

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-RT-09

AUTHORIZING THE LAREDO MASS TRANSIT BOARD TO APPROVE THE FIFTH VERSION OF THE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION AGENCY SAFETY PLAN AND ESTABLISHING SAFETY PERFORMANCE TARGETS FOR THE LAREDO TRANSIT MANAGEMENT INCORPORATED (LTMI).

WHEREAS, Safety is a core business function of all public transportation providers and should be systematically applied to every aspect of service delivery, as the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) has adopted the principles and methods of Safety Management Systems (SMS) as the basis for enhancing the safety of public transportation in the United States; and

WHEREAS, On July 19, 2018 the FTA published the Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP) Final Rule, 49 CFR Part 673, which took effect July 19, 2019 requiring all FTA Section 5307 recipient transit agencies to, within one calendar year after July 19, 2019, establish a PTASP that meets the requirements of Part 673; and

WHEREAS, The PTASP, and subsequent updates, must be signed by the Accountable Executive and approved by the agency's Board of Directors, or an Equivalent Authority; and

WHEREAS, PTASP must document the processes and activities related to Safety Management System (SMS) implementation and include performance targets based on the safety performance measures established under the National Public Transportation Safety Plan, with those targets being shared with the Laredo-Webb County Area Metropolitan Planning Organization formerly known as the Laredo Urban Transportation Study Metropolitan Planning Organization (LUTS) and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT); and

WHEREAS, The initial PTASP for El Metro Transit has been drafted by TxDOT per 49 CFR 673.11(d) and will remain in effect until the Laredo Transit Management Inc. (LTMI) has drafted the next version; and

WHEREAS, El Metro Transit is dedicated to ensuring that the necessary processes are in place to accomplish both enhanced safety at the local level and the goals of the NSP, as the SMS helps organizations improve upon their safety performance by supporting the institutionalization of beliefs, practices, and procedures for identifying, mitigating, and monitoring safety risks;

WHEREAS, The initial PTASP for El Metro Transit was passed by the Laredo Mass Transit Board and approved by the Laredo Mass Transit on April 17, 2023.

WHEREAS, The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), as the certifying agency for small public transportation providers in the State of Texas, certified the initial El Metro Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP);

WHEREAS, The subsequent Agency Safety Plans must be certified by Laredo Transit Management, Inc. per §673.13 (b), "On an annual basis, a transit agency, direct recipient, or state must certify its compliance with this part" (*Federal Register / Vol. 83, No. 139 / Thursday, July 19, 2018 / Rules and Regulations, Pg. 34467*) and per TxDOT (Kosub, Theodore. *Texas Department of Transportation Strategic Programs Manager – Public Transportation. Email Subject: Laredo PTASP. Austin, TX, Wednesday, December 2020. TxDOT Instructions for 2021 Certification.*)

WHEREAS, The Laredo & Webb County Area Metropolitan Planning Organization approved and adopted the Laredo Transit Management Inc. (LTMI) Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP) and Safety Performance Targets to incorporate into the Metropolitan and Statewide Planning Process with the Laredo Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) on September 15, 2020.

WHEREAS, El Metro Transit reviewed, revised and updated the PTASP and created the third version per §673.11 (a) (5), “Each transit agency must establish a process and timeline for conducting an annual review and update the Public Transportation Agency Plan” (*Federal Register* / Vol. 83, No. 139 / Thursday, July 19, 2018 / Rules and Regulations, Pg. 34467).

WHEREAS, All edits are documented in the Laredo Transit Management, Inc. - El Metro Transit Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan Version 5.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MASS TRANSIT BOARD OF THE CITY OF LAREDO THAT:

Section 1. The Laredo Mass Transit Board approves the fifth version of the PTASP and the tenets of SMS including a Safety Management Policy (SMP) and the processes for Safety Risk Management (SRM), Safety Assurance (SA), and Safety Promotion (SP), per 49 U.S.C. 5329(d)(1)(A); and as

Section 2. Safety has always been a primary function at LTMI, this PTASP lays out a process to fully implement and review an SMS on a yearly and ongoing basis in order to continue compliance with the PTASP final rule.

PASSED BY THE MASS TRANSIT BOARD AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR ON THIS THE _____ DAY OF _____, 2024.

DR. VICTOR D. TREVIÑO
MAYOR

ATTEST:

JOSE A. VALDEZ, JR.
CITY SECRETARY

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

BY _____
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