



## MPO TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING

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Meeting Date & Time: February 07, 2023 2:30 p.m.

Meeting Location: Planning Dept/MPO Office-1413 Houston St., Laredo, Texas 78040

### AGENDA:

1. Chairperson to call meeting to order.
2. Discussion and recommendation on the selection and funding of projects submitted through the MPO Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program (TA) 2022 Call for Projects.
3. Update on the upcoming MPO Policy Committee meeting draft agenda.
4. Discussion of old or new business.
5. Adjournment.



# **LAREDO & WEBB COUNTY**

## **AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

**2022 Call For Projects  
Transportation Alternatives (TA)  
Set-Aside Program**

**Selection and Funding of  
projects submitted**



# FUNDING AND MATCH REQUIREMENTS

- TA Set-Aside is not a grant.  
Funds are provided on a cost reimbursement basis; 20% local match requirement (cash)
- TA Set-Aside funds are available for obligation for 3 years.
- Potential Funding Availability:  
**\$2,443,500**  
(based on \$714,000 annual allocation for 2022-2024 and \$300,000 carryover from previous years)
- Funding Target:  
**\$1,000,000** as the maximum funding award per project.



# PROGRAM CALL FOR PROJECTS

## SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

Events	Target Dates
Present final draft guidelines to Active Transportation Committee	July 27, 2022 ✓
Present final draft guidelines to Technical Committee	August 9, 2022 ✓
Present final draft guidelines to Policy Committee and authorize Call for Projects	September 21, 2022 ✓
Hold 2 workshops for potential applicants (One in person, one virtual)	October 2022 ✓
Application deadline	November 18, 2022 ✓
Review applications	January 2023 ✓
Final selection by Policy Committee	February 2023





# 2022 Transportation Alternatives (TA) Set-Aside Program Project Application



## Project Title:

El Metro ADA Bus Stops and Bicycle Plazas Enhancement

## Submitting Agency:

City of Laredo and Laredo Transit Management Inc.



## **2022 TA Set-Aside Program Application**

LWCAMPO TA Set-Aside Program is intended to support non-traditional transportation projects that expand transportation choices. Please keep in mind the intensity of the TxDOT administrative process (i.e., Advanced Funding Agreements, Local Government Project Procedures (LGPP) Qualification) when deciding on the funding request amount. The maximum program award is **\$1 Million**. Please see TA Set-Aside Guidelines for details.

- Project applications must be received by: **Friday, November 18, 2022 (4:00 PM CST)**
- Project applications must consist of two (2) original hard copies (including attachments) and one (1) digital (i.e. scanned) copy of all files on a USB drive.
- A complete application must be mailed or hand-delivered during regular business hours to:

**Transportation Alternative (TA) Set-Aside Program - 2022 Call for Projects**

Laredo & Webb County Area MPO

Attn: Graciela S. Briones

1413 Houston St.

Laredo, Texas 78040

- Incomplete applications or those not submitted by the deadline will not be accepted.
- A postmark by the established deadline does not constitute an on-time application. In addition, supplemental information, other than administrative clarifications, will not be accepted after the application deadline.
- Project applicants/sponsors are encouraged to submit their applications far enough in advance of the submission deadline to allow LWCAMPO staff to review proposals for completeness.
- Right-of-way (ROW) acquisition is not eligible for TA Set-Aside fund reimbursement. Therefore, ROW acquisition is for informational purposes only.
- The information in this application is public record. Therefore, applicants should not include information regarded as confidential.
- For questions regarding the application, scoring criteria, or project call timeline, please contact: Ms. Graciela Briones at [gbriones@ci.laredo.tx.us](mailto:gbriones@ci.laredo.tx.us)

# 2022 TA Set-Aside Program Timeline



SEP

NOV

JAN

OCT

DEC





## Evaluation Category & Scoring Criteria

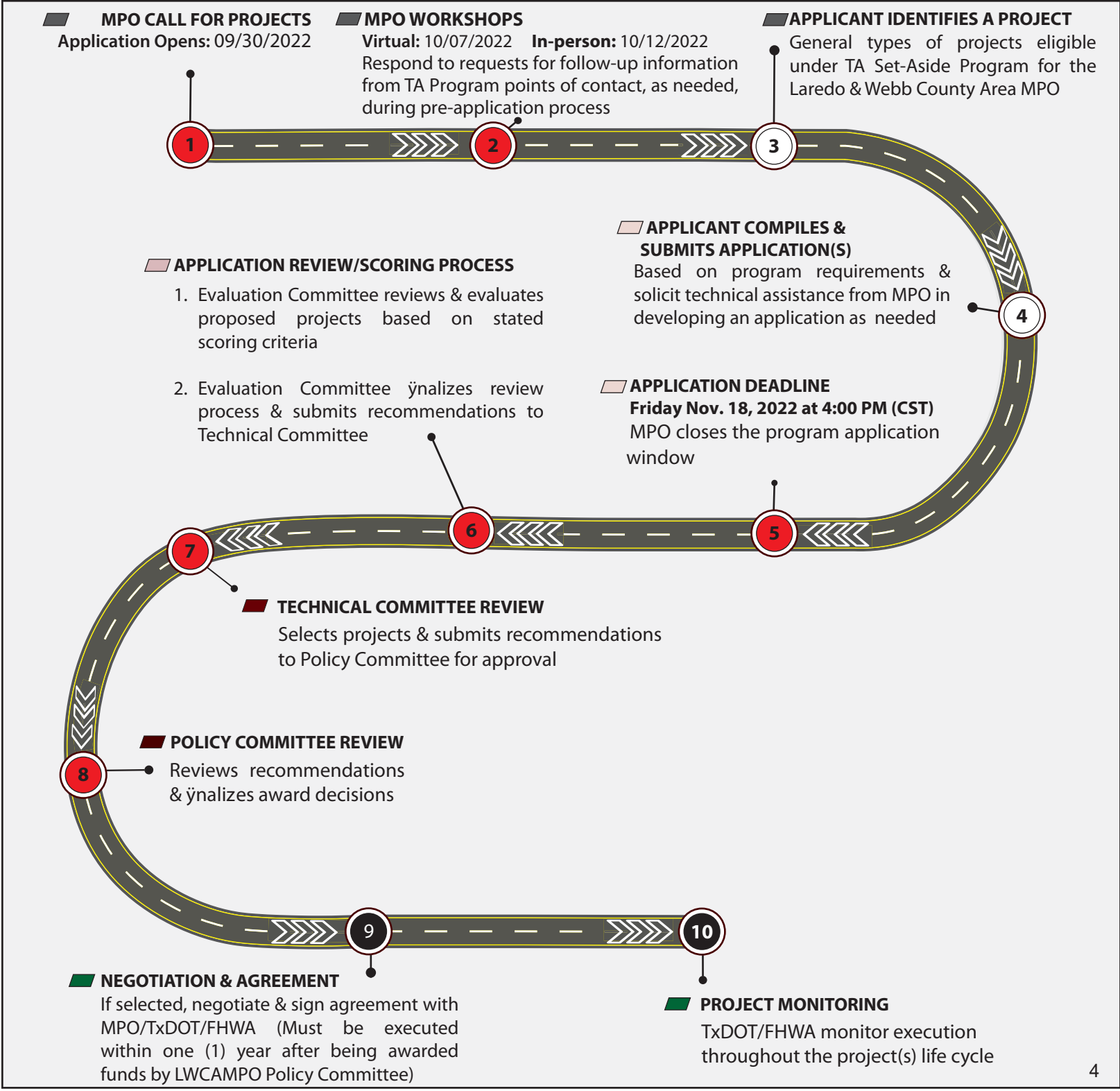
All project applications submitted for this Call for Projects will be based on evaluation criteria, scoring points, and other factors as approved by the Laredo & Webb County Area MPO Policy Committee and listed on the following table.

EVALUATION CATEGORY	SCORING (POINTS)	DESCRIPTION	FACTORS
Enhancing Network Connectivity	20	Improves connections between neighborhoods, and community facilities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Network connectivity (gap closures, extension of facilities).</li> <li>• Facilities providing access to major destinations or bus stops, trails, sidewalks, on-street bicycle facilities.</li> <li>• Connects to existing facility on active transportation network.</li> </ul>
Implementing an Existing Plan	15	Improves ability to use walking and bicycling facilities for everyday activities including travel to work, school, and shopping. Proposed project or facility list is recommended in the LWCAMPO Active Transportation Plan or Metropolitan Transportation Plan.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Implements a planned facility in any local On-Street Bicycle Facility Plan, Pedestrian Facility Plan, SRTS Plan, or the related community Master Plan adopted by the City or County Government Body (i.e. Viva Laredo Comprehensive Plan, Active Transportation Plan, Metropolitan Transportation Plan)</li> </ul>
Improving Safety	15	Provides safer and less intimidating facilities for pedestrians, bicyclists, and other non-drivers.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improving safety in areas with high numbers of crashes.</li> <li>• Improving crossings, signalization, traffic calming.</li> <li>• Provides separate facilities for various transportation modes.</li> </ul>
Project Readiness	15	Project readiness/ability to initiate construction.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Associated with TxDOT proposed "off-system" roadways.</li> <li>• Status of stakeholder/community feedback and support.</li> <li>• Status of engineering/design. Community partnership/support.</li> </ul>
Promoting Health	10	Improves access to physical fitness/wellness facilities, (e.g. bike/hike trails, medical plaza(s)/hospitals and/or clinics) Improves knowledge of facility locations (e.g. wayfinding signs).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Promotes healthy activities.</li> <li>• Provides access to health facilities.</li> </ul>
Reducing Barriers	10	Improves access and/or provides safe crossings for pedestrians, bicyclists, and other non-drivers at an existing obstacle to travel.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provides a grade-separated crossing under or over a barrier (e.g. water body, major roadways, railroads).</li> </ul>
Creating Economic Development Opportunities	5	Provides access to major destinations, job centers, and large number of residents or employees.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proximity to employment districts, schools, households, and other special generators.</li> <li>• Provides direct connections to transit (shared use paths, sidewalks, and on street bikeways).</li> <li>• Provides access to job centers. Investment provides increased benefit to the community and the region through revitalization, redevelopment, and job creation.</li> </ul>
Providing Environmental Benefits	5	Helps reduce congestion and improves air quality.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Congestion and air quality benefits.</li> <li>• Benefits and impacts to the environment.</li> </ul>
Serving Disadvantaged (Environmental Justice) Areas	5	Provides access in underserved communities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improves access for areas with greater percentages of minorities and low-income households compared to the planning area average.</li> </ul>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100</b>		

# TA Set-Aside Program Application Road Map

Use the numbered steps below to navigate general applicant activities during the TA Set-Aside Program funding request process. TxDOT/FHWA activities are also included for reference.

## Application Road Map Key



## Section A – Applicant Information

### 1. Applicant Agency

City of Laredo and Laredo Transit Management Inc.

### 2. Type of Organization/Agency/Authority

Regional Transportation Authority or Transit Agency

### 3. Project Point of Contact (Lead) Information

Contact Person: Robert J. Garza

Title: Transit Director

Mailing Address: 1301 Farragut St.

City: Laredo

Zip Code: 78041

Daytime Telephone: 956-795-2288 ext. 234

Email: rjgarza@ci.laredo.tx.us

Website (optional):

### 4. Project Sponsor/Supporting (partnership) Entity Name (if applicable)

Not Applicable

**Not Applicable** (check if there is no project sponsor/supporting entity)

### 5. Type of Project Sponsor/Supporting (partnership) Entity (See [Eligible Entities](#) for guidance)

Not Applicable

### 6. Project Sponsor/Supporting Entity Contact Information

Provide the project sponsor's/supporting entity's name & contact information for the representative of the supporting entity.

Not Applicable

Contact Person: Not Applicable

Title: Not Applicable

Mailing Address: Not Applicable

City: Not Applicable

Zip Code: Not Applicable

Daytime Telephone: Not Applicable

Email: Not Applicable

Website (optional): Not Applicable



## Section B – Project Information

### 1. Project Name

El Metro ADA Bus Stops and Bicycle Plazas Enhancement Project

### 2. Eligible Project Activity (Select project activity category from TA Set-Aside Guidelines)

Transportation Alternatives

### 3. Construction Plan(s) Status (Select the Current Status of the Project's Construction plan)

Complete    Underway N/A % Complete    Not Started    Not Applicable

### 4. If submitting multiple applications, please select the project priority (chose "Not Applicable" if not submitting multiple applications):

Not Applicable (not submitting multiple applications)

### 5. Project Location: Provide specific project location (From & To). If applicable, provide project length (feet/miles) or area (acres) in parts a-e. If project involves a **single location**, please attach legible diagrams, design plans, photographs, etc., as appropriate (Label as **Project Location Information-Attachment A**). If multiple project locations are involved, please skip to question #6.

a. Project location in relation to roadways: (select from drop down list below)

Select an Option

b. From/Beginning Point: N/A

c. To/End Point: N/A

d. Project length in feet/miles or area in acres: N/A

e. Intersection(s): N/A

### 6. Multiple Project Locations: Select *Yes* or *Not Applicable* (N/A)

Yes    Not Applicable

If project involves **multiple locations**, please provide the limits, i.e. length (feet/miles) or area (acres), for the project's major segment in parts a-e. Additionally, please create & attach a complete list of all improvement locations (using the format on this [link](#)), as well as attach any legible diagrams, design plans, photographs, etc., as appropriate (Label as **Multiple Project Location Information-Attachment A**).

a. Project location in relation to roadways: (select from drop down list below)

Select an Option

b. From/Beginning Point: City Wide

c. To/End Point:

d. Project length in feet/miles or area in acres:

e. Intersection(s):

**7. Provide a Google map link for Project Location or Multiple Project Locations:** (Please click on the following [link](#) for guidance). **Note:** Location maps should highlight or show other existing and planned linkages to employment centers, schools, transit facilities, or other major destinations.

**GIS Files** (Check here if GIS Shapefiles are available for the project location/area (Label as **GIS Shapefiles-Attachment B**).

