Laredo Urban Transportation Study

Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Committee

Notice of Public Meeting

City of Laredo City Hall
City Council Chambers
1110 Houston Street
Laredo, Texas
March 18th, 2019
1:30 p.m.

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MEETING AGENDA

I. CHAIRPERSON TO CALL MEETING TO ORDER

II. CHAIRPERSON TO CALL ROLL

III. CITIZEN COMMENT

Speakers are required to fill out witness cards, which must be submitted to MPO Staff no later than 15 minutes after the start of the meeting. Speakers shall identify themselves at the microphone. Comments are limited to three (3) minutes per speaker. No more than three (3) persons will be allowed to speak on any side of an issue. Should there be more than three (3) people who wish to speak on a specific issue, they should select not more than three (3) representatives to speak on their behalf. The presiding officer may further limit public comment in the interest of order or time. Speakers may not transfer their minutes to any other speaker. Comments should be relevant to City business and delivered in a professional manner. No derogatory remarks shall be permitted.

IV. ITEMS REQUIRING POLICY COMMITTEE ACTION

A. Approval of the minutes for the meeting held on January 22, 2019, and February 19, 2019.

B. Receive public testimony and initiate a ten-day public review and comment period for the following proposed amendment(s) of the 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP):

1. ***Addition*** of project CSJ 0018-06-198 intended to provide for the widening of IH 35, by constructing a third lane to the inside and adding a concrete barrier to the inside of IH 35 north/south bound, from 0.38 miles south of US59/IH 35 INT. to

0.80 miles south of US59/IH 35 INT., with an estimated total project cost of $5,911,775. The proposed project letting date is FY 2019.

2. ***Addition*** of project CSJ 0086-14-084 intended to widen I-69W by providing for the construction of a third lane to the inside and adding a concrete barrier to I-69W east/west bound, from World Trade Bridge GSA facilities to IH 35, with an estimated total project cost of $18,207,550. The proposed letting date is FY 2020.

3. ***Addition*** of project CSJ 2150-04-076 intended to widen FM 1472 by providing for the construction of a right turn lane on I-69W/FM 1472 intersection, from Big Bend Boulevard northbound to Killam Industrial Boulevard northbound, with an estimated total project cost of $4,167,927. The proposed letting date is FY 2019.

4. ***Addition*** of project CSJ 0922-33-181 intended to construct and improve seventeen (17) bus stops located throughout the transit fixed route network, with an estimated total project cost of $250,000. The proposed project letting date is FY 2021.

5. ***Revision*** of project CSJ 0922-33-149 for the construction of a pedestrian trail at Chacon Creek. ***Purpose*** of amendment is to revise the estimated letting date from fiscal year (FY) 2019 to FY 2020.

6. ***Revision*** of project CSJ 0922-33-076 for the construction of the re-alignment at the intersection of FM 1472 and Flecha Lane/Las Cruces Drive. ***Purpose*** of amendment is to revise the estimated letting date from fiscal year (FY) 2019 to FY 2020.

7. ***Revision*** of project CSJ 0922-33-093 for the construction of an overpass on Calton Road. ***Purpose*** of amendment is to revise the estimated letting from fiscal year (FY) 2016 to FY 2020.

8. ***Revision*** of project CSJ 0922-33-177 for the construction of a hike and bike trail from Anna Park to LC Campus. ***Purpose*** of amendment is to revise the estimated letting date from fiscal year (FY) 2018 to FY 2020.

C. Receive public testimony and initiate a ten-day public review and comment period for the following proposed amendment(s) of the 2015-2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP):

1. Amending Table 12-10, entitled Roadway and Bicycle/Pedestrian Project Summary,
   Figure 12-1, entitled Roadway and Bicycle/Pedestrian Projects,
   Table 12-11, entitled roadway Projects,
   Figure 13-1, entitled Natural Resources and Federally Funded Projects,
   Figure 13-2, entitled Cultural Resources and Federally Funded Projects,
   Figure 13-3, entitled Low Income Areas and Federally Funded Projects,
   Table 13-1, entitled Federally Funded Projects Environmental Assessment Results,

Table 13-3, entitled Federally Funded Projects and Environmental Justice Populations; and, Figure 13-4 entitled Colonias and Federally Funded Projects as necessary to incorporate the following revisions:

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d) ***Addition*** of project CSJ 0922-33-181 intended to construct and improve seventeen (17) bus stops located throughout the transit fixed route network, with an estimated total project cost of $250,000. The proposed project letting date is FY 2020.

