



MPO POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

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Meeting Date & Time: November 16th, 2022 at 2:00 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

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IV. ITEMS REQUIRING POLICY COMMITTEE ACTION:

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B. Receive public testimony and initiate a 10-day public review and comment period for the following proposed amendments to the 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP):

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- C. 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.
- D. Discussion with possible action on the Hachar-Reuthinger Road project and presentation by TxDOT regarding the updated project cost estimate.
- E. Discussion with possible action on the allocation and programming of Category 7 funds for the preliminary engineering and ROW phase in the amount of \$1,000,000 for segments 1,2, and 3 of the Laredo Outer Loop, and any other matters incident thereto.
- F. Discussion with possible action on the selection of a representative to fill the Policy Committee Member At-Large vacancy.
- V. REPORT(S) AND PRESENTATIONS (No action required).
- A. Status report by the Regional Mobility Authority (RMA).
- VI. DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS
- A. Policy Committee membership update.
- B. MPO 2022 Transportation Alternatives (TA) Set-Aside Call for Projects update
- C. Schedule of upcoming meetings.
- VII. ADJOURNMENT

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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

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Laredo Mass Transit Board Representative:

Honorable Vanessa Perez, City Councilmember, District VII

State Representative:

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

Member at Large Representative:

Vacant

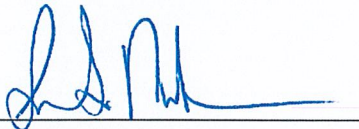
Ex-Officio Representatives:

Honorable Judith Zaffirini, State Senator, District 21

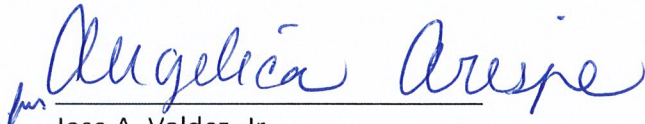
Honorable Richard Raymond, State Representative, District 42

Honorable Tracy O. King, State Representative, District 80

AGENDA REVIEWED:



Juan S. Mendive,
LWCAMPO Interim Director



Jose A. Valdez, Jr.
Laredo City Secretary





LAREDO & WEBB COUNTY

AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

POLICY COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

October 19th, 2022

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

I. CHAIRPERSON TO CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Pete Saenz called the meeting to order at 1:30 P.M.

II. CHAIRPERSON TO CALL ROLL

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

Regular members present:

Honorable Pete Saenz, Mayor and LWCAMPO Chairperson

Honorable Tano E. Tijerina, Webb County Judge

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

Honorable Dr. Marte A. Martinez, City Councilmember, District VI (joined the meeting at 1:38 p.m.)

Honorable Vanessa Perez, City Councilmember, District VII (joined the meeting at 1:36 p.m.)

Humberto "Tito" Gonzalez, Jr., P.E., Member at Large

Regular members not present:

Mr. Salazar, Jr., P.E., TxDOT District Engineer

Honorable Jesse Gonzalez, Webb County Commissioner, Pct. 1

David Honorable John Galo, Webb County Commissioner, Pct. 3

Judge Tijerina made a motion to excuse members not present.

Second: CM. Gutierrez

For: 4

Against: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion carried unanimously

Ex-Officio members not present:

Honorable Judith Zaffirini, State Senator, District 21

Honorable Richard Raymond, State Representative, District 42

Honorable Tracy O. King, State Representative, District 80

LWCAMPO Staff present:

Juan S. Mendive, LWCAMPO Interim Director

Angie Quijano, LWCAMPO Administrative Assistant

Others:

Rosario Cabello, COL Interim City Manager

Riazul, Mia, COL Assistant City Manager

Ramon Chavez, COL Engineering Department

Gloria Perez-Saavedra, COL Engineering Department

Jaime Garcia, COL Engineering Department

Luis Perez Garcia, Webb County Engineering

Guillermo Cuellar, Webb County Engineering

Lalo Uribe, Webb County Judge's Office

Eduardo Bernal, Transit, El Metro

Robert J. Garza, Transit, El Metro

Sara Garza, TxDOT

Jason Hinojosa, TxDOT

Fernando Martinez, TxDOT

Melisa Montemayor, HNTB, Inc.

Vince Martinez, Killam Development

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IV. ITEMS REQUIRING POLICY COMMITTEE ACTION:

A. Approval of the minutes for the meetings held on September 21st, 2022

CM. Gutierrez made a motion to approve the minutes of September 21st, 2022.

Second: Judge Tijerina
For: 4
Against: 0
Abstained: 0

Motion carried unanimously

B. Receive public testimony and approve Resolution No. MPO 2022-08, adopting the following proposed amendments to the 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP):

Mr. Mendive stated that the public comment period for the item was opened at the previous meeting. He stated that no comments were received; therefore, the item would move forward for approval and adoption of the resolution.

Judge Tijerina made a motion to close the public hearing and approve Resolution No. MPO 2022-08, adopting the proposed amendments to the 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Second: CM. Gutierrez
For: 4
Against: 0
Abstained: 0

Motion carried unanimously

Humberto Gonzalez, TxDOT, stated that the next step would be to proceed with the Advance Funding Agreement (AFA) with the project sponsor, the RMA and proceed with the letting date that was established for construction.

CM. Vanessa Perez joined the meeting at 1:36 p.m.

- 1. Addition of project CSJ 0922-33-205 (Vallecillo Road) intended to provide for the construction of new 4 lane [off-system] highway with continuous turn lane. The estimated construction cost is \$35,280,000. Category 7 funds in the amount of \$16,500,000 have been allocated for this project. Other funding amounts include \$14,780,000 in Category 3-local and \$4,000,000 in Category 12 Strategic Partnership funds. The project sponsor is the Webb County City of Laredo Regional Mobility Authority and the proposed letting date is FY 2026.**

Judge Tijerina made a motion to approve the item.

