



MPO TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING

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Meeting Date & Time: September 13th, 2:30 p.m.

Meeting Location: El Metro Transit Center 1301 Farragut 3rd floor (West of Elevators)

AGENDA:

1. Chairperson to call meeting to order.
2. Discussion and recommendation on Resolution No. MPO 2022-07, adopting the updated 2022 Public Participation Plan.
3. Discussion and recommendation on initiating a 10-day public review and comment period for the proposed amendments to the FY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and proposed revisions to the 2020-2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP).
4. Discussion and recommendations on allocating Category 7 funds towards project CSJ 0086-16-008 SL20 interchange at Lomas del Sur Blvd.
5. Discussion and recommendation on submitting a planning grant application for the U.S. Department of Transportation Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program.
6. Update on the upcoming MPO Policy Committee meeting draft agenda.
7. Discussion of old or new business.
8. Adjournment.

**LAREDO WEBB COUNTY
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
ACTION ITEM**

DATE: 09-21-2022	SUBJECT: A RESOLUTION Receive public testimony and approve Resolution No. MPO 2022-07, adopting the updated 2022 Public Participation Plan (PPP).	
INITIATED BY: Staff	STAFF SOURCE: Juan S. Mendive, Interim MPO Director	
PREVIOUS ACTION: The Policy Committee initiated a 45-day public review and comment period on July, 20, 2022.		
<p>BACKGROUND:</p> <p>The Public Participation Plan provides MPO staff with the framework to facilitate communication & consultation between agencies making decisions & the communities affected by them. As per 23 CFR 450.316, MPOs are required to develop & use a documented public participation plan. This document serves an update to the previously adopted, May 15, 2017, version of the PPP. The overall objective is to ensure the process will be proactive, provide complete information, timely public notice, full access to key decision, & opportunities for early & continuing involvement as per 23 CFR 450.316(b).</p> <p>MPOs, as a recipient of federal funds, must comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, including Executive Order 12898 (Environmental Justice) & Executive Order 13166(Limited English Proficiency). This plan outlines the procedures, tools, techniques, & expectations for public outreach & education on transportation issues as outlined by federal legislation.</p> <p>The PPP shall be updated and re-approved every 5 years. Additionally, MPO staff may conduct an annual MOE on the methodology of the public outreach process.</p> <p>A minimum public comment period of 45 calendar days is required before the initial draft is adopted or an amendment to the public participation plan is approved by the MPO Policy Committee.</p> <p>Public Comments – No public comments were received during the 45-day public review and comment period.</p>		
COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: The Technical Committee recommends _____.	STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval.	



2022

Public
Participation
Plan



LAREDO & WEBB COUNTY

AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

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INTRODUCTION

WHAT IS A METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO)?

Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) serve a critical and federally mandated role in the planning and decision-making process of the transportation system. In 1962, Congress passed the Federal Highway Act, which requires that all urbanized areas with populations of 50,000 or more establish MPOs to ensure that federally funded transportation projects and programs are based on a continuous, cooperative, and comprehensive planning process (3-C planning process).

The establishment of MPOs provides the regional view that enables transportation projects to be planned and delivered at a scale that is specifically tailored to the region. The regional view enables agencies to form connections across jurisdictional boundaries that facilitate cooperation in priority-setting as well as in the decision-making process for all modes of transportation. Transportation planning requires developing strategies for operating, managing, maintaining and financing the transportation system whilst furthering long-range goals. The MPO's role is to plan and program transportation improvements based on the local priorities and needs, as defined by the region's city and county governments. These local priorities and needs are then integrated into a state's Department of Transportation improvement program and directly impact how the state will build and manage the Interstate Highway System and state roads. That is, how well the transportation system performs, i.e. meets regional goals, affects current and long-range public policy concerns at the local, regional, state, and federal levels.

WHO IS LWCAMPO

The Laredo & Webb County Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (LWCAMPO) is the federally designated MPO to develop and implement the 3-C planning process for the Laredo Urban area. It shall be hereinafter referred to as the "MPO". The Laredo Urban Area, as determined by the 2010 Census, has surpassed 200,000 in population and was designated a Transportation Management Area (TMA) effective July 18, 2012. The TMA is currently designated as an attainment area for the purpose of compliance with the Clean Air Act. The current TMA extends to the city limits of the City of Laredo, the City of Rio Bravo as well as portions of the County of Webb.



The transportation planning process reflects the vision goals and objectives that have been established as desirable “futures for the community”. The MPO’s mission statement is: “to set transportation related policy, identify existing and future local transportation needs in cooperation with TxDOT, and propose and recommend projects for all modes of transportation including mass transit and active transportation, with special attention to freight.”

In order to align said goals and objectives with federal and state policies and guidelines the MPO’s planning committees exercise the following measures:

- ◆ Make comprehensive consideration of various alternative strategies
- ◆ Ensure that the evaluation process encompasses a diverse set of concerns
- ◆ Promote collaborative participation of numerous transportation-related agencies and organizations
- ◆ Foster an open, timely, and meaningful involvement of the public

In addition, the MPO provides a forum for said local government and transportation agencies as well as the general public to ensure the region’s transportation needs are cooperatively met.

LWCAMPO’s MAJOR PLANNING COMMITTEES

LWCAMPO functions under a committee structure that is composed of a policy committee, technical committee, and planning staff to support transportation planning activities. A set of by-laws establishes the structure and representation of the MPO.

THE MPO POLICY COMMITTEE (POLICY COMMITTEE)

The MPO Policy Committee was established pursuant to 23 USC 134 and is designated to implement the metropolitan planning process. The Policy Committee is comprised of those governmental agencies identified in the original designation agreement and those agencies or organizations subsequently added to the membership of the board. As the governing body of the MPO, the Policy Committee shall have decision-making authority over issues such as:

- ◆ The Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)
- ◆ The Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
- ◆ The Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)
- ◆ The Congestion Management Plan (CMP)

Voting members of the Policy Committee must include representation of local elected officials, officials of agencies that administer or operate major modes or systems of transportation, and appropriate state officials, as per 23 CFR 450.310.

THE MPO TECHNICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE (TECHNICAL COMMITTEE)

The Technical Committee is the body of the MPO responsible for professional and technical review of work programs, policy recommendations, and transportation planning activities. The Technical Committee shall review issues for accuracy and advise the Policy Committee on recommended actions. The Technical Committee is composed of representatives of the City of Laredo, the County of Webb, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), and private sector representatives.

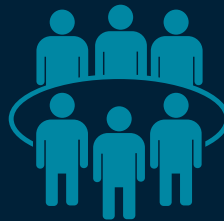


City of Laredo:



- ◆ Mayor (Chairperson)
- ◆ 2 City Councilmembers (Mayoral appointees)

Laredo Mass Transit Board:



- ◆ 1 Laredo Mass Transit Board Member (Appointed by Board's Presiding Officer/Mayor)

County of Webb:



- ◆ County Judge
- ◆ 2 County Commissioners (Webb County Judge Appointees)

State of Texas:



- ◆ TxDOT District Engineer

Member at Large:



- ◆ Member Appointed by the Policy Committee

***EX-Officio*
State of Texas:**



- ◆ State Senator(s)
- ◆ State Representative(s)



City Representatives



- ◆ LWCAMPO Director (Chairperson)
- ◆ Laredo City Planner
- ◆ The Gen. Manager of the City Transit System
- ◆ Laredo Director of Traffic Safety
- ◆ Laredo Airport Manager
- ◆ Laredo City Engineer
- ◆ Laredo Bridge Director

County & Regional Representatives



- ◆ Webb County Planning Director
- ◆ South Texas Development Council
- ◆ Regional Planning Director
- ◆ The Gen. Manager of the Rural Transit System
- ◆ Webb County Engineer

State Representatives



- ◆ TxDOT Planning Rep. (Vice-Chairperson)
- ◆ TxDOT Planning Rep.
- ◆ TxDOT Area Engineer
- ◆ TxDOT TPP Field Rep.

Federal Representative



- ◆ FHWA Planning Rep. (Austin)

Private Sector Representative



- ◆ A Rep. of Kansas City Southern Railroad Co. (KCS)
- ◆ A Rep. of Union Pacific Railroad Co.
- ◆ A Rep. of the Laredo Transportation Assoc.
- ◆ A Transportation Provider (Shall Serve on the Laredo Transportation)

School System Representative



- ◆ A Rep. of the Laredo Independent School District (LISD)
- ◆ A Rep. of the United Independent School District (UISD)
- ◆ A Rep. of Texas A&M International University (TAMIU)
- ◆ A Rep. of Laredo College (LC)

MPO PLANNING DOCUMENTS

In accordance with federal and state mandates, the MPO develops as well as collaborates in the production of planning related documents such as, the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), the Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP), the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), the Congestion Management Process (CMP), and the Unified Transportation Plan (UTP).

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN (MTP)

The MTP is an official, comprehensive, intermodal transportation plan developed and adopted for the Laredo-Webb County Metropolitan Area through the transportation planning process. Additionally, the MTP is the long-range, financially constrained transportation plan for the region covering a planning horizon of 25 years.

The MTP identifies the existing and future transportation needs and develops coordinated strategies to provide the necessary transportation facilities essential for the continued mobility and economic vitality of the Laredo-Webb County area. These coordinated transportation strategies include roadway development and operations, truck and rail freight movement, transit operations, bikeways and pedestrian facilities. The development of the MTP is required under the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient, Transportation, Equity Act: A legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) to assure the continuation of federal transportation funds.

As per 40 CFR 81.344, the Laredo & Webb County TMA area is designated as an attainment area and, as such, is subjected to a 5-year benchmark for conducting periodic updates to MTP. Said update period may require the MPO to make revisions to the MTP. These may occur due to changes in project priorities, funding availability, or state and/or federal guidance.

TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)

The TIP is a federally required short-range program of transportation projects based on the long-range MTP and covers a period of 4 years. Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act) requires that MPOs, in cooperation with the state and affected transit operators, develop a TIP for their respective Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA) in conformance with 23 CFR 450.326 and 23 CFR 450.316. These Transportation Programs then become part of the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

The TIP is financially constrained and the transportation projects identified in the TIP must be consistent with the MTP. All projects included in this document are eligible for federal funding provided through the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA).

UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP)

The Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) is an annual statement of work identifying planning priorities and activities to be carried out within LWCAMPO's MPA, i.e. Laredo, TX and portions of Webb County. Additionally, the UPWP includes a description of the planning work and coordinated efforts to carry out the continuing, cooperative and comprehensive transportation planning process for the aforementioned MPA. An MPO is required to perform all planning tasks set forth in federal laws and regulations, i.e. 23 CFR 450.308(c), many of which are conducted annually.

The UPWP is a one-year transportation planning work program which describes in detail transportation planning programs, and activities to be performed in LWCAMPO for FY2022. However, some tasks require more than one year to complete and are carried forward from one UPWP to the next. To effectively identify all work tasks, the Laredo MPO prepares the UPWP with input from federal, state and local jurisdictions, and transportation providers in the region.

OTHER PLANNING DOCUMENTS

CONGESTION MANAGEMENT PLAN (CMP)

A Congestion Management Process (CMP) is a systematic and regionally accepted approach for managing congestion. It provides accurate, up-to-date information on transportation system performance and assesses alternative strategies for congestion management that meet state and local needs. As per 23 CFR 450.322, MPOs are required to develop and implement a CMP within their designated TMA.

The CMP is intended to move congestion management strategies into the funding and implementation stages of project development. Congestion management is the application of congestion management and reduction strategies to improve transportation system performance and reliability by reducing the adverse impacts of congestion on the movement of people and goods.

Development of the CMP is a flexible process that allows MPO's to develop and design their own approaches and processes to fit their individual needs. The CMP is an on-going process, continuously progressing and adjusting overtime as goals and objectives change, new information sources become available, and new strategies are identified and evaluated.

UNIFIED TRANSPORTATION PLAN (UTP)

The development of transportation work across the State of Texas is guided by the Unified Transportation Plan (UTP). The UTP is a 10-year plan that selects and funds the state's highest priority transportation projects with the intent to develop or begin construction over the next 10 years. Additionally, the UTP provides information on the available funding projections associated with said projects but does not guarantee that projects will or can be built. The project selection process is a collaborative effort between TxDOT, elected officials, MPOs, and public input. However, the UTP's public participation process is conducted by the state.

Any changes to the UTP may trigger the need for changes to the associated MPO planning documents. MPO's will conduct public participation efforts as prescribed by the planning document in question.

PPP DEVELOPMENTAL PROCESS

BACKGROUND

The MPO developed the current Public Participation Plan (PPP) in conformance with the requirements of 23 CFR 450.316. On May 15, 2017 the PPP was adopted by the Policy Committee after a required 45-day public review and comment period. The PPP replaced the previous iteration of public engagement, i.e. the Public Involvement Process (PIP), as per the requirements of the FAST Act. This Document serves as an update to the previously adopted version of the PPP.

PRINCIPLES OF THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN (PPP)

PURPOSE OF THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN

LWCAMPO believes that when the public is engaged in the planning process, the needs of the community are better addressed and met. The PPP serves as a tool to provide MPO staff with the framework to facilitate communication and consultation between agencies making decisions and the communities affected by them. The result of effective and inclusive public engagement in the transportation planning process offers opportunities for the cooperative development of transportation projects and plans that reflect the needs of the community.

GOAL & OBJECTIVE OF THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN

Public involvement is a key component to the transportation and planning process and requires MPO staff to proactively provide community stakeholders with access to information and with timely public notices. It also provides MPO staff the opportunity to explain the potential tradeoffs between desired outcomes and the possible alternatives available within fiscal constraint. Likewise, the MPO is committed to providing community members with fair and accessible opportunities for meaningful public involvement.

Public participation activities in the Laredo-Webb County Area involve stakeholders such as:

- ◆ Elected Officials
- ◆ City, County, & State Departments
- ◆ Environmental & Natural Disaster Planning Organizations
- ◆ Emergency Response Planning Organizations
- ◆ Regional Mobility Authority (RMA)
- ◆ Public & Private Sector Transportation Organizations
- ◆ Freight, Logistics, & Manufacturing Interests
- ◆ Economic Development & Tourism Interests
- ◆ Federal Partners
- ◆ Members of The General Public
- ◆ Business Community
- ◆ International Partners

In order to fulfill the intended goal of the PPP, MPO staff will provide every opportunity for meaningful involvement of citizens in the transportation planning process. This includes implementing measures of effective public involvement to evaluate their degree of effectiveness, as per the aforementioned federal legislation. They include:

- ◆ Providing early & continuing public involvement opportunities throughout the transportation planning & programming process

- ◆ Seeking out & considering the needs of those traditionally underserved by existing transportation systems, such as low-income & minority households, as prescribed by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), Title VI, Environmental Justice, and Limited English Proficiency (LEP)
- ◆ Providing for the employment of visualization techniques to describe metropolitan transportation plans and TIP's.

MEASURES OF EFFECTIVENESS (MOE)

LWCAMPO is committed to provide effective public outreach strategies that fosters fair and accessible opportunities for meaningful public involvement. The Measures of Effectiveness (MOEs) review process will measure the effectiveness of public outreach strategies and update public outreach activities based on a qualitative and quantitative evaluation. This ensures that the public outreach process will effectively meet its public participation goals as well as reflect the most current and effective public outreach methods during the transportation planning process.

QUALITATIVE & QUANTITATIVE EVALUATION

The qualitative evaluation process will allow MPO staff to improve the quality of public engagement activities and, in turn, improve the communication process between MPO staff, members of the community, stakeholders, and all other involved parties in the transportation planning process. This provides MPO staff the opportunity to explain the potential tradeoffs between desired outcomes and the possible alternatives available within fiscal constraint. Likewise, the MPO is committed to providing community members with fair and accessible opportunities for meaningful public involvement.

