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## MPO POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

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**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

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### 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.



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- 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. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Policy Committee reserves the right to adjourn into executive session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any posted agenda item when authorized by Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney), 551.072 (Deliberations about Real Property), 551.073 (Deliberations about Gifts and Donations), 551.074 (Personnel Matters), 551.076 (Deliberations about Security Devices), and/or 551.086 (Economic Development). Following closed session, the open meeting will reconvene at which time action, if any, may be taken.

### **VIII. 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/>.

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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

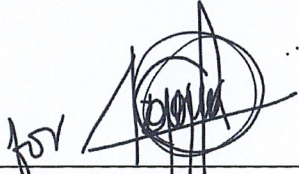
#### Ex-Officio Representatives:

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

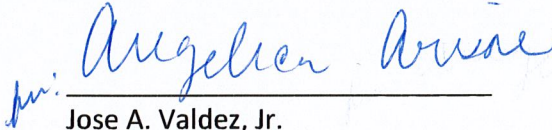


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**AGENDA REVIEWED:**



Juan S. Mendive,  
LWCAMPO Interim Director



Jose A. Valdez, Jr.  
Laredo City Secretary





# LAREDO & WEBB COUNTY

## AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

### POLICY COMMITTEE

#### MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2023

LIVE WEB LINK: <http://laredotx.swagit.com/live>  
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#### I. CHAIRPERSON TO CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Dr. Victor D. Treviño called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

#### II. CHAIRPERSON TO CALL ROLL

Graciela Briones, MPO Staff, called roll and verified a quorum existed.

##### **Regular members present:**

Honorable Dr. Victor D. Treviño, Mayor and LWCAMPO Chairperson

Honorable Tano E. Tijerina, Webb County Judge

Honorable Jesse Gonzalez, Webb County Commissioner, Pct. 1 (joined the meeting at 1:31 p.m.)

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

Honorable Vanessa Perez, City Councilmember, District VII (joined the meeting at 1:59 p.m.)

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

Honorable Jed A. Brown, RMA

##### **Regular members not present:**

Honorable John Galo, Webb County Commissioner, Pct. 3

Judge Tijerina made a motion to excuse members not present.

Second: CM. Gutierrez

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion carried unanimously



**Ex-Officio members not present:**

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

**LWCAMPO Staff present:**

Juan S. Mendive, LWCAMPO Interim Director  
Graciela Briones, LWCAMPO Planner III  
Julio Niño, LWCAMPO Planner III  
Angie Quijano, LWCAMPO Administrative Assistant

**Others:**

Ramon Chavez, COL Engineering Department  
Orlando Navarro, COL Planning Department  
Luis Perez Garcia, Webb County Engineering  
Guillermo Cuellar, Webb County Engineering  
Robert J. Garza, Transit, El Metro  
Eduardo Bernal, Transit, El Metro  
Roberto Rodriguez, TxDOT  
Sara Garza, TxDOT  
Ana Duncan, TxDOT  
Fernando Martinez, TxDOT  
Sid Mielke, SEA

**III. CITIZEN COMMENTS**

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CM. Jesse Gonzalez joined the meeting at 1:31 P.M.

**IV. ITEMS REQUIRING POLICY COMMITTEE ACTION:**

**A. Approval of the minutes for the meetings held on November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022.**

Judge Tijerina made a motion to approve the minutes of November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022.



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

Motion carried unanimously

**B. Receive public testimony and approve Resolution No. MPO 2023-01, adopting the following proposed amendments to the 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP):**

1. **Addition** of project CSJ 0086-16-008 intended to provide for the construction of an interchange at Lomas del Sur Blvd. and State Loop 20. The estimated construction cost is \$30,240,000. Category 7 funds in the amount of \$7,030,287 have been allocated for this project. Other funding amounts include \$23,209,713 in Category 2 funds. The project sponsor is TxDOT and the proposed letting date is FY 2025.
2. **Removal** of project CSJ 0922-33-181 for the ADA Bus Stops and Bicycle Plazas project. The Advanced Funding Agreement (AFA) for this project has been terminated at the request of the project sponsor. Funds in the amount of \$180,000 previously allocated to this project have been removed and added to the Category 9 available funding balance, which can be awarded to other eligible projects.

Judge Tijerina made a motion to open the public hearing.

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

Motion carried unanimously

Juan Mendive, Interim MPO Director, gave a presentation and an overview stating that the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is a federally required document which MPOs develop in cooperation with all their planning partners to program mobility and transit projects for a four-year period. On May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022, the MPO Policy Committee approved the Laredo MPO 2023-2026 TIP. Also, all MPO TIP documents are subsequently combined to form the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). The revisions to the TIP involving major changes require a public review and comment period and formal action by the MPO Policy Committee. He further stated that the amendments presented were part of the February TIP revision.

No public comments were received during the 10-day public review and comment period for the proposed amendments.

Judge Tijerina made a motion to **close** the public hearing and **approve** Resolution No. MPO 2023-01, adopting the proposed amendments to the 2023-2026 TIP.

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

Motion carried unanimously

CM. Gutierrez requested to present Category 9 projects and funding at the next meeting.

**C. Receive public testimony and approve Resolution No. MPO 2023-02, adopting the following proposed revisions to the 2020-2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP):**

1. **Revision** of Appendix A – Short Range Projects Identified in the MTP and Listed in the TIP as necessary to incorporate and reflect the proposed revisions to the 2023-2026 TIP.

Juan Mendive, Interim MPO Director stated that as per existing Public Participation Plan (PPP) a 10-day public review and comment period is required for amendments to the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). Projects included in the MPO’s Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) shall be consistent with the approved MTP. On April 19, 2021, an administrative modification to the MTP added Appendix A – Short Range Projects Identified in the MTP and Listed in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to facilitate the identification of projects on both the TIP and the MTP, and to ensure consistency between both documents. The proposed revision is intended to make the necessary changes to the MTP, specifically Appendix A – Short Range Projects identified in the MTP and listed in the TIP to incorporate and reflect the proposed revisions to the 2023-2026 TIP. Project CSJ 0086-16-008 intended to provide for the construction of an interchange at Lomas Del Sur Blvd. and State Loop 20 is currently listed in the MTP, but the project information such as the project description, letting date, and funding needs to be updated to reflect the proposed changes.

No public comments were received during the 10-day public and review period for the proposed revisions.



Judge Tijerina made a motion to **approve** Resolution No. MPO 2023-02, adopting the proposed revisions to the 2020-2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP).

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

Motion carried unanimously

**D. Discussion with possible action to approve Resolution No. MPO 2023-03, adopting and supporting the Texas Department of Transportation’s 2023 targets for the following federal Safety Performance Measures:**

1. Number of Traffic Fatalities.
2. Rate of Fatalities per 100 million Vehicles Miles Traveled (VMT).
3. Number of Serious Injuries.
4. Rate of Serious Injuries per 100 million Vehicles Miles Traveled (VMT).
5. Number of Non-Motorized Fatalities and Non-Motorized Serious Injuries.

Mr. Mendive gave a quick overview on the item. He stated that federal regulations require that metropolitan and statewide transportation planning processes incorporate performance goals, measures, and targets in the process of identifying needed transportation improvements and project selection. He also stated that MPOs shall adopt the required safety performance targets no later than 180 days after the date on which the state established the performance targets.

Judge Tijerina made a motion to **approve** Resolution No. MPO 2023-02, adopting the proposed revisions to the 2020-2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP).