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

Motion carried unanimously

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.

Judge Tijerina made a motion to approve the item.

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

Motion carried unanimously

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 FY 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.

Judge Tijerina made a motion to approve the item.

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

Motion carried unanimously

CM. Perez asked that if the project was being moved to 2023, what was the year this project was supposed to be.

Mr. Mendive stated that the project had been changing over the years but, since the project was originally going to be let in 2022, it was not included in the 2023 TIP. However, given that the project was now proposed to let in FY2023, it needs to be added to the TIP.

CM. Perez asked when was this project expected to start.

CM. Gutierrez asked when was this project originally presented.

CM. Dr. Martinez joined the meeting at 1:38 p.m.

Ramon Chavez, City Engineer, stated that the project was awarded in 2005. He further stated that the City Engineering Dept. has gone through a redesign process with TxDOT and Union Pacific on required agreements.

CM. Perez expressed her concern with the delays on the project and that the monies allocated would have less value.

Mr. Chavez stated that part of the things being worked on the Calton Road project was a redesign and the consultant wanted to push it to 2024. He further stated that City Staff was not recommending what the consultant proposed.

CM. Perez made a motion to **move up** item #V-B.

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

Motion carried unanimously

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

B. Update by City of Laredo Engineering staff on the FM 1472/Flecha Ln. Realignment (CSJ 0922-33-076) and Calton Road Grade Separation (CSJ 0922-33-093) projects.

Gloria Perez-Saavedra, City Engineering, gave a brief update on the item. She provided the following report for Calton Road Grade Separation:

- PS&E:**
Amendment #12 was received and reviewed by City Staff. City Engineering does not recommend the re-design of the bridge due to the time needed to perform the re-design that would bring the bid date to 2024. Surveying work still is needed and as soon as City Engineering gets the proposal, it would be reviewed and comments and/or recommendations would be provided.

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Completion</u>
Environmental Re-Evaluation	May 2022

*Project Letting
Const. Phase Services Complete*

*August 2023
August 2025*

Real Estate

Mediation Settlement Agreement with Crown Enterprises was executed July 26, 2022.

Judge Tijerina asked if there was a lapse on projects funds due to the time the project has taken.

Humberto Gonzalez, TxDOT, stated that the \$16.4 million dollars that were earmarked for that project do not have a lapse but, if at one point the Federal agencies try to consolidate other earmarks that have not been used over the years, these funds may be considered to be re-allocated.

CM. Perez asked how this could be prevented.

Mr. Chavez stated that was the reason why they do not want to extend the date.

Mr. Gonzalez stated that the funds were allocated since 2005 and since then, there had already been one re-design that had to be done because in 2014 all the design standards changed.

- 2. *Transit revision to increase FY 2023-2026 total transit funding from \$69,929,560 to \$88,274,582 for an increase of \$18,345,022.***

Judge Tijerina made a motion to **approve** the item.

Second: CM. Dr. Martinez

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion carried unanimously

- C. Receive public testimony and approve Resolution No. MPO 2022-09, adopting 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.***

Mr. Mendive stated we needed to receive public testimony as the public comment period had previously been opened.

Mayor Saenz asked for public to speak for or against.

No comments were received.

Judge Tijerina made a motion to close the public hearing and approve Resolution No. MPO 2022-09, adopting the proposed revisions to the 2020-2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP).

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

Motion carried unanimously

D. Discussion with possible action on the allocation and programming of Category 7 funds for the preliminary engineering and ROW phase in the amount of \$1,000,000 for segments 1, 2, and 3 of the Laredo Outer Loop, and any other matters incident thereto.

Mayor Saenz asked if a map was available.

Mr. Mendive stated that this item was presented at the request of Webb County. He further elaborated on a presentation that showed the proposed alignment for the outer loop, segments 1, 2 & 3.

Mayor Saenz stated that the City had authorized to engage in negotiations on the 4-5 bridge. He further asked Ms. Cabello to brief on the item especially with the concerns on the MOU.

Ms. Rosario Cabello, Interim City Manager, stated that she was not sure if she was able to disclose anything that was discussed in executive session.

CM. Dr. Martinez stated that the City was trying to extend Mangana Hein connection down to US 83. He stated that this was the ultimate goal that was trying to be achieved. He stated there was significant problems on the north side, especially on the Mines Road area. He stated that he felt work should start on the north side then into the south side as opposed to starting from the south side. He felt that would ease a lot of problems in the Unitec area and the Hachar-Reuthinger connection.

Judge Tijerina stated that this was a County project and the County was putting the resources with the plan to start with the southside first. He stated that he would want to move forward now and if the City would like to partner up with the County and find monies for the north side later on, that would be great.

Mayor Saenz made a motion to **table** the item for next month.

Judge Tijerina left the meeting at 2:12 p.m.

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

Mr. Gonzalez recommended to have a workshop in order to dedicate some time and discuss the item.

E. Discussion with possible action to proceed with the proposed strategy by Webb County to accelerate the construction of Outer Loop Segments 1, 2, and 3 by leveraging local funds and Category 7 funds, coordinate with TxDOT as necessary, and initiate the process to list determined project segments and phases in the 2020-2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan.

Mayor Saenz made a motion to **table** the item and to incorporate it into the proposed workshop.

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

F. Discussion with possible action on the Hachar-Reuthinger Road project.

Mr. Gonzalez stated that TxDOT was finalizing the schematic and were re-looking at the estimate which would be getting by the consultant this week. He further stated that they would provide a report at next month's meeting to present the updated estimate.