As part of the MOE process, MPO staff may conduct surveys and polls that focus on evaluating the methodology of the public outreach process. These surveys and polls will obtain qualitative feedback from members of the community, as well as from those in the notification database, at the conclusion of a public involvement activity. Said feedback is a key component in the improvement of future events as well as to aid MPO in evaluating and modifying the meeting process as deemed necessary.

Examples of qualitative measures include, but are not limited to, the following:

- ◆ Soliciting feedback through surveys or polls (online or in person) to measure the perceived level of satisfaction with a particular public input event
- ◆ Satisfaction with the outcome of the process of public involvement activities
- ◆ Satisfaction with sense of fair treatment
- ◆ Gauge participants' level of interest / reason for attending: "Why did you decide to attend?"
- ◆ Method of Notification: "How did you hear about this event?"

The quantitative evaluation process will assist MPO staff in obtaining a holistic measure of the overall impact of public involvement activities via the collection of quantitative information. Any public involvement activity data, such as sign-in/registration form data, that is collected and compiled by MPO staff may be used to measure and evaluate the overall outreach impact of public involvement activities on a case by case basis. This process allows MPO staff to modify and implement changes to the public outreach process or its components, e.g. scheduling process of public involvement activities, as deemed necessary.

Examples of quantitative information includes, but are not limited to, the following:

Public involvement activities

- ◆ Event name, topic, & location (in-person/virtual)
- ◆ Number of attendees

- ◆ Demographic data of attendees (where applicable)
- ◆ Contact data (where applicable)
- ◆ Engagement strategy (ex. presentation, workshop, survey, poll, etc.)
- ◆ Number of public comments received (where applicable)
- ◆ Number of surveys or polls completed
- ◆ Data from media advertisement types utilized
 - ◆ Data from social media engagements (where applicable)
- ◆ Number of public involvement activities
 - ◆ Ex: Meetings, workshops, presentations, etc.

MPO Website interaction database

- ◆ Number of “Contact Us” solicitations
 - ◆ Subject
 - ◆ Contact information
 - ◆ Comment
- ◆ Number of “Add Me” to the Notification Database requests
 - ◆ Subject
 - ◆ Contact information
 - ◆ Comment

Public comments, Polls, & Survey data

- ◆ Topic
- ◆ Contact information (where applicable)
- ◆ Number of responses or comment submissions
- ◆ Comment subjects
 - ◆ Responses to public comments (where applicable)

Participant responses to Polls/Surveys

- ◆ Participant response measures & analysis
 - ◆ Closed-ended question responses (e.g. Nominal, Ordinal, Ratio)
 - ◆ Rank-Order, contingency, & feeling thermometer responses

FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS & GUIDELINES

LWCAMPO’s Public Participation Plan (PPP) adheres to federal requirements, guidelines and expectations of public involvement during the development of the transportation planning process. This plan outlines the procedures, tools, techniques, and expectations for public outreach and education on transportation issues as outlined by federal legislation.

INTERMODAL SURFACE TRANSPORTATION EFFICIENCY ACT (ISTEA)

The 1991 ISTEA emphasized the efficiency of the intermodal transportation system. Its purpose was to develop a National Intermodal Transportation System that is economically efficient, environmentally sound, provide the foundation for the Nation to compete in the global economy and will move people and goods in an energy efficient

manner.

TRANSPORTATION EQUITY ACT FOR THE 21ST CENTURY (TEA-21)

TEA-21 was signed by the President in 1998 to build on the initiatives established in ISTEA with a particular focus on equity through access, opportunity and fairness.

THE SAFE, ACCOUNTABLE, FLEXIBLE, EFFICIENT TRANSPORTATION EQUITY ACT: A LEGACY FOR USERS (SAFETEA-LU)

SAFETEA-LU was enacted in 2005 and authorized the Federal surface transportation programs for highways, highway safety, and transit for the 5-year period of 2005-2009.

MOVING AHEAD FOR PROGRESS IN THE 21ST CENTURY ACT (MAP-21)

MAP-21 was enacted in 2012 and created a streamlined and performance-based surface transportation program. It builds on many of the highway, transit, bike, and pedestrian programs and policies that were established in 1991.

FIXING AMERICA'S SURFACE TRANSPORTATION ACT (FAST ACT)

The FAST Act of 2015 continues the legacy of greater public involvement that began with the passage of ISTEA, TEA-21, SAFETEA-LU, and MAP-21, which all emphasized the need for public participation throughout the metropolitan and statewide transportation planning process.

Additionally, the FAST Act requires MPO's to develop and use a documented participation plan that defines a process for improving involvement in the metropolitan transportation planning process for the following entities:

- ◆ Individuals
- ◆ Affected Public Agencies
- ◆ Representatives of Public Transportation Employees
- ◆ Public Ports
- ◆ Providers of Freight Transportation Services
- ◆ Private Providers of Transportation (Including Intercity Bus Operators)
- ◆ Representatives of Users of Public Transportation
- ◆ Representatives of Users of Pedestrian Walkways & Bicycle Transportation Facilities
- ◆ Representatives of The Disabled
- ◆ Employer-based Commuting Programs (Such as Carpool Program, Vanpool Program, Parking Cash-out Program, Shuttle Program, or Telework Program)
- ◆ Freight Shippers

Likewise, under federal regulation 81 FR 93473, the Fast Act also includes other interested parties with reasonable opportunities to be involved in the metropolitan transportation planning process within the scope of aforementioned public participation process.

THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA)

The 1990 American with disability Act (ADA) requires that “no qualified individual with a disability shall, by reason of such disability, be excluded from participation in or be denied the benefits of the services, programs, or activities of a public entity.” All participation activities and information pertaining to such activities must be accessible to persons

with disabilities. For more information visit https://www.ada.gov/2010_regs.htm

TITLE VI OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964

States that “no person shall on the ground of race, color, or national origin be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving Federal funds. The entire institution, whether educational, private or governmental must comply with Title VI and related Federal civil rights laws, not just the program or activity receiving federal funds.

The MPO will also adhere to the executive orders regarding environmental justice and providing outreach to persons with limited English proficiency, as regulated under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act.

EXECUTIVE ORDER 12898: ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

The Federal Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations (Executive Order 12898) of 1994- requires MPO to appropriately identify and address disproportionately high and adverse human health or environmental effects of its programs, policies and activities on minority populations and low-income populations. This includes ensuring that underserved groups, such as low-income and minority populations, are identified and given increased opportunities for effective participation in the MPO’s decision-making process.

EXECUTIVE ORDER 13166: LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY

Improving Access to Services for Persons with Limited English Proficiency (LEP) (Executive Order 13166) of 2000- requires MPOs to provide persons with limited English proficiency accessibility to the same programs and activities as those normally provided in English.

Examples of the tools and techniques utilized by the MPO, to meet the aforementioned expectations as outlined by federal legislation, can be found in **Appendix B**.

REVISIONS TO PLANNING & PROGRAM DOCUMENTS

As previously described, all primary planning documents are designated as “living” documents and, as such, are required to be updated periodically as well as undergo revisions as deemed necessary. Revisions are implemented via a program adoption, amendments or administrative modifications as per 23 CFR 450.104 and the Texas Administrative Code (TAC) - Title 43 Part 1 Chapter 16. Additionally, LWCAMPO’s Bylaws are also subject to revisions that require a public comment period prior to approval by the Policy Committee.

Revisions are defined as a change that occurs between the periodic update schedules of the MTP, TIP, UPWP, CMP, or PPP.

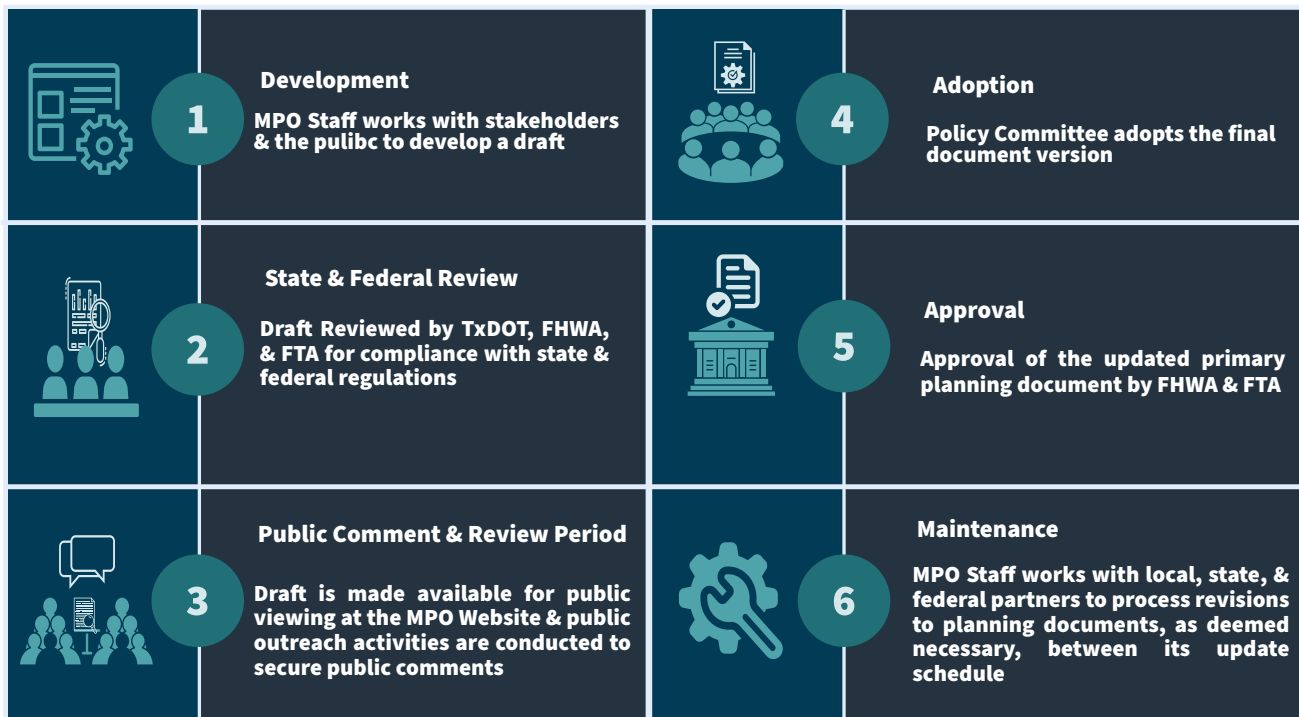
- ◆ **Amendments** are defined as *substantive*, i.e. *major, revisions* that require a public comment period prior to approval by the Policy Committee
- ◆ Amending process varies between planning documents, e.g. MTP, TIP, UPWP, & CMP
- ◆ Changes to projects included for illustrative purposes do not require amendments, e.g. wishlist projects
- ◆ **Administrative modifications** are defined as *non-substantive*, i.e. *minor, revisions* that do not require a public comment period nor require approval by the Policy Committee
- ◆ MPO staff will brief the Policy & Technical Committees at their respective meetings
- ◆ Minor revisions do not require an agenda action item at public meetings

The Update and Revision process is summarized below:

Scheduled Updates of Planning Documents

Primary Planning documents are required to be updated as well as undergo revisions, as deemed necessary, between update periods

Update Process:



SCHEDULED UPDATES & REVISIONS TO THE BYLAWS

UPDATES

MPO Bylaws may be updated as deemed necessary as per state & federal guidelines.

REVISIONS TO THE BYLAWS

AMENDMENTS

Amendments to the LWCAMPO Bylaws are performed as deemed necessary and require a 10-day public comment period prior to approval from the Policy Committee.

Substantive, i.e. major changes, to the Bylaws include:

- ◆ Modifications to the format, language, grammar, or other changes that would alter the context, procedures, or intent of the approved version of the Bylaws

ADMINISTRATIVE MODIFICATIONS

Minor changes to the LWCAMPO Bylaws are performed as deemed necessary and do not require a formal public comment period nor approval from the Policy Committee.

Administrative modifications to the MPO Bylaws include:

- ◆ Minor corrections to the format, language, grammar, or other changes that would not alter the context, procedures, or intent of the approved version of the Bylaws

SCHEDULED UPDATES & REVISIONS TO THE PPP

UPDATES

All planning documents, including the PPP, are designed to be “living” documents in order to adapt primary planning document policies to the changes in federal and state laws and guidelines. The PPP shall be updated and re-approved every 5 years. Additionally, MPO staff may conduct an annual MOE on the methodology of the public outreach process. This includes conducting a public survey as well as conducting a notification database member survey that will focus on obtaining input on public outreach methodology and activities conducted throughout the year and make amendments as deemed necessary.

The MOE review process will measure the effectiveness of public outreach strategies and update public outreach activities based on a qualitative and quantitative evaluation. This ensures that the PPP will effectively meet its public participation goals as well as reflect the most current and effective public outreach methods during its lifecycle.

Copies of the approved participation plan shall be provided to the FHWA and the FTA for informational purposes and shall be posted on the World Wide Web, to the maximum extent practicable. A scheduled update of the PPP requires a 45-day public review period prior to its adoption by the Policy Committee, as per federal guidelines.

REVISIONS TO THE PPP

AMENDMENTS

The PPP may be amended as deemed necessary between the scheduled update time period. Major changes to the PPP require a formal public review and comment period of no less than 45 days prior to approval by the Policy Committee. Substantive changes include but are not limited to:

- ◆ Removal of a public involvement activity that would significantly reduce the opportunity for public review & comment

ADMINISTRATIVE MODIFICATIONS

Minor changes to the PPP are performed as necessary between the scheduled update time period and do not require a public review and comment period nor approval by the Policy Committee. MPO staff may brief the Policy and Technical Committees on administrative modifications to the PPP at their respective meetings. Administrative modifications include but are not limited to:

- ◆ Minor corrections to the format, language, grammar, or other changes that would not alter the context, procedures, or intent of the approved version of the PPP.
- ◆ Refine outreach activities or strategies as determined by MOE review

SCHEDULED UPDATES & REVISIONS TO THE MTP & TIP

UPDATES

As per 40 CFR 81.344, the Laredo & Webb County TMA area is designated as an attainment area and, as such, is required to conduct periodic updates to the MTP every 5 years. In addition, MPO staff will develop a call for projects procedure in conjunction with the MTP's update process.

The TIP is designed and developed to conform to the requirements of 23 CFR 450.316(a) as well as the planning factors identified in the FAST Act. The TIP is updated every 2 years and covers a 4-year period.

The adoption process for both documents requires a public review and comment period prior to final action by the Policy Committee. The MTP and TIP shall both undergo a public review and comment period of no less than 20 days during their respective scheduled update. In addition, both the MTP and TIP shall respectively include at least one map designating the conceptual limits of project locations.

Presentations on the proposed MTP draft shall be made to the Technical and Policy Committee prior to its adoption. The MPO will explore best practice measures to disseminate the MTP draft to members of the notification database. In an effort to provide additional opportunities for input, the MPO may arrange presentations of the MTP draft to local governing bodies, such as the City of Laredo and Webb County.

REVISIONS TO THE MTP & TIP

AMENDMENTS

The MTP and TIP may be amended as deemed necessary between their respective scheduled update time period. A major change will require a formal public review and comment period prior to final approval by the Policy Committee. The MTP and TIP shall both undergo a public review and comment period of no less than 10 days during their respective amendment process.

Substantive, i.e. major, changes to the TIP or MTP refer to amendments applied to reflect changes to federal & state laws as well as modifications to a project's scope that would require re-demonstration of fiscal constraint, where applicable. This excludes changes to projects listed for illustrative purposes, i.e. wish list projects.

