

Project Criteria Narrative

Project Criteria: Explain how the project addresses each of the following criteria (100 points available). Please refer to the [Evaluation Category and Scoring Criteria](#) for further details.

I. Improving Safety

1. Are there documented safety issues for pedestrians, bicyclists, & other non-drivers in the project area?
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- a. Select all of the applicable safety hazards located within the project limits & state the proposed countermeasure(s) addressing the identified hazard. In an attachment provide any additional information (e.g. Maps, images, crash records/statistics, etc.) about proposed countermeasures. (Label as *Improving Safety Countermeasures*).

Safety Hazards	Proposed Countermeasures
<input type="checkbox"/> High roadway speed (45mph or greater)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Hazardous intersection/conflict point	
<input type="checkbox"/> Uncontrolled intersection/crossing	
<input type="checkbox"/> Lack of bike/ped infrastructure	
<input type="checkbox"/> High motor vehicle traffic volume	
<input type="checkbox"/> On-street parking	
<input type="checkbox"/> Wide roadway crossing (4 or more lanes)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Lack of lighting	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other:	

2. Does the project implement safety countermeasures recommended in a related community Master Plan, e.g. City of Laredo Viva Laredo Comprehensive Plan, LWCAMPO Active Transportation Plan (ATP), Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), or the Vision Zero Webb Laredo Comprehensive Safety Action Plan?
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- a. If **not** addressed in a related community Master Plan, briefly explain how the proposed project will improve [safety](#).

3. Does this project improve safety in areas with a high number of crashes near a trail segment , crossings or any facilities for pedestrians, bicyclist, & other non-drivers?
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- a. If **yes**, please provide the crash records/statistics, i.e. [CRIS data](#), for the project area & a brief description of the proposed safety countermeasures.

4. Does this project improve the visibility of vulnerable road users (i.e. pedestrians, bicyclists, & other non-drivers)?

- a. If **yes**, how does the proposed project improve visibility of vulnerable road user to vehicular traffic?

5. Does this project implement [safety countermeasures](#) that will improve crossings for pedestrians, bicyclists, & other non-drivers such as mid-block or intersection crossings, (e.g. pavement demarcation/markings, media crossing islands), signalization (e.g. FHWA approved bicycle signals, rectangular rapid flash beacons, pedestrian hybrid beacon, crosswalk buttons, or other enhanced crossing treatments), or traffic calming measures (e.g. speed humps, speed cushions, speed tables, radar signs, Gateway Treatments, Pinch-points)?

- a. If **yes**, briefly describe the safety countermeasures to be constructed as part of this project.

6. Does this project provide separate facilities for various transportation modes (e.g. separated bike lanes, raised crosswalks)?

a. If **yes**, briefly describe the safety countermeasures to be constructed as part of this project

II. Reducing Barriers & Enhancing Network Connectivity

Reducing Barriers

1. Does the project provide or improve safe crossing of an existing obstacle to travel (e.g. major roadways, railroads, and bodies of water) with a low stress/high level of comfort facility suitable for pedestrians, bicyclists, & other non-drivers of all ages and abilities?

- a. If **yes**, briefly describe the existing barrier and how the project will provide safe crossing of that obstacle to travel by pedestrians, bicyclists, and other non-drivers of all ages & abilities. Such project design must be consistent with relevant design guidelines and/or resources including AASHTO, NACTO, ITE, FHWA, & TxDOT.

2. Does the project provide or improve ADA Infrastructure (e.g. ramps, Braille paving, accessible pedestrian signal, etc.)?

- a. If **yes**, briefly describe the improvements provided to ADA infrastructure (e.g. ramps, Braille paving, accessible pedestrian signal, etc.)

Enhancing Network Connectivity

3. Does this project extend the existing alternative transportation system (i.e. trail network connectivity), or improve access (i.e. Complete Streets)/connects to other facilities on the active transportation network or transit infrastructure **by eliminating gaps** (e.g. fill in missing sidewalks, crosswalks, & shortcut connections)?

- a. If **yes**, briefly describe how this project addresses the aforementioned factors.