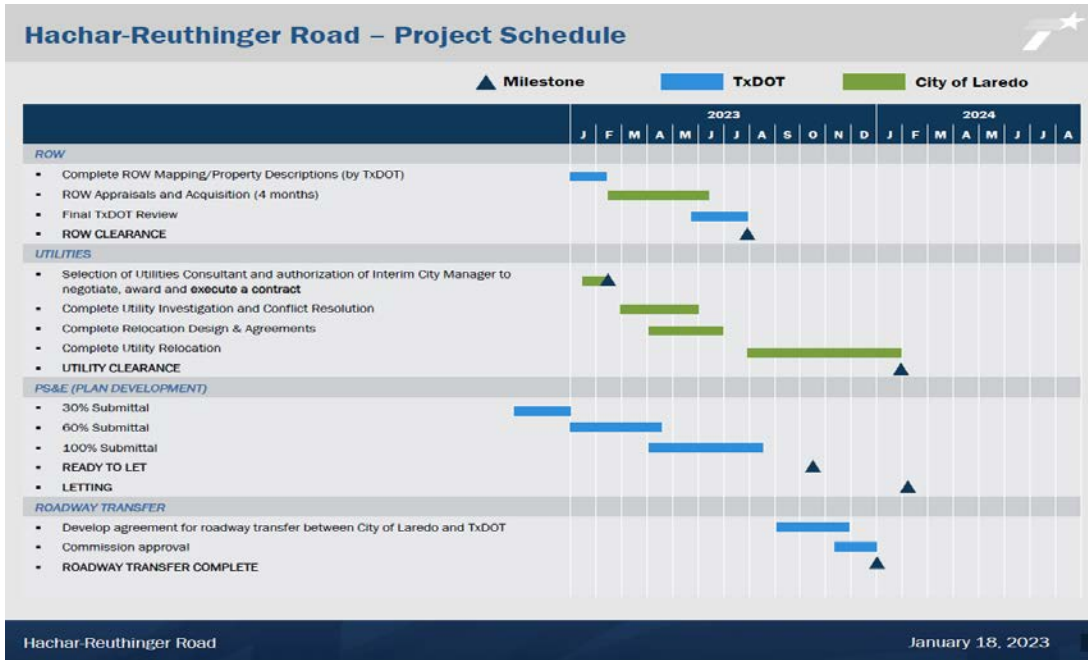
Second: CM. Gutierrez  
For: 6  
Against: 0  
Abstained: 0

Motion carried unanimously

CM. Vanessa Perez joined the meeting at 1: 59 p.m.

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

Ana Duncan, TxDOT, gave a brief presentation on the item. She provided the following updated schedule of the project:



She also explained that the main components that were impacting the project were the Right-of-Way (ROW) acquisition, the utilities, the plan development and the roadway transfer. She stated the ROW mapping was received late in December and should have it completed and submitted to the City by the beginning of February, 2023. She also said that the City estimated about four months to complete the appraisals and the acquisition of the ROW.

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

**A. Presentation and update on the World Trade Bridge Expansion project.**

Sid Mielke, Structural Engineering & Associates, gave a brief presentation and update on the item. He stated that the proposed World Trade Bridge Expansion Project was based on the following:

- The World Trade Bridge is the #1 commercial crossing on the U.S.-Mexico border
- Trade is growing rapidly
- Major infrastructure investments by the private sector
- Significant local, state, and federal investments in transportation infrastructure in the WTB area
- Reduce wait times and increase system throughout

He also mentioned that the fast lanes relocation project would have an opening by the end of January 2023. He further stated that the IH-69 widening project is already completed which was the expansion to three lanes each direction IH-69 from port of entry to IH35.

Mr. Mielke also stated there were world trade bridge area enhancement projects ongoing and under design which were the following:

- TxDOT-IH69W to IH35-Direct Connectors
- Hachar-Reuthinger & Vallecillo Rd.
- IH35 Expansion

He stated the purpose of the project was to construct a bridge slightly downstream and diagonally across from the old bridge and is proposed to be eight lanes. It is entirely dedicated to inbound or northbound traffic. The proposed lane assignments would be (existing bridge = 6 SB & 2 Fast NB) (New Bridges = 8 NB + 2 SB).

The progress on the expansion project was as followed:

- March 8, 2022: US Interagency Working Group (IWG) created
- April 29, 2022: Submitted Presidential Permit Application (PPA)
- July 2022: Expansion project inclusion in Texas STIP approved FHWA
- July 26, 2022: NEPA clearance “pre-scoping” meeting held
- August 29, 2022: Letter from USDOS to City of Laredo stating NEPA clearance must be completed prior to further PPA processing
- November 2, 2022: Draft Advanced Funding Agreement (AFA) received
- December 6, 2022: City returns AFA comments to TxDOT
- January 18, 2023: Still awaiting TxDOT AFA signature

The updated timeline for expansion project was as followed:

- March 2023-June 2025-Environmental clearance process
- July 2025-Sept. 2025-Presidential permit issued
- October 2025-December 2025-Coast Guard, IBWC, and Army corps of engineers permits
- January 2026-October 2024-Construction period phased construction
- December 2027-New bridges fully open to traffic

He stated the execution of the AFA is the critical path in moving forward.



## **B. Status report by the Regional Mobility Authority (RMA).**

Mr. Jed Brown, RMA, gave the following status report:

1. FM 1472 and Killam Industrial Blvd. Turn Lanes – The commencement of work at Killam Industrial Blvd. at FM 1472 occurred in early May 2022. Construction of the pavement widening components have been ongoing. Concrete pouring for FM 1472 and Killam Industrial Blvd. was ongoing in late December through 1/6/23. Sidewalk and driveway construction is currently ongoing. Construction of the traffic signal and median islands are complete. Substantial construction completion is forecasted for February. As of the week of the 2nd of January, the project is 85% complete.
2. Los Presidentes (Cuatro Vientos to Brownwood) – The final walkthrough of the project occurred on 12/8/22. Paving of the street is 100% complete. Drainage is 100% complete. Sidewalk construction is almost complete from Isla Mujeres to Cuatro Vientos. The work for the 18-inch water line is complete. The outstanding items are the final flat work, irrigation and final striping. Anticipate the project opening to traffic in January. Overall the project is 99% complete.
3. Loop 20 South (Cuatro Vientos) Acceleration/ Deceleration Lane Project - The project was awarded to Anderson Columbia in October 2021. Construction to commenced on the week of the 14th of March. The roadway and traffic items are all complete. The illumination poles will be complete by 01/13/23. Traffic delineators at the intersection of Los Presidentes are to be reset in the next week. Anticipate the project opening to traffic in January. Overall the project is 99% complete.
4. Springfield Phase III – Final walkthrough of the project occurred on 12/9/22. The roadway concrete paving has been completed. The flat work for the sidewalks and shared use path is almost complete. The water improvements area also almost complete. The major outstanding items are the completion of the drainage, lighting and traffic improvements. Substantial completion is scheduled for late January/ early February 2023. Overall, the project is approximately 95% complete.
5. Webb County Fair Grounds TIA – A draft of the final TIA report was submitted in mid-December. The RMA Team has completed its review and returned the comments to the consultant. The RMA has also submitted the draft Final TIA report to the TxDOT Laredo District for its review, and are awaiting receipt of comments. **The TIA report will be finalized in late January 2023.**
6. River Road Corridor Study – The WCCL RMA has completed the stakeholder meetings on the Study. The next phase of the study is ongoing with regards to processing the data received in the stakeholder meetings for the development of the multiple route alternatives, traffic analysis, cost estimating and report development. Total duration of the study is 12 months. **Completion of the study is anticipated in June 2023.**
7. Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant – In partnership with the MPO and the City of Laredo, the RMA developed a \$2M grant application to develop an action to

prevent roadway deaths and serious injuries. **The application was successfully submitted on September 9, 2022** which was 6 days prior to the due date of the applicaiton. The team developed and distributed follow-up letters to local elected officials. The WCCL RMA is currently conducting follow-up outreach to the USDOT and the Secretary of Transportation, Mr. Pete Buttigieg to provide the benefits to the community if the grant was to be approved.