**8. Project Description:** Provide a brief description of the proposed project, which includes the project location, limits, facility type, and width. Special construction items, such as bicycle/pedestrian bridges, or elements that would affect automobile traffic patterns (e.g. new signals, new medians, road diets, traffic calming, etc.) should be included. If the project description does not fit in the provided text box, then please shorten. **Only the portion of the project description that is visible in the provided text box when the application is printed will be considered during evaluation of the project.** (click on the following [link](#) for guidance)

The Laredo Transit Management Inc. (El Metro) is seeking TA Set Aside grant funding in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 for the El Metro ADA Bus Stops and Bicycle Plazas Enhancement Project with a local match of \$250,000.00 for a grand total of \$1,250,000.00. This project will be for the improvement of accessibility and security for ten (10) bus stop locations and up to five (5) additional existing bus stops throughout the City of Laredo. These improvements include but not limited to construct ADA curb cuts and boarding platforms, bus shelter, security lighting, landscaping, ADA sidewalks, benches, bicycle repair stations, Real-time signage, trash receptacles, bus pad, bus pull-in pull-out, dedicated bike lane and bike paths. In addition, this project will be required to contract a consultant for the Engineering and Design including environmental for all bus stop locations. Investing in the safety, security and accessibility of neighborhood access to transit service supports Transit's opportunity to market and promote use of public transportation and complements walking and biking as the most environmentally conscience mode of transportation. Often the decision to use public transportation is determined by access, convenience and the perceived security at the bus stop; this is especially true for persons with disabilities or conditions that may limit physical capacity. The Laredo Transit has leveraged grant awards and with local funding to enhance bus stop accessibility and develop improvements in the community we serve; however, the lack of additional funding increases inequality for those living in poverty to access to jobs, goods healthcare, schooling and services.

The Laredo Transit Management Inc. (LTMI), also known as El Metro, is the sole provider of public transit service in Laredo, Texas operating fixed route and para-transit operations under the current management contract with Hendrickson Transportation Group (HTG) from Waco, Texas.

**9. Project Support:** Attach or include any Letters of Support for the proposed project (Label as **Letter of Support-Attachment C**)

Will Attach Letter of Support (LOS)

## Section C – Project Costs & Project Budget Summary

**1. Project Itemized Budget :** Please provide a detailed budget for the project in the sample form (found on the next page). Applicants may submit their budget summary in their preferred format.

Check here if a preferred format of the Itemized Project Budget Workbook will be included with this application. Label the preferred format as **Project Itemized Budget-Attachment D** & fill items a-c.

- a. Total Project Cost: 1,250,000.00
- b. TA Set-Aside Funding Request: 1,000,000.00
- c. Local Match Amount: 250,000.00

### 2. Project Cost & Local Match

List all construction costs to be incurred by the applicant/sponsoring entity for a complete itemized cost estimate. For construction projects, all project development costs (i.e. Preliminary Engineering (PE), including planning, design & cost overruns are the implementing agency's responsibility). The applicant/sponsor is/are responsible for all costs over & above approved funding. Please do not list in-kind donations. Additionally, please budget for TxDOT administrative fee for review. Applicant/sponsors will be responsible for Direct State Costs for PE & Construction. All projects will require environmental document/checklist to be done by the applicant/sponsor, this should be included in the project schedule.

Note: The **minimum local match percentage is 20%**. If awarded TA Set-Aside funds, all **cost overruns will be the responsibility of the applicant/sponsor.**

- a. Does the Local Match exceed 20% of the Total Project Cost?
  - Yes
  - No
- b. If Yes, what is the Total Project Cost Percentage?
  - 21-25%     26-30%     31-35%     36-40%
  - Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_ %
- c. Does the project leverage other funding sources (i.e. grants or community investment/partnerships)?
  - No

If you answered "yes" or "pending decision", to letter "c", please submit a brief explanation



### 3. Project Budget Summary

Check here if a preferred format of the Project Budget Summary will be included with this application (Label as *Project Budget Summary–Attachment E*)

Budget Summary			
Total Itemized Construction Cost Estimate (topic 2.a, from p. 9)	1.		\$1,086,956.00
Total Additional Construction–Related Cost (topic 2.b, from p. 9)	2.		\$0.0
Total Eligible Project Cost (line 1 + line 2)	3.		\$1,086,956.00
Estimated TxDOT Administrative Fee <sup>1</sup> (15% of line 3)	4.		\$163,043.40
Total Project Cost (line 3 + line 4)	5.		\$1,250,000.00
Local Match <sup>2</sup>	20	%	Of line 5 \$250,000.00
TA Set-Aside Funding Requested	80	%	Of line 5 \$1,000,000.00

<sup>1</sup> **Administrative Fee:** TxDOT may impose an *administrative fee of approx. 15% of the project cost*. The fee is an eligible expense covered with awarded funds but for which applicants must account when calculating the availability of funds for construction.

<sup>2</sup> The Laredo & Webb County Area MPO Policy Committee has established a *minimum local match requirement of 20 percent* with *projects eligible for reimbursement of up to 80 percent of allowable costs*. *The local match must be cash* except that in certain limited circumstances in-kind contributions non-cash donations may be considered but only after consultation with FHWA and TxDOT. *Project Sponsor may increase the local match by adjusting the percentage (%) of Local Match Contribution accordingly.*

Cost Participation Summary			
Total Project Cost Estimate			\$1,250,000.00
Total Local Match Participation	20	%	\$250,000.00
Total TA Set-Aside Funding Participation	80	%	\$1,000,000.00

## Section D – Project Criteria

**Project Criteria:** Explain how the project addresses each of the following criteria (100 points available). Please refer to [Evaluation Category and Scoring Criteria](#) for further details. **Note:** *Only the portions that are visible in the provided text areas, when the application is printed, will be considered during evaluation of the project.*

### I. Enhancing Network Connectivity

- Does this project extend the existing alternative transportation system (i.e. trail network connectivity) , or improve access (i.e. Complete Streets)/connects to other facilities on the active transportation network or transit infrastructure **by eliminating gaps** (e.g. fill in missing sidewalks, crosswalks, & shortcut connections)?

Select an Option

- If yes, briefly describe how this project addresses the aforementioned factors.

2. Does this project improve access to public buildings (e.g. public libraries, city hall) **by connecting them** to active transportation and/or transit network (i.e. link major public destinations to existing bus stops, trails, sidewalks, on-street bicycle facilities)?

Yes  
a. If yes, briefly describe how this project addresses the aforementioned factors

This project will improve access to city public buildings which the Public Transportation city wide services includes major bus stops in the current service area. All riders will benefit the bus stops improvements throughout the city that are needed for safety, on-street bike connectivity, improve access to and from stops, construction of ADA sidewalks and curb cuts removing accessibility barriers to city public buildings.

**II. Implementing an Existing Plan**

1. Is this project included in a Plan adopted by a Governing Body (e.g. City Council, Commissioners Court, Agency Board) such as but not limited to a Thoroughfare Plan, Trails Plan, Bicycle Master Plan, Corridor Plan. **(Choose an option)**

- Yes, the project is included in a Plan adopted by a Governing Body. (i.e. list name of Plan(s) & identify relevant section(s) on "a")
- No, the project is not included in a Plan adopted by a Governing Body.

**a. Name & Approval Date of Adopted Plan(s)**

- i. Title of Adopted Plan: Project is not included in an adopted plan  
Relevant section(s):  
Approval Date:
- ii. Title of Adopted Plan: Project is not included in an adopted plan  
Relevant section(s):  
Approval Date:
- iii. Title of Adopted Plan: Project is not included in an adopted plan  
Relevant section(s):  
Approval Date:

b. If the project is not included in an adopted Plan, briefly explain how the project achieves the broader transportation priorities in the Laredo-Webb County Transportation Management Area (TMA) by: **Demonstrating how the proposed project will improve the ability to use walking & bicycling facilities for everyday activities including travel to work, Safe Routes to School Plan (SRTS), & shopping as recommended in the LWCAMPO Active Transportation Plan (ATC) or Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP).**

This project will have bike amenities in the bus stops such as bike repairs that will help bicyclist if needed.

### III. Improving Safety

1. Are there documented safety issues for pedestrians, bicyclists, & other non-drivers in the project area?

Yes

a. Select all of the applicable safety hazards located within the project limits & state the proposed countermeasure(s) addressing the identified hazard. In an attachment provide any additional information (e.g. Maps, images, crash records/statistics, etc.) about proposed countermeasures (Label as **Improving Safety Countermeasures-Attachment F**).

**Safety Hazards**

**Proposed Countermeasures**

High roadway speed (45mph or greater)

Hazardous intersection/conflict point

Uncontrolled intersection/crossing

Lack of bike/ped infrastructure                      Install bike repair stations in the proposed bus stops

High motor vehicle traffic volume

On-street parking

Wide roadway crossing (4 or more lanes)

Lack of lighting    Bus stop shelters will have solar lighting

Other:

2. Does the project implement safety countermeasures recommended in a related community Master Plan, e.g. City of Laredo Viva Laredo Comprehensive Plan, LWCAMPO Active Transportation Plan (ATC) or Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)?

Select an Option

a. If not addressed in a related community Master Plan, briefly explain how the proposed project will improve **safety**.

The EI Metro 2016 Five-Year Transit Development Plan (TDP) identified the need to enhance the bus stop and shelter program inventory and improve safety, including adding new bus bays, sidewalk connectivity gaps, and other roadway conditions impacting safe bus and pedestrian movement are recommended. As per the study, it was recommended for a Planning level estimated costs for a planning study to inventory safe conditions of the bus stop system and would support EI Metro efforts to inventory and identify needed bus stop improvements over time. In addition to a bike-way network/pathways, bicycle and pedestrian circulation, access, and safety should be enhanced, especially along corridors, downtown, employment centers within densely-developed areas, at transit stations, and near schools, libraries, and parks. If awarded, the City of Laredo will be able to achieve and be in-line with the Laredo Comprehensive Plan and become an integral, safe, and reliable mode.

3. Does this project improve safety in areas with a high number of crashes near a trail segment , crossings or any facilities for pedestrians, bicyclist, & other non-drivers?

Select an Option

- a. If yes, please provide the crash records/statistics, i.e. **CRIS data**, for the project area & a brief description of the proposed safety countermeasures.

N/A

4. Does this project improve the visibility of vulnerable road users (i.e. pedestrians, bicyclists, & other non-drivers)?

Select an Option

- a. If yes, how does the proposed project improve visibility of vulnerable road user to vehicular traffic?

N/A

5. Does this project implement **safety countermeasures** that will improve crossings for pedestrians, bicyclists, & other non-drivers such as mid-block or intersection crossings, (e.g. pavement demarcation/markings, media crossing islands), signalization (e.g. FHWA approved bicycle signals, rectangular rapid flash beacons, pedestrian hybrid beacon, crosswalk buttons, or other enhanced crossing treatments), or traffic calming measures (e.g. speed humps, speed cushions, speed tables, radar signs, Gateway Treatments, Pinch-points ?

Yes

- a. If yes, briefly describe the safety countermeasures to be constructed as part of this project.

The project will improve crossings for bus riders and pedestrians, bicyclists and non-riders by constructing ADA bus pads and sidewalks including dedicated bike paths in the bus stops. The proposed bus stop locations will also include security lighting for safety when boarding the bus or walking to the bus stop.



6. Does this project provide separate facilities for various transportation modes (e.g. separated bike lanes, raised crosswalks)?

Select an Option

a. If yes, briefly describe the **safety countermeasures** to be constructed as part of this project

N/A

**IV. Project Readiness**

1. Is the project associated with a proposed TxDOT "off-system" roadway or a TxDOT roadway that is proposed to be taken "off-system"? (*select the option that applies*)

- The project is associated with a TxDOT "off-system" project
- The project is associated with a TxDOT roadway that is proposed to be taken "off-system"
- Not Applicable

2. Does the proposed project require Right-of-Way (ROW) acquisition? **Note:** ROW Acquisition *is not eligible* for TA Set-Aside fund reimbursement. *ROW acquisition is for informational purposes only.* (**Select the option that applies**)

- Yes, the ROW Acquisition/Access Agreement was obtained on \_\_\_\_\_ (Provide a copy of the ROW acquisition/access agreement & label as **ROW-Acquisition-or-Access Agreement-Attachment G**)
- No. Please describe how & when the ROW Acquisition/Access Agreement will be acquired. Include a letter of commitment from the property owner & label as **ROW-Acquisition-or-Access Agreement-Property Owner Commitment Letter-Attachment G**)

N/A

a. Projects proposing to build facilities for pedestrians and bicycles along or through railroad right-of-way must include *documented* evidence from the railroad granting a right of entry or an executed encroachment agreement. Has the railroad granted a right of entry or an executed encroachment agreement? (**Select the option that applies**)

Yes, the agreement was executed on \_\_\_\_\_ (Provide a copy of the ROW acquisition/agreement & label as **Railroad Right of Entry Letter-or-Agreement-Attachment H**)

No. Please describe how & when the agreement will be executed.

**Note:** The application must include a commitment letter by the railroad that a right of entry or an executed encroachment agreement is under development & will be granted. Applications that check this response and do not include a commitment letter from the railroad will be deemed incomplete. (Label as **Railroad Right of Entry-or-Encroachment Commitment Letter-Attachment H**).

N/A

3. Has the proposed project completed environmental (NEPA) clearance requirements? Provide any supporting environmental clearance documentation & label as **Environmental Clearance Supporting Documentation-Attachment I**.

No

Start date or estimated start date: 04/01/2023

Date completed or estimated completion date: 12/30/2023

Additional comments:

Estimated the consultant will complete the NEPA clearance requirements (if required). The consultant will submit the required documentation to TxDOT.

4. What is the status of the proposed project's Plans, Specifications & Estimates (PS&E)?

Eng/Design Activity has not begun

Start date or estimated start date: 04/01/2023

Date completed or estimated completion date: 12/30/2023

Additional comments:

Estimated start and completion date for the Plans, Specifications and Estimates to be completed.

5. Does the project anticipate any utility work or identified need for coordination (i.e. to Identify needs, facilitate utility agreements, coordinate utility relocation, etc.)

Yes, a need for utility coordination has been identified.

Start date or estimated start date:

Date completed or estimated completion date:

No, there are no anticipated utility concerns.

