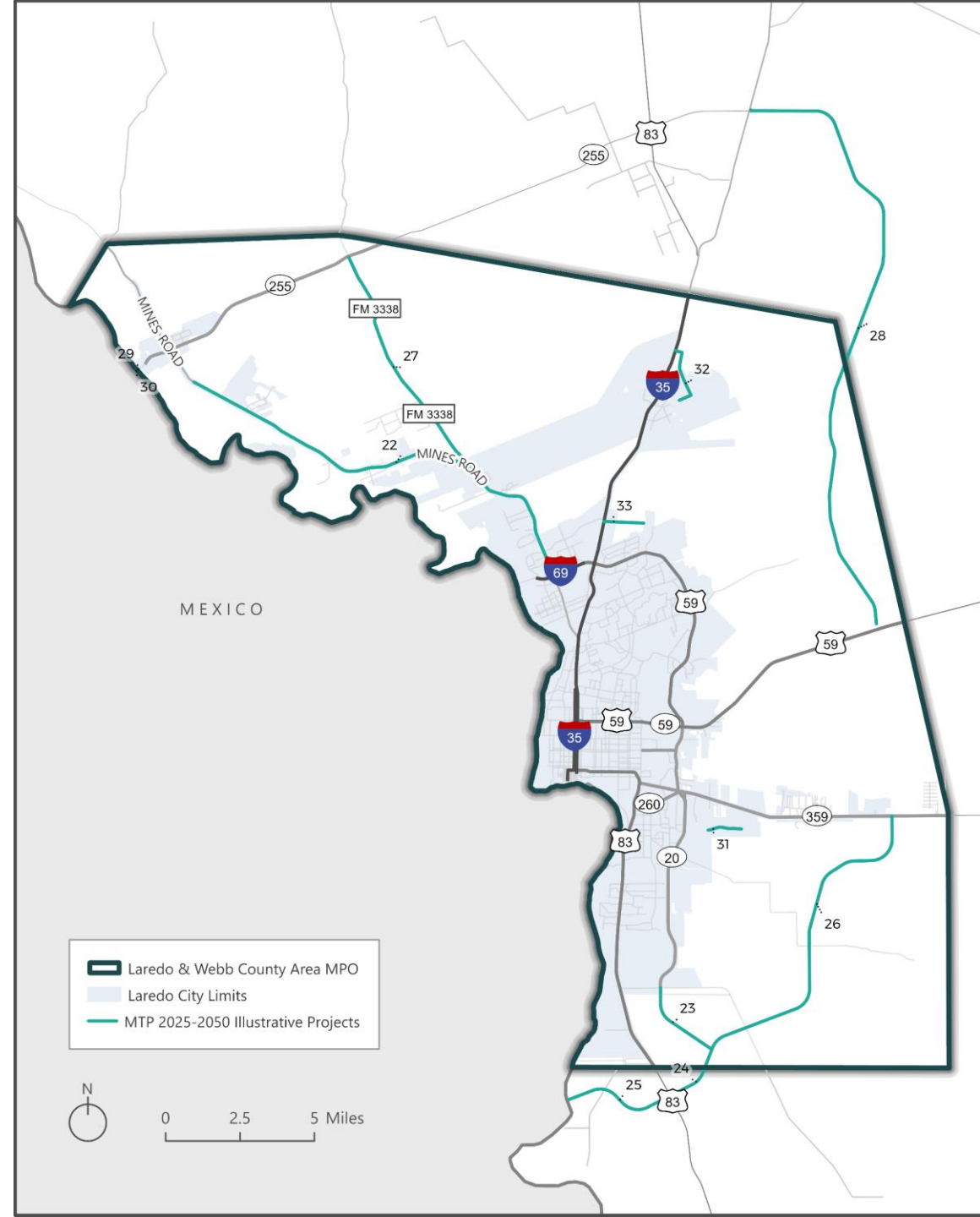
*Projects highlighted in green were selected as part of the MTP 2025-2050 project selection process and are included in the fiscally-constrained plan





