

**WEBB COUNTY – CITY OF LAREDO
REGIONAL MOBILITY AUTHORITY BOARD**

WC-CL RMA Board of Directors Meeting
International Bank of Commerce
1200 San Bernardo Ave
3rd Floor – Community Suite
July 23, 2024

BOARD MINUTES

The Webb County-City of Laredo Regional Mobility Authority (WC-CL RMA) Board met at the above place and date. The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. WC-CL RMA Board Vice-Chair Doug Howland present and presiding. The following board members were present:

Jed A. Brown
Douglas B. Howland
Oscar O. Lopez
Arturo Dominguez
David Garcia
Alfonso Mendiola
Diana Palacios

The following board members were absent: Antonio Arce and Jose Murillo

AGENDA

1. Open Meeting and Establish Quorum

After establishing a quorum, Presiding Officer Jed Brown called the meeting to order at 1:30 P.M. He then announced the following Board Members were absent: Antonio Arce and Jose Murillo. He then notified everyone present that a notice of the meeting had been posted in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act and asked everyone to stand for the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Welcome and Introduction of Board Members – Jed Brown (WC-CL RMA Presiding Office)

Chairman Brown informed all present that the meeting was being recorded and thanked

International Bank of Commerce for hosting the meeting.

4. Open Public Forum/Comment Period.

No public comments were made.

5. Action Item: Discussion, Consideration and Possible Action concerning the Approval of the May 6, 2024 WC-CL RMA Regular Board Meeting Minutes.

Motion: Motion to approve May 6th, 2024, WC-CL RMA Board Meeting Minutes.

Moved by: Arturo Dominguez

Second by: Diana Palacios

Discussion: No discussion was held

In Favor: Motion passed unanimously

6. Chair's Report

A. Vallecio Road future over pass at IH 35 update

Chairman Brown explained they are unable to undertake the design due to TxDOT's communication that LJA cannot do both the design on the Vallecio Road Project and of the overpass. TxDOT is moving forward with a different design consulting group. MPO allocated 16 million of category 2 funding to the overpass.

B. Concord Hills Update

Developer has finished with a Geo Technical study as of three weeks ago. Once data is available the project can move forward. The RMA will be the project sponsor, handling the design and working with the City of Laredo. Ultimate cost to RMA on the project is one million dollars.

C. Category 1 Strategic Partnership Funds update

The RMA has identified funds for the Vallecio Project which is \$5,363,964; \$300,000 for the Webb County Fair Grounds Project; \$1,000,000 dollars for both Springfield Phase 4 and the Vallecio Overpass Project. The projects leave the RMA with \$5.663 million dollars left in Category 12 Funding. Chairman Brown mentioned that there have been some discussions that the City of Laredo and LJA may approach the RMA to participate in a project for the Columbia Bridge and request to allocate some money from the Category 12 Funding. Chairman Brown mentioned that he would like to see more collaboration

between the RMA, the City of Laredo, and Webb County in the future, and suggested visiting the topic as a full board at a later time.

7. Presentations

A. Financial Report

As of April 30th, the total cash in the bank is \$3,386,567.52. Investments totals are \$8,261,456.64. Receivables total is \$603,000.00. Total assets are \$12,251,475.29. Webb County paid the RMA a balance of \$560,000 at the end of April for Vehicle Registration Fees, which was not included in the report but will be in the next report.

B. Status Report on Vehicle Registration Fees (VRF's)

There was an amount of VRF funds that were received and have been paid. The investment report, account with Faro Wealth is \$9,285,508.17 at the end of the period, according to the financial summary that total is broken down to portions being cash and investment account.

C. Financial Investment Planning Report

There's a one-year CD with Commerce Bank that total \$2,094,876. There have been no maturities reinvested since the last report.