Pending, utility concerns have not yet been identified.

a. Additional comments:

Pending from the outcome of the Environmental and PS&E.

6. Will TA Set-Aside Program funding allow the project to be completed?

Yes

No, additional funding will be required to complete the overall project vision

7. Does the project leverage other funding sources (i.e. grants or community investments/partnerships)?

Yes

No

Not Applicable

Other (e.g. anticipating a decision on a grant application)

a. Additional comments:

Any cost over-runs the City of Laredo will be using transit sales tax for the difference.

8. Has the applicant and/or project sponsor, coordinated or had any discussions with TXDOT regarding the proposed project?

No

a. If yes, what comments/feedback were received from TxDOT regarding the proposed project? (Include any supporting documentation (e.g. emails, resolutions, etc.) & label as **Supporting Documentation-TxDOT Comments-or-Feedback-Attachment J**)

9. Has the applicant and/or project sponsor, coordinated or hosted public involvement events, regarding the proposed project?

No

Additional Comments:

a. If yes, what type of comments/feedback (i.e. survey/poll/questionnaire responses), were received from the public regarding the proposed project? (Include any supporting documentation, e.g. emails, resolutions, etc., & label as **Public Involvement Comments-or-Feedback-Attachment K**)

10. What is the anticipated Project Ready-to-Let Date: 06/01/2023

a. Additional Comments:

**V. Promoting Health**

1. Does this project improve or provide access to physical fitness/wellness facilities (e.g. bike/hike trails, medical plaza(s)/hospitals and/or clinics)

Yes

a. If yes, select the fitness/wellness facilities, surrounding the project area, that are likely to attract bicycling or walking trips as a result of improved or newly provided access measures. (**Select all applicable options**)

- Park
- Bike/hike trail
- Community Recreational Center
- Fresh foods (grocery stores, farmers market)
- Health facility (medical center, sports field)
- Gym
- Other (specify)

b. If applicable, select the design enhancements (e.g. curb extensions, road diet/lane reduction, delineators) that are likely to attract bicycling or walking trips as a result of improved or newly provided access measures. (**Select all applicable options**)

- Curb extensions, road diets/lane reduction, delineators, bollards
- Provide bicycle parking or rest areas
- Trailheads, staging areas, and/or parking
- Pedestrian amenities/streetscape (e.g. lighting)
- Not Applicable
- Other (specify)

2. Does this project promote active living or healthy activities (e.g. biking, hiking, walking, jogging) by improving knowledge of facility locations, (e.g. way signs)?

Yes

a. If yes, briefly describe the implementation measures that will be incorporated to successfully complete the project

- \* Riders will need to walk to the nearest bus stop to take the bus(s)
- \* Better walk paths for walkers and joggers
- \* ADA accessible paths

## VI. Reducing Barriers

1. Does the project provide or improve safe crossing of an existing obstacle to travel (e.g. major roadways, railroads, and bodies of water) with a low stress/high level of comfort facility suitable for pedestrians, bicyclists, & other non-drivers of all ages and abilities?

No

a. If yes, briefly describe the existing barrier and how the project will provide safe crossing of that obstacle to travel by pedestrians, bicyclists, and other non-drivers of all ages & abilities. Such project design must be consistent with relevant design guidelines and/or resources including AASHTO, NACTO, ITE, FHWA, & TxDOT.

2. Does the project provide or improve ADA Infrastructure (e.g. ramps, Braille paving, accessible pedestrian signal, etc.)?

Yes

a. If yes, briefly describe the improvements provided to ADA infrastructure (e.g. ramps, braille paving, accessible pedestrian signal, etc.)

If any proposed bus stop shelter location that requires ADA ramps or sidewalks will be constructed to meet ADA requirements.

**VII. Creating Economic Development Opportunities**

1. Does the project provide or improve bicycle & pedestrian access to major destinations, immediately surrounding the project area, that are likely to attract bicycling or walking trips ? (*Select all applicable options*)

- Major employer(s)
- Employment districts/centers
- Central Business District
- Commercial Center
- High density residential
- Restaurants/Entertainment
- Extends or develops other non-motirized route for tourism
- Schools, University, Community College
- Provides direct connection to transit (shared use path & other major destinations)
- Not Applicable
- Other (specify)

\* All apply.

2. Briefly describe how investment in this project will provide an increased benefit to the community & the region through revitalization, redevelopment, and/or job creation.

## VIII. Providing Environmental Benefits

1. Does this project help reduce congestion & improve air quality?

No

- a. If yes, briefly describe the implementation measures the project will incorporate to reduce congestion, improve air quality, and/or other impacts to the environment

No, however, it does encourage the use of public transportation and use of bicycling.

## IX. Serving Disadvantaged (Environmental Justice) Areas

1. Does this project improve mobility for disadvantaged populations (elderly, disabled, and/or youth, people without private vehicles, low-income communities)?

Yes

- a. If applicable, how does the proposed project improve mobility for disadvantaged populations?

The proposed project will improve mobility for the disadvantaged populations by constructing ADA sidewalks and bus shelters.

2. Does this project improve access to areas within or adjacent to 50% of households below poverty rate, as defined by Census?

Yes

- a. If yes, how does this project improve access to areas within or adjacent to 50% of households below poverty rate

The project is city-wide and will improve access to areas within or adjacent to 50% of the households.



## Section E – Project Commitment


By submitting an application, the applicant confirms each of the following items, otherwise the application will be deemed incomplete:

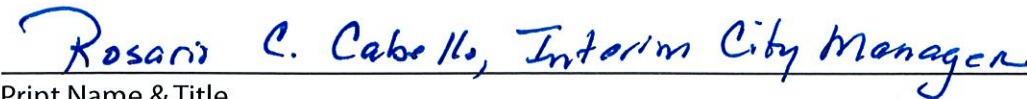
**The applicant confirms understanding of the following requirements by checking the boxes & signing below.**

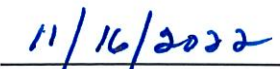
**[Required]**

- The applicant entity commits that the reported project timeline is realistic, and
- The applicant commits that if this project is selected for funding, an agreement with TxDOT will be executed within one year of project selection, and
- The applicant commits that if this project is selected for funding the project will advance to construction within three years from selection, and
- The applicant commits that if this project is selected for funding the project will be implemented as approved by the LWCAMPO Policy Committee and as included in the project agreement with TxDOT, and
- The applicant acknowledges the Transportation Alternatives (TA) Set-Aside Program is not a grant and the funds are provided on a cost reimbursement basis. The applicant acknowledges they are solely responsible for any project cost overruns and future maintenance and operations of the facility.

*The Application form must be signed by a representative of the local entity that has signature authority.*

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name & Title

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



## Section F – Project Submittal & Attachment Checklist

Check all that apply & are included in the Application package (both hard copy & USB drive). Please attach all applicable documents & information otherwise, the application will be deemed incomplete. *Label each attachment as instructed in the application. For questions related to this application contact Ms. Graciela Briones at [gbriones@ci.laredo.tx.us](mailto:gbriones@ci.laredo.tx.us)*

- Two (2)** of signed original hard copies (including attachments) **[Required]**
- One (1)** signed digital (i.e. scanned) copy of the application (including attachments) on a USB drive. **[Required]**









*Attachment Checklist:* attach all pertaining documents, i.e. legible location maps, diagrams, design plans, & photographs, as appropriate (*select the attachment option that pertains to your application*)

- Attachment A-Project Location Information -or- Multiple Project Location Information**
- Attachment B-GIS Shapefiles**
- Attachment C-Letter of Support**
- Attachment D-Project Itemized Budget**
- Attachment E-Project Budget Summary**
- Attachment F-Improving-Safety Countermeasures**
- Attachment G-ROW-Acquisition-or-Access Agreement -or- Property Owner Commitment Letter Attachment**
- Attachment H-Railroad Right of Entry Letter-Agreement -or- Right of Entry-Encroachment Commitment Letter**
- Attachment I-Environmental Clearance Supporting Documentation**
- Attachment J-Supporting Documentation-TxDOT Comments-or-Feedback**
- Attachment K-Public Involvement Comments-or-Feedback**

**Print Form**









**Clear Form**

## Transit Bus Stop Enhancement Program to Incorporate & Enhance Bike & Ride Plazas

Item #	Route #	IB / OB	Location	Current Picture	Three Sides w/h Open Front & 5' Center Partition To Separate Bike & Passenger Waiting Area	Shelter Size (L x W)	Pad (L x W)	Map/Schedule Holders	Waste Receptacle	Bench	Solar Light	Bike Racks	Repair Station	Total Cost
1	8B,11,13	IB	Clark & Loop 20			18' x 6'	20' x 10'	Map/Schedule Holder (Qty:1)	Waste Receptacle 32 Gal. (Qty:1)	Wall Mount Aluminum Bench (Qty:3)	Solar Light (Qty:2)	Bike Rack (Qty:1)	N/A	
				\$15,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$2,500.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,600.00	\$4,400.00	\$650.00	\$0.00	\$30,150.00		
2	14, 20	IB	Frees & Zapata HWY			14' x 6'	Add to existing: 5' x 8'	N/A	Waste Receptacle 32 Gal. (Qty:1)	Wall Mount Aluminum Bench (Qty:1)	Solar Light (Qty:2)	N/A	N/A	
				\$14,000.00	\$3,500.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$4,400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$22,900.00		
3	12A	IB	Calle Del Norte & Springfield			18' x 5'	N/A	N/A	Waste Receptacle 10 Gal. (Qty:1)	Wall Mount Aluminum Bench (Qty:1)	Solar Light (Qty:2)	N/A	N/A	
				\$14,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$950.00	\$800.00	\$4,400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$20,650.00		
4	12A,16	OB	E.Del Mar & Lindenwood			14' x 6'	Add to existing: 5' x 8'9"	N/A	Waste Receptacle 32 Gal. (Qty:1)	Wall Mount Aluminum Bench (Qty:1)	Solar Light (Qty:2)	N/A	N/A	
				\$14,000.00	\$4,500.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00							\$0.00











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5	11,13	IB	Clark & N. Ejido			14' x 6'	Add to existing: 2' x 2'	N/A	Waste Receptacle 10 Gal. (Qty:1)	Wall Mount Aluminum Bench (Qty:1)	Solar Light (Qty:2)	N/A	N/A	
				\$14,000.00	\$900.00	\$0.00	\$950.00	\$800.00	\$4,400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$21,050.00		
6	1, 2A, 2B, 15	OB	4801 San Dario H-E-B			18' x 6'	Pour New: 20' x 9' Boarding Pad: 20' x 5'	Map/ Schedule Holder (Qty:1)	Waste Receptacle 32 Gal. (Qty:1)	Wall Mount Aluminum Bench (Qty:2)	Solar Light (Qty:2)	Bike Rack (Qty:1)	Repair Station (Qty:1)	
				\$15,000.00	\$4,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$1,000.00	\$800.00	\$4,400.00	\$650.00	\$0.00	\$28,850.00		
7	1,2A,2B,15,17	IB	5610 San Bernardo Walmart			18' x 6'	Pour: 20' x 8'	Map/ Schedule Holder (Qty:1)	Waste Receptacle 32 Gal. (Qty:1)	Wall Mount Aluminum Bench (Qty:3)	Solar Light (Qty:2)	Bike Rack (Qty:1)	Repair Station (Qty:1)	
				\$15,000.00	\$4,100.00	\$2,500.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,600.00	\$4,400.00	\$650.00	\$0.00	\$29,250.00		
8	1,2A,2B	IB	Tesoro & San Bernardo			14' x 6'	Pour: 16' x 8' Boarding Pad: 16' x 3'	N/A	Waste Receptacle 32 Gal. (Qty:1)	Wall Mount Aluminum Bench (Qty:1)	Solar Light (Qty:2)	N/A	N/A	
				\$14,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$800.00	\$4,400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$24,200.00		









## Transit Bus Stop Enhancement Program to Incorporate & Enhance Bike & Ride Plazas

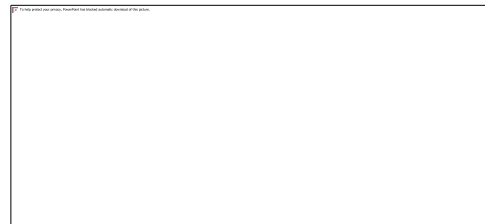
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9	1,15	IB	Santa Maria & Chicago			18' x 6'	Add to existing: 24' x 5'	N/A	Waste Receptacle 32 Gal. (Qty:1)	Wall Mount Aluminum Bench (Qty:1)	Solar Light (Qty:2)	N/A	N/A	
				\$15,000.00	\$3,250.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$4,400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$23,650.00		
10	14,20	OB	Zapata & Vicente			12' x 6'	Add to existing: 4' x 8'	N/A	Waste Receptacle 10 Gal. (Qty:1)	Wall Mount Aluminum Bench (Qty:1)	Solar Light (Qty:2)	N/A	N/A	
				\$13,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$950.00	\$800.00	\$4,400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$22,150.00		
11	3,5	IB	4600 McPherson			18' x 6'	Add to existing: 4' x 9'	N/A	Waste Receptacle 32 Gal. (Qty:1)	Wall Mount Aluminum Bench (Qty:1)	Solar Light (Qty:2)	N/A	N/A	
				\$15,000.00	\$3,100.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$4,400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$23,500.00		
12	19	OB	Jaime Zapata Memorial Hwy. @ LMC (4151 JZMH)			18' x 6'	Add to existing: 4' 1/2" x 7' on each side	N/A	Waste Receptacle 32 Gal. (Qty:1)	Wall Mount Aluminum Bench (Qty:1)	Solar Light (Qty:2)	N/A	N/A	
				\$15,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$4,400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$23,400.00		