As per federal and state regulations, 23 CFR 450.324, 23 CFR 450.326 and Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Chapter 16 Part 1 Subchapter B § 16.51, 16.52, and 16.53 and Subchapter C § 16.101(k)(1) & (C)(ii), modifications to project details, listed under the TIP or MTP, that will trigger an amendment process include:

- ◆ Addition, deletion, or substitution of projects
- ◆ Major change in project cost, overall project/project phase initiation dates
- ◆ Major change of project's design concept or design scope
 - ◆ Amendment required if change is greater than 50% of approved cost estimate and revised cost estimate is greater than \$1,500,000

- ◆ Changing project termini
- ◆ Change in the number of through traffic lanes
- ◆ Change in the number of stations of fixed guideway transit projects

ADMINISTRATIVE MODIFICATIONS

Minor changes to either the MTP or TIP are performed as necessary between their respective scheduled update time periods. Non-substantive, i.e. minor, changes do not require a public review and comment period nor approval by the Policy Committee. MPO staff may brief the Policy and Technical Committees on administrative modifications, applied to either the MTP or TIP, at their respective meetings.

As per federal and state regulations, 23 CFR 450.324, 23 CFR 450.326 and Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Chapter 16 Part 1 Subchapter B § 16.51, 16.52, and 16.53 and Subchapter C §16.101(k)(1) & (C)(ii), administrative modifications include but are not limited to:

- ◆ Minor corrections to the format, language, grammar, or other changes that would not alter the context, procedures, or intent of the approved version of the MTP or TIP
- ◆ Minor changes to overall project/project phase costs
 - ◆ MTP & TIP: Change in the estimated cost is not greater than 50% of approved cost and revised cost is less than \$1,500,000 &;
 - ◆ Change in the cost estimate is not caused by a change in project work scope or limits
 - ◆ Minor changes to funding sources or previously included projects
 - ◆ Minor changes to overall project/project phase initiation dates

SCHEDULED UPDATES & REVISIONS TO THE UPWP

UPDATES

Scheduled updates to the UPWP occur on an annual basis and require a public review comment period prior to final approval by the Policy Committee. The time frame of the public review and comment period for an update shall be no less than 20 days.

REVISIONS TO THE UPWP

AMENDMENTS

The UPWP may be amended as deemed necessary between its scheduled update time period. A major change will not require a formal public review and comment period but will require approval by the Policy Committee.

As per 23 CFR Part 420 and Chapter 16 Subchapter B §16.52 (b)(6) & (7), modifications to tasks or overall budget that will trigger an amendment process include:

- ◆ Adding new work tasks or changing the scope of existing work tasks
- ◆ Deleting a work task
- ◆ If the costs incurred by the MPO, on individual work tasks, exceed 25% of that task's budget
 - ◆ Costs incurred by the MPO shall not exceed the total budgeted amount of the UPWP without approval of the MPO Policy Committee & TxDOT

ADMINISTRATIVE MODIFICATIONS

Non-substantive, i.e. minor changes to the UPWP are performed as necessary. Additionally, minor changes do not require a public review and comment period nor approval by the Policy Committee. MPO staff may brief the Policy and Technical Committees on administrative modifications, applied to the UPWP, at their respective meetings.

Administrative modifications to tasks or overall budget that will not trigger an amendment process include:

- ◆ Minor corrections to the format, language, grammar, or other changes that would not alter the context, procedures, or intent of the approved version
- ◆ Refining the scope of a task

UPDATES & REVISIONS TO THE CMP

UPDATES

The CMP is an on-going process, continuously progressing and adjusting overtime as goals and objectives change, new information sources become available, and new strategies are identified and evaluated. MPO staff shall continuously evaluate and perform periodic updates to ensure that proper and effective analysis tools are being utilized to evaluate the anticipated performance and expected benefits of future strategies.

As per 40 CFR 81.344, the Laredo & Webb County TMA area is designated as an attainment area and, as such, is subjected to a 5 year benchmark for conducting periodic updates to the CMP as a part of the MTP update process. The public comment period shall be no less than 20 days.

REVISIONS TO THE CMP

AMENDMENTS

Amendments to the CMP are applied to reflect changes to the network or CMP strategies. Substantive, i.e. major changes, require a 10 day formal public review and comment and period prior to approval by the Policy Committee.

Major changes to the CMP that will trigger the amendment process are as follows:

- ◆ Deleting a CMP activity
- ◆ Changing the scope of existing CMP strategies

ADMINISTRATIVE MODIFICATIONS

Non-substantive, i.e. minor, changes to the CMP are performed as necessary. Additionally, minor changes do not require a public review and comment period nor approval by the Policy Committee. MPO staff may brief the Policy and Technical Committees on administrative modifications, applied to the CMP, at their respective meetings.

Minor changes to the CMP include:

- ◆ Minor corrections to the format, language, grammar, or other changes that would not alter the context, procedures, or intent of the approved version
- ◆ Refining the scope of a CMP activity
 - ◆ E.g.: Minor corrections to the format, language, grammar, or other changes that would not alter the context or intent of the original scope
 - ◆ Providing additional details for clarity without altering the context or intent of the original scope

Table 1.0 Summarizes the Revision Process - Public Review & Comment Period Schedule:

TABLE 1.0: REVISION PROCESS - PUBLIC REVIEW & COMMENT PERIOD SCHEDULE

	Type of Revision	Frequency	Comment Period
Bylaws	Amendment	As Necessary	10 days
PPP	Update	Every 5 years ¹	45 days
	Amendment	As Necessary	
MTP	Update	Every 5 years	20 days
	Amendment	As Necessary	10 days
TIP	Update	Every 2 years	20 days
	Amendment	As Necessary	10 days
UPWP	Update	Annually	20 days
	Amendment	As Necessary	N/A
CMP	Update	Continuous ²	20 days
	Amendment	As Necessary	10 days

¹ Note: The Current version of the PPP is has an update schedule of 3-5 years whereas the 2022 PPP will be updated every 5 years but will be evaluated & updated regularly between update periods

² Note: CMP data (e.g. vehicular crash data) is updated continuously & compiled annually to evaluate the anticipated performance & expected benefits of future strategies that will help build upon the current/upcoming TIP & MTP

COMMUNICATION PROCESS & PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

The effectiveness of public involvement and outreach strategies requires the implementation of an efficient communication process between MPO staff, members of the community, stakeholders, and all other involved parties in the transportation planning process. Maintaining a consistent degree of effectiveness in the dynamics of public involvement and communication processes requires MPO staff to maximize public involvement by increasing public awareness.

This consists of disseminating information through several means, such as:

- ◆ Notification Database
- ◆ Media Outlets
- ◆ Request For Information & Record Retention

Likewise, public review and comment periods as well as the feedback obtained from other public outreach activities, e.g. surveys and polls, are essential to aligning transportation planning to meet the community's needs. LWCAMPO may provide public participation opportunities that include, but not limited to, the following formats:

- ◆ Public Meetings
- ◆ Public Appearances
- ◆ Public Workshops
- ◆ Public Review & Comment Period(s)
- ◆ Project Solicitation
- ◆ LWCAMPO Website
- ◆ Social Media Platforms

COMMUNICATION PROCESS

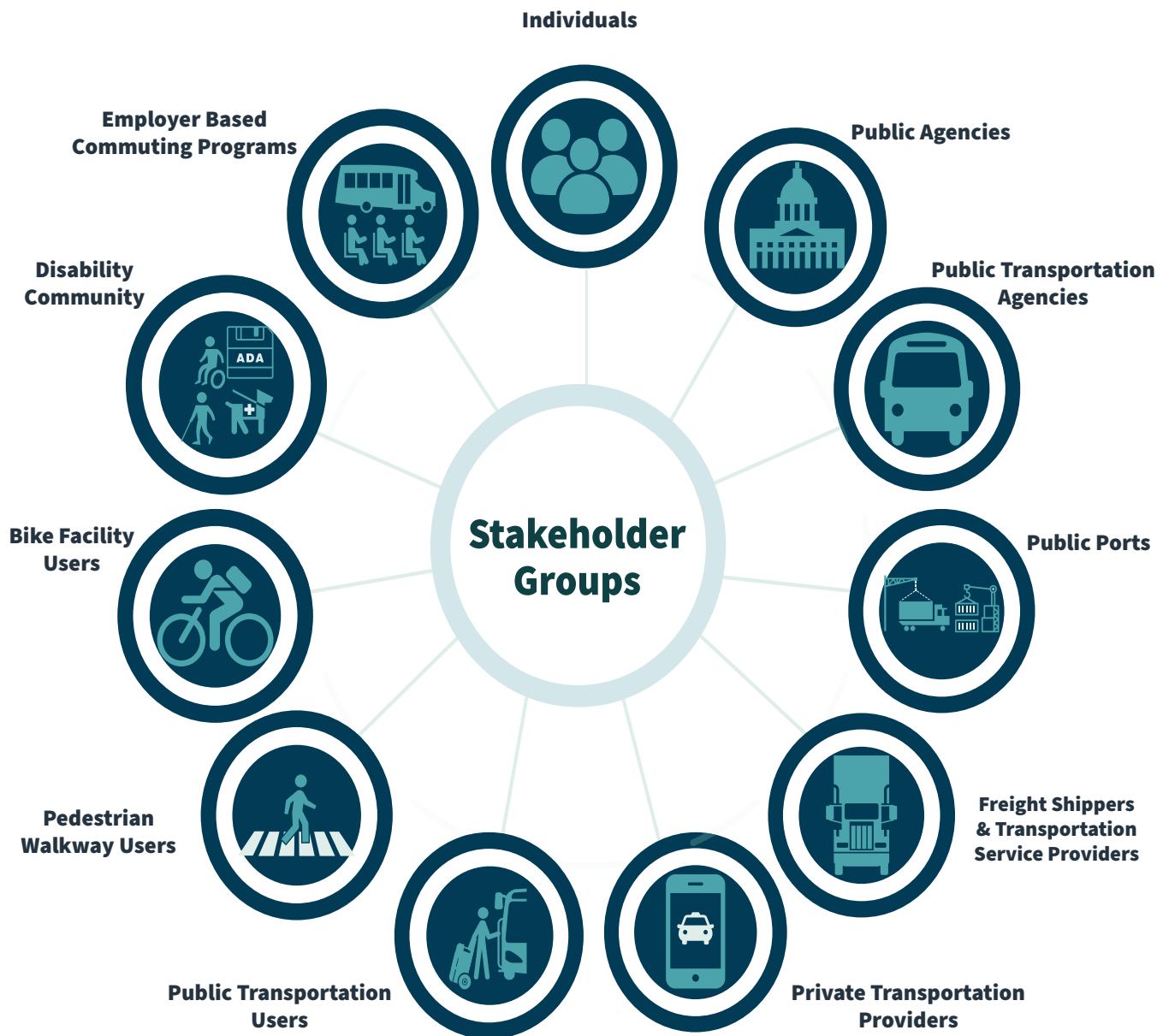
NOTIFICATION DATABASE

All members of the notification database will be advised on periodic updates to planning documents, policies, and programs, public meetings, public appearances, announcement of public review and comment periods, and other information as deemed necessary. The LWCAMPO website will provide the contact information for interested parties to request to join, request for removal or request for updating of member information.

The MPO shall maintain a database of those interested in receiving notifications of public meetings and/or public appearances as per 23 CFR 450.316(a) and 23 CFR 450.316(b).

23 CFR 450.316(a) includes:

- ◆ Individuals
- ◆ Affected Public Agencies
- ◆ Representatives of Public Transportation Employees
- ◆ Public Ports
- ◆ Providers of Freight Transportation Services
- ◆ Private Providers of Transportation (Including Intercity Bus Operators)
- ◆ Representatives of Users Of Public Transportation
- ◆ Representatives of Users of Pedestrian Walkways & Bicycle Transportation Facilities
- ◆ Representatives of The Disabled
- ◆ Employer-based Commuting Programs (Such as Carpool Program, Vanpool Program, Parking Cash-out Program, Shuttle Program, or Telework Program)
- ◆ Freight Shippers



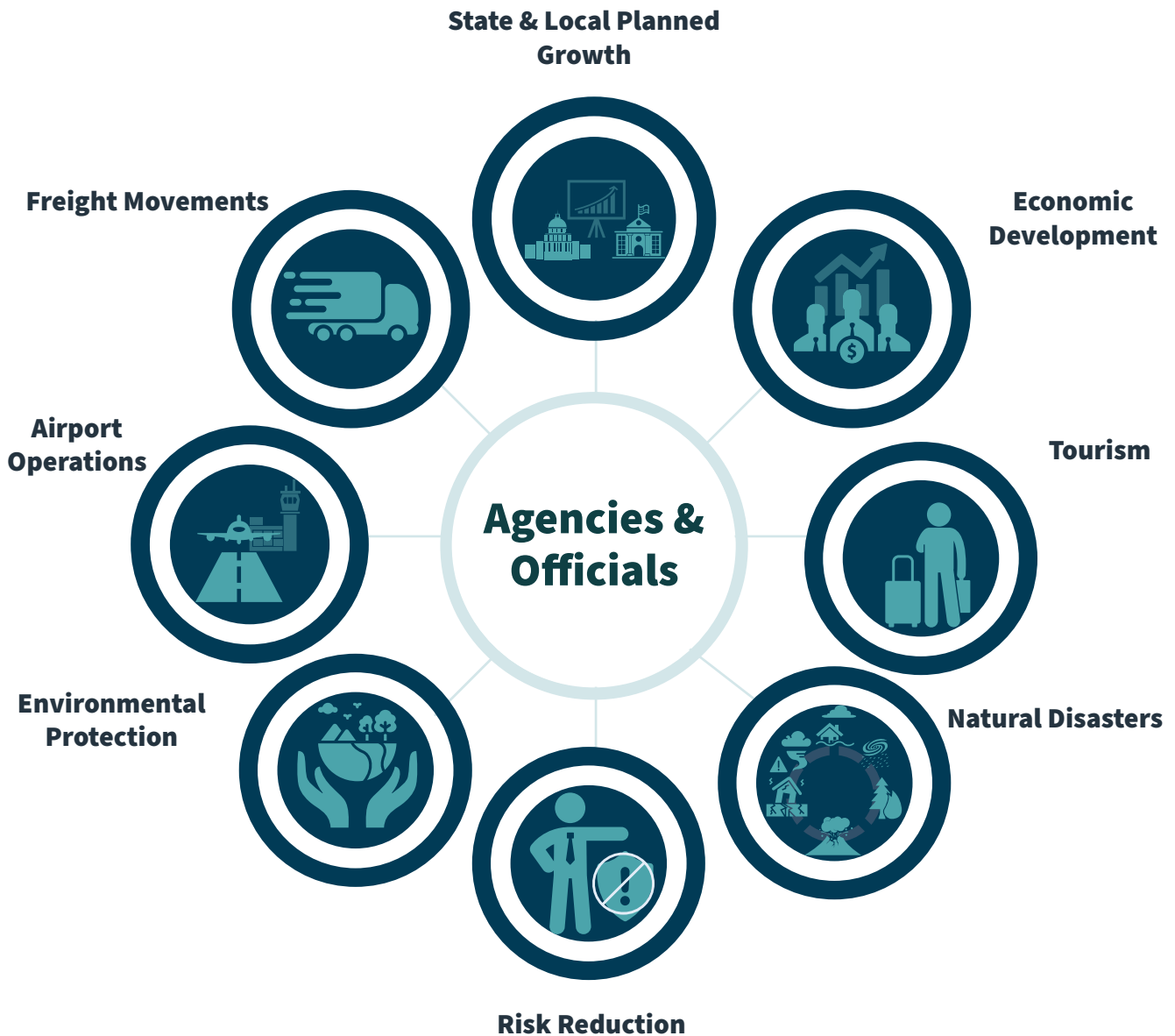
23 CFR 450.316(a)

Note: Other interested parties will also be provided with reasonable opportunities to be involved in the metropolitan transportation planning process.

23 CFR 450.316(b) refers to agencies and officials that the MPO shall consult during the development of MTPs and TIPs. Including those are affected by transportation in the following capacities:

- ◆ State & Local Planned Growth
- ◆ Economic Development
- ◆ Tourism
- ◆ Natural Disasters
- ◆ Risk Reduction
- ◆ Environmental Protection
- ◆ Airport Operations
- ◆ Freight Movements

In addition, the aforementioned agencies and officials include those involved in coordinating the planning process of transportation (to the maximum extent practicable) with the previously mentioned planning activities.



