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Here is the evaluation of **Agenda Item ZC-052-2025** for the issuance of a Conditional Use Permit for a Phone Exchange/Switching Station at 5409 Springfield Avenue, in alignment with the *Viva Laredo Comprehensive Plan*:

1. Level of Alignment

- ☒ **Moderate** – Indirectly supports or contributes to the intent of a verbatim goal or policy.
☐ Strong
☐ Weak/None
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2. Supporting Goal(s)/Policy(ies)

Goal 11.1 – “Provide modern infrastructure and utilities that support economic development and quality of life.”

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Source: *Viva Laredo City of Laredo Comprehensive Plan*

Relevance: The installation of a phone exchange/switching station contributes to the modernization of telecommunications infrastructure, which supports both residential and commercial development, thereby aligning with the goal of providing critical utilities.

Policy 11.1.2 – “Coordinate with utility providers to ensure infrastructure keeps pace with development and supports both residential and business needs.”

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Source: *Viva Laredo City of Laredo Comprehensive Plan*

Relevance: Although the plan emphasizes coordination with utilities broadly, this proposed switching station represents infrastructure enhancement in a mixed-use area, addressing both current and future service demands for the community.

3. Summary of Alignment

The proposed conditional use permit demonstrates **moderate alignment** with the *Viva Laredo Comprehensive Plan*. It supports **Goal 11.1** and **Policy 11.1.2** by enabling the development of telecommunications infrastructure critical for supporting modern living and economic growth.

While the site is adjacent to residential uses and lacks precedent for this type of facility in the immediate area, the project's low-impact nature—being unmanned, non-polluting, and designed with screening and buffering—mitigates potential compatibility concerns.

The proposal touches on broader planning themes including **technological infrastructure**, **economic resilience**, and **urban service accessibility**, but does not meet the threshold for *strong* alignment due to the absence of direct, explicit support for telecommunications land use within neighborhood mixed-use areas in the Comprehensive Plan.

4. Additional Requirements

All goals and policies cited are quoted verbatim from the *Viva Laredo City of Laredo Comprehensive Plan*. The agenda item fulfills the intent of utility infrastructure enhancement but does so without direct correspondence to land use policy in this specific neighborhood context, warranting a **Moderate** alignment classification.

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