

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

WC-CL RMA Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, May 10, 2022, 2:00 PM
International Bank of Commerce
1200 San Bernardo Ave.
3rd Floor - Community Suite

BOARD MINUTES

The Webb County-City of Laredo Regional Mobility Authority (WC-CL RMA) Board met on Tuesday, May 10, 2022, at the IBC Administrative Building. The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. WC-CL RMA Board Chair Jed A. Brown present and presiding. The following board members were present:

Jed A. Brown
Douglas B. Howland
Oscar O. Lopez
Arturo Dominguez
Alfonso Mendiola
George Beckelhymer
Jose Murillo
Antonio Arce, Jr.

AGENDA

1. Open Meeting and Establish Quorum

After establishing a quorum, Presiding Officer Jed Brown, called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. It was announced that Viridiana Fernandez was absent. Mr. Brown then notified everyone present that a notice of the meeting had been posted in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, and then asked everyone to stand for the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Chairman Brown welcomed the board and thanked IBC for hosting the RMA. He also informed all present that the meeting was being recorded and speakers must identify themselves when speaking.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Open Public Forum/Comment Period.

No public comments to report.

5. Action Item: Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Action concerning approval of the March 25, 2022, WC-CL RMA Regular Board Meeting Minutes.

Chairman Brown opened the discussion, consideration, and possible action concerning the approval of the Minutes for the March 25, 2022, Regular Board Meeting. He then asked for a motion to accept the Board Meeting Minutes of the Webb County-City of Laredo RMA.

Motion: Motion to Approve the March 25, 2022, WC-CL RMA Board Meeting Minutes.
Moved by: Arturo Dominguez
Second by: Jose Murillo
Discussion: No discussion was held
In Favor: Motion passed unanimously

6. Chair's Report

a. Vallecillo Road Project

Chairman Brown went on to inform the board that the RMA had received a letter of support from the Fasken Organization and was excited about the observed value of the road as another road to connect the Mines Road to IH-35. Chairman Brown added that any support for this project can help push for Category 12 funding. He also discussed the possibility of another earmark application that Vallecillo Road Project is being considered for, although not the full gap funding of 17.5 million, but it could be a possible 7 million. As such, the RMA would need to contribute about \$10 million.

b. Cuatro Vientos TRZ Update Study

The Interlocal Agreement has been executed by all the parties and a "Notice of Proceed" was given to HNTB.

c. River Road Corridor Study

The City of Laredo Attorney's office is waiting on a few housekeeping items to proceed with the approval of the Interlocal Agreement, which should be within two or three weeks.

d. Concord Hills Extension Project

Chairman Brown attended a City Hall meeting on the Concord Hills Extension Project. Edward Garza, Crane Engineering, added that they had met with the City Engineer and staff to discuss the Webb County Drainage District participation to develop a cost estimate preliminary budget.

7. Presentations

A. Financial Report

Chairman Brown welcomed Oscar Lopez, RMA treasurer, to present the financial report through April 30, 2022. Mr. Lopez informed the board that the financial summary in the board packet was prepared by Ruben Soto, CPA, and went on to report a total bank balance of \$12,007,111.30. The checking account balance as of March 1, 2022, is \$1,840,028.97.

Funds disbursed in March and April 2022 were as follows:

Commerce Bank-Service Charges	\$ 68.05
HNTB (WA#4, 11, 12)	\$44,711.94
IBC Insurance Agency	\$175.00
IRSolutions LLC	\$2,370.00
J Cruz & Associates, LLC	\$23,934.00
Locke Lord	\$469.80
LVS Media LLC	\$5,400.00
City of Laredo	\$517,555.20
Transfer to Savings to Activate	<u>\$1.00</u>
Total	\$574,684.98

B. Status Report on Vehicle Registration Fee (VRF) Program and Collections.

Mr. Oscar Lopez reported the Vehicle Registration Fees received from Webb County for the period of January 1, 2022, through March 31, 2022, of \$468,960.00. He informed the board that included in the packet was the statement of financial position and statement of activities through April 2022 and welcomed questions by the board.

- Motion: Motion to Accept the financial statements through April 30, 2022.
Moved by: Antonio Arce
Second by: Douglas Howland
Discussion: George Beckelhymer suggested to check the CD rate as he believes there may be some fluctuation in rates for a better return. Chairman Brown took note to discuss

at next board meeting.
In Favor: Motion passed unanimously.

Move to Agenda Item 6 a-d.

For the record, Chairman Brown forwarded Brian O'Reilly, RMA attorney, a copy of the executed Interlocal Agreement for the Cuatro Vientos TRZ Update Study, a copy of the letter from Fasken in support of the Vallecillo Road Project, and the updated information tool Chairman Brown uses to tout the Vallecillo Road Project.

