

# Vallecillo Road Project

2.75-mi. new location roadway from FM 1472 to IH-35. The Project is a critical investment to relieve congestion & prepare for continued growth in the Webb County-Laredo Region, and benefits **all of Texas**.

The Vallecillo Road Project is:

- Unanimously supported by the RMA
- Unanimously supported by the MPO (**Resolution No. MPO 2021-05**: "The Vallecillo Road Project is the highest priority project consistent with the MPO's goal that is not yet fully funded for construction." February 2021)
- February 2021 Survey Conducted by MPO - **Ranked number 1 of 16** unfunded projects by vote of **MPO, City Council, Commissioners Court, & RMA**
- Included in the draft **UTP** & as a high priority project in the **Border Transportation Master Plan 2021**
- Supported by all elected officials in Laredo (Local, State & Federal), including U.S. Congressman Henry Cuellar, State Senator Judith Zaffirini, State Representative Tracy King, & State Rep. Richard Raymond
- Supported by the Chamber of Commerce, Laredo Economic Development Corporation, Laredo Motor Carriers Association, and Association of Logistics & Forwarding Agents

The benefits of Vallecillo Road include:

- Improves **Safety** for the traveling public
- Improves **Mobility** through alternate routes to congestion
- Increases **Economic Development & Regional Tax Base**
- Provides **Job Growth** commensurate with development

Anticipated project schedule:

- Commitment of Gap Funding from TxDOT in 2021
- City of Laredo funding budgeted for 2023-2024
- TxDOT Letting would occur in mid- to late-2024
- Construction completed by late-2025 to early-2026

**Laredo is the largest inland port in America, and currently number 4 overall port behind LA, NYC and Chicago. The Port of Laredo** is larger than all other Texas/Mexico border ports **combined**. The dollar volume is double that of El Paso and four times more than the Rio Grande Valley.

**37% of all trade** between the U.S. and Mexico comes through the Laredo Port-of-Entry totaling over **\$200 billion in annual trade** resulting in **2.3 million trucks** traveling north into Laredo each year.

**FM 1472** is the **only major arterial** moving commercial traffic to and from the **World Trade Bridge**, which handles **90% of cross-border freight traffic** in Laredo.

**60,000 vehicles** travel along **FM 1472** daily, which is **higher average daily traffic than Interstate 35**.

**60%** of those vehicles are **tractor trailers**, higher than any other roadway in Texas.

## Project Cost and Funding Breakdown

Project Components	Cost
Engineering (WCCL RMA)	\$4,646,000
Right-of-Way (Killam Company)	\$10,000,000
Construction	\$26,825,000
<b>Total Project Cost</b>	<b>\$41,471,000</b>

Public/Private Partnership Project	Funding
Webb County-City of Laredo Regional Mobility Authority	9.7% \$4,000,000
City of Laredo	12.1% \$5,000,000
Killam Company (including Right-of-Way)	36.2% \$15,000,000
<b>TxDOT Project Funding Gap (Category 12: Strategic Priority Funds)</b>	<b>42.0% \$17,471,000</b>
<b>Proposed Funding Partnership</b>	<b>100% \$41,471,000</b>

The mission of the Webb County-City of Laredo Regional Mobility Authority is to assist the establishment of a comprehensive transportation system to directly benefit the traveling public within the Webb County-City of Laredo region through the development of additional transportation alternatives.

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