



## MPO TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING

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**Meeting Date & Time:** March 12, 2024 2:30 P.M.

**Meeting Location:** Transit Center Conference Room - 1301 Farragut St. Laredo, TX 78040

### **AGENDA:**

1. Chairperson to call meeting to order.
2. Discussion and recommendation on Resolution No. MPO 2024-04 supporting the Vision Zero Program and the Development of the Webb County-City of Laredo Regional Mobility Authority Safety Action Plan.
3. Discussion and recommendation to provide a Letter of Support requested by the City of Laredo Fire Department for the 2023 Staffing Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant application from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
4. Update on the upcoming MPO Policy Committee meeting draft agenda.
5. MPO Updates
  - A. Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) 2025-2050
  - B. Congestion Management Process (CMP)
  - C. Microtransit Feasibility Study
  - D. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) 2025-2028
6. Discussion of old or new business.
7. Adjournment.

**LAREDO & WEBB COUNTY AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION  
TECHNICAL COMMITTEE - ACTION ITEM**

<b>DATE:</b> 03-12-24	<b>ITEM:</b> 2
<b>SUBJECT:</b> RESOLUTION Discussion and recommendation on Resolution No. <b>MPO 2024-04</b> supporting the Vision Zero Program and the Development of the Webb County-City of Laredo Regional Mobility Authority Safety Action Plan.	
<b>INITIATED BY:</b> Staff	<b>STAFF SOURCE:</b> Juan S. Mendive, MPO Director
<b>PREVIOUS ACTION:</b> None	
<b>BACKGROUND:</b> <p>The Vision Zero Program is a collaborative effort lead by the Webb County-City of Laredo Regional Mobility Authority (WC-CL RMA) in partnership with the City of Laredo and the U.S. Department of Transportation to improve traffic safety on City of Laredo and Webb County streets and by developing the Vision Zero Webb Laredo Safety Action Plan. This plan will outline critical steps and strategies needed to keep our roads safe, health and security of its residents, business, employees and visitors. It is a strategy designed to eliminate all traffic fatalities and severe injuries by 2040.</p> <p>Vision Zero aligns with the City's Viva Laredo Comprehensive Plan, Future Thoroughfare Plan, Laredo &amp; Webb County Active Transportation Plan, Laredo Downtown Master Plan, Downtown Laredo Parking Study, Rio Grande Vega Trail Master Plan, Laredo Active Living Plan, Laredo International Bridge System Master Plan, LWCAMPO Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), LWCAMPO Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), LWCAMPO Transport Improvement Program (TIP), LWCAMPO Public Participation Plan (PPP), and the TxDOT Laredo District Strategic Highway Safety Plan 2023-2027 by emphasizing the needs of all roadway users and prioritizing improvements that address those needs.</p> <p>On February 28, 2024, the Active Transportation Committee (ATC) recommended to support the Vision Zero Program and the Development of the Webb County-City of Laredo Regional Mobility Authority Safety Action Plan.</p>	
<b>COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:</b> The Technical Committee recommends _____	<b>STAFF RECOMMENDATION:</b> Staff recommends approval of Resolution No. <b>MPO 2024-04</b>



# LAREDO & WEBB COUNTY

## AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

### RESOLUTION NO. MPO 2024-04

BY THE LAREDO AND WEBB COUNTY AREA  
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION  
POLICY COMMITTEE

### SUPPORTING THE VISION ZERO PROGRAM AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE WEBB COUNTY-CITY OF LAREDO REGIONAL MOBILITY AUTHORITY SAFETY ACTION PLAN

**WHEREAS**, Vision Zero is a strategy designed to eliminate all traffic fatalities and severe injuries, while increasing safe, healthy, equitable mobility for all using the Safe Systems Approach; and

**WHEREAS**, Vision Zero acknowledges that traffic crashes resulting in death or serious injury are largely preventable and that many factors contribute to safe mobility, including roadway design, human behaviors (such as speeding, driving under the influence and wearing seatbelts), technology, and policies; and

**WHEREAS**, Vision Zero establishes clear strategies to achieve zero traffic fatalities and severe injuries; and

**WHEREAS**, One death on our streets is one too many; and

**WHEREAS**, Crashes involving pedestrians, bicyclists, or motorcyclists was more likely to be fatal or cause serious injury; and

**WHEREAS**, Equity is an integral component of Vision Zero with strategies such as prioritizing safety improvements in historically underserved areas and conducting robust engagement programs to reach the most vulnerable roadway users; and