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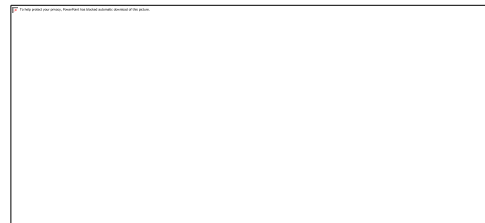
Item #	Route #	IB / OB	Location	Current Picture	Three Sides w/h Open Front & 5' Center Partition To Separate Bike & Passenger Waiting Area	Shelter Size (L x W)	Pad (L x W)	Map/ Schedule Holders	Waste Receptacle	Bench	Solar Light	Bike Racks	Repair Station	Total Cost
13	12B	IB	Shiloh & Woodridge			18' x 6'	Pour: 19' x 7'	N/A	Waste Receptacle 32 Gal. (Qty:1)	Wall Mount Aluminum Bench (Qty:1)	Solar Light (Qty:2)	N/A	N/A	
				\$15,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$4,400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$23,400.00		
14	3	IB/OB	San Francisco & Bruni			14' x 5'	Add to existing: 6' x 2'	N/A	Waste Receptacle 10 Gal. (Qty:1)	Wall Mount Aluminum Bench (Qty:1)	Solar Light (Qty:2)	N/A	N/A	
					Needs ADA Ramp	\$13,500.00	\$4,000.00							\$0.00
15	3	IB	San Francisco & Park			14' x 6'	Add to existing: 2' x 7'	N/A	Waste Receptacle 32 Gal. (Qty:1)	Wall Mount Aluminum Bench (Qty:1)	Solar Light (Qty:2)	N/A	N/A	
					Needs ADA Ramp	\$14,000.00	\$5,000.00							\$0.00
Transit Bus Stop Enhancement Program to Incorporate & Enhance Bike & Ride Plazas						\$216,000.00	\$50,850.00	\$7,500.00	\$14,800.00	\$8,000.00	\$66,000.00	\$1,950.00	\$0.00	\$365,100.00

# El Metro Transit Bus Stop Enhancement Program



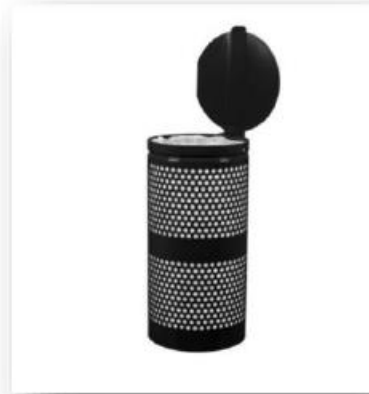
Laredo Transit Mgmt. Inc., is seeking to utilize grant funding if awarded for the improvement of ten (10) existing bus stop locations and up to fifteen (15).

- Modern amenities, with solar lighting, and bike repair stations.
- Modifications needed for existing bus stop locations to meet ADA requirements.
- Improve Bike paths and bike rack parking.



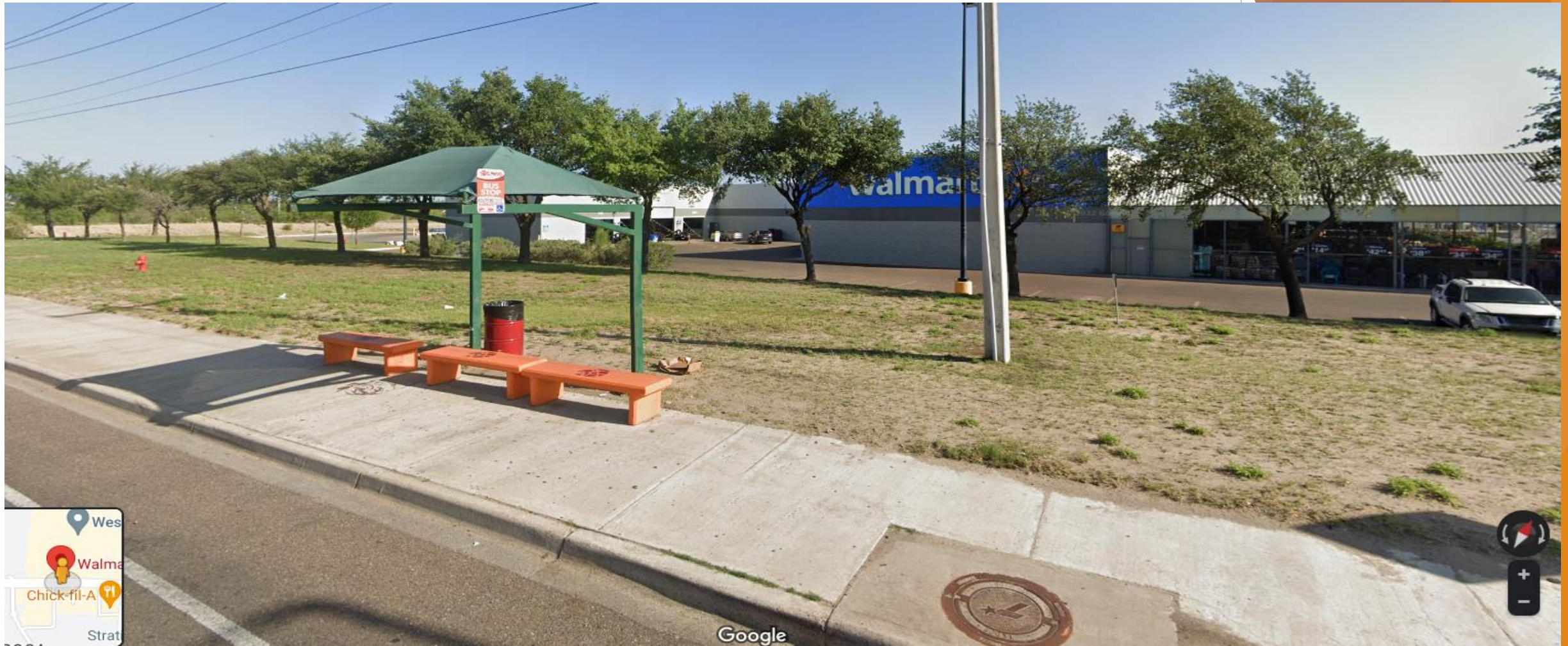


# Amenities that will be brought in to Laredo





# Transit Bus Stop Enhancement Program



Clark Blvd. & Bob Bullock Loop (Loop 20)





# Transit Bus Stop Enhancement Program



Frees St. & S. Zapata Hwy.





# Transit Bus Stop Enhancement Program



Calle Del Norte & Springfield Ave.





# Transit Bus Stop Enhancement Program



E. Del Mar Blvd. & N. Lindenwood Dr.





# Transit Bus Stop Enhancement Program



Clark Blvd. & N. Ejido Ave.





# Transit Bus Stop Enhancement Program



4801 San Dario Ave. (H-E-B)





# Transit Bus Stop Enhancement Program



5610 San Bernardo Ave. (Walmart)





# Transit Bus Stop Enhancement Program



San Bernardo Ave. & Tesoro Ln.





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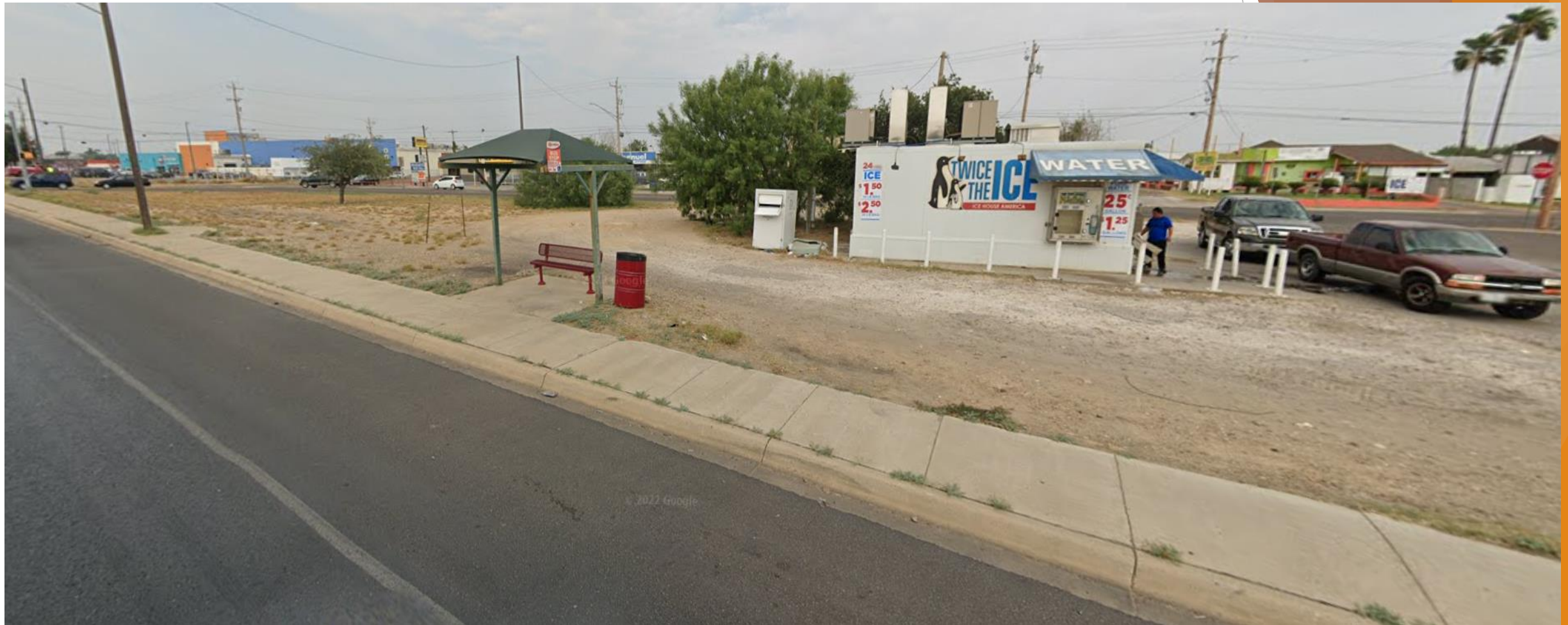


Santa Maria Ave. & Chicago St.





# Transit Bus Stop Enhancement Program



Zapata Hwy. & Vicente St.





# Transit Bus Stop Enhancement Program



4600 McPherson Rd.





# Transit Bus Stop Enhancement Program



4151 Jaime Zapata Memorial Hwy.





# Transit Bus Stop Enhancement Program



Shiloh Dr. & Woodridge Dr.





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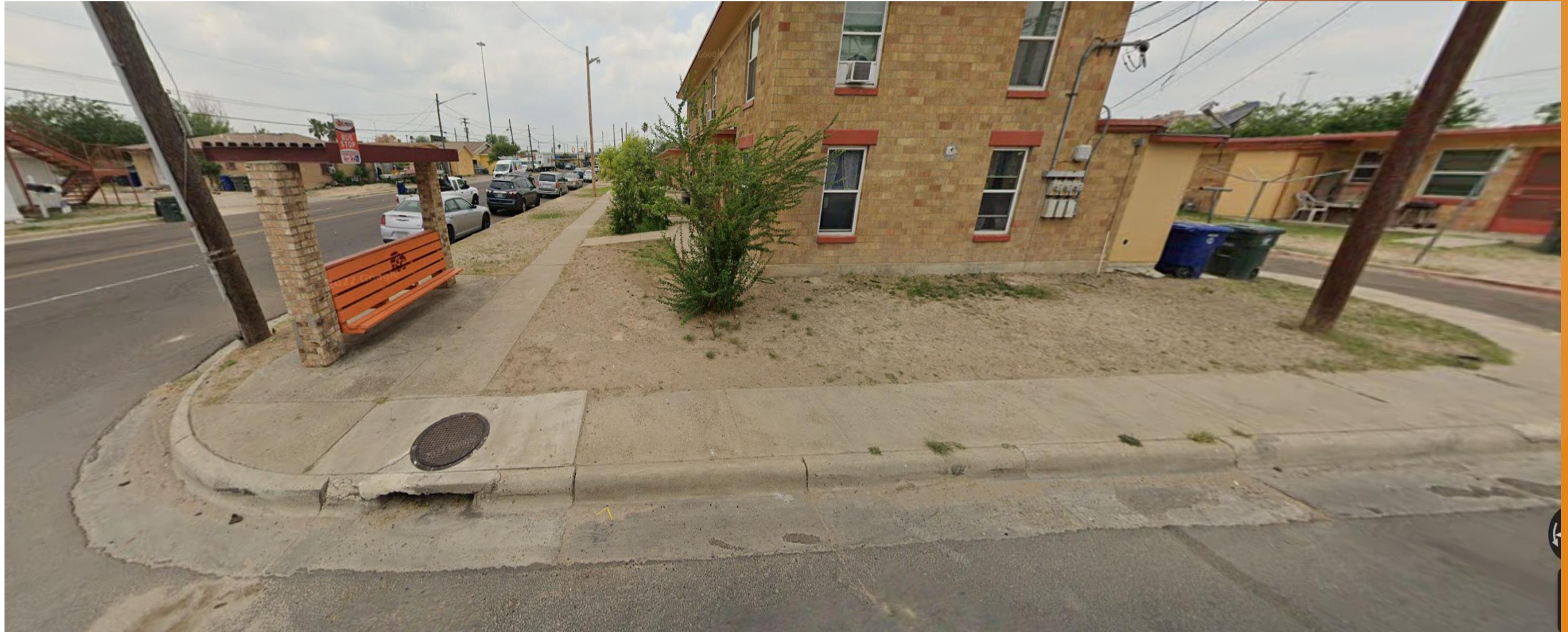


San Francisco Ave. & Bruni Ct.





