Laredo Urban Transportation Study

Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Committee
City of Laredo Council Chambers
1110 Houston St. -Laredo, Texas

MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 21, 2015 MEETING

LAREDO, TEXAS
1755

I. CHAIRPERSON TO CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Pete Saenz called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

II. CHAIRPERSON TO CALL ROLL

Vanessa Guerra, MPO Coordinator, called roll and verified that a quorum did exist.

Regular members present:

Honorable Pete Saenz, Mayor and LUTS Chairperson
Honorable Tano E. Tijerina, Webb County Judge (joined the meeting at 12:05 p.m.)
Honorable Roque Vela, Jr., City Councilmember, District V
Honorable Roberto Balli, City Councilmember, District VIII
Honorable John Galo, Webb County Commissioner, Pct. 3
Honorable Jaime Canales, Webb County Commissioner, Pct. 4 (joined the meeting at 12:03 p.m.)
Pete Alvarez, TxDOT
Melisa Montemayor, TxDOT

Regular members not present:

Honorable Charlie San Miguel, City Councilmember, District VI

Ex-Officio Members Not Present:

Honorable Richard Raymond, State Representative, District 42
Honorable Judith Zaffirini, State Senator, District 21
Honorable Tracy O. King, State Representative, District 80

Staff (Of Participating LUTS Agencies) Present:

City: Nathan R. Bratton, City Planning/LUTS Staff
Vanessa Guerra, City Planning/LUTS Staff
Angie Quijano, City Planning/LUTS Staff
Roberto Murillo, Traffic Safety Department
Robert Peña, Traffic Safety Department

State: Ana Duncan, TxDOT
Albert Ramirez, TxDOT
Sara Garza, TxDOT
Carlos Rodriguez, TxDOT

Others: Anthony Garza, Dannenhaum Engineering
Richard Ridings, Howard, Needles, Tammen, & Bergendoff (HNTB, Inc.)
Antonio Rodriguez, HNTB, Inc.
Ruben Soto, Regional Mobility Authority (RMA)
Mike Graham, TxDOT
Luis Perez Garcia, Webb County Engineering

III. COMMITTEE AND DIRECTOR'S REPORTS (No action required)

Neither the Committee, nor the MPO Director had any new business to report.

IV. ITEMS REQUIRING POLICY COMMITTEE ACTION

A. Approval of the minutes for the meeting held on November 16, 2015

Cm. Galo made a motion to **approve** the minutes of November 16, 2015.

Second: Cm. Balli
For: 7
Against: 0
Abstained: 0

Motion carried unanimously

B. Discussion and possible action to re-schedule the monthly Policy Committee meetings of January 18th, 2016 and February 15th, 2016 to Tuesday, January 19th, and Tuesday, February 16th, 2016 due to the Martin Luther King and President's Day holiday, respectively.

Cm. Balli made a motion to **approve** rescheduling the monthly Policy Committee meetings of January 18th, 2016 and February 15th, 2016 to Tuesday, January 19th, and Tuesday, February 16th, 2016 due to the Martin Luther King and President's Day holiday, respectively.

Second: Cm. Montemayor
For: 7
Against: 0
Abstained: 0

Motion carried unanimously

Cm. Canales joined the meeting at 12:03 p.m.

Judge Tijerina joined the meeting at 12:05 p.m.

C. Receive public testimony and approve the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Project Selection Procedures.

Cm. Galo made a motion to **open** a public hearing.

Second:	Cm. Vela
For:	8
Against:	0
Abstained:	0

Motion carried unanimously

Cm. Galo made a motion to **close** the public hearing and **approve** the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Project Selection Procedures.

Second:	Cm. Vela
For:	8
Against:	0
Abstained:	0

Motion carried unanimously

D. Discussion with possible action on the proposed allocation of $4.82 million of FY 16 Proposition 1 Category 2 (MPO) funds to project CSJ 2150-04-067 for the widening of pavement to provide additional travel lanes, on FM 1472 (Mines Road) from Killam Industrial Blvd. to 0.3 north of Mueller Blvd., with an estimated letting date of August 2016.

Pete Alvarez, TxDOT, stated the project would be another opportunity to provide additional lanes on FM 1472 to improve congestions.