**WHEREAS**, Vision Zero aligns with the City's Viva Laredo Comprehensive Plan, Future Thoroughfare Plan, Laredo & Webb County Active Transportation Plan, Laredo Downtown Master Plan, Downtown Laredo Parking Study, Rio Grande Vega Trail Master Plan, Laredo Active Living Plan, Laredo International Bridge System Master Plan, LWCAMPO Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), LWCAMPO Unified Planning Work Program, LWCAMPO Transport Improvement Program (TIP), LWCAMPO Public Participation Plan, and the TxDOT Laredo District Strategic Highway Safety Plan 2023-2027 by emphasizing the needs of all roadway users and prioritizing improvements that address those needs; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Laredo and Webb County Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (LWCAMPO), that:

Section 1: LWCAMPO supports the Vision Zero Program and the Development of the Vision Zero

Webb County-City of Laredo Regional Mobility Safety Action Plan to protect the safety, health and security of its residents, businesses, employees, and visitors.

Section 2: Furthermore, LWCAMPO commits to a goal of eliminating all traffic deaths and serious injuries by 2040.

**We certify that the above resolution was passed and adopted on this 20th day of March 2024, at a public meeting of the Policy Committee of the Laredo and Webb County Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (LWCAMPO).**

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Honorable Tano E. Tijerina  
Webb County Judge and Chairperson of  
The LWCAMPO Policy Committee

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Juan S. Mendive, AICP  
MPO Director

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



**VISION ZERO**  
**WEBB LAREDO**  
**SAFETY ACTION PLAN**

**LAST YEAR**

**119 PEOPLE WERE  
 KILLED OR SERIOUSLY  
 INJURED ON STREETS IN  
 OUR COUNTY.**

**A 20% JUMP FROM 2021.\***

**WE'RE TAKING ACTION BECAUSE**

**EVEN ONE DEATH  
 ON OUR STREETS  
 IS ONE TOO MANY.**

The **Vision Zero Webb Laredo Safety Action Plan** is the first step towards safer streets for everyone in our community.

This plan is grounded in the Safe System Approach which aims to eliminate fatal and severe injuries by:

1. Anticipating human mistakes to prevent crashes before they occur.
2. Designing a transportation system that accommodates human vulnerabilities.

**THIS  
 PLAN  
 WILL BE:**



**Equitable**

It will address the disproportionate impacts of traffic fatalities on people, including those of color, low income households, older adults, and children.



**Data Driven**

Strategies in the plan will be built on actions that are proven to reduce fatal and severe injury crashes.



**Accountable**

The Plan will track and share progress with clear measures of success.

**FUNDING PARTNERS**



\*Data based on TXDOT Crash Records Information System



Plan de acción  
de seguridad  
**VISIÓN CERO**  
**WEBB LAREDO**

**EL AÑO PASADO**

**119 PERSONAS FUERON GRAVEMENTE HERIDAS O PERDIERON LA VIDA EN LAS CALLES DE NUESTRO CONDADO.**

**UN AUMENTO DE 20% DESDE EL 2021.\***

**ESTAMOS TOMANDO MEDIDAS PORQUE INCLUSO UNA MUERTE POR CAUSA DE UN CHOQUE EN NUESTRAS CALLES ES DEMASIADA.**

**El Plan Visión Cero de Webb Laredo** es el primer paso hacia calles más seguras para todos en nuestra comunidad.

Este plan se basa en el Enfoque de Sistema Seguro cuyo objetivo es eliminar las lesiones mortales y graves mediante:

1. Anticiparse a los errores humanos para prevenir choques antes de que ocurran.
2. Diseñar un sistema de transporte que se adapte a las vulnerabilidades humanas.

**ESTE PLAN SERÁ:**



### **Equitativo**

Abordará los impactos desproporcionados de las muertes en choques de tránsito en las personas, incluirá comunidades marginadas, hogares de bajos recursos, comunidades de todas las edades y habilidades.



### **Basado en datos**

Las estrategias del plan se basarán en acciones que hayan demostrado reducir los choques mortales y lesiones graves.



### **Asumirá responsabilidad**

El plan medirá éxito rastreando y compartiendo el progreso.

**CON APOYO FINANCIERO DE**



\*Información basada en el sistema de registros de accidentes de TxDOT\*



# LAREDO & WEBB COUNTY

## AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

March 12, 2024

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)  
P.O. Box 10055  
Hyattsville, MD 20782-8055

**RE: Letter of Support for the 2023 Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant Application**

Dear FEMA:

The Laredo and Webb County Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (LWCAMPO) is pleased to express its full support for the City of Laredo's Fire Department FY2023 Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) grant application.