4. Does this project improve access to public buildings (e.g. public libraries, city hall) **by connecting them** to active transportation and/or transit network (i.e. link major public destinations to existing bus stops, trails, sidewalks, on-street bicycle facilities)?

- a. If **yes**, briefly describe how this project addresses the aforementioned factors.

III. Serving Disadvantaged Areas

1. Does this project improve mobility for low-income, transit-dependent, or rural populations?

- a. If applicable, how does the proposed project improve mobility low-income, transit-dependent, or rural populations?

2. Does this project improve mobility for high-need areas as defined by the State, such as low-income, transit-dependent, rural, or other areas?

- a. If **yes**, how does this project improve mobility for high-need areas as defined by the State, such as low-income, transit-dependent, rural, or other areas?

IV. Creating Economic Development Opportunities

1. Does the project provide or improve bicycle & pedestrian access to major destinations, immediately surrounding the project area, that are likely to attract bicycling or walking trips ? (**Select all applicable options**)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Major Employer(s) | <input type="checkbox"/> Extends or develops other non-motorized route(s) for tourism |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Employment districts/centers | <input type="checkbox"/> Schools/University/Community College |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Central Business District (C.B.D.) | <input type="checkbox"/> Provides direct connection to transit (shared used path & other major destinations) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial Center(s) | <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable |
| <input type="checkbox"/> High density residential | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) <input type="text"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Restaurants/Entertainment | |

2. Briefly describe how investment in this project will provide an increased benefit to the community & the region through revitalization, redevelopment, and/or job creation.

V. Promoting Health & Environmental Benefits

Promoting Health

1. Does this project improve or provide access to physical fitness/wellness facilities (e.g. bike/hike trails, medical plaza(s)/hospitals, and/or clinics)

a. If **yes**, select the fitness/wellness facilities, surrounding the project area, that are likely to attract bicycling or walking trips as a result of improved or newly provided access measures. (**Select all applicable options**)

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Park

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Health facility (medical center, hospital)

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Bike/Hike trail

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Fitness facility (Gym, Yoga centers)

☐

Community Recreational Center

☐

Other (specify)

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Fresh foods (grocery stores, farmers' market)

b. If applicable, select the design enhancements (e.g. curb extensions, road diet/lane reduction, delineators) that are likely to attract bicycling or walking trips as a result of improved or newly provided access measures. (**Select all applicable options**)

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Curb extensions, road diets/lane reduction, delineators, bollards

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Pedestrian amenities/streetscape (e.g. lighting)

☐

Not Applicable

☐

Provide bicycle parking or rest areas

☐

Other (specify)

☐

Trailheads, staging areas, and/or parking

2. Does this project promote active living or healthy activities (e.g. biking, hiking, walking, jogging) by improving knowledge of facility locations, (e.g. wayfinding signs)?

a. If **yes**, briefly describe the implementation measures that will be incorporated to successfully complete the project

Providing Environmental Benefits

3. Does this project help reduce congestion & improve air quality?

a. If yes, briefly describe the implementation measures the project will incorporate to reduce congestion, improve air quality, and/or other impacts to the environment

VI. Implementing an Existing Plan

1. Is this project included in a Plan adopted by a Governing Body (e.g. City Council, Commissioners Court, Agency Board) such as but not limited to a Thoroughfare Plan, Trails Plan, Bicycle Master Plan, Corridor Plan, and/or Vision Zero Webb Laredo Comprehensive Safety Action Plan. (**Choose an option**)

- ☐ **Yes**, the project is included in a Plan adopted by a Governing Body. (i.e. list name of Plan(s) & identify relevant section(s) on “a”)
- ☐ **No**, the project is not included in a Plan adopted by a Governing Body.

a. Name & Approval Date of Adopted Plan(s)

- i. Title of Adopted Plan:
Relevant section(s):
Approval Date:
- ii. Title of Adopted Plan:
Relevant section(s):
Approval Date:
- iii. Title of Adopted Plan:
Relevant section(s):
Approval Date:

- b. If the project is not included in an adopted Plan, briefly explain how the project achieves the broader transportation priorities in the Laredo-Webb County Transportation Management Area (TMA) by: **Demonstrating how the proposed project will improve the ability to use walking & bicycling facilities for everyday activities including travel to work, Safe Routes to School (SRTS), & shopping as recommended in the LWCAMPO Active Transportation Plan (ATP), Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), or Vision Zero Webb Laredo Comprehensive Safety Action Plan.**

VII. Project Readiness

1. Is the project associated with a proposed TxDOT “off-system” roadway or a TxDOT roadway that is proposed to be taken “off-system”? (select the option that applies)
- ☐ The project is associated with a TxDOT “off-system” project
- ☐ The project is associated with a TxDOT roadway that is proposed to be taken “off-system”
- ☐ Not Applicable

2. Does the proposed project require Right-of-Way (ROW) acquisition? **Note:** ROW Acquisition is not eligible for TA Set-Aside fund reimbursement. ROW acquisition is for informational purposes only. (**Select the option that applies**)

☐ **Yes**, the ROW Acquisition/Access Agreement was obtained on _____ (Provide a copy of the ROW acquisition/access agreement & label as **ROW-Acquisition-or-Access Agreement**)

☐ **No**. Please describe how & when the ROW Acquisition/Access Agreement will be acquired. Include a letter of commitment from the property owner & label as **ROW-Acquisition-or-Access Agreement-Property Owner Commitment Letter**)

a. Projects proposing to build facilities for pedestrians and bicycles along or through railroad right-of-way must include documented evidence from the railroad granting a right of entry or an executed encroachment agreement. Has the railroad granted a right of entry or an executed encroachment agreement? (**Select the option that applies**)

☐ **Yes**, the agreement was executed on _____ (Provide a copy of the ROW acquisition/agreement & label as **Railroad Right of Entry Letter-or-Agreement**)

☐ **No**. Please describe how & when the agreement will be executed.

Note: The application must include a commitment letter by the railroad that a right of entry or an executed encroachment agreement is under development & will be granted. **Applications that check this response and do not include a commitment letter from the railroad will be deemed incomplete.** (Label as **Railroad Right of Entry-or-Encroachment Commitment Letter**).

3. Has the proposed project completed environmental (NEPA) clearance requirements? Provide any supporting environmental clearance documentation & label as **Environmental Clearance Supporting Documentation**

Start date or estimated start date:

Date completed or estimated completion date:

Additional comments:

4. What is the status of the proposed project's Plans, Specifications & Estimates (PS&E)?

Start date or estimated start date:

Date completed or estimated completion date:

Additional comments:

5. Does the project anticipate any utility work or identified need for coordination (i.e. to Identify needs, facilitate utility agreements, coordinate utility relocation, etc.)

☐ **Yes**, a need for utility coordination has been identified.

Start date or estimated start date:

Date completed or estimated completion date:

☐ **No**, there are no anticipated utility concerns.

☐ **Pending**, utility concerns have not yet been identified.

a. Additional comments:

6. Will TA Set-Aside Program funding allow the project to be completed?

☐ **Yes**

☐ **No**, additional funding will be required to complete the overall project vision

7. Does the project leverage other funding sources (i.e. grants or community investments/partnerships)?

☐ **Yes**

☐ **No**

☐ **Not Applicable**

☐ **Other** (e.g. anticipating a decision on a grant application)

a. Additional comments:

8. Has the applicant and/or project sponsor, coordinated or had any discussions with TxDOT regarding the proposed project?

- a. If **yes**, what comments/feedback were received from TxDOT regarding the proposed project? (Include any supporting documentation (e.g. emails, resolutions, etc.) & label as ***Supporting Documentation-TxDOT Comments-or-Feedback***

9. Has the applicant and/or project sponsor, coordinated or hosted public involvement events, regarding the proposed project?

Additional Comments:

- a. If **yes**, what type of comments/feedback (i.e. survey/poll/questionnaire responses), were received from the public regarding the proposed project? (Include any supporting documentation, e.g. emails, resolutions, etc., & label as ***Public Involvement Comments-or-Feedback***)

10. What is the anticipated Project Ready-to-Let Date:

- a. Additional Comments: