



LAREDO & WEBB COUNTY

AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

POLICY COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

May 20, 2026

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I. CHAIRPERSON TO CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Dr. Treviño, Chairperson, called meeting to order at 1:40 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 Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr. City Councilmember, District II
Honorable Vanessa Perez, City Councilmember, District VII
Mr. Epigmenio "Epi" Gonzalez, P.E., TxDOT

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:

Joseph W. Neeb, COL Manager
Ramon Chavez, COL Assistant City Manager
Vanessa Guerra, COL Planning and Zoning
Eliud De Los Santos, COL Engineering
Andres Garcia, COL Mayor's Office
Jaime Ortiz, COL Economic Development
Dayra Ramos, COL Economic Development
Robert J. Garza, El Metro Transit
Sara Garza, TxDOT
Denisse Garcia, TxDOT
Luis Villarreal, TxDOT
Jose Vargas, TxDOT
Omar Costilla, TxDOT
Adelaido Uribe, Webb County Judge's Office
Anthony Garza, Webb County Consultant
Baltazar Avila, LJA Engineering
Roberto Rodriguez, Entech Civil Engineers, Inc.

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

Second: CM. Rangel
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.

No citizen comments were made.

IV. ITEMS REQUIRING POLICY COMMITTEE ACTION:

A. Approval of the minutes for the meeting held on April 15, 2026.

CM. Rangel, made a motion to approve the minutes of April 15, 2026.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

B. Receive public testimony and approve Resolution No. MPO 2026-05, adopting the 2027-2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Mayor Victor D. Treviño, asked if anyone wished to speak for or against the item.

No comments were made.

Ms. Graciela Briones, MPO Planner, provided an overview of the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), explaining that it is the federally required short-term, fiscally constrained program that identifies transportation projects within the metropolitan planning area that utilize federal funding or require approval from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) or Federal Transit Administration (FTA). She noted that the TIP includes projects related to new construction, rehabilitation, maintenance, and public transit operations, and contains project descriptions, funding sources, estimated costs, and implementation schedules. Ms. Briones, further explained that the TIP covers a minimum four-year period, must remain consistent with the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), and may be amended by the Policy Committee as needed, with approved amendments submitted quarterly to the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). Ms. Briones reported that, in accordance with the MPO Public Participation Plan (PPP), the draft FY 2027–2030 TIP was made available for a 20-day public review and comment period. During the comment period, one public comment was received recommending that the Mangana-Hein Road widening project be extended beyond its current limits to continue past the Becerra Creek Bridge. The comment also suggested that the bridge replacement project be constructed to accommodate four lanes rather than two lanes in anticipation of future traffic growth associated with the planned Outer Loop corridor.

CM. Perez, inquired about the source of the public comment and asked who had submitted the recommendation regarding the Mangana-Hein Road widening project and the Becerra Creek Bridge replacement.

Mr. Mendive, MPO Director, clarified that the comment was received during the 20-day public comment period for the FY 2027–2030 TIP. He stated that MPO staff had responded to the commenter and informed them that the information would be shared with the project sponsors, including Webb County for the Mangana-Hein Road project. He further noted that the comments regarding the Becerra Creek Bridge replacement were also forwarded to TxDOT for consideration, even though the bridge project was not included in the TIP project list.

CM. Perez, asked where the additional funding would come from if the proposed extension of the Mangana-Hein Road widening project were to be considered.

Mr. Mendive, responded that any funding considerations would be the responsibility of the project sponsor and would be evaluated by the sponsoring agency. He noted that the comment was being entered into the record as part of the public participation process and that no action or decision regarding the proposed changes was required by the Committee at that time.

Ms. Briones, presented the proposed FY 2027–2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) project list. She noted that MPO staff had previously reviewed each project in detail during the April meeting. The proposed TIP included one project for FY 2027, two projects for FY 2028, three projects for FY 2029, and three projects for FY 2030, for a total of nine projects with an estimated combined cost of \$542,204,435. She then displayed a map of the locations of the nine proposed highway projects included in the TIP.

CM. Perez, asked whether the Vallecillo Road project was included in the proposed FY 2027–2030 TIP project list.

Mr. Mendive, confirmed that the project was included and noted that the project list had previously been presented to the Committee. He explained that all projects included in the TIP were already identified in the adopted Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and that the TIP established the anticipated implementation years for those projects. He further stated that the Vallecillo Road project was programmed for FY 2028.