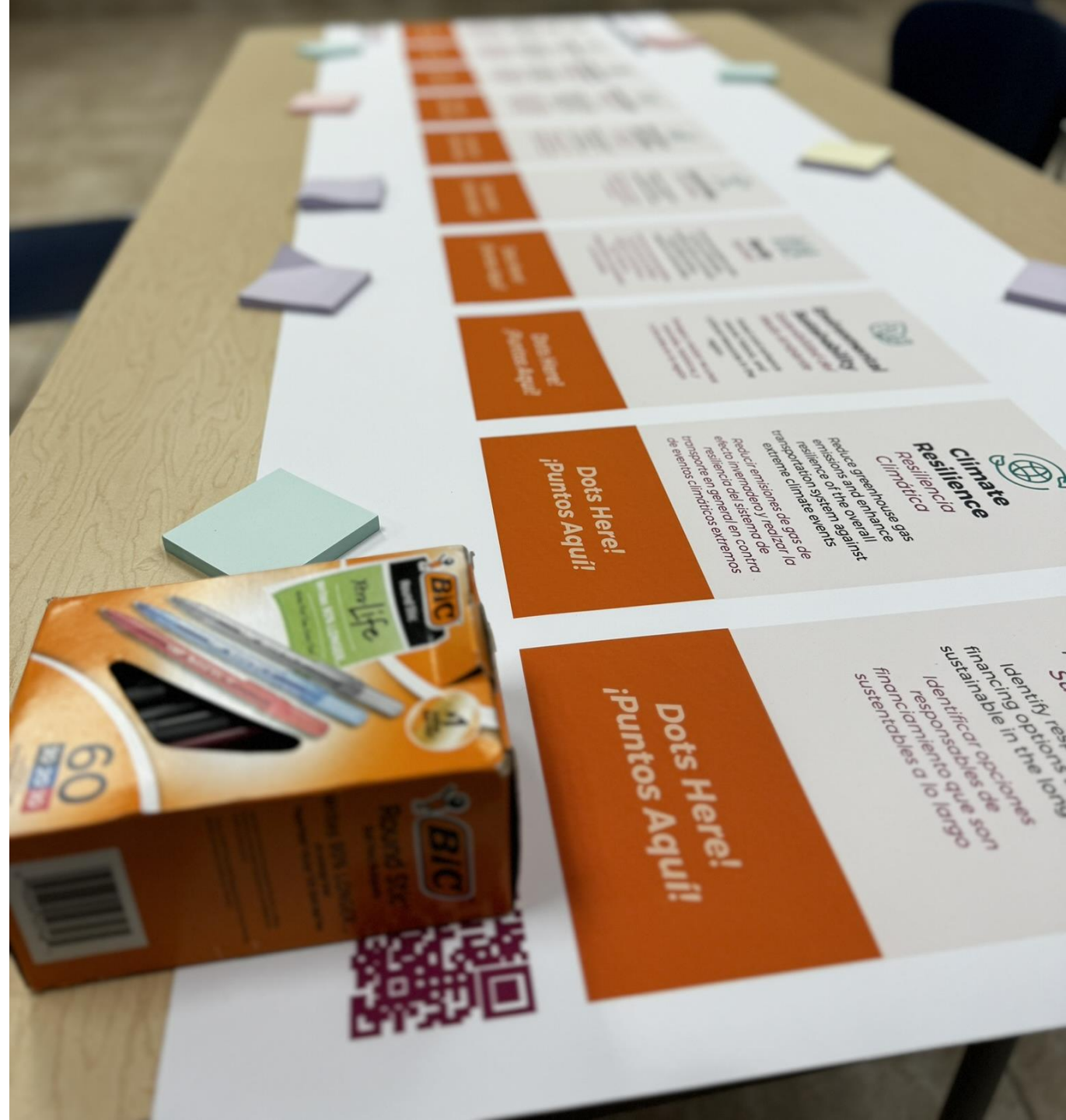
Illustrative Project List

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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



Public Meeting #2

- Held November 21, 2024 at the Joe A. Guerra Laredo Public Library
- Information was shared about the MTP process
- Final selected and illustrative project lists were presented
- Members of the public were invited to submit their comments on the draft MTP from November 20, 2024 to December 9, 2024. Thirteen comments were received.

