



# LAREDO & WEBB COUNTY

## AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

### POLICY COMMITTEE

#### MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 22, 2023

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#### I. CHAIRPERSON TO CALL MEETING TO ORDER

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

#### 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 and LWCAMPO Vice-Chairperson  
Honorable Melissa R. Cigarroa, City Councilmember, District III  
Honorable Ruben Gutierrez, Jr., City Councilmember, District V  
Honorable Vanessa Perez, Mayor Pro Tempore  
Honorable Jesse Gonzalez, Webb County Commissioner, Pct. 1  
Mr. Epigmenio "Epi" Gonzalez, P.E., TxDOT District Engineer  
Mr. Jed A. Brown, Member-at-Large

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

Honorable John Galo, Webb County Commissioner, Pct. 3

CM. J. Gonzalez, made a motion to excuse members not present.

Second: Judge Tijerina  
For: 8  
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 Director  
Graciela Briones, LWCAMPO Planner III  
Julio Niño, LWCAMPO Planner III  
Adriana A. Vigil, LWCAMPO Administrative Assistant

**Others:**

Ramon Chavez, COL Engineering  
Jaime Garcia, COL Engineering  
Orlando Navarro, COL Planning Dept.  
Norma Martinez, COL Community Development  
Robert J. Garza, COL Transit  
Eduardo Bernal, COL Transit  
Sara Garza, TxDOT  
Roberto Rodriguez, TxDOT  
Ana Duncan, TxDOT  
Luis M. Villarreal, TxDOT  
Jason Hinojosa, TxDOT  
Adelaido "Lalo" Uribe, Webb County Judge's Office  
Victoria Villarreal, Webb County Planning  
Luis Perez Garcia, Webb County Engineering  
Guillermo Cuellar, Webb County Engineering  
Melissa Montemayor, HNTB, Inc.  
Jose Ceballos, Fasken Development  
Sheila Cerna, RGISC  
Martin Castro, RGISC  
Eduardo Gutierrez, Premier Engineering  
Judd Gilpin, Gilpin Engineering  
Baltazar Avila  
Victor Treviño

**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 meetings held on February 15, 2023.**

CM. Gutierrez, made a motion to approve the minutes of February 15, 2023.

Second: Judge Tijerina

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion carried unanimously

**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.**

Mayor Treviño, stated how important this item was and had briefly been discussed at a previous meeting. He mentioned that as the City of Laredo and the County continue to reinforce the relationship, he thought it was appropriate to alternate the chairmanship of the MPO Policy Committee. He further stated how he looked forward to finish the year as the Chairperson and having Webb County Judge as the Chairperson for the MPO for next year.

CM. J. Gonzalez, made a motion to appoint Judge Tijerina as the Chairperson for this term effective immediately after the 10-day public comment period is over.

Second: CM. Gutierrez

CM. Perez, added to the motion by stating the one-year period term the Chairperson would serve.

Mr. Mendive, MPO Director presented a proposal he was asked to bring in last month's meeting. The proposal read that the Mayor and the County Judge would alternate as the Chairperson every 2 years.

CM. J. Gonzalez, included in his motion that the Mayor and the Judge would alternate every 2 years. He also stated that his motion was to have County Judge (Tijerina) appointed as Chairperson immediately after the 10-day public comment period.

CM Cigarroa, stated how having a new Chairperson appointed mid-year may cause a confusion in the change to the By-Laws.

Mr. Mendive, stated that opening the comment period in the month of May was to allow time for staff to review the By-Laws and decide if there were other areas that needed to be modified or updated and to bring them all together at the same time. He further stated that staff's recommendation was that both, the Mayor and the Judge should serve 2 years each.

CM. J. Gonzalez, clarified his motion having each Chairperson serve a term of 2 years each.

CM. Cigarroa, asked a review for clarification of the motion that passed.

CM. J. Gonzalez, clarified that his motion was to appoint County Judge (Tijerina) as the Chairperson starting as soon as the 10-day public comment period finished.

Mr. Mendive, provided a quick brief of the process required for the public comment period and the By-Laws changes and clarified that if those were the wishes of the Committee, the proposed language of the By-laws would have to read different to establish that the Chairperson would start at earlier period versus the language originally proposed which stated for the new Chairperson to start FY2025. He further stated that the new appointed Chairperson would take chair after the By-Laws changes go into effect.