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

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

Melisa Montemayor, HNTB, Inc., provided a status report which included the following:

1. FM 1472 and Killam Industrial Blvd. Turn Lanes – The commencement of work at Killam Industrial Blvd. at FM 1472 occurred in early May 2022. Construction of the pavement widening components have been ongoing. For FM 1472, the bond breaker has been installed. Concrete pouring for FM 1472 was scheduled for pouring in late September. The grading for the widening of Killam Industrial Blvd. has been completed. For the traffic signal work, the foundation drill shafts have been set. A utility issue was encountered and is in the process of being cleared. TxDOT anticipates clearance resolution by the end of October. This pushes substantial construction completion to late November. **As of the week of the 11th of October, the project is 50% complete.**
2. Los Presidentes (Cuatro Vientos to Brownwood) – Construction is ongoing. Paving of the street is 100% complete. Contractor is currently completing the final drainage items of the project. Sidewalk construction is currently ongoing from Isla Mujeres to Cuatro Vientos. The work for the 18-inch water line in the area of the major drainage structure in the area of Cuatro Vientos is completed. The outstanding items are the completion of the Isla Mujeres Intersection, outstanding sidewalk work, outstanding landscaping and irrigation, perform 18" waterline adjustment and concrete cover work and final striping. Overall, anticipate substantial completion in November 2022. **Overall the project is 95% complete.**
3. Loop 20 South (Cuatro Vientos) Acceleration/ Deceleration Lane Project - The project was awarded to Anderson Columbia in October 2021. Construction to commenced on the week of the 14th of March. The paving is largely complete. Major critical path item that is still pending is the installation of the proposed illumination on the Northbound and Southbound Lanes of Cuatro Vientos. The project is scheduled for completion in November 2022. **Overall, the project is approximately 95% complete.**
4. Loop 20 South (Cuatro Vientos) TRZ Study Update – Study commenced in May with the execution of the City of Laredo and WCCL RMA ILA. To date the team has been conducting one-on-one stake holder meetings and are anticipating completing the analysis and forecasting by the week of the 19th. The study is scheduled for completion in **October 2022.**
5. Springfield Phase III – NTP was provided by the City of Laredo to AZAR Services, LLC on 12/15/21. To date, the roadway concrete paving has been completed. Outstanding items include the tie-in driveways at Shiloh and the proposed water main along the north end of the project. The sidewalk is half way complete. Major items to address include the completion of the drainage, proposed water main, traffic improvements and illumination. Substantial completion is scheduled for December 2022. **Overall, the project is approximately 87% complete.**

6. Webb County Fair Grounds TIA – The RMA team received the trip distribution for the 2035 traffic projections on the week of the 11th of October. The 2035 traffic projections will account for the US 59 immediate improvements of a 6-lane rural divided highway configuration and the full build out of the fair ground improvements. A draft of the final TIA report to be completed and reviewed by the GEC in mid-November. **The timeframe for completion of the study is December of 2022.**
7. River Road Corridor Study – Currently, the team has developed a list of stakeholders to participate in the Stakeholder Listening Sessions and scheduled the series of stakeholder presentations for the week of the 17th of October 2022. Total duration of the study is 12 months. **Completion of the study is anticipated in July 2023.**
8. Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant – In partnership with the MPO and the City of Laredo, the RMA developed a \$2M grant application to develop an action to prevent roadway deaths and serious injuries. **The application was successfully submitted on September 9, 2022** which was 6 days prior to the due date of the application. The team developed and distributed follow-up letters to local elected officials.
9. Vallecillo Road – In the August MPO Policy Committee meeting, funding for construction of the project was concluded. Subsequent to the dedication of \$16.5M dollars of Category 7 funds from the MPO, US Congressman Henry Cuellar has pledged \$3M of federal earmark funds. These monies are in addition to the \$14M dedicated to the project by the RMA, City of Laredo and the Killam Company. Now that the project is funded for construction, the RMA is working to submit the appropriate paperwork for the draft Advanced Funding Agreement with TxDOT and begin design of the project. The RMA is targeting commencement of design in November 2022.

Other Items:

- The WC-CL RMA Board of Directors met on 10/18/22 to select an auditor for the annual RMA financial audit.

VII. DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

Mr. Mendive provided the following report:

1. MPO planners are attending the American Planning Association State Conference from October 19th-22nd in El Paso, Texas.
2. The U.S. Department of Transportation Reconnecting Communities Pilot planning grant application was submitted on October 12, 2022. The grant was submitted by the

City of Laredo as the MPO's fiscal agent and in partnership with the Downtown TIRZ #1 and Laredo Main Street.

3. The MPO team, in coordination with TxDOT, held two workshops, virtual (October 7th) and in-person (October 12th), for prospective applicants of the ongoing Transportation Alternatives (TA) Set-Aside Call for Projects.
4. Upcoming regularly scheduled meetings:
 - Active Transportation Committee – October 26, 2022
 - Technical Committee – November 8, 2022
 - Policy Committee – November 16, 2022

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

CM. Dr. Martinez made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:23 p.m.

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

Motion carried unanimously

Juan S. Mendive
Interim LWCAMPO Director

Pete Saenz, Mayor and LWCAMPO
Chairperson

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

DATE: 11-16-22	SUBJECT: MOTION 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): <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Addition of project CSJ 0086-16-008 intended to provide for the construction of an interchange at Lomas del Sur Blvd. and State Loop 20. The estimated construction cost is \$30,240,000. Category 7 funds in the amount of \$7,030,287 have been allocated for this project. Other funding amounts include \$23,209,713 in Category 2 funds. The project sponsor is TxDOT and the proposed letting date is FY 2025.2. Removal of project CSJ 0922-33-181 for the ADA Bus Stops and Bicycle Plazas project. The Advanced Funding Agreement (AFA) for this project has been terminated at the request of the project sponsor. Funds in the amount of \$180,000 previously allocated to this project have been removed and added to the Category 9 available funding balance, which can be awarded to other eligible projects.	
INITIATED BY: MPO Staff		STAFF SOURCE Juan S. Mendive, Interim MPO Director
PREVIOUS ACTION: The MPO Policy Committee approved Resolution No. MPO 2022-05 adopting the 2023-2026 TIP on May 18, 2022. The first formal revision to the 2023-2026 TIP was approved on October 19, 2022 through Resolution No. MPO 2022-08.		
BACKGROUND: The Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is a federally required document which MPO's develop in cooperation with all their planning partners to program mobility and transit projects for a four-year period. On May 18 th , 2022, the MPO Policy Committee approved the Laredo MPO 2023-2026 TIP. All MPO TIP documents are subsequently combined to form the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). Revisions to the TIP involving major changes require a public review and comment period and formal action by the MPO Policy Committee.		
TECHNICAL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Approval		STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Approval

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.



