



LAREDO & WEBB COUNTY

AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

POLICY COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

September 17, 2025

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I. CHAIRPERSON TO CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Dr. Victor D. Treviño, Chairperson, 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 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

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

Regular Members Not Present:

Honorable Vanessa Perez, Mayor Pro-Tempore, District VII

Honorable Ruben Gutierrez Jr., City Councilmember, District V

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:

Ramon Chavez, COL Assistant City Manager

Vanessa Guerra, COL Planning

Eliud de los Santos, COL Engineer

Jose D. Vargas, TxDOT

Luis Villarreal, TxDOT

Ana Duncan, TxDOT

Anthony Garza, Webb County Consultant

Blasita Lopez, WC-CL RMA/LJA Engineering

Baltazar Avila, LJA Engineering

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

Second: Judge Tijerina

For: 5

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 July 16, 2025.

Judge Tijerina, made a motion to **approve** the minutes of July 16, 2025.

Second: CM. Rangel

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion carried unanimously.

B. Receive public testimony and approve Resolution No. MPO 2025-11, adopting the 2025 Congestion Management Process (CMP) update.

Mr. Mendive, provided a brief overview of the item. He stated that during the July meeting, MPO staff presented on the Congestion Management Process (CMP). He explained that the CMP was one of the MPO's core documents, as it includes the congestion management network and congestion data system performance measures that were regularly monitored and evaluated by MPO staff. These measures included both systemwide and corridor-level strategies, as well as a process for ongoing and periodic data collection and evaluation. Mr. Mendive, emphasized that an important component of the CMP was the creation of a feedback loop that provides decision makers with the necessary information to adjust existing and future strategies. He also noted that a public comment period had been held, during which no comments were received. He then requested the committee's consideration for approval of the item.

Mayor Treviño asked if there was anyone present wishing to speak for or against the item.

There were no comments.

Judge Tijerina, made a motion approve Resolution No. MPO 2025-11, adopting the 2025 Congestion Management Process (CMP) update.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

C. Receive public testimony and initiate a (10) ten-day public review and comment period for the proposed amendments to the 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Ms. Graciela Briones, MPO Planner, gave a presentation on the proposed amendments to the 2025–2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). She stated that, by law, all MPOs were required to develop a TIP for their planning areas covering a four-year period, in cooperation with the State (TxDOT) and public transit agencies (El Metro). She explained that all MPO TIP documents were subsequently combined to form the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). Ms. Briones, noted that the TIP could be amended by the Policy Committee at any time during its lifecycle. She explained that any

major changes to the TIP required a public review and comment period, as well as formal action by the MPO Policy Committee before inclusion in the STIP. She added that all approved amendments to the TIP were submitted to the STIP on a quarterly basis. She further stated that the MPO Public Participation Plan required a 10-day public review and comment period for amendments to the TIP. Ms. Briones, continued by presenting TxDOT's proposed amendments to the 2025–2028 TIP, which included highway revisions, reprogramming of projects, and the addition of a project to the TIP. She then presented El Metro's proposed amendments, which consisted of several reprogrammed amounts rolled over from one year to another and revisions to increase funds from Categories 5339 and 5310 in FY 2025. She also presented revisions to two project descriptions. Ms. Briones, concluded by stating that the revised amounts for the 2025–2028 TIP increased total Federal Transit Funding from \$80,979,804 to \$83,104,132, representing an increase of \$2,124,328.

Judge Tijerina, made a motion to initiate a (10) ten-day public review and comment period for the proposed amendments to the 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

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

Motion carried unanimously.

D. Receive public testimony and initiate a (10) ten-day public review and comment period for the proposed revisions to the 2025-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP).

Mr. Mendive, explained that this item was similar to the previous one, with the difference being that it involved the proposed revision to the 2025–2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP).

Mayor Trevino asked if there was anyone in the audience to speak For or Against.

There were no comments.

Judge Tijerina, made a motion to initiate a (10) ten-day public review and comment period for the proposed revision to the 2025-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP).

Second:	CM. Rangel
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).

Ms. Blasita Lopez, WC-CL RMA/ LJA Engineering, presented the following Regional Mobility Authority (RMA) report, which had been included in the meeting packet:

WC-CL RMA September 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** – This project is being led by the TxDOT LRD. It has an estimated construction cost of \$130M and is programmed for an FY 2030 letting per the Draft 2026 UTP. To date, the project is not fully funded for construction. The MPO has allocated \$16M of Category 2 funds to the construction of the project; thus, the project still has a \$114M funding gap. The TxDOT LRD hosts a quarterly meeting with the City of Laredo, WC-CL RMA, Webb County, and the Killam Company to discuss the status of progress of the various sections of Vallecillo Road that is ongoing. At the last 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 FY 2030. TxDOT's and its consultant are actively developing a schematic design for this section in close coordination with the RMA's Vallecillo project. 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. At the last quarterly meeting that occurred on the week of August 19, 2025, the TxDOT LRD is on track for PS&E to commence on FY 2030.
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 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. As of 8/13/2025, the project is complete. The ribbon cutting occurred on 7/21/2025 and it is open to traffic. The City of Laredo and the WC-CL RMA are closing out the construction contract.
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 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 ongoing in development. The City would like to have all agreements completed by the end of August 2025. The design is 90% complete. The plans were submitted to the City One-Stop Shop. The review has been completed, and the comments will be returned to design engineer soon.

6. **North Laredo Transportation Reinvestment Zone (TRZ)** - The North Laredo TRZ Study ILA is fully executed and in effect as of February 19, 2025. The WC-CL RMA is working with the City of Laredo to commence the next steps.
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 Cuatro Vientos TRZ ILA was 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. On 6/24/2025, the WC-CL RMA Team individually met with staff from various departments of the City of Laredo including Planning and Zoning, Engineering, Traffic, Economic Development, Finance, Budget and the Tax Departments to explain the implementation process and describe the roles of each department in the process. The project is anticipated to be complete by the end of 2025.

