



LAREDO & WEBB COUNTY

AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

POLICY COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

MAY 17, 2023

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I. CHAIRPERSON TO CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Judge Tano Tijerina, 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 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, CM. District VII
Honorable John Galo, Webb County Commissioner, Pct. 3
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 Dr. Victor D. Treviño, Mayor and LWCAMPO Chairperson.

CM Perez made a motion to excuse members not present.

Second: CM. Galo
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
Eduardo Bernal, LWCAMPO Planner III
Adriana A. Vigil, LWCAMPO Administrative Assistant

Others:

Ramon Chavez, COL Engineering
Jaime Garcia, COL Engineering
Orlando Navarro, COL Planning Dept.
Robert J. Garza, COL Transit
Sara Garza, TxDOT
Ana Duncan, TxDOT
Luis M. Villarreal, TxDOT
Adelaido "Lalo" Uribe, Webb County Judge's Office
Luis Perez Garcia, Webb County Engineering
Guillermo Cuellar, Webb County Engineering
James Arthur, HOA Manager, La Bota, Green Ranch, VSA
Myrna Montemayor, La Bota HOA Board member
Fernando Martinez TxDOT
Jose Ceballos
Robert Morris
Pablo Briones

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.

Ms. Myrna Montemayor representing La Bota HOA, stated that one of their concerns was having only one entrance, one exit especially when they have issues with warehouses in the area that handle hazardous materials and they experience leaks of chemicals or similar problems. She also talked about the tractor trailer traffic that goes towards the World Trade Bridge every evening in the area. She asked the Committee to look at different ways to move the traffic on Mines Road. She inquired, weather there was a River Road that can connect La Bota and other subdivisions without having to face the traffic, or other exits to access I-35 or the Loop without having to endure a 30-40 minutes stuck in the traffic on Mines Road. She also mentioned the difficulties emergency vehicles have to access the area due to the traffic issues. Ms. Montemayor finished by asking the Committee to work in other way to help make a better flow of the traffic in the Mines Road area.

Mr. Orlando Navarro, COL Planning Dept. spoke about item VII. Executive Session. Mr. Navarro gave a few words to the committee about Mr. Mendive in his position as the LWCAMPO Director. Mr. Navarro stated that he and Mr. Mendive have been working very well together, he also stated that Mr. Mendive has taken the lead in bringing TxDOT, the Webb County and the City of Laredo together. He further stated that he is very proud to be working with Mr. Mendive. Mr. Navarro also mentioned that Mr. Mendive is a Nixon High School graduate, then he graduated from TAMIU and went to Ohio University to get his Planning Degree, and now Mr. Mendive is AICP certified. Mr. Navarro also stated that he has been learning a lot from Mr. Mendive, as he has been doing a wonderful job at explaining the concepts and what we do for Laredo how important the position of MPO Director is to the City of Laredo and the Webb County.

Mr. James Arthur, HOA Manager for La Bota, Villa de San Agustin and Green Ranch Escondido; spoke on access and the River Road Project. He stated that he was not talking in regards to the Board Patrol and their access. He stated that a River Road would bring a lot of relief to all the communities in the Mines Road area. He further stated that if there is was an emergency situation, there is only one entrance and exit. He also stated that building a road that would be residential only when it's appropriate, it would bring a lot of relief to the homeowners in that area. He asked the committee to continue their efforts of developing roads and accesses to the communities.

IV. ITEMS REQUIRING POLICY COMMITTEE ACTION:

A. Approval of the minutes for the meeting held on March 22, 2023.

CM, Galo, made a motion to approve the minutes of March 22, 2023.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

B. Receive public testimony and initiate a 10-day public review and comment period for the following proposed amendment(s) of the MPO By-Laws:

CM. Galo, made a motion to open a 10-day public testimony.

Second: Judge Tijerina
For: 8
Against: 0
Abstained: 0

Motion carried unanimously.

Judge Tijerina, asked if anyone wished to speak for or against initiating a 10-day public review and comment period for the following proposed amendments of the MPO By-Laws.

No one spoke in favor or against.

