

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

WC-CL RMA Board of Directors Meeting
Monday, May 6, 2024 ,1:30 p.m.
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, May 6, 2024, at the 3rd Floor of the IBC Administration Building. The meeting was called to order at 1:31 p.m. WC-CL RMA Board Chair Jed A. Brown present and presiding. The following Board members were present:

Jed A. Brown
Oscar O. Lopez
Jose Murillo
Douglas B. Howland
Arturo Dominguez
Diana Palacios
David Garcia
Alfonso Mendiola
Antonio Arce arrived after meeting was called to order.

AGENDA

1. Open Meeting and Establish Quorum

After establishing a quorum, Presiding Officer Jed Brown, called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m. 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 to report.

5. Action Item: Discussion, Consideration and Possible Board Action Concerning the Approval of the February 14, 2024, Regular Board Meeting Minutes.

Chairman Brown opened the discussion concerning the approval of the Minutes for February 14, 2024, 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 February 14, 2024, WC-CL RMA Board Meeting Minutes.
Moved by: Arturo Dominguez
Second by: Alfonso Mendiola
Discussion: No discussion was held
In Favor: Motion passed unanimously

6. Introduction of new Board Director, David Garcia.

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7. Chair's Report

a. Vallecillo Road future over pass at IH 35 update

Chairman Brown informed the Board that \$16 million was approved by the MPO to be used on the overpass, towards an estimated \$40 million construction budget. The \$16 million approved by the MPO allows the RMA to start lobbying and petitioning the Texas Transportation Commission to complete the gap in funding.

b. Springfield funding phase IV update

Chairman Brown notified the Board the RMA received comments from the City of Laredo on the Interlocal Agreement. Once Brian O'Reilly has finished reviewing the comments the RMA execute the interlocal agreement and move forward with handling and participating in the project for the design and supervising the construction of the project.

c. Concord Hills update

Chairman Brown updated the Board that they are waiting to hear back from the developer who performed a geotechnical study which will point to what type of construction is needed for the roadway. There is possible funding coming in from the Webb County Drainage District Number One which will help the City and RMA complete the project. The City and RMA will complete a portion of Concord Hills roadway because the rest of the road will be completed by the developer.

- d. **Laredo Economic Development Corporation Presentation at State of Transportation & Infrastructure event for Economic Development Week, May 7**
Chairman Brown informed the Board there will be a presentation by the RMA on May 7, 2024 at Laredo College to talk about the RMA's projects.
 - e. **Update on members to the Chair's Advisory Committee & Finance Committee**
Arturo Dominguez will be joining the advisory committee along with the four officers and Antonio Arce will be joining the Finance and Investment Committee.
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8. Discussion, Consideration and Possible Board Action on an Honorary Resolution recognizing former Board Director, George Beckelhymer.

Motion: Motion to Accept Honorary Resolution recognizing former Board Director, George Beckelhymer.
Moved by: Douglas Howland
Second by: Arturo Dominguez
Discussion: No discussion was held.
In Favor: Motion passed unanimously.

9. 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 February 29, 2024, Financial Summary reflects cash in bank totaling \$594,608.63. The money market account was \$106,531.98. There is a six-month certificate of deposit of \$2,040,109.09. The investment account total as of the end of February is \$8,197,663 with an accrued interest in of \$21,193.85.

i. Acceptance of financial statements through November 2023.

Motion: Motion to Accept Financial Statements through February 29, 2024
Moved by: Murillo
Second by: Arturo Dominguez
Discussion: No discussion was held.
In Favor: Motion passed unanimously.

b. Status Report on Vehicle Registration Fees (VRF)

Treasurer Oscar Lopez informed the Board Vehicle Registration Fees payment from the County for the period 1/01/24 through 3/31/24 in the amount of \$586,350 has not been received yet.

c. Financial Investment Planning Report

Treasurer Oscar Lopez informed the Board the Investment Committee met and decided to renew the \$2 million CD held at Commerce Bank for six months.

Additionally, a million-dollar bond matured in the investment account on March 31. The Committee decided unanimously on both actions to take the recommendation from the financial advisor, and renew the bond with a maturity of August 15, 2025, with an interest rate on that renewal of 4.81%. The members present at the Investment Committee meeting were Jed Brown, Doug Howland, George Beckelhymer and Oscar Lopez. In 2023 the investment account accumulated an interest in US savings bonds, investments in government securities, Treasury obligations, of \$197,878.34 and ordinary dividends of \$25,400.95. The total of which is \$223,279.29.

d. Presentation by the Texas Department of Transportation on the Proposed Outer Loop

Presentation provided by Roberto Rodriguez from the Texas Department of Transportation Laredo District.

e. Presentation by Legacy Development, LLC for a planned development located at Interstate Highway 35 & State Highway 255 and its impact on transportation in the region.

Presentation provided by David Earl from Legacy Development, LLC.

10. General Engineer Consultant Update:

a. Project Status Update: Vallecillo Road

Baldazar Avila, LJA, informed the Board of they are working on the design schematic to be submitted by the end of the month to TxDOT for their review. The public meeting will possibly be held in mid-July. Utility coordination is ongoing, the first meeting with the city was held and will now be meeting with utility providers on a one-to-one basis. The plan for the project will be provided by November 2025. Letting date is also November 2025.

b. Project Status Update: Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A): Vision Zero Webb Laredo Safety Action Plan

Blasita Lopez, LJA, informed the Board of project timeline is on schedule and on budget. Two quarterly reports and a reimbursement invoice have been submitted to FHWA. The second round of public and stakeholder outreach has been completed. A survey has been open since February 29, 2024, and since then, 415 surveys have been recorded. The goal is 500; we are looking at closing the survey at the end of May/beginning of June. The data collected will be a section of the safety action plan. The plan is to provide a draft to the Board in October, the final in December, adoption in January of 2025, and then go into the 2025 round of grant funding application.

c. Project Status Update: South Laredo – Cuatros Vientos TRZ

Melissa Montemayor, LJA, updated the Board that she received notice from Miriam Castillo from the City of Laredo, that the City is wanting to move into implementation on the Cuatro Vientos TRZ. The RMA had previously offered the services of TXP through the RMA contract to the City but would require an Interlocal Agreement to commemorate what the responsibilities would be from the City of Laredo to pay for the services that

would be needed.

d. Project Status Update: North Laredo TRZ Feasibility Study

Melissa Montemayor, LJA, updated the Board they have not received any updates or indications from the City on moving forward with the North Laredo study.

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

Tony Rodriguez, LJA, informed the Board that in early April the TBLR inspector conducted the inspection for the project and the report has been received. The last items needed are the deadlines with the contractor for the primary drawings.

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

No date and time was set for the next Board meeting. Details for the next Board meeting will follow.

12. Adjournment.

On a motion by Arturo Dominguez and seconded by Alfonso Mendiola with no discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 3:07 pm. Motion passes unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned.