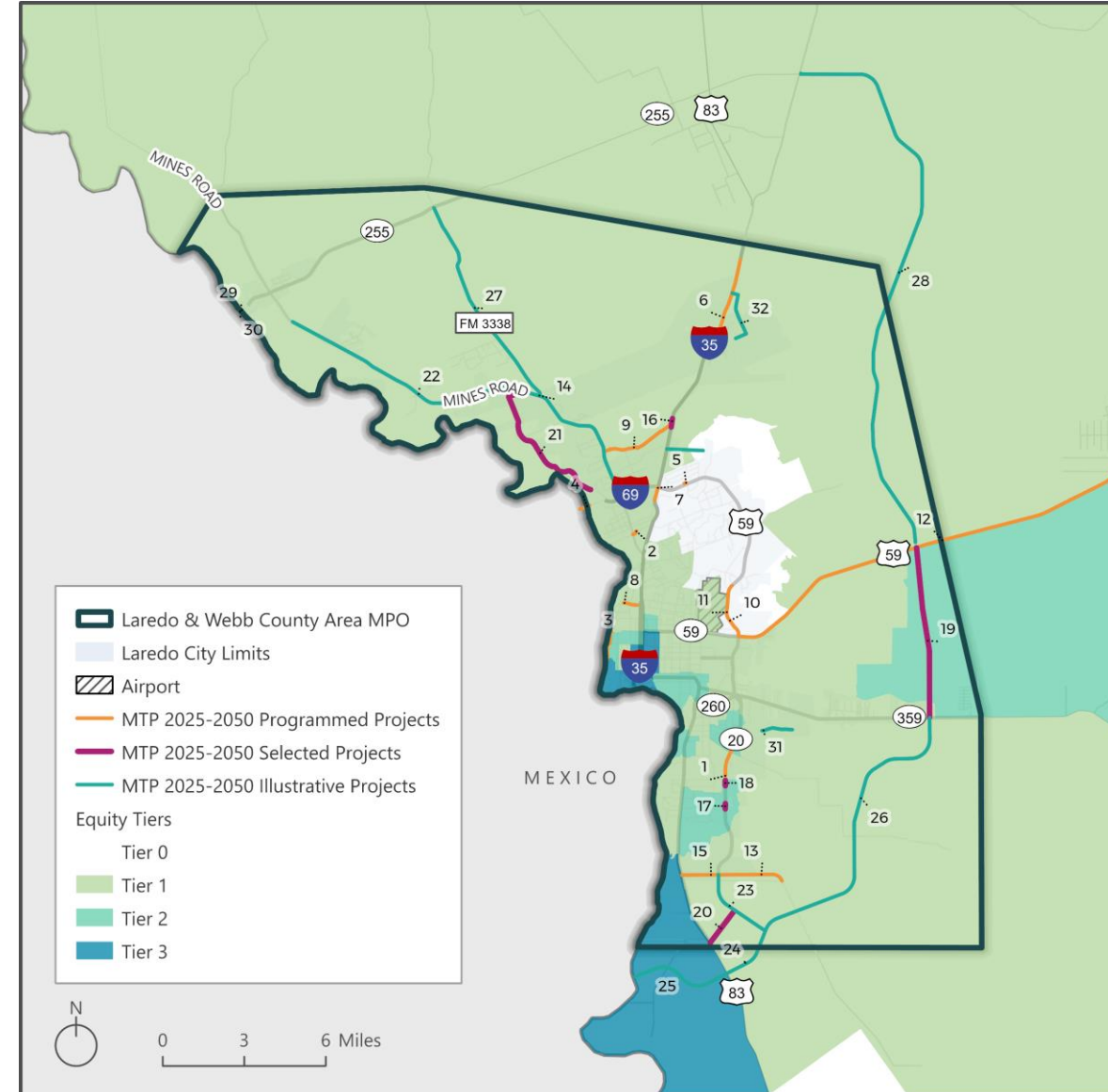


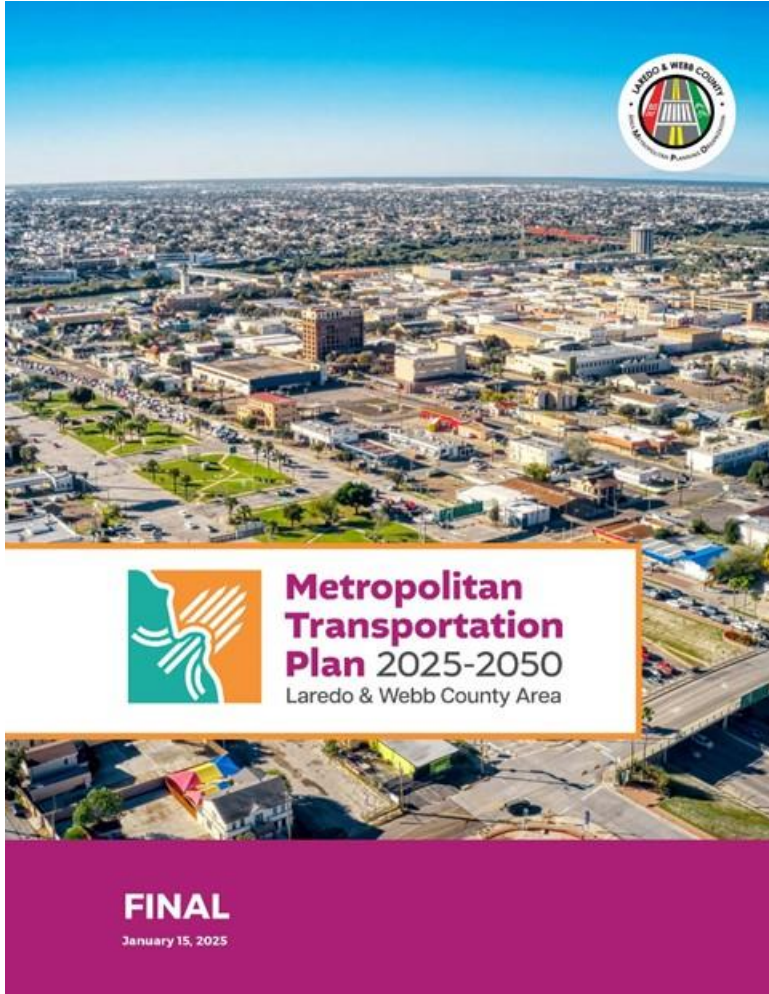
Investments Towards Equity Goals

All Projects		
Equity Tier	Investment	Portion
Tier 0	\$ 1,800,000	0.1%
Tier 1	\$ 2,129,690,153	85.8%
Tier 2	\$ 333,581,847	13.4%
Tier 3	\$ 16,799,000	0.7%
Total	\$2,481,871,000.00	

Selected Projects		
Equity Tier	Investment	Portion
Tier 0	\$ -	0.0%
Tier 1	\$ 208,556,000	54.9%
Tier 2	\$ 171,472,000	45.1%
Tier 3	\$ -	0.0%
Total	\$380,028,000.00	

* Equity Tier Source: Vision Zero Webb Laredo





Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)



OBJECTIVE:

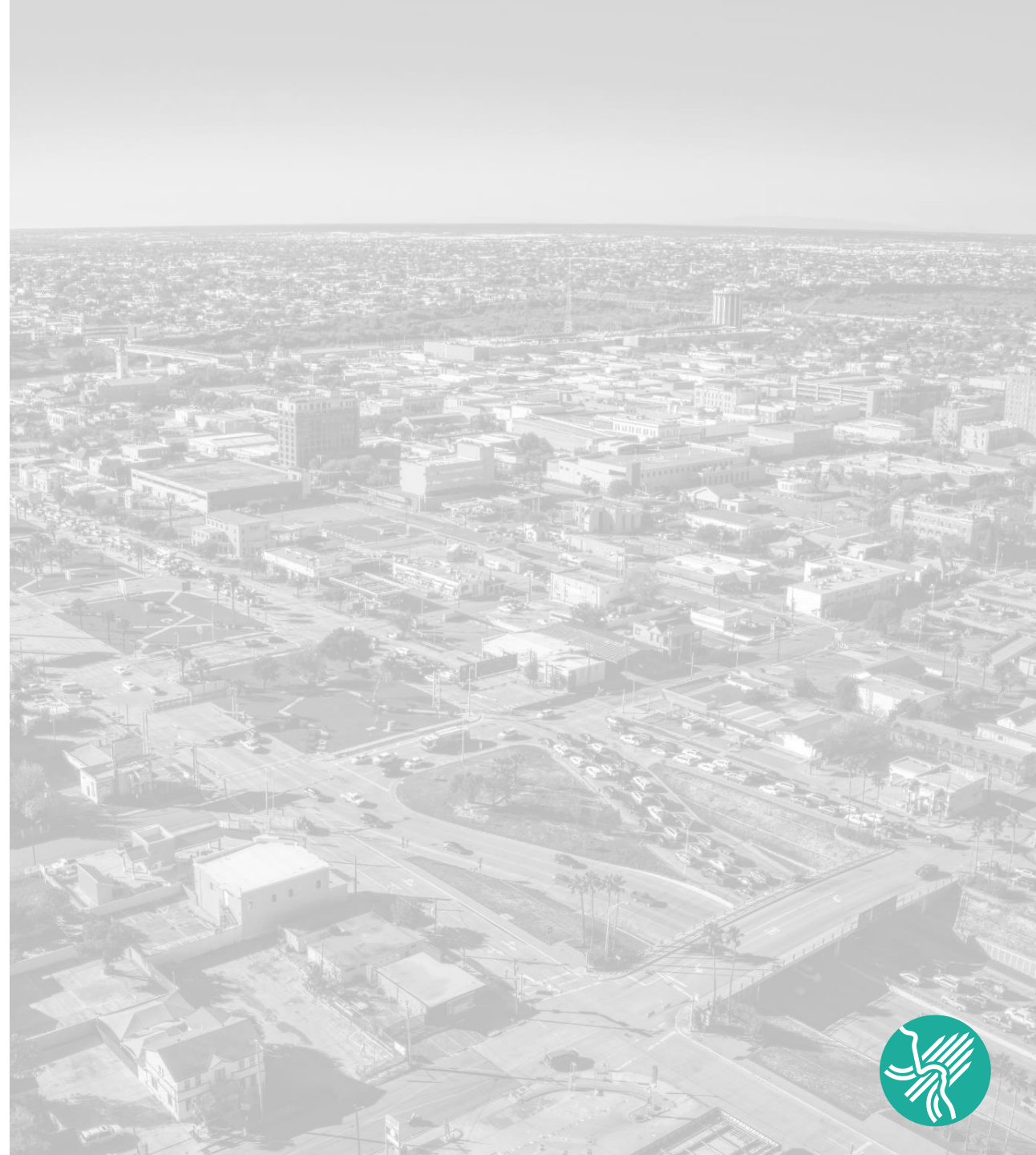
Request Policy Committee to adopt the *Laredo Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2025-2050*





Next Steps

- Following the Policy Committee adoption of the *Laredo Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2025-2050*, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) will review and approve the plan.





Thank you!



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Item V.A.

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



WC-CL RMA January 2025 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 developed a construction cost estimate for the overpass in the amount of \$47,350,390, assuming the project lets in 2027. \$16 million has been provided by the MPO via Category 2 funds towards the cost of the overpass. These proposed funds have been submitted by the TxDOT LRD for inclusion in the UTP to be adopted in August 2025. The project still requires \$56.8M for 100% funding. 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. In late 2024, the TxDOT LRD informed the WC-CL RMA that they have revised the design of the overpass and would like the ROW at the interface of Vallecillo Road and IH 35 to increase. On 1/8/2025, the WC-CL RMA met with TxDOT LRD to obtain further information on the request.
- 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. The project has advertised for construction. The Pre-Bid conference occurred on 1/7/2025.
- 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. The WC-CL RMA is awaiting the execution of the ILA.
- 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. The RMA is awaiting execution of the ILA with the City.

5. **The Vallecillo Road Project** – See supplemental memorandum.
6. **Vision Zero Webb Laredo Safety Action Plan (Safe Streets for All)**- See supplemental memorandum.



