

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

WC-CL RMA Board of Directors Meeting
Monday, June 19, 2023, 1:30 PM
Texas Department of Transportation - District Office
Large Meeting Room
1817 Bob Bullock Loop
Laredo, Texas 78043

BOARD MINUTES

The Webb County-City of Laredo Regional Mobility Authority (WC-CL RMA) Board met on Monday, June 19, 2023, at the Texas Department of Transportation - District Office. The meeting was called to order at 1:32 p.m. WC-CL RMA Board Chair Jed A. Brown present and presiding. The following board members were present:

Jed A. Brown
Antonio Arce, Jr
Oscar O. Lopez
Douglas B. Howland
Arturo Dominguez
Diana Palacios
Alfonso Mendiola

AGENDA

1. Open Meeting and Establish Quorum

After establishing a quorum, Presiding Officer Jed Brown, called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m. It was announced that Jose Murillo and George Beckelhymer were 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 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 were received.

5. **Action Item: Discussion, Consideration and Possible Board Action Concerning the Approval of the April 4, 2023, WC-CL RMA Regular Board Meeting Minutes.**

Chairman Brown opened the discussion concerning the approval of the Minutes for the January 23, 2023, Regular Board Meeting. He then asked whether there was a motion to accept the Board Meeting Minutes of the Webb County-City of Laredo RMA.

Motion: Motion to Approve the April 4, 2023, WC-CL RMA Board Meeting Minutes.
Moved by: Arturo Dominguez
Second by: Antonio Arce
Discussion: No discussion was held
In Favor: Motion passed unanimously

6. **Presentations**

a. **Financial Report**

Chairman Brown asked WC-CL Treasurer, Oscar Lopez, to provide the financial report to the Board. Mr. Lopez reported that as of March 23, 2023, Financial Summary reflects cash in bank totaling \$5,908,085.75, an investment account that had a value of \$4,925,624.0, and accounts receivable brings total assets to \$11,392,969.76. Checks paid out of the operating account total \$212,025.13 and a deposit of \$521,600.00. Balance of the savings account is 43,186,347.30 and balance of the Pershing LLC Account is \$2,203,286.31.

Acceptance of financial statements through January 31, 2023.

Motion: Motion to Accept Financial Statements through March 23, 2023
Moved by: Alfonso Mendiola
Second by: Arturo Dominguez
Discussion: No discussion was held.
In Favor: Motion passed unanimously.

7. **Action Item (Resolution 23-08): Discussion, consideration, and possible action on the selection of a General Engineering Consultant (“GEC”) and authorization to negotiate and enter into a contract for GEC services.**

Chairman Brown informed the board that the current GEC agreement contract is set to expire in little over a year and it would be a good idea in terms of timing to look into other firms. The committee reviewed the submitted response of LJA Engineering and noted the LJA firm was very

qualified. The GEC Procurement Committee recommends that the RMA select LJA Engineering as the RMA's general engineering consultant, and that the Procurement Committee be authorized to negotiate and enter into a GEC services agreement.

Motion: Motion to authorize the Executive Committee to enter into negotiations and execute the agreement with LJA Engineering for GEC services.

Moved by: Oscar Lopez

Second by: Arturo Dominguez

Discussion: Discussion regarding the active projects with HNTB, current contract is still valid and Chairman Brown points out there is no reason to fire them.

In Favor: Motion passed unanimously

8. Chair's Report

Chairman Brown informed the Board that none of these projects have a work authorization with HNTB except possibly Cuatro Vientos Transportation Reinvestment Zone (TRZ).

a. Project Status Update: Vallecillo Road Project

Chairman Brown informed the Board that the Vallecillo Project had been halted until the advanced funding agreement was executed with TxDot. Now that the funding agreement has been executed, discussions with the GEC will begin to ensure timely delivery of the Vallecillo Project.

b. Project Status Update: Safe Streets for All Grant

The WC-CL RMA received a \$1.6 million grant. Chairman Brown informed the Board that training and paperwork are required before the roadway study can be completed.

c. Project Status Update: Concord Hills Blvd. Extension

Chairman Brown informed the Board that it is up to the City of Laredo whether they want to move forward with the project.

d. Project Status Update: Springfield, Phase 1, 2 or 4

Chairman Brown informed the Board know that RMA is waiting on the City of Laredo to advise the allocation of the funds agreed to by the RMA.

e. Project Status Update: North Laredo Transportation Reinvestment Zone

Chairman Brown updated the Board regarding a communication with the City of Laredo Economic Development Director regarding a North Laredo TRZ and discussed a need for a workshop to address the issue.

f. Project Status Update: Cuatro Vientos Transportation Reinvestment Zone

Chairman Brown informed the Board that the Cuatro Vientos Transportation Reinvestment Zone is a good model of how a TRZ could work in North Laredo.

g. Project Status Update: The River Road Project, and Creation of the Innovative Finance Committee

Chairman Brown informed the Board that there is currently no funding for the project and that the cost of the project has tripled since 2019. A committee will be created to gather funding for the project.

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

No date and time were set for the next board meeting. Details for the next board meeting will follow.

10. Adjournment.

On a motion by Mr. Dominguez and seconded by Ms. Palacios, with no discussion. The meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m.
