

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

WC-CL RMA Board of Directors Meeting  
Tuesday, December 13, 2022, 1:30 PM  
International Bank of Commerce  
1200 San Bernardo Ave.  
3<sup>rd</sup> Floor - Community Suite

**BOARD MINUTES**

The Webb County-City of Laredo Regional Mobility Authority (WC-CL RMA) Board met on Tuesday, December 13, 2022, at the IBC Community Suite. 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  
George Beckelhymer  
Jose Murillo  
Alfonso Mendiola  
Douglas B. Howland  
Arturo Dominguez

**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 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.

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**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.

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**3. Pledge of Allegiance**

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#### **4. Open Public Forum/Comment Period.**

No public comments to report.

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#### **5. Action Item: Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Action concerning approval of the November 7, 2022, WC-CL RMA Regular Board Meeting Minutes.**

Chairman Brown opened the discussion concerning the approval of the Minutes for the November 7, 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 November 7, 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

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#### **6. Chair's Report**

##### **a. 2022 WC-CL RMA Annual Project Report**

Annual Report draft due for review by Friday to meet end of month deadline. Melissa will forward to city, county, and selected elected officials.

##### **b. WC-CL Chair's Appointment to Laredo & Webb County Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)**

Chairman Brown announced Tito Gonzalez, TxDOT Deputy District Engineer, has assumed a new position as the statewide Director of Transportation Planning and Programming in Austin, Texas. Chairman Brown was appointed to assume his position in the MPO, which gives RMA a seat at the table.

##### **c. International Bridge 4/5 Update**

The Governor's office advised Chairman Brown that while attending the MPO meetings, he should remain neutral and not vote for or against any issues that would favor the City of Laredo or Webb County. RMA is expected to support whoever operates the bridge.

##### **d. FM 1472 Consideration for Business IH 35**

State Representative Richard Raymond reached out to ask if more funds would become available if a portion of Mines Road is called Business IH35. Chairman Brown asked HTNB to meet with TxDot and explore if by making FM 1472 into Business IH 35 will allocate more funds to improve Mines Road and what shortcomings or constraints that would entail. Representative Richard Raymond is expecting a report upon

receiving this information. With this action, Melissa Montemayor, with HNTB, will enter formal discussions and report back with some answers.

**e. Vallecillo Road Design with TxDOT Improvements at IH 35**

Chairman Brown reminded the board of their commitment to build the road locally, TxDOT builds the interchange and overpass. Once the design is finalized after the AFA for Vallecillo is executed, RMA must ensure the design works and merges with TxDOT's design. TxDOT has yet to share design details with RMA. Melissa Montemayor, with HNTB, will work with TxDOT on timeline and design details so RMA is planning well in conjunction with TxDOT.

**f. North Laredo TRZ Study in Partnership with City of Laredo**

Assistant City Manager notified Chairman Brown this item was an item for discussion on City Council Meeting on December 5, 2022, under General Council Discussions and Presentations. The item lists the boundaries they are contemplating for a TRC. The City Council would like to partner up with RMA to do something similar to the study RMA did for South Laredo. Chairman Brown questioned the extensive boundaries and the true impact of encumbering that much property in a TRC. Chairman Brown asked Melissa, with HNTB, to meet with the city engineer and get a clarification on exact boundaries and get a proposal from TXP for a TRC study in this area.

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**7. Presentations**

**a. Financial Report**

Chairman Brown presented the financial report on behalf of Mr. Oscar Lopez, Treasurer, regarding financial statements for September and October 2022. Financial Summary reflects checks written as of October 31, 2022 and has a balance of \$3,810,843.00. The Investment Account shows a value of \$6,849,824.62.

**b. Acceptance of financial statements through October 31, 2022**

Motion: Motion to Accept Financial Statements through October 2022  
Moved by: George Beckelhymer  
Second by: Arturo Dominguez  
Discussion: No discussion was held.  
In Favor: Motion passed unanimously

**c. Status Report on Vehicle Registration Fees (VRF)**

Chairman Brown directed the board to the board packet that includes the statement of vehicle registration fees collected in the amount of \$17,696,306.90.

**d. Presentation by Texas Department of Transportation on Hachar -Reuthinger Road Project**

Chairman Board shared this project was presented at the previous MPO meeting and cost was above the original budgeted amount. This may be due to increase in construction costs. Anna Duncan, TxDOT Transportation Engineer & Project Manager for Consultant Contracts, updated the board on the project description, development timeline, comparison in price changes, lending options, and funding summary. There is still discussions to be had to determine where funding for this project will be obtained.

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**8. Action Item (Resolution 22-34): Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Action to authorize WC-CL RMA Chair to execute an Advance Funding Agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation for development of the Vallecillo Road Project.**

Melissa Montemayor, with HNTB, explained an Advance Funding Agreement is an agreement between TxDOT and whatever local entity is going to be utilizing funds that are funneled through the state of Texas for the development or the construction of transportation infrastructure. The Cat \$7, there is a 20% local match that has an economically disadvantaged county relief. This year, it's 5.8% relief with the 20% match. Those percentages are adjusted every year. We don't anticipate it being very far from the 5.8%. For this year, we know that percentage to come up with the draft figures of the local match contribution. So, this legal document will indicate what the percentages of reimbursement will be.

