MPO Policy Committee Meeting

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Meeting Date & Time: November 16th, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.
Meeting Location: City of Laredo Council Chambers, 1110 Houston St., Laredo, Texas 78040
Meeting Link: http://laredotx.swagit.com/live
Laredo TV: Spectrum TV channel 1300

AGENDA:

I. CHAIRPERSON TO CALL MEETING TO ORDER

II. CHAIRPERSON TO CALL ROLL

III. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Speakers are required to fill out witness cards, which must be submitted to MPO Staff no later than 1:45 p.m. 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 October 19th, 2022.

B. Receive public testimony and initiate a 10-day public review and comment period for the following proposed amendments to the 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP):

1. ***Addition*** of project CSJ 0086-16-008 intended to provide for the construction of an interchange at Lomas del Sur Blvd. and State Loop 20. The estimated construction cost is $30,240,000. Category 7 funds in the amount of $7,030,287

have been allocated for this project. Other funding amounts include $23,209,713 in Category 2 funds. The project sponsor is TxDOT and the proposed letting date is FY 2025.

2. ***Removal*** of project CSJ 0922-33-181 for the ADA Bus Stops and Bicycle Plazas project. The Advanced Funding Agreement (AFA) for this project has been terminated at the request of the project sponsor. Funds in the amount of $180,000 previously allocated to this project have been removed and added to the Category 9 available funding balance, which can be awarded to other eligible projects.

C. Receive public testimony and initiate a 10-day public review and comment period for the following proposed revisions to the 2020-2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP):

1. ***Revision*** of *Appendix A – Short Range Projects Identified in the MTP and Listed in the TIP* as necessary to incorporate and reflect the proposed revisions to the 2023-2026 TIP.

D. Discussion with possible action on the Hachar-Reuthinger Road project and presentation by TxDOT regarding the updated project cost estimate.

E. Discussion with possible action on the allocation and programming of Category 7 funds for the preliminary engineering and ROW phase in the amount of $1,000,000 for segments 1,2, and 3 of the Laredo Outer Loop, and any other matters incident thereto.

F. Discussion with possible action on the selection of a representative to fill the Policy Committee Member At-Large vacancy.

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

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

VI. DIRECTOR's COMMENTS

A. Policy Committee membership update.

B. MPO 2022 Transportation Alternatives (TA) Set-Aside Call for Projects update

C. Schedule of upcoming meetings.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

NOTICE INFORMATION:

Notice of this meeting was posted at the municipal government offices, 1110 Houston Street, Laredo, Texas, at a place convenient and readily accessible to the public at all times. Said notice was posted 72 hours before the meeting date and time. The agenda and meeting information was also posted online at http://www.laredompo.org/agendas-minutes/.

All meetings of the MPO Committee are open to the public. Persons who plan to attend this meeting and who may need auxiliary aid or services such as: interpreters for persons who are deaf or hearing impaired, readers of large print or Braille, or a translator for the Spanish language are requested to contact MPO Staff at 956-794-1613, or via email at aquijano@ci.laredo.tx.us at least two working days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made. Materials in Spanish may also be provided upon request.

Disability Access Statement: This meeting is wheelchair accessible. The accessible ramps are located at 1110 Victoria and 910 Flores. Accessible parking spaces are located at City Hall, 1110 Victoria.

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POLICY COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP:

City of Laredo Representatives:

Honorable Pete Saenz, Mayor and LWCAMPO Chairperson
Honorable Ruben Gutierrez, Jr., City Councilmember, District V
Honorable Dr. Marte Martinez, City Councilmember, District VI

County of Webb Representatives:

Honorable Tano E. Tijerina, Webb County Judge and LWCAMPO Vice-Chairperson
Honorable Jesse Gonzalez, Webb County Commissioner, Pct. 1
Honorable John Galo, Webb County Commissioner, Pct. 3

Laredo Mass Transit Board Representative:
Honorable Vanessa Perez, City Councilmember, District VII

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

Member at Large Representative:
Vacant

Ex-Officio Representatives:
Honorable Judith Zaffirini, State Senator, District 21
Honorable Richard Raymond, State Representative, District 42
Honorable Tracy O. King, State Representative, District 80

AGENDA REVIEWED:

Juan S. Mendive,
LWCAMPO Interim Director

Jose A. Valdez, Jr.
Laredo City Secretary