Cm. Canales asked how much funding would remain if said funding is used.

Albert Ramirez, TxDOT, stated TxDOT would use all MPO funding if the Policy Board chooses to approve the item.

Melisa Montemayor, TxDOT, stated said project is under design and would not be funded for construction until the Policy Board makes the final approval.

Cm. Tijerina made a motion to **approve** the item for the proposed allocation of $4.82 million of FY 16 Proposition 1 Category 2 (MPO) funds to project CSJ 2150-04-067 for the widening of pavement to provide additional travel lanes, on FM 1472 (Mines Road) from Killam Industrial Blvd. to 0.3 north of Mueller Blvd., with an estimated letting date of August 2016.

Second: Cm. Galo
For: 8
Against: 0
Abstained: 0

Motion carried unanimously

E. Discussion with possible action on the proposed amendment of the Highway MTP/TIP to program Loop 20/U.S. 59 from International Blvd. to Business U.S. 59 for Engineering, Right-of-Way acquisition, and Construction.

Pete Alvarez, TxDOT, requested to postpone the item till the January 2016 meeting. A presentation by TxDOT's Strategic Projects Office will be given at that time.

Ruben Soto, Chairman, Regional Mobility Authority (RMA), suggested waiting the 30 days and postpone the item till the January 2016 meeting.

Mayor Saenz concurred with the postponement of the item till the January 2016 meeting.

Albert Ramirez, TxDOT, stated that the funding projections especially for the Proposition 7 funds are not currently known, and require further analysis.

Cm. Galo requested to meet with TxDOT before the January 2016 meeting.

Cm. Alvarez stated the study should be complete and presented at the next meeting.

Cm. Canales made a motion to **approve** the item contingent to making changes in the next 30 days.

Second: Cm. Vela
For: 2
Against: 5 (Cm. Galo, Mayor, Cm. Alvarez, Cm. Montemayor, Cm. Balli)
Abstained: 0

Motion failed

Cm. Balli made a motion to **bring back** the item to the January 19, 2016 meeting.

Second: Cm. Galo
For: 8
Against: 0
Abstained: 0

Motion carried unanimously

F. Discussion with possible action on Hachar Road.

G. Discussion with possible action on Mines Road.

No discussion or any action was taken on agenda items # F and G.

V. TECHNICAL COMMITTEE REPORT(S) (No action required)

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

Ruben Soto, RMA Chairman, gave a brief status report on the RMA. He stated the RMA requested an audit waiver from the County and the City of Laredo. The item was posted on the County agenda and was approved. The City of Laredo's approval is still pending. He also stated a presentation on Vallecillo Road by the Texas Transportation Institute (TTI) was given at their previous meeting. The Vallecillo road project discussion resulted in the determination that a more accurate estimate of total future project cost is necessary.

Cm. Montemayor left the meeting at 12:54 p.m.

Mr. Soto also stated a presentation by Mario Espinoza from the Central Texas Mobility Authority was also given.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Cm. Tijerina made a motion to **adjourn** the meeting at 12:56 p.m.

Second:	Cm. Vela
For:	7
Against:	0
Abstained:	0

Motion carried unanimously

Prepared by: _____
Angie Quijano,
MPO Staff

Reviewed by: _____
Vanessa Guerra,
MPO Coordinator

Reviewed by: _____
Nathan R. Bratton,
MPO Director

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Melisa Montemayor,
District Administrator

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MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 19, 2016 MEETING

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I. CHAIRPERSON TO CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Cm. Vela called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m.

II. CHAIRPERSON TO CALL ROLL

Nathan R. Bratton, MPO Director, called roll and verified that a quorum did not exist.

Regular members present:

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David Platowski, TxDOT
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Ruben Soto, Regional Mobility Authority (RMA)
Antonio Rodriguez, HNTB, Inc.

Cm. Vela stated quorum was not achieved. No items were discussed and no action was taken. The meeting was adjourned at 12:12 p.m.

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Angie Quijano,
MPO Staff

Reviewed by: _____
Vanessa Guerra,
MPO Coordinator

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Nathan R. Bratton,
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