23 CFR 450.316(b)

MEDIA OUTLETS

MPO staff may disseminate public notices via media outlets that include, but are not limited to:

- ◆ Print Media
- ◆ Internet
- ◆ Social Media
- ◆ Email
- ◆ Print Media

PRINT MEDIA

Note: Print media may include, but is not limited to, printed materials for public distribution, e.g. flyers & handouts, as well as the publication of a public notice to the newspaper with the highest general circulation in the Laredo and Webb County area.

INTERNET

The Internet refers to the MPO website and other web-based technologies such as various forms of social media platforms. Together with traditional media outlets, the Internet facilitates the interaction between government agencies, stakeholders, and the general public. LWCAMPO's communication process will incorporate and rely on the aforementioned web-based technologies in an effort to capitalize on the expanded participation and interactive opportunities made available by mobile digital devices.

The LWCAMPO website (<http://www.laredompo.org>) shall be routinely maintained by MPO staff. The MPO website will serve as an archive for all information related to public participation as well as the reference point for members of the public to learn more about the transportation planning process.

The MPO website content consists of, but not limited to, the following:

- ◆ Calendar of events
- ◆ MOU's & Updated Performance Targets
- ◆ Current & archived meeting information
 - ◆ Agendas, Minutes, & Packets
- ◆ Public involvement & outreach outlets
 - ◆ Informational/Interactive Maps
 - ◆ MPO general contact information
 - ◆ Public notices
 - ◆ Public comment form
 - ◆ Public polls & surveys
 - ◆ Request for public notification
 - ◆ Provide contact information for removal or updating of member's information
 - ◆ Hyperlinks to the host website at which the Policy Committee Meeting Live Stream options are located
 - ◆ Hyperlinks to the host website at which the previous public meetings are located
- ◆ Title VI
 - ◆ Title VI Documents & Forms
 - ◆ Provided in English & Spanish
 - ◆ Complaint Process
 - ◆ Resources

- ◆ Environmental Justice Resources
 - ◆ Limited English Proficiency Plan (LEP)
- ◆ Current & past versions of major planning documents & studies
 - ◆ Current & past agendas & other related documents

SOCIAL MEDIA

Social media accounts will be frequently maintained by MPO staff in order to disseminate information to the public. LWCAMPO’s social media presence is intended to provide online updates to the general public and direct them to our website for more information on transportation planning or to download planning and other related documents. Social media will also be used as a public outreach and engagement tool.

Information received by social media users in the form of comments, i.e. direct messages, or any other methods, will not constitute official public comments. The MPO shall adhere to the guidelines and provisions stipulated in the City of Laredo Social Media Policy. A copy of the policy can be found in Appendix A.1

EMAIL

Communication via Email is a vital component of the MPO’s communication process. MPO staff may utilize Email to expand outreach capabilities beyond the limit of the more traditional methods of communication, e.g. telephone, physical mail, & telefax, in the following manner:

- ◆ Facilitate the flow of information between members of the notification database
- ◆ Facilitates ability to conduct best practice measures for expansion & maintenance of the notification database such as:
 - ◆ Processing of Public Notification Request Forms
 - ◆ Processing requests for removal from notification database
 - ◆ Processing of requests for updating contact information of members of the notification database.
 - ◆ Removal process of Email addresses that are no longer in service

PUBLIC NOTICE

The communication process for public involvement and outreach varies per planning document. MPO staff will oversee the implementation of the notice requirements in the form and manner prescribed by the Texas Open Meetings Act §551.041 as well as in compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, e.g. Limited English Proficiency Plan (LEPP).

The purpose for providing public notice is to facilitate timely and reasonable access to documents relevant to transportation planning and to provide adequate time for public review and comment during key decision points, such as scheduled updates or amendments to planning documents. Public notices shall be continuously posted to the MPO website to include the latest renditions of meeting agendas and minutes, as well information related to new and ongoing planning activities or other public involvement activities, as deemed necessary.

Information relayed via public notices includes, but is not limited to:

- ◆ Notice of availability of planning related documents for public viewing
- ◆ Notice of upcoming public meetings, i.e. may consist of meeting agenda
- ◆ Notice of upcoming public review & comment period(s), in reference to:
 - ◆ Proposed changes to MPO policies, procedures, plans, or programs;
 - ◆ All other related/supporting documents as deemed necessary

TIMEFRAME FOR PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

As per the Texas Open Meeting Act, the public notice dissemination time frame is 72 hours in advance of a public meeting.

The 72-hour in advance public notice timeframe refers to, but is not limited to, the following:

Posting of Public Meeting Agenda:

- ◆ The Policy Committee Meeting agenda constitutes as the public notice & shall be posted at a location that is accessible to the public
- ◆ MPO staff will oversee that the Policy Committee Meeting agenda is physically posted at the Laredo City Hall, within the aforementioned time frame, as per Texas Open Meetings Act §551.043(a)
- ◆ Meetings held by MPO staff for the purpose of securing public comment shall have a public notice posted in the aforementioned manner
- ◆ Webb County, TxDOT, & El Metro are provided with the Policy Committee meeting agenda so that it can be posted & disseminated, at their convenience & within the aforementioned timeframe

Newspaper Publication of Public Notices:

- ◆ Public Meeting Notices shall be published in local newspapers of general circulation in Laredo, Texas & the Webb County area in advance of a scheduled public meeting in which Policy Committee action is required
- ◆ The public notice consists of providing the meeting agenda action item(s), for consideration by the Policy Committee, in summary in both English & Spanish
- ◆ The notice will reference the MPO website as the location of technical information, planning documents, and other related materials that are available for public viewing

Public Notices Communicated via the Internet:

- ◆ Notification of public meetings shall be continuously posted to the MPO website as required by the Texas Open Meetings Act §551.043(b)
- ◆ This public notice consists of providing the action item(s), for consideration by the Policy Committee, in summary in both English & Spanish
- ◆ Other web-based technologies, such as various forms of social media platforms, may be utilized to mirror public notices posted at the MPO website
- ◆ All notices will provide a hyperlink to the MPO website

Public Notices Communicated via Email:

- ◆ An Email notice is sent to members of the notification database in advance of a scheduled public meeting
- ◆ The notice may also include information such as the point of contact or hyperlinks to the MPO website location at which technical information, planning documents, & other related materials that are available for public viewing

The following summarizes the public notice process for public meetings:

Public Meeting Notice

Public Meeting Notice

Notice Requirement: 72 Hours in Advance



REQUEST FOR INFORMATION & RECORD RETENTION

Requests for public records or information shall be conducted as prescribed by the Open Records Act of Texas, as amended. The MPO shall retain public records in accordance with the Texas Open Meeting Act, the Public Information Act, and the Texas State Library & Archives Commission (TSLAC).

All official meeting materials shall be retained by the MPO for a minimum of 3 years or longer if required by TSLAC. Official meeting materials include, but are not limited to, the following:

- ◆ Meeting Notices
- ◆ Newspaper Publications
- ◆ Meeting Minutes
- ◆ Sign-in Sheets
- ◆ Audio/Video Recordings
- ◆ Documents Proposed for Adoption or Revision
- ◆ Public Comments

Note: The City of Laredo is the fiscal agent of the MPO, and as such, is the custodian of any request for public records. Members of the public may complete their request for public records at the City Attorney's Office- Laredo Open Records Center webpage at one of the following links:

For instructions on completing a request online:

[Laredo Open Records Center](#)

For instructions on completing a requests in writing:

[Laredo Open Records Center-FAQs](#)

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

The public involvement process includes the methods, strategies, and techniques implemented via public outreach activities. Public involvement is an on-going and continuously progressing process that is adjusted based on the requirements of individual transportation planning programs as well as by the type of event. MPO staff is committed to developing the necessary tools to inform, engage, and foster an effective communication process via public outreach activities. Examples of public outreach activities are as follows:

- ◆ Public Meetings
- ◆ Public Appearances
 - ◆ Presentations, workshops, or other public involvement activities conducted by MPO staff, transportation stakeholders, or special interest groups
- ◆ Public input
 - ◆ Surveys
 - ◆ Polls
 - ◆ Securing public comments in regard to final drafts of planning documents and/ or studies developed by the MPO
- ◆ Virtual Public Involvement Tools (VPI) / Visualization Techniques
 - ◆ Mobile Apps (e.g. El Metro App)
 - ◆ Online Mapping Tools
 - ◆ Geographic Information Systems (GIS) maps
 - ◆ Crowdsourcing (i.e. via interactive GIS maps)
 - ◆ Project Visualizations
 - ◆ Use of software programs to produce infographics for MPO website and/or exhibits (e.g. GIS StoryMaps)
 - ◆ Online Public Meetings
 - ◆ Sharing hyperlinks to live or recorded MPO public meetings or other public appearance events on MPO website
 - ◆ All-In-One Platforms (e.g. project specific landing pages on MPO website)
 - ◆ Digital Tools to Enhance In-Person Events (e.g. using screen sharing software at public meetings)

VPI tools will enable LWCAMPO to expand its reach as it will allow people to interact with information, related to the transportation planning process, at a time and/or place of their choice. For instance, in the event, and under certain circumstances, that in-person public meetings or public appearances are not able to be conducted, the MPO will hold virtual meetings as authorized by state & federal regulations, such as the virtual meetings held in response to the Pandemic.

The following infographic provides further examples of Public Outreach Activities:

EXAMPLES OF PUBLIC OUTREACH ACTIVITIES



Advertisements

May involve paid newspaper ad space as well as posting to social media & MPO webpage to ensure that information receives adequate geographic coverage



Advisory Committee

The ATC Advisory Committee makes recommendations on improving & promoting active modes of transportation to the Technical & Policy Committees



Contact Database Notifications

Allows members to receive periodic updates on MPO transportation planning related activities



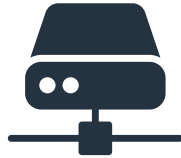
Exhibit Tables

Information tables to showcase transportation projects & related activities as well as promote public participation activities to the community



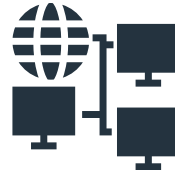
Focus Groups

Small group meetings that address specific transportation planning issues



Information Database

Allows important information, from various sources, to be inputted, sorted, & easily retrieved (e.g. participants, stakeholders, & state & federal agencies)



MPO Website Maintenance

Facilitates immediate electronic access to information such as calendars, agendas, primary planning documents, interactive maps, links, etc.



Newsletter

Periodic e-news letter that provides summaries of MPO plans, studies, public outreach event calendar & other related activities



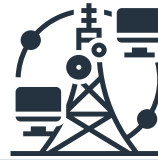
Presentations

Focused on addressing the issues that concern or directly affect those in attendance



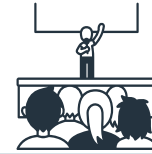
Public Appearances

Facilitates discussions, collaboration with other departments / agencies, & securing feedback from the public (e.g. planning nights)



Public Broadcasts & Video Streaming

Extends coverage of public meetings to those unable to attend in person via public access broadcast &/or streaming over the internet



Public Meetings

Provides a forum to ensure the region's transportation needs are cooperatively met (e.g. policy committee meetings)



Public Surveys & Polls

May be conducted in person, mailed, or made available online to secure feedback on public outreach events or other related activities



Public Workshops

Interactive meetings between transportation stakeholders, MPO staff, & the public to increase awareness as well as securing meaningful feedback from the community



Social Media Platforms

Extends public outreach opportunities & refers, those who wish to get involved in the transportation planning process, to the MPO website



Visualization Techniques

Interactive visioning tools used to help the public better understand the relationship between transportation planning, land use, & / or other specific transportation planning activity details

PUBLIC MEETINGS

Public meetings provide the MPO with opportunities to collaborate and coordinate with various transportation stakeholders in the development of policies, plans, and programs as well as make significant changes, to the aforementioned categories, as deemed necessary.

In addition, public events allow MPO staff and transportation stakeholders to host workshops to address transportation planning related topics to other transportation stakeholders, such as government agencies, special interest groups, and community members.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

As the governing body of the MPO, the Policy Committee holds public meetings to conduct business for LWCAMPO, e.g. make final decisions on MPO policies, plans, and programs. In contrast, the Technical Committee holds meetings to provide technical advice and information to the Policy Committee. Additionally, the Active Transportation Committee is a subcommittee of the MPO that holds meetings to provide ongoing recommendations, information, and feedback on MPO active transportation related activities, e.g. improving and promoting active modes of mobility, to the Policy Committee.

PUBLIC APPEARANCES

Public Appearances will be held to provide information pertaining transportation planning-related issues as well as to secure public input during the development process of individual transportation programs, plans, or policies. MPO staff may schedule appearances at special interest group meetings, e.g. neighborhood organizations, to gather input from residents. Such meetings provide an additional avenue through which the MPO seeks out and considers the needs of those traditionally underserved segments of the population, including low-income and minority households.

The MPO is committed to make every effort to comply with requests from special interest groups to present or discuss information related to specific issues within the transportation planning process. Special interest groups that wish to present at these events should contact the MPO, with ample time, to coordinate proper arrangements. Presentations made by transportation stakeholders, special interest groups, or MPO staff shall be focused on the interest and concerns of the audience. All significant comments received will be recorded and presented to the Policy Committee.

PUBLIC MEETING & PUBLIC APPEARANCE REGULATIONS

All public meetings and public appearances shall be conducted in compliance with federal and state regulations set by the American with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), Title VI of the 1964 Civil Rights Act, and the Texas Open Meeting Act. Likewise, LWCAMPO will comply with requests for public records or information as well as the record retention of public records as prescribed by the Open Records of Texas, the Texas Open Meeting Act, the Public Information Act, and the Texas State Library & Archives Commission (TSLAC).

The American with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) ensures equal opportunity for people with disabilities in areas such as: employment, public accommodations, transportation, state and local government services, and telecommunications. LWCAMPO shall facilitate participation by people with disabilities via the following guidelines:

- ◆ MPO staff shall make every effort to accommodate requests from persons with disabilities.
- ◆ Groups or people with special needs should notify the MPO in advance of a public meeting or public appearance
- ◆ All public meeting & public appearance notifications will provide the MPO's contact information to facilitate special requests for accommodations

- ◆ MPO staff will arrange reasonable accommodations to meet their needs.

LWCAMPO shall facilitate participation of traditionally underserved groups including low-income, minority, and limited English proficiency as prescribed by Title VI of the 1964 Civil Rights Act. This includes addressing Title VI issues via individual plans for Environmental Justice and for Limited English Proficiency. The LEP was developed to help the MPO identify reasonable procedures for providing language assistance to populations who are self-described in the Census Category of “Speaks English less than very well”. MPO staff will ensure that every effort will be made to accommodate the aforementioned traditionally underserved groups via the following guidelines:

- ◆ Public meetings & public appearances will be held at accessible locations & within reasonable distance to public transit routes
- ◆ All public meeting & public appearance notifications will provide the MPO’s contact information to facilitate special requests for language interpretation assistance
- ◆ Notices will be made available in both English & Spanish
- ◆ MPO staff will arrange reasonable accommodations to meet their needs

The Texas Open Meeting Act requires all state and local government entities to conduct open meetings and make all information pertaining to government conduct and actions accessible to the public. Additionally, the public will be given the opportunity to participate at every public meeting or public appearance event conducted by the MPO via the following guidelines:

- ◆ MPO staff shall audio & video record public meetings held by the MPO Policy Committee
- ◆ All Policy Committee meetings are scheduled in a manner that makes them accessible to the community as well as made available over public access broadcast & video streamed on the web
- ◆ MPO Policy Committee Meeting Agenda(s) shall be posted at City Hall & continuously posted to the MPO website
- ◆ Minutes of public meetings shall be prepared by MPO staff and will constitute the official record of the proceedings for Policy Committee meetings
- ◆ MPO staff shall prepare a meeting packet that includes the meeting agenda, action items for consideration by the Policy Committee, status reports on specific projects, in relation to transportation planning, & the MPO Director’s Report
 - ◆ Action items may include the minutes of the previous Policy Committee Meeting
 - ◆ Members of the Policy Committee will receive the meeting packet prior to a scheduled meeting of the Policy Committee
- ◆ Persons attending the MPO Policy Committee meeting will be asked to register on a sign in sheet
- ◆ In the event, and under certain circumstances, that in-person MPO Policy Committee meetings are not able to be conducted, the MPO will hold virtual meetings as authorized by state & federal regulations, such as the virtual meetings held in response to the Pandemic.
 - ◆ Virtual meetings will be made available over public broadcast and video streamed on the web

PUBLIC REVIEW & COMMENT

The adoption, scheduled update, or amendment process of certain documents may require a 10, 20, or 45-day public review and comment period prior to final action by the Policy Committee. Once the public review and comment period is initiated, MPO staff shall inform the public via a public notice as well as continuously post said notice to the MPO website. The public may contact the MPO office with any questions or concerns related to the aforementioned processes during normal business hours or send their questions and/or concerns via the MPO website.

RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENTS

MPO staff shall present a summary of oral or written public comments received, as well as the responses to said comments, to the Policy Committee prior to final action on the respective plan, program, policy, or procedure, i.e. PPP, MTP, TIP, CMP. In addition, the final version of the MTP and TIP will include a summary of significant comments, and their respective responses, in the document upon which the comments were made.

Significant comments received during the public participation process of the MTP or TIP will be summarized, analyzed, and included within the applicable document, and presented for final approval by the Policy Committee.

ADDITIONAL RESPONSES TO PUBLIC COMMENTS

In the case the final version of the MTP or TIP differs significantly from the one made available for public review and comment, an additional opportunity for public comment will be made available. This process is summarized as follows:

- ◆ If the final version of the MTP or TIP differs from the version made available in previous public review & comment period:
 - ◆ An additional 10-day public review & comment opportunity shall be made available
- ◆ If the additional public review & comment period requires that significant changes be made to the MTP or TIP:
 - ◆ A second additional 10-day public review & comment opportunity shall be made available prior to the adoption of the final version, of the MTP or TIP, by the Policy Committee
- ◆ Significant comments received during any additional public review & comment period(s) will be summarized, analyzed, and included within the applicable document, and presented for final approval by the Policy Committee

This process is summarized in the next page:

Additional Opportunity for Public Review & Comment Period for MTP or TIP:

In the case the final version of the MTP or TIP differs significantly from the one made available for public review & comment, an additional opportunity for public comment will be made available



This process is summarized as follows:



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If the final version of the MTP or TIP differs significantly from the version made available in previous public comment & review period:

- ◆ An additional 10 day public comment & review period is made available



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If the additional public review & comment period requires that significant changes be made to the MTP or TIP:

- ◆ A second additional 10 day public review & comment opportunity is made available



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Significant comments received during any additional public review & comment period(s) will be summarized, analyzed, and included within the applicable document

- ◆ Final version of the MTP or TIP is reviewed by Technical & Policy Committee (prior to document adoption)



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Final version of MTP or TIP is adopted by the Policy Committee



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Approval of the updated MTP or TIP document by TxDOT, FHWA, & FTA



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MPO staff works with local, state, & federal partners to process revisions to MTP or TIP, as deemed necessary, between their respective update schedule

SUMMARY

The Laredo & Webb County Area MPO is committed to provide effective public outreach strategies that foster fair and accessible opportunities for meaningful public involvement. This transportation planning process reflects the vision, goals, and objectives that have been established as desirable futures for the community. The MPO's mission statement is: "to set transportation related policy, identify existing and future local transportation needs in cooperation with TxDOT, and propose and recommend projects for all modes of transportation including mass transit and active transportation, with special attention to freight."

The public involvement and outreach strategies presented in this Public Participation Plan were developed specifically to meet the needs of the residents of the Laredo TMA while adhering to federal & state mandates. All planning documents, including the PPP, are designed to be "living" documents in order to adapt primary planning document policies to the changes in federal and state laws and guidelines. The Measures of Effectiveness (MOEs) review process will measure the effectiveness of public outreach strategies and update public outreach activities based on a qualitative and quantitative evaluation. This ensures that the public outreach process will effectively meet its public participation goals as well as reflect the most current and effective public outreach methods during the transportation planning process. This includes making information relevant and easier to understand.

Public participation procedures for the MTP & TIP are specified herein detail. The MPO will make every effort to facilitate the participation of traditionally underserved groups including low-income, minority, and limited English proficiency, as prescribed by Title VI of the 1964 Civil Rights Act. This includes addressing Title VI issues via individual plans for Environmental Justice and for Limited English Proficiency.

The MPO will employ visualization techniques to describe metropolitan transportation plans and TIP's, as deemed necessary. LWCAMPO is committed to increasing the understanding the general public has of the transportation planning process and to encourage the public to actively participate in the decision-making process.

A summary of the goals & objectives of the PPP can be found in the next page.

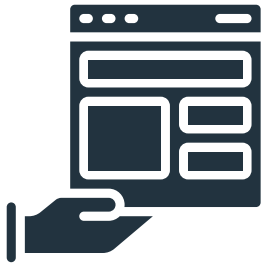


GOAL & OBJECTIVES OF THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN (PPP)

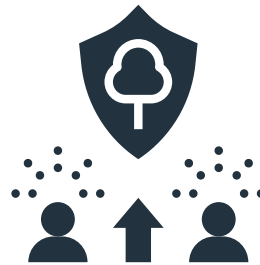
Goal

The goal of the PPP is to foster fair & accessible opportunities for meaningful public involvement through public outreach strategies that make information relevant & easier to understand. This also includes a process for measuring progress on involving the public in the transportation planning process

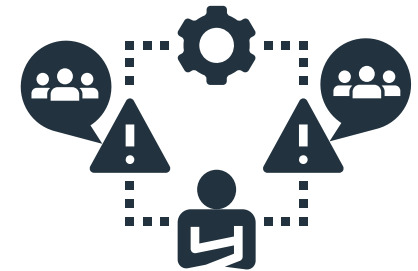
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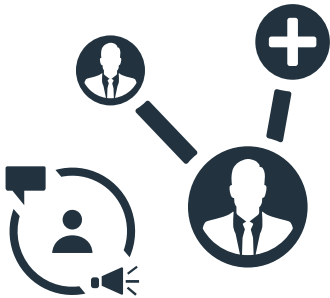
Provide access to relative information to the residents of the Laredo & Webb County region & other stakeholders



Raise awareness & offer opportunities for public input



Stimulate dialogue about the transportation related challenges facing the Laredo & Webb County region



Solicit participation from a broad range of groups & individuals in the Laredo Transportation Management Area (TMA)



Build public support for & understanding of transportation improvements outlined in the MTP, TIP, & other transportation plans/programs



Develop & incorporate realistic solutions into the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) & Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) that address the diverse mobility needs of the region's residents, businesses, & visitors

Measures of Effectiveness

The Measures of Effectiveness (MOE's) review process will measure the effectiveness of public outreach strategies & update public outreach activities based on qualitative & quantitative evaluation as well as assure the compliance of all federal & state guidelines

GLOSSARY OF ACRONYMS

ADA - Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990

ATC - Active Transportation Committee

CFR - Code of Federal Regulations

CMP- Congestions Management Process

EPA - Environmental Protection Agency

FAST Act- Fixing America’s Surface Transportation Act

FHWA - Federal Highway Administration

FTA - Federal Transit Administration

GIS- Geographic Information System

ISTEA - Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act

LEP - Limited English Proficiency

LEPP - Limited English Proficiency Plan

LWCAMPO- Laredo & Webb County Area Metropolitan Planning Organization

MAP-21 - Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act

MOE- Measures of Effectiveness

MPA- Metropolitan Planning Area

MPO - Metropolitan Planning Organization

MTP- Metropolitan Transportation Plan

PIP - Public Involvement Process

PPP - Public Participation Plan

RMA- Regional Mobility Authority

SAFETEA-LU- The Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient, Transportation, Equity Act: A Legacy for Users

STIP- Statewide Transportation Improvement Program

TAC- Texas Administrative Code

TEA-21 - Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century

TIP- Transportation Improvement Program

TxDOT- Texas Department of Transportation

TMA- Transportation Management Area

TOMA - Texas Open Meetings Act

TSLAC - Texas State Library & Archives Commission

UPWP - Unified Planning Work Program

USC - United States Code

UTP - Unified Transportation Plan

VPI - Virtual Public Involvement

APPENDIX A: SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY

LWCAMPO adheres to the guidelines and provisions stipulated in the City of Laredo Social Media Policy. A copy of the policy can be found below or, alternatively, by visiting the following link:

[City of Laredo Social Media Policy](#)



CITY OF LAREDO

SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY

A. PURPOSE.

The City has a legitimate government interest in effective, efficient, and consistent communications with the public. While the City’s website (www.ci.laredo.tx.us) is the City’s primary Internet presence, the City recognizes that, when used appropriately, social media may be useful in reaching a broader audience in furtherance of the City’s goals.

B. OBJECTIVE.

The objective of this Policy is to maintain the integrity of the City’s presence in social media and to ensure that social media is used appropriately and within City guidelines and policies. Given the multitude of concerns (legal, political, and ethical) raised by social networking (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, etc.), this Social Media Policy (“Policy”) establishes prudent and acceptable practices regarding the City of Laredo’s official social media sites.

C. SCOPE.

This policy applies to all City employees, including temporary employees and volunteers for the City of Laredo when working with social media tools on behalf of the City. However, that this policy does not apply to social media sites established by any of the City’s elected officials for campaign or personal purposes. Pursuant to Section 2.06 of the City of Laredo Ethics Code, City staff time shall not be used to establish, maintain, or directly promote a city official’s private social media accounts. City officials are further individually responsible by law to ensure compliance with laws pertaining to campaigning, open meetings, open records, and all other applicable laws related to private social media accounts.

D. DEFINITIONS.

City Social Media Sites – Includes the official (primary) and all department (secondary) pages, sections or posting locations in social media websites established or maintained by an employee of the City who is authorized to do so as part of the employee’s job and that are used to communicate with the public on City business.

Social Media –Internet-based technology communications tools with a focus on immediacy, interactivity, user participation, and information sharing. These venues include social networking sites, forums, weblogs (blogs, vlogs, microblogs), online chat sites, and video/photo posting sites or any other such similar output or format. Examples include Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube.

Social media administrators– City employees expressly designated by the City Manager or their department directors to maintain oversight of a social media site. A social media administrator’s authority is limited to the policies and procedures of the City.

A. ESTABLISHMENT.

Effective as of the date of this Social Media Policy’s initial adoption, any new departmental (secondary) social media site of the City must be approved by the City Manager or his or her designee. No other City social media site is permissible. Requests to establish departmental social media sites must contain an explanation of the business necessity for establishing such a site. Said requests are to be submitted to the Public Information Officer who will review and recommend approval or denial of the request to the City Manager’s Office. Attached as **Exhibit A** is the City’s social media sites in existence as of the date of this Policy.

B. Responsibility

Each department director is responsible for implementing the provisions of this directive and designating a social media administrator. The Public Information Officer, or his or her designee, shall be the social media administrator responsible for oversight of the City’s official (primary) social media sites. All social media administrators of the City shall:

- (1) Ensure the City’s social media sites are regularly maintained and kept current.
- (2) Ensure that all information posted to a City’s social media site is accurate, professionally presented, respectful, relevant, and on topic with the mission. Care must be taken to ensure that grammar and spelling are correct. Mistakes must be corrected quickly.
- (3) Review information posted to the social media sites to ensure the content is appropriate, professional, and consistent with the City’s policies and the purpose for which the site exists. Frequent review of sites that provide opportunity for comment or other interaction is essential.
- (4) Enroll in and maintain archival third party account.

A. LIMITED CONTENT OF CITY SOCIAL MEDIA SITES

The City's social media sites must be structured narrowly to focus discussions on a particular interest of the City rather than creating a "public forum." Each City social media site shall include an introductory statement which clearly specifies the purpose and topical scope of the blog and social network site. **The City reserves the right to restrict or remove any content that is deemed in violation of this policy or any applicable law.** Information that is proprietary, subject to the attorney-client privilege, or privacy laws, and information not subject to disclosure under the Texas Public Information Act, shall not be posted on any City social media site.

Comments from the public are allowed on the City's social media sites and shall be monitored daily to ensure the comments are not in violation of this Policy. Social media sites that allow comments must contain the following text on the site itself or must include a link to the location on the City's website containing the following text:

- (1) "City's Comment Policy. The purpose of this site is to present matters of public interest in the City of Laredo, Texas. We encourage you to submit comments, but please note that this is not a traditional public forum. Comments posted to this page will be monitored.
- (2) The City reserves the right to delete comments that: contain false information, obscene language or sexual content, threaten or defame any person or organization, support or oppose political candidates, political organizations or ballot propositions, promote illegal activity, commercial services or products, infringe on copyrights or trademarks or are not topically related to the particular posting."

Comments violating the City's Comments Policy shall be removed promptly. When a person's comment is removed, the City should try to post a reason for removing the post (i.e. "A comment to this post was removed because it endorsed a political candidate. This is in violation of the City's comment policy (link to policy)"). Removed comments shall be archived by a third party service provider, at the time of the policy adoption the City has a contract with Archive Social. The City further reserves the right to remove or block repeat individual violators from commenting on any of the City's social media sites.

B. SECURITY.

Applications (such as streaming video, music, photos, subscriptions to RSS feeds) can cause clutter and security risks to a social media website. An application may be removed if not determined to serve a City purpose and/or or does not come from a trusted source.

A. RECORDS RETENTION AND PUBLIC INFORMATION.

- (1) Pursuant to Section 441.158 of the Texas Government Code, the Texas State Library and Archives Commission promulgates records retention schedules for records of local governments. The City has schedules and policies for retention of its records. The retention period for a record depends on the content of that record, regardless of the medium in which it is maintained. The general guidelines for archive, capture, and retention of social media content is attached hereto as **Appendix B**. The Public Information Officer and the Departments maintaining a City social media site shall preserve records on a City server for the required retention period in a format that preserves the integrity of the original record and is easily accessible.
- (2) The City of Laredo social media sites are subject to the Texas Public Information Act (TPIA), found in Ch. 552 of the Texas Government Code. Content in City social media, including a list of subscribers and posted communications, is public record. Users of City social media sites shall be notified that public information requests must be directed to the City Attorney's Office as the designated City Public Information Coordinator. Content submitted for posting that is deemed not suitable for posting by the City of Laredo because it is not topically related to the particular social media site objective being commented upon, or is deemed prohibited content based on the criteria in E (2) of this policy, shall be retained pursuant to the records retention schedule along with a description of the reason the specific content is deemed not suitable for posting.

B. GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR PARTICIPATION IN SOCIAL MEDIA.

The City of Laredo understands that social networking and Internet services have become a common form of communication in the workplace and among stakeholders and citizens. Employees that choose to participate in social media while a City employee should adhere to the following guidelines.

- (1) City policies, rules, regulations and standards of conduct apply to employees that engage in social networking activities while conducting City business. Use of a City e-mail address and communication by a city employee in his or her official capacity will constitute conducting City business.
- (2) Employees who participate in social media outlets on or off-duty are subject to the same standards for such communications as set forth herein.
- (3) Although minimal personal computer usage is allowed during the work day for employees, participating in non-work-related social media outlets while on duty is assumed to impact productivity and cause performance issues and therefore is prohibited. This notwithstanding, the City may allow employees to participate in existing social networking sites as part of their job duties..