CM. J. Gonzalez, stated that the Judge would be appointed as the new Chairperson mid-year for the remainder calendar year 2023 and 2024.

CM. Gutierrez, clarified what CM. Gonzalez stated, that the Judge will serve as Chairperson as soon as the 10-day public comment period is over and the changes to the By-Laws take effect. Judge Tijerina will take over the chair starting mid-year of 2023 throughout 2024. He further stated that the Mayor will serve as Chairperson starting in January 2025.

Second: CM. Gutierrez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion carried unanimously

- 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).**

Judge Tijerina, made a motion to approve the item as written.

Second: CM. Gonzalez  
For: 8  
Against: 0  
Abstained: 0

Motion carried unanimously

- 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.**

Judge Tijerina, made a motion to **approve** the item as written

Second: CM. J. Gonzalez  
For: 8  
Against: 0  
Abstained: 0

Motion carried unanimously

- 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.**

Mr. Mendive, stated that is item had been brought up by CM. Perez. He further mentioned there would be important items to be discussed in future Transportation Commission meetings such as the Hachar-Reuthinger project being transferred to the State. Therefore, this item was placed on the agenda to strategize and coordinate on how to go about sending a delegation and provide support of certain projects.

CM Perez, stated how she though it was a great idea to go to these meetings and be part of their discussions for Laredo. She further stated they meet once a month and it would be good to have someone from the MPO Committee or from the City and have representation at these meetings

Judge Tijerina, coincided with CM. Perez and he stated that even members from the Technical Committee could go represent the Laredo & Webb County Area at these meetings.

Mr. Mendive, explained that the members that serve in the Technical Committee are designated by the By-Laws. He further stated we have representatives from the different City Departments and Webb County Departments as well. He gave examples of the members like the City Planning Director, County Planning Director.

Judge Tijerina, stated that he would like to have that as an option if for some reason no one from the Policy Committee can be appointed to attend the meetings.

CM. Perez, stated how she felt that the more we were out there advocating for the needs, we would be making sure they consider Laredo. She also mentioned it would be good for a delegation to be part of those meetings to be able to get more funds for projects like the Hachar-Reuthinger which is more for the trade industry but a lot of local monies were put towards this project and this had left us very limited in what we could do to accommodate the needs of the rest of the city and, in order to better serve the City and the County, it would be good to do everything we could to make more consideration of Laredo from the State.

CM. Brown, stated that there was an announcement earlier that day, that there were two new appointees with the Texas Transportation Commission. He further stated that one of the new appointees was from Pharr, Texas, which gives a really loud voice for the Valley of Texas, and how Laredo and the Webb County needs to do everything we can to keep our selves on the map with our state officials. He emphasized in how we must have better attendance, and how important it was that we send our best and our brightest to speak well for our community.

Mr. Gonzalez, TxDOT, stated that the following Wednesday there will be a presentation to the Transportation Commission called the Red River to the Rio Grande. He further stated that the presentation would highlight projects on I-35 from the Texas – Oklahoma border all the way to Laredo.

Judge Tijerina, asked if all the corridors like the I-69, I-27 and others will be discussed in that presentation.

Mr. Gonzalez, TxDOT, stated that this presentation is strictly for I-35 only, but there are other monthly Statewide Connectivity meetings that do discuss I-27, I-69, I-2 and other corridors.

Juan Mendive stated he would keep communicating to the Committee on upcoming meetings and what items are included in the Agendas.

Judge Tijerina made a motion on the item to continue.

Second:	CM. J. Gonzalez
For:	8
Against:	0

Abstained: 0

Motion carried unanimously

- 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).**

Mr. Mendive, stated there were some representatives from RGISC that had approached the MPO about the potential partnership that would be giving a presentation about a non-financial partnership proposal and would be able to answer any questions the Committee may have.