# Transit Bus Stop Enhancement Program

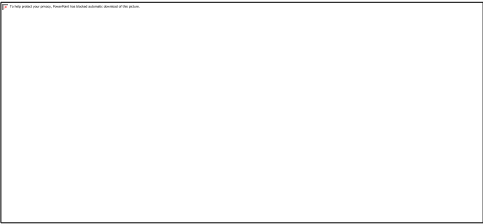


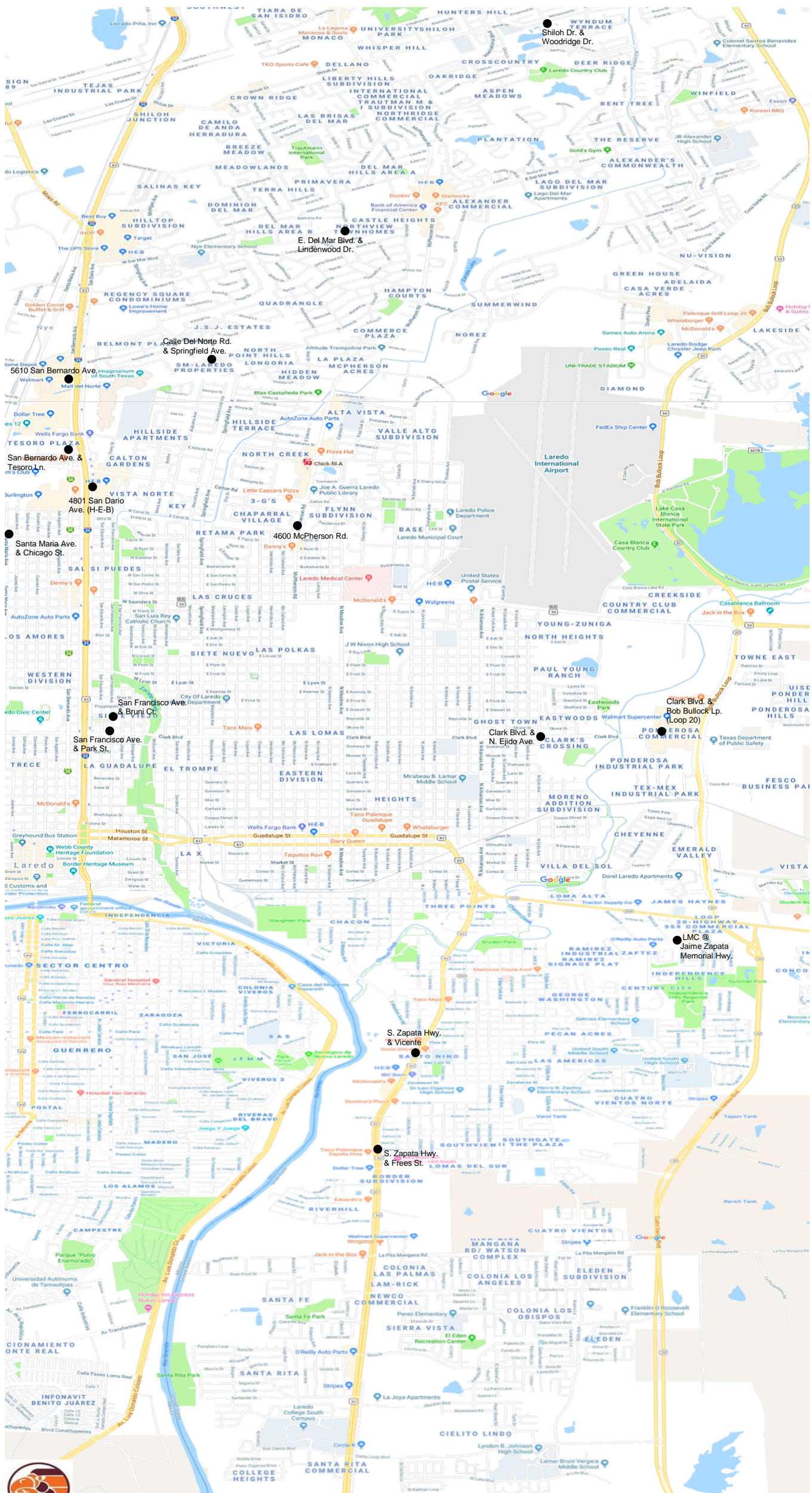
Clark Blvd. & Bob Bullock Loop (Loop 20)





# Transit Bus Stop Enhancement Program





El Metro Transit Bus Stop Enhancement Project Map  
15 Bus Stop Locations







November 15, 2022

The Laredo Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)  
P.O. Box 579  
Laredo, TX 78042

**Re: City of Laredo – El Metro Transit 2022 Transportation Alternatives (TA) Set-Aside Program Application**

Dear MPO Members:

I am writing this letter in support of a Transportation Alternatives (TA) Set-Aside Program grant application by the Laredo Transit Management Inc. (El Metro) and the City of Laredo for \$1,000,000 to support the design and construction of the El Metro ADA Bus Stops and Bicycle Plazas Enhancement Project.

The El Metro ADA Bus Stops and Bicycle Plazas Enhancement Project will help improve and enhance existing El Metro bus stops with shelters, amenities, lighting, real-time information displays, ADA pads and curb cuts, sidewalks, bike repair bike stations, and landscaping. The project will consist of ten (10) up to fifteen (15) bus stop locations in the City of Laredo transit's routes system.

The proposed project will bring tremendous benefits to the citizens of the City of Laredo, the population it serves, and the greater Laredo region through the project's ability to sustain efficient transportation options; increase mobility and accessibility and create both temporary and permanent job opportunities.

I would appreciate greatly your favorable consideration of the City of Laredo's application for the Transportation Alternatives (TA) Set-Aside 2022 Program.

Sincerely,

Robert J. Garza  
Transit Director

1301 Farragut, 3rd Floor  
Laredo, TX 78040  
Phone: 956.795.2280  
Fax: 956.795.2250

[elmetrotransit.com](http://elmetrotransit.com)





# 2022 Transportation Alternatives (TA) Set-Aside Program Project Application



**Project Title:**

**Submitting Agency:**



**2022 TA Set-Aside Program Application**

LWCAMPO TA Set-Aside Program is intended to support non-traditional transportation projects that expand transportation choices. Please keep in mind the intensity of the TxDOT administrative process (i.e., Advanced Funding Agreements, Local Government Project Procedures (LGPP) Qualification) when deciding on the funding request amount. The maximum program award is **\$1 Million**. Please see TA Set-Aside Guidelines for details.

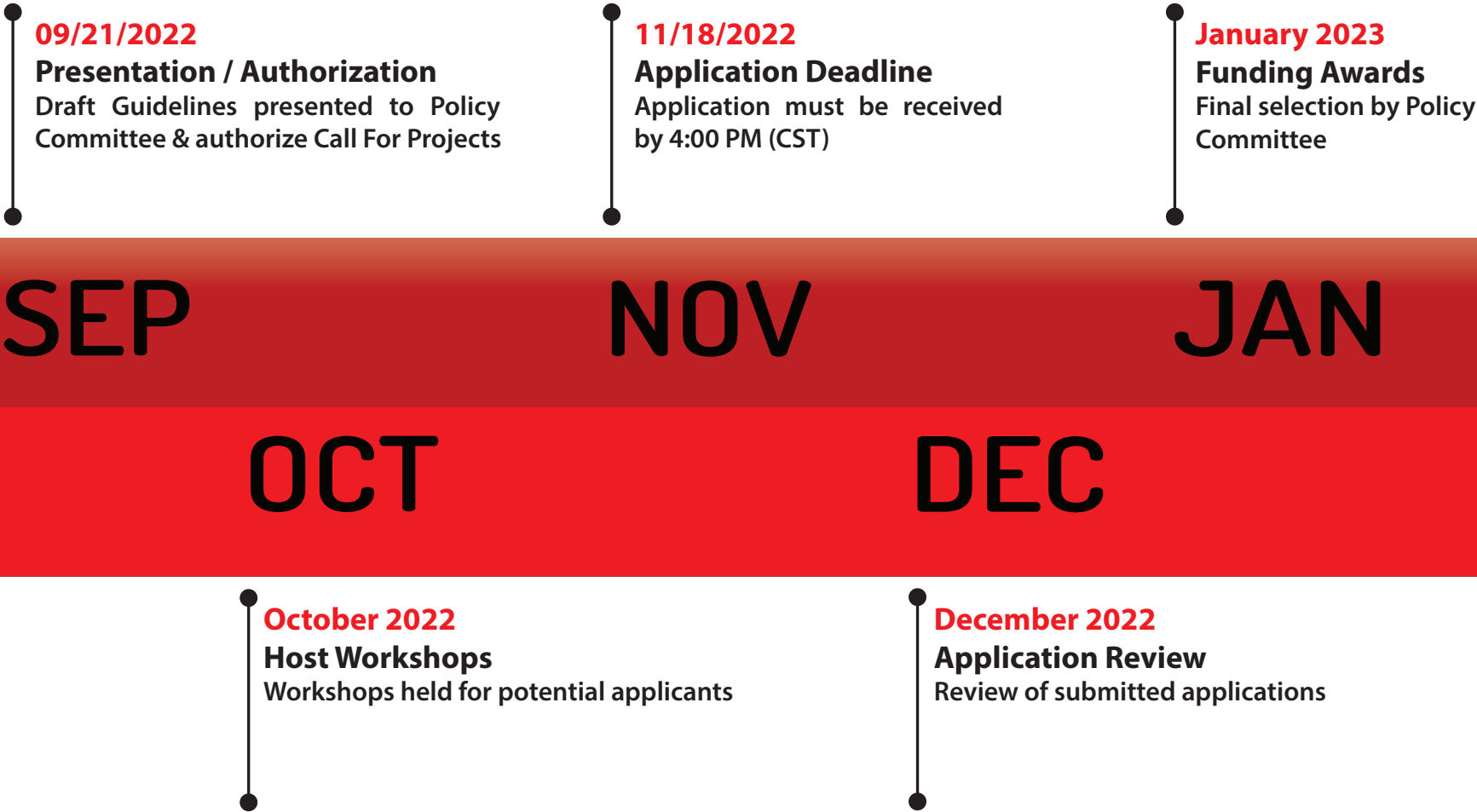
- Project applications must be received by: **Friday, November 18, 2022 (4:00 PM CST)**
- Project applications must consist of two (2) original hard copies (including attachments) and one (1) digital (i.e. scanned) copy of all files on a USB drive.
- A complete application must be mailed or hand-delivered during regular business hours to:

<b>Transportation Alternative (TA) Set-Aside Program - 2022 Call for Projects</b>
Laredo & Webb County Area MPO
Attn: Graciela S. Briones
1413 Houston St.
Laredo, Texas 78040

- Incomplete applications or those not submitted by the deadline will not be accepted.
- A postmark by the established deadline does not constitute an on-time application. In addition, supplemental information, other than administrative clarifications, will not be accepted after the application deadline.
- Project applicants/sponsors are encouraged to submit their applications far enough in advance of the submission deadline to allow LWCAMPO staff to review proposals for completeness.
- Right-of-way (ROW) acquisition is not eligible for TA Set-Aside fund reimbursement. Therefore, ROW acquisition is for informational purposes only.
- The information in this application is public record. Therefore, applicants should not include information regarded as confidential.
- For questions regarding the application, scoring criteria, or project call timeline, please contact: Ms. Graciela Briones at [gbriones@ci.laredo.tx.us](mailto:gbriones@ci.laredo.tx.us)



# 2022 TA Set-Aside Program Timeline



## Evaluation Category & Scoring Criteria

All project applications submitted for this Call for Projects will be based on evaluation criteria, scoring points, and other factors as approved by the Laredo & Webb County Area MPO Policy Committee and listed on the following table.

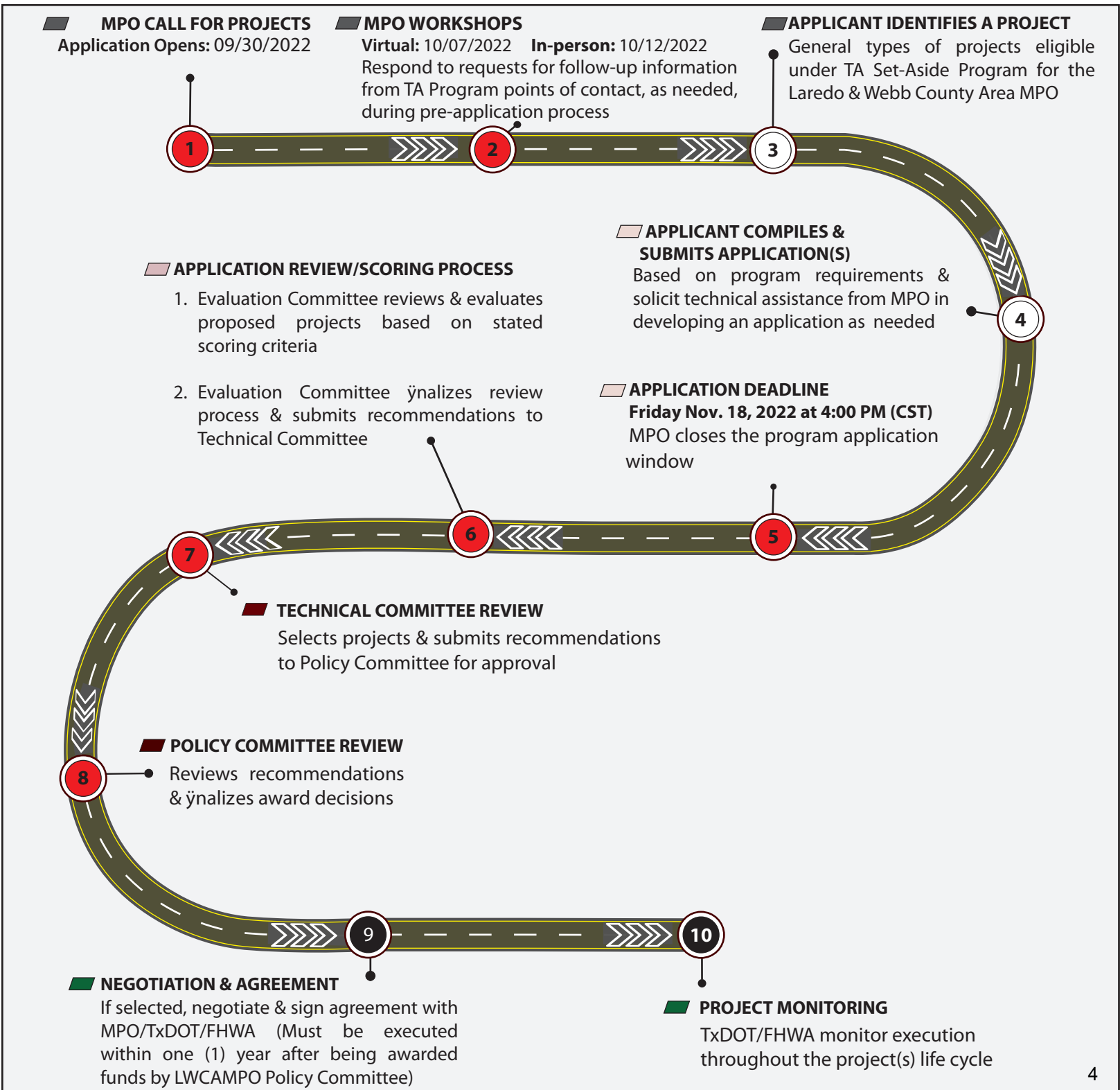
EVALUATION CATEGORY	SCORING (POINTS)	DESCRIPTION	FACTORS
Enhancing Network Connectivity	20	Improves connections between neighborhoods, and community facilities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Network connectivity (gap closures, extension of facilities).</li> <li>• Facilities providing access to major destinations or bus stops, trails, sidewalks, on-street bicycle facilities.</li> <li>• Connects to existing facility on active transportation network.</li> </ul>
Implementing an Existing Plan	15	Improves ability to use walking and bicycling facilities for everyday activities including travel to work, school, and shopping. Proposed project or facility list is recommended in the LWCAMPO Active Transportation Plan or Metropolitan Transportation Plan.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Implements a planned facility in any local On-Street Bicycle Facility Plan, Pedestrian Facility Plan, SRTS Plan, or the related community Master Plan adopted by the City or County Government Body (i.e. Viva Laredo Comprehensive Plan, Active Transportation Plan, Metropolitan Transportation Plan)</li> </ul>
Improving Safety	15	Provides safer and less intimidating facilities for pedestrians, bicyclists, and other non-drivers.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improving safety in areas with high numbers of crashes.</li> <li>• Improving crossings, signalization, traffic calming.</li> <li>• Provides separate facilities for various transportation modes.</li> </ul>
Project Readiness	15	Project readiness/ability to initiate construction.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Associated with TxDOT proposed "off-system" roadways.</li> <li>• Status of stakeholder/community feedback and support.</li> <li>• Status of engineering/design. Community partnership/support.</li> </ul>
Promoting Health	10	Improves access to physical fitness/wellness facilities, (e.g. bike/hike trails, medical plaza(s)/hospitals and/or clinics) Improves knowledge of facility locations (e.g. wayfinding signs).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Promotes healthy activities.</li> <li>• Provides access to health facilities.</li> </ul>
Reducing Barriers	10	Improves access and/or provides safe crossings for pedestrians, bicyclists, and other non-drivers at an existing obstacle to travel.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provides a grade-separated crossing under or over a barrier (e.g. water body, major roadways, railroads).</li> </ul>
Creating Economic Development Opportunities	5	Provides access to major destinations, job centers, and large number of residents or employees.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proximity to employment districts, schools, households, and other special generators.</li> <li>• Provides direct connections to transit (shared use paths, sidewalks, and on street bikeways).</li> <li>• Provides access to job centers. Investment provides increased benefit to the community and the region through revitalization, redevelopment, and job creation.</li> </ul>
Providing Environmental Benefits	5	Helps reduce congestion and improves air quality.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Congestion and air quality benefits.</li> <li>• Benefits and impacts to the environment.</li> </ul>
Serving Disadvantaged (Environmental Justice) Areas	5	Provides access in underserved communities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improves access for areas with greater percentages of minorities and low-income households compared to the planning area average.</li> </ul>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100</b>		



