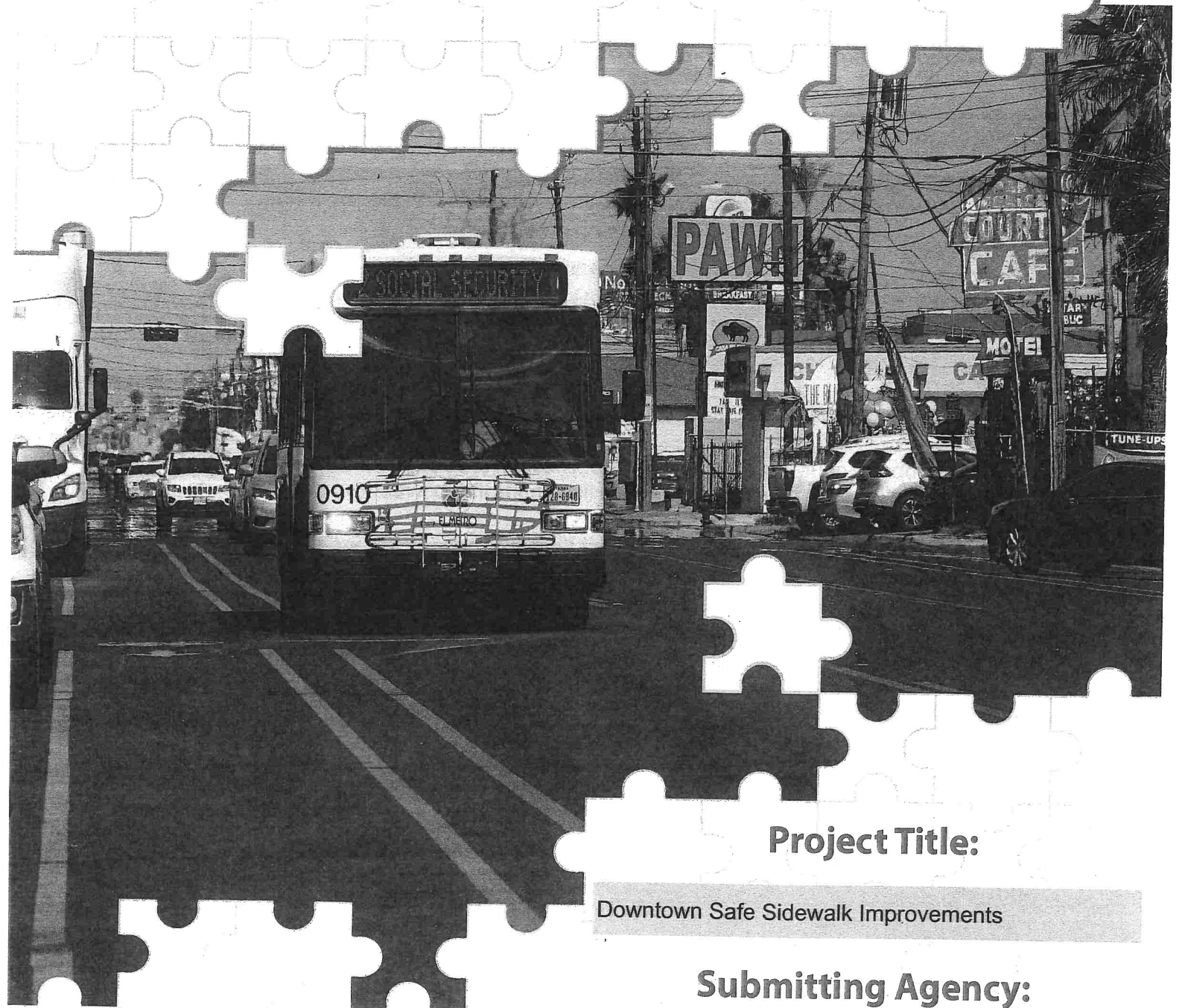




2022 Transportation Alternatives (TA) Set-Aside Program Project Application



Project Title:

Downtown Safe Sidewalk Improvements

Submitting Agency:

Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone #1



2022 Transportation Alternatives (TA) Set-Aside Program Project Application



Project Title:

Submitting Agency:



2022 TA Set-Aside Program Application

LWCAMPO TA Set-Aside Program is intended to support non-traditional transportation projects that expand transportation choices. Please keep in mind the intensity of the TxDOT administrative process (i.e., Advanced Funding Agreements, Local Government Project Procedures (LGPP) Qualification) when deciding on the funding request amount. The maximum program award is **\$1 Million**. Please see TA Set-Aside Guidelines for details.

- Project applications must be received by: **Friday, November 18, 2022 (4:00 PM CST)**
- Project applications must consist of two (2) original hard copies (including attachments) and one (1) digital (i.e. scanned) copy of all files on a USB drive.
- A complete application must be mailed or hand-delivered during regular business hours to:

Transportation Alternative (TA) Set-Aside Program - 2022 Call for Projects

Laredo & Webb County Area MPO

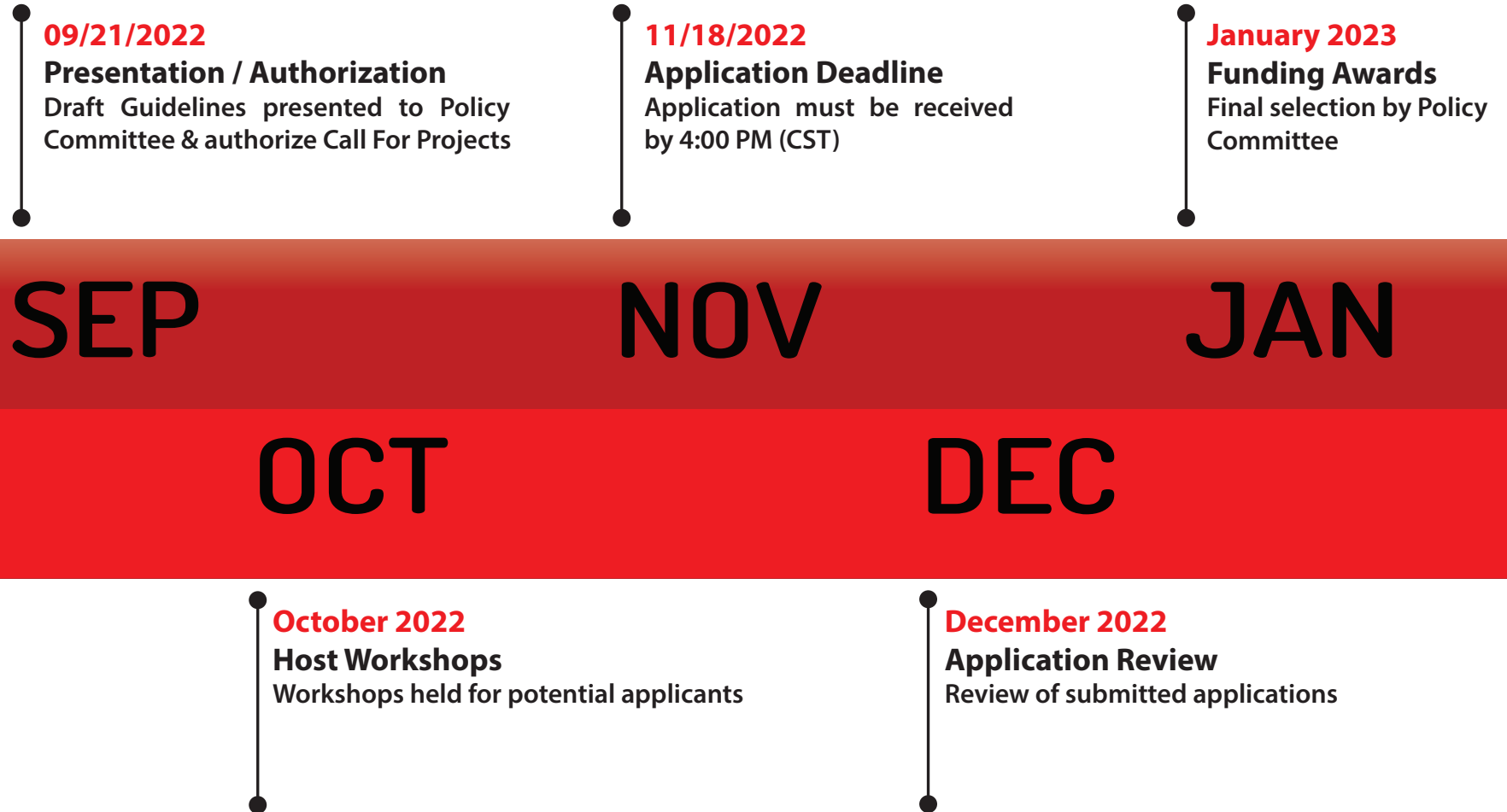
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1413 Houston St.

Laredo, Texas 78040

- Incomplete applications or those not submitted by the deadline will not be accepted.
- A postmark by the established deadline does not constitute an on-time application. In addition, supplemental information, other than administrative clarifications, will not be accepted after the application deadline.
- Project applicants/sponsors are encouraged to submit their applications far enough in advance of the submission deadline to allow LWCAMPO staff to review proposals for completeness.
- Right-of-way (ROW) acquisition is not eligible for TA Set-Aside fund reimbursement. Therefore, ROW acquisition is for informational purposes only.
- The information in this application is public record. Therefore, applicants should not include information regarded as confidential.
- For questions regarding the application, scoring criteria, or project call timeline, please contact: Ms. Graciela Briones at gbriones@ci.laredo.tx.us

2022 TA Set-Aside Program Timeline



Evaluation Category & Scoring Criteria

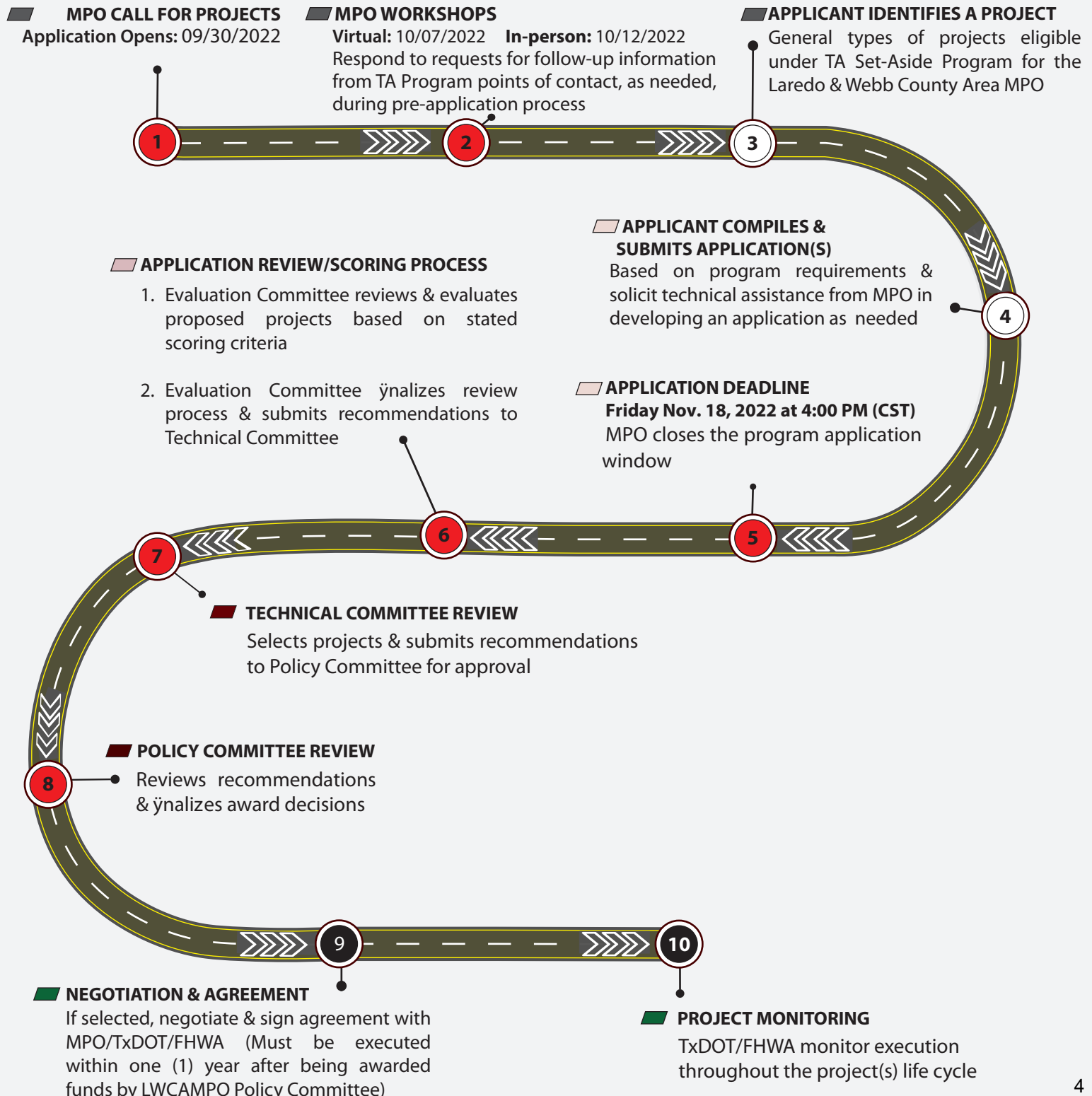
All project applications submitted for this Call for Projects will be based on evaluation criteria, scoring points, and other factors as approved by the Laredo & Webb County Area MPO Policy Committee and listed on the following table.