- (1) Confidential or proprietary information or similar information of third parties who have shared such information with the City of Laredo should not be shared on social media outlets
- (2) Employees shall follow all copyright laws, public records laws, retention laws, fair use and financial disclosure laws and any others laws that might apply.
- (3) Employees shall not use their City email account or password in conjunction with a personal social networking site.
- (4) Employees shall not cite vendors, suppliers, clients, citizens, co-workers or other stakeholders without their approval.
- (5) City resources, work time, social media tools, or a City employee's official position shall not be used for personal profit, business interests, or to participate in political activity. For example, a building inspector may not use the City's logo (or its likeness), email, or work time to promote a side business as a plumber.
- (6) Personal or business venture social media account names shall not be in any way tied or similar to the City. For example, CityofLaredoCop would not be an appropriate personal account name.



City of Laredo Social Media Policy

APPENDIX A

EXISTING SOCIAL MEDIA SITES



City of Laredo Social Media Policy

APPENDIX B

GENERAL RECORDS RETENTION GUIDELINES

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- **General – 2 years**

COMPLAINTSGR1000-24

- **Resolution + 2 years**

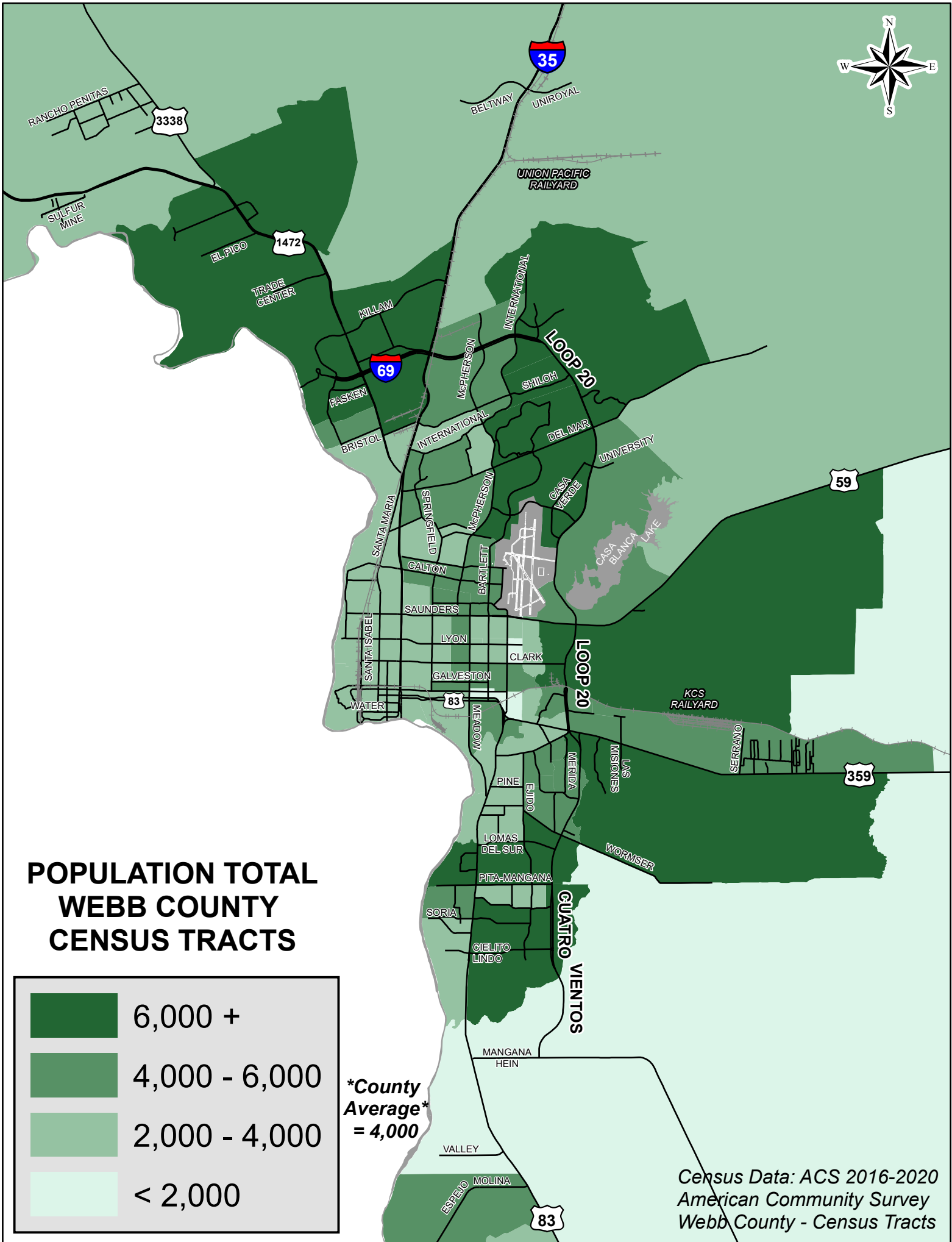
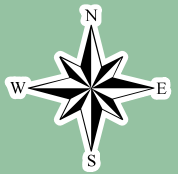
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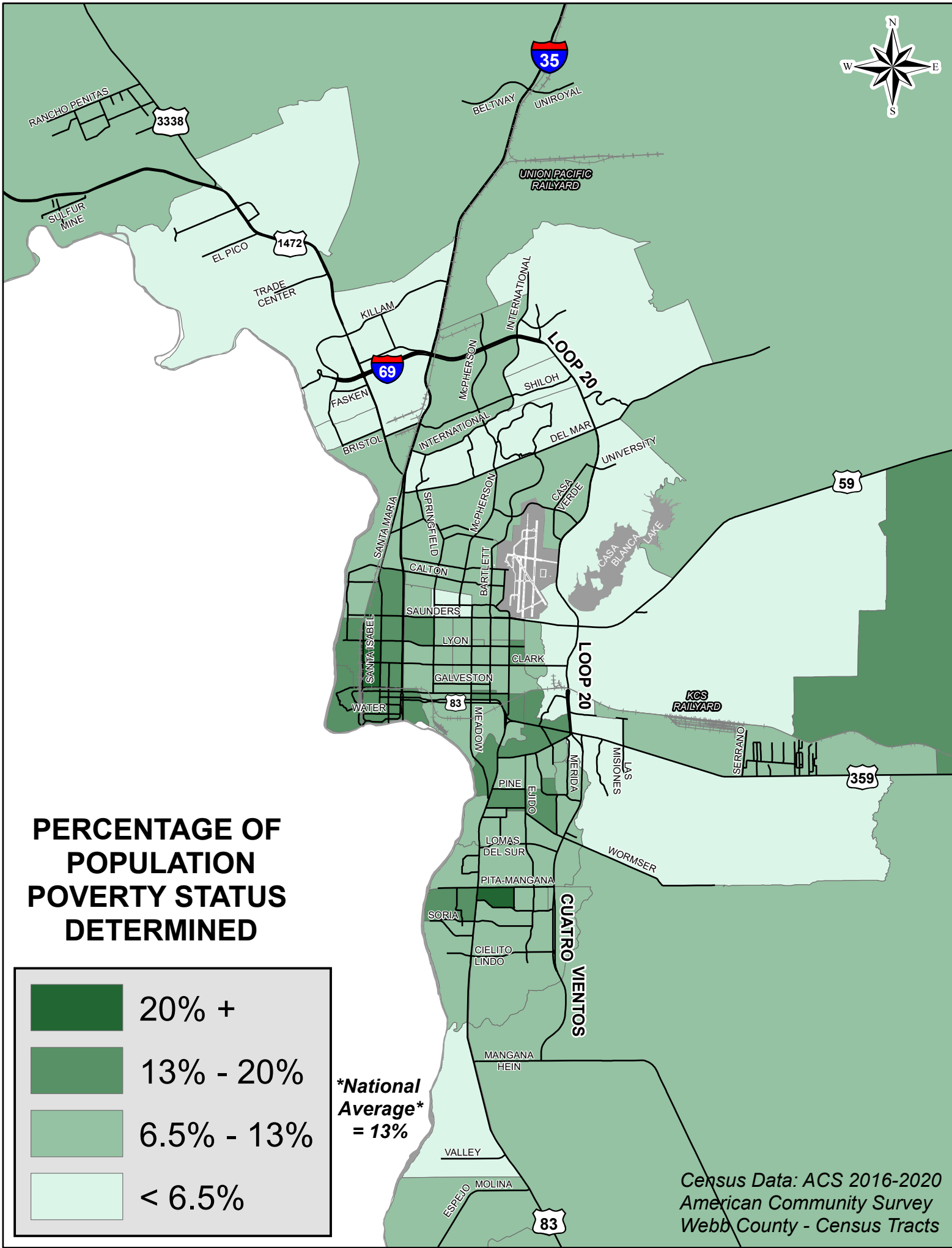
- **No archival, capture, or retention required.**

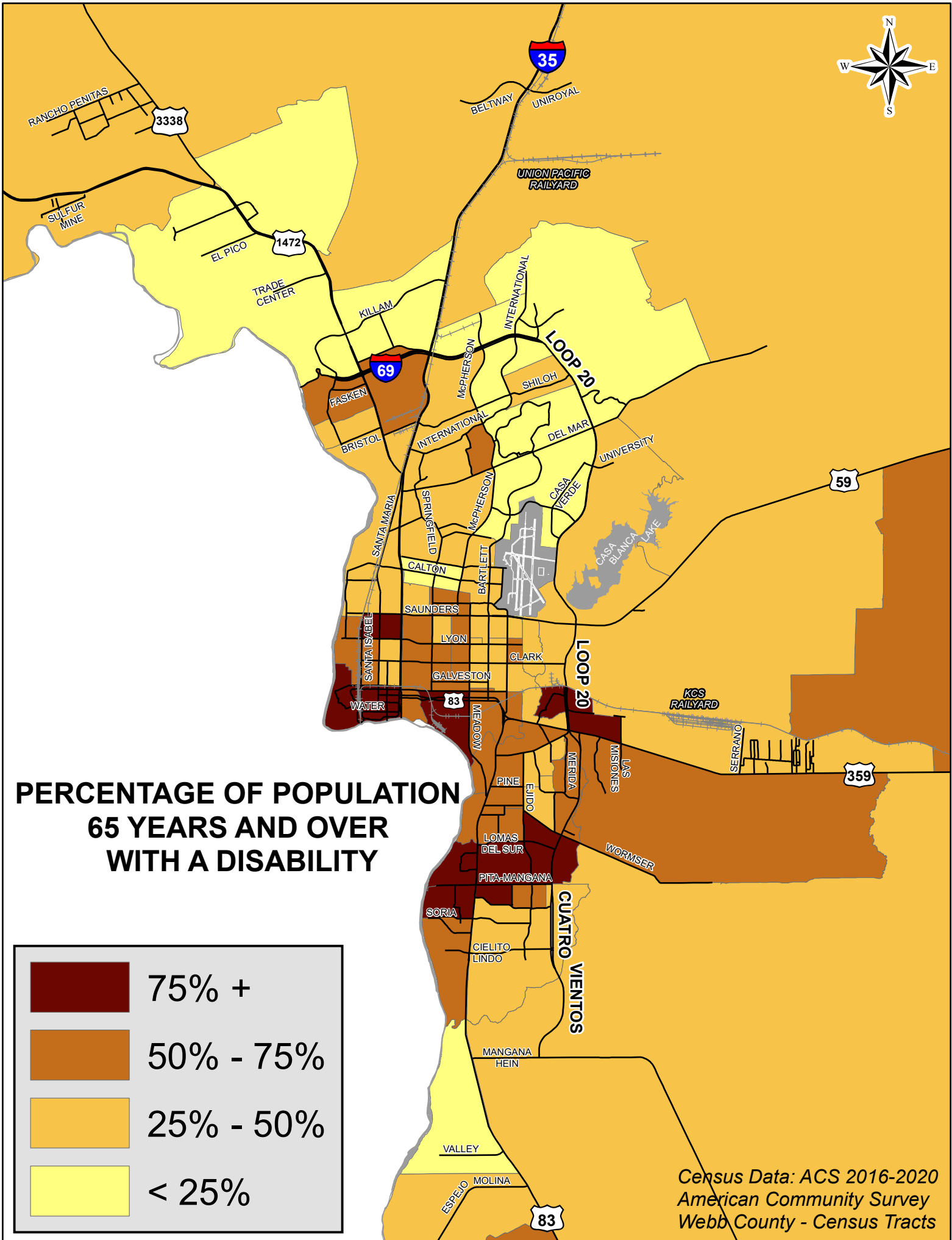
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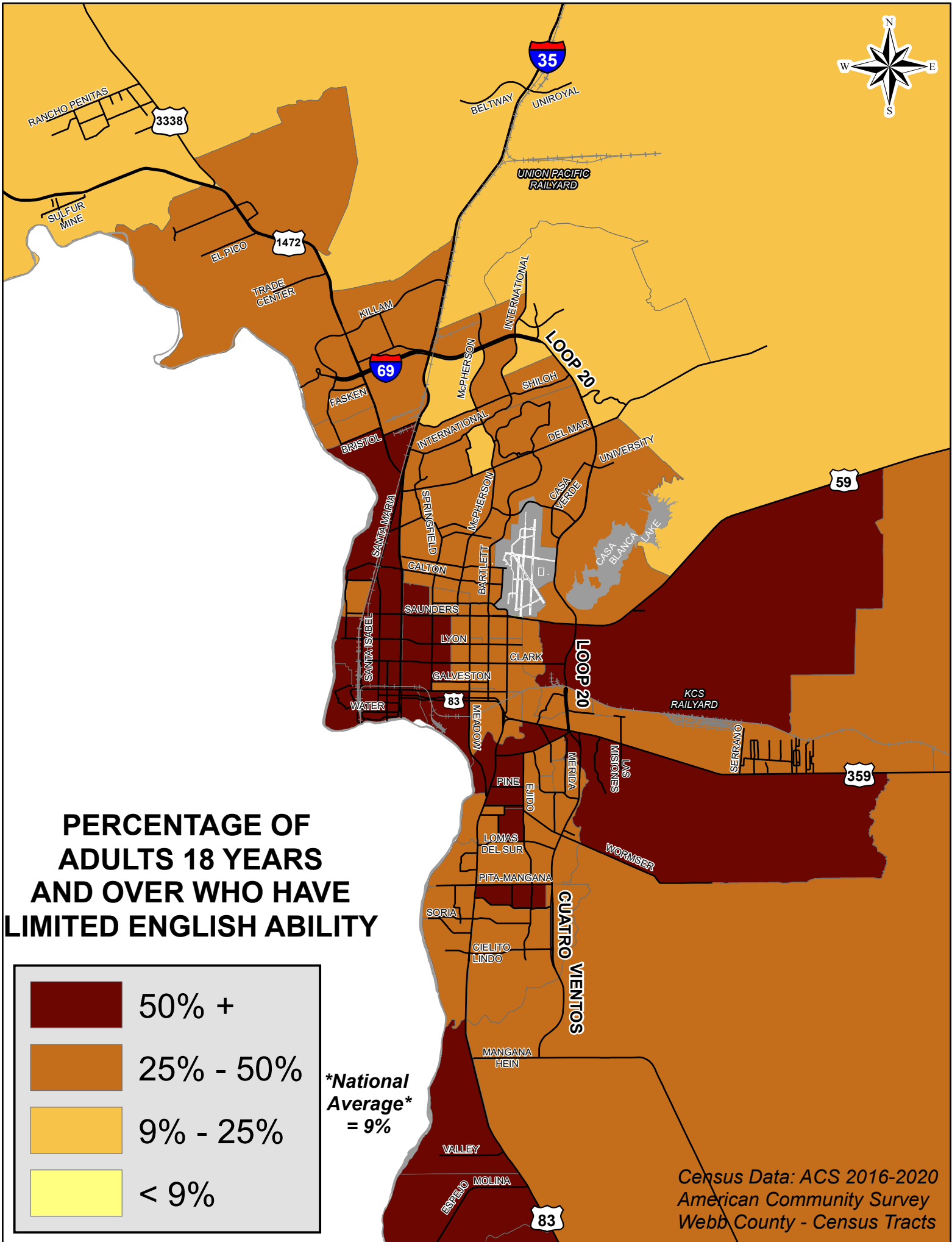
APPENDIX B: MAPS RELEVANT TO PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

