

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 VISION ZERO WEBB LAREDO 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 Laredo 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).

Honorable Tano E. Tijerina

Webb County Judge and Chairperson of

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