

**Laredo Webb County Area MPO
METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN 2020-2045 - APPENDIX A**

Short Range Projects Identified in the MTP and Listed in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

	CSJ	PROJECT NAME	SCOPE	FROM	TO	PROJECT SPONSOR	CATEGORY	YOE COST
FY 2021	0922-33-178	Bridge Inspection Booths	Constrtuction of Inspection Booths	World Trade Bridge		TxDOT	10	\$12,067,384
	0922-33-181	Improvement of 17 Bus Stops	Improve connections, accessibility and security for up to 17 bus stops	various locations		TxDOT	9-TAP	\$288,744
	0922-33-076	FM1472/Flecha Lane	Realing Flecha and Las Cruces Blvd.	Intersection of FM 1472 and Flecha	0.174 miles east of FM 1472	City	10, 3 -local	\$1,987,857
	0922-33-093	Calton and San Maria International	Construction of a grade separation interchange	0.25 m east of Calton/San Maria international	0.25 m west of Calton/San Maria International	City	10, 3 -local	\$21,249,609
	0922-33-177	River Vega Trail	Construct hike & bike trail	Anna Park	LCC Campus	City	9-Tap	\$815,798
FY 2022	0922-33-165	Hachar Roadway Road	New location 5 lane highway with 2 lane frontage roads	FM 1472	0.100 miles E of Beltway Parkway	City	7	\$26,796,901
	0922-33-166	Reuthinger Road	New location 5 lane highway with 2 lane frontage roads	0.1 mile East of Beltway Parkway	IH 35 West Frontage road	City	7, 10	\$21,740,668
FY 2023	0086-14-088	US 59 (Loop 20) RECONSTRUCTION	Reconstruction of existing 6-lane divided highway to proposed 6-lane freeway facility with3-lane frontage roads	0.36 mi South of University Blvd	0.51 mi South of Shiloh Dr	TxDOT	2U, 10	\$20,000,000
	0086-14-089	US 59 (Loop 20) RECONSTRUCTION	Reconstruction of existing 6-lane divided highway to proposed 6-lane freeway facility with3-lane frontage roads	0.51 mi South of Shiloh	International Blvd.	TxDOT	2U, 10	\$40,500,000
	0086-01-073	SH 359 WIDENING	Widen roadway from 3-lane to 5-lane undivided Highway	4.06 miles E of SL 20	8.935 miles E of SL 20	TxDOT	12	\$18,000,000
	0086-02-023	SH 359 WIDENING	Widen roadway from 2-lane to 4-lane divided highway	8.935 miles e of SL 20	9.830 miles e of SL 20	TxDOT	11	\$6,000,000
	0086-14-075	US 59 (LOOP 20) INTERCHANGE AT DEL MAR	Construction of Interchange at del Mar Blvd	0.50 mi South of del Mar Blvd	0.50 mi North of del Mar Bvd	TxDOT	2M	\$24,100,000

	0086-14-076	US 59 (LOOP 20) INTERCHANGE AT SHILOH	Construction of interchange	0.50 mi s of Shiloh Dr	0.50 mi n of Shiloh Dr	TxDOT	2M	\$21,500,000
	0086-14-079	US 59 (LOOP 20) INTERCHANGE AT UNIVERSITY BLVD	Construction of Interchange at University Blvd	0.50 mi s of University Blvd	0.50 mi n of University Blvd	TxDOT	2M	\$16,850,000
FY 2024	0086-14-087	US 59 (LOOP 20) RECONSTRUCTION	Reconstruction of existing 6- lane divided highway to proposed 6-lane freeway facility with 3-lane frontage roads at 0.4 mi	0.4 mi North of E Corridor Rd (Airport)	0.36 mi South of University Blvd	TxDOT	12	\$30,600,000
	0086-14-086	US 59 (LOOP 20) RECONSTRUCTION	Reconstruction of existing 6- lane divided highway to proposed 6 to 8-lane freeway facility with a section including 3-lane frontage roads.	US 59	0.4 mi North of E Corridor Rd (Airport)	TxDOT	12	\$15,600,000
	0018-06-185	DIRECT CONNECTOR #3 on IH 35	New direct connector (#3) South IH35 to East I-69W	0.50 mi East of IH35	0.50 mi North of US59	TxDOT	12	\$35,000,000
	0086-14-078	US 59 (Loop 20) INTERCHANGE AT JACAMAN RD	Construction of interchange at Jacaman Rd	0.50 mi s of Jacaman Rd	0.50 mi n of Jacaman Rd	TxDOT	12, 2M	\$19,691,424
	0086-14-077	US 59 (LOOP 20) INTERCHANGE AT AIRPORT	Construction of interchange at Airport Hwy change from SL 20 to US 59	0.500 mi South of E Corridor Rd (Airport)	0.50 mi North of E Corridor Rd (Airport)	TxDOT	2M	\$12,355,990

19 Projects

\$345,144,375

Total

Funding Category Types

CAT 1: Preventive Maintenance and Rehabilitation

CAT 2: Metro Corridor Projects

CAT 3: Non Traditionally Funded - includes local funds, proposition 12 or 14, etc.