Ms. Briones, explained that the proposed highway projects were part of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) project list and that the TIP reflected an excerpt of the full MTP. She noted that the revisions associated with the projects proposed for inclusion in the TIP were highlighted for reference. She then presented the proposed transit projects included in the FY 2027–2030 TIP. For FY 2027, the TIP included 11 transit projects consisting of five Section 5339 projects, four Section 5307 projects, and two Section 5310 projects, totaling \$20,455,770. For FY 2028, the TIP included four transit projects consisting of one Section 5339 project, one Section 5310 project, and two Section 5307 projects, totaling \$9,487,262. She noted that the funding amounts and project distribution for FY 2029 and FY 2030 remained the same as FY 2028.

In summary, Ms. Briones, reported that the proposed FY 2027–2030 TIP included a total of nine highway projects with an estimated cost of \$542,204,436 and 23 transit projects with an estimated cost of \$48,917,556. She then concluded her presentation.

CM. Perez, made a motion to approve Resolution No. MPO 2026-05, adopting the 2027-Transportation Improvement Program (TIP),

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

Motion carried unanimously.

- C. Receive public testimony and approve Resolution No. MPO 2026-06, adopting the revisions to the 2025-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) to incorporate and reflect the proposed 2027-2030 TIP project information.**

Mayor Victor D. Treviño, asked if anyone wished to speak for or against the item.

No comments were made.

CM. Perez, made a motion approve Resolution No. MPO 2026-06, adopting the revisions to the 2025-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) to incorporate and reflect the proposed 2027-2030 TIP project information.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

- D. Discussion with possible action to approve Resolution No. MPO 2026-07, supporting and adopting the seventh version of the Laredo Transit Management Inc. (LTMI) Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP) and Safety Performance Targets for calendar year 2026 and to incorporate into the metropolitan planning process.**

CM. Rangel, made a motion approve Resolution No. MPO 2026-07, supporting and adopting the seventh version of the Laredo Transit Management Inc. (LTMI) Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP) and Safety Performance Targets for calendar year 2026 and to incorporate into the metropolitan planning process.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

There were no questions from the Committee.

E. Receive public testimony and initiate a 20-day public review and comment period for the draft FY2027 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP).

Mr. Mendive, presented the draft FY2027 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), he stated that the document was brought before the Policy Committee annually as part of the MPO's operating budget and planning framework. He explained that the UPWP outlines federally required transportation planning activities funded through Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) planning funds, and that it may be amended at any time throughout the year as needed without requiring a public comment period. He also stated that the item was being presented to open a 20-day public comment period and that, following Committee approval, it would be brought back for final adoption, typically in June. However, due to the previously approved cancellation of the July meeting to allow attendance at a state transportation planning conference, staff brought the item forward earlier than usual. Mr. Mendive, noted that the FY 2027 UPWP would be submitted to TxDOT for FHWA approval and was due by July 15, 2026. He also outlined key planning priorities for FY 2027, including safety and Complete Streets initiatives aligned with Vision Zero goals, public participation and stakeholder engagement, congestion management, freight mobility, transit planning (including microtransit and transit hubs), border infrastructure, demographic and population trend analysis, data and technology improvements, and support for project delivery to advance projects from planning into construction. He then reviewed the UPWP budget summary, including \$600,000 for planning and general administration, \$25,000 for professional development and training, \$10,000 for public participation plan activities, \$10,000 for computer equipment and office supplies, \$20,000 for building maintenance and repairs, \$10,000 for general data administration, and funding allocated for development of the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) data management software to improve project tracking and public access to project information. He also noted \$5,000 for short-range planning activities, including administrative tasks such as TIP amendments and updates to agency procedures and bylaws.

CM. Perez, made a motion to initiate a 20-day public review and comment period for the draft FY2027 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP).

Second: CM. Rangel
For: 4

Against: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion carried unanimously.

There were no questions from the Committee.

V. REPORT(S) AND PRESENTATIONS (No action required).

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

Mr. Mendive, presented the item and noted the report was included in the packet. He further mentioned that a representative from the Regional Mobility Authority (RMA) was available in the audience to address any questions if needed.

CM. Perez, inquired whether a report would be provided and whether there were any notable highlights.

Mr. Mendive, responded that the report was included in the packet and highlighted that a Build Grant application was being submitted for the Vallecillo Overpass design.

CM. Perez, asked whether the project was already funded.

Mr. Mendive, explained that some funding had been programmed through the Unified Transportation Program (UTP), including approximately \$16 million in Category 2 funding allocated by the MPO, but noted that a significant funding gap remained for the project design.

Epigmenio "Epi" Gonzalez, TxDOT District Engineer, added that the estimated funding gap was approximately \$180 million, as the project also included elevated frontage road components.

CM. Perez, confirmed clarification on whether this figure applied solely to the overpass.

Mr. Gonzalez, confirmed that it did, explaining the additional scope requirements.

Mr. Mendive, stated that a current priority was advancing the project through the design phase, noting that the MPO had previously programmed \$950,000 toward design, which was being matched by the RMA, resulting in approximately \$1.9 million to continue development work.

CM. Perez, questioned whether the project would proceed as a standalone overpass or be delayed until a full interchange could be constructed.

On behalf of the RMA, Baltazar Avila of LJA Engineering reported that the plan was to continue advancing the Vallecillo Overpass, with letting anticipated for December 2027. He also noted that the City of Laredo was actively working on right-of-way acquisition, with expectations to complete acquisition by September, followed by utility relocation in summer 2027.

CM. Perez, raised questions regarding the right-of-way donation process and why acquisition efforts were still required.

Mr. Avila, explained that although portions were being donated, the City must still follow standard procedures, including appraisals and formal documentation, to comply with requirements. He added that the City was currently appraising three parcels and would proceed with coordination with property owners once completed.

CM. Perez, addressed Mr. Chavez, Assistant City Manager, requesting an update on the acquisition timeline given that the process had been ongoing for nearly a year.

Mr. Chavez, explained that the City was actively coordinating with Killam Development, the property owner, and working through agreements and documentation. He noted that design alignment changes resulting from TxDOT's incorporation of an overpass required updates to the right-of-way footprint, which necessitated restarting portions of the acquisition process. He further stated that both City and developer legal teams were engaged, that required clearances such as utility and lien verification were underway, and that coordination efforts were ongoing to meet project deadlines. He confirmed that regular meetings were being held to ensure progress.

Mr. Mendive, concluded by noting that a supplemental two-page report specific to the Vallecillo Road project was included in the packet with detailed information.

The following report provided by the RMA was included as part of the packet:

WC-CL RMA March and May 2026 Status Report to LWCAMPO

1. **The Vallecillo Road Project** – See supplemental memorandum.
2. **Vallecillo Overpass** This project is being led by the TxDOT Laredo District Office (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. The TxDOT LRD is on track for PS&E to commence on FY 2030. On November 20, 2025, the WC-CL RMA, City of Laredo, Webb County, and the TxDOT LRD met with Alex Meade of the Texas Transportation Commission to provide a status of the ongoing projects that will connect

with the Vallecillo Overpass and discuss the need for design and construction funding. The Commissioner provided an update on the current funding levels through the State of Texas, and provided guidance of possible funding opportunities the community can explore to advance the project. The WC-CL RMA and LWCAMPO respectively passed action in January, to dedicate \$950,000 for a total of \$1,900,000 to the implementation of the project. The WC-CL RMA also passed action in January to develop and submit a BUILD grant application to FHWA for the design of the project. The next quarterly meeting is pending to be scheduled.