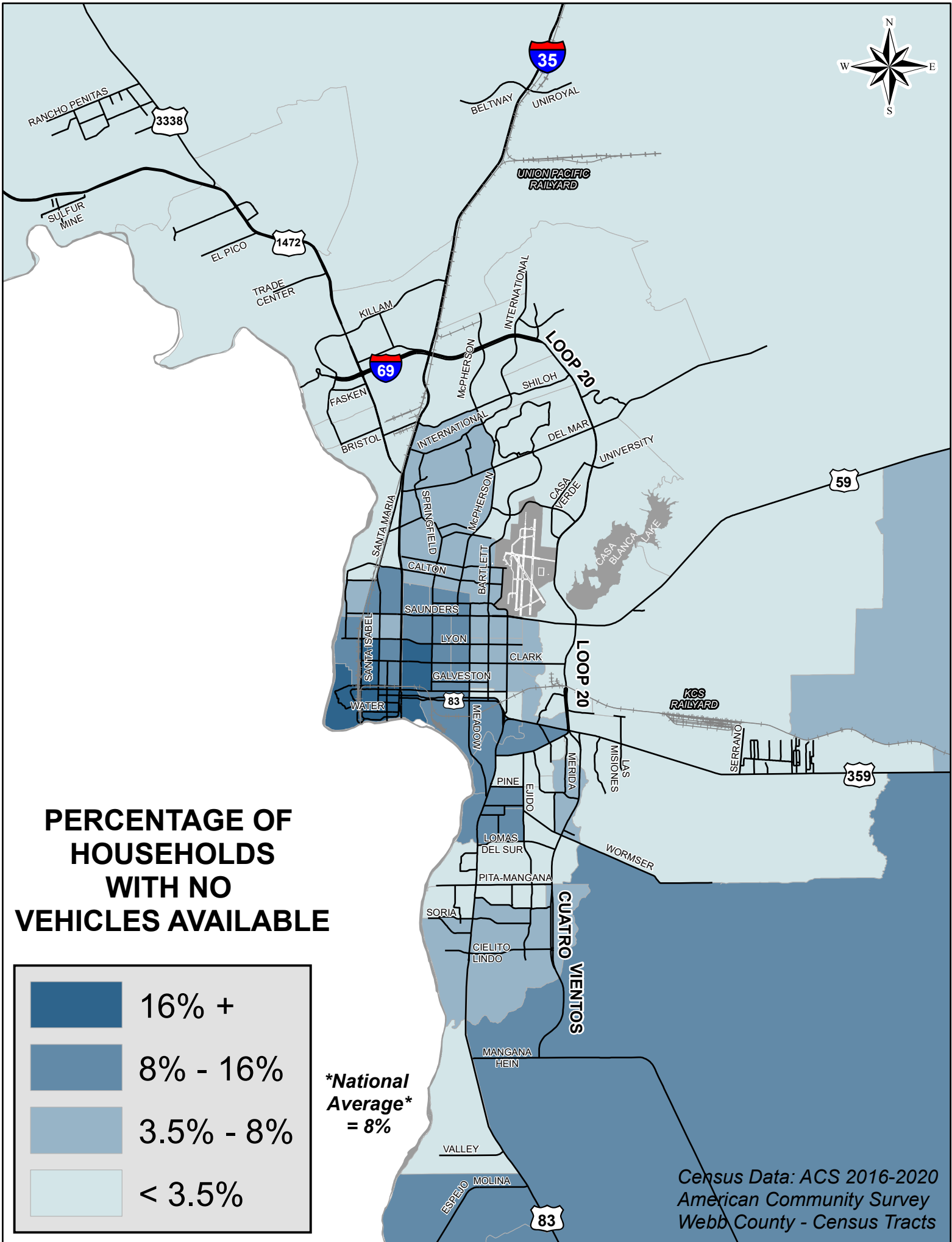
The following maps provide examples of the tools & techniques the MPO utilizes to fulfill the requirements outlined by federal legislation, identify public outreach strategies, and facilitate public participation activities:

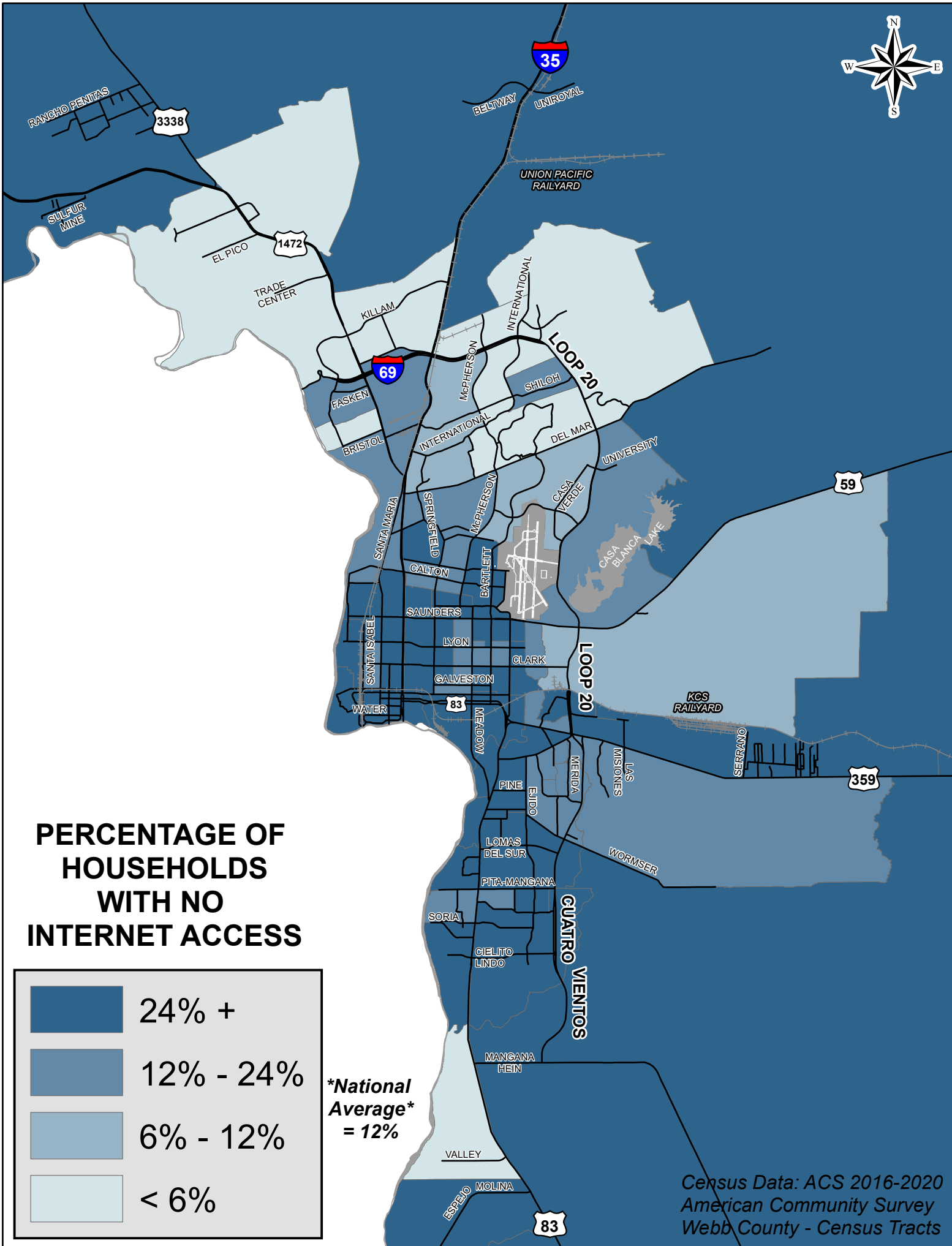
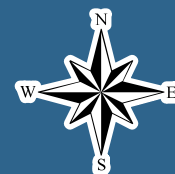












2023-2026 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)

1. Federal law requires that Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) in cooperation with the State and affected transit operators develop a Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for their planning areas for a four-year period.
2. All MPO TIP documents are subsequently combined to form the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). TxDOT amends the STIP on a quarterly basis.
3. Revisions to the TIP involving major changes require a public review and comment period and formal action by the MPO Policy Committee prior to being added to the STIP.
4. Our MPO Public Participation Plan requires a 10-day public review and comment period for amendments to the TIP.



PROPOSED TIP AMENDMENTS

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 programmed for this project. 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 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.



PROPOSED TIP AMENDMENTS

Transit: Revision in funding amounts for federal funding programs 5307 (Urbanized Area Formula), 5339 (Bus & Bus Facilities), and 5310 (Seniors & People w/ Disabilities) for FY 2023-2026:

- Increase FY 2023-2026 total transit funding from \$69,929,560 to \$88,274,585 for an increase of \$18,345,025.

Transit Program		FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	Total
Total Funds	Original	\$17,482,390	\$17,482,390	\$17,482,390	\$17,482,390	\$69,929,560
	New	\$28,639,868	\$19,878,241	\$19,878,238	\$19,878,238	\$88,274,585



METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN (MTP) AMENDMENTS

- **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.
- Our MPO Public Participation Plan requires a 10-day public review and comment period for amendments to the MTP.



FY 2023 TRANSIT PROJECT DESCRIPTIONS

LAREDO MPO TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

<u>General Project Information</u>		<u>Funding Information (YOE)</u>	
Project Sponsor	City of Laredo	Federal Funding Category	5307
MPO Project Information (reference number, etc)		Federal (FTA) Funds	\$4,454,205
		State Funds from TxDOT	637,564
		Other Funds	14,039,099
Apportionment Year	2023	Fiscal Year Cost	\$19,130,868
Project Phase		Total Project Cost	\$19,130,868
Brief Project Description:	Funds will be used for operating and capital assistance for El Metro Transit bus operations, administration and maintenance.	Trans. Dev. Credits Requested	\$0
		Trans. Dev. Credits Awarded (Date & Amount)	\$0
Sec 5307 ID Number			
Amendment Date & Action			

<u>General Project Information</u>		<u>Funding Information (YOE)</u>	
Project Sponsor	City of Laredo	Federal Funding Category	5339 C
MPO Project Information (reference number, etc)		Federal (FTA) Funds	\$7,430,385
		State Funds from TxDOT	0
		Other Funds	1,331,245
Apportionment Year	2023	Fiscal Year Cost	\$8,761,630
Project Phase		Total Project Cost	\$8,761,630
Brief Project Description:	Funds will be used for capital purchases consisting of Low and No-Emission Heavy-Duty Buses.	Trans. Dev. Credits Requested	\$0
		Trans. Dev. Credits Awarded (Date & Amount)	\$0
Sec 5307 ID Number			
Amendment Date & Action			

<u>General Project Information</u>		<u>Funding Information (YOE)</u>	
Project Sponsor	City of Laredo	Federal Funding Category	5310
MPO Project Information (reference number, etc)		Federal (FTA) Funds	\$252,829
		State Funds from TxDOT	0
		Other Funds	44,617
Apportionment Year	2023	Fiscal Year Cost	\$297,446
Project Phase		Total Project Cost	\$297,446
Brief Project Description:	Funds will be use for improving mobility for seniors and individuals with disabilities by removing barriers to transportation service and expanding transportation mobility options. Projects includes Capital investment and Operating assistance.	Trans. Dev. Credits Requested	\$0

Amendment Date & Action

**Trans. Dev. Credits Awarded
(Date & Amount)**

General Project Information

Funding Information (YOE)

Project Sponsor	City of Laredo	Federal Funding Category	5339
MPO Project Information (reference number, etc)		Federal (FTA) Funds	\$359,939
		State Funds from TxDOT	0
		Other Funds	89,985
Apportionment Year	2023	Fiscal Year Cost	\$449,924
Project Phase			
Brief Project Description:	Funds will be used for replacing farebox collection equipment, bus and van replacements and bus facility improvements.	Total Project Cost	\$449,924
		Trans. Dev. Credits Requested	\$0
Sec 5339 ID Number		Trans. Dev. Credits Awarded	\$0
Amendment Date & Action		(Date & Amount)	

FY 2024 TRANSIT PROJECT DESCRIPTIONS

LAREDO MPO TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Laredo District 22

YOE = Year of Expenditure

<u>General Project Information</u>		<u>Funding Information (YOE)</u>	
Project Sponsor	City of Laredo	Federal Funding Category	5307
MPO Project Information (reference number, etc)		Federal (FTA) Funds	\$4,454,205
		State Funds from TxDOT	637,564
		Other Funds	14,039,099
Apportionment Year	2024	Fiscal Year Cost	\$19,130,868
Project Phase			
Brief Project Description:	Funds will be used for operating and capital assistance for El Metro Transit bus operations, administration and maintenance.	Total Project Cost	\$19,130,868
		Trans. Dev. Credits Requested	\$0
		Trans. Dev. Credits Awarded (Date & Amount)	\$0
Sec 5307 ID Number			
Amendment Date & Action			

<u>General Project Information</u>		<u>Funding Information (YOE)</u>	
Project Sponsor	City of Laredo	Federal Funding Category	5310
MPO Project Information (reference number, etc)		Federal (FTA) Funds	\$252,829
		State Funds from TxDOT	0
		Other Funds	44,617
Apportionment Year	2024	Fiscal Year Cost	\$297,446
Project Phase			
Brief Project Description:	Funds will be use for improving mobility for seniors and individuals with disabilities by removing barriers to transportation service and expanding transportation mobility options. Projects includes Capital investment and Operating assistance.	Total Project Cost	\$297,446
		Trans. Dev. Credits Requested	\$0
		Trans. Dev. Credits Awarded (Date & Amount)	\$0
Sec 5310 ID Number			
Amendment Date & Action			

<u>General Project Information</u>		<u>Funding Information (YOE)</u>	
Project Sponsor	City of Laredo	Federal Funding Category	5339
MPO Project Information (reference number, etc)		Federal (FTA) Funds	\$359,939
		State Funds from TxDOT	0
		Other Funds	89,985
Apportionment Year	2024	Fiscal Year Cost	\$449,924
Project Phase			
Brief Project Description:	Funds will be used for replacing farebox collection equipment, bus and van replacements and bus facility improvements.	Total Project Cost	\$449,924
		Trans. Dev. Credits Requested	\$0
		Trans. Dev. Credits Awarded (Date & Amount)	\$0
Sec 5339 ID Number			
Amendment Date & Action			

FY 2025 TRANSIT PROJECT DESCRIPTIONS

LAREDO MPO TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Laredo District 22

YOE = Year of Expenditure

<u>General Project Information</u>		<u>Funding Information (YOE)</u>	
Project Sponsor	City of Laredo	Federal Funding Category	5307
MPO Project Information (reference number, etc)		Federal (FTA) Funds	\$3,515,783
		State Funds from TxDOT	637,564
		Other Funds	12,677,358
Apportionment Year	2025	Fiscal Year Cost	\$16,830,705
Project Phase			
Brief Project Description:	Funds will be used for assistance for El Metro Transit bus operations and maintenance.	Total Project Cost	\$16,830,705
		Trans. Dev. Credits Requested	\$0
		Trans. Dev. Credits Awarded (Date & Amount)	\$0
Sec 5307 ID Number			
Amendment Date & Action			

<u>General Project Information</u>		<u>Funding Information (YOE)</u>	
Project Sponsor	City of Laredo	Federal Funding Category	5310
MPO Project Information (reference number, etc)		Federal (FTA) Funds	\$172,717
		State Funds from TxDOT	0
		Other Funds	30,480
Apportionment Year	2025	Fiscal Year Cost	\$203,197
Project Phase			
Brief Project Description:	Funds will be use for improving mobility for seniors and individuals with disabilities by removing barriers to transportation service and expanding transportation mobility options. Projects includes Capital investment and Operating assistance.	Total Project Cost	\$203,197
		Trans. Dev. Credits Requested	\$0
		Trans. Dev. Credits Awarded (Date & Amount)	\$0
Sec 5310 ID Number			
Amendment Date & Action			