- 1. Amend Article II, Section 2.1 and 2.2 to allow the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson to rotate every two years between the City of Laredo Mayor and Webb County Judge.**

Mr. Mendive, gave a brief statement on the proposed amendments to the MPO By-Laws. He went over the changes that have been proposed and discussed in previous meetings. He stated that in accordance with the Public Participation Plan, it requires a 10-day public review and comment period to revise the By-Laws. Mr. Mendive stated that they are amending Article II, Section 2.1 and 2.2 to allow the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson to rotate every two years between the City of Laredo Mayor and Webb County Judge. He presented the By-Law document that was included in the packet so the Committee can see the actual language on it. Mr. Mendive further stated that while they were reviewing the By-Laws they also found the need to make some changes to the Technical Committee membership.

- 2. Amend Article II, Section 2.3 to update the Technical Committee membership.**

Mr. Mendive, discussed the proposed amendment to Section 2.3 to update the Technical Committee membership, and lastly staff and the Technical Committee recommend initiating the 10-day public review and comment period.

Judge Tijerina, asked Mr. Mendive if he can briefly explain the status of this item to bring up to speed some of the committee members and the public.

Mr. Mendive, explained that the language to make the changes to the By-Laws that was recommend at the last Policy Committee meeting has been approved. He further explained that the 10-day public review and comment period is being open in May and the final changes to the By-Laws will be in June.

CM. Galo, mentioned he thought the language had been approved four months ago.

Mr. Mendive, stated that the language had been approved back in March, but since there was no meeting held in April the process had seemed to be longer.

Mr. Mendive, presented the committee with the changes that are being proposed to be made to the By-Laws. He showed the committee the changes and the language that was added that talks about the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson and how they will rotate every two years, and all the other proposed changes.

CM. Galo, asked what occurs if there happens to not be a Chairperson or a Vice-Chairperson present in one of the meetings.

Mr. Brown, also asked who would actually conduct the meeting if that were to ever be the situation.

Mr. Mendive, stated that if that were to occur, the Committee members would decide who would Chair the meeting that day as stated in the By-Laws.

Mr. Mendive, stated that all the responsibilities of the Chairperson and the Vice-Chairperson were staying the same. He further stated that the sections where it specifically says the Mayor or the Judge. were just stroke out.

Mr. Mendive, presented the changes on the Technical Committee membership and how they are also adding a seat for the RMA, the Webb County City of Laredo Reginal Mobility Authority (RMA) representative.

Mr. Brown, stated that the RMA has attended every Technical Committee meeting since he has been chaired in November 2019, he stated that they have participated in dialogue and are familiar with the projects of the MPO.

Mr. Mendive, stated the last thing was a review of the By-Laws just some cleaning up like the Laredo Community College to reflect the new name which is Laredo College. He further stated that they are opening the 10-day comment period, and will be coming back in June for the final one.

Judge Tijerina, asked if he will be chairing the meeting in June or until July.

Mr. Mendive, stated that the By-Laws will be finalized at the June meeting and once that action happens Judge Tijerina will become the Chairperson so he would Chair the July meeting. Mr. Mendive, further stated that any comments that were provided would be presented in the June meeting, and then the final changes would be done.

C. Discussion with possible action on a motion to approve the fourth version of the Laredo Transit Management Inc. (LTMI) Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP) and Safety Performance Targets for calendar year 2023 and to incorporate into the metropolitan planning process.

Mr. Mendive, stated that this was a Safety Plan that comes by them every year as FTA federal requirement for transit agencies to provide. The Safety Plan has already been adopted by the Mass Transit Board on April 17, 2023. Mr. Mendive explained that the MPO's role was to incorporate it into a planning process and that was why it was presented before the committee.

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

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

Motion carried unanimously.

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

Mr. Chavez, gave a brief update on the status of the project. He stated they were currently working on the Utility Relocation plan and that there was a schematic already submitted to TxDOT along with the pot holding plan which is all on schedule. He further stated that the COL Real Estate Division had been continuously working with all the property owners on the property acquisitions. He further stated that they have already received two appraisals, and the rest of the appraisals were expected to be received by Friday after the meeting. He explained that once they receive the appraisals it would be a two-week period for a third party to review the appraisals, before they could begin closing on the properties. He lastly stated that as of that point he did not foresee anything to report that may cause a delay on the project. He also mentioned that their utility consultant had been in constant communication with the TxDOT's utility consultant as far as the project is concerned.

CM. Perez, asked if the issue with one of the property owners about the changing of the alignment had been resolved.