3. **BUILD Planning Grant Application** – The WC-CL RMA has received an estimated cost from TxDOT LRD for the development of the plans, specifications and estimate for the Vallecillo Overpass project in the amount of \$4,680,000. TxDOT LRD has pledged \$500,000 to the design of the project. This amount along with the \$1,900,000 from the WC-CL RMA and the LWCAMPO can account for 51.3% of the anticipated design cost. The BUILD Grant Application will request \$2,280,000; thus, we will demonstrate that we can for more than the minimum 20% match required by the Grant Application and increase the competitiveness of the application. The application was submitted at the end of February. We are awaiting notification of grant award.
4. **SS4A Implementation Grant Application** - Since adoption of the Vision Zero Webb Laredo Comprehensive Transportation Plan by the WC-CL RMA, LWCAMPO, and City of Laredo in Spring of 2025, the RMA submitted an application for an FY25 SS4A Implementation Grant. Though Laredo was not selected for that round, the application received a rating of “Highly Recommended,” which is the highest possible rating. The WC-CL RMA has been coordinating with TxDOT and City of Laredo to determine a path toward re-applying during the FY26 round requesting less funding. Additional consideration is given to applicants that were not awarded previously. A new notice of funding opportunity from FHWA was posted on 03/27/2026 for the FY26 SS4A Implementation Grant. The WC-CL RMA met with the City of Laredo and the TxDOT LRD to develop a plan for submitting a smaller implementation grant application. The WC-CL RMA Board of Directors approved moving forward with the grant application on 5/11/2026. The grant application is due on 5/26/2026.
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. On 4/7/2026, City Council passed resolutions to complete the ROW acquisition for the project from both property owners. They authorized the City Manager to enter into agreements with both property owners to finalize the ROW acquisition. The City will move forward with executing the 0.95-acre property acquisition from the Agave Investments, LLC. Arriva, LTD will be providing the final acquisition documents on the week of the 11th of May. The City will

move forward with letting once the agreements are finalized and executed. If all documents are completed by the end of May, the project will be advertised for construction in the middle of June 2026 with a bid opening to occur in the middle of July 2026.

6. **North Laredo Transportation Reinvestment Zone (TRZ)** - The North Laredo TRZ Study ILA is fully executed and in effect as of February 19, 2025. Currently, the WC-CL RMA has met with the City of Laredo Director of Community Development/ Interim Economic Development Director, Ms. Tina Rodriguez, to commence meetings with the respective City of Laredo Department. The WCCL RMA will continue with the development of the Study. While our coordination is ongoing, we are completing the data collection from the Webb County Appraisal District and have started developing the revenue projection model. We will work with the City to commence the stakeholder meetings and begin defining the limits of the preliminary zone. The WC-CL RMA anticipates completion of this study by the end of 2026. and proceed to bid advertisement for construction.
7. **Cuatro Vientos Transportation Reinvestment Zone (TRZ)** - Currently, the WC-CL RMA is coordinating with the City of Laredo Director of Community Development/Interim Economic Development Director, Ms. Tina Rodriguez, to commence meeting with the respective City of Laredo Department heads in January. While our coordination with the City is ongoing, we are completing the data collection from the Webb County Appraisal District and have started updating the revenue projection model. We have received direction from the City on the refinement of the preliminary zone for implementation. Once we finalize the zone, we can develop updated projection revenue numbers. We will work with the City to commence the stakeholder meetings. The WC-CL RMA anticipates completion of the implementation of the TRZ by the end of 2026.
8. **Joint Area WC-CL RMA, LWCAMPO and City of Laredo Freight Study** – The WC-CL RMA and the City of Laredo are in discussions for development of the Inter Local Agreement (ILA) to codify the financial obligations from the WC-CL RMA, City of Laredo and the LWCAMPO as well as the role and responsibilities for the development of the Freight Study. Upon completion and execution of the ILA, the WC-CL RMA will commence the Study.
9. **Other Items:**
 - The WC-CL RMA is targeting the next Board meeting in July.

B. TxDOT Project Updates

Mr. Jose Vargas, TxDOT Laredo Area Engineer, presented the TxDOT project updates within the MPO boundaries. He reported that there were approximately \$700 million in active construction projects across the area, consisting of 16 active projects. He noted that the scope of work included full roadway reconstruction, roadway widenings, bridge

improvements, roadway upgrades to interstate standards, as well as safety and preventive maintenance projects.

CSJ: 0086-14-075 – US 59 Expansion

Mr. Vargas reported that the US 59 Expansion project, has a total investment of approximately \$344 million and is currently about 42% complete, with an expected completion date at the end of 2029. He provided an overview of ongoing construction activities, including reconstruction work at the Del Mar Boulevard intersection on the eastbound side of Loop 20, as well as continued concrete pavement installation, retaining wall construction, frontage road work, and backfill operations. He also noted that portions of the future northbound main lanes were beginning to be opened up as construction progresses. Mr. Vargas, stated that work remained primarily outside Loop 20 but that intersection-related construction activities were expected to increase during the summer period as traffic volumes decrease.

