

MPO POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

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Meeting Date & Time: July 16, 2025 at 1:30 PM Meeting Location: City of Laredo Council Chambers, 1110 Houston St., Laredo, Texas 78040 Meeting Link: <u>http://laredotx.swagit.com/live</u> Laredo TV: Spectrum TV channel 1300

AGENDA:

- I. CHAIRPERSON TO CALL MEETING TO ORDER
- II. CHAIRPERSON TO CALL ROLL

III. CITIZEN COMMENTS

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- IV. ITEMS REQUIRING POLICY COMMITTEE ACTION:
 - A. Approval of the minutes for the meeting held on June 18, 2025.
 - B. Receive public testimony and approve Resolution No. MPO 2025-10, adopting the FY 2026 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP).
 - C. Receive public testimony and initiate a 20-day public review and comment period for the draft 2025 Congestion Management Process (CMP) update.
- V. REPORT(S) AND PRESENTATIONS (No action required).
 - A. Status report by the Regional Mobility Authority (RMA).



- B. TxDOT Project Updates.
- VI. DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS
- VII. COMMUNICATIONS

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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POLICY COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP:

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

LWCAMPO Vice-Chairperson Honorable Tano E. Tijerina, Webb County Judge

City of Laredo Representatives

Honorable Ruben Gutierrez, Jr., City Councilmember, District V Honorable Ricardo Rangel Jr., City Councilmember, District II

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, Mayor Pro-Tempore, 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 Don McLaughlin, State Representative, District 80

AGENDA REVIEWED:

Juan S. Mendive, AICP LWCAMPO Director

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Laredo City Secretary

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Item IV.A.

A. Approval of the minutes for the meeting held on June 18, 2025.



POLICY COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES June 18, 2025

LIVE WEB LINK: <u>http://laredotx.swagit.com/live</u> PUBLIC ACCESS CHANNEL: Spectrum TV channel 1300

I. CHAIRPERSON TO CALL MEETING TO ORDER Mayor Treviño, called meeting to order at 1:30 P.M.

II. CHAIRPERSON TO CALL ROLL

Graciela S. Briones, MPO Planner III, called roll and verified a quorum existed.

Regular Members Present:

Honorable Dr. Victor D. Treviño, Mayor and LWCAMPO Chairperson Honorable Vanessa Perez, Mayor Pro-Tempore, District VII Honorable Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr. City Councilmember, District II Mr. Epigmenio "Epi" Gonzalez, P.E., TxDOT District Engineer

Regular Members Not Present:

Honorable Tano E. Tijerina, Webb County Judge and LWCAMPO Vice-Chairperson Honorable Ruben Gutierrez Jr., City Councilmember, District V Honorable Jesse Gonzalez, Webb County Commissioner, Pct. 1 Honorable John Galo, Webb County Commissioner, Pct. 3 Mr. Jed A. Brown, Member-At-Large

Ex-Officio Members Not Present:

Honorable Judith Zaffirini, State Senator, District 21 Honorable Richard Raymond, State Representative, District 42 Honorable Don McLaughlin, State Representative, District 80

LWCAMPO Staff Present:

Juan S. Mendive, AICP, LWCAMPO Director Graciela S. Briones, LWCAMPO Planner III Julio A. Niño, LWCAMPO Planner III Eduardo Bernal, LWCAMPO Planner III Adriana A. Vigil, LWCAMPO Administrative Assistant

Others:

Sara Garza, TxDOT Roberto Rodriguez, TxDOT Jose D. Vargas, TxDOT Luis Villarreal, TxDOT Ana Duncan, TxDOT Kenneth Duncan, TxDOT Eloisa Mascorro, El Metro Transit Anthony Garza, Webb County Consultant Orlando Contreras, WC-CL RMA/LJA Engineering Blasita J. Lopez, WC-CL RMA/LJA Engineering Orlando Navarro, Killam

CM. Rangel, made a motion to excuse all members not present.

Second:	CM. Perez
For:	4
Against:	0
Abstained:	0

Motion carried unanimously.

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IV. ITEMS REQUIRING POLICY COMMITTEE ACTION:

A. Approval of the minutes for the meeting held on May 21, 2025.

CM. Rangel, made a motion to **approve** the minutes of May 21, 2025.

Second: CM. Perez For: 4 Against:0Abstained:0

Motion carried unanimously.

B. Receive public testimony and initiate a 20-day public review and comment period for the draft FY2026 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP).

Mayor Treviño, asked if there was anyone present to speak For or Against the item.

There were no comments.

Mr. Mendive, MPO Director, provided a brief presentation on the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). He explained that the UPWP was a federally required document that outlines the transportation planning programs and activities to be carried out by the MPO within a given fiscal year. He noted that the UPWP may be amended at any time, if necessary. Mr. Mendive, clarified that the UPWP describes all MPO transportation planning activities to be funded through Transportation Planning Funds (TPF). He emphasized that some tasks outlined in the UPWP may require more than one year to complete and are therefore carried over from one UPWP cycle to the next. He also stated that, as required by the MPO's Public Participation Plan (PPP), the UPWP must undergo a 20-day public review and comment period. Upon approval by the Policy Committee, the UPWP would be submitted through TxDOT for final approval by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). Mr. Mendive, informed the committee that the FY 2026 UPWP was expected to be adopted on July 16, 2025, and that TxDOT would submit the approved document to FHWA by August 1, 2025. He concluded by providing a summary of the UPWP budget. He stated that an estimated total of \$2,629,990.87 in Transportation Planning Funds (TPF) would be available, which included carryover funds from previous fiscal years. The expected allocation for FY 2026 was reported to be \$629,990.87. Mr. Mendive, also presented the UPWP subtasks along with the respective funding amounts allocated to each with a total of \$1,247,000 in TPF proposed to be programmed in FY 2026.

CM. Perez, made a motion to initiate a 20-day public review and comment period for the draft FY 2026 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP).

Second:	CM. Rangel
For:	4
Against:	0
Abstained:	0

Motion carried unanimously.

C. Discussion with possible action to approve Resolution No. MPO 2025-08, supporting the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) FM 1472 Segment 1 Feasibility Study recommendations.

Mr. Mendive, highlighted that the FM 1472 Segment 1 Feasibility Study being conducted by TxDOT was very important and reported that a successful public meeting had taken place the evening before, with strong community attendance. He noted that CM. Vanessa Perez had reached out to the MPO to request a Resolution of support for the TxDOT FM 1472 Segment 1 Feasibility Study. He also stated that both he and CM. Perez planned to attend the Texas Transportation Commission meeting that Friday.

CM. Rangel, confirmed that he would also attend the Commission meeting.

Mr. Mendive, explained that the goal was to demonstrate local support for the various studies and transportation projects taking place in Laredo. He emphasized that the Resolution would serve to formally support the FM 1472 Segment 1 Feasibility Study.

CM. Rangel, asked whether there would be an opportunity to make a presentation during the Commission meeting.

Mr. Mendive, clarified that while no formal presentation was scheduled, the meeting would be open to the public, allowing individuals to provide public comments limited to three minutes. He noted that there would be two opportunities to speak, during the Unified Transportation Program (UTP) item and during the open comment period at the end of the meeting. He stated that the he intended to thank the Commission for its support and highlight ongoing transportation efforts in the community.

CM. Perez, added that the intent was to show the Commission that Laredo was actively engaged and supportive of the planning efforts. She emphasized the importance of this representation to help ensure Laredo's projects remained a priority, particularly given the recent announcement of a \$1.5 million reduction in funding. She then asked Mr. Gonzalez to provide a brief update on the FM 1472 Segment 1 Feasibility Study public meeting held the previous night.

Mr. Gonzalez, TxDOT District Engineer, reported that they had discussed the meeting earlier that morning. He noted that the meeting had 80 attendees, making it one of the most well attended public meetings in recent memory. The event focused on FM 1472, a project generating significant interest. He stated that Mayor Treviño, CM. Perez, Congressman Henry Cuellar, and Representative Richard Raymond were all in attendance.

He mentioned that the initial public feedback was overwhelmingly positive and in favor of the project.

Mayor Treviño, added that an artist rendering had illustrated projected congestion for the year 2055, showing traffic backed up bumper-to-bumper with 18-wheelers extending to IH-35. He stressed the urgency of the project, stating it was not a question of *if*, but *when* it had to be completed due to its necessity.

CM. Perez, noted that many additional participants had attended virtually, including representatives from various homeowner associations such as Villa San Agustin and La Bota Ranch, as well as J.D. Gonzalez from the National Brokers and Forwarders Association and other organizations. She thanked Mr. Gonzalez and the TxDOT team for their hard work.

Mr. Gonzalez, informed the committee that the public comment period would remain open until July 7 and encouraged everyone to submit feedback. He mentioned that individuals who had signed in would receive a reminder before the deadline.

Mayor Treviño, acknowledged that the project carried a significant cost but warned that delaying it by even one or two years could double the expense.

CM. Perez, expressed appreciation for Mayor Treviño's commitment to securing funding. She also acknowledged the support expressed by Congressman Cuellar and Representative Raymond. She stated the intent to have the Resolution finalized in time to deliver it to the Commissioners at the Friday meeting in Austin.

Mr. Mendive, concluded by noting that the MPO could also submit a public comment indicating the existence of a Resolution in support of the FM 1472 Segment 1 Feasibility Study.

CM. Rangel, made a motion approve Resolution No. MPO 2025-08, supporting the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) FM 1472 Segment 1 Feasibility Study recommendations.

Second:	CM. Perez
For:	4
Against:	0
Abstained:	0

Motion carried unanimously.

D. Discussion with possible action to approve Resolution No. MPO 2025-09, supporting the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Statewide Active Transportation Plan.

Mr. Mendive, stated that the Resolution under consideration was similar in nature to the previous item, as it expressed formal support for the TxDOT Statewide Active Transportation Plan. He explained that the plan aimed to improve mobility for pedestrians, bicyclists, and individuals using alternative modes of transportation such as scooters. He noted that the MPO supported the plan as it aligned with the agency's ongoing efforts and initiatives, including Bike Month and the recently adopted Vision Zero Safety Action Plan. Mr. Mendive, further mentioned that Mayor Pro Tempore Vanessa Perez had requested that this item also be presented during the upcoming Texas Transportation Commission meeting to demonstrate local support through a Resolution. He reported that TxDOT had been conducting public meetings across the state as part of the plan development process and had recently held one in Laredo during the prior month. Mr. Mendive, concluded by stating that once adopted, the plan was expected to move into its implementation phase in 2026, and that overall, it was a strong initiative worthy of recommendation.

CM. Rangel, made a motion to approve Resolution No. MPO 2025-09, supporting the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Statewide Active Transportation Plan.

Second:CM. PerezFor:4Against:0Abstained:0

Motion carried unanimously

E. Discussion with possible action to provide a Letter in Support of the Regional Mobility Authority's (RMA) application to the U.S. Department of Transportation for the Safe Streets and Roads for All implementation grant.

Mr. Mendive, stated that the item under consideration was a Letter of Support requested by the Regional Mobility Authority (RMA). He informed the Committee that representatives from the RMA were present and available to answer any additional questions. He explained that the support letter aligned with the recently adopted Vision Zero Safety Action Plan, which had been formally adopted by the RMA, the City of Laredo, and the MPO Policy Committee. He noted that the next step in the process was implementation, for which the RMA was preparing to submit a Safe Streets for All Implementation Grant application to the U.S. Department of Transportation. Mr. Mendive, also stated that the RMA was partnering with TxDOT and the City of Laredo on the grant submission to further advance coordinated safety improvements throughout the region.

CM. Perez, made a motion to approve the Letter in Support of the Regional Mobility Authority's (RMA) application to the U.S. Department of Transportation for the Safe Streets and Roads for All implementation grant.

Second: CM. Rangel For: 4 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. Orlando Contreras, Transportation Designer with LJA Engineering, provided a brief update on the Vallecillo Road project. He stated that revisions had recently been made to the right-of-way, and they were in the process of finalizing the metes and bounds to submit to the City of Laredo for approval of the updated right-of-way. He also noted ongoing coordination with TxDOT regarding utility adjustments. Mr. Contreras, reported that biweekly meetings were being held and that the utility coordination responsibilities would soon be transferred to TxDOT. Additionally, his team was finalizing the traffic control plan, which was expected to be submitted to TxDOT by the end of the month. The goal was to secure approval in time to submit the PS&E (Plans, Specifications & Estimates) package in August for the 60% submittal milestone. As of the meeting, the project remained on schedule.

CM. Perez, inquired whether the recent right-of-way changes involved only one landowner.

Mr. Contreras, confirmed this, stating the modifications affected the far east side near IH-35 and a small segment at the FM 1472 intersection, totaling approximately 0.011 acres.

CM. Perez, then asked if the alignment of Vallecillo Road was currently in line with Muller Memorial Road on the opposite side of FM 1472.

Mr. Contreras, responded that it was not, but discussions were ongoing regarding a potential realignment of Muller Road to better match Vallecillo Road, which would enhance the functionality of a future overpass in that area.

when asked if the realignment could be implemented at this stage, Mr. Contreras, explained that doing so would require another adjustment to the right-of-way.

CM. Perez, expressed concern that proceeding without realignment could result in misaligned infrastructure similar to past projects.

Mr. Contreras, acknowledged that the alignment would not be perfect, but noted that the minor 0.011-acre acquisition near FM 1472 would help improve alignment, though not completely resolve the discrepancy with Muller Road.

CM. Perez, asked TxDOT how this would affect the proposed overpass at Muller Road.

Mr. Gonzalez, responded that the FM 1472 schematic included an ultimate configuration that featured an overpass at Vallecillo Road and that the current proposal would not interfere with that future development.

Mr. Mendive, added that Mr. Brown had indicated that written responses would be provided to any outstanding questions related to the report. He also mentioned that several stakeholder meetings had taken place to address the types of issues and concerns raised by Mayor Pro Tempore Perez.

CM. Perez, stated that it would be worthwhile to pursue proper alignment while the Vallecillo Road project was still in development. She requested an update on this item in the next month's RMA report.

Mr. Gonzalez, concluded by stating that TxDOT had been working closely with the RMA regarding the alignment near IH-35 as it pertains to the future overpass.

A Motion by CM. Rangel was made to have that update on next month's RMA status report.

Second:	CM. Perez
For:	4
Against:	0
Abstained:	0

Motion carried unanimously

The following report was included as part of the packet:

WC-CL RMA June 2025 Status Report to LWCAMPO

- 1. Vision Zero Webb Laredo Safety Action Plan (Safe Streets for All)- See supplemental memorandum.
- 2. The Vallecillo Road Project See supplemental memorandum.
- 3. Vallecillo Overpass While the WC-CL RMA will not be managing the development of the Overpass design, we stand ready to provide information from the Vallecillo Road Project to TxDOT so that the two projects' connections are well coordinated. Coordination meetings continue with all the stakeholders involved in the project. On 1/8/2025, the WC-CL RMA met with TxDOT LRD to obtain further information on the request. On 1/22/2025, the WC-CL RMA met with TxDOT LRD, and the group clarified roles and responsibilities between the implementation of the new overpass and how it will interface with the road project. The relocation of utilities along IH 35 will be conducted by the TxDOT LRD consultant. The group met on 2/18/25 for a status update on the Vallecillo Overpass project. The WC-CL RMA Board of Directors approved taking the lead for the additional ROW and associated environmental clearance changes at the March 26, 2025, Board Meeting. At the quarterly meeting that occurred on the week of the 19th of May, TxDOT LRD notified the group that PS&E for the project is scheduled for 2027.
- 4. Springfield Phase IV Similar to Springfield Phase III, the RMA has committed up to \$1 million to the City to assist with the funding of the construction of Phase IV of the project from Hospitality Drive to Bob Bullock Loop. The sponsorship and implementation are subject to the negotiation of an Inter Local Agreement (ILA) between the City and the RMA. The RMA submitted a draft ILA to the City on 4/9/2024. The RMA originally intended to utilize the Category 12 Strategic Partnership dollars for the funding of the project. The RMA has decided to proceed for the construction of this project utilizing the RMA Vehicle Registration Fees. The ILA between the City and the RMA was executed on 9/9/2024. The project has advertised for construction. The PreBid conference occurred on 1/7/2025. The bid opening occurred on 1/17/2025. The City consultant has evaluated the bids to recommend the award of the contract. The construction contract was awarded on 2/18/25 to ALC Construction by the City of Laredo for \$765,299.00. Construction commenced on the 14th of March. The official groundbreaking occurred on 3/24/2025. The total construction duration is scheduled for 90 days. As of 6/10/2025, continuous reinforced concrete pavement has commenced and largely complete. The final walk through and punch list to occur in June 2025. The ribbon cutting is projected to occur in July 2025.
- 5. Concord Hills (Wormser Road/ Lomas Del Sur to Los Presidentes) The RMA has committed \$1 million to the development 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. 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 (ILA) between the City and the RMA. The RMA is working with the City and the property owners for the donation of the ROW and the finalization of the construction cost estimate for the project. The RMA recommitted its support in funding on the project February 14, 2024, at the February Board Meeting. On November 6, 2024, the WC-CL RMA Board of Directors passed a resolution to sign the ILA between the City and the WC-CL RMA for this project. The City Council approved the ILA on 2/18/25. The City, the Webb County Drainage District and the WC-CL RMA have signed the agreement, and the ILA is fully executed. The design of the project is ongoing. The engineer anticipates a design submittal to the City of Laredo within the next 2 months. The ROW acquisition is ongoing. The draft parcel plats have been submitted to the City and the City is moving forward with the landowner coordination for acquisition. The City, the WC-CL RMA, the property owners/ developers and Top Site, their civil engineer, met on 5/12/2025 to discuss the progress of the property donation and the status of the project design. The donation agreements are on-going in development and the design is currently at 75% completion.