<u>General Project Information</u>		<u>Funding Information (YOE)</u>	
Project Sponsor	City of Laredo	Federal Funding Category	5339
MPO Project Information (reference number, etc)		Federal (FTA) Funds	\$381,215
		State Funds from TxDOT	0
		Other Funds	67,273
Apportionment Year	2025	Fiscal Year Cost	\$448,488
Project Phase			
Brief Project Description:	Funds will be used for replacing heavy-duty buses and paratransit vans, and bus facility improvements.	Total Project Cost	\$448,488
		Trans. Dev. Credits Requested	\$0
		Trans. Dev. Credits Awarded (Date & Amount)	\$0
Sec 5339 ID Number			
Amendment Date & Action			

FY 2026 TRANSIT PROJECT DESCRIPTIONS

LAREDO MPO TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Laredo District 22

YOE = Year of Expenditure

<u>General Project Information</u>		<u>Funding Information (YOE)</u>	
Project Sponsor	City of Laredo	Federal Funding Category	5307
MPO Project Information (reference number, etc)		Federal (FTA) Funds	\$3,515,783
		State Funds from TxDOT	637,564
		Other Funds	12,677,358
Apportionment Year	2026	Fiscal Year Cost	\$16,830,705
Project Phase			
Brief Project Description:	Funds will be used for assistance for El Metro Transit bus operations and maintenance.	Total Project Cost	\$16,830,705
		Trans. Dev. Credits Requested	\$0
		Trans. Dev. Credits Awarded (Date & Amount)	\$0
Sec 5307 ID Number			
Amendment Date & Action			

<u>General Project Information</u>		<u>Funding Information (YOE)</u>	
Project Sponsor	City of Laredo	Federal Funding Category	5310
MPO Project Information (reference number, etc)		Federal (FTA) Funds	\$172,717
		State Funds from TxDOT	0
		Other Funds	30,480
Apportionment Year	2026	Fiscal Year Cost	\$203,197
Project Phase			
Brief Project Description:	Funds will be use for improving mobility for seniors and individuals with disabilities by removing barriers to transportation service and expanding transportation mobility options. Projects includes Capital investment and Operating assistance.	Total Project Cost	\$203,197
		Trans. Dev. Credits Requested	\$0
		Trans. Dev. Credits Awarded (Date & Amount)	\$0
Sec 5310 ID Number			
Amendment Date & Action			

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Project Sponsor	City of Laredo	Federal Funding Category	5339
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Amendment Date & Action			



Laredo - District Number 22

FY 2023 - 2026 Transportation Improvement Program

All Figures in Year of Expenditure (YOE) Dollars

Transit Program		FY 2023			FY 2024			FY 2025		
		Federal	Match	Total	Federal	Match	Total	Federal	Match	Total
1	Sec. 5307 - Urbanized Formula >200K	\$5,091,769	\$14,039,099	\$19,130,868	\$5,091,769	\$14,039,099	\$19,130,868	\$5,091,769	\$14,039,099	\$19,130,868
2	Sec. 5307 - Urbanized Formula <200K			\$0			\$0			\$0
3	Sec. 5309 - Fixed Guideway Investment			\$0			\$0			\$0
4	Sec. 5337 - State of Good Repair			\$0			\$0			\$0
5	Sec. 5339 - Bus & Bus Facilities >200k	\$7,790,324	\$1,421,230	\$9,211,554	\$359,939	\$89,988	\$449,927	\$359,939	\$89,985	\$449,924
6	Sec. 5310-Seniors&People w/Disabilities >200k	\$252,829	\$44,617	\$297,446	\$252,829	\$44,617	\$297,446	\$252,829	\$44,617	\$297,446
7	Sec. 5316 - JARC >200K			\$0			\$0			\$0
8	Sec. 5317 - New Freedom >200K			\$0			\$0			\$0
9	Other FTA			\$0			\$0			\$0
10	Regionally Significant or Other (incl FHWA transfers)			\$0			\$0			\$0
Total Funds		\$13,134,922	\$15,504,946	\$28,639,868	\$5,704,537	\$14,173,704	\$19,878,241	\$5,704,537	\$14,173,701	\$19,878,238
Transportation Development Credits										
Requested				\$0			\$0			\$0
Awarded				\$0			\$0			\$0

All Figures in Year of Expenditure (YOE) Dollars

Transit Programs		FY 2026			Total		
		Federal	Match	Total	Federal	Match	Total
1	Sec. 5307 - Urbanized Formula >200K	\$5,091,769	\$14,039,099	\$19,130,868	\$20,367,076	\$56,156,396	\$76,523,472
2	Sec. 5307 - Urbanized Formula <200K			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
3	Sec. 5309 - Fixed Guideway Investment			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4	Sec. 5337 - State of Good Repair			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
5	Sec. 5339 - Bus & Bus Facilities >200k	\$359,939	\$89,985	\$449,924	\$8,870,141	\$1,691,188	\$10,561,329
6	Sec. 5310-Seniors&People w/Disabilities >200k	\$252,829	\$44,617	\$297,446	\$1,011,316	\$178,468	\$1,189,784
7	Sec. 5316 - JARC >200K			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
8	Sec. 5317 - New Freedom >200K			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
9	Other FTA			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
10	Regionally Significant or Other (incl FHWA transfers)			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Funds		\$5,704,537	\$14,173,701	\$19,878,238	\$30,248,533	\$58,026,052	\$88,274,585
Transportation Development Credits							
Requested				\$0			\$0
Awarded				\$0			\$0

Laredo Webb County Area MPO (Appendix A)
Short Range Projects Identified in the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and Listed in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
FY2023 - FY2026

	CSJ	PROJECT NAME	SCOPE	FROM	TO	PROJECT SPONSOR	CATEGORY	YOY COST	
FY 2023									
1	0922-33-166	Reuthinger Road	New location construction of 4-lane divided highway	0.1 mile East of Beltway Parkway	IH 35 West Frontage road	City	7	\$21,440,668	
2	0922-33-165	Hachar Roadway Road	New location construction of 4-lane divided highway	FM 1472	0.100 miles E of Beltway Parkway	City	7, 7_CRRSAA, 3LC	\$32,514,912	
3	0922-33-181	Improvement of 17 Bus Stops	Improve connections, accessibility and security for up to 17 bus stops	various locations		TxDOT	9-TAP	\$225,000	
4	0086-01-073	SH 359 Widening	Widen roadway from 3-lane to 5-lane undivided Highway	4.06 miles E of SL 20	8.935 miles E of SL 20	TxDOT	11, 12	\$25,000,000	
5	0086-02-023	SH 359 Widening	Widen roadway from 2-lane to 4-lane divided highway	8.935 miles E of SL 20	9.830 miles E of SL 20	TxDOT	11	\$6,000,000	
6	0086-14-088	US 59 (Loop 20) Reconstruction	Reconstruction of existing 6-lane divided highway to proposed 6-lane freeway facility with 3-lane frontage roads at University Blvd. to Shiloh Dr.	0.36 mi South of University Blvd	0.51 mi South of Shiloh Dr.	TxDOT	2U, 10, 11,	\$45,394,778	
7	0086-14-076	US 59 (Loop 20) Interchange at Shiloh Dr.	Construction of interchange at Shiloh Dr.	0.50 mi S of Shiloh Dr.	0.50 mi N of Shiloh Dr.	TxDOT	2M, 10	\$31,856,549	
8	0086-14-089	US 59 (Loop 20) Reconstruction	Reconstruction of existing 6-lane highway to proposed 6-lane freeway with 3-lane frontage roads	0.51 mi South of Shiloh	International Blvd.	TxDOT	2U, 10, 11	\$38,390,491	
9	0086-14-079	US 59 (Loop 20) Interchange at University Blvd.	Construction of Interchange at University Blvd.	0.50 mi s of University Blvd.	0.50 mi n of University Blvd.	TxDOT	2M, 10	\$19,364,639	
10	0086-14-075	US 59 (Loop 20) Interchange at Del Mar Blvd.	Construction of Interchange at Del Mar Blvd.	0.50 mi South of Del Mar Blvd.	0.50 mi North of Del Mar Blvd.	TxDOT	2M, 10	\$28,446,123	
11	0922-33-177	River Vega Trail	Construct hike & bike trail	Anna Park	LCC Campus	City	9-TAP	\$696,850	
12	0922-33-076	FM1472/Flecha Lane	Reallignment of Flecha Ln. and Las Cruces Blvd.	Intersection of FM 1472 and Flecha Ln.	0.174 miles east of FM 1472	City	10, 3LC	\$1,800,000	
13	0922-33-093	Calton and San Maria Interchange	Construction of a grade separation interchange	0.25 m east of Calton/San Maria intersection	0.25 m west of Calton/San Maria Intersection	City	10, 3LC	\$16,240,154	
13 Projects								Total:	\$267,370,164

FY 2024									
1	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	7, 3LC	\$12,000,000	
2	0086-14-087	US 59 (Loop 20) Reconstruction	Reconstruction of existing 6-lane highway to proposed 6-lane freeway facility with 3-lane frontage roads at 0.4 mi N of airport to University Blvd.	0.4 mi North of E Corridor Rd (Airport).	0.36 mi South of University Blvd.	TxDOT	12	\$30,600,000	
3	0086-14-086	US 59 (Loop 20) Reconstruction	Reconstruction of existing 6-lane divided highway to proposed 6-lane freeway facility with a section including 3-lane frontage roads at US 59 to 0.4 mi N of airport.	US 59	0.4 mi North of E Corridor Rd. (Airport)	TxDOT	12	\$29,290,676	
4	0086-14-077	US 59 (Loop 20) Interchange at Airport	Construction of interchange at Airport	0.500 mi South of E Corridor Rd (Airport).	0.50 mi North of E Corridor Rd (Airport).	TxDOT	2M, 12	\$28,774,986	
5	0086-14-078	US 59 (Loop 20) Interchange at Jacaman Rd.	Construction of interchange at Jacaman Rd.	0.50 mi s of Jacaman Rd	0.50 mi n of Jacaman Rd	TxDOT	12, 2M	\$24,433,991	
5 Projects								Total:	\$125,099,653

FY 2025									
1	0018-05-089	Replace Bridge at Uniroyal Dr.	Replacement of bridge structure at Uniroyal Dr.	0.5 mi south of Uniroyal Interchange	2.68 mi north of Uniroyal Interchange	TxDOT	12, 4	\$110,000,000	
1 Project								Total:	\$110,000,000

FY 2026									
1	0018-06-185	Direct Connector #3 and # 6	New Direct Connector (#3 and # 6) northbound and southbound IH 35 to US59 eastbound	0.5 mi east of IH35	0.5 mi north of US59	TxDOT	12	\$39,200,000	
2	0922-33-205	Vallecillo Road	Construction of new 4 lane [off-system] highway with continuous turn lane	FM 1472	IH 35	RMA	7, 3LC, 12	\$35,280,000	
2 Projects								Total:	\$74,480,000

TOTAL OF 21 PROJECTS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF: \$576,949,817

Funding Category Types
CAT 1: Preventive Maintenance and Rehabilitation
CAT 2: Metro Corridor Projects
CAT 3: Non Traditionally Funded - includes local funds, proposition 12 or 14, etc.
CAT 7: Metro Mobility and Rehabilitation
CAT 9: Transportation Enhancement (TE) and Transportation Alternative Program (TAP)
CAT 10: Supplemental Projects include CBI and Earmark funds
CAT 11: District Discretionary
CAT 12: Strategic Priority - addresses project with priority to State
Prop 1: Proposition 1: Effective in 2015 Highway Trust Fund allocation from gas tax revenue
Prop 7: Proposition 7: MPO allocations from formula funds diverted from state general sales, use tax, vehicle sales, and rental tax

Laredo Webb County Area MPO Category 7 Funding											
	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	Total
Total Targets	\$56,794,853	\$8,154,760	\$8,317,866	\$8,484,234	\$8,157,959	\$8,157,959	\$8,157,959	\$8,157,959	\$8,157,959	\$8,157,959	\$130,699,467
MPO Programmed	\$52,213,781	\$1,000,000	\$0	\$8,484,234	\$8,015,766	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$69,713,781
Balance	\$4,581,072	\$7,154,760	\$8,317,866	\$0	\$142,193	\$8,157,959	\$8,157,959	\$8,157,959	\$8,157,959	\$8,157,959	\$60,985,686

CSJ	MPO Programmed Projects	Programmed (\$)	Fiscal Year (FY)
0922-33-165	Hachar Roadway	\$30,773,113	FY 23
0922-33-166	Reuthinger Road	\$21,440,668	FY 23
0922-33-213	World Trade Bridge Expansion	\$1,000,000	FY 24
0922-33-205	Vallecillo Road	\$16,500,000	FY 26-27
MPO Total Programmed		\$69,713,781	



Reconnecting Communities Pilot (RCP) Grant Program Fact Sheet

What is this program and its goal?

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law established the new RCP discretionary grant program, funded with \$1 billion over the next 5 years. The purpose of the RCP Program is to reconnect communities by removing, retrofitting, or mitigating transportation facilities, like highways or rail lines, that create barriers to community connectivity, including to mobility, access, or economic development. The program funds planning and capital construction to address infrastructure barriers, reconnect communities, and improve peoples' lives.



What are examples of reconnecting solutions?

Solutions to knit communities back together can include high-quality public transportation, infrastructure removal, pedestrian walkways and overpasses, capping and lids, linear parks and trails, roadway redesigns and complete streets conversions, and main street revitalization.

What types of grants are available for FY 2022?

This year, the RCP Program will provide up to \$195 million for two types of grants: Planning Grants and Capital Construction Grants. For more information and to review the Notice of Funding Opportunity, visit the [RCP Program website](#).

Planning Grants - \$50M

- Study the removal, retrofit, or mitigation of an existing facility to restore community connectivity,
- Conduct public engagement, and
- Other transportation planning activities.

Capital Construction Grants – \$145M

- Carry out a project to remove, retrofit, mitigate, or replace an existing eligible facility with a new facility that reconnects communities.

Who is eligible to apply?

Eligible Facilities are highways or other transportation facilities that create a barrier to community connectivity, including barriers to mobility, access, or economic development, due to high speeds, grade separations, or other design factors. DOT is taking a broad view of "other transportation facilities," that might include railroads or transit lines.

Eligible Planning Grant applicants are States, units of local government, Tribal governments, Metropolitan Planning Organizations, and non-profit organizations.

Eligible Capital Construction applicants must be 1) the Facility Owner(s) or 2) eligible applicants for a Planning Grant, as long as the Facility Owner is a joint applicant, with evidence of endorsing the application.

The RCP Program welcomes applications from diverse local, Tribal, and regional communities regardless of size, location, and experience administering Federal funding. DOT encourages place-based partnerships headed by a lead applicant

Technical Assistance

Prospective applicants should consult www.transportation.gov/reconnecting for resources, FAQs, webinars, and case studies. A [new DOT Navigator](#) provides links to a wide range of existing DOT technical assistance resources.

Grant recipients, with a priority for those serving economically disadvantaged communities, will have access to further technical assistance coordinated through DOT's new partnership with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), to implement their projects.

When is the deadline for applications?

Applications must be submitted by 11:59 PM EDT on Thursday, October 13, 2022 via grants.gov.



MPO POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

www.laredompo.org

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):

MPO POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

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 programmed for this project. 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 SL 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.
- G. Discussion with possible action on exploring the feasibility of a Transportation Reinvestment Zone (TRZ) in North Laredo-Webb County including along FM 1472.
- 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 projects CSJ 0922-33-181 and 0922-33-202, and any other matters incident thereto.

MPO POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

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).

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 at least two working days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made. Materials in Spanish may also be provided upon request.

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

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

MPO POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

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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