Martin Castro, RGISC, gave a presentation on the proposed non-financial partnership to the Committee. Mr. Castro stated how this is a Cooperative agreement program with the EPA's Environmental Justice Collaborative Problem-Solving Cooperative Program (CPS). Mr. Castro explained that the program is designed to provide financial assistance to eligible organizations working to significantly address local environmental or public health issues in their communities. He stated that the focus is on the communities that have been disproportionately affected or burdened by environmental harms and risks and the purposes was to build collaborative partnerships through this program to offer its resources and tools to other stakeholders to develop solutions to the issues at a community level that cannot be addressed by one single entity or group.

Mr. Castro also stated there were approximately \$30 million available of funding for FY23. Only 50 projects to be selected nationally for up to \$500,000 each with a period of up to 3 years to complete the project(s) and the application deadline was April 14, 2023.

Mr. Castro, further showed a visual representation of the area where they would like to execute the project. The area was along the two boulevards off of International Bridge II, there are 4 blocks (plazas) that were a potential project.

Mr. Castro went over a list of the Eligible Project Activities and the goals of the proposal being Bridge Data Gaps, Climate Mitigation and Walkability.

Sheila Cerna, RGISC, presented to the Committee the RGISC Project Proposal facts including an average of 28,000 of non-commercial vehicles crossing the Laredo bridge II per day. Ms. Cerna, stated that there was a TCEQ air quality monitor at bridge II that is used for regulatory purposes making sure the measures are within the parameters to meet the national air quality standards but the sensor they are proposing for this

particular area, at the plazas, would be to have a way of knowing how much is passing by, how long it stays, how fast it dissipates, etc. Ms. Cerna, stated that the air monitor at Bridge II had been deactivated for measuring CO. in 2017 and for PM 2.5 in 2002. She further stated that those two are significant because PM 2.5 is essentially soot and came from a lot of diesel and car combustion. She also stated that since that occurred there wasn't really any data about the air quality in that particular area. Ms. Cerna, also stated that there was little to no tree canopy coverage in the downtown plazas and the area had a lot of concrete and asphalt which absorbs heat and reflects it at night.

CM Gutierrez, asked what the goal was with the installation of the monitors specifically at the Bridge II.

Ms. Cerna, stated they would like to know starting and end points of air quality and, once the area is vegetated with lots of trees and shades they would be able to know if it made a difference and if it really helped mitigate the pollution in that area. The data collected could potentially help and it would justify vegetating other areas of the Laredo.

CM Gutierrez, stated that he just wouldn't want it to become an issue in the crossings coming through Laredo. Since the City of Laredo depends on those Bridge crossings.

Ms. Cerna, stated that this proposal was not only to be able to identify the problem but to provide a solution to fixing the problem by adding vegetation to the areas.

Mr. Castro stated that the EPA stresses not only to address a problem but to come up with a solution. He further gave an example that if they were to submit a proposal without having air monitors with no measurable outcome such as reducing air pollution through tree canopies, the EPA would be less inclined to fund a proposal.

Mr. Castro wrapped up with providing information about the scope of the proposed projects being in partnership with the MPO and their request being: Collaborative partnership agreement, Partnership could be Financial or Non-Financial and a Letter of Commitment outlining the terms of the agreement.

CM. Gutierrez, made a motion to enter into a non-financial partnership agreement with the Rio Grande International Study Center (RGISC).

Second: CM. Cigarroa

CM. Cigarroa stated that it would be wonderful if this partnership and the availability of funds were granted because it would coincide nicely with the plans the City had for the development of these four blocks (plazas).

For: 8  
Against: 0



Abstained: 0

Motion carried unanimously

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

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

CM. Brown, provided 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 is complete. Construction of the traffic signal is also complete. The traffic signal is fully operational and traffic is now utilizing the new turn lanes on FM 1472 and Killam Industrial Blvd. The main outstanding components are the sidewalk along Killam Industrial Blvd., the retaining wall at the NE corner of Killam Industrial Blvd. and FM 1472 and the driveway off of Killam Industrial Blvd. Project is 90% complete and substantial completion is scheduled for late March.
2. **Los Presidentes (Cuatro Vientos to Brownwood)** – Traffic is now operating on the project. The final outstanding items are the lighting and irrigation. Project is 99+% Complete.
3. **Loop 20 South (Cuatro Vientos) Acceleration/ Deceleration Lane Project** - Traffic is now operating on the project. The final outstanding items are the lighting and irrigation. Project is 99+% Complete.
4. **Springfield Phase III** – Final walkthrough of the project occurred on 12/9/22. The Shiloh Traffic Signal is scheduled for completion by the week of the 24<sup>th</sup> of March. The lighting is scheduled for completion by the end of March. Project is 95% Complete.
5. **Webb County Fair Grounds TIA** – The TIA report is complete. The WC-CL RMA stands ready to provide a presentation to the County at their request.
6. **River Road Corridor Study** – The traffic analysis, cost estimating and report development is 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. 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. A formal announcement by Congressman Cuellar was conducted at City Hall on 2/21/23. The RMA