8. Vallecillo Road – In the August MPO Policy Committee meeting, funding for construction of the project was concluded. Subsequent to the dedication of \$16.5M dollars of Category 7 funds from the MPO, US Congressman Henry Cuellar has pledged \$3M of federal earmark funds. These monies are in addition to the \$16.24M dedicated to the project by the RMA, City of Laredo and the Killam Company. Congressman Cuellar had a joint press conference with the City and State officials to announce the funding of the project. Approval of the \$3M funds was included as part of the Omnibus Bill that was approved by Congress at the end of December 2022. Now that the project is funded for construction, the RMA has submitted the appropriate paperwork to TxDOT for the draft Advanced Funding Agreement (AFA) and Funding Assistance Agreement (FAA) and begin design of the project. The RMA is currently awaiting receipt of the draft AFA and FAA from TxDOT. The RMA anticipates receipt of these items and commencing design in March 2023.

Other Items:

- The WC-CL RMA Board of Directors met on 12/13/22 for the December Board meeting.
- The WC-CL RMA completed its Annual Report for submittal to the Texas Transportation Commission. A copy of this report was distributed to the MPO, City of Laredo, Webb County, Congressman Cuellar, State Senator Judith Zaffirini, State Representative Tracy King and State Representative Richard Raymond.
- The WC-CL RMA Board of Directors will meet again for a January Board meeting.

CM. Perez requested an update on the River Road project at the next meeting.

Judge Tijerina requested to bring an item at the next meeting to alternate Chairperson every year or every two years.

## **VI. DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS**

Mr. Mendive, Interim Director provided the following comments/report:

1. Policy Committee membership update:

- Welcomed City of Laredo Mayor and Chairman Dr. Victor Treviño to the MPO Policy Committee.
  - Welcomed Jed A. Brown, Member At-Large to the MPO Policy Committee.
  - Thanked former Mayor Pete Saenz for his leadership as Chairman of the MPO Policy Committee and for his dedication and contribution to the MPO and community.
  - Thanked former Councilmember Dr. Marte Martinez for his leadership, dedication, and contribution to the community during his time as a member of the MPO Policy Committee.
2. The MPO Transportation Alternatives (TA) Set-Aside Call for Projects closed on November 18, 2022. Two applications were received and reviewed by staff. The evaluation committee will review the applications in January and make a recommendation to the Technical and Policy Committee for project selection.
  3. MPO staff will be making a formal request to our TxDOT Field Representative to help us coordinate and schedule an MPO 101 training for Policy and Technical committee members.
  4. Upcoming regularly scheduled meetings:
    - Active Transportation Committee – January 25, 2023
    - Technical Committee – February 7, 2023
    - Policy Committee – February 15, 2023

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

Judge Tijerina made a motion to **adjourn** the meeting at 2:51 p.m.

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

Motion carried unanimously

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Juan S. Mendive  
Interim LWCAMPO Director

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Dr. Victor Treviño, Mayor and LWCAMPO  
Chairperson





# 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:

<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



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## Evaluation Category & Scoring Criteria

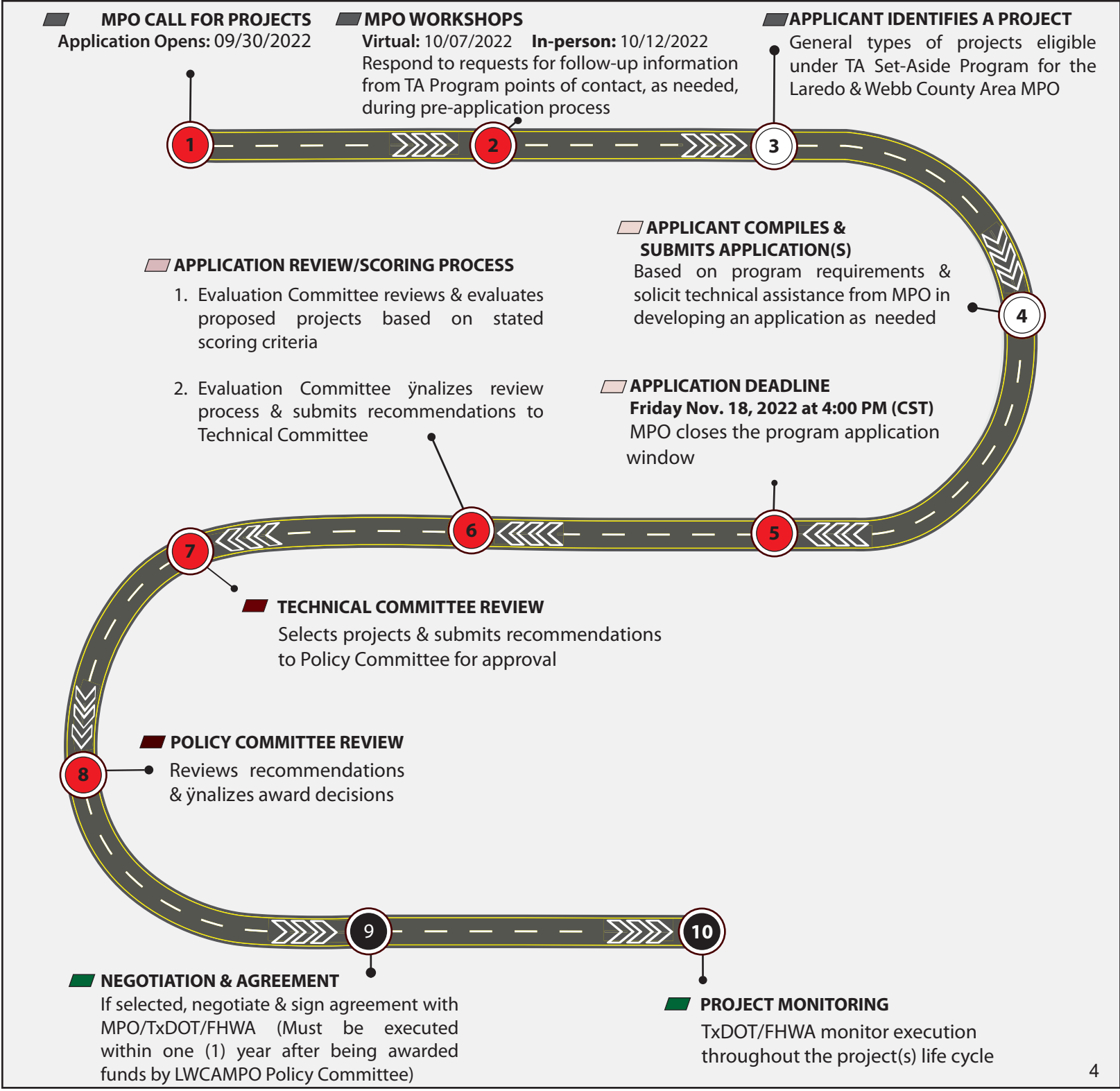
All project applications submitted for this Call for Projects will be based on evaluation criteria, scoring points, and other factors as approved by the Laredo & Webb County Area MPO Policy Committee and listed on the following table.

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

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

*Rosaris C. Cabello, Interim City Manager*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name & Title

*11/16/2022*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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











## 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
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		









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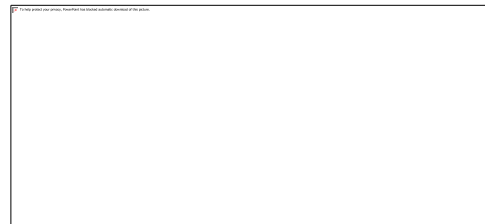
Item #	Route #	IB / OB	Location	Current Picture	Three Sides w/h Open Front & 5' Center Partition To Separate Bike & Passenger Waiting Area	Shelter Size (L x W)	Pad (L x W)	Map/ Schedule Holders	Waste Receptacle	Bench	Solar Light	Bike Racks	Repair Station	Total Cost
9	1,15	IB	Santa Maria & Chicago			18' 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		



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

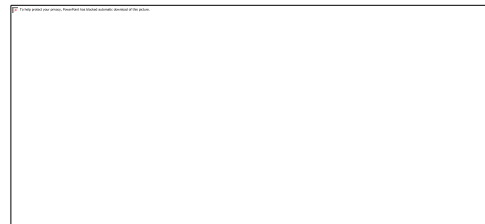
Item #	Route #	IB / OB	Location	Current Picture	Three Sides w/h Open Front & 5' Center Partition To Separate Bike & Passenger Waiting Area	Shelter Size (L x W)	Pad (L x W)	Map/ Schedule Holders	Waste Receptacle	Bench	Solar Light	Bike Racks	Repair Station	Total Cost
13	12B	IB	Shiloh & Woodridge			18' 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



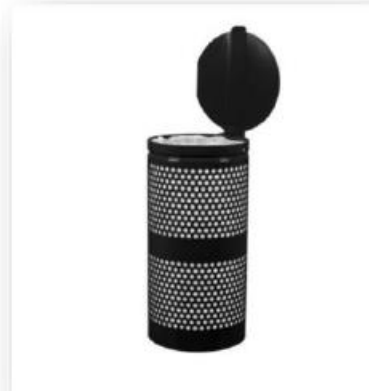
Laredo Transit Mgmt. Inc., is seeking to utilize grant funding if awarded for the improvement of ten (10) existing bus stop locations and up to fifteen (15).