Mr. Chavez answered that yes, the issue had been resolved. He stated that at that point there was no report of anything that would cause a delay to the project.

CM. Perez, asked Mr. Chavez if his department had enough staff in order to continue, without anything affecting the project.

Mr. Chavez, stated that at that point they were managing with the resources and the staff that the Department had to continue to move forward with the project.

CM. Galo, asked Mr. Chavez for clarification about the process of waiting two weeks after received the appraisals

Mr. Chavez explained that a two-week third-party review needed to take place as part of the process and TxDOT requirements.

CM. Galo also asked if the property owners were to sign-up after they receive letter offering to buy the property, and hoping they would donate it.

Mr. Chavez, confirmed and stated that process was after the two-week period of the third-party review.

CM. Galo, asked if it was all coming from the Verde Corporation.

CM. Perez, asked Mr. Chavez what was the timeline that he had for the acquisition to be finalized.

Mr. Chavez, stated that they had a table that was being followed and the next step after Friday when the appraisals are received there would be a two-week period for the third-party review, and the offer letters would be send out afterwards. He further stated that he did not have an exact date that they were working as they go with part of the process and they were following all of TxDOT's requirements.

CM. Perez asked if they will be able to finalize it within this fiscal year or this calendar year.

Mr. Chavez, He furthered offered to present a more detailed report at the next Policy Committee meeting. He further stated that they were on schedule with TxDOT and they were making sure there were no delays.

CM. Perez, stated that TxDOT had breaking ground or letting date for April and she knew that if they could get their part of it done faster, they could possibly move that date up.

Mr. Gonzalez, TxDOT District Engineer, stated that the project was set up for an April letting date. He commented how TxDOT was always looking at opportunities and ways to accelerate the project. Mr. Gonzalez, further stated that a week from the following day the Transportation Commission would be passing a minute order to bring Hachar-Reuthinger on system, so that was moving the project further along.

CM. Galo, asked Mr. Chavez if all the appraisals were going to Verde Corp. or if there were multiple parties.

Mr. Chavez stated that there were 5 different property owners that they were working with.

CM Galo asked Mr. Chavez how long they had to wait from the property owners once the offer letters were sent.

Mr. Chavez, stated that they had been in constant communication with all the property owners and they were all willing to work with them.

Mr. Gonzalez, presented project manager Ms. Ana Duncan to give a quick update of the project on the behave of TxDOT.

Ms. Duncan stated that the Plan Development and everything was already ongoing, and that the 60% set of the plans would be coming to them by the end of June. Ms. Duncan further informed the committee that they had the environmental process moving forward, and that a virtual public hearing would be held on June 15th in the evening with an opportunity for in-person at the Barbara Fasken Rec. Center. She lastly stated the environmental clearance would be by the end of August or early September, due to the comment periods and other timelines that needed to be followed.

Mr. Mendive, asked Mr. Gonzalez about the minute order that would be presented at the next Transportation Commission meeting, for the Hachar-Reuthinger item.

Mr. Gonzalez, stated that for the Hachar-Reuthinger to bring on system would take place that month of May.

Mr. Mendive mentioned that the agenda for the Transportation Commission meeting hadn't been posted but had confirmed with Mr. Gonzalez that the item would be on the agenda for the next meeting.

CM. Perez, and Judge Tijerina asked if the Committee was sending someone in representation to the Transportation Commission meeting.

Mr. Mendive, stated that it was a consent agenda type item. He further stated that in his Director's report he was going to mention that there would be a meeting in June to discuss the UTP, where the funding gets discussed. He also stated that they were targeting to attend that meeting, but they could attend the May meeting as well. Mr. Mendive mentioned that they all could coordinate to attend this meeting.

CM. Perez suggested to coordinate for someone from the City, from the County and the RMA to attend that meeting.

Judge Tijerina stated that the County could probably send their consultant, Mr. Anthony Garza as a representative of the County.

Mr. Mendive, stated they would also target the June meeting which would be on 29th of June and he would confirm the UTP Draft would be on the agenda of this regular meeting not on a special meeting. He also stated that he had provided the link to all the agendas in his Director's report.

E. Discussion with possible action on the U.S. Customs and Border Protection proposed road along the Rio Grande as it relates to the River Road project and other future mobility projects in the region.

Judge Tijerina, stated that this item was not the same as the item that was discussed on Monday's City Council meeting. Judge Tijerina stated that this item was about the River Road Study. Judge Tijerina, suggested for this item to be tabled and brought back on the next Policy Committee meeting so that Customs and Border Protection could provide more information about it. He also stated how the Customs and Border Protection had reached out to him about that proposed road.

CM. Cigarroa, stated that the Roads and Bridges project that was presented on Monday at the City Council meeting was to make improvements to the road that exists from below Father McNaboe all the way to pass Chacon creek. CM. Cigarroa further stated that it was an existing road and it was not intended for any access other than pedestrian and cycling so, there wouldn't be any motorized vehicles other than the Border Patrol motorized vehicles that would be allowed on the road. CM. Cigarroa also stated that she believed this was separate from the River Road which is in District 7 primarily.

CM. Cigarroa, stated that perhaps they were looking for access to the future River Road in District 7.

Judge Tijerina, stated how they just had some public members speak about that particular Road as well, and that it can maybe help them alleviate some of the traffic congestion on Mines Road.

CM. Perez, stated the way these items could be related was when they started talking about the River Road back in 2014 – 2015, Border Patrol had been included because they had talked about maybe using some of the Border Security funding to help build the road. She further stated that this was a different type of road than the one they had talked about on Monday, but it was still related in the sense that it would also help the Border Patrol with their mobility. She also stated that the River Road that was being constructed through the RMA study would actually be for vehicular traffic and not just for patrolling, but it would serve both purposes if Border Patrol could use it. She further stated that they had talked about this back then and how they had talked about putting the road as close to the river as possible to address some of the line of sight issue that they have. CM. Perez, mentioned that Congressman Cuellar had attended a Town Hall meeting, she also mentioned that Mr. Brown and a lot other were present there. She went further and stated that Congressman Cuellar did said that he would help with funding on the project. She mentioned that she could see how it could be related in that sense.

Judge Tijerina asked CM. Perez if this would benefit District 7.

CM. Perez confirmed that this road would benefit and that the Policy Committee had kicked it back up for the study through the MPO for the River Road and the RMA is doing it.

Jed Brown, stated that they are definitely two different roadways, the one in the newspaper and discussed earlier that week in the City Council meeting was approximately 16 miles starting at Father McNaboe Park and down to Santa Rita it was right along the river's edge. He further stated that the similarity is the name, and that for the RMA's purpose, the River Road Corridor Study that had just been performed and completed, and that should be presented next month in June to the MPO, actually starts north of the World Trade Bridge and coincidentally was about the same length of 15 or 16 miles. Mr. Brown also stated that six (6) different alignments were studied and there were two (2) high scored recommended alignments that would be presented to the MPO but these did not fall along the river's edge necessarily, but in the recommended alignment there were places that would get close but further in and it would be a paved dedicated public right of way road versus a road that may be of dirt or caliche and closer to the river's edge. He further mentioned these might have similar names but they were two different projects.

Judge Tijerina, stated that Customs and Border Patrol were trying to be at present at the meeting but they weren't able to make it.

Judge Tijerina, made a **motion to table** the item for the future.

Second: CM. Perez
For: 8
Against: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion carried unanimously.

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

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

Mr. Brown, stated that a report was included in the packet with descriptions and updates of the 10 following projects:

WC-CL RMA May 2023 Status Report to LWCAMPO

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 and driveways at the far north end of the project and should be complete by next week, May 12th. Part of the reason for the slow completion for these last items is due to the lack of availability of concrete in the area. **Project is 98% complete and substantial completion is scheduled for end of May 2023.**
2. Los Presidentes (Cuatro Vientos to Brownwood) – Traffic is now operating on the project. The final outstanding items are the lighting. Awaiting the final Construction Change Order to balance the quantities and record drawings. **Project is 99+% Complete.**
3. Loop 20 South (Cuatro Vientos) Acceleration/ Deceleration Lane Project –Currently closing out records drawings. **Project is 99+% Complete.**
4. Springfield Phase III –Final walkthrough of the project occurred on 12/9/22. The Shiloh Traffic Signal is complete. The lighting is scheduled for completion by May. 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, report development and presentation is complete.** An overview of the study will be provided in May to the Laredo Economic Development Corporation and the Laredo and Webb County MPO at a later date.
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 30th 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 coordinating with the FHWA for the completion of the draft Grant Agreement. Upon completion, the WC-CLRMA will work with the City of Laredo for the execution of an Inter

Local Agreement for the sharing of the local funding match for the grant. 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. After 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 Board of Directors approved the AFA on April 4, 2023. Chairman Brown signed the AFA on 4/11/23. AFA with TxDOT is fully executed. Contract agreements between City of Laredo and Killam Development is ongoing.
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 working with the City of Laredo to finalize the construction cost estimate for the project and complete the Inter Local Agreement for the project.
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 working with the City of Laredo to finalize the construction cost estimate for the project and complete the Inter Local Agreement for the project.