6. North Laredo and Cuatro Vientos Transportation Reinvestment Zones (TRZ) - The RMA is awaiting execution of the ILA with the City to commence the North Laredo TRZ Study. The City notified the WC-CL RMA on 2/13/24 that the City will move forward with drafting and distributing the ILA to the WC-CL RMA and commence the project. The City Council approved a resolution to negotiate and execute the ILA with the WC-CL RMA on 2/18/2025. The North Laredo TRZ Study ILA is pending a final signature from the City of Laredo for full execution as of 3/19/2025. Regarding the Cuatro Vientos TRZ, the City would like to commence the process of implementing the TRZ with support from the WC-CL RMA. The RMA and the City will commence negotiation of the ILA to codify the agency roles for the implementation. On November 6, 2024, the WC-CL RMA Board of Directors passed a resolution to sign the ILA for the creation of the Cuatro Vientos TRZ between the City and the WC-CL RMA. The City Council approved a

resolution to negotiate and execute the ILA with the WC-CL RMA on 2/18/2025. The Cuatro Vientos TRZ ILA is executed as of 3/19/2025. The WC-CL RMA and the City of Laredo conducted an implementation kick-off meeting on 6/12/2025.

7. Other Items:

• The WC-CL RMA conducted a Board meeting on 6/4/2025.

There were no questions from the Committee members.

B. TxDOT Project Updates.

Mr. Jose Vargas, TxDOT Laredo Area Engineer, provided a summary update on ongoing TxDOT construction projects. He reported that there were approximately \$818 million in active contracts across 22 ongoing projects in the area. He outlined the scope of work

across these projects, which included full roadway reconstruction and widening, offsystem bridge improvements, upgrades to interstate standards, safety enhancements (including illumination and traffic signals), and preventive maintenance work such as overlays, mills and inlays, and seal coats.

CSJ: 0086-14-075 – US 59 Expansion

Mr. Vargas, reported that the total investment for this project was \$344 million and it was approximately 27.5% complete. The expected completion date was by the end of 2029. He noted recent work at the intersection connecting to the northern frontage road at Kupusculo, where a one-month closure allowed for the installation of retaining walls in preparation for elevated mainlane ramps.

CSJ: 3483-02-002 - SH 84 (Hachar/Reuthinger Road)

This project was 36% complete with a total investment of \$122 million and an anticipated completion in Fall 2027. Ongoing work included pouring bridge slabs and cement-treated base operations, with concrete pavement activities scheduled to begin in the coming months.

CSJ: 0086-01-073 - SH 359 Widening

Mr. Vargas, stated that this project was 60% complete, with a total cost of \$50 million. Work continued on processing the base and placing the intermediate layer eastbound toward Hebbronville. The project limits extended four miles east of Loop 20.

CSJ: 0086-16-008 – Lomas Del Sur Overpass

Mr. Vargas, noted that coordination for the groundbreaking ceremony was ongoing between TxDOT's Public Information Office (PIO) and the City of Laredo's PIO. The ceremony had been postponed to accommodate key attendees, with a tentative project start date in mid-July. Some details related to retaining walls were still being finalized with the contractor. The project cost was \$50 million.

CM. Rangel, inquired about the reason for the groundbreaking delay.

Mr. Vargas, explained that the contractor had requested clarification on specific plan details related to the retaining wall. TxDOT aimed to resolve those issues prior to construction to prevent disruptions.

CSJ: 3586-02-006 – SH 255 Rehabilitation

The project was 19% complete, with a total investment of \$25 million and located eight miles east of IH-35. The base had been prepared for the passing lanes, with treatment and rehabilitation of the existing roadway scheduled to begin by the end of June.

CSJ: 0086-16-019 – Traffic Signal & Illumination Project

Mr. Vargas, shared that a new traffic signal and high-mast illumination would be installed on the southern portion of Cuatro Vientos, from Mangana Hein to Cielito Lindo. Additionally, a traffic signal installation was planned at IH-69 and Riverbank, with a tentative start date of October 2025.

CSJ: 0018-06-181 – Anderson Mill & Inlay

This multi-location project would begin in Duval County, with one of the key locations being in Laredo for a mill and inlay along the IH-35 southbound mainlanes, from Shiloh to the concrete pavement in the four-block area. Mr. Vargas stated that he would provide updates with specific dates once the contractor schedule was finalized for Webb County.

Additional Safety Projects:

Mr. Vargas, mentioned new traffic signals at McPherson Road and Alta Vista Drive, as well as illumination on SH 359 from US 83 to Loop 20, near the Tractor Supply area.

CM. Rangel, asked for clarification on the exact location of the SH 359 illumination.

Mr. Vargas, stated that it was located in the Three Points area, beginning at the SH 359/US 83 junction and extending to Loop 20. He noted that the illumination poles had already been installed.

Mr. Mendive, inquired about the traffic signal at McPherson and Alta Vista, asking for confirmation on the location and who requested it, citing a prior inquiry from CM. Ruben Gutierrez.

Mr. Vargas, confirmed that the installation was coordinated with the City of Laredo and stated he would follow up with Mr. Mendive and provide a detailed status update on the project.

Mr. Mendive, informed the Committee that Mr. Kenneth Duncan, Lead Utility Coordinator for TxDOT Laredo, had a brief update to share.

Mr. Kenneth Duncan, Lead Utility Coordinator for TxDOT Laredo, announced that the TxDOT Laredo District would be featured during this year's TxDOT Right-of-Way (ROW) Utility Week Conference, scheduled for November 17–19 at Kalahari Resorts in Round Rock, TX. He shared that the conference registration fee was \$500 per attendee, plus lodging expenses. The Laredo Area District Engineering team was scheduled to give a presentation on the second day of the event, highlighting Laredo's efforts and accomplishments. The conference theme would be Driving Innovation: The Future of Communication, Collaboration, and Coordination. Mr. Duncan, extended an invitation to

the committee members to attend the event, which would bring together utility providers, utility coordinators (UCs), TxDOT representatives, and consulting firms from across Texas.

CM. Perez, asked Mr. Mendive if he could poll the Policy Committee to determine interest and availability among its members. She also inquired about the availability of travel funding through the MPO.

Mr. Mendive, confirmed that travel funds were available through the MPO, though he would need to verify whether the conference expenses fell within the guidelines for MPO travel funding.

Mr. Duncan, stated that he would send an email with the conference details to the MPO so it could be distributed to the committee. He noted that conference registration would open in July, at which time attendees could also book accommodations. He mentioned that there was also an opportunity for the City of Laredo to host a booth, allowing them to further highlight their efforts. The booth fee would be \$1,000, which included two full registrations.

CM. Rangel, asked whether attendees would be coming from across the state.

Mr. Duncan, confirmed this, stating that utility coordinators from throughout Texas, along with TxDOT officials and consultants, regularly gather at this conference to discuss ongoing issues such as agreements, permit systems, rule updates, and best practices. He noted that LJA Engineering and other consulting firms from Laredo had attended the conference the previous year.

CM. Rangel, asked if the conference was held annually.

Mr. Duncan, confirmed that it was an annual event, and additionally shared that the Laredo District Utility Coordinators also hold their own annual utility tour, which takes place in the fall. This road trip-style event begins in Laredo, continues north, and ends in Carrizo Springs, including meetings with cities, utility providers, and consulting groups along the way. He stated that the next utility tour was scheduled for September 10th, and that an invitation would be shared with the committee in case members were interested in attending.

VI. DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

Director's Report June 18, 2025

Mr. Mendive, MPO Director, presented the following Director's Report as part of the package.

1. MPO 2025 Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TASA) Call for Projects:

- On March 19th, 2025, the MPO Policy Committee authorized the TASA Call for Projects.
- The MPO team, in coordination with TxDOT, held two workshops in April for prospective applicants of the ongoing TASA Call for Projects.
- The TASA Call for Projects officially opened on April 11th and closed on May 30th.
- Two project applications were received. The next steps include preliminary review and scoring of the projects. An evaluation committee will score the projects in July and make recommendations to the Technical and Policy Committee.

2. Texas Transportation Commission Meetings:

- June 20, 2025
- July 31, 2025
- August 21, 2025

A calendar invite for the upcoming Texas Transportation Commission meeting was sent by email. The July and August calendar invites will also be sent. The MPO Director and Mayor Pro-Tempore and Council Member District VII, Vanessa Perez will be attending the upcoming meeting in June.

Upcoming Texas Transportation Commission meetings and agendas can be found on the following link: <u>https://www.txdot.gov/about/leadership/texas-transportation-</u> <u>commission/meeting-dates-agendas.html</u>

3. Upcoming regularly scheduled MPO meetings:

- Active Transportation Committee June 25, 2025
- Technical Committee July 8, 2025
- Policy Committee July 16, 2025

There were no questions from the Committee members.

VII. COMMUNICATIONS

There were no communications from the Committee members.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

CM. Rangel, made a motion to **adjourn** the meeting at 2:15 P.M.

Second: CM. Perez For: 4 Against: 0 Abstained: 0

Motion carried unanimously.

Juan S. Mendive, AICP LWCAMPO Director Mayor Dr. Victor D. Treviño LWCAMPO Chairperson



Item IV.B.

B. Receive public testimony and approve Resolution No. MPO 2025-10, adopting the FY 2026 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP).

LAREDO & WEBB COUNTY AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION POLICY COMMITTEE ACTION ITEM

DA	TE: 07-16-25	ITEM: IV.B	
SU	BJECT: RESOLUTION		
Receive public testimony and approve Resolution No. MPO 2025-10, adopting the FY 2026 Unified Planning			
Work Program (UPWP).			_
INI	INITIATED BY: STAFF SOURCE:		
Sta	ff	Juan S. Mendive, MPO Director	
PR	EVIOUS ACTION:		
On	June 18, 2025 the Policy Committee initiated a 20-day p	ublic review and comment period.	
BA	CKGROUND:		
The	e Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) is one-year work pr	ogram which describes in detail transp	portation planning
programs and activities to be performed by the Metropolitan Planning Organization in a fiscal year.			
The FY 2026 UPWP outlines and schedules tasks to be undertaken by the MPO during the fiscal period. Some of the tasks			
out	line may require more than one year to complete and are car	ried forward from one UPWP to the n	ext.
Listed below is the proposed budget:			
	<u>SUBTASKS</u>		<u>AMOUNT</u>
	1.1 - Planning and General Administration		\$ 600,000
	1.2 - Professional Development, Travel and Training		\$ 25,000
	1.3 - Public Participation Plan (PPP)		\$ 10,000
	1.4 - Computer Equipment, Furnishing and Office Suppl	ies	\$ 30,000
	1.5 - Building Maintenance and/or Repairs		\$ 10,000
	2.1 - General Data Administration		\$ 10,000
	2.2 - Software for Transportation Improvement Program	n Data Management	\$ 35,000

3.1 - General Administration (Short-Range Planning)	\$ 6,000
3.2 - Planning Assistance	\$ 6,000
4.1 - Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) Revisions	\$ 5,000
4.2 - 2025-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) Outreach & Implementation	\$ 10,000
5.1 - Long Range Freight Mobility Plan	\$ 250,000
5.2 - South Laredo Transportation Planning Study	\$ 250,000

TOTAL

\$ 1,247,000

The total estimated Transportation Planning Funds (TPF) that will be available for FY 2026 is $\frac{$2,629,990.87}{$2,629,990.87}$. This consists of $\frac{$629,990.87}{$2,000,000}$ from FY 2025.

A total of \$1,247,000 in TPF is proposed to be programmed in FY 2026

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:	STAFF RECOMMENDATION:
The Technical Committee recommends approval.	Staff recommends approval.



RESOLUTION NO. MPO 2025-10

BY THE LAREDO WEBB COUNTY AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION POLICY COMMITTEE

ADOPTING THE 2026 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP)

WHEREAS, the Laredo Webb County Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (LWCAMPO), for the Laredo Urbanized Area wishes to adopt the 2026 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP); and,

WHEREAS, the LWCAMPO Policy Committee finds that the 2026 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) meets federal and state requirements, and meets the transportation planning needs of the Laredo Metropolitan Area;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Laredo Webb County Area Metropolitan Planning Organization, for the Laredo Urbanized Area, adopts the 2026 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), which is attached hereto and made a part hereof for all purpose on this the <u>16th</u> day of <u>July</u>, 2025.

We certify that the above resolution was passed and adopted on this <u>16th day of July 2025</u>, at a public meeting of the Policy Committee of the Laredo and Webb County Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (LWCAMPO).

Honorable Dr. Victor D. Treviño City of Laredo Mayor and Chairperson of the LWCAMPO Policy Committee

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

Juan S. Mendive, AICP LWCAMPO Director

FY 2026 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP)



LAREDO & WEBB COUNTY AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATON (LWCAMPO)

TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT AREA (TMA) STATUS:

Transportation Management Area (TMA)

AIR QUALITY STATUS:

Attainment

The preparation of this report has been financed in part through grant(s) from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA), U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT), under the State Planning and Research Program, Section 505 [or Metropolitan Planning, Section 104(d)] of Title 23, U.S. Code. The contents of this report do not necessarily reflect the official views or policy of the U.S. Department of Transportation.

This UPWP complies with federal and state requirements, is true and correct, and is approved by the Policy Committee: ______, 2025

Amended:

Federal Approval:

Amended:

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Laredo & Webb County Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (LWCAMPO) serves as the federally designated MPO for the Laredo urbanized area and surrounding Webb County, facilitating a comprehensive, cooperative, and continuing (3-C) transportation planning process in compliance with federal law. Established in 1979 and renamed in 2020, LWCAMPO coordinates regional transportation planning and funding to support a growing population expected to nearly double by 2050.

Purpose and Scope

The FY 2026 UPWP outlines the annual work program detailing transportation planning tasks, studies, and activities that advance the region's mobility, safety, and economic vitality. The UPWP aligns with federal requirements and recent transportation legislation, emphasizing performance-based planning and investment. This UPWP is a one-year transportation planning work program which describes in detail transportation planning programs, and activities to be performed by LWCAMPO for FY 2026. However, some tasks require more than one year to complete and are carried forward from one UPWP to the next. To effectively identify all work tasks, the Laredo MPO prepares this UPWP with input from federal, state and local jurisdictions, and transportation providers in the region

MPO Boundary & Planning Area

LWCAMPO covers the City of Laredo and parts of Webb County within the Metropolitan Area Boundary. The Laredo urbanized area is a designated Transportation Management Area (TMA) since 2012. This boundary supports coordinated planning for over 250,000 residents and a robust freight network anchored by the nation's busiest inland port.

MPO Planning Emphasis Areas

Key focus areas include:

- Safety and Complete Streets Advancing safe, accessible, and multimodal transportation options consistent with Vision Zero goals to eliminate fatalities and serious injuries by 2040.
- Public Participation Enhancing outreach efforts through diverse strategies to engage all community members,



including underserved populations, ensuring transparent and inclusive decision-making.

• **Data Integration** — Strengthening data sharing and analytical tools to improve planning accuracy and accessibility for stakeholders and the public.

Funding Summary

The FY 2026 UPWP is supported by Transportation Planning Funds (TPF), which includes both FHWA PL-112 (including the 2.5% Safety/Complete Streets Set-Aside) and FTA Section 5303 Funds. The FY 2026 UPWP programs a total of \$1,247,000 across five (5) tasks including, *Administration & Management, Data Development & Maintenance, Short-Range Planning, Metropolitan Transportation Plan, and Special Studies*. Among the five (5) task groups, there is a total of 13 subtasks programmed in the FY 2026 UPWP. The subtasks included in the FY 2026 UPWP are listed below:

SUBTASKS	AMOUNT
1.1 – Planning and General Administration	\$ 600,000
1.2 – Professional Development, Travel and Training	\$ 25,000
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The work tasks consider the federal performance goals (23 USC § 150.b) in the following seven areas:

- 1. **Safety**: achieve a significant reduction in traffic fatalities and serious injuries on all public roads.
- 2. **Infrastructure Condition**: maintain the highway infrastructure asset system in a state of good repair.
- 3. **Congestion Reduction**: achieve a significant reduction in congestion on the National Highway System.
- 4. **System Reliability**: improve the efficiency of the surface transportation system.
- 5. **Freight Movement and Economic Vitality**: Improve the national freight network, strengthen the ability of rural communities to access national and international trade markets, and support regional economic development.
- 6. **Environmental Sustainability**: enhance the performance of the transportation system while protecting and enhancing the natural environment.
- Reduced Project Delivery Delays: reduce project costs, promote jobs and the economy, and expedite the movement of people and goods by accelerating project completion through eliminating delays in the project development and delivery process, including reducing regulatory burdens and improving agency work practices.