EVALUATION CATEGORY	SCORING (POINTS)	DESCRIPTION	FACTORS
Enhancing Network Connectivity	20	Improves connections between neighborhoods, and community facilities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Network connectivity (gap closures, extension of facilities). • Facilities providing access to major destinations or bus stops, trails, sidewalks, on-street bicycle facilities. • Connects to existing facility on active transportation network.
Implementing an Existing Plan	15	Improves ability to use walking and bicycling facilities for everyday activities including travel to work, school, and shopping. Proposed project or facility list is recommended in the LWCAMPO Active Transportation Plan or Metropolitan Transportation Plan.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implements a planned facility in any local On-Street Bicycle Facility Plan, Pedestrian Facility Plan, SRTS Plan, or the related community Master Plan adopted by the City or County Government Body (i.e. Viva Laredo Comprehensive Plan, Active Transportation Plan, Metropolitan Transportation Plan)
Improving Safety	15	Provides safer and less intimidating facilities for pedestrians, bicyclists, and other non-drivers.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improving safety in areas with high numbers of crashes. • Improving crossings, signalization, traffic calming. • Provides separate facilities for various transportation modes.
Project Readiness	15	Project readiness/ability to initiate construction.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Associated with TxDOT proposed "off-system" roadways. • Status of stakeholder/community feedback and support. • Status of engineering/design. Community partnership/support.
Promoting Health	10	Improves access to physical fitness/wellness facilities, (e.g. bike/hike trails, medical plaza(s)/hospitals and/or clinics) Improves knowledge of facility locations (e.g. wayfinding signs).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promotes healthy activities. • Provides access to health facilities.
Reducing Barriers	10	Improves access and/or provides safe crossings for pedestrians, bicyclists, and other non-drivers at an existing obstacle to travel.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides a grade-separated crossing under or over a barrier (e.g. water body, major roadways, railroads).
Creating Economic Development Opportunities	5	Provides access to major destinations, job centers, and large number of residents or employees.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proximity to employment districts, schools, households, and other special generators. • Provides direct connections to transit (shared use paths, sidewalks, and on street bikeways). • Provides access to job centers. Investment provides increased benefit to the community and the region through revitalization, redevelopment, and job creation.
Providing Environmental Benefits	5	Helps reduce congestion and improves air quality.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Congestion and air quality benefits. • Benefits and impacts to the environment.
Serving Disadvantaged (Environmental Justice) Areas	5	Provides access in underserved communities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improves access for areas with greater percentages of minorities and low-income households compared to the planning area average.
TOTAL	100		

TA Set-Aside Program Application Road Map

Use the numbered steps below to navigate general applicant activities during the TA Set-Aside Program funding request process. TxDOT/FHWA activities are also included for reference.

Application Road Map Key



Section A – Applicant Information

1. Applicant Agency

2. Type of Organization/Agency/Authority

3. Project Point of Contact (Lead) Information

Contact Person:

Title:

Mailing Address:

City:

Zip Code:

Daytime Telephone:

Email:

Website (optional):

4. Project Sponsor/Supporting (partnership) Entity Name (if applicable)

Not Applicable (check if there is no project sponsor/supporting entity)

5. Type of Project Sponsor/Supporting (partnership) Entity (See [Eligible Entities](#) for guidance)

6. Project Sponsor/Supporting Entity Contact Information

Provide the project sponsor's/supporting entity's name & contact information for the representative of the supporting entity.

Contact Person:

Title:

Mailing Address:

City:

Zip Code:

Daytime Telephone:

Email:

Website (optional):

Section B – Project Information

1. Project Name

2. Eligible Project Activity (Select project activity category from TA Set-Aside Guidelines)

3. Construction Plan(s) Status (Select the Current Status of the Project's Construction plan)

☐ Complete ☐ Underway % Complete ☐ Not Started ☐ Not Applicable

4. If submitting multiple applications, please select the project priority (chose "Not Applicable" if not submitting multiple applications):

5. Project Location: Provide specific project location (From & To). If applicable, provide project length (feet/miles) or area (acres) in parts a-e. If project involves a **single location**, please attach legible diagrams, design plans, photographs, etc., as appropriate (Label as **Project Location Information-Attachment A**). If multiple project locations are involved, please skip to question #6.

a. Project location in relation to roadways: (select from drop down list below)

b. From/Beginning Point:

c. To/End Point:

d. Project length in feet/miles or area in acres:

e. Intersection(s):

6. Multiple Project Locations: Select *Yes* or *Not Applicable* (N/A)

Yes Not Applicable

If project involves **multiple locations**, please provide the limits, i.e. length (feet/miles) or area (acres), for the project's major segment in parts a-e. Additionally, please create & attach a complete list of all improvement locations (using the format on this [link](#)), as well as attach any legible diagrams, design plans, photographs, etc., as appropriate (Label as **Multiple Project Location Information-Attachment A**).

a. Project location in relation to roadways: (select from drop down list below)

b. From/Beginning Point:

c. To/End Point:

d. Project length in feet/miles or area in acres:

e. Intersection(s):

7. Provide a Google map link for Project Location or Multiple Project Locations: (Please click on the following [link](#) for guidance). **Note:** Location maps should highlight or show other existing and planned linkages to employment centers, schools, transit facilities, or other major destinations.

