



LAREDO & WEBB COUNTY

AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

POLICY COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

July 16, 2025

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I. CHAIRPERSON TO CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Pro-Tempore, CM. Vanessa Perez, called meeting to order at 1:36 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 – *arrived at 1:37 PM*

Honorable Vanessa Perez, Mayor Pro-Tempore, District VII

Honorable Ruben Gutierrez Jr., City Councilmember, District V

Mr. Epigmenio “Epi” Gonzalez, P.E., TxDOT District Engineer

Mr. Jed A. Brown, Member-At-Large

Regular Members Not Present:

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

Honorable Ricardo “Richie” Rangel Jr. City Councilmember, District II

Honorable Jesse Gonzalez, Webb County Commissioner, Pct. 1

Honorable John Galo, Webb County Commissioner, Pct. 3

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:

Vanessa Guerra, COL Planning
Jeffrey Gonzalez, COL Traffic
Juan Carlos Villarreal, COL Traffic
Denise Garcia, TxDOT
Luis Villarreal, TxDOT
Ana Duncan, TxDOT
Kenneth Duncan, TxDOT
Joseph Garcia, TxDOT
Robert J. Garza, El Metro Transit
Eloisa Mascorro, El Metro Transit
Anthony Garza, Webb County Consultant
Melissa Montemayor, WC-CL RMA/LJA Engineering
Melissa Carrillo, CPS Energy
Gene Lindgren, SE Legacy Development

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

Second: Mr. Brown
For: 4
Against: 0
Abstained: 0

Motion carried unanimously.

CM. Gutierrez, made a motion to select Mayor Pro-Tempore, CM. Perez to preside over the meeting.

Second: Mr. Brown
For: 4
Against: 0
Abstained: 0

Motion carried unanimously.

III. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Speakers are required to fill out witness cards, which must be submitted to MPO Staff no later than 1:45 PM the day of the meeting. Speakers shall identify themselves at the microphone. Comments are limited to three (3) minutes per speaker. No more than three (3) persons will be allowed to speak on any side of an issue. Should there be more than three (3) people who wish to speak on a specific issue, they should select not more than

three (3) representatives to speak on their behalf. The presiding officer may further limit public on the interest of order or time. Speakers may not transfer their minutes to any other speaker. Comments should be relevant to MPO business and delivered in a professional manner. No derogatory remarks shall be permitted.

IV. ITEMS REQUIRING POLICY COMMITTEE ACTION:

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

CM. Gutierrez, made a motion to approve the minutes of June 18, 2025.

Second: Mr. Brown
For: 4
Against: 0
Abstained: 0

Motion carried unanimously.

B. Receive public testimony and approve Resolution No. MPO 2025-10, adopting the FY2026 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP).

CM. Gutierrez, made a motion to reflect that Mayor Treviño was present and would assume the role of Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

Second: Mr. Gonzalez
For: 5
Against: 0
Abstained: 0

Motion carried unanimously.

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 presentation on the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). He reported that, at the previous meeting, the Committee had initiated a 20-day public review and comment period, and the item was now being brought back for final approval. He explained that the UPWP is 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, further clarified that the UPWP describes all MPO transportation planning activities 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. Mr. Mendive, restated that, as required by the MPO's Public Participation Plan (PPP), a 20-day public review and comment period had been conducted. He reported that no public comments were received. However, the TxDOT Division Field Representative provided two minor recommendations on the draft UPWP. The first recommendation was to add maintenance and amendments to the FY 2026 UPWP under Task 1 as an expected product. The second was to clarify that vacation and sick leave may only be charged to Task 1 under Administration and Management.

CM. Gutierrez, asked Mr. Mendive, whether the maintenance resulted in any cost changes.

Mr. Mendive, responded that the recommendations did not result in any changes to the total program amount previously presented. He stated that the programmed total was \$1,247,000, while the total available funding was \$2,629,990.87, which included an estimated annual allocation of approximately \$629,990.87. Mr. Mendive, continued by presenting the subtasks individually and respective amounts programmed for the review of the Committee.

CM. Gutierrez, made a motion to approve Resolution No. MPO 2025-10, adopting the FY 2026 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP).

Second:	CM. Perez
For:	5
Against:	0
Abstained:	0

Motion carried unanimously.

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

Mr. Eduardo Bernal, and Mr. Julio Niño, MPO Planners, delivered a presentation on the Congestion Management Process (CMP). Mr. Bernal explained that this presentation was an update to the previous CMP, which had been completed several years ago. He noted that the CMP followed an eight-step framework outlined in federal guidelines.

Mr. Bernal, presented the eight steps to the Committee and explained that they define the structure and requirements of the CMP process. Steps 1 through 3 involved the development of original objectives, defining the CMP network, and deriving federally

mandated measures and guidelines. Steps 4 through 6 focused on data collection, the identification of challenges, and the development of strategies. Steps 7 and 8 addressed the implementation of strategies and the documentation of plans to reduce congestion within the MPO network. Mr. Bernal, highlighted that Step 1 was the development of a vision statement, which was derived from the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). The vision was: "To develop a transportation system that offers efficient and affordable travel choices for people and goods while supporting economic development and long-term quality of life." He then presented the CMP Goals and Objectives as follows:

Goal 1: Provide a safe transportation system.

Goal 2: Provide a reliable transportation system.

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

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

Mr. Niño, presented Step 2, the CMP Network, which consisted of two components: Tier 1 and Tier 2. He explained that Tier 1 was based on the National Performance Management Research Data Set (NPMRDS), while Tier 2 was stakeholder-defined. Mr. Niño, continued with Step 3, Performance Measures. He explained that performance measures were federally mandated and included both system-wide and corridor-specific measures. System-wide performance measures included average speed, Travel Time Index (TTI), Planning Time Index (PTI), and Buffer Time Index (BTI). Corridor performance measures included TTI, Level of Travel Time Reliability (LOTTR), Truck Travel Time Reliability (TTTR), and Peak-Hour Excessive Delay (PHED). In Step 4, Data Collection and System Performance, Mr. Niño, explained that multiple datasets were compiled and processed to develop the CMP Network. These datasets were used to evaluate performance measures. Step 5 focused on analyzing challenges and needs. Mr. Niño, explained that, specifically for the Travel Time Index (TTI), congestion thresholds were identified. Values below the threshold represented little to no congestion, while values above indicated more severe levels of congestion. He further explained that weekday peak congestion was most undesirable during the afternoon period from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., particularly in the Mines Road area, which experienced extreme congestion. By contrast, weekend morning peaks reflected the lowest levels of congestion within the network.

Mr. Bernal presented Step 6 Identify and Assess Strategies, he stated that the strategies were based from a different approach of different agencies. He stated that the aim of the management strategies was to reduce congestion. He stated that everything would work together to successfully decrease congestion throughout the network. Mr. Bernal, stated that there were 2 types of congestions. There was recurring congestions and non-recurring congestions. He stated that the difference between those 2 were that the

recurring congestion were areas that were frequently congested. The Non-recurring congestions were the opposite those are areas that might be congested due to work in the area, traffic accidents, or due to weather related incidents and so on.

Mr. Niño, provided an update on the Congestion Management Process (CMP). He discussed several non-recurring congestion strategies, noting that some could be as simple as improving signal operations. He also highlighted the use of Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) as another effective strategy. Mr. Niño, continued with Step 7 of the CMP process: program and implement strategies. He explained that this step involved reviewing both the regional corridor and project level to identify responsible agencies, determine mechanisms for implementation, and establish funding strategies. He further discussed the integration of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) with the CMP, emphasizing the importance of coordinating efforts between the two plans to address congestion reduction. He explained that two primary criteria were used in the MTP to identify congestion reduction strategies: System Reliability and Innovation in Technology. Mr. Niño presented the 2025 MTP goals, specifically Goal #4 (System Reliability) and Goal #5 (Innovation in Technology). He described the evaluation criteria, the measures being addressed, the data sources used, the necessary analyses, and the scoring methodology. He stated that the overall goal was to present the Committee with all strategies and scoring methods for congestion-related projects. He also presented the MTP Fiscally Constrained Project List noting which projects were on the existing CMP network. He emphasized that staff would monitor whether strategies improved congestion or if systemwide conditions declined. For effectiveness, evaluations would be conducted at both the project and program levels. Mr. Niño, concluded by explaining that the MPO staff would continuously monitor these strategies and communicate findings to both the Technical Committee and the Policy Committee through an annual report. He added that the CMP would be formally updated following the five-year update of the MTP.

CM. Perez, requested that staff return to the slide on the Fiscally Constrained Project List to ask about a particular project.

Mr. Niño, responded that the project referenced was the Laredo Outer Loop Segment 5. Mr. Mendive, clarified that Project #21 on the list was the River Road Project.

CM. Perez, inquired whether a study would be conducted for the River Road Project.

Mr. Mendive, explained that the list being presented reflected the Fiscally Constrained Projects from the MTP, which identified roads included in the CMP Network. He noted that projects like the River Road that are not yet constructed, would become part of the CMP Network once built.

Mr. Niño, added that once the road was completed, staff would analyze before-and-after data to evaluate its effectiveness in reducing congestion.

CM. Perez, further asked whether MPO staff coordinated with the railroads in the CMP, noting that congestion in several areas of the city was often caused by trains blocking intersections.

Mr. Niño, confirmed that rail traffic was considered in the analysis, stating that past studies identified an average of 26 trains crossing daily from Mexico into the United States.

CM. Gutierrez, asked about the Outer Loop project listed in the Fiscally Constrained Project List, specifically regarding how it would impact congestion on SH 359, which is already highly congested. He inquired whether the area had been analyzed and how future projects would affect congestion.

Mr. Mendive, responded that the MPO had not yet analyzed that project in detail, as it would be led by TxDOT, but confirmed that such impacts would eventually be evaluated.

CM. Gutierrez, suggested consideration of adding a second or third northbound lane on Loop 20, since only one westbound lane currently allows vehicles to turn northbound.

Mr. Mendive, noted that TxDOT was conducting a feasibility study on US 59 for future I-69 realignment, which could also affect traffic patterns in that area.

CM. Perez, asked whether the data collected through the CMP was used to justify the construction of new or unfunded roads, and whether it could help promote new projects aimed at addressing congestion.

Mr. Niño, confirmed that CMP data was incorporated into MTP updates and the Fiscally Constrained Project List presented to the Policy Committee, which ultimately determined project priorities.

CM. Perez, asked if TxDOT had access to CMP data and whether it used that information when determining project funding and priorities.

Mr. Mendive, stated that it was an ongoing process and that staff's intent was to return annually with CMP data reports to evaluate before-and-after conditions and to inform the Policy Committee and stakeholders of project impacts.

CM. Perez, expressed concern that CMP data had not been updated in recent years.

Mr. Mendive, clarified that CMP updates were incorporated into the MTP chapter during updates, but during the Federal Certification Review it had been recommended that more detailed data be collected and reported. He assured the Committee that staff would now provide CMP updates to the Policy Committee on an annual basis.

Mayor Treviño, then asked if anyone was present to speak for or against the item.

No comments were received.

CM. Gutierrez, made a motion to initiate a 20-day public review and comment period for the draft 2025 Congestion Management Process (CMP) update.

Second: CM. Perez
For: 5
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. Jed Brown, RMA Chairperson, provided comments and updates regarding the RMA status report. He reported that the RMA had recently held discussions with the District Office, Mr. Epi Gonzalez, and Mr. Roberto Rodriguez, concerning the Vallecillo Overpass. He noted that although the Vallecillo Overpass was not fully funded in the current Unified Transportation Program (UTP) scheduled for adoption in August, a total of \$16 million had been pledged toward the project. Mr. Brown stated that once the UTP was officially adopted, the RMA would begin working to secure the remaining gap funding needed for the following year. Mr. Brown, further noted that the Springfield 4 project had been completed and that a ribbon-cutting ceremony was scheduled for the following Monday at 9:00 a.m. Regarding the Concord Hills project, he reported that the plans were approximately 90 percent complete and that three property owners in the project area were actively and willingly participating in conveying their land. He stated that the plans were expected to be finalized within 60 days and advertised for bids within 60 to 90 days. In addition, Mr. Brown, provided an update on the two Tax Reinvestment Zones (TRZs). He noted that the South Laredo TRZ had progressed into the implementation phase, while the North Laredo TRZ was still pending execution of the Interlocal Agreement (ILA) in order to move forward. Mr. Brown, also highlighted updates on the RMA's two largest projects: the Vallecillo Overpass and the Safe Streets for All initiative. He noted that

detailed reports on both projects had been included in the meeting packet. He stated that the Safe Streets for All implementation grant had been submitted in partnership with TxDOT and the City of Laredo, and that a response was expected by February of the following year.

CM. Perez, asked Assistant City Manager Ramon Chavez, to provide clarification regarding the status of the ILA for the North Laredo TRZ. Mr. Chavez, responded that he would follow up and provide an update to the Policy Committee. Mr. Brown, requested that Ms. Melissa Montemayor also provide him with an update on the North Laredo TRZ.

Mayor Treviño, inquired about the completion date for Springfield Road. Mr. Brown, confirmed that the project was already complete and reminded members that the ribbon-cutting ceremony would be held on Monday morning at 9:00 a.m.

The full report was included in the meeting packet.

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 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. 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.

There were no questions from the Committee members.

B. TxDOT Project Updates

Ms. Denise Garcia, TxDOT Laredo Assistant District Engineer, presented on behalf of Mr. Jose Vargas, TxDOT Laredo Area Engineer. She provided an update on ongoing TxDOT construction projects and reported that there were approximately \$840 million in active contracts covering 22 projects throughout the area. She outlined that these projects included reconstruction and widening efforts, off-system bridge reconstruction to interstate standards, preventive maintenance contracts, and safety projects.

CSJ: 0086-14-075 – US 59 Expansion

Ms. Garcia, reported that the US 59 Expansion represented a \$344 million investment, with anticipated completion by the end of 2029. She noted that the project was approximately 27% complete, extending from the airport to International Boulevard. Recent activities included traffic control changes between Del Mar and Shiloh. As of the morning of the meeting, both northbound and southbound lanes had been restored to their previous configuration of three lanes in each direction.

CM. Perez, inquired whether the project remained on schedule, as it had initially been introduced as a four-year project beginning in 2024, yet the current timeline extended to 2029. Ms. Garcia, clarified that the project was always planned as a 60-month contract, confirmed that no delays had been encountered, and stated they were on target with the schedule while exploring opportunities to accelerate progress.

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

Ms. Garcia, reported that this \$122 million project extends 8.4 miles from Mines Road to the I-35 West frontage road and was approximately 40% complete. Completion was anticipated in Fall 2027. Ongoing work included bridge construction, delineation of turnarounds, and pavement construction on the frontage roads.

CSJ: 0086-01-073 – SH 359 Widening

Ms. Garcia, stated that Anderson Colombia Co. was the contractor for the \$50 million widening project, which is anticipated for completion in Summer 2026. The project limits extend from approximately 4 miles east of Loop 20 to 9 miles east of Loop 20. Work was approximately 50% complete, with significant progress made on the southeast-bound lanes. Westbound lanes were advancing, with paving expected to begin in Fall 2025.

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

Ms. Garcia, reported that the Lomas Del Sur Overpass project totals \$50 million, extending to SH 359. The contractor was preparing to install designs and signage, with lane closures and barrier construction scheduled to begin the following Monday. A groundbreaking ceremony was scheduled for July 28 at Octavio Salinas Elementary, as announced by TxDOT PIO Officer Mr. Leal. The project is expected to last three years, with anticipated completion in Summer 2028.

CSJ: 3586-02-006 – SH 255 Rehabilitation

Ms. Garcia, noted that this \$25 million project is located on the outskirts of the city and involves the reconstruction of 16 miles, from I-325 to 8 miles west of US-83 North. The project was 23% complete. She added that in July, another segment of SH 255 (from Mines Road to SH 3338, approximately 7 miles) would be let, with groundbreaking expected by the end of the year.

CM. Perez, asked whether the new segment involved reconstruction and inquired about a potential traffic signal at SH 255 and FM 1472.

Mr. Gonzalez, responded that an ongoing study, led by a consultant, was evaluating several options, including the installation of a roundabout. He noted that earlier in the year, a fatality had occurred at the intersection.

CM. Perez, expressed concerns regarding the feasibility of roundabouts for heavy 18-wheeler traffic and the potential for overturned trucks leading to blockages.

Mr. Gonzalez, stated that roundabouts are viable for truck traffic and confirmed that the consultant was specifically evaluating those concerns.

Ms. Garcia, added that discussions on the intersection were still ongoing and that multiple options were under review.

CM. Gutierrez, stated his opposition to a roundabout at that location and emphasized the importance of reviewing alternatives before a final decision is made.

Ms. Garcia, assured the committee that TxDOT would present the available options before moving forward. She also clarified that TxDOT's goal was to improve the full 21-mile stretch of SH 255 from Mines Road to I-35, though a 6-mile gap would remain between the two current projects.

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

Ms. Garcia, reported that this \$2.3 million project would install high-mast illumination along Cuatro Vientos, from Mangana Hein to Cielito Lindo. The contract had been awarded to the Levy Company, with work scheduled to begin in October 2025 and be completed by Summer 2026. She added that a new traffic signal would also be installed at River Bank Drive and the I-69 Frontage Road.

CM. Perez, inquired about the timeline for the new traffic signal.

Ms. Garcia, responded that the project was scheduled to begin in October 2025, with illumination installed first, followed by the traffic signal, and both expected to be completed by Summer 2026.

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

Ms. Garcia, stated that this \$10.5 million multi-location project was let in February 2025, with work scheduled to begin in August. The project included five locations in Duval County and one location in Webb County, extending from Shiloh to the concrete pavement in the four-block area. She noted that nightly closures would begin in Fall 2025.

Additional Safety Projects

Ms. Garcia, reported that a new traffic signal at McPherson Road and Alta Vista Drive had been installed and was operational before the start of the school year, in partnership with the City of Laredo. She also noted that illumination improvements were ongoing along SH 359 from US 83 to Loop 20, near the Tractor Supply area.

VI. DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

Director's Report July 16, 2025

Mr. Mendive, MPO Director, acknowledged that the week marked a milestone for both himself and Ms. Graciela Briones, MPO Planner, as they celebrated five years of service with the Laredo Webb County Area MPO. He expressed pride in the accomplishments achieved alongside the MPO team and conveyed his gratitude for the continued support and leadership of the Policy Committee. He emphasized that, over the years, the MPO had been able to build strong relationships with stakeholders through trust and open communication.

The Committee members extended their congratulations to both Mr. Mendive and Ms. Briones on their milestone achievement.

Mr. Mendive, then presented the Director's Report, which was included in the meeting packet.

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: <https://www.txdot.gov/about/leadership/texas-transportation-commission/meeting-dates-agendas.html>

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: (<https://www.txdot.gov/about/advisory-committees/border-trade-advisory-committee.html>)

5. Upcoming regularly scheduled MPO meetings:

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

CM. Perez, requested that MPO staff poll the Committee members regarding their availability to attend the Policy Committee meeting scheduled for August 20, 2025.

There being no further questions or comments from the Committee, the discussion concluded.

VII. COMMUNICATIONS


There were no communications from the Committee members.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

CM. Perez, made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:23 P.M.

Second: CM. Gutierrez
 For: 5
 Against: 0
 Abstained: 0

Motion carried unanimously.



Juan S. Mendive, AICP
 LWCAMPO Director



Mayor Dr. Victor D. Treviño
 LWCAMPO Chairperson