D. A motion to consider approval of the amendment of the Laredo El Metro ADA Bus Stops and Bicycles Plazas Enhancement Project, funded by the MPO's 2018 Transportation Alternatives (TA) Set-Aside Program funding, in order to:

1. substitue ten (10) of the original bus stop locations submitted in the original funding request with (10) other newly identified locations; and,
2. upgrade the proposed bus shelter design to a Slimline Arched shelter for a sophisticated appearance that includes solar lighting, wall mounted benches and map cases.

The proposed amendments will not increase the $250,000 total projet cost, and the $200,000 in TA- Set Aside funds allocated to the project will remain unchanged.

E. A motion to authorize a 2019 Call For Projects for the Laredo MPO Transportation Alternatives (TA) Set-Aside Program, in order to allocate $1,176,000 in TA federal funds, requiring a 20% match of $294,000, totaling $1,470,000 in total project costs.

F. A motion to allocate $43 million dollars from the 2020 Unified Transportation Plan (UTP) to the frontage road projects on highway US 59-Future IH 69. CSJ's 0086-14-086, 087, and 089. This allocation will fund a portion of the frontage roads needed along US 59.

G. Discussion with possible action on that section of IH 35, between the Milo Interchange and Shiloh Drive, regarding issues pertaining to access by adjoining land owners and frontage roads.

H. Discussion with possible action on lighting on Cuatro Vientos Road.

I. Discussion with possible action on the proposed Mines Road Bike Tract.

J. Discussion with possible action regarding pedestrian and bicycle facilities in order to safely cross Loop 20 at the intersection of Del Mar.

K. Discussion with possible action regarding pedestrian and bicycle facilities in order to safely cross Del Mar under IH 35 and allocation of funding regarding same.

L. Discussion with possible action on the River Road Project.

M. Discussion with possible action on Hachar-Reuthinger Road.

V. REPORT(S) AND PRESENTATIONS (No action required).

A. Update on the status of the Bike Master Plan.

B. Status report by Traffic Safety Department on the Citywide Synchronization Project.

C. Status report by TxDOT on the Outer Loop Alignment Study.

D. Status report by TxDOT on ongoing projects.

E. Status report on the Regional Mobility Authority (RMA).

VI. ADJOURNMENT

THIS NOTICE WAS POSTED AT THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 1110 HOUSTON STREET, LAREDO, TEXAS, AT A PLACE CONVENIENT AND READILY ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC AT ALL TIMES. SAID NOTICE WAS POSTED BY MARCH 15TH, 2019, BY 1:30 P.M.

All meetings of the MPO Committee are open to the public. Persons who plan to attend this meeting and who may need auxiliary aid or services, such as: interpreters for persons who are deaf or hearing impaired, readers of large print or Braille, or a translator for the Spanish language are requested to contact Ms. Vanessa Guerra, City Planning, 1120 San Bernardo Ave. at (956) 794-1613, vguerra@ci.laredo.tx.us, at least five working days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made. Materials in Spanish may also be provided upon request.

Disability Access Statement - This meeting is wheelchair accessible. The accessible entrances are located at 1110 Victoria and 900 Flores. Accessible parking spaces are located at City Hall, 1110 Victoria.

Ayuda o Servicios Auxiliares: Todas las reuniones del Comité del MPO están abiertas al

público. Personas que planean asistir a esta reunión y que pueden necesitar ayuda o servicios, auxiliares como: intérpretes para personas con discapacidad auditiva, lectores de letra grande o en Braille, o un traductor para el idioma español deben comunicarse con la Sra. Vanessa Guerra, en el Departamento de Planificación de la Ciudad, 1120 San Bernardo Ave. al (956) 794-1613, vguerra@ci.laredo.tx.us, al menos cinco días hábiles antes de la reunión para que los arreglos apropiados se pueden hacer. Materiales in español se proveerán a petición.

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Honorable Norma "Nelly' Vielma, City Councilmember, District V
Honorable Dr. Marte Martinez, City Councilmember, District VI
Honorable George Altgelt, City Councilmember, District VII

LAREDO MASS TRANSIT BOARD REPRESENTATIVE:

Vacant (yet to be appointed)

COUNTY OF WEBB REPRESENTATIVES:

Honorable Tano E. Tijerina, Webb County Judge
Honorable Jesse Gonzalez, Webb County Commissioner, Pct. 1
Honorable John Galo, Webb County Commissioner, Pct. 3

STATE REPRESENTATIVES:

Mr. David M. Salazar, Jr., P.E., District Engineer
Ms. Melisa Montemayor, District Administrator

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Honorable Judith Zaffirini, State Senator, District 21
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