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## MPO POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

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**Meeting Date & Time:** January, 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 1:30 p.m.

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

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

**Laredo TV:** Spectrum TV channel 1300

### AGENDA:

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

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

### IV. ITEMS REQUIRING POLICY COMMITTEE ACTION:

- A. Approval of the minutes for the meeting held on December 15, 2021.
- B. Receive public testimony and initiate a 10-day public review and comment period for the following proposed amendment(s) of the 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP):
  1. **Addition** of project CSJ 0922-33-213 intended to provide for preliminary engineering and construction for the expansion of existing World Trade Bridge.

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The estimated construction cost is \$12,000,000 with an estimated total project cost of \$16,000,000. The project sponsor is the City of Laredo and the proposed letting date is FY 2024.

2. **Revision** of project CSJ 0922-33-166 for the construction of Hachar-Reuthinger Road. **Purpose** of amendment is to update the project description to read “new location construction of 4-lane divided highway” to adequately describe the initial construction phase(s).
3. **Revision** of project CSJ 0922-33-165 for the construction of Hachar-Reuthinger Road. **Purpose** of amendment is to update the project description to read “new location construction of 4-lane divided highway” to adequately describe the initial construction phase(s).
4. **Revision** of project CSJ 0922-33-165 for the construction of Hachar-Reuthinger Road. **Purpose** of amendment is to revise the existing funding amounts. Funding amounts will be adjusted to increase Category 7 funds from \$26,796,901 to \$28,431,178 and add \$2,341,935 allocated to the project through Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriation Act (CRRSAA) funds.
5. **Revision** of project CSJ 0086-01-073 for the widening of SH 359. **Purpose** of amendment is to revise the existing funding amounts. Funding amounts will be adjusted to include \$7,000,000 in category 11 funds.
6. **Revision** of project CSJ 0086-14-089 for the reconstruction of existing 6-lane highway to proposed 6-lane freeway with 3-lane frontage roads. **Purpose** of amendment is to revise the existing funding amounts. Funding amounts will be adjusted to include \$2,605,222 in category 11 funds and decrease category 10 funds from \$9,000,000 to \$4,285,269.
7. **Revision** of project CSJ 0086-14-088 reconstruction of existing 6-lane highway to proposed 6-lane freeway with 3-lane frontage roads at University Blvd. to Shiloh Dr. **Purpose** of amendment is to revise the existing funding amounts. Funding amounts will be adjusted to replace \$11,500,000 in category 4 funds with category 2U funds, increase category 10 funds from \$8,500,000 to \$22,000,000, and include \$11,894,778 in category 11 funds.
8. **Revision** of project CSJ 0086-14-079 for the construction of US 59 interchange at University Blvd. **Purpose** of amendment is to revise the existing funding amounts. Funding amounts will be adjusted to include \$2,514,639 in category 10 funds.
9. **Revision** of project CSJ 0086-14-076 for the construction of US 59 interchange at Shiloh Dr. **Purpose** of amendment is to revise the existing funding amounts. Funding amounts will be adjusted to include \$10,356,549 in category 10 funds.

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10. **Revision** of project CSJ 0086-14-075 for the construction of US 59 interchange at Del Mar Blvd. **Purpose** of amendment is to revise the existing funding amounts. Funding amounts will be adjusted to include \$4,346,123 in category 10 funds.
  11. **Reprogramming** of project CSJ 0018-06-185 for the construction of a new direct connector (#3) south I-35 to east I-69W. **Purpose** of amendment is to remove this project from the 2021-2024 TIP as the updated letting date for this project has been changed to FY 2026 and is outside of the current TIP years.
  12. **Revision** of project CSJ 0086-14-086 for the reconstruction of existing 6-lane divided highway to proposed 6-lane freeway facility with a section including 3-lane frontage roads from US 59 to 0.4 miles north of E. Corridor Rd. (airport). **Purpose** of amendment is to revise the existing funding amounts. Funding amounts will be adjusted to increase category 12 funds from \$15,600,000 to \$29,290,676.
  13. **Revision** of project CSJ 0086-14-078 for the construction of US 59 interchange at Jacaman Rd. **Purpose** of amendment is to revise the existing funding amounts. Funding amounts will be adjusted to increase category 12 funds from \$17,000,000 to \$21,742,567.
  14. **Revision** of project CSJ 0086-14-077 for the construction of US 59 interchange at airport. **Purpose** of amendment is to revise the existing funding amounts. Funding amounts will be adjusted to include \$16,418,996 in category 12 funds.
  15. **Administrative Amendment** of project CSJ 0922-33-181 to improve connections, accessibility and security for up to 17 bus stops. **Purpose** of amendment is to revise the estimated letting date from fiscal year (FY) 2022 to FY 2023. This project letting date revision is listed for informational purposes only as moving a letting date within the TIP years does not require a formal revision.
  16. **Administrative Amendment** of project CSJ 0086-02-023 for the widening of SH 359 from 8.935 miles east of SL 20 and 9.830 miles east of SL 20. **Purpose** of amendment is to adjust the ROW purchase cost information. Change in ROW cost information does not require a formal revision.
- C. Receive public testimony and initiate a 10-day public review and comment period for the following proposed revision(s) of the 2020-2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP):
1. **Addition** of project CSJ 0922-33-213 intended to provide for preliminary engineering and construction for the expansion of existing World Trade Bridge. The estimated construction cost is \$12,000,000 with an estimated total project cost of \$16,000,000. The project sponsor is the City of Laredo and the proposed letting date is FY 2024.

