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
April 17, 2017
1:30 p.m.

MEETING AGENDA

I. CHAIRPERSON TO CALL MEETING TO ORDER

II. CHAIRPERSON TO CALL ROLL

III. COMMITTEE AND DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

IV. 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.

V. ITEMS REQUIRING POLICY COMMITTEE ACTION

A. Approval of the minutes for the meeting held on March 20, 2017.

B. Receive public testimony, initiate an additional 10 day public review and comment period, and approve Resolution No. MPO 2017-02, adopting the proposed amendment(s) of the 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), conditional to receipt of no significant comment:

1. ***Addition*** of project CSJ 0018-06-183 intended to provide for the construction a direct connector interchange (DC#5), from 0.50 miles south of US59-SL20 to 0.50 miles east of IH35/US59-SL20, with an estimated total project cost of $35,121,000. Proposed project letting date is FY 2019 (August, 2019).

2. ***Addition*** of project CSJ 0922-33-900, also identified as the River Vega Multi-Use Hike and Bike Trail, intended to provide for the construction of a hike and bike trail from Anna Park to the LCC Campus, with an estimated total project cost of $815,798. Proposed project letting date is October 2018 (FY 19).

3. ***Revision*** of project CSJ 0086-14-077 intended to provide for construction of an interchange at the international airport. ***Purpose*** of amendment is to revise funding amounts from $14,785,990 in State funds to $4,901,198 in State funds, and $9,884,792 in federal funds. Proposed letting date will remain in fiscal year (FY) 2018, however the letting month is being moved from September of 2017 to August of 2018.

4. ***Revision*** of project CSJ 0086-14-078 intended to provide for construction of an interchange from 0.50 miles south of Jacaman Road to 0.50 miles north of Jacaman Road. ***Purpose*** of amendment is to revise funding amounts from $19,691,424 in State funds to $3,938,285 in State funds, and $15,753,139 in federal funds. Proposed letting date will remain in fiscal year (FY) 2020, however the letting month is being moved from September of 2019 to August of 2020.

5. ***Administrative Revision*** of project CSJ 0922-33-093 intended to construct a grade separation at the Calton Road/Santa Maria intersection. ***Purpose*** of the amendment is to move letting date from August 2017 (FY 17) to October 2017 (FY 18).

C. Receive public testimony, initiate an additional 10 day public review and comment period and approve Resolution No. MPO 2017-03, adopting the following proposed amendment(s) of the 2015-2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), conditional to receipt of no significant comment:

1. Amending Table 12-10, entitled Roadway and Bicycle/Pedestrian Project Summary,
Figure 12-1, entitled Roadway and Bicycle/Pedestrian Projects,
Table 12-11, entitle Category 2 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 by:

a) ***Adding*** project CSJ 0086-14-077 for the construction of the Airport Overpass at the International Airport. The estimated project construction cost is $14,785,990. Estimated letting date is August of 2018 (FY 2018).

b) ***Adding*** project CSJ 0086-14-078 for the construction of the Jacaman Overpass, 0.50 miles south of Jacaman Road to 0.50 miles north of Jacaman Road. The

estimated project construction cost is $19,691,424. Estimated letting date is August of 2020 (FY 2020).

c) ***Adding*** project CSJ 0018-06-136 for the construction of a railroad grade separation and widening of the main-lanes from Shiloh Dr. to 0.25 miles north of US 59/ IH 69W. The estimated construction cost is $54,000,000. Estimated letting date August 2021 (FY 2021)

d) ***Adding*** project CSJ 0018-06-183 for the construction of direct connector interchange (DC#5), from 0.50 miles south of US 59-SL20 to 0.50 miles east of IH35/US59-SL20. The estimated construction cost is $30,000,000. Estimated letting date is August 2019 (FY 2019)

e) ***Adding*** project CSJ 0018-05-089 for the replacement of an existing bridge, from 0.50 miles south of Uniroyal Interchange to 1.0 miles north of the Uniroyal Interchange. The estimated construction cost is $65,000,000. Estimated letting date is September of 2021, (FY 2021)

f) ***Adding*** of project CSJ 0922-33-900, also identified as the River Vega Multi-Use Hike and Bike Trail, intended to provide for the construction of a hike and bike trail from Anna Park to the LCC Campus, with an estimated total project cost of $815,798. Proposed project letting date is October 2018 (FY 19.

g) ***Revising*** project #4/0086-14-058 by adding identifier CSJ 0086-14-072 and removing the Airport and Jacaman Road overpasses. Said projects will be identified separately as projects CSJ 0086-14-077 and CSJ 0086-14-078 respectively.

2. Amending Table 12-11 such that it will be identified as Roadway Project and will include all roadway project summaries previously listed in Tables 12-11, 12-12, 12-13, 12-14, 12-15, entitled Category 2, 7,8,9, and 10 Roadway Projects, respectively.

3. Remove Tables 12-11, 12-12, 12-13, 12-14, 12-15, entitled Category 2, 7,8,9, and 10 Roadway Projects respectively Table 12-12 , entitled Category 7 Roadway Projects,

D. Receive public testimony and approve Resolution No. MPO 2017-04, adopting the proposed re-approval of the Public Participation Plan (PPP).

E. Discussion with possible action regarding the remaining 8 million dollars in Category 2 funds.

F. Discussion with possible action on Hachar Road.

G. Discussion with possible action on Mines Road.

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

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

VII. 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 ON APRIL 12TH, 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 Vanessa Guerra, en el Departamento de Planificación de la Ciudad de Laredo, 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 Charlie San Miguel, City Councilmember, District VI
Honorable George Altgelt, City Councilmember, District VII

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Honorable Roberto Balli, City Councilmember, District VIII

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Honorable Tano E. Tijerina, Webb County Judge
Honorable John Galo, Webb County Commissioner, Pct. 3
Honorable Jaime Canales, Webb County Commissioner, Pct. 4

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