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

Mr. Vargas stated that the Hachar–Reuthinger Road project, reporting a \$122 million investment for the Weber project. He stated that concrete work had already begun and would resume, and provided an overview of construction progress, including the presence of a “bomb breaker” layer beneath the concrete pavement and the installation of reinforcement steel in preparation for concrete placement. He reported the project was approximately 62% complete, with an anticipated completion date in Fall 2027. Mr. Vargas, added that the project was currently ahead of schedule and was expected to open earlier than originally planned, noting that further updates would be provided as the schedule progressed.

CM. Perez asked whether the project was proceeding smoothly, referencing its unique partnership structure and previous construction challenges.

Mr. Gonzalez responded that most utility-related issues had been resolved and that remaining work primarily involved coordination related to transmission lines, which were being addressed in collaboration with City staff. He noted that the remaining major item was the transfer of right-of-way, and that ongoing coordination meetings were scheduled.

Ms. Denisse Garcia, TxDOT Transportation Planning and Development Director, stated that an upcoming meeting had been scheduled for Friday to discuss a real estate exchange and address utility related costs associated with a transmission line relocation that had remained in conflict.

Mr. Vargas clarified that the meeting would not delay the project, as the matter was part of a mitigation process already underway, and confirmed that no known conflicts were currently preventing continued project progression.

CM. Perez, asked Mr. Chavez, for clarification regarding the right-of-way transfer process and legal considerations.

Mr. Chavez explained that TxDOT had initiated discussions regarding the transferring of several on-system into off-system roadways, including Jaime Zapata Highway and San Bernardo Avenue, Spur 400 and others, as part of an exchange agreement. He stated that the City was currently reviewing documentation, including roadway conditions, utility information, and related requirements, and planned to meet further with TxDOT to finalize discussions. He further clarified that a previously noted delay was related to transmission line relocation and was being reviewed internally with legal counsel to determine appropriate handling.

CM. Perez concluded by expressing appreciation for the progress on the project and emphasized the importance of addressing any remaining issues as the project neared completion.

CSJ: 0086-01-073 – SH 359 Widening

Mr. Vargas reported that the SH 359 Widening project was being constructed by Anderson Columbia. He reported a total investment of approximately \$50 million and stated that the project was expected to be completed by the end of the summer. He noted that while hot mix placement had been scheduled for the current week, recent weather conditions, including rain affecting the site and material stockpiles, had caused minor delays. He indicated that work would continue over the following weeks to complete the final pavement layer and remaining miscellaneous items, including concrete work, rewinding, and signage installation. Mr. Vargas reported the project was approximately 82% complete, with completion anticipated by the end of summer, weather permitting.

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

Mr. Vargas provided an update on the Lomas Del Sur Overpass project, reporting an estimated investment of \$50 million, an expected completion date of April 2028, and current progress at approximately 27% complete. He referenced project visuals showing construction activity related to the median barrier connecting to SH 359, including work over Chacon Creek while facing southbound. He noted that a segment of the barrier had already been completed and that a traffic switch had been implemented to facilitate construction of the Lomas del Sur overpass. Mr. Vargas, explained that the current configuration provides an early indication of the final layout, with future frontage roads and ramps planned along the sides and the bridge structure to be constructed at the center of the intersection.

CSJ: 3586-02-006 – SH 255 Rehabilitation

Mr. Vargas reported that the project was being constructed by Anderson Columbia. He reported a project cost of approximately \$25 million and noted that the project extends

westward from I-35 for about eight miles. He stated that the project was approximately 71% complete, with an expected completion date in Fall 2026. He added that the roadway was already open to traffic on the intermediate pavement layer at full capacity, with only the final hot mix layer and signage remaining. Mr. Vargas, referenced completed improvements including passing lanes constructed.

CSJ: 0018-06-181 – SBML Overlay

Mr. Vargas provided an update preventive maintenance contract totaling approximately \$10.6 million, covering multiple locations throughout the district. He noted one project location in Webb County along southbound I-35 from Shiloh to the concrete pavement section approaching the international bridge. He reported that the work consisted primarily of a mill-and-inlay operation and that the project was approximately 80% complete. Mr. Vargas added that recent striping work had been completed, with striping activities occurring the previous week.

CSJ: 3586-02-007 – SH255 Rehabilitation

Mr. Vargas provided an update on the SH 255 reconstruction, beginning at Mines Road (FM 1472) and extending east. He reported approximately seven miles of reconstruction, including new turnaround configurations and intersection improvements at Las Lomas Boulevard, which includes concrete pavement work. He explained that the project involves in-place rehabilitation of the existing roadway and hot mix pavement improvements. Mr. Vargas, stated that the project was approximately 28% complete, with an estimated investment of \$27 million, and noted that the contractor.