- 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.



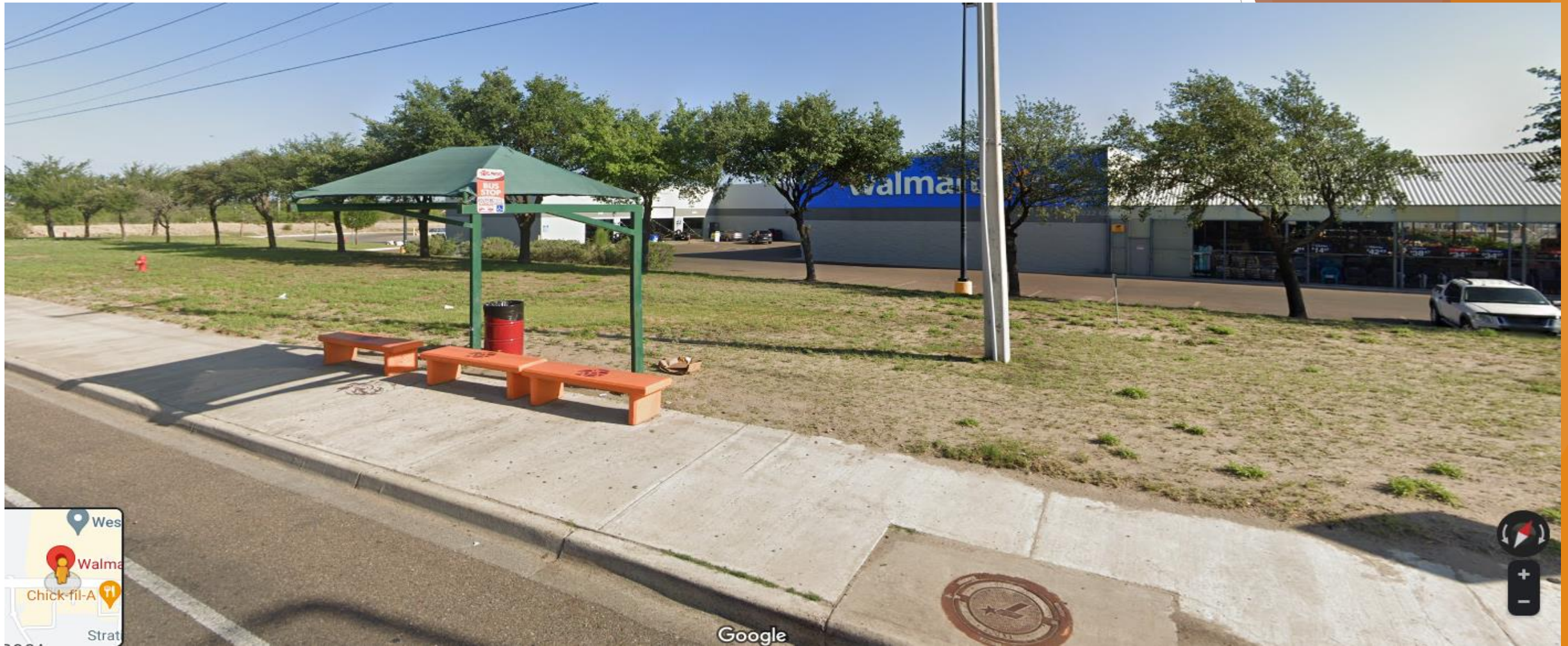


# Amenities that will be brought in to Laredo





# 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.





# Transit Bus Stop Enhancement Program

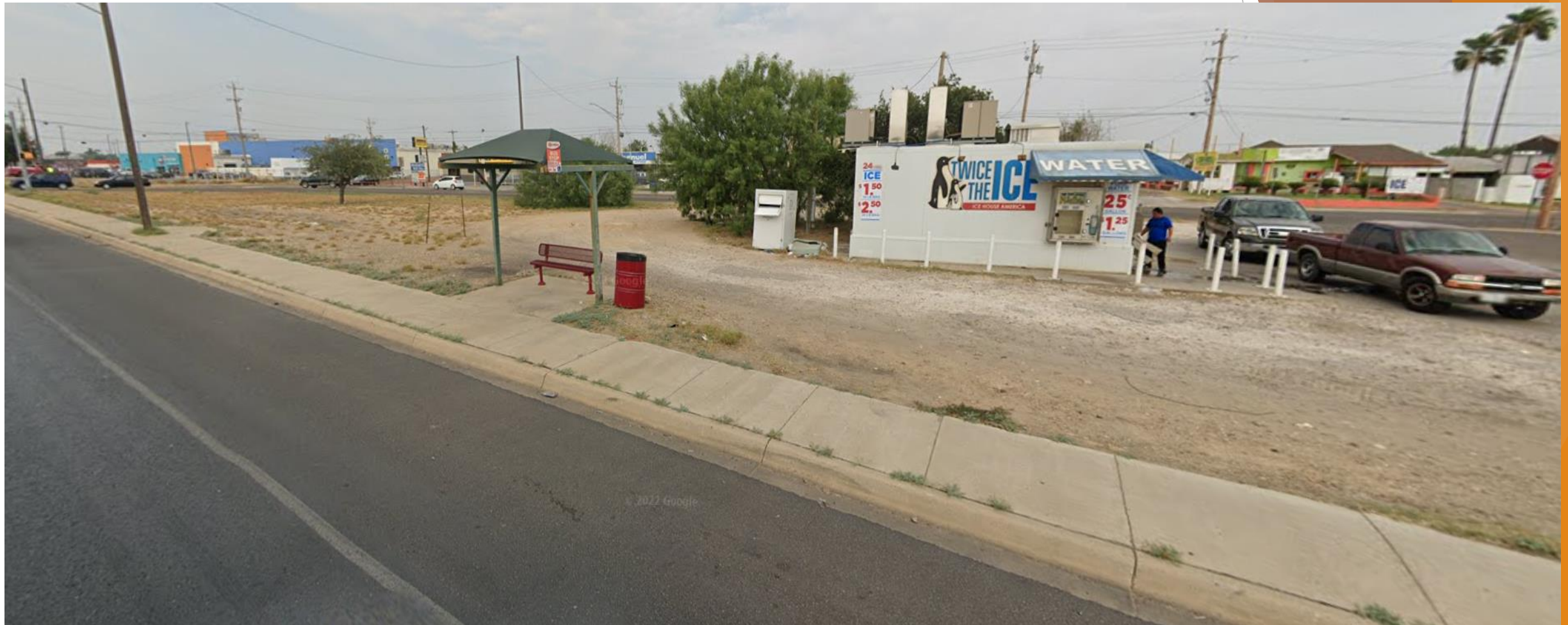


Santa Maria Ave. & Chicago St.





# 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.





# Transit Bus Stop Enhancement Program



San Francisco Ave. & Bruni Ct.