☐ **GIS Files** (Check here if GIS Shapefiles are available for the project location/area (Label as **GIS Shapefiles-Attachment B**).

8. Project Description: Provide a brief description of the proposed project, which includes the project location, limits, facility type, and width. Special construction items, such as bicycle/pedestrian bridges, or elements that would affect automobile traffic patterns (e.g. new signals, new medians, road diets, traffic calming, etc.) should be included. If the project description does not fit in the provided text box, then please shorten. ***Only the portion of the project description that is visible in the provided text box when the application is printed will be considered during evaluation of the project.*** (click on the following [link](#) for guidance)

9. Project Support: Attach or include any Letters of Support for the proposed project (Label as **Letter of Support-Attachment C**)

Section C – Project Costs & Project Budget Summary

1. Project Itemized Budget : Please provide a detailed budget for the project in the sample form (found on the next page). *Applicants may submit their budget summary in their preferred format.*

- ☐ Check here if a preferred format of the Itemized Project Budget Workbook will be included with this application. Label the preferred format as ***Project Itemized Budget-Attachment D*** & fill items a-c.

- a. Total Project Cost:
- b. TA Set-Aside Funding Request:
- c. Local Match Amount:

2. Project Cost & Local Match

List all construction costs to be incurred by the applicant/sponsoring entity for a complete itemized cost estimate. For construction projects, all project development costs (i.e. Preliminary Engineering (PE), including planning, design & cost overruns are the implementing agency's responsibility). The applicant/sponsor is/are responsible for all costs over & above approved funding. Please do not list in-kind donations. Additionally, please budget for TxDOT administrative fee for review. Applicant/sponsors will be responsible for Direct State Costs for PE & Construction. All projects will require environmental document/checklist to be done by the applicant/sponsor, this should be included in the project schedule.

Note: The ***minimum local match percentage is 20%***. If awarded TA Set-Aside funds, all ***cost overruns will be the responsibility of the applicant/sponsor.***

- a. Does the Local Match exceed 20% of the Total Project Cost?
 - Yes
 - No
- b. If Yes, what is the Total Project Cost Percentage?

21-25%	26-30%	31-35%	36-40%
Other (specify)		%	
- c. Does the project leverage other funding sources (i.e. grants or community investment/partnerships)?

If you answered "yes" or "pending decision", to letter "c", please submit a brief explanation

a. **Eligible Expenses–Itemized Construction Cost Estimate:** Please prove a detailed cost estimate of all construction costs

Work Activities	Quantity	Unit	Unit Price	Unit Total
			Total:	
b Eligible Expenses—Itemized Additional Construction-Related Costs				

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Appropriate costs for this section might include: construction engineering and inspection, construction-phase project administration, contract administration, land survey for right of way demarcation, materials testing, permitting, or geotechnical work.

Items not eligible for reimbursement include associated with right-of-way acquisition (e.g. appraisal, parcel survey, title transfer) or legal services (Please refer to the [TA Set-Aside Program Guidelines](#) for further details.)

Work Activities	Quantity	Unit	Unit Price	Unit Total
			TOTAL:	

3. Project Budget Summary

Check here if a preferred format of the Project Budget Summary will be included with this application (Label as *Project Budget Summary–Attachment E*)

Budget Summary				
Total Itemized Construction Cost Estimate (topic 2.a, from p. 9)		1.		
Total Additional Construction–Related Cost (topic 2.b, from p. 9)		2.		
Total Eligible Project Cost (line 1 + line 2)		3.		
Estimated TxDOT Administrative Fee ¹ (15% of line 3)		4.		
Total Project Cost (line 3 + line 4)		5.		
Local Match ²	%	Of line 5		
TA Set-Aside Funding Requested	%	Of line 5		

¹ **Administrative Fee:** TxDOT may impose an *administrative fee of approx. 15% of the project cost*. The fee is an eligible expense covered with awarded funds but for which applicants must account when calculating the availability of funds for construction.

² The Laredo & Webb County Area MPO Policy Committee has established a *minimum local match requirement of 20 percent* with *projects eligible for reimbursement of up to 80 percent of allowable costs*. *The local match must be cash* except that in certain limited circumstances in-kind contributions non-cash donations may be considered but only after consultation with FHWA and TxDOT. *Project Sponsor may increase the local match by adjusting the percentage (%) of Local Match Contribution accordingly.*

Cost Participation Summary		
Total Project Cost Estimate		
Total Local Match Participation	%	
Total TA Set-Aside Funding Participation	%	

Section D – Project Criteria

Project Criteria: Explain how the project addresses each of the following criteria (100 points available). Please refer to [Evaluation Category and Scoring Criteria](#) for further details. **Note:** *Only the portions that are visible in the provided text areas, when the application is printed, will be considered during evaluation of the project.*

I. Enhancing Network Connectivity

1. Does this project extend the existing alternative transportation system (i.e. trail network connectivity) , or improve access (i.e. Complete Streets)/connects to other facilities on the active transportation network or transit infrastructure by eliminating gaps (e.g. fill in missing sidewalks, crosswalks, & shortcut connections)?
- a. If yes, briefly describe how this project addresses the aforementioned factors.