The programming of **\$1,247,000** for the FY 2026 UPWP enables LWCAMPO to advance its planning priorities and carry out its work tasks in cooperation with TxDOT, local agencies, transit providers, and regional partners.

INTRODUCTION

The Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1962 promulgated the requirement that all urban areas of 50,000 or more population develop and maintain a comprehensive, cooperative, and continuing (3-C) transportation planning process. The process would establish a transportation plan and provide the procedure by which it would be maintained and revised on a continuing basis.

In July 1979, the Governor of Texas designated Laredo Urban Transportation Study (LUTS) Steering Committee as the MPO for the Laredo urbanized area.

In February 2020, The Policy Committee approved the amendment of the MPO By-Laws to change the name of the MPO from Laredo Urban Transportation Study (LUTS) to the Laredo Webb County Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (LWCAMPO).

A. PURPOSE

The Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) is the instrument that serves as the document for coordinating and identifying ways to carry out the continuing, cooperative and comprehensive transportation planning process for the Laredo and Webb County Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (LWCAMPO). An MPO is required to perform all planning tasks set forth in federal laws and regulations, many of which are conducted annually.

This UPWP is a one-year transportation planning work program which describes in detail transportation planning programs, and activities to be performed by LWCAMPO for FY 2026. However, some tasks require more than one year to complete and are carried forward from one UPWP to the next. To effectively identify all work tasks, the Laredo MPO prepares this UPWP with input from federal, state and local jurisdictions, and transportation providers in the region.

The MPO's Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) will comply with all applicable federal and state regulations.

IIJA Planning Factors

The IIJA contains ten (10) planning factors that should be considered when developing plans and programs. The work tasks contained in this UPWP have considered the following areas, some more directly than others:

- 1. Support the economic vitality of the metropolitan area, especially by enabling global competitiveness, productivity, and efficiency;
- 2. Increase the safety of the transportation system for motorized and non-motorized users;
- 3. Increase the security of the transportation system for motorized and non-motorized users;
- 4. Increase accessibility and mobility of people and freight;
- Protect and enhance the environment, promote energy conservation, improve the quality of life, and promote consistency between transportation improvements and State and local planned growth and economic development patterns;
- 6. Enhance the integration and connectivity of the transportation system, across and between modes, for people and freight;

- 7. Promote efficient system management and operation;
- 8. Emphasize the preservation of the existing transportation system;
- 9. Improve the resiliency and reliability of the transportation system and reduce or mitigate storm water impacts of surface transportation; and
- 10. Enhance travel and tourism.

Further, the work tasks consider the federal performance goals (23 USC § 150.b) in the following seven areas:

- 1. **Safety**: achieve a significant reduction in traffic fatalities and serious injuries on all public roads.
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- Reduced Project Delivery Delays: reduce project costs, promote jobs and the economy, and expedite the movement of people and goods by accelerating project completion through eliminating delays in the project development and delivery process, including reducing regulatory burdens and improving agency work practices.

Performance Management

The IIJA maintains the FAST Act and MAP-21 focus on safety and efforts to streamline project delivery and continues the overall performance-based planning approach.

MAP-21 instituted Performance Management to provide greater accountability and transparence and help achieve the most efficient and effective investment of transportation resources. The FAST Act continued MAP-21's overall performance management approach, within which States invest resources in projects that collectively will make progress toward national goals. The IIJA continues these efforts.

The U.S. Secretary of Transportation in consultation with stakeholders establishes performance measures to chart progress toward accomplishment of national goals established in MAP-21: safety, infrastructure condition, interstate system condition, congestion reduction, system reliability, freight movement and economic vitality, environmental sustainability, and reduced project delivery delays. Performance targets established by the State and MPO will be based on national performance measures and will improve decision making through performance- based planning and programming.

The FAST Act adjusted the timeframe for States and metropolitan planning organizations to make progress toward meeting their performance targets under the National Highway Performance Program and clarifies the significant progress timeline for the Highway Safety Improvement Program performance targets.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN (PPP)

The Laredo MPO believes in the proactive involvement of citizens, affected public agencies, representatives of transportation agencies, private providers of transportation, and other interested parties in the development and updates of transportation plans and programs. The MPO has a Public Participation Plan (PPP) intended to provide an opportunity for meaningful, active, ongoing public participation and involvement for citizens, groups, agencies, and public providers of transportation. The MPO also conducts all planning activities in accordance with the adopted (PPP) and continues to engage interested parties during the development of the Public Participation Plan (PPP), and the short-term and long-term transportation plans. Per 23 CFR 450.316, interested parties such as those listed below, shall have reasonable opportunities to comment on projects of the short-term and long-term transportation plans:

- Affected public agencies
- Freight shippers
- Private providers of transportation services
- Representatives of public transportation employees
- Representatives of the disabled
- Representatives of users of public transportation
- Representatives of users of pedestrian walkways and bicycle transportation facilities
- Other interested parties.

The MPO continues to consult and cooperate with federal, state, and local agencies responsible for land use, natural resources, and other environmental issues during the adoption of long and short-term plans. The MPO consults with agencies responsible for historic preservation, natural resource conservation, environmental protection, and land use management, as appropriate, in the development of the short and long-term transportation plans. The Laredo MPO periodically evaluates the effectiveness of its Public Participation Plan (PPP) for engaging transportation-disadvantaged communities in the transportation decision making process.

B. DEFINITION OF AREA

The Laredo Metropolitan Area Boundary (MAB) includes the City of Laredo and portions of Webb County (See Map, Appendix B) The MAB was approved by the Governor in 2004. The Laredo urbanized area (as determined by the 2010 Census) surpassed 200,000 in population and was designated a Transportation Management Area (TMA) effective July 18th, 2012.

C. ORGANIZATION

The City of Laredo is the fiscal agent for the Laredo & Webb County Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (LWCAMPO).

The LWCAMPO is composed of two main organizational units: The Policy Committee and the Technical Committee. Other committees, such as the Active Transportation Committee, further support the organization's planning activities.

The Policy Committee

In accordance with the adopted MPO Bylaws, the Policy Committee is the governing body that was established pursuant to 23 USC 134, and created to address overall regional transportation making sure all projects, plans, programs and studies are developed in compliance with federal and state laws, rules and regulations. The Policy Committee is also responsible for taking the required approval actions as the Metropolitan Planning Organization.

The Policy Committee is comprised of those governmental agencies identified in the original designation agreement and those agencies or organizations subsequently added to the membership of the board.

As the governing body of the MPO, the Policy Committee shall have decision-making authority over issues such as:

- The Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)
- The Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
- The Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)
- The Congestion Management Process (CMP)

Voting members of the Policy Committee must include representation of local elected officials, officials of agencies that administer or operate major modes or systems of transportation, and appropriate state officials, as per 23 CFR 450.310.

At the request of the Policy Committee, staff initiated a review of potential changes to the MPO By-Laws regarding the structure and terms of the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson. The MPO Staff conducted a peer-review of the By-Laws of other MPOs in Texas and provided its recommendation at the March 22nd, 2023 Policy Committee meeting based on the findings and structure of other MPOs serving a Transportation Management Area (TMA), an urbanized area with a population of over 200,000. Additionally, staff recommended minor updates to its Technical Committee membership to reflect accurate titles of members and to add a representative of the Webb County-City of Laredo Regional Mobility Authority (RMA).

As per CFR 450.310 (d)(1), each metropolitan planning organization that serves a designated TMA, shall consist of local elected officials, officials of public agencies that administer or operate major modes of transportation in the metropolitan area, including representation by providers of public transportation, and appropriate state officials.

As per CFR 450.310 (d)(3), the designation or selection of officials or representatives of MPOs serving a TMA shall be determined by the MPO according to the By-Laws or enabling statute of the organization.

The previous LWCAMPO By-Laws version designated the City of Laredo Mayor as the Chairperson and the Webb County Judge as the Vice-Chairperson. At the June 21st, 2023 meeting, the Policy Committee voted in favor of moving forward with approving Resolution MPO 2023-05 and adopting the proposed amendment(s) to the By-Laws of allowing the Webb County Judge to serve as the Chair through the end of 2024 effective once the By-Laws have been amended, with the Mayor of the City of Laredo as Chairperson starting a full two-year term in January 2025.

Therefore, as of January 2025, The Policy Committee is chaired by the City of Laredo Mayor and includes as voting members:

- The Webb County Judge (as Vice-Chairperson)
- Three (3) City of Laredo Council members, [Two (2) members representing the City of Laredo, and one (1) representing the Laredo Mass Transit Board]
- Two (2) Webb County Commissioners
- The Laredo TxDOT District Engineer
- One (1) Member at Large

The State Senator for District 21, the State Representative for District 80 and the State Representative for District 42 serve as non-voting, ex-officio members.

The Webb County Judge's next term as Chairperson will begin on January 1, 2027.

The Technical Committee

Its responsibilities include professional and technical review of work programs and transportation planning activities. The Technical Committee is also responsible for providing planning recommendations to the Policy Committee for action.

A List of the Policy Committee and Technical Committee respective memberships may be found in Appendix A.

Other Committees

<u>The Active Transportation Committee (ATC)</u> was created after the adoption of the Active Transportation Plan (ATP) by the City of Laredo on February 22, 2021. The ATC provides recommendation on activities and transportation planning issues to the Technical and Policy Committees.

The Laredo & Webb County Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (LWCAMPO), in cooperation with the TxDOT, Webb County/City of Laredo Regional Mobility Authority (WC-CL RMA), mass transit operators, planning agencies and local governments is the organization responsible for carrying out and maintaining the urban transportation planning process to include:

- 1. Cooperative decision-making, principally, by elected officials of local governments.
- 2. Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP),
- 3. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP),
- 4. Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), and
- 5. Congestion Management Process (CMP).

LWCAMPO also executes contracts and/or agreements necessary to carry out the work outlined in the UPWP. In addition, the MPO develops and maintains transportation databases and analytical tools.

The MPO staff providing service and support include: The Director, three Transportation Planners and an Administrative assistant.

MPO staff has the following general responsibilities:

- 1. Provide staff support to the Policy Committee, the Technical Committee, and sub-committees;
- Review and report on items on the agenda(s) for the Policy Committee, the Technical Committee, and other appropriate committees;
- 3. Coordinate and perform the planning and data collection activities contained in the UPWP;
- 4. Prepare and submit an annual budget outlined in the UPWP for approval;
- 5. Receive and review all bills from consultants that the MPO has contracted with to perform work outlined in the UPWP;
- 6. Submit requests for reimbursement to the appropriate federal and/or state agencies for work performed according to the UPWP;
- 7. Prepare and submit grant applications for federal/other assistance in transportation planning, and related fields, as appropriate;
- 8. Prepare and submit the annual performance and expenditure report and annual project listing;
- Coordinate the activities for the development and maintenance of the Unified Planning Work Program, the long-range metropolitan transportation plan and the Transportation Improvement Program;
- 10. Refine and maintain a process for engaging the public in the transportation planning process;
- 11. Perform any other administrative duties as required by the Policy Committee; and,
- 12. Ensure compliance with Title VI Civil Rights and other federal requirements related to the MPO's operations, activities and programs.

City of Laredo staff and services from the Accounting, Purchasing, Legal, Human Resources, I.S.T. and other Departments may be required.

D. NON-MPO INVOLVEMENT

The Laredo & Webb County Area MPO encourages and engages the private sector to participate in the development of all transportation programs and plans including the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) development. A list of relevant private, public and non-profit stakeholders is maintained by the MPO to inform them of ongoing plans and studies and involve them in the planning process. Staff also maintains and periodically updates a list of consultant firms that provide transportation planning services. LWCAMPO also works closely with stakeholders from non-profit organization such as South Texas Development Council (STDC), the Rio Grande International Study Center (RGISC) and Housing Agencies.

PLANNING ISSUES AND EMPHASIS

LWCAMPO focuses on key planning issues and emphasis area within the metropolitan planning to guide planning topics important to the region. This helps develop, identify, and ultimately support associated work tasks with the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) and the Statewide Planning and Research Program.

Planning Issues

Roadways and Livability - System capacity issues will pose a major challenge in light of expected population and freight movement growth levels. However, while investments are made in transportation infrastructure, the safety and livability of communities in the Laredo MPO should be considered.

• **Population** - The City of Laredo is the third most populated U.S. city on the U.S.-Mexico border. The city has a population of over 250,000. The cross-border Laredo-Nuevo Laredo Metropolitan Area has an estimated population of over 650,000. Based upon the most recently developed estimates, the population within the Metropolitan Planning Area Boundary is expected to grow from 277,466 in 2018 to 490,139 by 2050. The number of jobs in the Laredo MPO region are also expected to grow over the next 25 years. Employment is expected to grow from 104,067 in 2018 to 123,429 by 2050, with a rate of change of 0.6% per year. Growth in the past has been accommodated mainly thorough sprawl. The City of Laredo recognizes that for many reasons this type of growth is unsustainable. In order to plan for future growth in the region—a considerable share of which is expected to occur through infill and redevelopment—a more efficient allocation of transportation resources should be considered. There is an increased desire for multi-modal transportation alternatives, but facilities for walking, biking, and other options are lacking.



Using the travel demand model, employment was analyzed to identify and predict future employment growth by TAZ. **Figure 2-9** and **Figure 2-10** show employment distribution for 2018 and forecasted distribution for 2050. Growth in employment appears in most areas of the MPA, with the lowest amount of growth seen south of the City of Laredo and the highest to the north. Employment is expected to grow from 104,067 in 2018 to 123,429 by 2050, with a rate of change of 0.6% per year.

Figure 2-8 of the current MTP



Figure 2-10 of the current MTP: Forecasted Employment by TAZ for 2050

• **Freight** - Recent projections indicate that the trade values of all outbound, inbound or internal types of freight movement are projected to be more than double than the current levels. Said growth will continue to add capacity burdens on the network. The Port of Laredo is the number 1

- growth will continue to add capacity burdens on the network. The Port of Laredo is the number 1 port in the nation among more than 450 airports, seaports and border crossing with over \$320 billion in total trade with the world in 2023 according to the U.S. Census Bureau.
- **Transit** Key issues facing the transit system in the upcoming years include: fleet replacement, more bus routes, more frequency and less ridership compared to ridership levels prior to the pandemic.
- More transit service needs The Comprehensive Operational Analysis (COA) of El Metro final report from December 2021, provided a great opportunity to understand the challenges facing El Metro today and developed recommendations to improve the system's service, efficiency, and effectiveness and prepare Laredo for a bright future.

In light of all of the above, careful and effective transportation planning and investment will be critical to providing for the area's future transportation needs while balancing the livability of communities.

Planning Emphasis Areas for the Laredo Webb County Metropolitan Planning Area

• Safety and Complete Streets

LWCAMPO supports and endorses the design and development of Complete Streets; And, is committed to enhancing safe, accessible, and alternative modes of transportation in the region. LWCAMPO strives to help advance TxDOT's Safety Performance Measures (PM 1) Targets through its planning activities and project selection.

The MPO's Active Transportation Plan (ATP) includes a chapter dedicated to Complete Streets which outlines a set of recommendations and a sample Complete Streets Policy to assist with implementing safe roads for all users.

The MPO's Active Transportation Committee (ATC) has also discussed the need to implement a Complete Streets Policy at the local level and are exploring the development of a Complete Streets Policy for the MPO.

Recently, the Vision Zero Webb Laredo Comprehensive Safety Action Plan was adopted by the Regional Mobility Authority, LWCAMPO Policy Committee, and the Laredo City Council. LWCAMPO is a key partner in the region's efforts to achieve zero fatalities and serious injuries on our roadways by 2040 as recommended in the Vision Zero Webb Laredo Comprehensive Safety Action Plan.

• Public Involvement

As part of the LWCAMPO's Public Participation Plan (PPP)update in 2022, a set of outreach strategies, as well as virtual tools were recommended as necessary to ensure that all people in the community are able to participate and to be provided with opportunities to be involved in the decision-making processes, including individuals without access to the internet or computers and mobile devices.

LWCAMPO also evaluates said strategies using measures of effectiveness and continues to use its website and social media accounts to provide information of meetings and public comment opportunities, to meaningfully engage with the public and its stakeholders.

Data in Transportation Planning

A goal of LWCAMPO is to enhance its data development efforts and serve as the central hub for data sharing. As we continue to build our data sharing partnerships and agreements with regional stakeholders, we will begin identifying the key datasets that will enhance our transportation planning activities. Recently the MPO has been working closely with its partners such as the local school districts to discuss data sharing opportunities. LWCAMPO will continue to add maps, including interactive maps to its website, which will allow the public and stakeholders to download data that is free, accessible, and user friendly.
I. TASK 1 – ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT

REMINDERS:

- Equipment purchases over \$10,000 must comply with 2 CFR §200.439: "Capital expenditures for special purpose equipment are allowable as direct costs, provided that items with a unit cost of \$10,000 or more have the prior written approval of the Federal agency or pass-through entity."
- 2) Out-of-state travel must be pre-approved by TxDOT according to 43 TAC §16.52(b)3: "The department will approve proposed travel outside the State of Texas by MPO staff and other agencies participating in the MPO planning processes if the travel is funded with federal transportation planning funds. The MPO must receive approval prior to incurring any costs associated with the actual travel (e.g., registration fee). This provision will not apply if the travel is at the request of the department.

