



MPO POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

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Meeting Date & Time: March 22, 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>

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AGENDA:

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- I. CHAIRPERSON TO CALL MEETING TO ORDER
- II. CHAIRPERSON TO CALL ROLL
- III. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Speakers are required to fill out witness cards, which must be submitted to MPO Staff no later than 1:45 p.m. the day of the meeting. Speakers shall identify themselves at the microphone. Comments are limited to three (3) minutes per speaker. No more than three (3) persons will be allowed to speak on any side of an issue. Should there be more than three (3) people who wish to speak on a specific issue, they should select not more than three (3) representatives to speak on their behalf. The presiding officer may further limit public on the interest of order or time. Speakers may not transfer their minutes to any other speaker. Comments should be relevant to MPO business and delivered in a professional manner. No derogatory remarks shall be permitted.

IV. ITEMS REQUIRING POLICY COMMITTEE ACTION:

- A. Approval of the minutes for the meeting held on February 15, 2023.
- B. 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.

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- C. Discussion with possible action on the Hachar-Reuthinger Road project, including the allocation and programming of additional Category 7 funds in the amount of \$47.79 million, bringing the Category 7 total to \$100 million, for the construction of Hachar-Reuthinger Road four lane divided highway (CSJ 0922-33-165 and 0922-33-166).
 - D. Discussion with possible action on Resolution No. MPO 2023-04 prioritizing the construction of Hachar-Reuthinger Road and supporting TxDOT's allocation of Category 2 funds in the amount of \$26.5 million, and Category 4U funds in the amount of \$17.9 million to CSJ 0922-33-165 and CSJ 0922-33-166 for the 2024 Unified Transportation Program (UTP). Allocation of Category 4U funds is contingent upon Texas Transportation Commission Minute Order Approval to designate Hachar Reuthinger as a State Highway. In addition, TxDOT-Laredo district will allocate \$ 2.2 million of other funding categories to completely fund the project estimated at \$ 146.6 million.
 - E. Discussion with possible action on the coordination and strategy related to sending a delegation of MPO Policy Committee members to future Texas Transportation Commission public meetings, and any other matters incident thereto.
 - F. Presentation and discussion with possible action to enter into a non-financial partnership agreement with the Rio Grande International Study Center (RGISC) and provide a Letter of Commitment for the submission of their grant application to the EPA's Environmental Justice Collaborative Problem Solving (EJCPS) Program, for a project to potentially focus on reducing heat island effects, the installation of air quality monitors, or similar scopes of effort that benefit downtown Laredo. (Presentation to be provided by a representative from RGISC).
- 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.

- A. Request for Executive Session regarding personnel matters pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.074 to establish an annual salary amount for the full-time

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MPO Director, return to open session for possible action, and any other matters incident thereto.

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/>.

All meetings of the MPO Committee are open to the public. Persons who plan to attend this meeting and who may need auxiliary aid or services such as: interpreters for persons who are deaf or hearing impaired, readers of large print or Braille, or a translator for the Spanish language are requested to contact MPO Staff at 956-794-1605, or via email at aavigil@ci.laredo.tx.us at least two working days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made. Materials in Spanish may also be provided upon request.

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

Ayuda o Servicios Auxiliares: Todas las reuniones del Comité del MPO están abiertas al público. Personas que planean asistir a esta reunión y que pueden necesitar ayuda o servicios auxiliares como: interpretes para personas con discapacidad auditiva, lectores de letra grande o en Braille, o un traductor para el idioma español deben comunicarse con el personal del MPO al 956-794-1605 o por correo electrónico aavigil@ci.laredo.tx.us por lo menos dos días laborales antes de la reunión para que se puedan hacer los arreglos apropiados. Material en español está disponible mediante una petición.

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

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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

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Honorable Melissa R. Cigarroa, City Councilmember, District III

County of Webb Representatives:

Honorable Tano E. Tijerina, Webb County Judge and LWCAMPO Vice-Chairperson

Honorable Jesse Gonzalez, Webb County Commissioner, Pct. 1

Honorable John Galo, Webb County Commissioner, Pct. 3

Laredo Mass Transit Board Representative:

Honorable Vanessa Perez, City Councilmember, District VII

State Representative:

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

Member at Large Representative:

Jed A. Brown

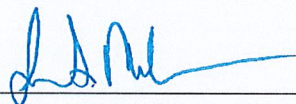
Ex-Officio Representatives:

Honorable Judith Zaffirini, State Senator, District 21

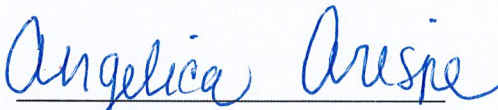
Honorable Richard Raymond, State Representative, District 42

Honorable Tracy O. King, State Representative, District 80

AGENDA REVIEWED:



Juan S. Mendive, AICP
LWCAMPO Director


for: Jose A. Valdez, Jr.
Laredo City Secretary