2. Does this project improve access to public buildings (e.g. public libraries, city hall) by connecting them to active transportation and/or transit network (i.e. link major public destinations to existing bus stops, trails, sidewalks, on-street bicycle facilities)?
- a. If yes, briefly describe how this project addresses the aforementioned factors

II. Implementing an Existing Plan

1. Is this project included in a Plan adopted by a Governing Body (e.g. City Council, Commissioners Court, Agency Board) such as but not limited to a Thoroughfare Plan, Trails Plan, Bicycle Master Plan, Corridor Plan. (*Choose an option*)
- ☐ Yes, the project is included in a Plan adopted by a Governing Body. (i.e. list name of Plan(s) & identify relevant section(s) on "a")
- ☐ No, the project is not included in a Plan adopted by a Governing Body.
- a. Name & Approval Date of Adopted Plan(s)
- i. Title of Adopted Plan:
- Relevant section(s):
- Approval Date:
- ii. Title of Adopted Plan:
- Relevant section(s):
- Approval Date:
- iii. Title of Adopted Plan:
- Relevant section(s):
- Approval Date:
- b. If the project is not included in an adopted Plan, briefly explain how the project achieves the broader transportation priorities in the Laredo-Webb County Transportation Management Area (TMA) by: **Demonstrating how the proposed project will improve the ability to use walking & bicycling facilities for everyday activities including travel to work, Safe Routes to School Plan (SRTS), & shopping as recommended in the LWCAMPO Active Transportation Plan (ATC) or Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP).**

III. Improving Safety

1. Are there documented safety issues for pedestrians, bicyclists, & other non-drivers in the project area?
- a. Select all of the applicable safety hazards located within the project limits & state the proposed countermeasure(s) addressing the identified hazard. In an attachment provide any additional information (e.g. Maps, images, crash records/statistics, etc.) about proposed countermeasures (Label as **Improving Safety Countermeasures–Attachment F**).

Safety Hazards	Proposed Countermeasures
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- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> High roadway speed (45mph or greater) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hazardous intersection/conflict point | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Uncontrolled intersection/crossing | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of bike/ped infrastructure | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> High motor vehicle traffic volume | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> On-street parking | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wide roadway crossing (4 or more lanes) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of lighting | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: | |
2. Does the project implement safety countermeasures recommended in a related community Master Plan, e.g. City of Laredo Viva Laredo Comprehensive Plan, LWCAMPO Active Transportation Plan (ATC) or Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)?
- a. If not addressed in a related community Master Plan, briefly explain how the proposed project will improve **safety**.
3. Does this project improve safety in areas with a high number of crashes near a trail segment , crossings or any facilities for pedestrians, bicyclist, & other non-drivers?

- a. If yes, please provide the crash records/statistics, i.e. **CRIS data**, for the project area & a brief description of the proposed safety countermeasures.

4. Does this project improve the visibility of vulnerable road users (i.e. pedestrians, bicyclists, & other non-drivers)?

- a. If yes, how does the proposed project improve visibility of vulnerable road user to vehicular traffic?

5. Does this project implement **safety countermeasures** that will improve crossings for pedestrians, bicyclists, & other non-drivers such as mid-block or intersection crossings, (e.g. pavement demarcation/markings, media crossing islands), signalization (e.g. FHWA approved bicycle signals, rectangular rapid flash beacons, pedestrian hybrid beacon, crosswalk buttons, or other enhanced crossing treatments), or traffic calming measures (e.g. speed humps, speed cushions, speed tables, radar signs, Gateway Treatments, Pinch-points ?

- a. If yes, briefly describe the safety countermeasures to be constructed as part of this project.

6. Does this project provide separate facilities for various transportation modes (e.g. separated bike lanes, raised crosswalks)?
- a. If yes, briefly describe the [safety countermeasures](#) to be constructed as part of this project

IV. Project Readiness

1. Is the project associated with a proposed TxDOT “off-system” roadway or a TxDOT roadway that is proposed to be taken “off-system”? (*select the option that applies*)
- ☐ The project is associated with a TxDOT “off-system” project
 - ☐ The project is associated with a TxDOT roadway that is proposed to be taken “off-system”
 - ☐ Not Applicable
2. Does the proposed project require Right-of-Way (ROW) acquisition? **Note:** ROW Acquisition *is not eligible* for TA Set-Aside fund reimbursement. *ROW acquisition is for informational purposes only.* (**Select the option that applies**)
- ☐ Yes, the ROW Acquisition/Access Agreement was obtained on _____ (Provide a copy of the ROW acquisition/access agreement & label as **ROW-Acquisition-or-Access Agreement–Attachment G**)
 - ☐ No. Please describe how & when the ROW Acquisition/Access Agreement will be acquired. Include a letter of commitment from the property owner & label as **ROW-Acquisition-or-Access Agreement-Property Owner Commitment Letter–Attachment G**)

- a. Projects proposing to build facilities for pedestrians and bicycles along or through railroad right-of-way must include *documented* evidence from the railroad granting a right of entry or an executed encroachment agreement. Has the railroad granted a right of entry or an executed encroachment agreement? (**Select the option that applies**)

☐ Yes, the agreement was executed on _____ (Provide a copy of the ROW acquisition/agreement & label as ***Railroad Right of Entry Letter-or-Agreement-Attachment H***)

☐ No. Please describe how & when the agreement will be executed.

Note: The application must include a commitment letter by the railroad that a right of entry or an executed encroachment agreement is under development & will be granted. **Applications that check this response and do not include a commitment letter from the railroad will be deemed incomplete.** (Label as ***Railroad Right of Entry-or-Encroachment Commitment Letter-Attachment H***).

- 3.** Has the proposed project completed environmental (NEPA) clearance requirements? Provide any supporting environmental clearance documentation & label as ***Environmental Clearance Supporting Documentation-Attachment I***.

Start date or estimated start date:

Date completed or estimated completion date:

Additional comments:

- 4.** What is the status of the proposed project's Plans, Specifications & Estimates (PS&E)?

Start date or estimated start date:

Date completed or estimated completion date:

Additional comments:

5. Does the project anticipate any utility work or identified need for coordination (i.e. to Identify needs, facilitate utility agreements, coordinate utility relocation, etc.)

☐ Yes, a need for utility coordination has been identified.

Start date or estimated start date:

Date completed or estimated completion date:

☐ No, there are no anticipated utility concerns.

☐ Pending, utility concerns have not yet been identified.

a. Additional comments:

6. Will TA Set-Aside Program funding allow the project to be completed?

☐ Yes

☐ No, additional funding will be required to complete the overall project vision

7. Does the project leverage other funding sources (i.e. grants or community investments/partnerships)?

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ Not Applicable

☐ Other (e.g. anticipating a decision on a grant application)

a. Additional comments:

8. Has the applicant and/or project sponsor, coordinated or had any discussions with TXDOT regarding the proposed project?

a. If yes, what comments/feedback were received from TxDOT regarding the proposed project? (Include any supporting documentation (e.g. emails, resolutions, etc.) & label as ***Supporting Documentation-TxDOT Comments-or-Feedback-Attachment J***)

9. Has the applicant and/or project sponsor, coordinated or hosted public involvement events, regarding the proposed project?