A. OBJECTIVE

To accomplish, on a continuing basis, budgeting and managing transportation planning activities in coordination with local, state and federal agencies. To conduct MPO Staff hiring process and to coordinate the professional development and training of such Staff. To coordinate plans and programs necessary to administer Federal transportation planning requirements and maintain the cooperative, comprehensive, and continuous (3-C) transportation planning process in and for the Laredo and Webb County Metropolitan Organization's planning area.

B. EXPECTED PRODUCTS

The operation of the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) including the following:

- 1. Administration of the LWCAMPO to include the updating of existing or the completion of new plans, studies, and reports.
- 2. Maintenance and amendments to the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) as required.
- 3. Fulfillment of planning objectives.
- 4. Supply/Equipment purchases.
- 5. Compliance with state and federal requirements.
- 6. Submitting recapitulation of costs for billings to Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT).
- 7. Maintenance, updates and dissemination of the Public Participation Plan (PPP) and Title VI Program.
- 8. Travel for MPO Director and Staff to attend conference for staff development purposes.
- 9. Continuation of a proactive public involvement process.
- 10. Maintenance of LWCAMPO Website and Social Media.

C. PREVIOUS WORK

The LCAMPO has remained fully staffed MPO since hiring a full-time Administrative Assistant and a Planner III in FY2023. The Organization has been able to accomplish all the required administrative duties. It has also allowed staff to work on the development and completion of new plans & studies, as well as updating of existing documents in-house.

The MPO staff has also continuously maintained and updated the MPO's website and social media.

Furthermore, it helped implement recommendations of the Active Transportation Plan. MPO staff participated in transportation related meetings, including the Webb County-City of Laredo Regional Mobility Authority (RMA), TEMPO and Texas Transportation Commission meetings.

The following organizational chart has been updated to reflect current MPO staff structure:



The federally required Transportation Management Area (TMA) certification review for the Laredo MPO began on June 25th, 2024. Representatives of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) were on-site for two consecutive days to conduct a review of our metropolitan transportation planning process. The representatives were meeting with MPO and TxDOT Staff as well as the Policy Committee Chair and Vice-Chair. Additionally, a one-hour roundtable listening session was held with select transportation and community stakeholders.

The MPO Staff has been able to work on the development and completion of new plans & studies, as well as updating of existing documents in-house. In addition, staff has continuously maintained and updated the MPO's website and social media pages. It has also implemented the recommendations of the Active Transportation Plan as well as participated of the Active Transportation Committee and other Transportation related meetings such as the Webb County-City of Laredo Regional Mobility Authority (RMA), Association of Texas Metropolitan Planning Organizations (TEMPO), and Texas Transportation Commission.

Also, the MPO has continued working with its fiscal agent, the City of Laredo, to achieve the goals of the MPO.

For example, in collaboration with the City of Laredo Purchasing Department, the MPO worked on the development of a 'Request for Qualifications' (RFQ) for the selection of a Professional Firm, to provide services for the 2025-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) update. After evaluation of the submittals received, WSP USA Inc. was selected and awarded contract in the amount of \$376,504.25. The 2025-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) update was adopted by Policy Committee in January 2025.

The MPO also developed a 'Request For Proposals' (RFP) to solicit submittals from qualified firms, to conduct a feasibility study to determine if microtransit is a viable service model for the Laredo public transportation provider, the Laredo Transit Management, Incorporated (LTMI) locally known also as "EL METRO", in Laredo, Texas. After evaluation of the submittals received, on May 15, 2024 the Goodman Corporation was selected and awarded a contract by Policy Committee for consulting services for the development of the Laredo Transit Management, Inc. Microtransit Feasibility Study in the amount of \$149,100.00. The study was completed in May 2025.

The MPO Staff has performed general administrative functions for the operation of the Organization that include processing requisitions, purchase orders, invoices, request for payments, etc. on a monthly basis. Also, the MPO Staff has processed, prepared and submitted monthly recapitulation of costs for billings to Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), as required.

It has also approved timecards and processed payroll documents. MPO Staff has also assisted with the coordination of public meetings as required by FHWA, FTA, the State and local government in the development of transportation planning documents, and reports. Both, the Technical and Policy Committee meetings were held on an ongoing basis to make appropriate revisions to documents and to approve programs including, but not limited to, the following:

- 2025-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) Update
- Public Participation Plan (PPP) update.
- Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
- Title VI Civil Rights.
- Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) for FY2025 approval.
- Planning Agreement revision.
- MPO By-Laws/policy amendments.

Under Professional Development trainings, MPO Staff attended several meetings, workshops and conferences such as the Texas American Planning Association Conference, the TxDOT Transportation Planning Conference and other workshops. Staff made several presentations at public meetings. MPO Staff has also updated and implemented policies to maintain the "3-*C"* Planning Process. All Policy Committee and Technical Committee meetings were held in person. Some Active Transportation Committee meetings were held in virtual format and in person quarterly.

Staff developed outreach material to make the public aware of the meetings and format they were held. It also coordinated and prepared all necessary materials for the meetings listed in the following table:

	TECHNICAL COMMITTEE (In-Person)	POLICY COMMITTEE (In-Person)	ACTIVE TRANSPORTATIO (In-Person/Vi	
1	9/10/2024	CANCELED	9/25/2024	Virtual
2	10/8/2024	10/16/2024	10/30/2024	Virtual
3	11/12/2024	11/20/2024	CANCELED DATE (CHANGED
4	No Meeting in December 2024	No Meeting December 2024	12/4/2024	In-Person
5	1/7/2025	1/15/2025	1/29/2025	Virtual
6	2/11/2025	2/19/2025	2/26/2025	In-Person
7	3/11/2025	3/19/2025	3/26/2025	Virtual
8	4/8/2025	4/16/2025	4/30/2025	In-Person
9	5/13/2025	5/21/2025	5/28/2025	Virtual
10	6/10/2025	6/18/2025	6/25/2025	Virtual
11	7/8/2025*	7/16/2025*	7/30/2025*	Virtual*
12	8/12/2025*	8/20/2025*	8/27/2025*	In-Person*

*As scheduled

LWCAMPO scheduled meetings for all the existing committees to meet once a month. To date, in FY 2025, the MPO has held a total of ten (10) Policy Committee meetings, ten (10) Technical Committee meetings, and ten (10) Active Transportation Committee meetings.

For FY2026, the MPO will consider the possibility of issuing an RFQ to select one or more General Planning Consultant(s) for on-call services to support the MPOs technical activities and tasks outlined in this UPWP.

The MPO Director and staff traveled to attend Transportation Planning related conferences, courses, seminars, and workshops such as the following:

- Annual Texas APA Conference held in Allen, Tx. (October 16–18, 2024)
- Texas Association of MPOs (TEMPO) Meeting for MPO Directors held in Georgetown TX. (December 12–13, 2024)
- Texas Association of MPOs (TEMPO) Meetings for MPO Directors held in Austin, Tx. (March 13–14, 2025)
- Texas Transportation Commission Meeting (March 27, 2025)
- 2025 National Planning Conference held by the American Planning Association (APA) in Denver, Co. (March 29–April 1, 2025)
- 2025 TA Set-Aside Call for Projects Workshop (in-person and virtual)
- Budget Preparedness Trainings
- Decisions Lens Trainings

The MPO Staff is scheduled to attend the following trainings/workshops/conferences:

- Performance Measures Training (May 20, 2025)
- APATX25 State Planning Conference in Bryan, Tx. (October 22-24, 2025)
- Spring 2025 STIP Workshop

- Basic Travel Demand Modeling Training
- ESRI Gulf Coast Conference

Furthermore, Staff prepared and submitted letters in support of grant applications related to transportation projects and requested by different agencies. The letters in support prepared are as follows:

- On October 16, 2024; a letter in support was prepared for the City of Laredo and its Colombia Solidarity International Bridge Expansion Project to the Office of Mexican Affairs WHA/MEX
- On May 21, 2025; a letter in support was prepared for the City of Laredo's grant application for \$1,500,000.00 to the 2026 Texas Parks and Wildlife Local Park Grant Program for the Lomas Del Sur Park.

D. SUBTASKS

Subtask 1.1: Planning and General Administration

This activity includes general administration, equipment inventory, maintaining financial records such as billings (recapitulation of costs) and invoices, preparation of budgets, managing of transportation planning funds and ensuring resources are spent appropriately. In addition, this subtask includes routine maintenance and amendments to the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) and to other transportation related plans and programs as required. It includes as well MPO staff hiring process coordination and payroll processing (timecards) for employee time worked under regular working hours as well as time off requested and approved as annual leave for vacation, sick leave, holidays, etc. This subtask covers general costs related to employee salaries and fringe benefits. Employee time can be charged to other UPWP tasks when employees are working on activities listed under the specific task; however, employee vacation and sick hours should be charged to UPWP Task 1. It includes as well, the cost of operating the MPO, that includes office lease if applicable, purchase/lease/rental of office furniture and equipment and, all expenses associated with the planning effort and products to be delivered within the UPWP. It also includes monitoring the completion of UPWP projects, audits, developing and distributing reports required by federal government or by the Policy Committee such as the Annual Performance and Expenditure Report (APER) that is prepared at the end of each fiscal year and the preparation of the Annual Listing of Obligated Projects (ALOP) in accordance with TxDOT policy and procedures for tasks that utilize FHWA and FTA planning funds. It also addresses interagency coordination, developing and implementing policies and guidelines necessaries to carry out and maintain the 3C planning process, coordinating planning activities to include hosting and conducting public meetings and preparation of meeting minutes.

In FY 2026, the Laredo Webb County Area MPO will be hosting the quarterly TEMPO Executive Directors Meeting scheduled for September 25-26, 2025. MPO staff will be assisting with the coordination and logistics in order to host a successful TEMPO Executive Directors Meeting.

The 2.5% Safety/Complete Streets Set-Aside Funding programmed in this subtask will be used to cover personnel salaries and administrative costs to facilitate our Active Transportation Committee, Vision Zero Safety Action Plan implementation efforts, and Transportation Alternative Set-Aside (TASA) activities.

Subtask 1.2: Professional Development, Travel and Training

This activity supports staff development in the technical activities associated with the transportation planning process. This subtask includes providing staff development with adequate training, education, and travel (including out-of-state travel) to prepare and complete regional plans, studies, reports, etc. The MPO may organize training sessions for the Policy Committee, the Technical Committee, the Active Transportation Committee, any sub-committees, and for local governments and participating agencies. This task may also allow the MPO Director and staff to travel to attend appropriate conferences, courses, seminars, and workshops such as, but not limited to the following:

- Annual Texas APA Conference (APATX)
- American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO)
- American Public Transportation Association (APTA)
- Association of Metropolitan Planning Organization (AMPO) Conference
- Border Trade Advisory Committee
- Environmental Systems Research Institute (ESRI) User Conference and other ESRI seminars
- National Planning Conference (NPC) held by the American Planning Association (APA)
- National Highway Institute (NHI)
- National Transit Institute (NTI)
- Texas Association of MPOs (TEMPO) held quarterly
- Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Conferences/Trainings
- Texas Transportation Commission Meetings held monthly

For any Out-of-State travel, LWCAMPO will seek recommendation/approval from TxDOT prior to incurring any cost associated with the requested travel such as registration fees, booking of flights or lodging.

Note: Out-of-state travel must be pre-approved by TxDOT according to 43 TAC §16.52(b): "The department will approve proposed travel outside the State of Texas by MPO staff and other agencies participating in the MPO planning processes if the travel is funded with federal transportation planning funds. The MPO must receive approval prior to incurring any costs associated with the actual travel (e.g., registration fee). This provision will not apply if the travel is at the request of the department.

Subtask 1.3: Public Participation Plan (PPP).

This activity consists of the implementation of the Public Participation Plan (PPP) that was adopted by the Policy Committee on September 2022, by facilitating citizen participation and providing answers to the public, either by phone or e-mail. It also includes holding public meetings, conducting community outreach, and monitoring social media, the development of surveys, newsletters, bilingual materials, posting of public notices, as well as managing the MPO website and updating information as needed.

Subtask 1.4 – Computer Equipment, Furnishing and Office Supplies.

This activity includes upgrades and/or additions of computer hardware and software equipment, furnishings, wireless internet contracts, provision of technical support for the network of computers, printers, plotters, iPads and other devices that support the efficiency of the MPO office operations. Computer hardware, software licenses and agreements, and/or equipment expenditures of Federal Planning funds over \$10,000 will receive prior approval from FHWA. This activity also includes the acquisition of furnishing and office supplies needed by personnel filling MPO staff roles. All City of Laredo

procurement process and Federal regulations will be followed during the purchase of all computer equipment, furnishing and/or office supplies. In FY 2026, LWCAMPO will purchase or lease a new office printer.

NOTE: Equipment purchases over \$10,000 must comply with 2 CFR §200.439: "Capital expenditures for special purpose equipment are allowable as direct costs, provided that items with a unit cost of \$10,000 or more have the prior written approval of the Federal agency or pass-through entity."

Subtask 1.5 – Building Maintenance and/or Repairs.

This activity includes the use of planning funds for non-routine building maintenance and/or repairs.

E. FUNDING SUMMARY

Subtask	Responsible Agency	Transportation Planning Funds (TPF) ¹	FTA Section 5307 Funds	Other Federal Funds	Local Funds	Total Funds	Amount of 2.5% Safety/Complete Streets Set-Aside Funding ²
1.1	LWCAMPO	\$600,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$600,000	\$ 53,721
1.2	LWCAMPO	\$25,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$25,000	
1.3	LWCAMPO	\$10,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$10,000	
1.4	LWCAMPO	\$30,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$30,000	
1.5	LWCAMPO	\$10,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$10,000	
	Total	\$675,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$675,000	\$53,721

Table 1: Task 1 – FY 2026 Funding Summary Table

¹ TPF – This includes both FHWA PL-112 (including the 2.5% Safety/Complete Streets Set-Aside) and FTA Section 5303 Funds. TxDOT will apply transportation development credits sufficient to provide the match for TPF. As the credits reflect neither cash nor work hours, they are not reflected in the funding tables.

² 2.5% Safety/Complete Streets Set-Aside – This funding must come from the PL funds within TPF.

II. TASK 2 - DATA DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTENANCE

A. OBJECTIVE

To participate in collecting, processing and analyze demographic and geographic data to include population forecasting, employment information and food deserts status. And, to maintain and update existing information necessary to develop and implement regional transportation plans and systems that support the Metropolitan Planning Organization's planning efforts.

B. EXPECTED PRODUCTS

- Enhancement and regular updates to the MPO website
- Online interactive maps and data to help with performance-based planning and programming
- Create and maintain databases including traffic crash locations, roadway network information, bicycle counts, transit ridership, transit bicycle boardings, and demographic data.
- Maintenance and updates to the 2050 travel demand model as necessary
- Assist with travel demand model requests
- Mapping and data support will be provided for MPO plans, studies, and reports
- Mapping and data support as needed for stakeholder/partner activities
- Purchase of online software to support Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) development, project data management, and public involvement.

C. PREVIOUS WORK

LWCAMPO Staff continued updating its website on a regular basis not only to access meetings agendas, packets, public notices and other publications as they became available but also links for live stream access to the Policy Committee Meetings.

The MPO website was also frequently updated with online data and interactive maps to help with performance-based planning and programming. Also, MPO staff continued with creating and maintaining related databases including traffic crash locations, roadway network information, bicycle counts, and demographic data. Project maps were developed, retrieved and/or printed as new projects were approved or considered. Staff has provided data and mapping support for plans, studies, and reports. Staff continued to work with Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and Texas Transportation Institute (TTI) representatives in the development of the 2018-2050 Travel Demand Model that was used in the development of the 2025-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) Update.

LWCAMPO is in the process of updating the Congestion Management Process (CMP). MPO Staff in coordination with their consultant, collected, processed, and analyzed both the demographic and geographic data to help with performance-based planning & programming for all CMP related tasks. The aforementioned data bases included the following:

- Traffic crash count locations;
- Roadway network information;
- Bicycle counts; and
- Macro & Micro Demographic data (e.g. socioeconomic data at a regional and granular level)

CMP data collection was obtained via the following sources:

- Travel-time data
 - Collected from cellular and vehicle GPS devices through several available webbased software platforms
- LWCAMPO MPA Data
 - Obtained using the Regional Integrated Transportation Information System (RITIS) that is made available through the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT);
 - The Congestion Management Process Assessment Tool (COMPAT);
 - TxDOT Traffic Count Maps
 - The Statewide Trac Analysis & Reporting System (STARS II);
 - TxDOT Laredo District Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS); and
 - Texas A&M Transportation Institute (TTI) Mobility Report

The LWCAMPO Website was migrated to new Web Hosting Servicer in an effort to provide a better experience and ease of access to the public. The following steps were implemented during said migration process.