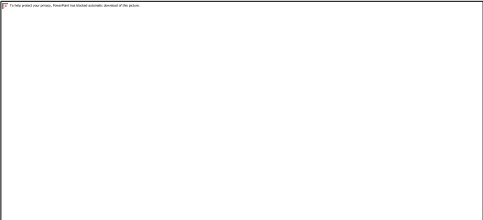
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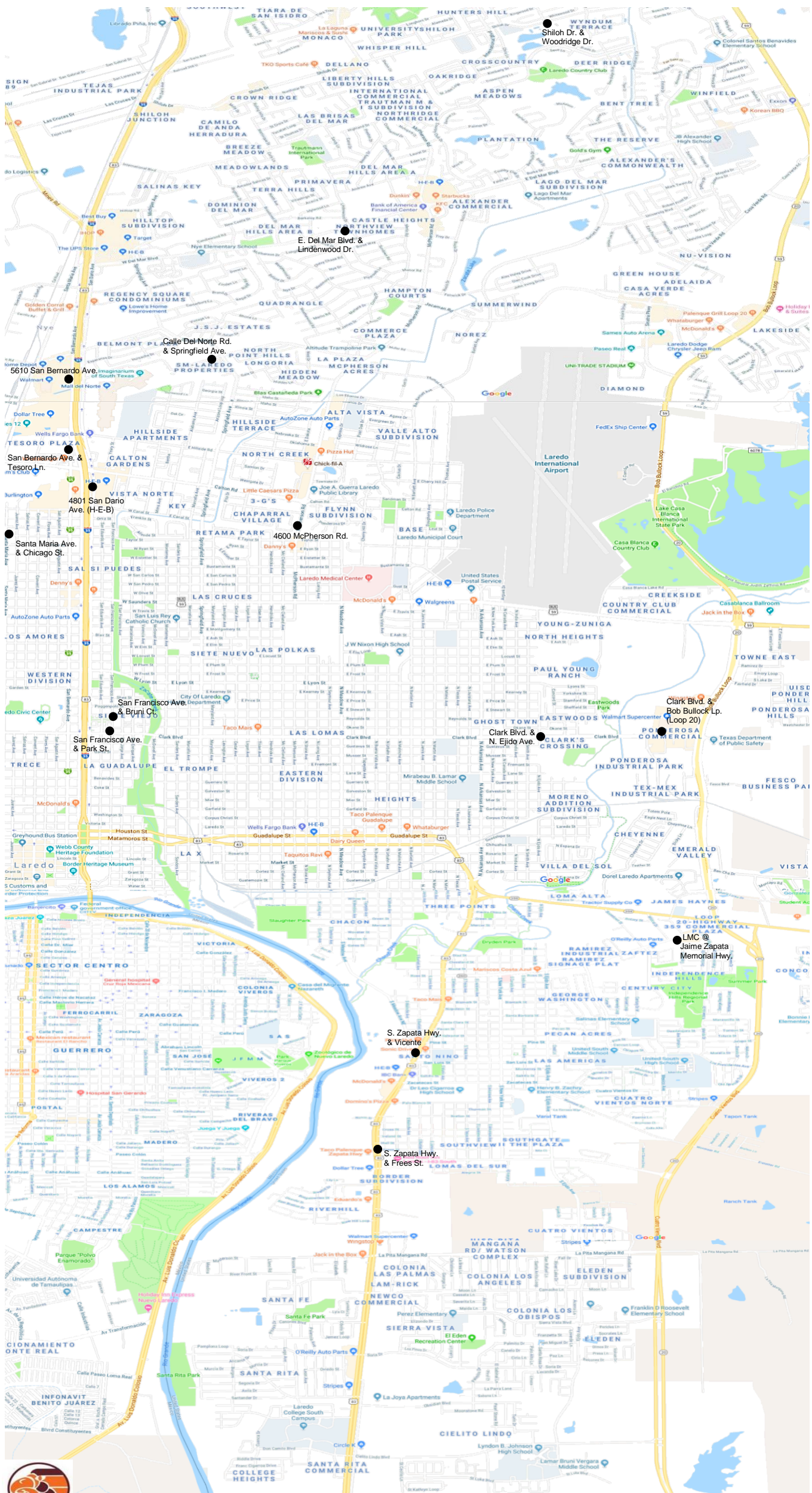
Clark Blvd. & Bob Bullock Loop (Loop 20)



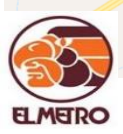
# Transit Bus Stop Enhancement Program







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)

## RESOLUTION NO. 2022-RT-19

AUTHORIZING THE INTERIM CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION FOR \$1,250,000.00 TO THE LAREDO AND WEBB COUNTY AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO) TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES (TA) SET-ASIDE 2022 FROM THE SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BLOCK GRANT TO CONSTRUCT AND DESIGN TEN (10) ADA BUS STOPS AND ENHANCEMENT PROJECT WITH POSSIBILITY UP TO FIVE (5) ADDITIONAL ADA BUS STOPS. IN ADDITION, THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION IMPOSES A 15% ADMINISTRATIVE FEE. THE REQUIRED LOCAL MATCH OF \$250,000.00 WILL BE FUNDED BY THE TRANSIT'S LOCAL SALES TAX.

**WHEREAS**, the City of Laredo, Texas, authorizes the Interim City Manager to submit a grant application to the Laredo-Webb County Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Alternatives (TA) Set-Aside Program for 2022 on funding authorized under The Surface Transportation Block grant; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Laredo, Texas, and the Laredo Transit Management Inc. are submitting a grant application to the Laredo-Webb County Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Alternatives (TA) Program funds in the amount of \$1,250,000.00 as outlined in the MPO Transportation Alternatives Program Guidance and Application Packet for 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Laredo, Texas, and the Laredo Transit Management Inc. acknowledges availability of the required local match of 20% for \$250,000.00, an 15% TxDOT Administrative Fee and the availability of funds to pay all upfront costs, since the TA Program is a cost reimbursement program.

### **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAREDO THAT:**

**Section 1.** the City of Laredo, Texas does hereby authorize the Interim City Manager to submit a grant application to the Laredo-Webb County Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Alternatives (TA) Set-Aside Program for 2022 on funding authorized under Surface Transportation Block grant; and

**Section 2.** the City of Laredo, Texas hereby assures the Laredo-Webb County Metropolitan Planning Organization that sufficient funding for the El Metro ADA Bus Stops Enhancement Project is available, as the TA Program is a cost reimbursement program; and

**Section 3.** the City of Laredo, Texas hereby assures the Laredo-Webb County Metropolitan Planning Organization that the Laredo Transit Management Inc. is willing and able to if the El Metro ADA Bus Stops Enhancement Project is selected for funding, administer all activities involved with the El Metro ADA Bus Stops Enhancement Project.



**PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR ON THIS THE  
\_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
PETE SAENZ  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
JOSE A. VALDEZ, JR.  
CITY SECRETARY