Additional Comments:

a. If yes, what type of comments/feedback (i.e. survey/poll/questionnaire responses), were received from the public regarding the proposed project? (Include any supporting documentation, e.g. emails, resolutions, etc., & label as ***Public Involvement Comments-or-Feedback-Attachment K***)

10. What is the anticipated Project Ready-to-Let Date:

a. Additional Comments:

V. Promoting Health

1. Does this project improve or provide access to physical fitness/wellness facilities (e.g. bike/hike trails, medical plaza(s)/hospitals and/or clinics)

a. If yes, select the fitness/wellness facilities, surrounding the project area, that are likely to attract bicycling or walking trips as a result of improved or newly provided access measures. (**Select all applicable options**)

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Park | <input type="checkbox"/> Health facility (medical center, sports field) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bike/hike trail | <input type="checkbox"/> Gym |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Recreational Center | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fresh foods (grocery stores, farmers market) | |

b. If applicable, select the design enhancements (e.g. curb extensions, road diet/lane reduction, delineators) that are likely to attract bicycling or walking trips as a result of improved or newly provided access measures. (**Select all applicable options**)

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Curb extensions, road diets/lane reduction, delineators, bollards | <input type="checkbox"/> Pedestrian amenities/streetscape (e.g. lighting) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Provide bicycle parking or rest areas | <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Trailheads, staging areas, and/or parking | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) |

2. Does this project promote active living or healthy activities (e.g. biking, hiking, walking, jogging) by improving knowledge of facility locations, (e.g. way signs)?

a. If yes, briefly describe the implementation measures that will be incorporated to successfully complete the project

VI. Reducing Barriers

1. Does the project provide or improve safe crossing of an existing obstacle to travel (e.g. major roadways, railroads, and bodies of water) with a low stress/high level of comfort facility suitable for pedestrians, bicyclists, & other non-drivers of all ages and abilities?

a. If yes, briefly describe the existing barrier and how the project will provide safe crossing of that obstacle to travel by pedestrians, bicyclists, and other non-drivers of all ages & abilities. Such project design must be consistent with relevant design guidelines and/or resources including AASHTO, NACTO, ITE, FHWA, & TxDOT.

2. Does the project provide or improve ADA Infrastructure (e.g. ramps, Braille paving, accessible pedestrian signal, etc.)?
- a. If yes, briefly describe the improvements provided to ADA infrastructure (e.g. ramps, braille paving, accessible pedestrian signal, etc.)

VII. Creating Economic Development Opportunities

1. Does the project provide or improve bicycle & pedestrian access to major destinations, immediately surrounding the project area, that are likely to attract bicycling or walking trips ? (*Select all applicable options*)
- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Major employer(s) | <input type="checkbox"/> Schools, University, Community College |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Employment districts/centers | <input type="checkbox"/> Provides direct connection to transit (shared use path & other major destinations) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Central Business District | <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial Center | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> High density residential | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Restaurants/Entertainment | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Extends or develops other non-motirized route for tourism | |
2. Briefly describe how investment in this project will provide an increased benefit to the community & the region through revitalization, redevelopment, and/or job creation.

VIII. Providing Environmental Benefits

1. Does this project help reduce congestion & improve air quality?

- a. If yes, briefly describe the implementation measures the project will incorporate to reduce congestion, improve air quality, and/or other impacts to the environment

IX. Serving Disadvantaged (Environmental Justice) Areas

1. Does this project improve mobility for disadvantaged populations (elderly, disabled, and/or youth, people without private vehicles, low-income communities)?

- a. If applicable, how does the proposed project improve mobility for disadvantaged populations?

2. Does this project improve access to areas within or adjacent to 50% of households below poverty rate, as defined by Census?

- a. If yes, how does this project improve access to areas within or adjacent to 50% of households below poverty rate

Section E – Project Commitment

By submitting an application, the applicant confirms each of the following items, otherwise the application will be deemed incomplete:

The applicant confirms understanding of the following requirements by checking the boxes & signing below.

[Required]

- ☐ The applicant entity commits that the reported project timeline is realistic, and
- ☐ The applicant commits that if this project is selected for funding, an agreement with TxDOT will be executed within one year of project selection, and
- ☐ The applicant commits that if this project is selected for funding the project will advance to construction within three years from selection, and
- ☐ The applicant commits that if this project is selected for funding the project will be implemented as approved by the LWCAMPO Policy Committee and as included in the project agreement with TxDOT, and
- ☐ The applicant acknowledges the Transportation Alternatives (TA) Set-Aside Program is not a grant and the funds are provided on a cost reimbursement basis. The applicant acknowledges they are solely responsible for any project cost overruns and future maintenance and operations of the facility.

The Application form must be signed by a representative of the local entity that has signature authority.

Signature



Print Name & Title

Date

Section F – Project Submittal & Attachment Checklist

Check all that apply & are included in the Application package (both hard copy & USB drive). Please attach all applicable documents & information otherwise, the application will be deemed incomplete. *Label each attachment as instructed in the application. For questions related to this application contact Ms. Graciela Briones at gbriones@ci.laredo.tx.us*

- ☐ **Two (2)** of signed original hard copies (including attachments) **[Required]**
- ☐ **One (1)** signed digital (i.e. scanned) copy of the application (including attachments) on a USB drive. **[Required]**

***Attachment Checklist:** attach all pertaining documents, i.e. legible location maps, diagrams, design plans, & photographs, as appropriate (*select the attachment option that pertains to your application*)*

- ☐ **Attachment A-Project Location Information -or- Multiple Project Location Information**
- ☐ **Attachment B-GIS Shapefiles**
- ☐ **Attachment C-Letter of Support**
- ☐ **Attachment D-Project Itemized Budget**
- ☐ **Attachment E-Project Budget Summary**
- ☐ **Attachment F-Improving-Safety Countermeasures**
- ☐ **Attachment G-ROW-Acquisition-or-Access Agreement -or- Property Owner Commitment Letter Attachment**
- ☐ **Attachment H-Railroad Right of Entry Letter-Agreement -or- Right of Entry-Encroachment Commitment Letter**
- ☐ **Attachment I-Environmental Clearance Supporting Documentation**
- ☐ **Attachment J-Supporting Documentation-TxDOT Comments-or-Feedback**
- ☐ **Attachment K-Public Involvement Comments-or-Feedback**