Monthly Report to the LWCAMPO from the WC-CL RMA

Project: Vallecillo Road from FM 1472 to IH 35 SBFR
Purpose: January 2025 Monthly Overview Report to LWCAMPO
Date Submitted: January 10, 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 LRD and the City of Laredo. We are awaiting final review by both TxDOT LRD and the City of Laredo Engineering Department before they start the appraisal of the property. The City received a preliminary title commitment based on the preliminary ROW survey by the Title company. We advised the City of Laredo to hold off on getting the appraisal of the two (2) parcels since the ROW footprint would change to the additional ROW needed for the overpass.
- 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. Additional ENV studies will be conducted to account for the new proposed ROW for the overpass at IH 35.
- The Traffic forecast modeling and report development is largely complete. The team submitted the traffic volume deliverable to the TxDOT LRD 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. TxDOT provided additional comments in November 2024 and the LJA team responded to the comments in early January 2025.
- Utility coordination is on-going with all utility providers along the route. The draft schematic was submitted to the TxDOT LRD 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 tentatively by late January 2025. There could be a small delay due to the changes to the schematic / design based on the proposed overpass at IH 35 main lanes. We will have a definite answer once we execute the supplemental work order with the RMA. 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 LRD that the project will be cleared under a Categorical Exclusion as opposed to an Environmental Assessment.

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.

Another recent change is a request from the TxDOT LRD to increase the amount of ROW acquisition at the interface of Vallecillo Road and the IH 35 West ROW to accommodate a TxDOT design change to the proposed overpass at IH 35. This increase in requested ROW acquisition will impact the anticipated Environmental Clearance date of February 2025; thus, pushing out the completion of the ROW acquisition time frame for the entire project.

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 Spring 2026.
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 late Spring 2026 and be complete by Spring 2027.
4. Upon completion of utility relocation, the RMA anticipates approval by TxDOT for bid advertisement to be received in Fall 2027. Bid advertisement and letting is anticipated for late 2027.
5. The 60% PS&E submittal to the TxDOT LRD is anticipated for late January 2025. This date will probably change due to the design changes proposed for the IH 35 overpass.
6. The 100% PS&E submittal to the TxDOT LRD is anticipated for May 2025. This date will probably change due to the design changes proposed for the IH 35 overpass.
7. Construction is anticipated to commence in the Spring of 2028 and construction completion is anticipated for the Summer of 2029.

Agreements Update:

1. 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.
2. The City of Laredo is continuing the development of the ROW agreement with the Killam Company.
3. 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.
4. As the project sponsor, the executed Advanced Funding Agreement (AFA) is solely between TxDOT Laredo District and the RMA.
 - a. The AFA Amendment from TxDOT to account for the updated funding for the project was approved on 10/18/2024.
 - b. The WC-CL RMA received the 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 on 12/19/2024.

End of Memorandum



Monthly Report to the LWCAMPO from the WC-CL RMA

Project: Vision Zero Webb Laredo Safety Action Plan by SS4A
Purpose: December 2024 Monthly Overview Report to LWCAMPO
Date
Submitted: January 10, 2025



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 strategic partner meetings took place, to review the Safety Action Plan, specifically with Laredo TxDOT officials and integrated it into the plan. The focus of the month was on the components of the safety action plan document, reviewing written, graphic and image content with the consultant team. The first draft was developed and reviewed.

The Safety Action Plan development timeline is on track with the first complete draft anticipated for early January 2025, with a comment period ending during the last week of that month. 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 outlines 16 Priority Corridors, each with a series of safety improvements recommended, along with various Actions, Policies, and areas of additional study. These added studies could include but are not limited to a Bike Network Plan, Complete Streets Policy, and Safe



Routes To School Program, for example. Capital Projects associated with the 10 Priority Corridors will have planning-level cost estimates associated with them and 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, they will each respectively 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.

End of Memorandum



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Item V.B.

**B. TxDOT Project Updates
Presentation will be provided at meeting.**



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Item VI.

DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS



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Director's Report January 15, 2025

1. Policy Committee Chair Update:

- A memo was sent to the Policy Committee members on January 3, 2025 regarding the Chair transition in accordance with the MPO By-laws, *Article II, Section 2.2(f)*:

“The Chairperson and Vice Chairperson shall rotate every two years between the City of Laredo Mayor and Webb County Judge. The Term of each office shall begin the 1st of January in odd number years. There is no limitation to the number of terms each member may serve as an officer.”

2. Microtransit Feasibility Study Update:

- A public survey to gather feedback from El Metro riders was open through December. A total of 130 responses were received. A public meeting is scheduled for February 28th and individual stakeholder outreach is ongoing.

3. Texas Transportation Commission Meetings:

- January 30, 2025
- February 27, 2025
- March 27, 2025

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 – January 29, 2025
- Technical Committee – February 11, 2025
- Policy Committee – February 19, 2025



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