

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
October 17, 2016
12:00 noon**

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 September 19, 2016.
- B. Receive public testimony and approve Resolution No. MPO 2016-11 adopting the proposed revision(s) of the 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP):

Mobility:

1. **Addition** of project CSJ 0086-14-910 for the development of the Plans, Specifications and Estimates (PS&E) for the construction of the Jacaman Road and Airport overpasses, from US 59 to Jacaman Road, to be funded with \$4,641,030 in Coordinated Border Infrastructure Funds (CBI). Letting date is December 2016 (FY 2017).
2. **Addition** of a *grouped* project CSJ 0086-14-920 for the acquisition of Right-of-Way on Loop 20, from US 59 to the Airport Overpass, to be funded with \$4,806,663 in CBI funds. Letting date is FY 2017.
3. **Addition** of project CSJ 0086-14-077 for the construction of the Airport Overpass. The estimated project construction cost is \$14,785,990 and will be funded with \$2,430,000 in 2017 Proposition 1 funds and \$12,355,991 in Proposition 1 planning funds. Letting date is September 2017 (FY 2018).
4. **Addition** of project CSJ 0086-14-078 for the construction of the Jacaman Overpass. The estimated project construction cost is \$19,691,424 and will be funded with \$19,691,424 in 2020 in Proposition 1 planning funds as listed in the planning targets table released by TxDOT as part of the latest UTP update. Letting date is September 2019 (FY 2020).
5. **Revision** of project CSJ 0086-14-065 intended to construct an interchange facility over IH 35, from 0.330 miles west of IH 35 to 0.160 miles west of McPherson Road, with an estimated project cost of \$39.1 million dollars. \$1.0 million has been moved to CSJ 0086-14-081 to fund the addition of ITS to the project as requested by the TxDOT, Laredo District. Letting date is fiscal year (FY) 2017. **Purpose** of the revision is to reduce funding amounts per the latest construction estimate from \$38.1 million, to \$25,564,945, a reduction of \$12,535,055. Any cost overrun where the estimated federal cost exceeds 50% and results in a revised total cost exceeding \$1,499,999 will require a TIP revision.
6. **Revision** of project CSJ 0922-33-076 intended to realign Flecha Lane and Las Cruces along FM 1472. **Purpose** of revision is to move letting date from FY 2017 to FY 2018.

Transit:

7. **Addition** of project intended to provide for the construction of Phase I of El Metro Bus Operations, Administration, and Maintenance Facility to be located at 1801 Jacaman Road. The estimated project construction cost is \$25,710,324 which includes \$9,875,083 from FTA and \$15,835,244 in local match. Letting date is estimated in Spring of 2017.
- C. Receive public testimony and approve Resolution No. MPO 2016-12, adopting the proposed revision(s) of the 2015-2040 Laredo Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), which are as follows:

1. Amending Table 12-10, entitled Roadway and Bicycle/Pedestrian Project Summary and Table 12-11, 12-12, 12-15, and 12-17, entitled Category 2, 7, 10 and 12 Roadway Projects, to reflect the following revisions:

a. **Revision** of project CSJ 0086-14-065 intended to construct an interchange facility over IH 35, from 0.330 miles west of IH 35 to 0.160 miles west of McPherson Road, with an estimated project cost of \$39.1 million dollars. \$1.0 million has been moved to a separate CSJ to fund the addition of ITS to the project as request by the TxDOT Laredo District. Letting date is fiscal year (FY) 2017. **Purpose** of the revision is to reduce funding amounts per the latest construction estimate from \$38.1 million, to \$25,564,945, a reduction of \$12,535,055. TxDOT Laredo District will return to the Policy Committee for action if an overrun occurs during bidding.

D. Discussion with possible action to determine level of funding and authorize a Call for Projects for the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP).

E. Discussion with possible action on Hachar Road.

F. Discussion with possible action on Mines Road.

a.i.1. Presentation by TxDOT on the Texas Transportation Institute (TTI) Mines Road Corridor Study, Phase 3 recommendations.

a.i.2. Status report on cost estimates on all Mines Road projects both currently programmed and those considered for future implementation.

a.i.3. Status report by TxDOT on incorporation of the World Trade Bridge expansion data into the Mines Road Corridor Study.

G. Presentation, discussion and possible action on FASTLANE Grant and other grant opportunities. (Juan Sanchez, Legislative Fellow, Office of U.S. Congressman Henry Cuellar).

H. Discussion and possible action on priority projects for the Laredo MPO.

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

A. Status report on the Traffic Signal Synchronization Project.

B. 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 BY OCTOBER 14, BY 12:00 P.M.

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.

Información en Español: Personas que planean asistir a esta reunión y que pueden necesitar ayuda o servicios, auxiliares como: intérpretes para personas sordas o 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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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.

CITY OF LAREDO REPRESENTATIVES:

Honorable Pete Saenz, Mayor and LUTS Chairperson
Honorable Charlie San Miguel, City Councilmember, District VI
Honorable George Altgelt, City Councilmember, District VII

LAREDO MASS TRANSIT BOARD REPRESENTATIVE:

Honorable Roberto Balli, City Councilmember, District VIII

COUNTY OF WEBB REPRESENTATIVES:

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

STATE REPRESENTATIVES:

Mr. Pete Alvarez, P.E., District Engineer
Ms. Melisa Montemayor, District Administrator

**** EX-OFFICIO ****

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

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MPO Director

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