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2. **Revision** of Appendix A – Short Range Projects Identified in the MTP and Listed in the TIP as necessary to incorporate and reflect the proposed revisions to the 2021-2024 TIP.
- D. Discussion with possible action on scheduling a Special MPO Policy Committee meeting the second week of February 2022 to receive public testimony and consider final action on the proposed revisions to the 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the 2020-2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP).
- E. Discussion with possible action on committing and allocating FY 2024 Category 7 funds in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000 towards CSJ 0922-33-213 World Trade Bridge Expansion project.
- F. Discussion and recommendation on approving resolution No. MPO 2022-01, adopting and supporting the Texas Department of Transportation's 2022 targets for the following federal Safety Performance Measures:
  1. Number of Traffic Fatalities.
  2. Rate of Fatalities per 100 million Vehicles Miles Traveled (VMT).
  3. Number of Serious Injuries.
  4. Rate of Serious Injuries per 100 million Vehicles Miles Traveled (VMT).
  5. Number of Non-Motorized Fatalities and Non-Motorized Serious Injuries.
- G. Discussion with possible action on the River Road project.
- H. Discussion with possible action on the Hachar-Reuthinger Road project.
- V. REPORT(S) AND PRESENTATIONS (No action required).
  - A. Status report by the Regional Mobility Authority (RMA).
  - B. Update by City of Laredo Engineering staff on the FM 1472/Flecha Ln. Realignment (CSJ 0922-33-076) and Calton Road Grade Separation (CSJ 0922-33-093) projects listed in the 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).
  - C. Discussion and review of TxDOT's FY 2023 Unified Transportation Program (UTP) and unfunded projects, and discussion on the survey of MPO Technical and Policy Committee members regarding the ranking of unfunded projects.
- VI. DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS
- VII. ADJOURNMENT

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### **NOTICE INFORMATION:**

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

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

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

Ayuda o Servicios Auxiliares: Todas las reuniones del Comité del MPO están abiertas al público. Personas que planean asistir a esta reunión y que pueden necesitar ayuda o servicios auxiliares como: interpretes para personas con discapacidad auditiva, lectores de letra grande o en Braille, o un traductor para el idioma español deben comunicarse con el personal del MPO al 956-794-1613 o por correo electrónico [aquijano@ci.laredo.tx.us](mailto:aquijano@ci.laredo.tx.us) antes de la reunión para que se puedan hacer los arreglos apropiados. Material en español está disponible mediante una petición.

Declaración de Acceso a la Discapacidad: Esta reunión permite el acceso a personas en silla de ruedas. Las rampas de acceso están ubicadas en 1110 Victoria y 900 Flores. Los espacios de estacionamiento para discapacitados se encuentran por la calle Victoria.

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**POLICY COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP:**

City of Laredo Representatives:

Honorable Pete Saenz, Mayor and LWCAMPO Chairperson  
Honorable Ruben Gutierrez, Jr., City Councilmember, District V  
Honorable Dr. Marte Martinez, City Councilmember, District VI

County of Webb Representatives:

Honorable Tano E. Tijerina, Webb County Judge and LWCAMPO Vice-Chairperson  
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. David M. Salazar, Jr. P.E., TxDOT District Engineer

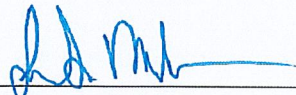
Private Sector Representative (Member at Large):

Mr. Humberto "Tito" Gonzalez, Jr., P.E.

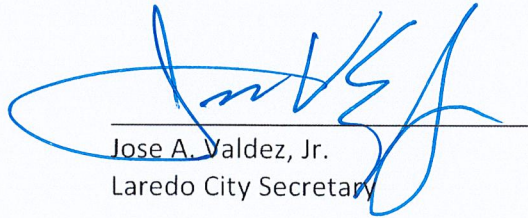
Ex-Officio Representatives:

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

**AGENDA REVIEWED:**



Juan S. Mendive,  
LWCAMPO Interim Director



Jose A. Valdez, Jr.  
Laredo City Secretary