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

BY \_\_\_\_\_  
DOAHN "ZONE" T. NGUYEN  
CITY ATTORNEY



# 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.

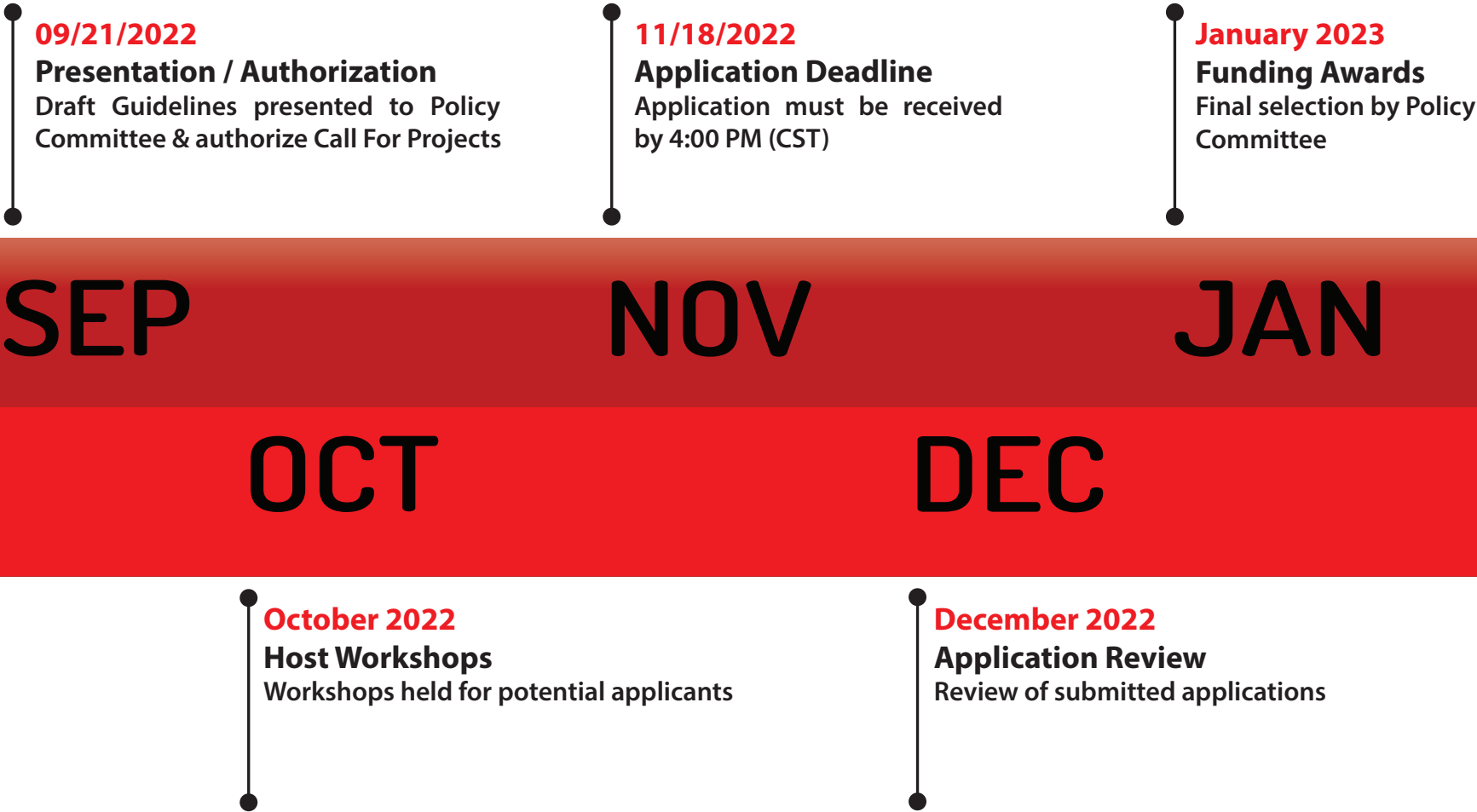
- Project applications must be received by: **Friday, November 18, 2022 (4:00 PM CST)**
- Project applications must consist of two (2) original hard copies (including attachments) and one (1) digital (i.e. scanned) copy of all files on a USB drive.
- A complete application must be mailed or hand-delivered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

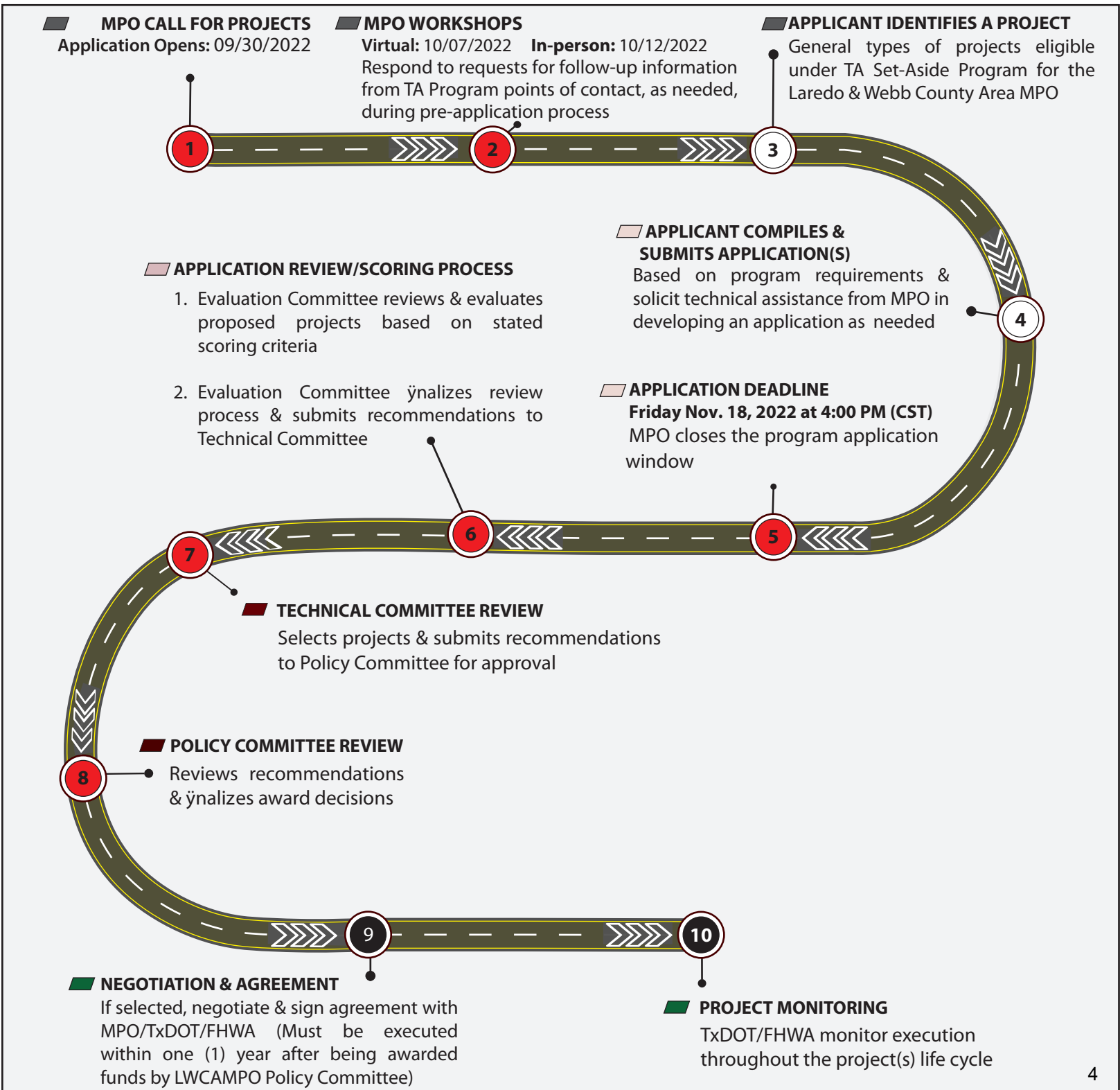
All project applications submitted for this Call for Projects will be based on evaluation criteria, scoring points, and other factors as approved by the Laredo & Webb County Area MPO Policy Committee and listed on the following table.