- Migrate the existing website to our server including database and existing plugins
- Install one duplicate copy on our development server with existing plugins & widgets
- Update WordPress to most current version. Update all existing plug-ins and widgets and ensure functionality and compatibility.
- Install fully functional website on Liquid's live server. Ensure functionality.
- Request domain be pointed towards our IP address and have existing LMPO website go live on our server.
- Begin removing all inactive and non-essential plug-ins and widgets on duplicate site on our development server. The goal is to reduce plug-ins and reduce workaround installs to improve site health and functionality.
- Push changes to live server once the functionality and compatibility issues have been ensured, tested, and passed
- Begin general maintenance and support of website and provide technical assistance under the Website Maintenance and Support Agreement.

Additionally, the final step was the development and deployment of a fully upgraded LWCAMPO Website that includes:

Upgrade to the most current version of the content management system (CMS), i.e. WordPress, that includes the following improvements: WordPress offers a wide range of themes and plugins to customize the look and feel of a website and add new functionalities.

- User-Friendly Interface
 - WordPress provides a simple and intuitive interface for creating and managing website content.
- Extensive Customization
 - WordPress offers a wide range of themes and plugins to customize the look and feel of a website and add new functionalities.
- Easy Integration
 - WordPress integrates well with various web services, including search engines, and social media platforms.

D. SUBTASKS

Subtask 2.1: General Data Administration.

This subtask allows for planning and administrative activities related to data development, maintenance, procurement, and contract management for the developing related performance measures and the following activities:

- a) <u>General GIS</u>: Specific activities will include reviewing and providing direction on the development and dissemination of geospatial databases on residential and commercial growth and transportation data; mapping databases supporting Laredo MPO programs; maintenance of the demographic and modeling databases of the MPO; develop and maintain the interactive web viewer for sharing GIS data on growth and projects; develop maps and materials for work group and public meetings; support MPO staff in the creation of plans, studies, and reports.
- b) <u>Demographic Forecasting</u>: Create a database of population and demographic statistics for the Laredo MPO and develop projections to be utilized for the MPO planning effort.
- c) <u>Travel Demand Modeling</u>: Coordinate with TxDOT on development and maintenance of updated travel demand models to be used for the TIP and other plans; refinements of in-house modeling capabilities; and regular updates of computer hardware, software, and necessary peripherals for supporting the demographic forecasting and travel demand modeling activities.
- d) <u>Sidewalk Gap Analysis</u>: To identify existing gaps in the current sidewalk network to help local officials prioritize strategic improvements based on key criteria. The sidewalk gap analysis is a recommendation of the Laredo & Webb County Active Transportation Plan adopted by the City of Laredo in February 2021. This analysis will continue to collect data to develop an inventory of sidewalks and network gaps, the development of prioritization criteria for sidewalk improvements, and recommendations.

Subtask 2.2: Software for Transportation Improvement Program Data Management

LWCAMPO will purchase a new online software to assist with development of the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and to maintain project data. The new software will allow MPO staff to better keep track of TIP amendments, project details, and will also feature and interactive option for the public to submit comments during public comment and review periods. The cost of the software entails the initial implementation and the cost of the license for one full year.

E. FUNDING SUMMARY

Subtask	Responsible Agency	Transportation Planning Funds (TPF) ³	FTA Section 5307 Funds	Other Federal Funds	Local Funds	Total Funds	Amount of 2.5% Safety/Complete Streets Set-Aside Funding ⁴
2.1	LWCAMPO	\$ 10,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$ 10,000	
2.2	LWCAMPO	\$ 35,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$ 35,000	
	Total	\$ 45,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$ 45,000	

³ TPF – This includes both FHWA PL-112 and FTA Section 5303 Funds. TxDOT will apply transportation development credits sufficient to provide the match for TPF. As the credits reflect neither cash nor work hours, they are not reflected in the funding tables.

⁴ 2.5% Safety/Complete Streets Set-Aside – This funding must come from the PL funds within TPF.

III. TASK 3 - SHORT RANGE PLANNING

A. OBJECTIVE

To complete those planning activities associated with short-range planning and implementation of projects that will be undertaken within the next five years to include the development and/or revision of the federally mandated Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) that outlines a four (4) year regional spending plan for near-term of all surface transportation improvements including streets, alleys, bridges, street lighting, street signage, sidewalks, etc. It also includes project development of selection process criteria and award of Transportation Alternative Set-Aside (TASA) program, as well as development and/or revision of the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), annual performance and expenditure reports, annual listing of projects.

B. EXPECTED PRODUCTS

MPO Staff will work on the development and/or revision of the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), the MPO By-Laws, and the Title VI documentation as deemed necessary. Additionally, the MPO will continue to provide staff support to MPO committees, and will assist in implementation activities related to the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and the Active Transportation Plan (ATP).

C. PREVIOUS WORK

MPO Staff worked on the development, revision and/or amendment of the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), the MPO By-Laws, and Title VI documentation as deemed necessary. Additionally, the MPO continued to provide staff support to all existing MPO committees and was able to assist in the implementation of activities related to the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and the Active Transportation Plan (ATP).

MPO staff in collaboration with TxDOT and respective project managers continued working on the two (2) projects awarded with Transportation Alternative (TA) Set-Aside funds from the Call for Projects held in 2022.

MPO updated the Transportation Alternative Set-Aside Guidelines and project scoring criteria with assistance from the Active Transportation Committee in preparation for a new Call for Projects. The Technical Committee reviewed the updated guidelines and criteria. The Policy Committee authorized the 2025 TA Set-Aside Call for Projects and approved the application guidelines and funding levels on March 19, 2025.

MPO staff developed the 2025-2028 TIP in FY 2024, which was adopted by the MPO Policy Committee on June 20, 2024. In FY 2025, staff continues to assist with any necessary revisions to the 2025-2028 TIP as requested by project sponsors. The MPO has remained a key stakeholder in the region's Vision Zero Webb Laredo Safety Action Plan recently adopted by the Regional Mobility Authority, LWCAMPO Policy Committee, and Laredo City Council. The Safety Action Plan was led by the Webb County City of Laredo Regional Mobility Authority and the City of Laredo through a Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant. The Director of the MPO served as the Chair of the Vision Zero Working group.

In observance of Pedestrian Safety Month, the Webb County-City of Laredo Regional Mobility Authority (RMA), the City of Laredo, and the Laredo & Webb County Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (LWCAMPO) together in collaboration with the Vision Zero Webb Laredo Safety Action Plan development team and Safe Transportation Advisory Council wanted to elevate awareness for pedestrians and crashes that are preventable. Therefore, on October 28, 2024, a ceremony was held to Proclaim October as: Walktober Pedestrian Safety Month. Also, a Proclamation Ceremony was held on May 8th, 2025, by the City of Laredo and the MPO Active Transportation Committee, proclaiming May as National Bike Month in Laredo. Aligned with the MPO's mission and efforts of the Active Transportation Committee, LWCAMPO continued to advocate for safe, accessible, and alternate modes of transportation. MPO staff further participated by preparing a calendar of events held during the month of May in an effort to create awareness and promoting bike riding as an alternate mode of transportation.

D. SUBTASKS

Subtask 3.1: General Administration (Short-Range Planning).

This subtask allows for MPO staff support for administrative activities related to short-range planning, including the development and management of agency contracts; procurement, development and management of consultant contracts for projects in Task 3; and the review and processing of monthly billings for work related to Task 3. Specific activities will include, but are not limited to the update and/or revision of the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), the Unified Planned Working Program (UPWP), MPO By-laws, the Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP), the Public Participation Plan (PPP), and Title VI documents. This subtask also includes public outreach activities such as video production, developing website information, writing articles, developing other printed materials, and public meeting facilitation as needed. The 2.5% Safety/Complete Streets Set-Aside Funding programmed in this subtask will be used for outreach activities and necessary meeting expenses related to the MPO's Active Transportation Committee, Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Call for Projects, and Vision Zero implementation activities.

Subtask 3.2: Planning Assistance

This subtask will allow the MPO staff to provide planning assistance to entities within the MPO planning area boundary such as El Metro Transit, City of Laredo, Webb County, and City of Rio Bravo. This may include items such as data sharing, mapping, and general transportation planning activities. This task will also include transit planning activities to support El Metro and can include grant development support and technical assistance. The 2.5% Safety/Complete Streets Set-Aside Funding programmed in this subtask will be used to help in the coordination ensuring project delivery of projects programmed with Transportation Alternative Set-Aside (TASA) funding (Category 9 funds), and support project sponsors in coordination with TxDOT as necessary through the AFA and project development process.

E. FUNDING SUMMARY

Subtask	Responsible Agency	Transportation Planning Funds (TPF) ⁵	FTA Section 5307 Funds	Other Federal Funds	Local Funds	Total Funds	Amount of 2.5% Safety/Complete Streets Set-Aside Funding ⁶
3.1	LWCAMPO	\$6,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$6,000	\$2,500
3.2	LWCAMPO	\$6,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$6,000	\$2,500
	Total	\$12,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$12,000	\$5,000

⁵ TPF – This includes both FHWA PL-112 (including the 2.5% Safety/Complete Streets Set-Aside) and FTA Section 5303 Funds. TxDOT will apply transportation development credits sufficient to provide the match for TPF. As the credits reflect neither cash nor work hours, they are not reflected in the funding tables.

⁶ 2.5% Safety/Complete Streets Set-Aside – This funding must come from the PL funds within TPF.

IV. TASK 4 - METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN

A. OBJECTIVE

To continue study and analysis of projects and data for long-range planning elements and long-range project studies. Includes activities associated with publishing or updating the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), formerly called the Long-Range Plan.

B. EXPECTED PRODUCTS

MPO Staff is expected to assist in the continual revision of the existing Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) as well as prepare for the development of the next plan update due in 2030 to conform to state and federal requirements. This will include working with Texas Transportation Institute (TTI) and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) to update the Travel Demand Model (TDM). Additionally, the Congestion Management Process (CMP) will continue to be updated as needed. This will include system-level monitoring and strategy evaluation.

C. PREVIOUS WORK

MPO staff assisted in the continuous revision of the 2020-2045 Laredo Metropolitan Transportation Plan which was adopted on January 21, 2020. Since, date of adoption, MPO staff prepared and coordinated a total of twelve (12) revisions to the document as follow:

- Revision #1 on April 20, 2020, through Resolution No. MPO 2020-05.
- Revision #2 on June 15, 2020, through Resolution No. MPO 2020-07.
- Revision #3 on February 22, 2021, through Resolution No. MPO 2021-02.
- Revision #4 on April 19, 2021 as an Administrative Modification.
- Revision #5 on February 8, 2022, through Resolution No. MPO 2022-03.
- Revision #6 on October 19, 2022, through Resolution No. MPO 2022-09.
- Revision #7 on January 18, 2023, through Resolution No. MPO 2023-02.
- Revision #8 on July 19, 2023, through Resolution No. MPO 2023-09.
- Revision #9 on November 15, 2023, through Resolution No. MPO 2023-13.
- Revision #10 on January 17, 2024, through Resolution No. MPO 2024-02.
- Revision #11 on June 20, 2024, through Resolution No. MPO 2024-09.
- *Revision #12 on November 20, 2024, through an Administrative Modification.*

Throughout FY 2025, in collaboration with WSP, Inc. (consultants) LWCAMPO staff continued working on the development of the 2025-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). Staff met with consultants on a bi-weekly basis for project status updates and to ensure progress. The 2025-2050 MTP development activities included ongoing public engagement both in-

persona and virtually. A public meeting was held in May of 2024 and in November 2024. Also, some of the tasks were performed internally and some were solely done by the consultant. As part of these tasks, the MPO Staff with the assistance of WSP worked closely in association with the Texas Transportation Institute (TTI) and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) to update the Travel Demand Model and the Congestion Management Process (CMP) was updated as needed in preparation for the next MTP update.

On November 12, 2024; the Technical Committee discussed and recommended approval to initiate a (20)-day public review and comment period for the final draft of the 2025-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) document.

Furthermore, on November 20th, 2024; an agenda item with the completed document was presented to the Policy Committee to receive public testimony and initiate a 20-day public review and comment period for the 2025-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). A representative from WSP USA, Inc. made a brief presentation to the Policy Committee and the Committee motioned to approve the item.

A second Public Meeting was held on Thursday, November 21st, 2024 at the local Main Public Library. The event was well attended by members of different transportation related and public safety agencies, transportation engineers and developers, private sector representatives and individuals from the general public. WSP USA, Inc and MPO Staff made a presentation on the development of the MTP document and the project selection proposed to be included in the plan. All the attendees had the opportunity to participate in the discussion and provide their input.

The final 2025-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan was adopted by the LWCAMPO Policy Committee on January 15, 2025.

The MPO staff updated the Laredo 2050 Travel Demand Model (TDM) and CMP, respectively, throughout the development and adoption process of the 2025-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). This process included the development of a coordinated program for collecting (and/or sharing) data for the purpose of monitoring system performance. Examples of said data includes but was not limited to:

- Traffic Volume Counts
- Speed & travel-time data
- Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) and Operations data
- Transit data
- Bicycle & Pedestrian data
- Crash data
- Travel Surveys

D. SUBTASKS

Subtask 4.1: Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) Revisions

The current 2025-2050 MTP and TIP will continue to be reviewed and amended in order to comply with federal and state requirements as needed. Specifically, the review and amendments will address and achieve conformity with all FAST Act and IIJA requirements. The existing MTP will also be updated to conform to state and federal requirements. Staff will continue to monitor the implementation of the MTP and assist with any necessary amendments to the MTP.

Subtask 4.2: 2025-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) Outreach &

Implementation

LWCAMPO staff will provide presentations to stakeholders for outreach and education about key topic within the MTP. Staff will also support the implementation of projects and recommendations included in the 2025-2050 MTP through project development coordination and activities with relevant stakeholders.

E. FUNDING SUMMARY

Subtask	Responsible Agency	Transportation Planning Funds (TPF) ⁷	FTA Section 5307 Funds	Other Federal Funds	Local Funds	Total Funds	Amount of 2.5% Safety/Complete Streets Set-Aside Funding ⁸
4.1	LWCAMPO	\$5,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$5,000	
4.2	LWCAMPO	\$10,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$10,000	
	Total	\$15,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$15,000	

Table 4: Task 4 – FY 2026 Funding Summary Table

⁷ TPF – This includes both FHWA PL-112 and FTA Section 5303 Funds. TxDOT will apply transportation development credits sufficient to provide the match for TPF. As the credits reflect neither cash nor work hours, they are not reflected in the funding tables.

⁸ 2.5% Safety/Complete Streets Set-Aside – This funding must come from the PL funds within TPF.

V. TASK 5 - SPECIAL STUDIES

A. OBJECTIVE

To further the goals and objectives of the transportation planning process through special studies undertaken by MPO staff or consultants in support of existing or projected local needs. To maintain the transportation management systems required by federal and state regulations, to assist decision-makers in selecting cost-effective strategies to improve the efficiency and safety of and protect the investment systems.

B. EXPECTED PRODUCTS

These are specific studies and projects that address special problem areas or help promote and support transportation related topics.

C. PREVIOUS WORK

Long Range Freight Mobility Plan

A draft Request for Proposals (RFP) has been completed by MPO staff. Given the focus on the 2025-2050 MTP in FY 2024 and the beginning of FY 2025, the MPO has not yet released the RFP for the Long-Range Freight Mobility Plan. Additionally, during the TMA Certification Review, it was recommended that the scope of the Freight Mobility Plan be carefully reviewed and shared with additional stakeholders before proceeding.

It is the goal of the MPO to initiate this study in FY 2026.

Microtransit Feasibility Study (Conducted by Consultant).

Microtransit transportation, defined as a flexible, real-time-requested, and technologyenabled transportation service, has demonstrated the ability to effectively complement fixedroute transit systems throughout the World. While the Laredo Transit Management Inc. (LTMI), local public transportation provider, had seen impressive growth in ridership, there are still areas in its community that are underserved by or have low frequency and low demand for fixed-route transit.

The Microtransit Feasibility Study was authorized in the FY2024 and FY2025 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). A total of \$150,000 were allocated in the LWCAMPO FY2024 UPWP and FY2025 UPWP and was funded with the MPO's Transportation Planning Funds.

The scope of work was to conduct a feasibility study if microtransit was a viable service model for LTMI also known as El Metro transit. Therefore, LWCAMPO prepared technical proposals in accordance with the goals, objectives, requirements, format, and guidelines presented in the Request for Proposals (RFP) FY24-042 for the Laredo Transit Management, Incorporated (LTMI) Microtransit Feasibility Study. The ideal consultant had to be familiar with transit operations, administration and budgeting; identifying transit rider demand; determining transit service areas; developing transit service implementation plans; and had experience with, or are familiar with, microtransit services. This would include familiarity with the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5307, 5310 and 5339 Grant Program funds.

MPO Staff assembled an evaluation committee which consisted of various stakeholders from the LWCAMPO Technical Committee as stated in the RFP. The evaluation committee members reviewed and scored the proposals. A total of four (4) proposals successfully responded to the request. One (1) proposal was disqualified for not following submittal instructions.

On May 2024, the MPO Policy Committee approved to award a contract to the Goodman Corporation for a microtransit feasibility study to explore the possibility having a new "Microtransit" transportation service in areas to complement the fixed route system. The contract was executed on August 12, 2024 in the amount of One Hundred Forty-Nine Thousand and One-Hundred Dollars (\$149,100) as compensation for the services to be performed under this contract. The study was initiated on August 23, 2024 and a kick-off meeting with the consultants along with MPO and El Metro staff was held on September 5th, 2024. The MPO continued to meet with El Metro and the consultants every other week to discuss the project's progress. The study was expected to last approximately 9 months.

The final report was presented to the Mass Transit Board on May 19th, 2025 and to the MPO Policy Committee on May 21, 2025.

The study was completed in May 2025 as scheduled.

D. SUBTASKS

Subtask 5.1: Long Range Freight Mobility Plan

In 2025, the Laredo and Webb County MPO intends to partner with the Webb County – City of Laredo Regional Mobility Authority (RMA) and the City of Laredo to develop a Long-Range Regional Freight Mobility Plan. The MPO will likely partner with the RMA and the City of Laredo to share the costs and carry out the Freight Mobility Plan with the help of the RMA's general engineering consultant. MPO staff in coordination with the consultants and partners will facilitate public meetings and will be share responsibility in overseeing the implementation of the plan. It will be a regional comprehensive mobility plan that will provide project partners both, public and private with a series of short-term and long-term strategies and guidance for strategic processes and policies to guide future investments for facilitate the mobility of truck and rail freight movements with and through the City of Laredo and Webb county.

The Long-Range Freight Mobility Plan will evaluate freight movement in the study area in order to identify freight mobility needs and challenges, develop goals and objectives to improve goods movement, evaluate the impact of freight movement on the regional economy, identify freight transportation facilities and investments necessary for economic growth, define freight policies and programs, and provide recommendations for short, mid-range and long-term recommendations for infrastructure improvements. Also, it must consider the projected future growth of the area, key economic variables that are driving regional freight land use, job growth and workforce development scenarios, current and potential federal legislation requirements, and the Statewide Strategic Rail Plans for performance measurement strategies and freight/air sector investments. The Plan must include a set of strategies to guide and

facilitate regional and local agencies in the implementation of plan's findings and recommendations in both the short (3 to 5 year) and long term (6-25 years).

This plan will also serve as an investment guide for freight mobility improvements in the region. It may include a general overview of other plans or studies and the recommendations; an economic and logistical analysis of freight flow in the region; an inventory of existing and planned assets including highway and rail, as w ell as their condition and performance; a needs analysis of high demand areas, hotspots, and other deficiencies; and recommendations including policies and programs, freight performance measures, IST and operational development of regional freight system leveraging Critical Freight Corridors, Truck Lane Restrictions, and NHS Intermodal connectors. (To be conducted by consultant in partnership with RMA and City of Laredo)

Subtask 5.2: South Laredo Transportation Planning Study

The South Laredo Transportation Planning Study will assess current and future multimodal mobility needs in South Laredo and Webb County. The study will consist of planning level analyses of existing roadways and future proposed thoroughfares to develop, evaluate, and advance a broad range of mobility improvements in South Laredo. The completed study will identify multimodal improvements to help relieve congestion, promote safety, and enhance connectivity of the transportation network. The study will include public/stakeholder engagement, needs assessment, recommended roadway network and multimodal improvements, and an implementation plan. (To be conducted by consultant)

E. FUNDING SUMMARY

Subtask	Responsible Agency	Transportation Planning Funds (TPF) ⁹	FTA Section 5307 Funds	Other Federal Funds	Local Funds	Total Funds	Amount of 2.5% Safety/Complete Streets Set-Aside Funding ¹⁰
5.1	LWCAMPO	\$250,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$250,000	
5.2	LWCAMPO	\$250,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$250,000	
	Total	\$500,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$500,000	

Table 5: Task 5 – FY 2026 Funding Summary Table

⁹ TPF – This includes both FHWA PL-112 and FTA Section 5303 Funds. TxDOT will apply transportation development credits sufficient to provide the match for TPF. As the credits reflect neither cash nor work hours, they are not reflected in the funding tables.

¹⁰ 2.5% Safety/Complete Streets Set-Aside – This funding must come from the PL funds within TPF.

BUDGET SUMMARY

Table 6: 1-Year Funding Summary - FY 2026

UPWP Task	Description	TPF ¹¹	FTA Sect. 5307 Funds	Other Federal Funds	Local Funds	Total Funds	Amount of 2.5% Safety/Complete Streets Set-Aside Funding ¹²
1.0	Administration – Management	\$675,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$675,000	\$53,721
2.0	Data Development and Maintenance	\$ 45,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$ 45,000	
3.0	Short Range Planning	\$12,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$12,000	\$5,000
4.0	Metropolitan Transportation Plan	\$15,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$15,000	
5.0	Special Studies	\$500,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$500,000	
	Total	\$1,247,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,247,000	\$58,721

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Combined Authorized TPF (WO 1 and WO 2) for FY 2026

Estimated Unexpended TPF Carryover (WO 3) from Previous FYs

TOTAL TPF AVAILABLE for FY 2026

¹¹ TPF – This includes both FHWA PL-112 (including the 2.5% Safety/Complete Streets Set-Aside) and FTA Section 5303 Funds. TxDOT will apply transportation development credits sufficient to provide the match for TPF. As the credits reflect neither cash nor work hours, they are not reflected in the funding tables.

¹² 2.5% Safety/Complete Streets Set-Aside – This funding must come from the PL funds within TPF.

APPENDIX A

Laredo & Webb County Area MPO Policy Committee Membership

VOTING MEMBERS		
Honorable Dr. Victor D. Treviño	Mayor – Chairperson	City of Laredo
Honorable Tano E. Tijerina	Judge – Vice Chairperson	Webb County
Honorable Ricardo Rangel Jr.	Councilmember	City of Laredo
Honorable Ruben Gutierrez, Jr.	Councilmember	City of Laredo
Honorable Vanessa Perez	Councilmember, Mayor Pro Tempore	Laredo Mass Transit Board
Honorable John Galo	Commissioner	Webb County
Honorable Jesse Gonzalez	Commissioner	Webb County
Jed Brown	Member At Large	Regional Mobility Authority
Epigmenio "Epi" Gonzalez, P.E.	District Engineer	TxDOT
EX-OFFICIO NON-VOTING MEMEBERS		
Honorable Judith Zaffirini	Senator - District 21	State of Texas
Honorable Richard Raymond	Representative - District 42	State of Texas
Honorable Don McLaughlin	Representative- District 80	State of Texas

Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Membership

MPO Representative:					
MPO Director (Chairperson)					
1. City Representatives:					
Laredo City Planner					
The General Manager of the City Transit System					
Laredo Director of Traffic Safety					
Laredo Airport Manager					
Laredo City Engineer					
Laredo Bridge Director					
2. County and Regional Representatives:					
Webb County Planning Director					
South Texas Development Council Executive Director					
The General Manager of the Rural Transit System					
Webb County Engineer					
Webb County-City of Laredo Regional Mobility Authority Representative					
3. State Representatives:					
TxDOT Planning Representative (Vice-Chairperson)					
TxDOT Planning Representative					
TxDOT Area Engineer					
TxDOT Transportation Planning and Programming (TPP) Field Representative					
4. Federal Representatives:					
FHWA Planning Representative (Austin)					
5. Private Sector Representatives:					
A representative of the Kansas City Southern Railway Company					
A representative of the Union Pacific Railroad Company					
A representative of the Laredo Transportation Association					
A Transportation Provider Representative who shall also serve on the Laredo Transportation Advisory Committee					
6. School System Representatives:					
A representative of the Laredo Independent School District					
A representative of the United Independent School District					
A representative of Texas A&M International University					
A representative of Laredo College					

LAREDO & WEBB COUNTY AREA MPO (LWCAMPO) Staff

LWCAMPO Staff:
Juan S. Mendive, AICP – MPO Director
Graciela S. Briones – Planner III
Julio A. Niño – Planner III
Eduardo Bernal – Planner III
Adriana Vigil – Administrative Assistant

APPENDIX B

Metropolitan Planning Area Boundary Map



APPENDIX C

Debarment Certification

(Negotiated Contracts)

- (1) The Laredo & Webb County Area Metropolitan Organization **MPO** as **CONTRACTOR** certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief that it and its principals:
 - (a) Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any federal department or agency;
 - (b) Have not within a three-year period preceding this proposal been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public* transaction or contract under a public transaction; violation of federal or state antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;
 - (c) Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity* with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph (1)(b) of this certification; and
 - (d) Have not within a three-year period preceding this application/proposal had one or more public transactions* terminated for cause or default.
- (2) Where the **CONTRACTOR** is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such **CONTRACTOR** shall attach an explanation to this certification.

*federal, state or local

Dr. Victor D. Treviño Chairperson, MPO Policy Committee City of Laredo Mayor Date

APPENDIX D

Lobbying Certification

The undersigned certifies to the best of their knowledge and belief, that:

- (1) No federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any federal agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any federal contract, the making of any federal grant, the making of any federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.
- (2) If any funds other than federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form - LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions.
- (3) The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by Section 1352, Title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

Dr. Victor D. Treviño Chairperson, MPO Policy Committee City of Laredo Mayor Date

APPENDIX E

Certification of Contract and Procurement Procedures Compliance

I, <u>Dr. Victor D. Treviño</u>, Chairperson of the Laredo MPO Policy Committee, a duly authorized officer/representative of the Laredo & Webb County Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (LWCAMPO), do hereby certify that the contract and procurement procedures that are in effect and used by the forenamed MPO are in compliance with 2 CFR §200, "Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards," as it may be revised or superseded.

Dr. Victor D. Treviño	Date	
Chairperson, MPO Policy Committee		
City of Laredo Mayor		
Attest:		
Juan S. Mendive, AICP		
MPO Director		

APPENDIX F

Certification of Internal Ethics and Compliance Program

I, <u>Dr. Victor D. Treviño</u>, Chairperson of the Laredo Policy Committee, a duly authorized officer/representative of the Laredo & Webb County Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (LWCAMPO) do hereby certify that the forenamed MPO has adopted and does enforce an internal ethics and compliance program that is designed to detect and prevent violations of law, including regulations and ethical standards applicable to this entity or its officers or employees and that the internal ethics and compliance program satisfies the requirements of 43 TAC § 31.39 "Required Internal Ethics and Compliance Program" and 43 TAC § 10.51 "Internal Ethics and Compliance Program" as it may be revised or superseded.

Dr. Victor D. Treviño Chairperson, MPO Policy Committee City of Laredo Mayor Date

Attest:

Juan S. Mendive, AICP MPO Director



Item IV.C.

C. Receive public testimony and initiate a 20-day public review and comment period for the draft 2025 Congestion Management Process (CMP) update.

LAREDO & WEBB COUNTY AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION POLICY COMMITTEE ACTION ITEM

DATE: 07-16-25	ITEM: IV.C		
SUBJECT: MOTION			
Receive public testimony and initiate a 20-day public review and comment period for the draft 2025			
Congestion Management Process (CMP) update.			
INITIATED BY:	STAFF SOURCE:		
Staff	Juan S. Mendive, MPO Director		
PREVIOUS ACTION: None			
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BACKGROUND:

On May 18, 2015, the MPO Policy Committee received public testimony and approved Resolution No. MPO 2015-05 adopting the first Congestion Management Process (CMP) network and performance measures for the Laredo urbanized area.

MPOs in urbanized areas designated as a Transportation Management Area (TMA) are federally required to develop, implement and update a Congestion Management Process which is an integral part of the metropolitan planning process. Congestion Management is the application of strategies to improve transportation system performance and reliability by reducing the adverse impacts of congestion on the movement of people and goods. The Laredo Webb County Area MPO (LWCAMPO), its staff, and with the support of WSP (consultant) through the contractual agreement for the development of the 2025-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan, has updated the Congestion Management Process for the Laredo TMA. Through the planning process associated with the 2025-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), the Technical Committee was engaged in the development of the CMP objectives and network development. Additionally, Chapter 9 of the 2025-2050 MTP is dedicated to the CMP and serves as the framework in the development of the 2025 CMP update.

The 2025 CMP update includes:

- A two-tiered CMP network
- Congestion data and system performance measures that will be regularly monitored by MPO staff
- Systemwide and corridor level strategies that will be regularly monitored and evaluated for effectiveness by MPO staff
- A process for on-going and periodic data collection and evaluation, which creates a feedback loop that provides decision-makers with information for adjusting current and new strategies
- Graphs, maps, and visualizations to support the analysis of congestion data

Stakeholder collaboration is key to on-going monitoring and evaluation; through stakeholder input, datasharing, and coordination, the CMP strategies will be adjusted as needed to meet the region's transportation needs. MPO staff is recommending to initiate a 20-day comment period to receive public testimony on the draft 2025 CMP update report which will then be presented to the MPO Policy Committee for adoption and be submitted to the Federal Highway (FHWA).

The full CMP document can be found at the following link: <u>https://www.laredompo.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/06/DRAFT_2025_CMP.pdf</u>

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:	STAFF RECOMMENDATION:
The Technical Committee recommends approval.	Staff recommends approval.



Overview of the Laredo Webb County Area MPO Congestion Management Process

CONGESTION MANAGEMENT PROCESS

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Step 1: Regional Objectives

Vision Statement

To develop a transportation system that offers safe, efficient, and affordable travel choices for people and goods, while supporting economic development and long-term quality of life.


Goals and Objectives

Goal 1: Provide a safe transportation system.

• Objective: Promote policies and projects that reduce the number and severity of vehicle collisions.

Goal 2: Provide a reliable transportation system.

- Objective: Encourage a proactive approach to addressing future transportation needs.
- Objective: Promote policies and projects that reduce travel delay.



Goals and Objectives

Goal 3: Provide affordable travel choices for people and goods.

- Objective: Promote the increase of viable, affordable travel choices for people and goods.
- Objective: Promote policies and programs to increase transit ridership on existing services.
- Objective: Promote awareness of multimodal facilities.

Goal 4: A transportation system that promotes economic vigor and long-term quality of life.

- Objective: Promote the efficient and effective connection of people, jobs, goods, and services.
- Objective: Promote the minimization of environmental impact and improved environmental quality.
- Objective: Promote the unique identities and qualities of neighborhoods, communities, and region as a whole.



Step 2: CMP Network

CMP Network

Geographic area of application

System components

- **Tier 1** National Performance Management Research Data Set (NPMRDS) Traffic Message Channel (TMC) links.
- Tier 2 Stakeholder defined network links inclusive of the TxDOT Top 100 Congested Roadways, the Strategic Highway Network, the Texas Highway Freight Network, and the TxDOT Roadway Inventory.





Step 3: Performance Measures

Performance Measures

Systemwide Performance Measures

- Speed: A measure of the average speed in miles per hour (mph)
- **Travel Time Index (TTI)**: A measure of average conditions that tells one how much longer, on average, travel times are during congestion compared to during light traffic.
- **Planning Time Index (PTI)**: A measure of how much total time a traveler should allow to ensure on-time arrival.
- **Buffer Time Index (BTI)**: A measure of the extra time (or time cushion) that travelers must add to their average travel time when planning trips to ensure on-time arrival.

Corridor Performance Measures

- **Travel Time Index (TTI)**: A measure of average conditions that tells one how much longer, on average, travel times are during congestion compared to during light traffic.
- Level of Travel Time Reliability (LOTTR): A measure of a traveler's ability to reach a destination within an anticipated timeline.
- **Truck Travel Time Reliability (TTTR)**: A measure of a truck's ability to reach a destination within an anticipated timeline.
- **Peak-Hour Excessive Delay (PHED)**: A measure of the annual hours of peak hour excessive delay (PHED) per capita; the threshold for excessive delay is based on the travel times at 20 miles per hour or 60 percent of the posted speed limit travel time, whichever is greater.