8. **Other Items:**

The WC-CL RMA to conduct a Board meeting in September 23, 2025.

There were no questions from the Committee members.

B. TxDOT Project Updates

Mr. Jose Vargas, TxDOT Laredo Area Engineer, provided a quick overview on ongoing TxDOT construction projects. He reported that there were currently 22 active projects with approximately \$800 million in active contracts. He outlined that these projects included reconstruction and widening, off-system bridge reconstruction, illumination, and preventive maintenance on pavements.

CSJ: 0086-14-075 – US 59 Expansion

Mr. Vargas, reported that the US 59 Expansion represented a \$344 million investment, and the project was approximately 30% completed. He noted that concrete pavement on the northbound frontage road had begun and that drill shafts had been installed for the future bridges to the main lanes. He stated that work would continue on embankment,

drainage, and moving bays. He added that the expected completion date for the project was the end of 2029.

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

Mr. Vargas, reported that the project had an investment of \$122 million, was approximately 50% complete, and had an expected completion date in the fall of 2027. He noted that work was ongoing on the last stretch of flexible base, with approximately 70% of hot mix completed. The contractor had begun receiving rebar deliveries on site to start tying rebar for the future concrete pavement. He also stated that five of the six bridges had been integrated into the concrete slab, with only one bridge remaining.

CSJ: 0086-01-073 – SH 359 Widening

Mr. Vargas, stated that the total investment for the project was \$50 million, awarded to Anderson Colombia Co., with an anticipated completion in Summer 2026. He reported that the project was approximately 60% complete, with the final work focusing on finalizing the flexible base and applying the final layers of hot mix. He added that the project extended approximately 4 miles east of Loop 20 to 8.9 miles east of Loop 20, covering roughly 5 miles of roadway.

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

Mr. Vargas, gladly reported that the Lomas Del Sur Overpass project had begun and was approximately 75% complete. He shared photographs showing the temporary detour widening to prepare the area for the overpass. He stated that concrete barriers were being mobilized and highlighted the construction of detours to reroute traffic while the safety center concrete barrier was being installed on the main lanes from Lomas Del Sur to US 359.

CSJ: 3586-02-006 – SH 255 Rehabilitation

Mr. Vargas, noted that this \$25 million project, awarded to Anderson Colombia, was located approximately 8 miles east of IH-35. He reported that the project was approximately 31% complete. He added that they were in the final week of in-place base rehabilitation, which would be followed by the application of hot mix. He stated that the project was expected to be completed in the fall of 2026.

VI. DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

Director's Report September 17, 2025

Mr. Mendive, MPO Director, presented the following report, which was included in the meeting packet:

1. Association of Texas MPOs (TEMPO) meeting in Laredo:

- The quarterly meeting of Texas MPO Directors will be held in Laredo on September 25th and 26th at the Joe A. Guerra Laredo Public Library Multi-Purpose Room. We are pleased to welcome our colleagues from across the state and look forward to a productive meeting.

2. Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Representative Site-Visit

- On August 26th and 27th, we hosted our FHWA Representative, Kirk Fauver, and TxDOT field representative, Sara Garza, to discuss ongoing MPO activities and projects.

3. 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.
- In coordination with TxDOT and project applicants, site visits were conducted in August.
- An evaluation committee will meet this month to score the projects based on the TASA scoring criteria.

4. Texas Transportation Commission Meetings:

- September 25, 2025
- October 30, 2025
- November 13, 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>

5. Upcoming regularly scheduled MPO meetings:

- Active Transportation Committee – September 24, 2025
- Technical Committee – October 7, 2025
- Policy Committee – October 15, 2025

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

VII. COMMUNICATIONS

Judge Tijerina, expressed his concerns regarding the Lomas Del Sur project groundbreaking ceremony. He noted that the ceremony had been scheduled on a Monday during Webb County's Commissioner Court, which prevented him and Commissioner Gonzalez from fully attending. He emphasized the importance of coordination and collaboration between the City of Laredo and Webb County on such events, and expressed that proper acknowledgement should be given to all parties involved in the planning and funding of projects. He also noted that the ceremony had been rescheduled multiple times prior to that date and stressed that future groundbreaking or ribbon cutting events should include and recognize all entities and individuals who contributed to the projects.

CM. Gonzalez, also expressed disappointment that Webb County had been left out of the planning and scheduling of the ceremony. He clarified that some funding for the project had been designated through the MPO and highlighted the importance of acknowledging contributions accurately. He reiterated his commitment to collaboration and giving credit where due.

Mayor Treviño, thanked Judge Tijerina and Commissioner Gonzalez for their comments, acknowledged their concerns, and stated that steps would be taken to ensure better coordination for future events. He offered an apology on behalf of the City of Laredo.

CM. Rangel, also extended apologies on behalf of the City of Laredo and emphasized the importance of improved communication and collaboration with Webb County in planning similar events.

Mr. Gonzalez, TxDOT, stated that he had previously discussed the matter with Judge Tijerina and Commissioner Gonzalez. He emphasized that TxDOT had not intentionally excluded Webb County and had taken steps to ensure better coordination in the future. He reaffirmed TxDOT's commitment to working collaboratively with both the City of Laredo and Webb County on transportation projects.

Mayor Treviño, concluded by stating that for future events, he would ensure that Webb County is notified and included in the planning process.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Judge Tijerina, made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:58 P.M.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

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Juan S. Mendive, AICP
LWCAMPO Director

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Mayor Dr. Victor D. Treviño
LWCAMPO Chairperson