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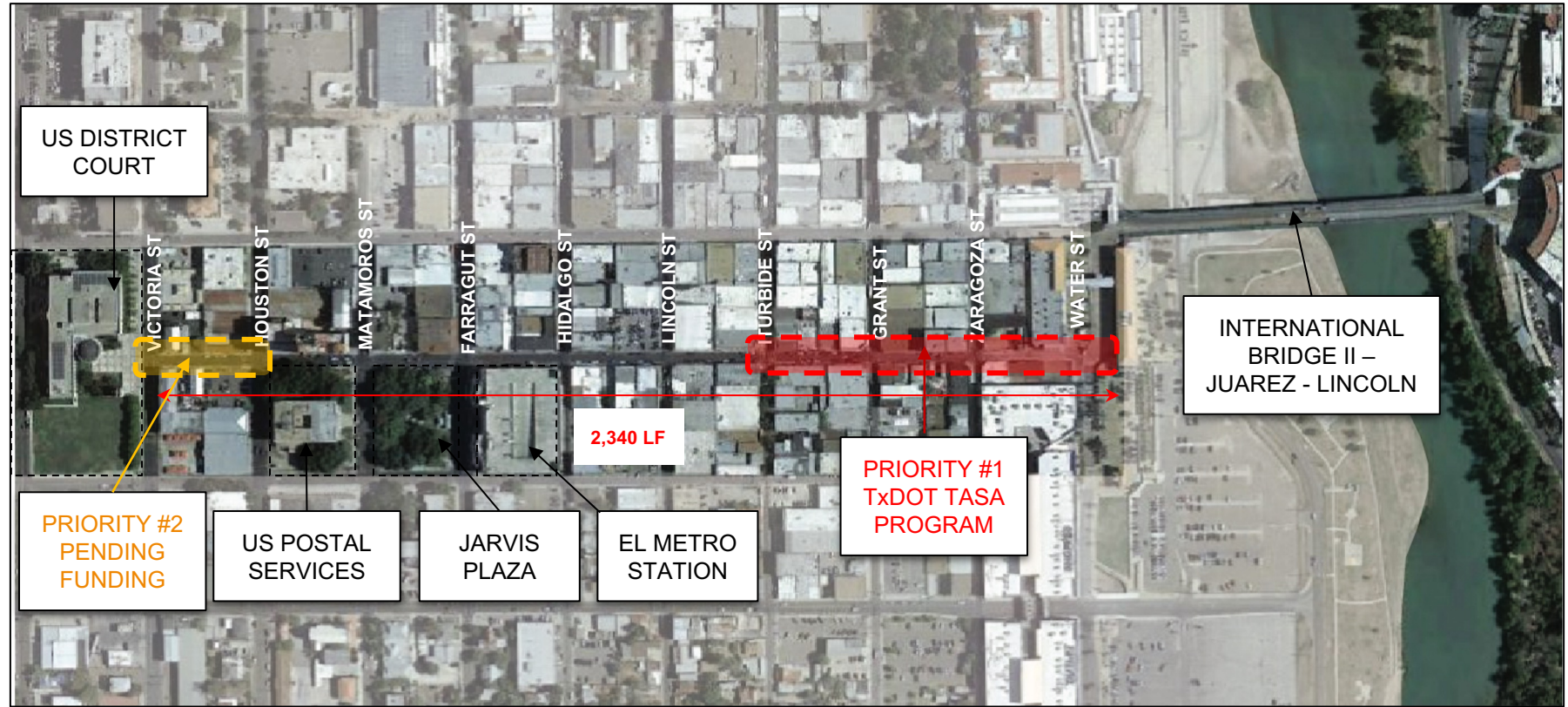
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IS THE MAIN PURPOSE OF CITIES

DOWNTOWN TIRZ NO.1 – TxDOT TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES SET-ASIDE PROGRAM NOVEMBER 18, 2022

OVERVIEW: EXHIBITS FOR PROPOSED PROJECTS

SALINAS AVE. IMPROVEMENTS

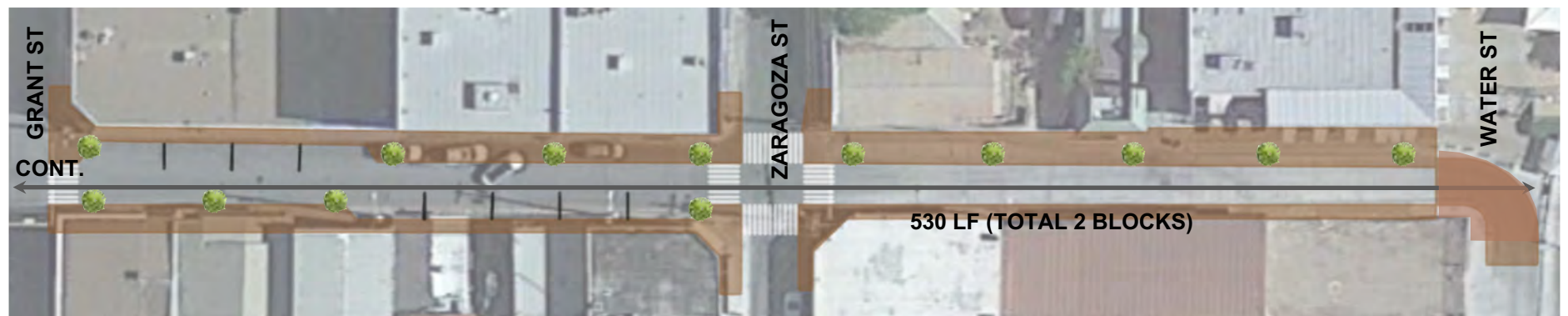
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SALINAS AVE. IMPROVEMENTS