CSJ: 2150-04-099 – FM 1472 & US 59

Mr. Vargas stated that Mr. Guzman had previously presented the Pinto Valle safety enhancements during the prior meeting. He reported that the project includes safety and mobility improvements through the conversion of existing crossovers into designated turnarounds. He noted that the project was approximately 13% complete. He explained that the scope of work also includes installation of concrete barrier west of McPherson Road toward I-35, as well as the addition of a left-turn lane at Vidal Cantu Road. Mr. Vargas, reported that the project has an estimated investment of \$3.9 million and an expected completion date of Fall 2026. He concluded his presentation by summarizing.

No questions were raised following Mr. Vargas' presentation on the project updates.

Mr. Gonzalez added that several additional TxDOT projects were approaching letting. He noted that a traffic signal project at FM 1472 and SH 255 had already been let and would be starting soon. He further reported that next month TxDOT would be letting the final three direct connectors at the I-35/I-69 interchange, describing it as a significant project for the district. Additionally, he stated that the I-35 Uniroyal project was scheduled to be

let in August. Mr. Gonzalez, clarified that the current scope includes three flyovers, each approximately 3.6 units in length.

Ms. Garcia, clarified that the three flyovers are part of the I-35/I-69 interchange direct Connectors 3, 4 and 6. She explained that the connectors include movements from I-35 southbound to Loop 20 eastbound, Loop 20 northbound to I-35, and I-35 northbound to Loop 20 eastbound. She noted that these remaining direct connectors are pending construction in order to complete the interchange and eliminate the need for traffic to stop at the current at-grade movement point.

VI. DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

Director's Report May 20, 2026

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

1. MPO Staff Updates:

- The TxDOT/MPO Senior Leadership quarterly meeting was held in Austin, Texas on May 7th. Key topics of discussion included transportation reauthorization, funding/revenue forecast, and the revised planning agreement template that TxDOT, MPOs, and fiscal agents will need to execute before September 2027.
- The next Texas Freight Advisory Committee (TxFAC) Meeting will be held in Austin, Texas on June 8th from 1:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. TxFAC meetings are open to the public. Mr. Gerry Schwebel, Executive Vice President, Corporate International Division, International Bank of Commerce, serves as the current TxFAC Chairman.
- The RMA has requested a letter of support for their application in partnership with the City of Laredo and TxDOT Laredo District for the FY26 Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) implementation grant funds. A letter was previously provided as well for the FY25 SS4A grant program. While a grant was not awarded to Laredo in that round, the application received a rating of "Highly Recommended," the highest possible rating. The RMA is re-applying for the FY26 round requesting less funding in the amount of \$9,787,056. The letter will be provided to the RMA by May 22nd.
- May is National Bike Month. The City of Laredo and MPO Active Transportation Committee (ATC) held the annual Bike Month proclamation ceremony on May 8th, 2026. Aligned with the MPO's mission and efforts of the ATC, we continue to advocate for safe, accessible, and alternate modes of transportation.

2. Texas Transportation Commission Meetings:

- May 21, 2026

- June 24, 2026
- July 30, 2026

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>

CM. Perez, requested to be provided with a calendar that includes all the meetings or conferences scheduled for the upcoming months.

3. Upcoming regularly scheduled MPO meetings:

- Active Transportation Committee – May 27, 2026
- Technical Committee – June 9, 2026
- Policy Committee – June 17, 2026

The regularly scheduled Policy Committee meeting in July will not be held. On April 15, 2026, the Policy Committee agreed to cancel the July meeting to allow interested MPO committee members, staff, and stakeholders to attend the 2026 TxDOT Transportation Planning Conference (PLANCON). The conference will be held in San Antonio, Texas from July 14 through July 16. If a meeting becomes necessary, a special meeting may be called.

VII. COMMUNICATIONS

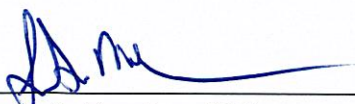
There were no communications.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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

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

Motion carried unanimously.



Juan S. Mendive, AICP
LWCAMPO Director



Mayor Dr. Victor D. Treviño
LWCAMPO Chairperson