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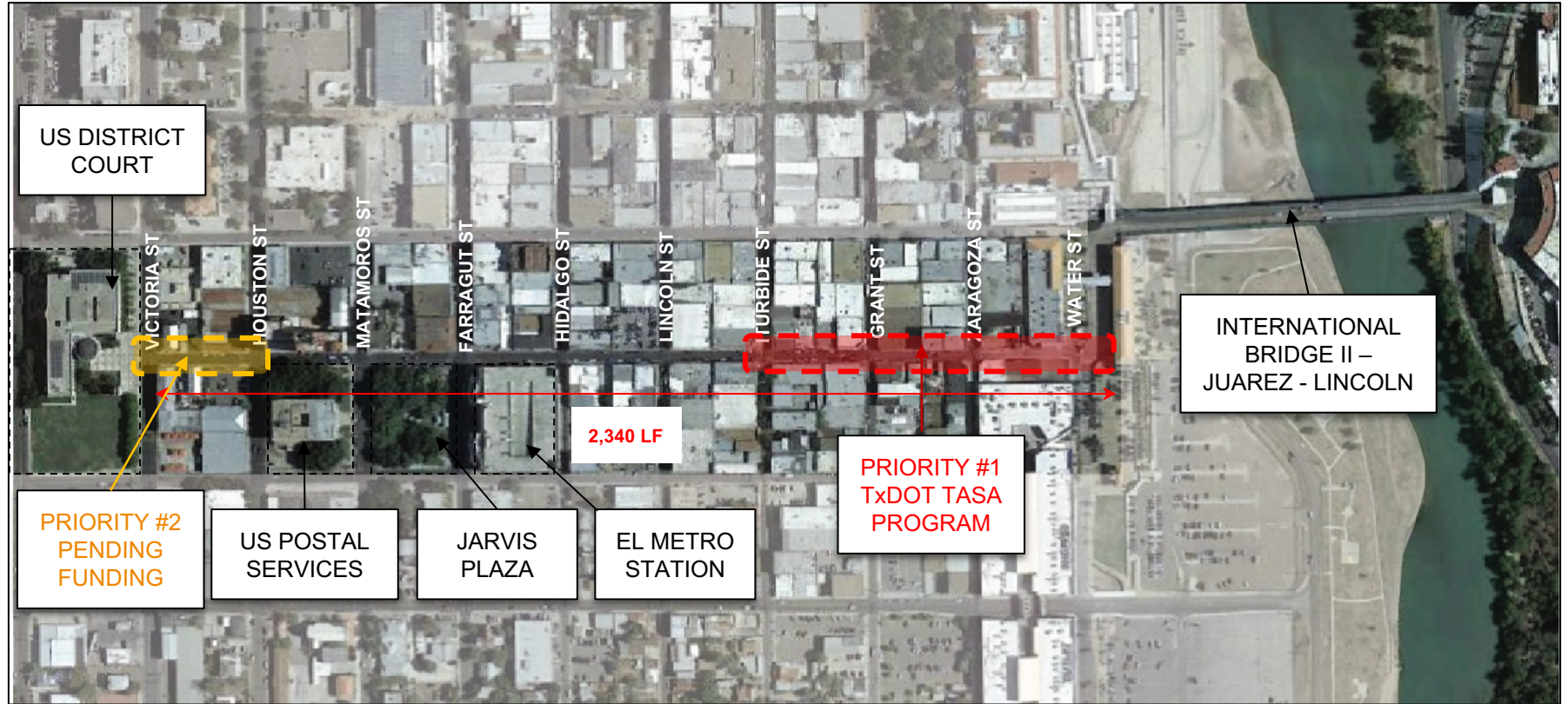
IF THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS  
IS AN INALIENABLE RIGHT, THEN  
ACCESS TO A HAPPY LIFE  
IS THE MAIN PURPOSE OF CITIES

**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)

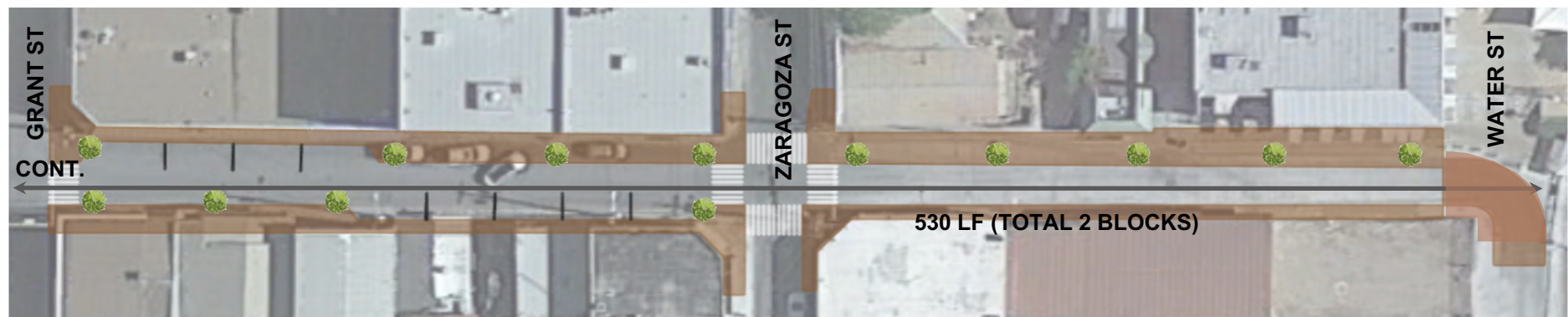


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# SALINAS AVE. IMPROVEMENTS

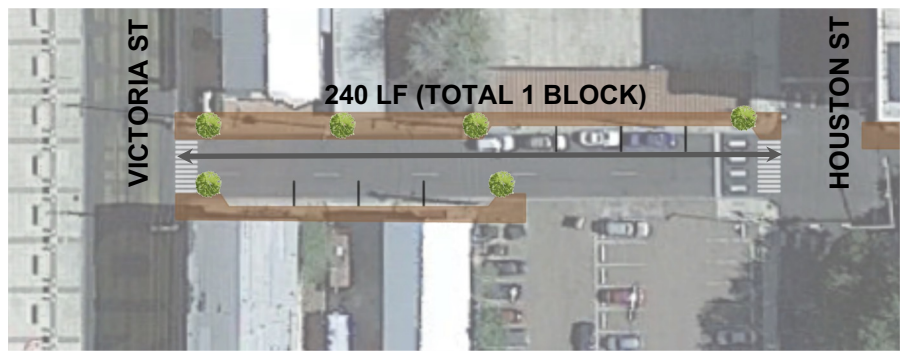
## TIRZ #1 – PRIORITY PROJECT DETAILS (SALINAS AVE. IMPROVEMENTS)



**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%

# 2022 Transportation Alternative Set-Aside Program

<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**



## 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>		



# **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



# DOWNTOWN SAFE SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS

- **Submitted by:** Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone (TIRZ) #1
- **Project description:** Sidewalk, ramps, curb and gutter improvements along the 100, 200 & 300 Blocks of Salinas Ave. in downtown Laredo.
- **Project includes:** Planning, surveying and design of sidewalk and crossing surface improvements, lighting and electrical improvements, pavement markings, select utilities relocation, tree planting and other similar improvements to increase safety and accessibility.
- **Limits:**
  - From the intersection of Salinas Ave. & Water St.
  - To the intersection of Salinas Ave. & Victoria Ave.
- **Length:** Approximate 805 linear feet on each of the sides.

# EL METRO ADA BUS STOPS AND BICYCLE PLAZAS ENHANCEMENT PROJECT

- **Submitted by:** City of Laredo and Laredo Transit Management, Inc.
- **Project description:** 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.
- **Project includes:** the contract of a consultant for engineering and design including environmental for all locations.
- **Limits/Location:**  
Improvement of accessibility and security for 10 bus stop locations and up to 5 additional existing.



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**MISSION STATEMENT**

To set transportation related policy, identify existing and future local transportation needs in cooperation with TxDOT, and propose and recommend projects for all modes of transportation including mass transit and active transportation, with special attention to freight

**ARTICLE I  
DEFINITIONS, PURPOSE AND AUTHORITY**

**Section 1.1 Definitions**

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

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

- **Metropolitan Planning Organization Active Transportation Committee** – the body of the MPO responsible for improving and promoting active modes of mobility in the MPO study area by monitoring the implementation of the Laredo Webb County Active Transportation Plan, and providing recommendations on MPO active transportation related activities.
- **Fiscal Agent for the Metropolitan Planning Organization (Fiscal Agent)** – The governmental entity or agency designated by written agreement between the MPO Policy Committee and the governmental entity or agency providing fiscal administrative services and other services (which may include personnel and staff support) to the MPO Policy Committee and the Staff of the MPO.
- **Laredo Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)** - The MTP is an official, comprehensive, intermodal transportation plan developed and adopted for the Laredo Metropolitan Area through the transportation planning process. The MTP identifies the existing and future transportation needs and develops coordinated strategies to provide the necessary transportation facilities essential for the continued mobility and economic vitality of Laredo. These coordinated transportation strategies include roadway development and operations, truck and rail freight movement, transit operations, bikeways and pedestrian facilities. The development of the MTP is required under the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) to assure the continuation of federal transportation funds. The plan shall address a continuous twenty-year planning horizon.
- **Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)** - A staged, multiyear, intermodal program, of transportation projects which is consistent with the metropolitan transportation plan and which is also financially constrained.
- **Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)** - Shall mean the program of work that includes goals, objectives and/or tasks required by each of the several agencies involved in the metropolitan transportation planning process. The UPWP shall describe metropolitan transportation and transportation-related planning activities anticipated in the area during the next one-year period and reflect transportation planning work to be funded by federal, state or local transportation or transportation-related planning funds.

