

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

WC-CL RMA Board of Directors Meeting
Monday, November 7, 2022, 10:00 AM
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 Monday, November 7, 2022, at the IBC Community Suite. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. WC-CL RMA Board Chair Jed A. Brown present and presiding. The following board members were present:

Jed A. Brown
Douglas B. Howland
Arturo Dominguez
George Beckelhymer
Antonio Arce, Jr

AGENDA

1. Open Meeting and Establish Quorum

After establishing a quorum, Presiding Officer Jed Brown, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. It was announced that Mr. Jose Murillo was excused for being absent. Oscar O. Lopez, Alfonso Mendiola, and Viridiana Fernandez were also 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. Chairman Brown introduced Ms. Blasita Juarez Lopez as the new Senior Public Involvement Representative at HNTB. Ms. Lopez will be assisting in sending reminders to the board when there is a public meeting, or any event the RMA will be appearing.

5. Action Item: Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Action concerning approval of the October 18, 2022, WC-CL RMA Regular Board Meeting Minutes.

Chairman Brown opened the discussion concerning the approval of the Minutes for the October 18, 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 October 18, 2022, WC-CL RMA Board Meeting Minutes.
Moved by: George Beckelhymer
Second by: Douglas B. Howland
Discussion: No discussion was held
In Favor: Motion passed unanimously

6. Chair's Report

a. Vallecillo Road Project

Chairman Brown stated there is a Budget and Statement of Surplus Revenue that needs to be prepared and approved by the board, and then submitted to the City and County by December 29th. The Annual Project Report, prepared by HTNB is due by the 31st of December and a draft report by December 16th.

7. Presentations

a. Acceptance of Financial Statements

Chairman Brown presented the financial report on behalf of Oscar Lopez, Treasurer, regarding financial statements through September 30. The total assets have a balance of \$12, 036,666.69 with payments of \$64,860.67 to HNTB, \$1,625.00 to IR Solutions LLC, and \$206.50 to J. Cruz & Associates. Chairman Brown added \$7,000,000.00 was invested into other items that will be discussed in the Investments Report.

Motion: Motion to Accept Financial Statements through September 2022
Moved by: George Beckelhymer
Second by: Antonio Arce, Jr

Discussion: No discussion was held.
In Favor: Motion passed unanimously

b. Status of Vehicle Registration Fees (VRF's)

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.

c. Investment Planning Report

For the record, Mr. Oscar Lopez prepared a memorandum to reflect how the \$7,000,000.00 was invested following the recommendations of the Financial Committee.

d. Cuatro Vientos Transportation Reinvestment Zone Feasibility Study

The Mayor for the City of Laredo asked that the RMA Committee look at this study and will be presenting before the City Council. The City Council wants a better understanding on how a South Laredo TRC could work and how it can be applied to North Laredo. There was discussion at the MPO level regarding a TRC in North Laredo. Travis James presented an update to the board that included clarification on the difference between TRZ and TIRZ projects. Images were shared to show progress on 59, 83, and a section by a potential bridge four. He shared the different zoning codes that are in existence applicable to downtown, majestic property to the north, and the industrial development. Most of the future development is projected to happen along the loop and in South Laredo. Mr. James addressed all questions and comments made by the board.

8. Action Item (Resolution 22-32): Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Action to Approve the WC-CL RMA Legislative Priorities for the 88th Legislative Session.

Brian O'Reilly states this document is primarily to share what RMA is advocating for with the legislative delegation. Four items were outlined as legislative priorities. All questions were addressed.

Motion: Motion to Approve the WC-CL RMA Legislative Priorities for the 88th Legislative Session
Moved by: Antonio Arce, Jr
Second by: George Beckelhymer
Discussion: No discussion was held.
In Favor: Motion passed unanimously

9. Action Item (Resolution 22-33): Discussion, Consideration and Possible Action to Approve Supplemental Work Authorization No. 1.7 for update and completion of the environmental assessment, schematic, development of PS&E, bid advertisement support

and construction phase services for Vallecillo Road from FM 1472 to IH 35 for the completion of the design and construction of the project.

Item was tabled.

Motion: Motion to Postpone Item 9 Resolution 22-33
Moved by: George Beckelhymer
Second by: Antonio Arce, Jr
Discussion: No discussion was held.
In Favor: Motion passed unanimously

10. General Engineer Consultant Update:

a. Project Status Update: River Road Corridor Study

Jason Rodriguez, Project Manager and Planner with HNTB, presented the second phase of the study to look for an alternative/relief route for the local traffic to FM 1472. There are currently six alternative routes informed by preliminary analysis. After interpreting a set of evaluation criteria, the plan is to find a way to reduce the six alternatives that we identified down to two in December. In conjunction with the traffic and engineering analysis completed in February, a conceptual cost comparison will assist to ultimately narrow down one locally preferred alternative route by March 2023. Final report will be completed in May 2023.

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

Fred Martinez, Crane Engineering, presented one of the final status updates of this project. Isla Mujeres intersection along with the water line relocation work has been completed. Stand up curb, landscape, and irrigation are 95% complete. Some of the pending items are handrails, ramps, embankment field, segments of sidewalk, and striping. Project completion date for these pending items for the end of November.

c. Project Status Update: Webb County Fairgrounds Traffic Impact Assessment (TIA)

Tony Rodriguez, HTNB GC, informed the board they are expecting the first draft report from the consultant in two weeks and final draft later in the month.

d. Project Status Update: Killam Industrial Blvd. at FM 1472 Turning Lane Project

Tony Rodriguez, HTNB GC, informed the board TxDOT is anticipating completion of the project by the end of the month.

e. Project Status Update: Springfield Ave. Extension Project, Phase 3

Tony Rodriguez shared a discussion had with the City of Laredo Engineer. Last month the project was 87% complete and is now close to 90%. All payments for this project are complete and the only problem with the December timeframe for completion is the waterline and concrete issues due to the recent cold fronts.

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

Ms. Melissa Montemayor, HTNB, informed the board the grant application was submitted back in September. Local elected officials were asked to call the Secretary of Transportation office to voice support for the grant coming to Laredo. Notification of awards for these grants is expected in April.

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

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

12. Adjournment.

On a motion by George Beckelhymer and seconded by Arturo Dominguez, with no discussion, meeting was adjourned at 11:21 a.m. Motion passes unanimously, and meeting was adjourned.