Chairman Brown entertained and answered questions by the board.

Moved to Agenda Item 8

8. Action Item (Resolution 22-16): Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Action to Approve Supplemental Work Authorization 7.2 with HNTB to Extend Time to Update the 2018 Transportation Reinvestment Zone Feasibility Study for Loop 20 South from US 59 to US 83.

Chairman Brown welcomed Antonio Rodriguez, HNTB General Engineering Consultant, to explain the extension requested to Update the 2018 Transportation Reinvestment Zone Feasibility Study for Loop 20 South from US 59 to US 83. Mr. Rodriguez informed the board that this work authorization was approved in January 2022, however HNTB did not move forward due to a hold as the interlocal agreement between the City of Laredo and the RMA was pending execution. Work Authorization 7.2 has been given a notice to proceed but is set to expire in June 2022 and no funds have been expended. Mr. Rodriguez is only requesting the termination date be extended to the end of October 2022, to begin work on the project. Mr. Rodriguez welcomed questions by the board.

Motion: Motion to Approve Supplemental Work Authorization 7.2 with HNTB to Extend Time to Update the 2018 Transportation Reinvestment Zone Feasibility Study for Loop 20 South from US 59 to US 83.

Moved by: Arturo Dominguez

Second by: Jose Murillo

Discussion: No discussion was held.

In Favor: Motion passed unanimously.

9. Action Item (Resolution 22-17): Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Action to Approve Work Authorization 12.4 with HNTB to Extend Time to Perform Construction Phase Services of the FM 1472 (Mines Road) and Killam Industrial Blvd. Turn Lanes Project.

Chairman Brown welcomed Antonio Rodriguez, HNTB General Engineering Consultant, to discuss with the board the need to extend the time to perform construction phase services of the FM 1472 (Mines Road) and Killam Industrial Blvd. Turn Lanes Project. Mr. Rodriguez informed the board that this project has been extended in the past. Construction started in June 2021 and has experienced equipment and material delays due to a statewide shortage of materials not being readily available as they were in the past. As such, Mr. Rodriguez asked the board a final extension of time to the end of the year to complete the work.

Motion: Motion to approve Work Authorization 12.4 with HNTB to Extend Time to Perform Construction Phase Services of the FM 1472 (Mines Road) and Killam Industrial Blvd. Turn Lanes Project.

Moved by: George Beckelhymer

Second by: Oscar Lopez

Discussion: Mr. Arturo Dominguez asked if only the light poles were pending completion. Mr. Rodriguez added that the project is to update the signal poles at the intersection. Mr. Rodriguez answered all questions and concerns by the board.

In Favor: Motion passed unanimously.

Item 10 was intentionally omitted.

11. General Engineer Consultant Update:

Chairman Brown invited Tony Rodriguez with HNTB to update the board on the following agenda items.

a. Project Status Update: Los Presidentes, Phases 1&2A

Alfredo Martinez, Crane Engineering, gave an update of the current progress of Phase 1 and 2a. He went on to illustrate the board on completed items, ongoing construction status and gave a project completion date of July 2022.

b. Project Status Update: Killam Industrial Blvd. Turn Lane Project

Mr. Antonio Rodriguez informed the board of the ongoing work and progress of the Turn Lane Project.

c. Project Status Update: Springfield, Phase 3

Mr. Antonio Rodriguez informed the board that this project is currently 55% complete and due to minor delays, projected is set to be complete by October/November 2022.

d. Project Status Update: Webb County Fairgrounds Traffic Study

Mr. Raj Basavaraju, Transcend Engineers went on to inform the board that progress has been made on the 2025 Scenario Analysis as right land uses that are going to be as part of the Master Plan update have been identified based on information obtained from Gilpin engineering.

e. Cuatro Vientos Transportation Reinvestment Zone Feasibility Study.

Mr. Antonio Rodriguez informed the board that the study was in progress and will be conducting in-person interviews with key stakeholders, landowners and developers in addition to data collection with the recent appraisal district data to start processing the information.

12. Annual Ethics and Compliance Training to Board of Directors: Presentation by Juan J. Cruz, J. Cruz & Associates, LLP.

Chairman Brown welcomed Juan J. Cruz to present the Annual Ethics and Compliance Training to the board of directors. Mr. Juan J. Cruz went on to present to the board. Mr. Cruz entertained questions by the board.

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

Chairman Brown informed the Board of plans to have the next board meeting. Details for next board meeting would follow.

14. Adjournment.

On a motion by Antonio Arce and seconded by George Beckelhymer, with no discussion, meeting was adjourned at 3:48 p.m. Motion passes unanimously, and meeting was adjourned.