**Section 1.2 Purpose**

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

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**Section 1.3 Authority**

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

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

**ARTICLE II  
MEMBERSHIP, TERMS AND ADMINISTRATION**

**Section 2.1 Membership and Qualifications**

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

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

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

**Section 2.2 Meetings, Quorum and Voting**

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

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

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

**Section 2.3 Administration**

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

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

(b) The Technical Committee shall include the following:

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

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4. Federal representatives:  
FHWA Planning Representative (Austin)
  
5. Private Sector Representatives:  
A representative of the Kansas City Southern Railroad Company  
A representative of the Union Pacific Railroad Company  
A representative of the Laredo Transportation Association  
A Transportation Provider Representative who shall also serve on the Laredo Transportation & Traffic Safety Advisory Committee
  
6. School system representatives  
A representative of the Laredo Independent School District  
A representative of the United Independent School District  
A representative of Texas A&M International University  
A representative of Laredo Community College

- (c) Each voting member of the Technical Committee may have a designated alternate member to serve on the committee in the member's absence. Appointed alternate members will have the voting rights and privileges of members when serving in the absence of the Technical Committee member.

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

- (d) The Active Transportation Committee (ATC)

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

2. Membership

- a. The Active Transportation Committee shall be composed of a broad group of representatives from the regional community.



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

**Section 2.4 Ethic Policy for MPO Policy Members and Employees**

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

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

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**ARTICLE III  
AMENDMENTS**

**Section 3.1 Bylaw Revisions**

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

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

  
*Kol:* Honorable ~~Pete Saenz~~  
Mayor of Laredo and Chairperson of the  
LWCAMPO Transportation Planning Committee

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

  
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Juan S. Mendive  
Interim MPO Director

  
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David M. Salazar  
TxDOT District Engineer

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).



## February, 2023 - Status report by the Regional Mobility Authority (RMA).

1. FM 1472 and Killam Industrial Blvd. Turn Lanes – The commencement of work at Killam Industrial Blvd. at FM 1472 occurred in early May 2022. Construction of the pavement widening components have been ongoing. Concrete pouring for FM 1472 and Killam Industrial Blvd. was ongoing in late December through 1/6/23. Construction of the traffic signal and median islands are complete. Main outstanding components are the sidewalk along Killam Industrial Blvd. and the driveway off of Killam Industrial Blvd. **Project is close to 90% complete and substantial completion is scheduled for early March.**
2. Los Presidentes (Cuatro Vientos to Brownwood) – The final walkthrough of the project occurred on 12/8/22. Paving of the street is 100% complete. Drainage is 100% complete. The work for the 18-inch water line is complete. The outstanding items are the lighting and irrigation. **Ribbon cutting of the project occurred on 2/1/23 and is now open to traffic. Overall the project is 99% complete.**
3. Loop 20 South (Cuatro Vientos) Acceleration/ Deceleration Lane Project - The project was awarded to Anderson Columbia in October 2021. Construction to commenced on the week of the 14th of March. The roadway and traffic items are all complete. The illumination poles will be complete. Traffic delineators at the intersection of Los Presidentes are in process to be reset. **The project is now open to traffic. Overall the project is 99% complete.**
4. Springfield Phase III – Final walkthrough of the project occurred on 12/9/22. The major outstanding items are the completion of the lighting and traffic improvements. Substantial completion is scheduled for late February/ March 2023. **Overall, the project is approximately 95% complete.**
5. Webb County Fair Grounds TIA – **The TIA report is complete and submitted to the County.**
6. River Road Corridor Study – The WCCL RMA has completed the stakeholder meetings on the Study. The traffic analysis, cost estimating and report development are ongoing. Total duration of the study is 12 months. **Completion of the study is anticipated in June 2023.**
7. Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant – In partnership with the MPO and the City of Laredo, the RMA developed a \$2M grant application to develop an action to prevent roadway deaths and serious injuries. The application was successfully submitted on September 9, 2022 which was 6 days prior to the due date of the application. On the 30<sup>th</sup> of January, the RMA was informed by US Congressman Cuellar’s Office that the grant was approved for \$1.6M. Following the notification, the Federal Highway Administration notified the RMA that the Grant Agreement process between the RMA and the Federal Government will begin in the following weeks. A formal announcement by Congressman Cuellar is scheduled for 2/21/23.
8. Vallecillo Road – In the August MPO Policy Committee meeting, funding for construction of the project was concluded. Subsequent to the dedication of \$16.5M dollars of Category 7 funds from the MPO, US Congressman Henry Cuellar has pledged \$3M of federal earmark funds. These monies are in addition to the \$16.24M dedicated to the project by the RMA, City of Laredo and the Killam Company. Congressman Cuellar had a joint press conference with the City and State officials to announce the funding of the project. Approval of the \$3M funds were included as part of the Omnibus Bill that was approved by Congress at the end of December 2022. Now that the project is funded for construction, the RMA has submitted the appropriate paperwork to TxDOT for the draft Advanced Funding Agreement (AFA) and Funding Assistance Agreement (FAA) and begin design of the project. The RMA is currently awaiting receipt of the draft AFA and FAA from TxDOT.

9. Concord Hills (Wormser Road/ Lomas Del Sur to Los Presidentes) - Similar to the Los Presidentes project, the WC-CL RMA will sponsor and lead the design and construction of a new location 1.3 mile, 2-lane minor arterial roadway extension from Los Presidentes to Wormser Road/ Lomas Del Sur within a nominal ROW width of 90' in partnership with the City of Laredo. The WC-CL RMA has committed \$1 million to the development of the project. The project will provide a parallel route to Cuatro Vientos and provide additional access to the new Laredo Sports Complex and the Municipal Water Park. The sponsorship and implementation are subject to the negotiation of an Inter Local Agreement between the City of Laredo and the WC-CL RMA.
10. Springfield Phase I, II, and IV – Similar to Springfield Phase III, the WC-CL RMA has committed up to \$1 million to the City of Laredo to assist with the funding of the construction of the next Phase of the project.

Other Items:

- The next WC-CL RMA Board of Directors meeting is March.



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### Director's Report February 15, 2023

1. On February 8<sup>th</sup>, TxDOT's Transportation Planning & Programming Division held a meeting with MPOs, Districts, and Divisions to discuss Category 7 balances, utilization, and opportunities to maximize the State's August Re-distribution request. MPO staff were in attendance and will use the information and resources provided to continue effectively leveraging Category 7 funding. Staff were also informed about the new federal Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) funding that will be allocated to MPOs. Additional information will be shared with the Policy Committee as more details about CRP funding becomes available.
  2. The RMA, in partnership with the City of Laredo and MPO, successfully developed and submitted a grant application to the Safe Streets and Roads for All program. The RMA was awarded a grant of \$1.6M to develop a safety action plan to prevent roadway deaths and serious injuries. The MPO looks forward to the continued collaboration with the RMA in the development of the safety action plan.
  3. We would like to welcome our newest team member, Adriana A. Vigil, Administrative Secretary for the MPO.
1. Upcoming regularly scheduled meetings:
    - Active Transportation Committee – February 22, 2023
    - Technical Committee – March 7, 2023
    - Policy Committee – March 15, 2023