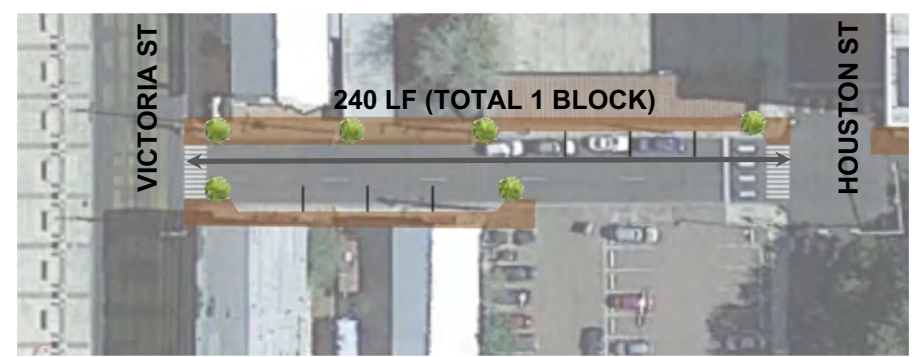
TIRZ #1 – PRIORITY PROJECT DETAILS (SALINAS AVE. IMPROVEMENTS)



GRANT ST. TO WATER ST.
IMPROVEMENTS: SIDEWALKS, LIGHTING, TREES, PARALLEL PARKING.
(PRIORITY #1 – TO BE PROVIDED BY TxDOT TASA PROGRAM)



ITURBIDE ST. TO GRANT ST.
IMPROVEMENTS: SIDEWALKS, LIGHTING, TREES, PARALLEL PARKING.
(PRIORITY #1 – TO BE PROVIDED BY TxDOT TASA PROGRAM)



VICTORIA ST. TO HOUSTON ST.
IMPROVEMENTS: SIDEWALKS, LIGHTING, TREES, PARALLEL PARKING
(PRIORITY #2 – PENDING FUNDING)

DOWNTOWN TIRZ # 1

SALINAS AVE. IMPROVEMENTS

PRIORITY 1 - 3 BLOCKS (BOTH SIDES, TREES, & LIGHTING)

- SURVEYING/ UTILITY COORDINATION.
- STREET & SIDEWALKS IMPROVEMENTS.
- LIGHTING AND ELECTRICAL.
- TREES, PLANTERS AND CONTAINERS
- SELECT UTILITIES RELOCATION
- STREETScape ELEMENTS

PROJECT - TIRZ #1 - PHASE 2 (SALINAS AVE. IMPROVEMENTS)		PRELIM-OPC
1	SALINAS AVENUE (PRIORITY #1 - TXDOT TASA PROGRAM)	
	SALINAS AVENUE FROM ZARAGOZA TO WATER STREET	\$330,100.00
	SALINAS AVENUE FROM GRANT TO ZARAGOZA STREET	\$274,450.00
	INTERSECTION AT SALINAS AVENUE & ZARAGOZA STREET (4 CORNERS)	\$135,000.00
	SALINAS AVENUE FROM ITURBIDE TO GRANT STREET	\$274,450.00
	TOTAL	\$1,014,000.00
2	ENGINEERING	
	CIVIL/STRUCTURAL/MEP	\$90,000.00
	UTILITY RELOCATION COORDINATION	\$15,000.00
	TOTAL	\$105,000.00
3	ARCHITECTURAL	
	ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN & CONSULTANT COORDINATION	\$15,000.00
	CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION	\$15,000.00
	TOTAL	\$30,000.00
4	CONSTRUCTION PROJECT CONTINGENCY (10%)	\$101,000.00
	TOTAL AMOUNT FOR PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS & DEVELOPMENT COSTS	\$1,250,000.00

November 15, 2022



ATTN: Juan Mendive, Interim Executive Director
Laredo and Webb County Area MPO
1413 Houston St.
Laredo, Texas 78040

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Re: Support for TIRZ#1 Application for the Transportation Alternative Set-Aside Program

Dear Mr. Mendive:

This letter expresses our support for the Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone (TIRZ) #1's funding application to provide construction, planning, and design of pedestrian and non-driver infrastructure-related projects in downtown Laredo. The projects are critical to advancing the provision of safe and accessible sidewalk routes for all pedestrians and other non-motorized transportation users.

Although significant progress is being made to improve transit infrastructure in the downtown, there is still much to be done in terms of general and accessible walkability systems and infrastructure in various areas. The TIRZ #1's proposal seeks to address infrastructure needs and problems by reconstructing sidewalks along Salinas Avenue, which is primary pedestrian thoroughfare, with various areas in dire need of safety improvement.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this letter, and we respectfully ask that your staff and application review committee provide favorable recommendation for this project. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

Dr. Marcela Uribe
Executive Director
Laredo Main Street



November 14, 2022

ATTN: Juan Mendive, Interim Executive Director
Laredo and Webb County Area MPO
1413 Houston St.
Laredo, Texas 78040

Re: Support for TIRZ#1 Application for the Transportation Alternative Set-Aside Program Funding

Dear Mr. Mendive:

As a business which resides and operates in downtown Laredo with a mission of furthering economic and business development in the area, we express strong support for the Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone (TIRZ) #1's funding application to provide construction, planning, and design of pedestrian and non-driver infrastructure-related projects in downtown Laredo. Improving walkability continues to be critical to the overall redevelopment of downtown, but most importantly it is critical to assuring downtown residents, transit center riders, tourists, and all pedestrians are provided safe walkable routes and environments.

The TIRZ #1's project proposal seeks to address infrastructure needs and problems by reconstructing sidewalks along Salinas Avenue, which is primary pedestrian thoroughfare, with various areas in dire need of safety improvement. The projects are critical to advancing the provision of safe and accessible sidewalk routes for all pedestrians and other non-motorized transportation users.

Thank you for your continued work in responding to our region's infrastructure needs. We respectfully ask that your staff and application review committee provide favorable recommendation for this project. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "C. G. Smith", written over a light blue horizontal line.

ATTACHMENT D AND E - Project Budget Summary

Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone No. 1 Downtown Safe Sidewalk Improvements

Eligible Expenses - Construction Estimate

Item	Work Activity	Amount	Local Match
1	Construction	1,014,000	14,000
2	Planning, Surveying and Design (Architectural and Engineering)	135,000	135,000
3	Contingency (10%)	101,000	101,000
Total		1,250,000	250,000

Cost Participation Summary

	Amount	Percentage
1 Total Project Cost Estimate	1,250,000	100%
2 Total Local Match	250,000	20%
3 Total TA Set-Aside Funding Participation	1,000,000	80%