# TA Set-Aside Program Application Road Map

Use the numbered steps below to navigate general applicant activities during the TA Set-Aside Program funding request process. TxDOT/FHWA activities are also included for reference.

## Application Road Map Key



## Section A – Applicant Information

### 1. Applicant Agency

### 2. Type of Organization/Agency/Authority

### 3. Project Point of Contact (Lead) Information

Contact Person:

Title:

Mailing Address:

City:

Zip Code:

Daytime Telephone:

Email:

Website (optional):

### 4. Project Sponsor/Supporting (partnership) Entity Name (if applicable)

**Not Applicable** (check if there is no project sponsor/supporting entity)

### 5. Type of Project Sponsor/Supporting (partnership) Entity (See [Eligible Entities](#) for guidance)

### 6. Project Sponsor/Supporting Entity Contact Information

Provide the project sponsor's/supporting entity's name & contact information for the representative of the supporting entity.

Contact Person:

Title:

Mailing Address:

City:

Zip Code:

Daytime Telephone:

Email:

Website (optional):



## Section B – Project Information

### 1. Project Name

### 2. Eligible Project Activity (Select project activity category from TA Set-Aside Guidelines)

### 3. Construction Plan(s) Status (Select the Current Status of the Project's Construction plan)

Complete     Underway    % Complete     Not Started     Not Applicable

### 4. If submitting multiple applications, please select the project priority (chose "Not Applicable" if not submitting multiple applications):

### 5. Project Location: Provide specific project location (From & To). If applicable, provide project length (feet/miles) or area (acres) in parts a-e. If project involves a **single location**, please attach legible diagrams, design plans, photographs, etc., as appropriate (Label as **Project Location Information-Attachment A**). If multiple project locations are involved, please skip to question #6.

a. Project location in relation to roadways: (select from drop down list below)

b. From/Beginning Point:

c. To/End Point:

d. Project length in feet/miles or area in acres:

e. Intersection(s):

### 6. Multiple Project Locations: Select *Yes* or *Not Applicable (N/A)*

Yes                      Not Applicable

If project involves **multiple locations**, please provide the limits, i.e. length (feet/miles) or area (acres), for the project's major segment in parts a-e. Additionally, please create & attach a complete list of all improvement locations (using the format on this [link](#)), as well as attach any legible diagrams, design plans, photographs, etc., as appropriate (Label as **Multiple Project Location Information-Attachment A**).

a. Project location in relation to roadways: (select from drop down list below)

b. From/Beginning Point:

c. To/End Point:

d. Project length in feet/miles or area in acres:

e. Intersection(s):

7. **Provide a Google map link for Project Location or Multiple Project Locations:** (Please click on the following [link](#) for guidance). **Note:** Location maps should highlight or show other existing and planned linkages to employment centers, schools, transit facilities, or other major destinations.

**GIS Files** (Check here if GIS Shapefiles are available for the project location/area (Label as **GIS Shapefiles-Attachment B**).

8. **Project Description:** Provide a brief description of the proposed project, which includes the project location, limits, facility type, and width. Special construction items, such as bicycle/pedestrian bridges, or elements that would affect automobile traffic patterns (e.g. new signals, new medians, road diets, traffic calming, etc.) should be included. If the project description does not fit in the provided text box, then please shorten. **Only the portion of the project description that is visible in the provided text box when the application is printed will be considered during evaluation of the project.** (click on the following [link](#) for guidance)

9. **Project Support:** Attach or include any Letters of Support for the proposed project (Label as **Letter of Support-Attachment C**)



# Section C – Project Costs & Project Budget Summary

**1. Project Itemized Budget :** Please provide a detailed budget for the project in the sample form (found on the next page). Applicants may submit their budget summary in their preferred format.

Check here if a preferred format of the Itemized Project Budget Workbook will be included with this application. Label the preferred format as **Project Itemized Budget-Attachment D** & fill items a-c.

- a. Total Project Cost:
- b. TA Set-Aside Funding Request:
- c. Local Match Amount:

## 2. Project Cost & Local Match

List all construction costs to be incurred by the applicant/sponsoring entity for a complete itemized cost estimate. For construction projects, all project development costs (i.e. Preliminary Engineering (PE), including planning, design & cost overruns are the implementing agency's responsibility). The applicant/sponsor is/are responsible for all costs over & above approved funding. Please do not list in-kind donations. Additionally, please budget for TxDOT administrative fee for review. Applicant/sponsors will be responsible for Direct State Costs for PE & Construction. All projects will require environmental document/checklist to be done by the applicant/sponsor, this should be included in the project schedule.

Note: The **minimum local match percentage is 20%**. If awarded TA Set-Aside funds, all **cost overruns will be the responsibility of the applicant/sponsor.**

- a. Does the Local Match exceed 20% of the Total Project Cost?  
Yes  
  
No
- b. If Yes, what is the Total Project Cost Percentage?  
21-25%      26-30%      31-35%      36-40%  
  
Other (specify)      %
- c. Does the project leverage other funding sources (i.e. grants or community investment/partnerships)?

If you answered "yes" or "pending decision", to letter "c", please submit a brief explanation



### 3. Project Budget Summary

Check here if a preferred format of the Project Budget Summary will be included with this application (Label as *Project Budget Summary–Attachment E*)

Budget Summary		
Total Itemized Construction Cost Estimate (topic 2.a, from p. 9)	1.	
Total Additional Construction–Related Cost (topic 2.b, from p. 9)	2.	
Total Eligible Project Cost (line 1 + line 2)	3.	
Estimated TxDOT Administrative Fee <sup>1</sup> (15% of line 3)	4.	
Total Project Cost (line 3 + line 4)	5.	
Local Match <sup>2</sup>	%	Of line 5
TA Set-Aside Funding Requested	%	Of line 5

<sup>1</sup> **Administrative Fee:** TxDOT may impose an *administrative fee of approx. 15% of the project cost*. The fee is an eligible expense covered with awarded funds but for which applicants must account when calculating the availability of funds for construction.

<sup>2</sup> The Laredo & Webb County Area MPO Policy Committee has established a *minimum local match requirement of 20 percent* with *projects eligible for reimbursement of up to 80 percent of allowable costs*. *The local match must be cash* except that in certain limited circumstances in-kind contributions non-cash donations may be considered but only after consultation with FHWA and TxDOT. *Project Sponsor may increase the local match by adjusting the percentage (%) of Local Match Contribution accordingly.*

Cost Participation Summary	
Total Project Cost Estimate	
Total Local Match Participation	%
Total TA Set-Aside Funding Participation	%

## Section D – Project Criteria

**Project Criteria:** Explain how the project addresses each of the following criteria (100 points available). Please refer to [Evaluation Category and Scoring Criteria](#) for further details. **Note:** *Only the portions that are visible in the provided text areas, when the application is printed, will be considered during evaluation of the project.*

### I. Enhancing Network Connectivity

1. Does this project extend the existing alternative transportation system (i.e. trail network connectivity) , or improve access (i.e. Complete Streets)/connects to other facilities on the active transportation network or transit infrastructure **by eliminating gaps** (e.g. fill in missing sidewalks, crosswalks, & shortcut connections)?
  - a. If yes, briefly describe how this project addresses the aforementioned factors.



- 2. Does this project improve access to public buildings (e.g. public libraries, city hall) ***by connecting them*** to active transportation and/or transit network (i.e. link major public destinations to existing bus stops, trails, sidewalks, on-street bicycle facilities)?
  - a. If yes, briefly describe how this project addresses the aforementioned factors

**II. Implementing an Existing Plan**

- 1. Is this project included in a Plan adopted by a Governing Body (e.g. City Council, Commissioners Court, Agency Board) such as but not limited to a Thoroughfare Plan, Trails Plan, Bicycle Master Plan, Corridor Plan. (***Choose an option***)
  - Yes**, the project is included in a Plan adopted by a Governing Body. (i.e. list name of Plan(s) & identify relevant section(s) on "a")
  - No**, the project is not included in a Plan adopted by a Governing Body.

**a. Name & Approval Date of Adopted Plan(s)**

- i. **Title of Adopted Plan:**  
**Relevant section(s):**  
**Approval Date:**
- ii. **Title of Adopted Plan:**  
**Relevant section(s):**  
**Approval Date:**
- iii. **Title of Adopted Plan:**  
**Relevant section(s):**  
**Approval Date:**

b. If the project is not included in an adopted Plan, briefly explain how the project achieves the broader transportation priorities in the Laredo-Webb County Transportation Management Area (TMA) by: **Demonstrating how the proposed project will improve the ability to use walking & bicycling facilities for everyday activities including travel to work, Safe Routes to School Plan (SRTS), & shopping as recommended in the LWCAMPO Active Transportation Plan (ATC) or Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP).**

### III. Improving Safety

1. Are there documented safety issues for pedestrians, bicyclists, & other non-drivers in the project area?

a. Select all of the applicable safety hazards located within the project limits & state the proposed countermeasure(s) addressing the identified hazard. In an attachment provide any additional information (e.g. Maps, images, crash records/statistics, etc.) about proposed countermeasures (Label as **Improving Safety Countermeasures-Attachment F**).

#### Safety Hazards

#### Proposed Countermeasures

- High roadway speed (45mph or greater)
- Hazardous intersection/conflict point
- Uncontrolled intersection/crossing
- Lack of bike/ped infrastructure
- High motor vehicle traffic volume
- On-street parking
- Wide roadway crossing (4 or more lanes)
- Lack of lighting
- Other:

2. Does the project implement safety countermeasures recommended in a related community Master Plan, e.g. City of Laredo Viva Laredo Comprehensive Plan, LWCAMPO Active Transportation Plan (ATC) or Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)?

a. If not addressed in a related community Master Plan, briefly explain how the proposed project will improve **safety**.

3. Does this project improve safety in areas with a high number of crashes near a trail segment , crossings or any facilities for pedestrians, bicyclist, & other non-drivers?

- a. If yes, please provide the crash records/statistics, i.e. **CRIS data**, for the project area & a brief description of the proposed safety countermeasures.

4. Does this project improve the visibility of vulnerable road users (i.e. pedestrians, bicyclists, & other non-drivers)?

- a. If yes, how does the proposed project improve visibility of vulnerable road user to vehicular traffic?

5. Does this project implement **safety countermeasures** that will improve crossings for pedestrians, bicyclists, & other non-drivers such as mid-block or intersection crossings, (e.g. pavement demarcation/markings, media crossing islands), signalization (e.g. FHWA approved bicycle signals, rectangular rapid flash beacons, pedestrian hybrid beacon, crosswalk buttons, or other enhanced crossing treatments), or traffic calming measures (e.g. speed humps, speed cushions, speed tables, radar signs, Gateway Treatments, Pinch-points ?

- a. If yes, briefly describe the safety countermeasures to be constructed as part of this project.