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PROPOSED TIP AMENDMENTS

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 - On September 21, 2022 the Policy Committee accepted a request by the City of Laredo and El Metro to terminate the Advanced Funding Agreement (AFA) for this project.
 - The AFA has been terminated due to economic inflation and significant financial challenges the project would impose on the local government.



CSJ 0086-16-008

District	MPO	County	CSJ	TIP FY	HWY	Phase	City	YOE Cost
Laredo	Laredo	Webb	0086-16-008	2025	SL 20	C	Laredo	\$ 30,240,000.00

Limits From: 0.1 MILES SOUTH OF LOMAS DEL SUR BLVD
Limits To: 0.1 MILES NORTH OF LOMAS DEL SUR BLVD
Project DESCR: CONSTRUCT OVERPASS AT LOMAS DEL SUR BLVD
Remarks P7:

Project Sponsor
Revision Date
MPO Proj Num
Funding Cat(S)
Project History

TxDOT
02/2023
SL 20 Interchange at Lomas Del Sur Blvd
2, 7

Authorized Funding By Category/Share

Category	Federal	State	Regional	Local	Local Contributions	Total
2	\$ 18,567,770.40	\$ 4,641,942.60	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 23,209,713.00
7	\$ 5,624,229.60	\$ 1,406,057.40	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,030,287.00
Total	\$ 24,192,000.00	\$ 6,048,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 30,240,000.00

Total Project Cost Information

Prelim Eng	\$ 1,427,781.60
ROW Purch	\$ -
Const Cost	\$ 30,240,000.00
Const Eng	\$ 1,695,854.88
Conting	\$ 2,138,400.00
Indirect	\$ -
Bond Fin	\$ -
Pt Chg Ord	\$ -
Total Cost	\$ 35,502,036.48



Laredo MPO - District 22

FY 2023 - 2026 Transportation Improvement Program

Funding by Category

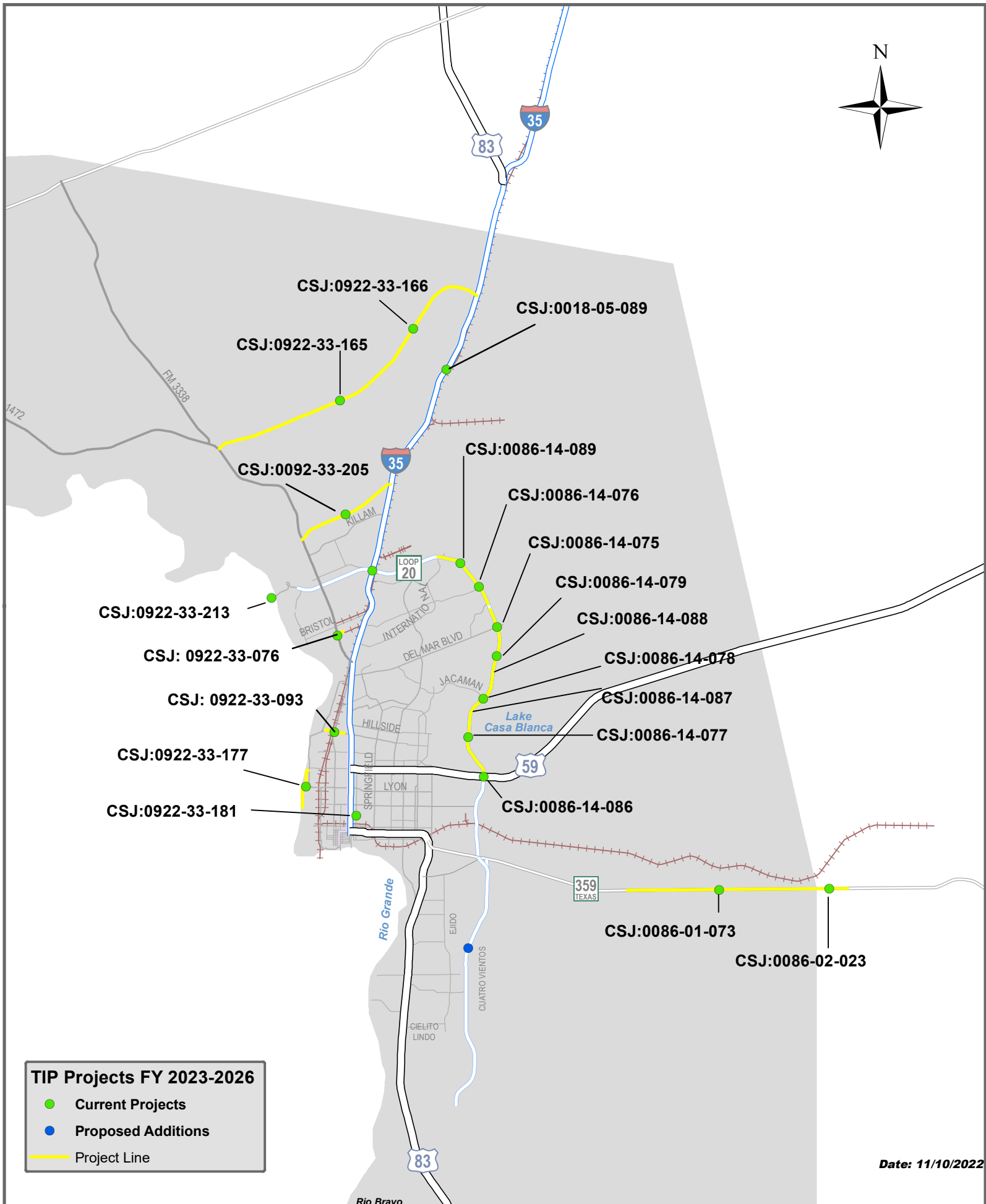
Category	Description	FY 2023		FY 2024		FY 2025		FY 2026		Total FY 2023 - 2026	
		Programmed	Authorized	Programmed	Authorized	Programmed	Authorized	Programmed	Authorized	Programmed	Authorized
1	Preventive Maintenance and Rehabilitation	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2	Urban Area (Non- TMA) Corridor Projects	\$105,450,000	\$105,450,000	\$15,047,414	\$15,047,414	\$23,209,713	\$23,209,713	\$0	\$0	\$143,707,127	\$143,707,127
3	Non-Traditionally Funded Transportation Project	\$1,741,799	\$1,741,799	\$10,750,000	\$10,750,000	\$0	\$0	\$14,780,000	\$14,780,000	\$27,271,799	\$27,271,799
4	Statewide Connectivity Corridor Projects	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$65,000,000	\$65,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$65,000,000	\$65,000,000
5	CMAQ	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
6	Structures	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
7	Metro Mobility & Rehab	\$52,213,781	\$52,213,781	\$1,250,000	\$1,250,000	\$7,030,287	\$7,030,287	\$16,500,000	\$16,500,000	\$76,994,068	\$76,994,068
8	Safety	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
9	TAP / TASA	\$696,850	\$696,850	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$696,850	\$696,850
10	Supplemental Transportation	\$18,040,424	\$18,040,424	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$18,040,424	\$18,040,424
10 CBI	Corridor Border	\$43,502,580	\$43,502,580	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$43,502,580	\$43,502,580
11	District Discretionary	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
11	Rider 11B	\$26,000,000	\$26,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$26,000,000	\$26,000,000
12	Strategic Priority	\$18,000,000	\$18,000,000	\$98,052,239	\$98,052,239	\$45,000,000	\$45,000,000	\$43,200,000	\$43,200,000	\$204,252,239	\$204,252,239
SBPE	Strategy Budget PE	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
SB 102	Strategy 102	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total		\$267,145,434	\$267,145,434	\$125,099,653	\$125,099,653	\$140,240,000	\$140,240,000	\$74,480,000	\$74,480,000	\$606,965,087	\$606,965,087