Step 4: Data Collection and System Performance

Data Collection

Multiple datasets were processed and integrated into a single file. Several data attributes were sourced and integrated into a single GIS shapefile from a variety of datasets. National Performance Management Research Data Set (NPMRDS) - travel time, speed data, and Average Daily Traffic (AADT)

TxDOT Roadway Inventory – number of lanes, shoulder widths, roadway characteristics

TxDOT Crash Records Information System (CRIS) – crash data



Step 5: Analyze Challenges and Needs

Systemwide Challenges and Needs

Travel Time Index

]	Travel Time Index						
	Wee	kday	Weekend				
Year	AM Peak	PM Peak	AM Peak	PM Peak			
2018	1.25	1.33	1.23	1.25			
2019	1.25	1.31	1.21	1.22			
2020	1.22	1.26	1.20	1.21			
2021	1.24	1.32	1.20	1.22			
2022	1.25	1.34	1.17	1.20			
2023	1.25	1.36	1.19	1.22			
2024	1.24	1.34	1.17	1.19			



Refer to Appendix A for full analysis



Overview of the Congestion Management Process

Corridor Challenges and Needs

							TTI		LOTTR		TTTR		PHED
Highway	Segment	Direction	TMC Code	Cross Street and/or Interchange	Period	2024	Trend 2018-2024	2024	Trend 2018-2024	2024	Trend 2018-2024	2024	Trend 2018-2024
Mines Rd	From I-69W To TX	S			6:00 am - 10:00 am	1.13	$\sim \sim$	1.08	$\sim \sim$				
	255			FM-3338/Las	10:00 am - 4:00 pm	1.14		1.05	$-\!\!\!\!\!\!\!\!\!\!\!\!\!\!\!$				
			112-16338	Tiendas Rd	4:00 pm - 8:00 pm	1.14		1.06					
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				Killam Industrial	10:00 am - 4:00 pm	2.39		1.28		L			
			112-16337	Blvd	4:00 pm - 8:00 pm	3.18		1.59		ļ			
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					Overnight	1.39		1.18	<u></u>	 		. !	
					Weekend	1.39		1.18		<u> </u>			
				2N16336 TX-20-LOOP 4	6:00 am - 10:00 am	1.80	\sim	1.27		 		37279	
			112N16336		10:00 am - 4:00 pm	2.03		1.17		 			
					4:00 pm - 8:00 pm	2.32		1.28		+			
					Overnight	1.62		1.25	\sim	+			
					Weekend	1.66	\sim	1.33	\sim				/

Refer to Appendix B for full analysis





Step 6: Identify and Assess Strategies

Systemwide Congestion Management Strategies

- Transit Operations and Management
- Travel Demand Management
- Arterial Management
- Freeway management
- Freight Management
- Emergency/Incident Management

- Work Zone Management
- Special Event Management
- Travel Weather Management
- Traveler Information
- Non-Motorized Transportation Strategies
- Capacity Adding Strategies



Corridor Congestion Management Strategies

Recurring Congestion Strategies

Strategies that aim at resolving recurring congestion. Recurring congestion is generally predictable, regularly occurring, and typically caused by excess demand compared to the capacity of the system.

Non-recurring Congestion Corridor Strategies

Strategies that aim at resolving nonrecurring congestion. Non-recurring congestion causes unreliable travel times and is caused by transient events such as traffic incidents, weather conditions, work zones, or special events.



Recurring Congestion Strategies

Corridor ID	Corridor	Recommended Strategy
R1	Lloyd Bentsen Hwy From IH-35 To Bob Bullock Loop	Improve Signal Operations
R2	IH-35 from Juarez-Lincoln POE to Park St	Monitor Facility Performance
R3	IH-35 from US 83 to Park St	Recommendation is an ICE Study and Intersection Improvement
R4	IH-35 SB at Exit 2	Provide Adequate Weaving Distance (e.g. Ramp Relocation)
R5	IH-35 NB at Exit 4	Provide Adequate Weaving Distance (e.g. Ramp Relocation or Auxiliary Lane)
R6	SH 359 from US 83 to Loop 20	Access Management and Intersection/interchange improvements
R7	US 83 from Cedar Ave to SH 359	Signal Optimization and Coordination, Increase Capacity
R8	US 83 from San Luis St to Jaime Zapata Memorial Highway	Signal Optimization and Coordination, Increase Capacity and Access Management
R9	Interchange of Bob Bullock Loop at SH 359	ICE Study and Signal Optimization
R10	Bob Bullock Loop from Jacaman Rd to Del Mar Blvd	Increase Capacity, Signal Optimization
R11	Interchange of Bob Bullock Loop at International Blvd	ICE Study
R12	Convent Avenue POE	Implement TSMO strategy to POE Operation
R13	San Bernardo Ave at W Calton Rd	Increase Capacity, Signal Optimization
R14	McPherson Ave at US 59	Increase Capacity, Signal Optimization
R15	McPherson Ave at E Calton Rd	Increase Capacity, Signal Optimization
R16	N Bartlett Ave at US 59	Increase Capacity, Signal Optimization
R17	IH-69 W from FM-1472 to McPherson Ave	Capacity Improvement
R18	FM 1472 from Las Tiendas Rd to IH-69W	Capacity Improvement and ICE
R19	TX 255 at FM 1472	ICE Study
R20	McPherson Ave from Shiloh Dr to International Blvd	Increase Capacity, Signal Optimization, ICE Study
R21	McPherson Ave at Del Mar Blvd and McPherson Ave at Bob Bullock Loop	Increase Capacity, Signal Optimization, ICE Study
R22	Colombia POE	Implement TSMO strategy to POE Operation
R23	Mangana Hein Rd at US 83	ICE Study



- ICE = Intersection Control Evaluation
- TSMO = Transportation Systems Management & Operations
- POE = Port of Entry



Non-recurring Congestion Strategies

Corridor ID	Corridor	Recommended Strategy
N1	IH-35 at Lloyd Bentsen Hwy	Improve Signal Operations
N2	IH-35 from Juarez-Lincoln POE to Park St	Advance Warning Signs, Implement ITS Solutions to POE
N3	San Dario Ave at US 83	Install Lane Assignment and Advance Warning Sign
N4	IH-35 Southbound between US 83 and Mann Rd	Frontage Road Operation, and/or Potential Ramp Relocation, and/or Driver Education Campaigns
N5	US 83 from N Meadow Ave and SH 359	Improve Existing Traffic Signal, Conduct ICE Study, Install Advance Warning Sign
N6	IH-69 W from Sandia Dr to International Blvd	Frontage Road Operation, and/or Potential Ramp Relocation, and/or Driver Education Campaigns
N7	Convent Avenue POE	Advance Warning Signs, Implement ITS Solutions to POE
N8	San Bernardo Ave	ICE Study
N9	Intersection of McPherson Ave at Saunders St, Southbound Approach Receiving Lane	Install High Visibility Lane Marking and Advance Warning Sign
N10	Intersection of N Bartlett Ave at E Saunders St, Southbound Approach	Install High Visibility Lane Marking, Advance Warning Sign and Driver Education Campaigns
N11	Interchange between IH-35 and IH-69 W	Reconfigure Interchange, Advance Warning Sign
N12		Reconfigure interchange, Auvance warning sign
N13	FM 1472 from FM 3338 to IH-69 W	Truck Lane Assignment, Advance Warning Sign
N14	Interchange of US 59 and McPherson Rd	Access Management and ICE Study
N15	Colombia POE	Advance Warning Signs, Implement ITS Solutions to POE
N16	Intersection of Cuatro Vientos Rd at Mangana Hein Rd	ICE Study



- ICE = Intersection Control Evaluation
- ITS = Intelligent Transportation Systems
- POE = Port of Entry



Step 7: Program and Implement Strategies

Implementation Levels

Regional

- <u>Responsible</u>: MPO
- <u>Mechanism</u>: Fiscally constrained MTP and TIP
- <u>Funding</u>: State/Federal

Corridor

- <u>Responsible</u>: TxDOT, El Metro, City of Laredo, Webb County, RMA
- <u>Mechanism</u>: Capital improvement programs
- <u>Funding</u>: Local/State/Federal

Project

- <u>Responsible</u>: TxDOT, El Metro, City of Laredo, Webb County, RMA
- <u>Mechanism</u>: Capital improvement programs
- <u>Funding</u>: Local/State/Federal



Integration of MTP and CMP

- Establishing the linkage between the CMP and the longrange transportation process is important for developing cohesive solutions to regional congestion.
- The recommendations of the CMP are reflected in the 2025-2050 MTP.
- CMP was considered and incorporated throughout the MTP project identification, evaluation, prioritization, and financially constrained project list.

 Two MTP object project evaluation criteria assessed project contribution to the CMP:

System Reliability Innovation and Technology

 Not applicable to LWCAMPO: For MPOs in nonattainment of air quality standards, capacity adding projects programmed in the MTP must be identified as congestion management strategies in the CMP.



Integration of MTP & CMP

#	MTP 2050 GOAL	Evaluation Criteria	Data Source	Data Analysis	Scoring Methodology
4	System Reliability - Provide an efficient surface transportation system that maintains travel time reliability and reduces congestion	Does the project address a currently congested facility? For new location roadways, does the project address a parallel facility that is currently congested? Is the project located on the CMP Network?	Texas Department of Transportation - LWCAMPO Travel Demand Model	Utilize LOS of base year TDM	 LOS F -10 Points LOS E - 8 Points LOS D - 6 Points LOS C - 4 Points LOS B - 2 Points LOS A - 0 Points All bicycle, pedestrian, and transit improvements receive 10 Points Located on CMP Network, receives 10 points automatically
5	Innovation and Technology - Leverage latest research and technologies to enhance the transportation system	Does the project support alternative fuel stations and corridors? Does the project serve as a congestion management strategy from the Congestion Management Process (CMP)? Does the project deliver improvements through innovation and technology?	Texas Department of Transportation Statewide Planning Map - Texas Alternative Fuel Corridors, EV Charging Study Areas, Alternative Fuel Stations	Connectivity to Texas Alternative Fuel Corridors, EV Charging Study Areas, Alternative Fuel Stations. Project description for congestion management strategies, ITS, etc.	 Yes - 10 Points No - 0 points

2025-2050 MTP Fiscally Constrained Project List on CMP Network

Map #	Project Name	Let Year	Project Description	On CMP Network
1	SL 20 Interchange at Lomas Del Sur Blvd.	2025	Construction Of Interchange Improvement at Lomas Del Sur Blvd	1
2	FM1472 / Flecha Lane	2025	Realignment Of Flecha and Las Cruces	1
3	River Vega Trail	2025	Construction Of River Vega Multiuse Alternative Transportation Trail	
4	4 World Trade Bridge Expansion		Preliminary Engineering and Construction For The Expansion Of The World Trade Bridge Consisting Of 8 Lanes By Building A New 8 Lanes By Building A New 8-Lane Bridge Adjacent To The Existing Bridge For A Total Of 16 Lanes After Completing Of The Project.	×
5	NEVI Charging Station	2025	Install 8 Direct Current Fast Charge Ports Along the Electric Alternative Fuel Corridors (IH 35)	✓
6	Replace Bridge at Uniroyal Dr.	2026	Ih-35 Reconstruction & Interchanges (Reconstructed/New) @Uniroyal Dr & SH84	✓
7	Direct Connector #3 and # 6	2026	New Direct Connector (#3, #4 And #6) Northbound And Southbound IH35 To US59 EB	1
8	Calton and Santa Maria Interchange	2026	Construction of a Grade Separation Interchange	✓
9	Vallecillo Road	2027	Construction of Vallecillo Road 4-Lane Off-System Hwy with Continuous Turn Lane	
10	US 59 (Loop 20) Interchange at Airport	2028	Construction of Interchange at Airport	✓
11	US 59 (Loop 20) Reconstruction		Converting a 6-Lane Non-Freeway Facility to a 6-Lane Freeway Facility with Auxiliary Lanes and Frontage Roads	✓
12	US 59 Widening (Future IH 69)	2031	Widen Existing Roadway to 4-Lane Divided (Future I-69 Corridor)	✓
13	Mangana-Hein Expansion Segment 1	2033	Widen Mangana-Hein Roadway From 2 Lanes To 4 Lanes	
14	FM 3338 / FM 1472 Realignment	2033	Realignment Of Intersection FM 1472/FM 3338	✓
15	Mangana-Hein Expansion Segment 2	2034	Widen Mangana-Hein Roadway From 2 Lanes To 4 Lanes	✓
16	Vallecillo Road Interchange at IH 35	2030	New Interchange at Vallecillo Roadway	✓
17	SL 20 Interchange at Cielito Lindo Blvd.	2030	Construction Of Interchange Improvement at Cielito Lindo Blvd	✓
18	SL 20 Interchange at Sierra Vista Blvd.	2030	Construction Of Interchange Improvement at Sierra Vista Blvd	✓
19	Laredo Outer Loop, Segment 5	2034	Construction New 4-Lane Divided Highway - Future Laredo Outer Loop Segment 5	
20	Loop 20 Extension, Segment 3B	2034	Construction New 4-Lane Divided Highway Rio Bravo Extension Segment 3B	
21	River Road	2040	New Location Roadway Serving as A Non-Commercial Parallel Alternate Route to FM 1472 That Will Also Have Connectivity To FM 1472 From Existing Developments Between The Two. This Is 4-Lane Divided with Shared Use Paths on Both Sides.	





Step 8: Evaluate Strategy Effectiveness

Strategy Effectiveness

Evaluation of strategy effectiveness is an on-going process as part of the living CMP. The primary goal of this step is to ensure that implemented strategies are effective at addressing congestion as intended, and to make changes based on the findings as necessary.

System-level performance evaluation

Regional analysis of historical trends to identify improvement or degradation in system performance, in relation to objectives.

Strategy effectiveness evaluation

Project-level or program-level analysis of conditions before and after the implementation of a congestion mitigation effort.



On-Going Evaluation & Update Cycle

Ongoing Evaluations

- On-going and periodic data collection and strategy evaluation process creates a feedback loop that provides decision-makers with information for adjusting current strategies or envisioning new strategies. (i.e. PM analysis, recent FM1472 traffic signal optimization)
- Strategies will be regularly monitored by MPO staff and communicated to the MPO Technical and Policy Committees.
 An annual report will be provided to the Committees.
- Stakeholder collaboration is key to on-going monitoring and evaluation; through stakeholder input, data-sharing, and coordination, the CMP strategies will be adjusted as needed to meet the region's transportation needs.

Formal Updates

- The LWCAMPO commits to linking the formal CMP update to the MTP development cycle.
- This linkage allows the update of the CMP to inform the development and selection of projects in the MTP that are inclusive of congestion management strategies.
- The MPO submits the System Performance Reporting to USDOT to provide evaluation (i.e. PM 3)



Thank you!



Item V.A.

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



WC-CL RMA July 2025 Status Report to LWCAMPO

- 1. Vision Zero Webb Laredo Safety Action Plan (Safe Streets for All)- See supplemental memorandum.
- 2. The Vallecillo Road Project See supplemental memorandum.
- 3. Vallecillo Overpass While the WC-CL RMA will not be managing the development of the Overpass design, we stand ready to provide information from the Vallecillo Road Project to TxDOT so that the two projects' connections are well coordinated. Coordination meetings continue with all the stakeholders involved in the project. On 1/8/2025, the WC-CL RMA met with TxDOT LRD to obtain further information on the request. On 1/22/2025, the WC-CL RMA met with TxDOT LRD, and the group clarified roles and responsibilities between the implementation of the new overpass and how it will interface with the road project. The relocation of utilities along IH 35 will be conducted by the TxDOT LRD consultant. The group met on 2/18/25 for a status update on the Vallecillo Overpass project. The WC-CL RMA Board of Directors approved taking the lead for the additional ROW and associated environmental clearance changes at the March 26, 2025, Board Meeting. At the quarterly meeting that occurred on the week of the 19th of May, TxDOT LRD notified the group that PS&E for the project is scheduled for 2027. There was a utility kickoff meeting on June 24, 2025 at TxDOT's Laredo Area office where TxDOT's and its consultant will now transition responsibility for some of the utilities currently being managed by CRANE/LJA for the Vallecillo Road project.
- 4. Springfield Phase IV Similar to Springfield Phase III, the RMA has committed up to \$1 million to the City to assist with the funding of the construction of Phase IV of the project from Hospitality Drive to Bob Bullock Loop. The sponsorship and implementation are subject to the negotiation of an Inter Local Agreement (ILA) between the City and the RMA. The RMA submitted a draft ILA to the City on 4/9/2024. The RMA originally intended to utilize the Category 12 Strategic Partnership dollars for the funding of the project. The RMA has decided to proceed with the construction of this project utilizing the RMA Vehicle Registration Fees. The ILA between the City and the RMA was executed on 9/9/2024. The project has advertised for construction. The Pre-Bid conference occurred on 1/7/2025. The bid opening occurred on 1/17/2025. The City consultant has evaluated the bids to recommend the award of the contract. The construction contract was awarded on 2/18/25 to ALC Construction by the City of Laredo for \$765,299.00. Construction commenced on the 14th of March. The official groundbreaking occurred on 3/24/2025. The total construction duration is scheduled for 90 days. The final walk through and punch list to occur in June 2025. As of 6/30/2025, the project is largely complete. There are several minor items that are pending approval to complete. The ribbon cutting is projected to occur in July 2025.
- 5. **Concord Hills (Wormser Road/ Lomas Del Sur to Los Presidentes)** The RMA has committed \$1 million to the development 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. 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



(ILA) between the City and the RMA. The RMA is working with the City and the property owners for the donation of the ROW and the finalization of the construction cost estimate for the project. The RMA recommitted its support in funding the project February 14, 2024, at the February Board Meeting. On November 6, 2024, the WC-CL RMA Board of Directors passed a resolution to sign the ILA between the City and the WC-CL RMA for this project. The City Council approved the ILA on 2/18/25. The City, the Webb County Drainage District and the WC-CL RMA have signed the agreement, and the ILA is fully executed. The design of the project is ongoing. The engineer anticipates a design submittal to the City of Laredo within the next 2 months. The ROW acquisition is ongoing. The draft parcel plats have been submitted to the City and the City is moving forward with the landowner coordination for acquisition. The City, the WC-CL RMA, the property owners/ developers and Top Site, their civil engineer, met on 5/12/2025 to discuss the progress of the property donation and the status of the project design. The donation agreements are on-going in development and the design is currently at 75% completion.

