



# THE MONTHLY ROUND-UP



Webb County Judge Tano E. Tijerina's Newsletter

February 2015

## PRIMER ENCUENTRO BINACIONAL REGION LAREDO



(L) Gerardo Schwebel -IBC, Mayor Pete Saenz, Mr. Glafiro Montemayor, Judge Tijerina and Ing. Javier Solis

On February 12th, International Bank of Commerce hosted the, **Primer Encuentro Binacional Region Laredo**, which was attended by Laredo City Mayor, Pete Saenz, Representing Nuevo Laredo Mayor Carlos Cantu Rosas, Ing. Francisco Javier Solis Morales and Mr. Glafiro Montemayor, as well as other local businessmen.

The purpose of this forum was to bring both regions together and initiate a collaborative effort among "**los DOS Laredos**," that will enhance business development, and expand economic ties between South Texas and Mexico.

Since taking office as Webb County Judge, on January 1<sup>st</sup> of this year, Judge Tijerina's main priority has been to work closely with elected officials at the local, state, federal and international level.

**Bravo! Well done!**

*"We are ready to work with City of Laredo Mayor, Pete Saenz and officials from Mexico...start knocking on doors in Austin, Mexico and elsewhere, and open doors for new opportunities for the growth of the LareDOS/ Webb County region."*

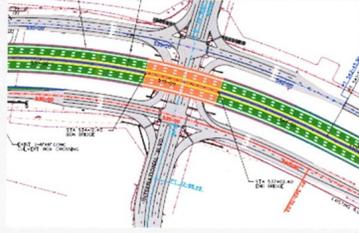
**-Judge Tijerina**

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## SL 20 - International Interchange

- Project limits
  - From: 0.25 miles west of McPherson,
  - To: 0.45 miles east of International
- Estimated Cost \$22.05 million
  - Proposed Prop 1 funds (Category-Energy Sector) - \$21,290,000
  - Proposed Prop 1 funds (Category 2 MPO) - \$758,000
- PS&E is 95% complete
- This project does not require ROW acquisition or Railroad coordination
- This project is able to meet the guidelines set forth by the LBB
- This project will also complete the construction that remains pending over the McPherson bridge.
  - Under the McPherson project, the bridge was fully constructed. However, pavement surface was only partially constructed for use of one lane/shoulder in each direction.



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## TRAFFIC RELIEF...

### COMING SOON!

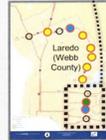
An MPO meeting was held on February 17th at the Laredo City Hall Chambers and approved the construction of an overpass and interchanges on International/Loop 20, and Clark (Spur400)/Loop 20 including a fly-over on Loop 20/I-35. These projects will approximately take from 24 to 30 months to be completed.

Transportation is a crucial factor in our everyday lives. With Laredo being the #1 inland port in the nation, it relies heavily on the efficient performance of our transportation system. Indeed, these projects will benefit the infrastructure of Laredo and Webb County as a whole.

## SL 20 (US 59 to SH 359)



- Overpass at US 59
  - Completed in November 2008 (\$20.5 million)
- SL 20/SH 359 Interchange
  - Completed in January 2014 (\$18.1 million)
- SL 20/Spur 400 Interchange Project
  - Project let in August 2014 (\$33.8 million)
  - Utility Relocations underway/Construction estimated to begin by August 2015
- SL 20 Mainlanes Bridge Widening over KCS Railroad
  - Scheduled to let - August 2015
- SL 20 Frontage Road Bridges over KCS Railroad
  - Scheduled to let with Mainlanes Bridge Widening Project - August 2015



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*Note: Webb County Judge Tano Tijerina is a member of the Laredo MPO (Metropolitan Planning Organization). Other members include officials from the City of Laredo, Webb County and TX-Dot.*

## INVITATION TO VISIT GOVERNOR EGIDIO TORRE CANTU

An invitation was extended to Webb County Judge Tano E. Tijerina and Laredo City Mayor Pete Saenz from Egidio Torre Cantu, Governor of the state of Tamaulipas, Mexico, in Ciudad Victoria on Tuesday, February 10, 2015. The reunion was to establish a collaboration and strengthen the ties between Webb County/City of Laredo and the state of Tamaulipas.

This new alliance for the future demonstrates the willingness from both to work together as ONE for the economic progress of these two nations.



Webb County Judge Tijerina, Governor Egidio Torre Cantu & Mayor Pete Saenz

# COUNTY JUDGE VISITS FIRST RESPONDERS

An unfortunate accident in the Webb County Facilities & Maintenance Department brought our Webb County family together as ONE. The Constables Office, Sherriff's Office, Webb County employees and Laredo Police Department rallied together to help our injured employees.

Judge Tijerina expressed his gratitude to the first responders who helped our Webb County family in a time of need by visiting them and take some *pan dulce!*



Judge Tijerina thanks First Responders for their help

# NEW JUSTICE OF THE PEACE PCT 2 PL 2



Mr. Daniel Dominguez III, new JP Pct 2 Pl 2

Daniel Dominguez III, has been selected as the new Justice of Peace Precinct 2, Place 2. Mr. Dominguez was chosen by the Webb County Commissioners Court from a pool of 18 applicants. Once pre-employment processes are done, Mr. Dominguez will be sworn in on Friday, February 27, 2015.

## ***Justice of the Peace Responsibilities:***

The Justice of the Peace functions as a magistrate are to conduct hearings, issue warrants for search and arrests; issue citations in the course of civil process, conducts preliminary hearings, administers oaths and performs marriages. In addition, he hears misdemeanor cases, and civil cases in which the amount in controversy does not exceed \$10,000.

The above information is available at the Texas Association for Counties:

<http://county.org/Pages/default.aspx>

# COUNTY JUDGE'S TEAM:

## QUOTES OF THE MONTH



(L-R) Meli, Ita, Lalo, Judge Tijerina, Jose Luis, Betty & Cordy outside the County Courthouse

Studies have shown, that people who belong in a particular team or organization had a higher sense of unity, enthusiasm and responsibility associated with their work environment. This is the ambiance that transpires in the County Judge's office, we are all a family working together as ONE team.

We spend eight hours five times a week (and at times even more) working together, that we begin to notice each others' habits, mannerisms and "quotes" (yes.... quotes, the expressions that define each of our different personalities). Here are a few we heard this month:

**Judge Tijerina:** " *Nos van a comer el lonche...*" (at the Primer Encuentro Binacional Region Laredo #leadership@itsbest); **Lalo Uribe:** " *It's FAT Tuesday!!!*" (during a meeting #knownforhisrandomness); **Cordy Valdez:** " *Vamonos al pipirin!*" (referring to lunchtime #gottoloveherwittiness); **Jose Luis Neira:** " *Do you guys need anything? Call me if you do..*" (extremely attentive #truegentleman); **Ita Garza:** " *What are you having for lunch today?*" (asking everyone in the office every single day #pregnancycravings); **Meli Mata:** " *That's not right!*" (doing your best at work #trustworthy); **Betty Ortiz:** " *Super!!!*" ( #favoriteword )

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## Next Month's Issue:

-Victory Dance for Judge Tijerina

-New fitness challenge

-Webb County: Recycling Initiative

-Steak Plate Sale for Fellow Volunteer  
Fire Fighter