Motion: Motion to Approve Item 8 Resolution 22-34  
Moved by: George Beckelhymer  
Second by: Arturo Dominguez  
Discussion: No discussion was held.  
In Favor: Motion passed unanimously

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**9. Action Item (Resolution 22-35): Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Action to approve an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Laredo and the WC-CL RMA for the development of the Concord Hills Extension Project.**

As presented at the last board meeting, RMA will essentially be the project sponsor handling the design work with Ramon Chavez and his office. Our total price tag for this project is a million dollars. RMA had board action to pay a lump sum in this amount.

Motion: Motion to Approve Item 9 Resolution 22-35

Moved by: Oscar O. Lopez  
Second by: Jose Murillo  
Discussion: No discussion was held.  
In Favor: Motion passed unanimously

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**10. Action Item (Resolution 22-36): Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Action to authorize the WC-CL RMA Chair to execute an Advance Funding Agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation for development of the Concord Hills Extension Project.**

The amount of this project is also one million dollars. No discussion held.

Motion: Motion to Approve Item 10 Resolution 22-36  
Moved by: Oscar O. Lopez  
Second by: Jose Murillo  
Discussion: No discussion was held.  
In Favor: Motion passed unanimously

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**11. Action Item (Resolution 22-37): Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Action to approve the First Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement between the City of Laredo and the WC-CL RMA for the development of the Springfield Road Extension Project Phases 4 and 2.**

One million dollars allocated for this project should cover all of phase four, part of phase two, and it would be a modification to the agreement we had on phase three.

Motion: Motion to Approve Item 11 Resolution 22-37  
Moved by: George Beckelhymer  
Second by: Jose Murillo  
Discussion: No discussion was held.  
In Favor: Motion passed unanimously

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**12. Action Item (Resolution 22-38): Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Action to authorize the WC-CL RMA Chair to execute an Advance Funding Agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation for the development of the Springfield Road Extension Project, Phases 2 and 4.**

Melissa Montemayor, HNTB, clarified these funds would be allocated for the construction, not the development, of the Springfield Road Extension Project. No further discussion was held.

Motion: Motion to Approve Item 12 Resolution 22-38  
Moved by: George Beckelhymer  
Second by: Jose Murillo  
Discussion: No discussion was held.  
In Favor: Motion passed unanimously

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**13. Action Item (Resolution 22-39): Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Action to Approve Supplemental Work Authorization No. 12.5 with HNTB for Continued Construction Phase Services of the FM 1472 (Mines Road) and Killam Industrial Blvd. Turn Lanes Project.**

Antonio Rodriguez, HNTB, explained this authorization is simple request for time. The project encountered some difficulties that were outside the control of the contract or TxDOT, which resulted in some delay. Originally, it was scheduled for completion at the end of this month and are requesting a time extension of the work authorization. There's no request for additional budget, just simply an additional six-month's time to allow TxDOT to complete their work.

Motion: Motion to Approve Item 13 Resolution 22-39  
Moved by: George Beckelhymer  
Second by: Alfonso Mendiola  
Discussion: No discussion was held.  
In Favor: Motion passed unanimously

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**14. General Engineer Consultant Update:**

**a. Project Status Update: Springfield Ave. Extension Project, Phase 3**

Melissa Montemayor, HNTB, reported the project is 90+% complete. A few items pending include illumination, the turn lane, and some drainage work. It is expected to open the latter part of January 2023.

**b. Project Status Update: River Road Corridor Study**

Melissa Montemayor, HNTB, reported they wrapped up the stakeholder involvement meetings. Engineering analysis has begun and narrowed down the alternatives from seven to two. Traffic analysis along with cost benefit ratios will begin soon.

**c. Project Status Update: Los Presidentes Phases 1 & 2A**

Antonio Rodriguez, HNTB, reported the final walkthrough for this project was last Thursday. In general, the project itself is 90% complete. Images show some traffic on a segment of the project. TxDOT is making a slight change to the entrance and should be fully operational withing the next month.

**d. Project Status Update: Webb County Fairgrounds Traffic Impact Analysis (TIA)**

Melissa Montemayor, HNTB, reported they received the final draft and will be sending a copy to TxDOT traffic section for review and approval. Once approval is received, they will be ready to adopt the TIA. Chairman Brown asked HNTB make a presentation to the county commissioners.

**e. Project Status Update: Killam Industrial Blvd. at FM 1472 Project**

Antonio Rodriguez, HNTB, reported this project is almost complete. There were some utility issues at the intersection of Killam and 1462. TxDOT requested additional funds approved to complete that work. This project will move forward with funds from the surplus money under RDFA.

**f. Project Status Update: Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant Application**

Melissa Montemayor, HNTB, reported the award of the grants will take place in the springtime. They will be reaching out to elected officials for support.

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

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

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**16. Adjournment.**

On a motion by George Beckelhymer and seconded by Antonio Arce, Jr, with no discussion, meeting was adjourned at 3:02 p.m. Motion passes unanimously, and meeting was adjourned.