Motion: Motion to accept Financial Statements
Moved by: Arturo Dominguez
Second by: Diana Palacios
Discussion: No discussion was held
In Favor: Motion passed unanimously

D. Presentation by TxDOT Laredo District Staff on the Draft 2025 Unified Transportation Program (UTP)

The presentation covers forecasted budgets, costs, and proposed project authorizations of the UTPO program.

8. Action Item (Resolution 24-12): Discussion, Consideration and Possible Action to Approve Supplemental Work Authorization No. 1.2 with LJA Engineering, Inc. for additional time and budget through September 30, 2025, for General Consulting Engineering Services.

Melissa Montemayor with LJA discussed the supplemental work authorization that would cover general GEC services from October 1st, 2024, to end of September 2025 for a total of \$349,093.59.

Motion: Motion to Approve
Moved by: Arturo Dominguez
Second by: Alfonso Mendiola
Discussion: No discussion was held
In Favor: Motion passed unanimously

9. Action Item (Resolution 24-13): Discussion, Consideration and Possible Action to Approve Work Authorization No. 4 with LJA Engineering, Inc. to promote the City of Laredo and WC-CL RMA's work under the Safe Streets and Roads for all (SS4A) Grant Program at the Texas Trails and Active Transportation Conference in Austin, TX.

Chairman Brown showed his appreciation for LJA and stated they are a good fit to present at the conference. Montemayor explained that the panel will consist of members who are very active in the community.

Motion: Motion to Approve Resolution 24-13
Moved by: Alfonso Mendiola
Second by: Arturo Dominguez
Discussion: No discussion was held
In Favor: Motion passed unanimously

10. Action Item (Resolution 24-14): Discussion, Consideration and Possible Action to Approve a Second Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement between the City of Laredo and the WC-CL RMA for the development of Phase 4 of the Springfield Road Extension Project, through the use of Vehicle Registration Fee Revenues.

Chairman Brown proposed using vehicle registration fees to fund the Springfield Road Extension Project as opposed to using Category 12 Funds which will save around \$100,000 to \$200,000 and time.

Motion: Motion to Approve using Vehicle Registration fees to fund Springfield Road extension
Moved by: Arturo Dominguez
Second by: Oscar Lopez
Discussion: No discussion was held
In Favor: Motion passed unanimously

11. General Engineering Consultant Update on the following projects:

A. Presentation on the status of the Vallecillo Road Project

Baltazar Avila, Project Manager, provided an update on the status of the Vallecillo project. The schematic was submitted to TxDOT on June 28th and is currently being reviewed. The projected cost of the schematics is about 31.8 million dollars. 48 potential conflicts have been identified in the area regarding utilities, meetings are being scheduled to address issues.

B. Presentation on the progress of the Vision Zero Webb Laredo Safety Action Plan under the U.S. Department of Transportation Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant Program

Jason Rodriguez from LJA Engineering provided an update regarding the progress of the Vision Zero Webb Laredo Safety Action Plan and all the pledges that have been made to bring fatalities to zero by the year 2040. In April there was an Open House workshop where people discussed what issues need to be resolved. Those issues will be summarized and drafted to be considered for future projects. Blasita Lopez then presents survey data that was taken at local Public Relation events.

C. Killam Industrial Turn Lane Addition project at FM 1472 and Killam Industrial Blvd.

Ana Duncan of TxDOT mentioned that this topic needs to be directed at Epi Gonzalez and Traffic Director, Guzman.

D. Transportation Reinvestment Zones

Melissa Montemayor shares that the City of Laredo has asked the sub-consultant TXP for possible participation on half of the cost for the Cuarto Vientos implementation phase, \$48,100 is the estimate from TXP. TXP requested the City of Laredo formally request participation from the RMA.

12. Report: Date/Time/Location of Next Regular Board Meeting

Chairman Brown informed the Board that the next meeting will be held once there are enough items to be placed on an agenda.

16. Adjournment.

On a motion made by Alfonso Mendiola and second by Oscar Lopez, and no discussion, motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m.