VI. DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

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

1. We would like to welcome and introduce our newest MPO team member, Eduardo Bernal, Planner III. He brings over 23 years of experience at El Metro Transit in planning, operations, project management, public relations, and grant writing. Additionally, he has served as a representative of El Metro on the MPO Technical Committee for many years. We are glad to have him join our team and look forward to his contributions.

Commissioner Jesse Gonzalez left the meeting at 2:07 P.M.

2. The next Texas Transportation Commission Meeting will be held on May 25, 2023. The draft list of projects for the 2024 Unified Transportation Program (UTP) is expected to be presented at a Texas Transportation Commission meeting in June. Staff will continue monitoring upcoming meetings and agendas for items pertinent to the MPO and/or the Laredo and Webb County area. Upcoming meetings and agendas can be found on the following link: <https://www.txdot.gov/about/leadership/texas-transportation-commission/meeting-dates-agendas.html>.
3. The TxDOT Border Trade Advisory Committee (BTAC) meeting was held in Laredo on April 20, 2023. MPO staff as well as Technical and Policy Committee members were in attendance. BTAC provides a forum for the exchange of communications between the Texas Transportation Commission, TxDOT, the governor, and committee members representing border trade interests. The next meeting will be held in the Rio Grande Valley on August 22, 2023.
4. On May 2nd, 2023, MPO staff met with our FHWA representative, Mr. Kirk Fauver, during an informal visit. The MPO team provided an update on our ongoing planning activities and projects. Ms. Sara Garza, our TxDOT field representative was also in attendance.
5. May is National Bike Month – The City of Laredo and the MPO Active Transportation Committee held a proclamation ceremony on May 3rd, 2023 proclaiming May as National Bike Month in Laredo. Aligned with the MPO’s mission and efforts of the Active Transportation Committee, we continue to advocate for safe, accessible, and alternate modes of transportation.
6. Upcoming regularly scheduled meetings:
 - Active Transportation Committee – May 31, 2023
 - Technical Committee – June 13, 2023
 - Policy Committee – June 21, 2023

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), 551.074 (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.

Judge Tijerina, asked Mr. Mendive if he wished to go into Executive Session.

Mr. Mendive, responded he did wish to go into Executive Session at that time.

CM. Galo, made a motion to move the meeting into Executive Session at 2:15 P.M.

Second: CM. Perez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion carried unanimously.

Committee came back from Executive session at 2:35 P.M.

Judge Tijerina, stated there was no action taken in the back.

CM. Perez, made a motion to move forward with Mr. Mendive's request.

Second: CM. Gutierrez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion carried unanimously.

Judge Tijerina, stated that Mr. Mendive would be making \$115,000.00 yearly salary.

CM. Galo, asked when that would start.

CM. Perez, suggested they should make his salary effective the following day.

CM. Perez, made a motion for Mr. Mendive to start getting the salary as determined the following day after the day of the meeting.

Second: CM. Cigarroa

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Mendive thanked the Committee and the MPO team for the support.

CM. Cigarroa, asked Mr. Mendive if he needed a formal letter from the Committee.

Mr. Mendive, stated yes, that in form of a memo the City of Laredo had asked for the Chairperson to sign off on the determined salary. Mr. Mendive, further stated that since the Chairperson was not present he would like to ask the Vice-Chairperson Judge Tijerina and Mayor Pro Temp CM. Perez to do so instead.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Judge Tijerina, made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:39 P.M.

Second: CM. Perez
For: 7
Against: 0
Abstained: 0

Motion carried unanimously.



Juan S. Mendive, AICP
LWCAMPO Director



Dr. Victor D. Treviño, Mayor and
LWCAMPO Chairperson