

MPO POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

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Meeting Date & Time: June 21st 2021 at 1:30 p.m.

Meeting Location: City of Laredo Council Chambers, 1110 Houston St., Laredo, Texas 78040

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AGENDA:

I. CHAIRPERSON TO CALL MEETING TO ORDER II.

CHAIRPERSON TO CALL ROLL

III. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Citizens interested in providing comments on a particular item are to submit their comments in writing via the "Online Response Form", available at the "CONTACT US" tab of the MPO website located at <http://www.laredompo.org/contact-us/>. Speakers are required to fill out witness cards, which must be submitted to MPO Staff no later than 1:15 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.

- A. Approval of the minutes for the virtual meeting held on May 17th, 2021.
- B. Receive public testimony and approve Resolution No. MPO 2021-06, adopting the proposed amendment(s) of the MPO Bylaws:
 - 1. Article II, Section 2.3 Membership, Terms and Administration, shall be amended to allow a permanent Director for the MPO separate from the City of Laredo Planning Director who is appointed by the City Manager and confirmed by City Council.
- C. Discussion with possible action on the approval of Resolution No. MPO 2021-07 reaffirming support for adjusted statewide pavement and bridge condition (PM2) targets.
- D. Receive public testimony and initiate a twenty-day public review and comment period for the draft FY 2022 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) .
- E. Discussion and possible action to direct the Interim MPO Director to issue a Request For Qualifications (RFQ) for an independent accounting firm to conduct an audit of the MPO, including but not limited to, determining that the MPO's Federal Aid expenditures comply with Federal Planning Program requirements, determining that expenditures are allowable, necessary, reasonable, allocable and in accordance and compliance with Federal requirements, determining that proper approval was given for expenditures, that there is adequate documentation to support the MPO's expenditures, determine that there are sufficient controls in place to prevent fraud or misappropriation of Federal funds and any other matters incident thereto.
- F. Discussion with possible action to allow staff to initiate a request for an MPO process review by the Texas A&M Transportation Institute (Til) .
- G. Discussion with possible action on providing a letter of support to the City of Laredo and El Metro Transit for the USDOT Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant application for the new North Transit Hub.
- H. Discussion with possible action on changing the regularly scheduled meeting dates of the MPO Policy Committee currently held on the 3rd Monday of each month.
- I. Discussion with possible action on the appointment of a permanent MPO Director, and any other matters incident thereto.
- J. Discussion with possible action on the Hachar-Reuthinger road project.

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

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

VI. DIRECTOR's COMMENTS

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 planner@ci.laredo.tx.us 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.

Ayuda o Servicios Auxiliares: Todas las reuniones del Comité del MPO están abiertas al público. Personas que planean asistir a esta reunión y que pueden necesitar ayuda o servicios auxiliares como: intérpretes para personas con discapacidad auditiva, lectores de letra grande o en Braille, o un traductor para el idioma español deben comunicarse con el personal del MPO al 956-794-1613 o por correo electrónico planner@ci.laredo.tx.us antes de la reunión para que se puedan hacer los arreglos apropiados. Material en español está disponible mediante una petición.

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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, Pet. 1
Honorable John Galo, Webb County Commissioner, Pet. 3

Laredo Mass Transit Board Representative:

Honorable Vanessa Perez, City Councilmember, District VII

State Representative:

Mr. David M. Salazar, Jr. P.E., TxDOT District Engineer

Private Sector Representative {Member at Large} :

Mr. Humberto "Tito" Gonzalez, Jr., P.E.

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

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Laredo City Secretary