Funding Participation Source

Source	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	Total FY 23-26
Federal	\$213,777,445	\$91,479,722	\$112,192,000	\$47,760,000	\$465,209,168
State	\$42,927,744	\$22,619,931	\$28,048,000	\$8,640,000	\$102,235,675
Local Match	\$8,698,448	\$250,000	\$0	\$3,300,000	\$12,248,448
CAT 3 - Local Contributions (LC)	\$1,741,799	\$10,750,000	\$0	\$14,780,000	\$27,271,799
CAT 3 - Prop 1	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
CAT 3 - Prop 12	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
CAT 3 - Prop 14 Bonds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
CAT 3 - Texas Mobility Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
CAT 3 - TDC	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other - Strategy PE Budget	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other - Strategy 102 Budget	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	\$267,145,436	\$125,099,653	\$140,240,000	\$74,480,000	\$606,965,089

2023-2026 TIP REVISION #2

LOCATIONS OF PROJECTS



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

DATE: 11-16-22	SUBJECT: RESOLUTION Receive public testimony and initiate a 10-day public review and comment period for the following proposed revision(s) to the 2020-2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP): 1. Revision of <i>Appendix A – Short Range Projects Identified in the MTP and Listed in the TIP</i> as necessary to incorporate and reflect the proposed revisions to the 2023-2026 TIP.	
INITIATED BY: MPO Staff		STAFF SOURCE Juan S. Mendive, Interim MPO Director
PREVIOUS ACTION: On January 21, 2020, the Policy Committee adopted the 2020-2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). The Policy Committee approved Revision #1 on April, 20, 2020, Revision #2 was approved on June 15, 2020. Revision #3 was approved on February 22, 2021. Revision #4 was an administrative modification on April 19, 2021. Revision # 5 was approved on February 8, 2022. On October 19, 2022, the Policy Committee approved Revision # 6 through Resolution No. MPO 2022-09.		
BACKGROUND: Metropolitan Planning Organizations are required to develop and update the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) for their respective metropolitan area covering a planning horizon of at least 20 years. The Laredo Metropolitan Transportation Plan is an official, comprehensive, intermodal transportation plan developed and adopted for the metropolitan planning area. The 2020-2045 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 region. Projects included in the MPO’s Transportation Improvement Program shall be consistent with the approved Metropolitan Transportation Plan. On April 19, 2021, an administrative modification to the MTP added <i>Appendix A – Short Range Projects Identified in the MTP and Listed in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)</i> to facilitate the identification of projects on both the TIP and the MTP, and to ensure consistency between both documents. The proposed revision is intended to make the necessary changes to the MTP, specifically <i>Appendix A – Short Range Projects Identified in the MTP and Listed in the TIP</i> to incorporate and reflect the proposed revisions to the 2023-2026 TIP. Project CSJ 0086-16-008 intended to provide for the construction of an interchange at Lomas Del Sur Blvd. and State Loop 20 is currently listed in the MTP, but the project information such as the project description, letting date, and funding needs to be updated to reflect the proposed changes.		
TECHNICAL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Approval		STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Approval

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.
- Project CSJ 0086-16-008 intended to provide for the construction of an interchange at Lomas del Sur Blvd. and State Loop 20 is currently listed in the MTP, but project information (i.e. letting date, funding, description) needs to be updated to reflect the proposed addition to the TIP. Additionally, the project needs to be added to Appendix A of the MTP.
- Our Public Participation Plan requires a 10-day public review and comment period for amendments to the MTP.