- 6. North Laredo Transportation Reinvestment Zone (TRZ) The RMA is awaiting execution of the ILA with the City to commence the North Laredo TRZ Study. The City notified the WC-CL RMA on 2/13/24 that the City will move forward with drafting and distributing the ILA to the WC-CL RMA and commence the project. The City Council approved a resolution to negotiate and execute the ILA with the WC-CL RMA on 2/18/2025. The North Laredo TRZ Study ILA is fully executed and in effect as of February 19, 2025.
- 7. Cuatro Vientos Transportation Reinvestment Zone (TRZ) Regarding the Cuatro Vientos TRZ, the City would like to commence the process of implementing the TRZ with support from the WC-CL RMA. The RMA and the City will commence negotiation of the ILA to codify the agency roles for the implementation. On November 6, 2024, the WC-CL RMA Board of Directors passed a resolution to sign the ILA for the creation of the Cuatro Vientos TRZ between the City and the WC-CL RMA. The City Council approved a resolution to negotiate and execute the ILA with the WC-CL RMA on 2/18/2025. The Cuatro Vientos TRZ ILA is executed as of 3/19/2025. The WC-CL RMA and the City of Laredo conducted an implementation kick-off meeting on 6/12/2025.

8. Other Items:

• The WC-CL RMA to conduct a Board meeting in the next two months.



Monthly Report to the LWCAMPO from the WC-CL RMA

Project:Vision Zero Webb Laredo Safety Action Plan by SS4APurpose:July 2025 Monthly Overview Report to LWCAMPODateJuly 11, 2025



In June, the RMA submitted the application to the Safe Streets and Roads for All grant program as of Wednesday, June 25, 2025. The total amount requested for this grant is **\$24,901,970** of which **\$19,921,576** (80%) is SS4A federal dollars and **\$4,980,394** (20%) is the SS4A non-federal match. The review period that the USDOT has indicated will be from July – December.

LJA and Toole Design Group conducted a Safe Routes to School pilot assessment with Laredo ISD across six campuses, involving meetings, interviews, and field observations. They assessed sidewalk and street conditions around several schools and held a joint walk audit. The assessment concluded with a presentation of preliminary findings and recommended safety improvements. In May 2025, the RMA provided technical support to the City of Laredo for a project application to the LWCAMPO Transportation Alternatives Set Aside Program involving the Safe Routes to School pilot assessment.

Simultaneously, the RMA consultant team also worked on a school bus shelters project with United Independent School District. The team conducted various strategic partner meetings, interviewed school staff, and field observations together with school officials.

Findings and recommendations from these two projects will be published in reports as appendices to the current CSAP.

Background:

As you know, the Comprehensive Safety Action Plan (CSAP) was adopted by the Laredo & Webb County Metropolitan Planning Organization's Policy Committee during its April meeting. The City of Laredo also adopted the plan last month. As the lead agency and grant recipient, Webb County-City of Laredo Regional Mobility Authority (RMA) took the same action at their regular board meeting on Wednesday, March 26, 2025. RMA will again be the lead agency for the application with the understanding that both the City of Laredo and TxDOT join the RMA in supporting the local match requirements.

Work on the Comprehensive Safety Action Plan (CSAP) began in September 2023. The RMA Board, along with Laredo City Council and the Laredo Webb County Area MPO adopted a pledge to reach zero fatalities and serious injuries on Laredo and Webb County roadways by 2040. These policy boards took action in February /March of 2024 as part of this effort. A public Safe Streets and Roads for All Interactive Session and a separate Workshop, with multiple public agency staff, stakeholders, and members of the LWCAMPO Active Transportation Committee were held in April 2024. The project team has been present at several other public engagement events put on by others and has been working to build a list of Safety enhancements to be made throughout the community and a list of actions that need to be taken toward that official goal to reach Zero fatalities and serious injuries by 2040.



A final stakeholder joint committee meeting was held in January between the Vision Zero Working Group and the Safe Transportation Advisory Council. Chairs, Juan Mendive (MPO Executive Director) and Arturo Dominguez (RMA Board Secretary), respectively, made remarks and closed out the development phase of the meetings. A second focus was on the components of the safety action plan document, reviewing written, graphic and image content with the consultant team. The first draft was developed and reviewed, along with an accompanying refresh to the home page of the <u>www.visionzerowebblaredo.com</u> website.

The CSAP development timeline is on track with the first complete draft shared in February 2025, and after receiving comments have begun to test print the English version of the document; Spanish translation of the content is ongoing. The plan will consist of digital and hard copy deliverable products including:

- A. Digital Data Dashboard residing within Vision Zero Webb Laredo Website
- B. Executive Summary
- C. Safety Action Plan Overview & Project Leader Tables
- D. Capital Project Corridor Profiles
- E. Funding Overview
- F. Setting Benchmarks and Measuring Progress
- G. Report appendices featuring:
 - i. Plan and Policy Review
 - ii. Safety Analysis
 - iii. Equity Priority Analysis
 - iv. Systemic Recommendations
 - v. Action Plan
 - vi. Capital Plan
 - vii. Financial Analysis
 - viii. Public and Stakeholder Engagement
 - ix. Capital Project Definition
 - x. Rural School Bus Stops
 - xi. Safe Routes to Schools Pilot Program

The Safety Action Plan outlines a series of prioritized recommended safety improvements, along with various Actions, Policies, and areas of additional study. These added studies could include but are not limited to a Vision Zero annual update, Bicycle Network Plan, Complete Streets Policy, Pedestrian Improvements Plan, and a Safe Routes To School Program, among others. It includes estimated costs for 16 City of Laredo and TxDOT Project Corridors, as well as a proposed series of Rural School Bus Stops and accompanying details per project.

These project reports were assembled through the efforts of the following project consultant team:

- LJA Engineering
- Toole Design Group
- Cambridge Systematics
- Able City
- Liquid Studio Group

Please see the plan and appendices at <u>www.visionzerowebblaredo.com</u>.

End of Memorandum



Monthly Report to the LWCAMPO from the WC-CL RMA

Project:Vallecillo Road from FM 1472 to IH 35 SBFRPurpose:June 2025 Monthly Overview Report to LWCAMPODateJuly 11, 2025

Ongoing Partnership Coordination:

Since the start of the development of the project in the Summer of 2023, the WC-CL RMA has been in frequent coordination with its partners in the development of the project. Since the initial kick off meeting with TxDOT LRD on 8/24/2023, the WC-CL RMA has been coordinating frequently with TxDOT LRD, the City of Laredo and the Killam Company who have all fiscally contributed to the development of the project or have oversight responsibility to its completion. Since 2023, the WC-CL RMA has conducted the following meetings:

- Meet with the City of Laredo for a status of the progress of the project monthly. As of January 2025, TxDOT LRD is now invited to those meetings to contribute information as needed to the City of Laredo.
- Meet with TxDOT LRD Project Manager Ana Duncan on a bi-weekly basis to track progress.
- Meet quarterly as a group at the TxDOT LRD Office. Attendees include the WC-CL RMA, City of Laredo, TxDOT LRD, Webb County and the Killam Company. Union Pacific Railroad is also invited to these meetings. The most recent meeting occurred on 5/20/2025. The next meeting is scheduled for August at TxDOT's Laredo District office.

These meetings will continue for the duration of the project.

The following items have been completed to date:

- The draft ROW parcel plats and strip map were originally completed and submitted to TxDOT and the City of Laredo on August 19, 2024. Comments were received September 11, 2024, and are being addressed. The revisions addressing comments on the ROW Map and parcel plats were resubmitted October 11, 2024, to TxDOT LRD and the City of Laredo. We are awaiting final review by both TxDOT LRD and the City of Laredo Engineering Department before they start the appraisal of the property. The city received a preliminary title commitment based on the preliminary ROW survey by the Title company. We advised the City of Laredo to hold off on getting the appraisal of the two (2) parcels since the ROW footprint would change to the additional ROW needed for the overpass. The GEC has updated the ROW footprint and is preparing the updated ROW strip maps and parcel plats to reflect the additional ROW for submittal to the City of Laredo and the TxDOT LRD. The WC-CL RMA is scheduled to submit the updated maps in June 2025.
- Environmental studies are largely complete. The last sections to be conducted are the noise analysis, the archaeological background study, and the historical coordination request. Traffic volumes are now approved from TP&P as of 2/17/2025; thus, the noise analysis, archaeological background study and historical coordination request is ongoing. Additional ENV studies are also now being conducted to account for the new proposed ROW for the overpass at IH 35 as of 4/7/2025. The WC-CL RMA is focusing on submitting the environmental documents to the TxDOT LRD in June 2025.
- The Traffic forecast modeling and report development is largely complete. The team submitted the traffic volume deliverable to the TxDOT LRD in late June. TP&P provided comments in August 2024.



The team prepared responses to the TP&P comments and these were submitted on September 25, 2024. TxDOT provided additional comments in November 2024 and the LJA team responded to the comments in early January 2025. TP&P provided approval of the traffic forecast on 2/17/2025. All the environmental documents are being updated to reflect the new ROW footprint due to the TxDOT overpass project and on-going coordination with the Laredo District ENV section. We anticipate submitting all documents to TxDOT for their review by the end of July 2025.

- Utility coordination is on-going with all utility providers along the route. The draft schematic was submitted to the TxDOT LRD on June 28, 2024. The GEC received comments from TxDOT in late July and resubmitted the 90% schematic on September 6, 2024. There could be a delay due to the changes to the schematic / design based on the proposed overpass at IH 35 main lanes. Utility coordination is ongoing, and we are identifying locations where level A SUE is required. There was a utility kickoff meeting on June 24, 2025 at TxDOT's Laredo Area office where TxDOT and their consultant will now transition responsibility for the relocation for some of the utilities, currently being managed by CRANE/LJA on the east side of the project, SBFR IH 35, for the Vallecillo Road project.
- On September 26, 2024, the RMA conducted a successful public meeting with forty-three attendees for the Vallecillo Road project at the B. Fasken Recreation Center as part of the public involvement for the project environmental clearance. This exceeded the minimum requirements for the environmental clearance of this project. Recently, the RMA received direction from the TxDOT LRD that the project will be cleared under a Categorical Exclusion as opposed to an Environmental Assessment. TxDOT LRD approved the Public Meeting Summary on 2/11/2025.
- The WC-CL RMA is developing a White Paper for approval by TxDOT to incorporate raised medians in the project in place of a two-way left turn lane. The installation of this median is for the purpose of cost savings in the project. A draft of the White Paper is complete. The WC-CL RMA will conduct a stakeholder meeting with the directly impacted property owners and the City of Laredo. It is anticipated this task will be complete by August 2025.

Update to the overall schedule:

TxDOT LRD has requested to increase the amount of ROW acquisition at the interface of Vallecillo Road and the IH 35 West ROW to accommodate a TxDOT design change to the proposed overpass at IH 35. This increase in requested ROW acquisition will impact the anticipated Environmental Clearance date of February 2025; thus, pushing out the completion of the ROW acquisition time frame for the entire project. The Killam Company has agreed to accommodate this increased ROW acquisition. The WC-CL RMA Board of Directors approved taking the lead for the additional ROW and associated environmental clearance changes at the March 26, 2025, Board Meeting.

CRANE engineering is currently working on the preparation of a new revised draft ROW parcel plats and strip map that will be completed by the end of July 2025. This will reflect the additional ROW required due to TxDOT's overpass project. Once completed the ROW Map and parcel plats will be submitted to TxDOT LRD and the City of Laredo for their review. On 3/6/25, TxDOT LRD requested that additional ROW be acquired along FM 1472 to accommodate the FM 1472 schematic roadway improvements for a conversion of FM 1472 to an access-controlled facility with a proposed overpass at FM 1472 and Vallecillo Road. As part of these improvements, TxDOT LRD is proposing to realign Muller Boulevard to the North at FM 1472 and is requesting additional ROW on the north side of Vallecillo at the intersection of FM 1472 to better align with the change of Muller Boulevard on the westside of FM 1472. The increased ROW is nominally 0.011 acres. The WC-CL RMA has agreed to incorporate additional FM 1472 ROW with the IH 35 additional ROW.

It should be noted that the City of Laredo has informed the RMA that they would not proceed with



advanced ROW acquisition for the project; thus, requiring environmental clearance completion prior to finalizing the ROW donation from the Killam Company. This directly impacts the anticipated letting date of the Fall of 2025 since ROW will not be available for the placement of relocated utilities. Another option to meet the letting date would be to advertise the project with a Utility Management Plan; however, this could increase the overall construction bid and exceed the current construction budget. To avoid that issue, the RMA supports the City's decision and will not mobilize utilities to commence their construction until the ROW is in possession by the City of Laredo.

- 1. Once environmental clearance is complete, the City of Laredo will proceed with the Killam Company in the ROW acquisition. The ROW process is estimated to be complete by late Spring 2026.
- 2. Upon completion, the new ROW will need to be cleared for the relocation of the existing utilities at the intersections of IH 35 and FM 1472 ROW to the new ROW limits. ROW clearing and grubbing is estimated to last approximately 3 months.
- 3. Standard utility construction relocation time for utilities is nominally 12 months. Construction for utility relocation is estimated to commence in late Spring 2026 and be complete by late Spring 2027.
- 4. Upon completion of utility relocation, the RMA anticipates approval by TxDOT for bid advertisement to be received in Fall 2027. Bid advertisement and letting is anticipated for late 2027.
- 5. Construction is anticipated to commence in the Spring of 2028 and construction completion is anticipated for the Summer of 2029.

Agreements Update:

- 1. The RMA executed its funding agreement with the Killam Company on March 4, 2024, and is amending its Inter Local Agreement with the City of Laredo.
- 2. The City of Laredo is continuing the development of the ROW agreement with the Killam Company.
- 3. The RMA and the City of Laredo will need to amend their Inter Local Agreement to define roles and responsibilities for the construction of the project. The RMA will be advertising and constructing the project, and the RMA will require access to the City of Laredo ROW to commence the work. The RMA approved execution of the amendment to the ILA to account for these updates on 11/6/2024.
- 4. On 4/2/2025, the RMA met with HUD to begin the coordination and reporting for the Congressional Earmark funds that will be utilized for construction on the project.
- 5. As the project sponsor, the executed Advanced Funding Agreement (AFA) is solely between TxDOT Laredo District and the RMA.
 - a. The AFA Amendment from TxDOT to account for the updated funding for the project was approved on 10/18/2024.
 - b. The WC-CL RMA received the Federal Project Authorization and Agreement (FPAA) from the Laredo District to commence reimbursement requests for the schematic, environmental and PS&E development of the project on 12/19/2024.

End of Memorandum



Item V.B.

B. TxDOT Project Updates



<u>Item VI.</u>

DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS



Director's Report July 16, 2025

1. June Texas Transportation Commission Meeting Attendance:

- Mayor Pro-Tempore and Council Member for District VII, Vanessa Perez, Council Member for District II, Ricardo "Richie" Rangel, and the MPO Director attended the June 20th Texas Transportation Commission meeting in Austin.
- Mayor Pro-Tempore Vanessa Perez addressed the Commission to express appreciation for their ongoing partnership, affirm the MPO's support for the FM 1472 Feasibility Study, and emphasize the Laredo region's commitment to continue collaborating with local partners and TxDOT to address funding gaps for critical regional transportation projects.

2. MPO 2025 Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TASA) Call for Projects:

- On March 19th, 2025, the Policy Committee authorized the TASA Call for Projects.
- The MPO team, in coordination with TxDOT, held two workshops in April for prospective applicants of the TASA Call for Projects.
- The TASA Call for Projects officially opened on April 11th and closed on May 30th.
- Two project applications were received. The next steps include preliminary review and scoring of the projects.
- MPO and TxDOT staff met with the applicants on July 15th to review the proposed projects.

3. Texas Transportation Commission Meetings:

- July 31, 2025
- August 21, 2025
- September 25, 2025

Calendar invites for the upcoming Texas Transportation Commission meeting were sent by email.

Upcoming Texas Transportation Commission meetings and agendas can be found at the following link: <u>https://www.txdot.gov/about/leadership/texas-transportation-</u> <u>commission/meeting-dates-agendas.html</u>



4. TxDOT Border Trade Advisory Committee (BTAC) Meeting:

- The BTAC will be meeting in Austin on August 12, 2025.
- BTAC provides a forum for the exchange of communications between the Texas Transportation Commission, TxDOT, the governor, and committee members representing border trade interests.
- BTAC information and agendas can be found at the following link: (<u>https://www.txdot.gov/about/advisory-committees/border-trade-advisory-committee.html</u>)

5. Upcoming regularly scheduled MPO meetings:

- Active Transportation Committee July 30, 2025
- Technical Committee August 12, 2025
- Policy Committee August 20, 2025



<u>Item VII.</u>

COMMUNICATIONS



<u>Item VIII.</u>

ADJOURNMENT