The grant will be supporting much needed federal funding for the hiring of thirty (30) new full-time career entry-level firefighters to activate the opening of a new fire station that will be located on mile marker 15 by Interstate Highway 35 in the warehouse district. The 30 new firefighters will be assigned to the newly proposed engine company and aerial truck which currently there is none in the warehouse district. The closest engine company is 7.3 miles away taking approximately 14 minutes; however, the response time could be much longer due to the congestion of heavy-truck traffic traveling to-and-from the warehouse district and on Interstate Highway 35.

As a result, the City of Laredo Fire Department and City Leaders including business owners and employees are in great need to have this new fire station inside the warehouse district as it is a safety concern to all. LWCAMPO fully supports the City of Laredo's SAFER grant application as we expect continuous growth in demographics and population in the warehouse district and nearby other Industrial Parks currently in construction.

Thank you in advance for your consideration and funding of this grant application.

Sincerely,

Tano E. Tijerina  
Webb County Judge  
Laredo and Webb County Area MPO Chairman





# CITY OF LAREDO

## FIRE DEPARTMENT



December 14, 2023

Juan S. Mendive, MPO Director  
Laredo & Webb County  
Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)  
1413 Houston St.  
Laredo, TX 78040

**RE: Letter of Support for 2023 Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant**

Dear Mr. Mendive,

The City of Laredo Fire Department and our citizens, whom we are charged with protecting, respectfully request a letter of support from your office in support of our grant application for the 2023 Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant offered by FEMA which we anticipate to submit in March of 2024.

The Laredo Fire Department (LFD) is seeking federal SAFER grant funding to hire thirty (30) new full-time career entry-level firefighters to activate the opening of a new fire station in the warehouse district located on mile marker 15 by IH-35. The 30 new FTEs would be assigned to the engine company and aerial truck that would be assigned to the warehouse district response area. More specifically, the new firefighters will aid in addressing the public safety response times due to continued population and demographic growth. In order to accomplish this, the City of Laredo anticipates hiring and retaining 30 entry-level firefighters who will be certified as Firefighter II/Paramedic and meet the certification requirement set by the Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ).

The SAFER Grant is designed to assist fire departments in enhancing their capabilities by addressing personnel needs. By obtaining this grant, the City of Laredo Fire Department could secure the necessary funds to hire and retain additional dedicated firefighters. Moreover, it will foster the development of a highly trained and professional fire service, potentially leading to new businesses, residents, and investments in the community, thus leading to much-needed sustained growth and development.

Sincerely,

Guillermo Heard, MSN, CPM  
Fire Chief/Emergency Management Coordinator





## MPO POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

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**Meeting Date & Time:** March 20, 2024 at 1:30 P.M.

**Meeting Location:** City of Laredo Council Chambers, 1110 Houston St., Laredo, Texas 78040

**Meeting Link:** <http://laredotx.swagit.com/live>

**Laredo TV:** Spectrum TV channel 1300

### **AGENDA:**

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

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

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

- A. Approval of the minutes for the meeting held on February 21, 2024.
- B. Discussion with possible action on Resolution No. MPO 2024-04 supporting the Vision Zero Program and the Development of the Webb County-City of Laredo Regional Mobility Authority Safety Action Plan.
- C. Discussion with possible action to provide a Letter of Support requested by the City of Laredo Fire Department for the 2023 Staffing Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant application from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).
- D. Discussion with possible action on the Hachar-Reuthinger Road project.

## MPO POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

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

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

### VI. DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

### VII. ADJOURNMENT

#### **NOTICE INFORMATION:**

Notice of this meeting was posted at the municipal government offices, 1110 Houston Street, Laredo, Texas, at a place convenient and readily accessible to the public at all times. Said notice was posted on Friday, March 15, 2024 by 5:00 PM. The agenda and meeting information was also posted online at <https://www.laredompo.org/agendas-minutes/>.

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

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

#### **INFORMACION:**

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

## MPO POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

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

Información en español: Si usted desea esta información en español o si desea explicación sobre el contenido, por favor llámenos al teléfono (956) 794-1605 o comuníquese con nosotros mediante correo electrónico a [aavigil@ci.laredo.tx.us](mailto:aavigil@ci.laredo.tx.us).