6. Does this project provide separate facilities for various transportation modes (e.g. separated bike lanes, raised crosswalks)?
- a. If yes, briefly describe the [safety countermeasures](#) to be constructed as part of this project

#### IV. Project Readiness

1. Is the project associated with a proposed TxDOT “off-system” roadway or a TxDOT roadway that is proposed to be taken “off-system”? (*select the option that applies*)
- The project is associated with a TxDOT “off-system” project
  - The project is associated with a TxDOT roadway that is proposed to be taken “off-system”
  - Not Applicable
2. Does the proposed project require Right-of-Way (ROW) acquisition? **Note:** ROW Acquisition *is not eligible* for TA Set-Aside fund reimbursement. *ROW acquisition is for informational purposes only.* (**Select the option that applies**)
- Yes, the ROW Acquisition/Access Agreement was obtained on \_\_\_\_\_ (Provide a copy of the ROW acquisition/access agreement & label as ***ROW-Acquisition-or-Access Agreement–Attachment G***)
  - No. Please describe how & when the ROW Acquisition/Access Agreement will be acquired. Include a letter of commitment from the property owner & label as ***ROW-Acquisition-or-Access Agreement-Property Owner Commitment Letter–Attachment G***)

a. Projects proposing to build facilities for pedestrians and bicycles along or through railroad right-of-way must include *documented* evidence from the railroad granting a right of entry or an executed encroachment agreement. Has the railroad granted a right of entry or an executed encroachment agreement? (**Select the option that applies**)

Yes, the agreement was executed on \_\_\_\_\_ (Provide a copy of the ROW acquisition/agreement & label as **Railroad Right of Entry Letter-or-Agreement-Attachment H**)

No. Please describe how & when the agreement will be executed.

**Note:** The application must include a commitment letter by the railroad that a right of entry or an executed encroachment agreement is under development & will be granted. Applications that check this response and do not include a commitment letter from the railroad will be deemed incomplete. (Label as **Railroad Right of Entry-or-Encroachment Commitment Letter-Attachment H**).

**3.** Has the proposed project completed environmental (NEPA) clearance requirements? Provide any supporting environmental clearance documentation & label as **Environmental Clearance Supporting Documentation-Attachment I**.

Start date or estimated start date:

Date completed or estimated completion date:

Additional comments:

**4.** What is the status of the proposed project's Plans, Specifications & Estimates (PS&E)?

Start date or estimated start date:

Date completed or estimated completion date:

Additional comments:

**5.** Does the project anticipate any utility work or identified need for coordination (i.e. to Identify needs, facilitate utility agreements, coordinate utility relocation, etc.)

Yes, a need for utility coordination has been identified.

Start date or estimated start date:

Date completed or estimated completion date:

No, there are no anticipated utility concerns.

Pending, utility concerns have not yet been identified.

a. Additional comments:

**6.** Will TA Set-Aside Program funding allow the project to be completed?

Yes

No, additional funding will be required to complete the overall project vision

**7.** Does the project leverage other funding sources (i.e. grants or community investments/partnerships)?

Yes

No

Not Applicable

Other (e.g. anticipating a decision on a grant application)

a. Additional comments:

**8.** Has the applicant and/or project sponsor, coordinated or had any discussions with TXDOT regarding the proposed project?



a. If yes, what comments/feedback were received from TxDOT regarding the proposed project? (Include any supporting documentation (e.g. emails, resolutions, etc.) & label as **Supporting Documentation-TxDOT Comments-or-Feedback-Attachment J**)

9. Has the applicant and/or project sponsor, coordinated or hosted public involvement events, regarding the proposed project?

Additional Comments:

a. If yes, what type of comments/feedback (i.e. survey/poll/questionnaire responses), were received from the public regarding the proposed project? (Include any supporting documentation, e.g. emails, resolutions, etc., & label as **Public Involvement Comments-or-Feedback-Attachment K**)

10. What is the anticipated Project Ready-to-Let Date:

a. Additional Comments:

**V. Promoting Health**

1. Does this project improve or provide access to physical fitness/wellness facilities (e.g. bike/hike trails, medical plaza(s)/hospitals and/or clinics)

a. If yes, select the fitness/wellness facilities, surrounding the project area, that are likely to attract bicycling or walking trips as a result of improved or newly provided access measures. (**Select all applicable options**)

- Park
- Health facility (medical center, sports field)
- Bike/hike trail
- Gym
- Community Recreational Center
- Other (specify)
- Fresh foods (grocery stores, farmers market)

b. If applicable, select the design enhancements (e.g. curb extensions, road diet/lane reduction, delineators) that are likely to attract bicycling or walking trips as a result of improved or newly provided access measures. (**Select all applicable options**)

- Curb extensions, road diets/lane reduction, delineators, bollards
- Pedestrian amenities/streetscape (e.g. lighting)
- Provide bicycle parking or rest areas
- Not Applicable
- Trailheads, staging areas, and/or parking
- Other (specify)

2. Does this project promote active living or healthy activities (e.g. biking, hiking, walking, jogging) by improving knowledge of facility locations, (e.g. way signs)?

a. If yes, briefly describe the implementation measures that will be incorporated to successfully complete the project

## VI. Reducing Barriers

1. Does the project provide or improve safe crossing of an existing obstacle to travel (e.g. major roadways, railroads, and bodies of water) with a low stress/high level of comfort facility suitable for pedestrians, bicyclists, & other non-drivers of all ages and abilities?

a. If yes, briefly describe the existing barrier and how the project will provide safe crossing of that obstacle to travel by pedestrians, bicyclists, and other non-drivers of all ages & abilities. Such project design must be consistent with relevant design guidelines and/or resources including AASHTO, NACTO, ITE, FHWA, & TxDOT.

- 2. Does the project provide or improve ADA Infrastructure (e.g. ramps, Braille paving, accessible pedestrian signal, etc.)?
  - a. If yes, briefly describe the improvements provided to ADA infrastructure (e.g. ramps, braille paving, accessible pedestrian signal, etc.)

**VII. Creating Economic Development Opportunities**

1. Does the project provide or improve bicycle & pedestrian access to major destinations, immediately surrounding the project area, that are likely to attract bicycling or walking trips ? *(Select all applicable options)*

- Major employer(s)
- Employment districts/centers
- Central Business District
- Commercial Center
- High density residential
- Restaurants/Entertainment
- Extends or develops other non-motirized route for tourism
- Schools, University, Community College
- Provides direct connection to transit (shared use path & other major destinations)
- Not Applicable
- Other (specify)

2. Briefly describe how investment in this project will provide an increased benefit to the community & the region through revitalization, redevelopment, and/or job creation.



## **VIII. Providing Environmental Benefits**

1. Does this project help reduce congestion & improve air quality?

- a. If yes, briefly describe the implementation measures the project will incorporate to reduce congestion, improve air quality, and/or other impacts to the environment

## **IX. Serving Disadvantaged (Environmental Justice) Areas**

1. Does this project improve mobility for disadvantaged populations (elderly, disabled, and/or youth, people without private vehicles, low-income communities)?

- a. If applicable, how does the proposed project improve mobility for disadvantaged populations?

2. Does this project improve access to areas within or adjacent to 50% of households below poverty rate, as defined by Census?

- a. If yes, how does this project improve access to areas within or adjacent to 50% of households below poverty rate

## Section E – Project Commitment

By submitting an application, the applicant confirms each of the following items, otherwise the application will be deemed incomplete:

***The applicant confirms understanding of the following requirements by checking the boxes & signing below.***

**[Required]**

- The applicant entity commits that the reported project timeline is realistic, and
- The applicant commits that if this project is selected for funding, an agreement with TxDOT will be executed within one year of project selection, and
- The applicant commits that if this project is selected for funding the project will advance to construction within three years from selection, and
- The applicant commits that if this project is selected for funding the project will be implemented as approved by the LWCAMPO Policy Committee and as included in the project agreement with TxDOT, and
- The applicant acknowledges the Transportation Alternatives (TA) Set-Aside Program is not a grant and the funds are provided on a cost reimbursement basis. The applicant acknowledges they are solely responsible for any project cost overruns and future maintenance and operations of the facility.

*The Application form must be signed by a representative of the local entity that has signature authority.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature



\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name & Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## Section F – Project Submittal & Attachment Checklist

Check all that apply & are included in the Application package (both hard copy & USB drive). Please attach all applicable documents & information otherwise, the application will be deemed incomplete. *Label each attachment as instructed in the application. For questions related to this application contact Ms. Graciela Briones at [gbriones@ci.laredo.tx.us](mailto:gbriones@ci.laredo.tx.us)*

- Two (2)** of signed original hard copies (including attachments) **[Required]**
- One (1)** signed digital (i.e. scanned) copy of the application (including attachments) on a USB drive. **[Required]**

*Attachment Checklist:* attach all pertaining documents, i.e. legible location maps, diagrams, design plans, & photographs, as appropriate (*select the attachment option that pertains to your application*)

- Attachment A-Project Location Information -or- Multiple Project Location Information**
- Attachment B-GIS Shapefiles**
- Attachment C-Letter of Support**
- Attachment D-Project Itemized Budget**
- Attachment E-Project Budget Summary**
- Attachment F-Improving-Safety Countermeasures**
- Attachment G-ROW-Acquisition-or-Access Agreement -or- Property Owner Commitment Letter Attachment**
- Attachment H-Railroad Right of Entry Letter-Agreement -or- Right of Entry-Encroachment Commitment Letter**
- Attachment I-Environmental Clearance Supporting Documentation**
- Attachment J-Supporting Documentation-TxDOT Comments-or-Feedback**
- Attachment K-Public Involvement Comments-or-Feedback**

**Print Form**

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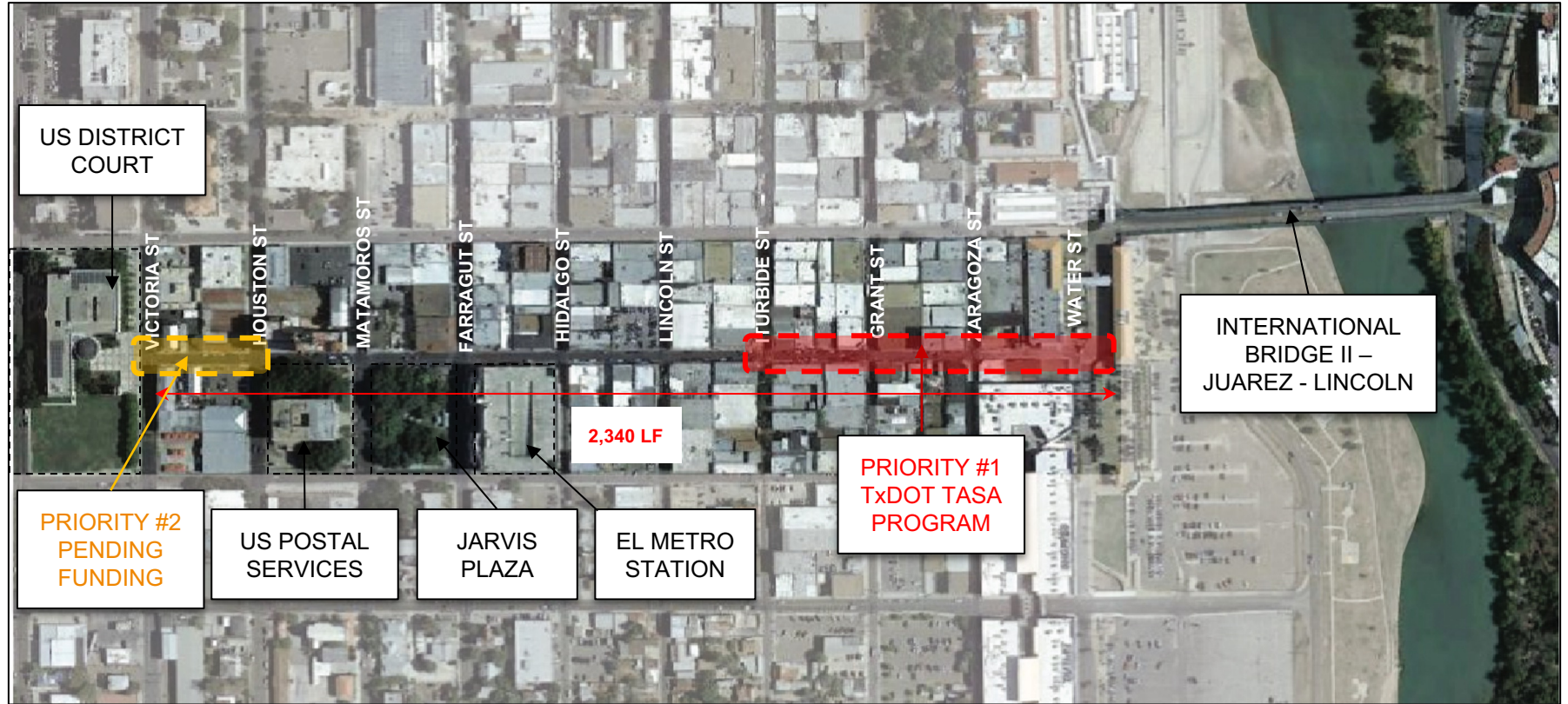
IF THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS  
IS AN INALIENABLE RIGHT, THEN  
ACCESS TO A HAPPY LIFE  
IS THE MAIN PURPOSE OF CITIES

