



## MPO POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

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**Meeting Date & Time:** September 21st, 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 August 17th, 2022.
- B. Receive public testimony and approve Resolution No. MPO 2022-07, adopting the updated 2022 Public Participation Plan.
- C. Receive public testimony and initiate a 10-day public review and comment period for the following proposed amendments to the 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP):

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1. **Addition** of project CSJ 0922-33-205 intended to provide for the construction of new 4 lane [off-system] highway with continuous turn lane. The estimated construction cost is \$35,280,000. Category 7 funds in the amount of \$16,500,000 have been allocated for this project. Other funding amounts include \$14,780,000 in Category 3-local and \$4,000,000 in Category 12 Strategic Partnership funds. The project sponsor is the Webb County City of Laredo Regional Mobility Authority and the proposed letting date is FY 2026. The project sponsor is the Webb County City of Laredo Regional Mobility Authority and the proposed letting date is FY 2026.
  2. **Reprogramming/addition** of project CSJ 0922-33-076 for the realigning of Flecha Ln. and Las Cruces Blvd. **Purpose** of amendment is to add this project to the 2023-2026 TIP as the updated letting date for this project has been changed to FY 2023. This project was previously included in the FY 2021-2024 TIP.
  3. **Reprogramming/addition** of project CSJ 0922-33-093 (Calton Rd. and Santa Maria Ave. Interchange) for the construction of a grade separation interchange. **Purpose** of amendment is to add this project to the 2023-2026 TIP as the updated letting date for this project has been changed to FY 2023. This project was previously included in the FY 2021-2024 TIP.
  4. **Transit revision** to increase FY 2023-2026 total transit funding from \$69,929,560 to \$88,274,585 for an increase of \$18,345,025.
- D. Receive public testimony and initiate a 10-day public review and comment period for the following proposed revisions to the 2020-2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP):
1. **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 2023-2026 TIP.
- E. Discussion with possible action on the allocation and programming of Category 7 funds, including for project CSJ 0086-16-008 Loop 20 interchange at Lomas del Sur Blvd., and any other matters incident thereto.
- F. Discussion with possible action on submitting a planning grant application for the U.S. Department of Transportation Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program in collaboration with the Downtown Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone (TIRZ) No. 1 and Laredo Main Street, and any other matters incident thereto.
- G. Discussion with possible action on exploring the feasibility of a Transportation Reinvestment Zone (TRZ) in North Laredo-Webb County including along FM 1472.

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- H. Discussion with possible action on El Metro's request to terminate the Advanced Funding Agreements (AFAs) for the ADA Bus Stops and Bicycle Plazas project CSJ 0922-33-181 and 0922-33-202, and any other matters incident thereto.
  - I. A motion to authorize a 2022 Call for Projects for the Laredo Webb County Area MPO Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TASA) Program and approve the TASA Program Application Guidelines and funding levels.
  - J. 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. Presentation by Webb County Engineering on a proposed strategy to accelerate the construction of Outer Loop Segments 1, 2, and 3 by leveraging local funds and Category 7 funds.

### VI. DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

### VII. ADJOURNMENT

#### **NOTICE INFORMATION:**

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

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

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

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

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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.

**Información en español:** Si usted desea esta información en español o si desea explicación sobre el contenido, por favor llámenos al teléfono (956) 794-1613 o comuníquese con nosotros mediante correo electrónico a [aquijano@ci.laredo.tx.us](mailto:aquijano@ci.laredo.tx.us).

### **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

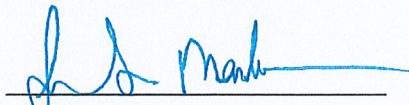
#### Private Sector Representative (Member at Large):

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

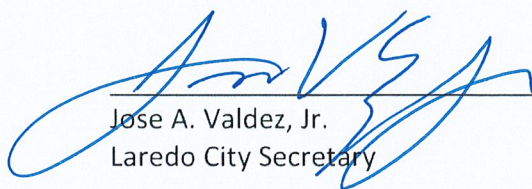
#### Ex-Officio Representatives:

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