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AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

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	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
4	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
5	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
6	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
7	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
8	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
9	0086-14-075	US 59 (Loop 20) Interchange at Del Mar	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
10	0922-33-177	River Vega Trail	Construct hike & bike trail	Anna Park	LCC Campus	City	9-TAP	\$696,850
11	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
12	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	\$16,240,424
12 Projects								Total: \$267,145,434
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
2	0086-16-008	SL 20 Interchange at Lomas Del Sur Blvd.	Construct overpass at Lomas Del Sur Blvd.	0.1 miles south of Lomas Del Sur Blvd.	0.1 miles north of Lomas Del Sur Blvd.	TxDOT	2, 7	\$30,240,000
2 Project								Total: \$140,240,000
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:

\$606,965,087

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

D. Discussion with possible action on the Hachar-Reuthinger Road project and presentation by TxDOT regarding the updated project cost estimate.

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

DATE: 11-16-2022	SUBJECT: MOTION Discussion with possible action on the allocation and programming of Category 7 funds for the preliminary engineering and ROW phase in the amount of \$1,000,000 for segments 1, 2, and 3 of the Laredo Outer Loop, and any other matters incident thereto.	
INITIATED BY: Webb County, TxDOT (Project Sponsor), MPO Staff		STAFF SOURCE: Juan S. Mendive, Interim MPO Director
PREVIOUS ACTION: Item was presented at the Policy Committee meeting of October 19, 2022 and was tabled to the following month.		
BACKGROUND: Category 7 funding addresses transportation needs within boundaries of metropolitan planning areas with population of 200,000 or greater also known as Transportation Management Areas (TMA). TxDOT distributes federal funds through Category 7 to each TMA in the state. The funding can be used on a roadway with a functional classification greater than a local road or rural minor collector. In consultation with TxDOT, the MPO selects the projects to be funded through Category 7. TxDOT is the project sponsor for the proposed Outer Loop roadway facility project. Webb County has approached TxDOT with a strategy to commit local funds for preliminary engineering and is requesting the MPO Policy Committee to program \$1,000,000 in Category 7 funds for a ROW phase. Currently, segment 1 is outside the MPO's Metropolitan Area Boundary. Any allocated Category 7 funds by the MPO Policy Committee may only be used within the existing limits of the Metropolitan Area Boundary in the proposed year that the project or phase of the project is programmed, unless otherwise authorized by TxDOT and FHWA through a formal agreement.		
COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Approval		STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Approval

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	\$7,030,287	\$8,484,234	\$8,015,766	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$76,744,068
Balance	\$4,581,072	\$7,154,760	\$1,287,579	\$0	\$142,193	\$8,157,959	\$8,157,959	\$8,157,959	\$8,157,959	\$8,157,959	\$53,955,399

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
0086-16-008	Interchange at Lomas del Sur & SL 20	\$7,030,287	FY 25
0922-33-205	Vallecillo Road	\$16,500,000	FY 26-27
MPO Total Programmed		\$76,744,068	

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MISSION STATEMENT

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

**ARTICLE I
DEFINITIONS, PURPOSE AND AUTHORITY**

Section 1.1 Definitions

- **Laredo Webb County Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (LWCAMPO)** – is the organization, formerly known as the Laredo Urban Transportation Study, designated by the Governor of the State of Texas, to serve as the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Laredo Urbanized Area. It shall be hereinafter referred to as the “MPO.”
- **Metropolitan Planning Area-** The geographic area for which the MPO is responsible and in which the metropolitan transportation planning process must be carried out pursuant to Title 23 USC Section 134 and Title 49 USC Section 5303.
- **Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)** - The forum for cooperative transportation decision-making, as designated by the Governor, and units of general-purpose local government representing 75 percent of the affected metropolitan population. The MPO is responsible for identifying local transportation needs, in cooperation with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), following a "Continuing, Comprehensive, and Cooperative" transportation planning process pursuant to 23 USC 134. The MPO is also responsible for proposing and recommending projects for all modes of urban transportation to those governmental units that are responsible for program development and project implementation.
- **Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Committee (Policy Committee)** - The policy body, established pursuant to 23 USC 134, with the responsibility for establishing overall transportation for, and taking the required approval actions as the Metropolitan Planning Organization. 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. The Policy Committee shall have decision-making authority over issues such as the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP).
- **Metropolitan Planning Organization Technical Review Committee (Technical Committee)** - 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

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of Laredo, the County of Webb, the Texas Department of Transportation and private sector representatives.

- **Metropolitan Planning Organization Active Transportation Committee** – the body of the MPO responsible for improving and promoting active modes of mobility in the MPO study area by monitoring the implementation of the Laredo Webb County Active Transportation Plan, and providing recommendations on MPO active transportation related activities.
- **Fiscal Agent for the Metropolitan Planning Organization (Fiscal Agent)** – The governmental entity or agency designated by written agreement between the MPO Policy Committee and the governmental entity or agency providing fiscal administrative services and other services (which may include personnel and staff support) to the MPO Policy Committee and the Staff of the MPO.
- **Laredo Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)** - The MTP is an official, comprehensive, intermodal transportation plan developed and adopted for the Laredo Metropolitan Area through the transportation planning process. 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 Laredo. 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. The plan shall address a continuous twenty-year planning horizon.
- **Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)** - A staged, multiyear, intermodal program, of transportation projects which is consistent with the metropolitan transportation plan and which is also financially constrained.
- **Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)** - Shall mean the program of work that includes goals, objectives and/or tasks required by each of the several agencies involved in the metropolitan transportation planning process. The UPWP shall describe metropolitan transportation and transportation-related planning activities anticipated in the area during the next one-year period and reflect transportation planning work to be funded by federal, state or local transportation or transportation-related planning funds.