### **POLICY COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP:**

#### LWCAMPO Chairperson

Honorable Tano E. Tijerina, Webb County Judge

#### LWCAMPO Vice-Chairperson

Honorable Dr. Victor D. Treviño, City of Laredo Mayor

#### City of Laredo Representatives:

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

Honorable Melissa R. Cigarroa, City Councilmember, District III

#### County of Webb Representatives:

Honorable Jesse Gonzalez, Webb County Commissioner, Pct. 1

Honorable John Galo, Webb County Commissioner, Pct. 3

#### Laredo Mass Transit Board Representative:

Honorable Vanessa Perez, City Councilmember, District VII

#### State Representative:

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

#### Member at Large Representative:

Jed A. Brown

#### Ex-Officio Representatives:

Honorable Judith Zaffirini, State Senator, District 21

Honorable Richard Raymond, State Representative, District 42

Honorable Tracy O. King, State Representative, District 80

### **AGENDA REVIEWED:**

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Juan S. Mendive, AICP  
LWCAMPO Director

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Jose A. Valdez, Jr.  
Laredo City Secretary

## **MPO Updates**

### A. **Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) 2025-2050**

- A special session for the Technical Committee Meeting is tentatively scheduled for April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024.
- Public Meeting 1 is Tentatively scheduled for May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024.

## **MPO Updates**

### B. Congestion Management Process (CMP)



# Congestion Management Process (CMP) Update

*March 12, 2024*





- ❑ Network Development by 
- ❑ LWCAMPO CMP Network





## **1.0 NETWORK DEVELOPMENT**

A defined physical network that will monitor and measure for congestion mitigation and management was developed. This network is called the Congestion Management Process (CMP) network. Together, these roadways provide a basis for monitoring congestion data at a regional level for federal performance measures.

### **1 The CMP network was developed using the following data layers from Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT).Top 100 Congestion Roadways (TxDOT)**

- a** Each year, the Transportation Planning and Programming Division of the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) contracts with Texas A&M Transportation Institute to identify and rank the most congested roadways in the state. The Laredo and Webb County Metropolitan Area Boundary has one segment on the list, Mines Rd / FM 1472, which ranks 25<sup>th</sup> for all traffic and second for truck traffic.

### **2 Strategic Highway Network (TxDOT)**

- a** The Strategic Highway Network is a network of highways which are important to the United States' strategic defense policy and which provide defense access, continuity and emergency capabilities for defense purposes. These highways are major regional roadways and include US 83 and IH 35.



### **3 Texas Highway Freight Network (TxDOT)**

- a** The foundation of the Texas Highway Freight Network is the Texas portion of the National Highway Freight Network. Additional highways critical to freight movement are also included and were identified through a systematic, data driven, and stakeholder-informed process during development of the Texas Freight Mobility Plan. Numerous roadways are included as part of this network.

### **4 Roadway Inventory (TxDOT)**

- a** The TxDOT Roadway Inventory layer is a statewide dataset that has attribute information routed to TxDOT Roadway linework, including functional classification. Roadways with a functional classification of 1.) Interstate, 2.) Other Freeway or Expressway, 3.) Other Principal Arterial, 4.) Minor Arterial, or 5.) Major Collector were included in the CMP Network.

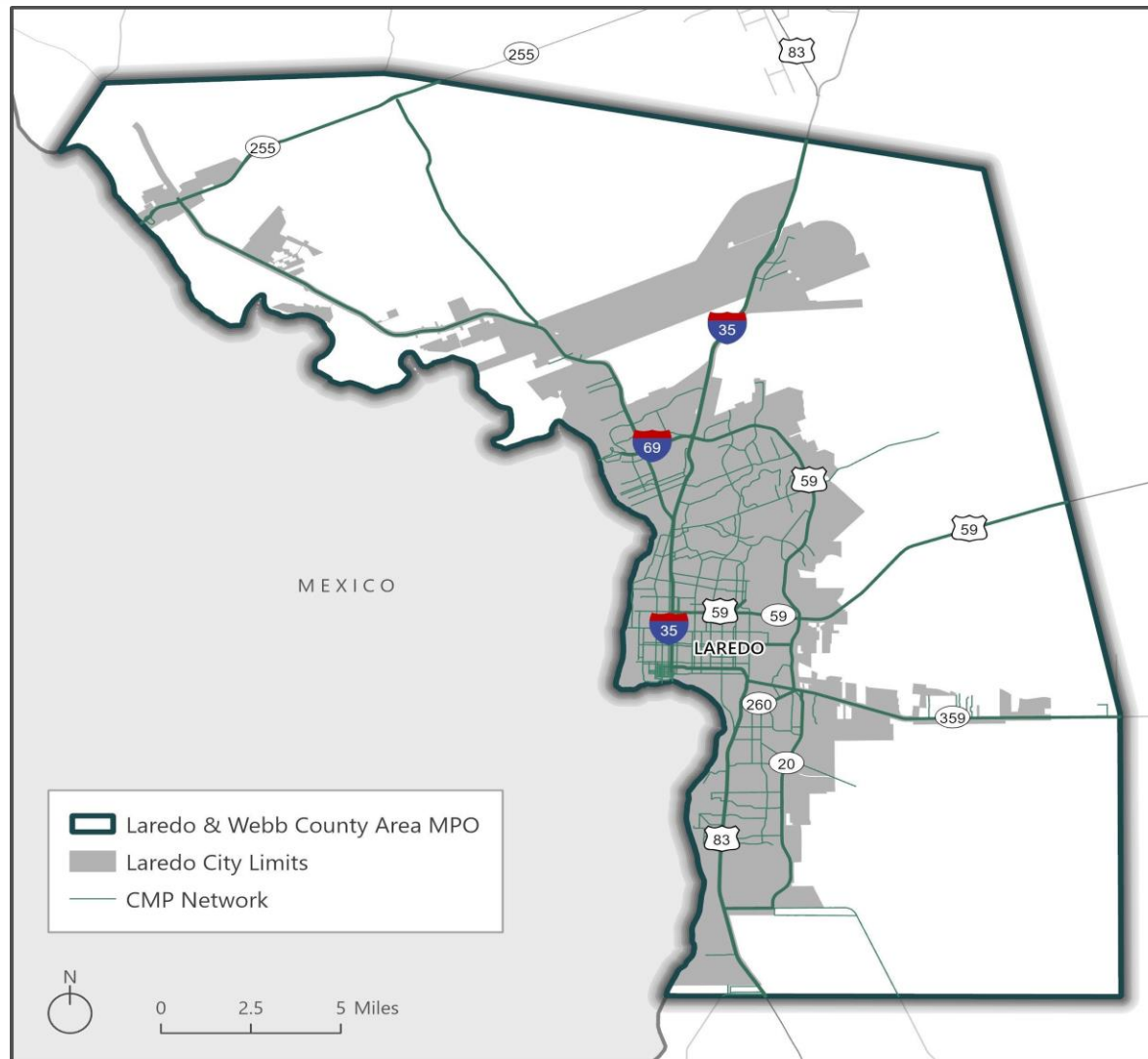
The CMP network can be seen in the [Figure 1](#). (next slide)



# LAREDO & WEBB COUNTY

## AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

Figure 1: LWCAMPO CMP Network



LAREDO & WEBB COUNTY MPO CMP NETWORK

## **MPO Updates**

### C. Microtransit Feasibility Study

- As per Purchasing Department four vendor submittals and evaluation matrix were received.
- An evaluation committee will be formed and will consist of three or five members from different departments.

## **MPO Updates**

### **D. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) 2025-2028**

- Timeline provided by the TxDOT's Transportation Planning and Programming Division during the Spring STIP workshop held on March 5th, 2024





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Timeline provided by the TxDOT's Transportation Planning and Programming Division during the Spring STIP workshop held on March 5th, 2024

## 2025 – 2028 STIP Timeline



FY 2025-2028 STIP	
4-Jun	Open STIP Instance
1-Jul	All projects must be finalized in the eSTIP portal
July 1 – July 31	TPP check TIPs and prepare TxDOT website
2-Aug	TX Register Notice posted
19-Aug	Public Hearing held week of
1-Sep	Public comment period ends week of
2-Sep	Earliest date for FHWA / FTA approval
3-Sep	Earliest date for opening November Revision

\*\*Typically the STIP is approved in October



# LAREDO & WEBB COUNTY

AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

## 2025-2028 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) TIMELINE

DATE	ACTION
February 15, 2024	Initiate 2025-2028 TIP Process
March 15, 2024	TxDOT / El Metro deadline to submit all new funded projects or revisions to existing listed projects, along with any required back-up documentation (i.e. PDFs of TIP Runs, financial summary reports, etc.)
April 9, 2024	To present Draft to Technical Committee
April 17, 2024	Policy Committee to initiate 20-day public review/comment period
May 7, 2024	To present public comments and final draft to Technical Committee
May 15, 2024	Policy Committee to close 20-day public review/comment period and, to adopt 2025-2028 TIP.
July 1, 2024	2025-2028 TIP - ALL PROJECTS MUST BE FINALIZED IN THE STIP PORTAL

**Discussion of Old or New Business**

**Adjournment**