is awaiting the Draft Grant Agreement between the FHWA and the WC-CL RMA. The Study effort is anticipated to commence in September 2023.

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. The RMA received the draft AFA from TxDOT on 3/2/23. The RMA is completing its review of the AFA and is returning to TxDOT on the week of the 17<sup>th</sup> of March.
  
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. The WC-CL RMA is submitting the paperwork to TxDOT for the AFA development on the week of the 16<sup>th</sup> of March.
  
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. The sponsorship and implementation are subject to the negotiation of an Inter Local Agreement between the City of Laredo and the WC-CL RMA. The WC-CL RMA is submitting the paperwork to TxDOT for the AFA development on the week of the 16<sup>th</sup> of March.

Other Items:

The next WC-CL RMA Board of Directors meeting is March, 2023.

## II. **DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS**

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

1. Policy Committee membership update:
  - Mr. Mendive welcomed Melissa R. Cigarroa, City of Laredo Council Member for District III, to the MPO Policy Committee. He mentioned Council Member Melissa R. Cigarroa was appointed by Mayor Dr. Victor D. Treviño at the City of Laredo Council Meeting on February 21, 2023.

2. Mr. Mendive informed he would be attending the American Planning Association (APA) National Planning Conference in Philadelphia, PA from April 1<sup>st</sup>-April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023.
3. Mr. Mendive provided the following meetings scheduled:
  - Active Transportation Committee – March 29, 2023
  - Technical Committee – April 11, 2023
  - Policy Committee – April 19, 2023

Mr. Mendive also mentioned the MPO continued working on the Travel Demand Model and the development of the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for the update of the 2025-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)

Judge Tijerina, asked Mr. Mendive about the status of the full-time MPO Director's salary.

Mr. Mendive stated that this was an item to be discussed in executive session but, he requested the item to be tabled in order to obtain some clarification from the Human Resources and Legal respective Departments regarding setting certain parameters of the employment agreement. He further stated he had recently received a copy of the agreement and he would like to review it before it was presented to the Committee for the negotiation of a final figure.

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

CM. Gutierrez, made a motion to **table** item time certain (for next meeting).

Second:	CM. Cigarroa
For:	8
Against:	0
Abstained:	0

Motion carried unanimously

CM. Perez, mentioned that the item had already passed but there were big advocates for the Hachar-Reuthinger Road project in the audience and therefore, she would like to be provided with a status report. She also commented that she had recently asked Mr. Gonzalez if the project was still able to let in December.

Mr. Mendive, stated item# IV.C. had been combined with the category 7 funding but they could bring back item IV.C for discussion.

CM. Gutierrez, made a motion to bring back item# IV. C. for discussion.

Second:	CM. Perez
For:	8
Against:	0
Abstained:	0

Motion carried unanimously

CM. Perez stated that there had been several meetings and accomplished the funding gap but there was still pending the ROW acquisition and talks with landowners. She just wanted an update on the project and if the project was still on track for the December Letting date.

Judge Tijerina took the opportunity to thank Mr. Epi Gonzalez and congratulated TxDOT on their move in an expedited manner for the funding gap of this project.