Section 1.2 Purpose

The MPO is the designated organization responsible for identifying local transportation needs in cooperation with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT). The MPO is also the entity responsible for proposing and recommending projects for all modes of urban transportation to those governmental units that are responsible for program development and project implementation.

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Section 1.3 Authority

The MPO shall have the following authority pursuant to 23 CFR Part 450:

- (a) To develop and establish policies, procedures, plans and programs for the metropolitan area.
- (b) To certify such actions as may be necessary to comply with state and federal regulations.
- (c) To establish such rules of procedure and approve such actions as it deems necessary to fulfill its purposes.
- (d) To ensure those requirements of 23 USC 134 and 135 and 49 USC, Chapter 53, 5301, et seq. are carried out.
- (e) To use federal transportation planning funds, as well as in-kind matching funds as authorized by the Texas Transportation Commission, to develop and maintain a comprehensive regional transportation planning program in conformity with requirements of 23 USC 135 and 49 USC 5303.
- (f) To adopt a Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) for the metropolitan planning area that will complement the Statewide Transportation Plan required by state and federal laws, a Transportation Improvement Program and a Unified Planning Work Program and such other planning documents and reports that may be required by state or federal laws or regulations.
- (g) To establish one or more advisory committees to assist in the transportation planning process and/or assist in promoting the implementation of approved plans. The Policy Committee may create ad-hoc committees or other technical subcommittees.

ARTICLE II

MEMBERSHIP, TERMS AND ADMINISTRATION

Section 2.1 Membership and Qualifications

- (a) The MPO shall be comprised of a Policy Committee and a Technical Committee. The Policy Committee shall include the following members:

City of Laredo:

Mayor (Chairperson)

Two City Councilmembers, as appointed by the Mayor in his/her sole discretion.

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Laredo Mass Transit Board	One Laredo Mass Transit Board member as appointed by the Board's presiding officer/Mayor in his/her sole discretion.
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County of Webb:	County Judge (Vice-Chairperson) Two County Commissioners as appointed by the Webb County Judge in his/her sole discretion.
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State of Texas:	TxDOT District Engineer
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Member at Large

Member to be appointed by the Policy Committee

*** EX-OFFICIO ***

State of Texas:	State Senator(s) State Representative(s)
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- (b) Members shall serve until a replacement is qualified pursuant to section 2.1 Subsection (e).
- (c) The Mayor of the City of Laredo shall appoint the two City Councilmembers that represent the City of Laredo.
- (d) Laredo Mass Transit Board's presiding officer/Mayor shall appoint one member to represent the Laredo Mass Transit Board.
- (e) The County Judge of the County of Webb shall appoint the two County Commissioners that represent the County of Webb.
- (f) Appointments to the Policy Committee shall be for a period of two years. A member may be reappointed with no limitation to number of terms, except that such term will not continue in the event an officer becomes ineligible for membership on the Policy Committee.

Section 2.2 Meetings, Quorum and Voting

- (a) The Policy Committee shall meet at least twice per year or as often as necessary to fulfill its purposes.
- (b) Quorum shall consist of four (4) members of the voting membership.
- (c) The use of proxies by the voting members of the Policy Committee is prohibited.
- (d) The official actions of the Policy Committee shall be by affirmative action of the majority of the voting membership present and voting at public meetings. All meetings are to be held as

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open meetings as defined in Chapter 551, Texas Government Code (Texas Open Meetings Act), and the Transportation Planning Director of the MPO shall insure that the written notice of the meeting is posted at City of Laredo City Hall and Webb County Commissioners Court Building at least 72 hours prior to the meeting. Additionally, the notice may be posted at TxDOT Laredo District Office, and on the City of Laredo and Webb County website. The Transportation Planning Director shall insure that at least two copies of the agenda and such supporting documentation as is available to the Policy Committee are made available for public inspection in the MPO offices at the same time they are made available to the Policy Committee members.

- (e) All official actions of the Policy Committee shall be duly recorded in the minutes of the meeting.
- (f) The Mayor of the City of Laredo shall serve as Chairperson of the Policy Committee. The responsibilities of the Chairperson shall include, but are not limited to the following:
 - 1. Preside at all meeting of the Policy Committee.
 - 2. Authenticate, by signature, all resolutions adopted by the Policy Committee.
 - 3. Serve as chief policy advocate for the Policy Committee.
 - 4. Represent the committee at hearings, conferences, and other events as required or designate another member of the Committee or the Chairperson of the Technical Committee to represent the Chairperson.
- (g) The County Judge of the County of Webb shall serve as Vice Chairperson of the Policy Committee. During the absence of the Chairperson, the Vice Chairperson shall preside over meetings and shall exercise all the duties of the Chairperson.
- (h) In the absence of the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson from a Policy Committee meeting at which a quorum is present, the remaining members present shall elect a presiding officer who shall serve until the conclusion of that meeting or until the arrival of the Chairperson or Vice Chairperson.

Section 2.3 Administration

- (a) The MPO shall be led by a full-time MPO Transportation Planning Director. The responsibilities of the Director shall include, but are not limited to the following:
 - 1. All staff support for the Policy Committee, oversight and coordination of MPO administration and transportation planning activities, grant administration, maintaining records and providing notice of meetings as required by the Public Participation Process.
 - 2. Shall act as Chairperson of the Technical Committee with responsibility for drafting findings and recommendations of the Technical Committee for review by the Policy Committee.