**DOWNTOWN TIRZ NO.1 – TxDOT TRANSPORTATION  
ALTERNATIVES SET-ASIDE PROGRAM**  
NOVEMBER 18, 2022

**OVERVIEW:** EXHIBITS FOR PROPOSED PROJECTS

# SALINAS AVE. IMPROVEMENTS

## TIRZ #1 – PHASE II PROJECT OVERVIEW (SALINAS AVE. IMPROVEMENTS)

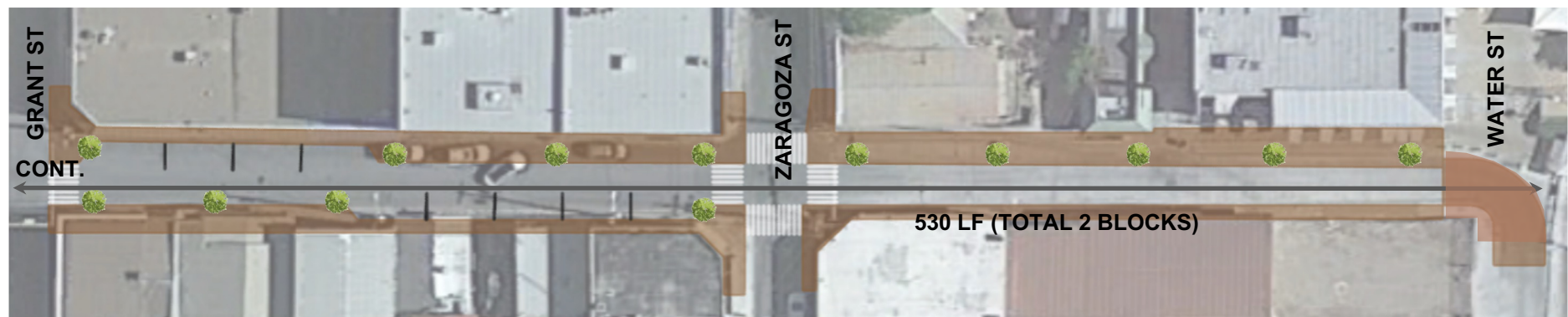


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# SALINAS AVE. IMPROVEMENTS

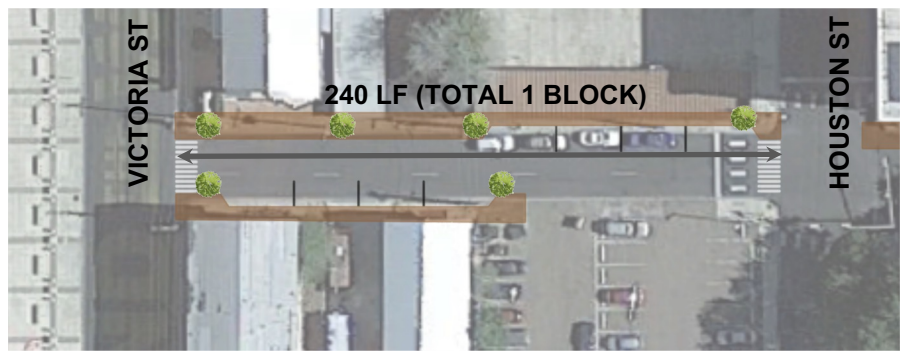
## TIRZ #1 – PRIORITY PROJECT DETAILS (SALINAS AVE. IMPROVEMENTS)



**GRANT ST. TO WATER ST.**  
**IMPROVEMENTS:** SIDEWALKS, LIGHTING, TREES, PARALLEL PARKING.  
**(PRIORITY #1 – TO BE PROVIDED BY TxDOT TASA PROGRAM)**



**ITURBIDE ST. TO GRANT ST.**  
**IMPROVEMENTS:** SIDEWALKS, LIGHTING, TREES, PARALLEL PARKING.  
**(PRIORITY #1 – TO BE PROVIDED BY TxDOT TASA PROGRAM)**



**VICTORIA ST. TO HOUSTON ST.**  
**IMPROVEMENTS:** SIDEWALKS, LIGHTING, TREES, PARALLEL PARKING  
**(PRIORITY #2 – PENDING FUNDING)**



# DOWNTOWN TIRZ # 1

## SALINAS AVE. IMPROVEMENTS

### PRIORITY 1 - 3 BLOCKS (BOTH SIDES, TREES, & LIGHTING)

- SURVEYING/ UTILITY COORDINATION.
- STREET & SIDEWALKS IMPROVEMENTS.
- LIGHTING AND ELECTRICAL.
- TREES, PLANTERS AND CONTAINERS
- SELECT UTILITIES RELOCATION
- STREETScape ELEMENTS

PROJECT - TIRZ #1 - PHASE 2 (SALINAS AVE. IMPROVEMENTS)		PRELIM-OPC
<b>1</b>	<b>SALINAS AVENUE (PRIORITY #1 - TXDOT TASA PROGRAM)</b>	
	SALINAS AVENUE FROM ZARAGOZA TO WATER STREET	\$330,100.00
	SALINAS AVENUE FROM GRANT TO ZARAGOZA STREET	\$274,450.00
	INTERSECTION AT SALINAS AVENUE & ZARAGOZA STREET (4 CORNERS)	\$135,000.00
	SALINAS AVENUE FROM ITURBIDE TO GRANT STREET	\$274,450.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,014,000.00</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>ENGINEERING</b>	
	CIVIL/STRUCTURAL/MEP	\$90,000.00
	UTILITY RELOCATION COORDINATION	\$15,000.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$105,000.00</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>ARCHITECTURAL</b>	
	ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN & CONSULTANT COORDINATION	\$15,000.00
	CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION	\$15,000.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$30,000.00</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>CONSTRUCTION PROJECT CONTINGENCY (10%)</b>	<b>\$101,000.00</b>
	<b>TOTAL AMOUNT FOR PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS &amp; DEVELOPMENT COSTS</b>	<b>\$1,250,000.00</b>

November 15, 2022



ATTN: Juan Mendive, Interim Executive Director  
Laredo and Webb County Area MPO  
1413 Houston St.  
Laredo, Texas 78040

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Re: Support for TIRZ#1 Application for the Transportation Alternative Set-Aside Program

Dear Mr. Mendive:

This letter expresses our support for the Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone (TIRZ) #1's funding application to provide construction, planning, and design of pedestrian and non-driver infrastructure-related projects in downtown Laredo. The projects are critical to advancing the provision of safe and accessible sidewalk routes for all pedestrians and other non-motorized transportation users.

Although significant progress is being made to improve transit infrastructure in the downtown, there is still much to be done in terms of general and accessible walkability systems and infrastructure in various areas. The TIRZ #1's proposal seeks to address infrastructure needs and problems by reconstructing sidewalks along Salinas Avenue, which is primary pedestrian thoroughfare, with various areas in dire need of safety improvement.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this letter, and we respectfully ask that your staff and application review committee provide favorable recommendation for this project. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'M. Uribe', with a long horizontal line underneath.

Dr. Marcela Uribe  
Executive Director  
Laredo Main Street



Dreamers. Doers. Trendsetters.  
Welcome. 1312 Houston St., Laredo,  
TX, 78040

November 14, 2022

ATTN: Juan Mendive, Interim Executive Director

Laredo and Webb County Area MPO

1413 Houston St.

Laredo, Texas 78040

Re: Support for TIRZ#1 Application for the Transportation Alternative Set-Aside Program Funding

Dear Mr. Mendive:

As a business which resides and operates in downtown Laredo with a mission of furthering economic and business development in the area, we express strong support for the Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone (TIRZ) #1's funding application to provide construction, planning, and design of pedestrian and non-driver infrastructure-related projects in downtown Laredo. Improving walkability continues to be critical to the overall redevelopment of downtown, but most importantly it is critical to assuring downtown residents, transit center riders, tourists, and all pedestrians are provided safe walkable routes and environments.

The TIRZ #1's project proposal seeks to address infrastructure needs and problems by reconstructing sidewalks along Salinas Avenue, which is primary pedestrian thoroughfare, with various areas in dire need of safety improvement. The projects are critical to advancing the provision of safe and accessible sidewalk routes for all pedestrians and other non-motorized transportation users.

Thank you for your continued work in responding to our region's infrastructure needs. We respectfully ask that your staff and application review committee provide favorable recommendation for this project. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Juan Mendive'.



## ATTACHMENT D AND E - Project Budget Summary

### Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone No. 1 Downtown Safe Sidewalk Improvements

#### Eligible Expenses - Construction Estimate

Item	Work Activity	Amount	Local Match
1	Construction	1,014,000	14,000
2	Planning, Surveying and Design (Architectural and Engineering)	135,000	135,000
3	Contingency (10%)	101,000	101,000
Total		1,250,000	250,000

#### Cost Participation Summary

	Amount	Percentage
1 Total Project Cost Estimate	1,250,000	100%
2 Total Local Match	250,000	20%
3 Total TA Set-Aside Funding Participation	1,000,000	80%

## Evaluation Category & Scoring Criteria

All project applications submitted for this Call for Projects will be based on evaluation criteria, scoring points, and other factors as approved by the Laredo & Webb County Area MPO Policy Committee and listed on the following table.

EVALUATION CATEGORY	SCORING (POINTS)	DESCRIPTION	FACTORS
Enhancing Network Connectivity	20	Improves connections between neighborhoods, and community facilities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Network connectivity (gap closures, extension of facilities).</li> <li>• Facilities providing access to major destinations or bus stops, trails, sidewalks, on-street bicycle facilities.</li> <li>• Connects to existing facility on active transportation network.</li> </ul>
Implementing an Existing Plan	15	Improves ability to use walking and bicycling facilities for everyday activities including travel to work, school, and shopping. Proposed project or facility list is recommended in the LWCAMPO Active Transportation Plan or Metropolitan Transportation Plan.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Implements a planned facility in any local On-Street Bicycle Facility Plan, Pedestrian Facility Plan, SRTS Plan, or the related community Master Plan adopted by the City or County Government Body (i.e. Viva Laredo Comprehensive Plan, Active Transportation Plan, Metropolitan Transportation Plan)</li> </ul>
Improving Safety	15	Provides safer and less intimidating facilities for pedestrians, bicyclists, and other non-drivers.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improving safety in areas with high numbers of crashes.</li> <li>• Improving crossings, signalization, traffic calming.</li> <li>• Provides separate facilities for various transportation modes.</li> </ul>
Project Readiness	15	Project readiness/ability to initiate construction.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Associated with TxDOT proposed "off-system" roadways.</li> <li>• Status of stakeholder/community feedback and support.</li> <li>• Status of engineering/design. Community partnership/support.</li> </ul>
Promoting Health	10	Improves access to physical fitness/wellness facilities, (e.g. bike/hike trails, medical plaza(s)/hospitals and/or clinics) Improves knowledge of facility locations (e.g. wayfinding signs).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Promotes healthy activities.</li> <li>• Provides access to health facilities.</li> </ul>
Reducing Barriers	10	Improves access and/or provides safe crossings for pedestrians, bicyclists, and other non-drivers at an existing obstacle to travel.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provides a grade-separated crossing under or over a barrier (e.g. water body, major roadways, railroads).</li> </ul>
Creating Economic Development Opportunities	5	Provides access to major destinations, job centers, and large number of residents or employees.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proximity to employment districts, schools, households, and other special generators.</li> <li>• Provides direct connections to transit (shared use paths, sidewalks, and on street bikeways.</li> <li>• Provides access to job centers. Investment provides increased benefit to the community and the region through revitalization, redevelopment, and job creation.</li> </ul>
Providing Environmental Benefits	5	Helps reduce congestion and improves air quality.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Congestion and air quality benefits.</li> <li>• Benefits and impacts to the environment.</li> </ul>
Serving Disadvantaged (Environmental Justice) Areas	5	Provides access in underserved communities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improves access for areas with greater percentages of minorities and low-income households compared to the planning area average.</li> </ul>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100</b>		

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<b>Downtown Safe Sidewalk Improvements</b>					
<b>CRITERIA</b>	<b>EVALUATOR 1</b>	<b>EVALUATOR 2</b>	<b>EVALUATOR 3</b>	<b>EVALUATOR 4</b>	<b>EVALUATOR 5</b>
Enhancing Network Connectivity	20	15	20	15	10
Implementing an Existing Plan	15	10	0	15	5
Improving Safety	15	15	10	10	15
Project Readiness	15	10	11	5	15
Promoting Health	0	10	10	10	10
Reducing Barriers	10	8	0	10	10
Creating Economic Development Opportunities	4	5	5	5	5
Providing Environment Benefits	0	5	2.5	5	5
Serving Disadvantaged (EJ) Areas	5	5	5	5	5
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>63.5</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>80</b>

**Average: 78.10**



# 2022 Transportation Alternative Set-Aside Program

## El Metro ADA Bus Stops and Bicycle Plazas Enhancement Project

CRITERIA	EVALUATOR 1	EVALUATOR 2	EVALUATOR 3	EVALUATOR 4	EVALUATOR 5
Enhancing Network Connectivity	20	15	20	15	20
Implementing an Existing Plan	15	10	15	10	10
Improving Safety	15	8	5	10	10
Project Readiness	15	5	7.5	5	15
Promoting Health	10	7	10	10	10
Reducing Barriers	10	8	0	5	5
Creating Economic Development Opportunities	5	3	5	3	5
Providing Environment Benefits	0	5	2.5	5	3
Serving Disadvantaged (EJ) Areas	5	5	5	5	5
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>83</b>

**Average: 76.4**



## MPO POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

www.laredompo.org

**Meeting Date & Time:** February 15, 2023 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 January 18, 2023.
- B. Discussion with possible action on the selection and funding of projects submitted through the MPO Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program (TA) 2022 Call for Projects.

## MPO POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

- C. Discussion with possible action on potential future amendments to the MPO Bylaws regarding the structure and terms of the Policy Committee Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson. Note: A change in the structure and terms of Policy Committee membership will require a future MPO Bylaws amendment and 10-day public comment and review period.
  - D. Discussion with possible action on the ongoing restructuring of the MPO including the appointment of a permanent MPO Director, and any other matters incident thereto.
  - E. 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 956-794-1605, or via email at [aavigil@ci.laredo.tx.us](mailto:aavigil@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 956-794-1605 o por correo electrónico [aavigil@ci.laredo.tx.us](mailto:aavigil@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.



## MPO POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

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

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### **POLICY COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP:**

#### City of Laredo Representatives:

Honorable Dr. Victor Treviño, Mayor and LWCAMPO Chairperson  
Honorable Ruben Gutierrez, Jr., City Councilmember, District V  
Vacant

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

#### Member at Large Representative:

Jed A. Brown

#### Ex-Officio Representatives:

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

### **AGENDA REVIEWED:**

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Juan S. Mendive,  
LWCAMPO Interim Director

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Jose A. Valdez, Jr.  
Laredo City Secretary



City of Laredo Health Department



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# BiciClovía MEETING

Please Join Us To Discuss Laredo's  
Inaugural BiciClovía Event:



February 13, 2023



10:00am - 11:00am



The Auditorium @  
The Health Department,  
2600 Cedar