Ana Duncan, TxDOT, gave a brief presentation and mentioned that the City of Laredo Real Estate Division and the Engineering Department would also have some information to share. She further stated how when they presented the original schedule back in November it showed a January 2024 letting date, and now they were seeking for a December ready to let. She further stated that there was Right-of-way already on schedule with no delays showing. The Utilities were on schedule, the coordination was ongoing, with respect to the plans, they had the update they were hoping for, which was going to start moving back towards the four-lane divided. She also stated that they would be receiving the 60% resubmittal which shows the updated plans by July, and by December they would have the plans completed 100%. Which still puts them in a ready to let date of December which means they would have to have the four months prior to let. She stated that they were looking at a let date of April 2024. She further stated how that date would allow further processing. She mentioned that they had good news in respect to the roadway transfer. She said it was scheduled for later this year, but they had already submitted the minute order for that, they were just pending the Commission approval, if this went according to schedule they would have it updated on the August 2023 for the STIP revision. Ms. Duncan mentioned that she would provide a copy of the presentation to the Committee. Ms. Duncan reminded the Committee what the "ready to let" definition encompassed: All clearances required. i.e. environmental, ROW, full PS&E, all project agreements in place, any rail road coordination, utility agreements, etc.

CM. Perez, asked if the environmental has already been completed.

Ms. Duncan, replied that it hadn't, that it was in the process but it was right on schedule. Ms. Duncan explained that the City was still allowed to proceed with the right-of-way even though they didn't have the environmental. She further stated that they were just pending the public involvement which is the presentation of the project.

CM. Perez, wanted clarification on what ready to let in December meant if it really meant in April.

Ms. Duncan, explained that ready to let meant that the project had to be completely ready with everything cleared, so that it could be processed. It needed to go to division, then the funds were assigned to it, then would go through the advertisement process, the plans would be put into the system, etc. That process would take about 3 months, and the actual letting date would be the day that bids would open.

CM. Perez, wanted to point out to the public that this project was fully funded for the full version. She thanked the Commission for all their hard work. She further stated that she just wanted to have everyone informed on what was going on and that everyone had been working really hard to get everything in order.

Mr. Mendive, stated that there were certain actions that needed to happen, like the Texas Transportation Commission, the approval of the UTP for the funding that we were supporting, the allocation on those Category 2 and Category 4 funds. Mr. Mendive further stated that once all that was approved we would put that into our TIP amendment to get to the STIP. He also stated that the MPO would be working closely with TxDOT to make sure all deadlines were met. He also mentioned that since future Category 7 dollars had been allocated, it was necessary to make sure to get those funds advanced as well.

Mr. Gonzalez, TxDOT, stated that this was a lot of hard staff work from TxDOT, the City, the County staff. He further stated that one of the reasons they really wanted to continue to advance this project was because they felt that this was a very important project to the region and it was going to really improve transportation and release some of that congestion of some roads or adjacent roads.

Ms. Duncan, stated that the Utilities schedule was anticipated that they would originally be completed by May and by June with the conflict resolutions and the overall relocation by January. She also stated they had extended some additional time-based schedule that the Utilities provided but they were still targeting to have all utilities relocated by January, so that fell in line with what was needed for the project.

Ms. Duncan presented the ROW need in respect to the parcels to acquire for the project and the total number of acreages that would be needed. She stated that parcels 1 through 5 were

ready to begin the discussions, and with parcel 7 and 8 the acquisition process for that acreage had been identified and they would not impact the project's development schedule. Ms. Duncan also stated what they had identified for the third parcel that was still in question, that it would not affect how they get to the letting and it more than likely won't affect anything in respect to actually letting the project.


Mr. Chavez, City Engineer, gave a brief statement on the update. Mr. Chavez stated that as far as the Right-of-Way acquisition was concerned they had been coordinating a lot with TxDOT. He further stated that they already received information on all the parcels and as of that Monday they had received an additional 8<sup>th</sup> parcel. He also mentioned that they had a Support Letter for parcels 1 through 5 that was provided on March 15<sup>th</sup> but was not included in the packet for the Committee. Mr. Chavez further stated that he had asked all the representatives to be present at the meeting in the case there were any additional questions. Mr. Chavez gave a final comment that although they were already working with them, the two additional parcels 7 and 8 they would not cause any delay the project.

#### IV. ADJOURNMENT

Judge Tijerina, made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:26pm.


Second:	CM. J. Gonzalez
For:	8
Against:	0
Abstained:	0

Motion carried unanimously



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Juan S. Mendive, AICP  
LWCAMPO Director



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Dr. Victor D. Treviño, Mayor and  
LWCAMPO Chairperson