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3. Shall be responsible for all plans and reports prepared by and for the review and consideration of the Policy Committee and for submitting the recommended policies, procedures and programs of the Technical Committee to the Policy Committee.
4. Supervise the MPO staff.
5. Serve as a liaison to the Texas Department of Transportation's planning program through the department's district office and the department's Transportation Planning and Programming Division's representative.
6. In cooperation with the Texas Department of Transportation, collect, maintain, forecast, and report to the department appropriate socioeconomic, roadway, and travel data.
7. Prepare and submit all required plans, reports, programs, data, and certifications.
8. Develop and present to the MPO Policy Committee a Metropolitan Transportation Plan for the metropolitan planning area, a Transportation Improvement Program and a Unified Planning Work Program and such other planning documents and reports that may be required by state or federal laws or regulations.

(b) The Technical Committee shall include the following:

1. City Representatives:
Laredo City Planner
The General Manager of the City Transit System
Laredo Director of Traffic Safety
Laredo Airport Manager
Laredo City Engineer
Laredo Bridge Director
2. County and Regional Representatives:
Webb County Planning Director
South Texas Development Council Regional Planning Director
The General Manager of the Rural Transit System
Webb County Engineer
3. State Representatives:
TxDOT Planning Representative (Vice-Chairperson)
TxDOT Planning Representative
TxDOT Area Engineer
TxDOT TPP Field Representative

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4. Federal representatives:
FHWA Planning Representative (Austin)
 5. Private Sector Representatives:
A representative of the Kansas City Southern Railroad Company
A representative of the Union Pacific Railroad Company
A representative of the Laredo Transportation Association
A Transportation Provider Representative who shall also serve on the Laredo Transportation & Traffic Safety Advisory Committee
 6. School system representatives
A representative of the Laredo Independent School District
A representative of the United Independent School District
A representative of Texas A&M International University
A representative of Laredo Community College
- (c) Each voting member of the Technical Committee may have a designated alternate member to serve on the committee in the member's absence. Appointed alternate members will have the voting rights and privileges of members when serving in the absence of the Technical Committee member.

The responsibilities of the Technical Committee include technical review of work programs, policy recommendations and transportation planning activities.

(d) The Active Transportation Committee (ATC)

1. The responsibilities of the Active Transportation Committee shall include the following:
 - a. Monitor the implementation of the Laredo and Webb County Active Transportation Plan.
 - b. Recommend active transportation related planning studies to be conducted.
 - c. Provide recommendations to the MPO Policy Committee regarding active transportation planning activities.
 - d. Advise the MPO Policy Committee on active transportation related technical and policy issues.
 - e. Explore and recommend funding options and opportunities for active transportation related projects.
 - f. Promote community outreach efforts such as bicycle and pedestrian safety campaigns and educational programs.
2. Membership
 - a. The Active Transportation Committee shall be composed of a broad group of representatives from the regional community.

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- b. Members shall be selected by MPO staff.
- c. The MPO Director shall select the Active Transportation Committee Chair.

Section 2.4 Ethic Policy for MPO Policy Members and Employees

(a) A policy board member or employee of a metropolitan planning organization may not:

- (1) accept or solicit any gift, favor, or service that might reasonably tend to influence the member or employee in the discharge of official duties or that the member or employee knows or should know is being offered with the intent to influence the member's or employee's official conduct; or,
- (2) accept other employment or engage in a business or professional activity that the member or employee might reasonably expect would require or induce the member or employee to disclose confidential information acquired by reason of the official position; or,
- (3) accept other employment or compensation that could reasonably be expected to impair the member's or employee's independence of judgment in the performance of the member's or employee's official duties; or,
- (4) make personal investments that could reasonably be expected to create a substantial conflict between the member's or employee's private interest and the public interest; or,
- (5) intentionally or knowingly solicit, accept, or agree to accept any benefit for having exercised the member's or employee's official powers or performed the member's or employee's official duties in favor of another.

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**ARTICLE III
AMENDMENTS**

Section 3.1 Bylaw Revisions

The Bylaws may be revised or amended by approval of the Policy Committee at a meeting at which a quorum, as defined herein, is present.

PASSED AND APPROVED, on this the 15th day of Sept., 2021.


Honorables ~~Pete Saenz~~
Mayor of Laredo and Chairperson of the
LWCAMPO Transportation Planning Committee

We certify that the LWCAMPO By-laws were revised at a public meeting of the Policy Committee of the Laredo Webb County Area Metropolitan Planning Organization.


Juan S. Mendive
Interim MPO Director


David M. Salazar
TxDOT District Engineer

V. REPORTS AND PRESENTATION(S)

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



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Director's Report November 16, 2022

1. Policy Committee membership update:

We would like to welcome Mr. Epigmenio “Epi” Gonzalez, P.E., TxDOT Laredo District Engineer, to the MPO Policy Committee. As per Article II, Section 2.1 of the MPO bylaws, the Laredo District Engineer is one of nine members on the Policy Committee.

We would also like to thank Mr. David M. Salazar, Jr., P.E. and Mr. Humberto “Tito” Gonzalez, Jr., P.E. for their leadership, dedication, and contribution to our community while serving on the MPO Policy Committee. We wish them the best in their new roles with TxDOT.

As of November 9, 2022, the Policy Committee Member At-Large position is now vacant. As per Article II, Section 2.1 of the bylaws, the Member At-Large is appointed by the Policy Committee.

2. The MPO Transportation Alternatives (TA) Set-Aside Call for Projects will close on the November 18, 2022. The next steps will include MPO staff's review of received applications for completion and eligibility.

3. Upcoming regularly scheduled meetings:

- Active Transportation Committee – November 30, 2022
- Technical Committee – December 13, 2022
- Policy Committee – December 21, 2022