CAT 7: Metro Mobility and Rehabilitation

CAT 9: Transportation Enhancement (TE) and Transportation Alternative Program (TAP)

CAT 10: Supplemental Projects include CBI and Earmark funds

CAT 11: District Discretionary

CAT 12: Strategic Priority - addresses project with priority to State

Prop 1: Proposition 1: Effective in 2015 Highway Trust Fund allocation from gas tax revenue

Prop 7: Proposition 7 : MPO allocations from formula funds diverted from state general sales, use tax, vehicle sales, and rental tax

Laredo-Webb County Area (LWCA)

Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Committee
Virtual Meeting

LIVE WEB LINK: <http://laredotx.swagit.com/live>

PUBLIC ACCESS CHANNEL: Spectrum TV channel 1300



MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL APRIL 19TH, 2021 VIRTUAL SPECIAL MEETING

Regular members present:

Honorable Pete Saenz, Mayor and LW-CAMPO Chairperson
Honorable Tano E. Tijerina, Webb County Judge
Honorable John Galo, Webb County Commissioner, Pct. 3
Honorable Jesse Gonzalez, Webb County Commissioner, Pct. 1
Humberto "Tito" Gonzalez, P.E., Private Sector
David M. Salazar, Jr., P.E., TxDOT District Engineer
Honorable Ruben Gutierrez, Jr., City Councilmember District V
Honorable Dr. Marte Martinez, City Councilmember, District VI
Honorable Vanessa Perez, City Councilmember District VII

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 LWCA Agencies) Present:

City: J. Kirby Snideman, City Planning/LW-CAMPO Staff
Graciela Briones, City Planning/LW-CAMPO Staff
Juan Mendive, City Planning/LW-CAMPO Staff
Julio Niño, City Planning/LW-CAMPO Staff
Jason Hinojosa, City Planning/LW-CAMPO Staff
Angie Quijano, City Planning/LW-CAMPO Staff
Ramon Chavez, City Engineering Department
Danny Magee, City Traffic Safety Department

State: Roberto Rodriguez, TxDOT

Sara Garza, TxDOT

Others: Luis Perez Garcia, Webb County Engineering
Guillermo Cuellar, Webb County Engineering
Melisa Montemayor, HNTB, Inc.
Antonio Rodriguez, HNTB, Inc.
Douglas Howland, RMA

I. CHAIRPERSON TO CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Saenz called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

II. CHAIRPERSON TO CALL ROLL

Graciela Briones, LW-CAMPO Staff, called roll and verified a quorum existed.

III. CITIZEN COMMENTS

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 on 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.

Mrs. Graciela Briones, MPO Staff, stated a comment was submitted by Jed Brown from the RMA and it read as followed:

The RMA was certainly excited to learn the results of the survey with the Vallecillo Road project coming out and ranked first in the list of unfunded projects. Trade and transportation are the life blood of our community and as the RMA has presented multiple times, Vallecillo road improved safety and mobility. It increases economy, economic development, regional tax base, and it provides job growth. The results of the unfunded survey item were discussed in the Lomas del Sur web-ex meeting held on April 8th with the members of the City, County, and the RMA attending. In that meeting, it was discussed that the Lomas del Sur overpass was ranked as one of the top three unfunded projects according to the survey responses. It is important to note that the ranking of the Lomas del Sur overpass of being ranked first, second, or third is not required for the City or the County to proceed with the Lomas del Sur project. In

the April 8th meeting, there was a discussion of possibly redoing the survey. The RMA cautioned against retaking the survey because we believe it would give the appearance that our community and those asked to take the survey would look disorganized or unprepared. We also believe our community may lose credibility if we take the survey on top of survey for the same projects or data. The RMA supports taking an annual survey for unfunded projects. We also strongly support the Lomas del Sur overpass project as it is needed for south Laredo and all motorists using the stretch of roadway now and in the years to come. The RMA welcomes the opportunity to work with the City, the County or whoever proposes this much needed overpass project.

IV. ITEMS REQUIRING POLICY COMMITTEE ACTION:

A. Approval of the minutes for the virtual meeting held on March 15th, 2021.

Dr. Martinez made a motion to approve the minutes for the meeting held on March 15th, 2021.

Second: CM. Perez
For: 9
Against: 0
Abstained: 0

Motion carried unanimously

Mayor Saenz made a motion to move up item #V-C.

Second: Dr. Martinez
For: 9
Against: 0
Abstained: 0

Motion carried unanimously

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

C. Presentation by MPO staff of the ranking of unfunded projects based on the survey released at the joint City, County, RMA, MPO meeting held on February 11, 2021.

Kirby Snideman, MPO Director, a gave a brief presentation as followed:

MTP 25-year projects were identified from the following sources:

- TxDOT Unified Transportation Plan (UTP) 2020

- Existing Regional Plans and Projects
- Congestion Management Process
- Travel Demand Modeling
- Agency and Public Call for Projects

TXDOT UTP UNFUNDED PROJECTS LIST

The list includes 16 projects

Project Areas:

- IH 35
 - US 59
 - SL 20
 - Mangana-Hein
 - US 83
 - Vallecillo Rd.
 - Outer Loop
- In preparing the fiscally constrained project list, the UTP was used to identify programmed projects through the year 2030.
 - The MPO coordinated with TxDOT to identify projects to program with expected revenue for the years 2020-2045.
 - TxDOT added one local project (Vallecillo Rd) to the unfunded list for consideration of priority

Ranking Unfunded TxDOT Projects			
Rank	Roadway	CSI #	Estimated Cost
1st	Vallecillo	Local Project	\$ 31.5 M
2nd	IH 35	0018-06-186	\$ 22 M
3rd	SL 20	0086-16-008	\$ 22 M
4th	SL 20	0086-16-010	\$ 22 M
5th	Outer Loop	0922-33-039	\$ 25 M
6th	SL 20	0086-16-009	\$ 22 M
7th	Mangana-Hein	0922-33-066	\$ 14.1 M
8th	IH 35	0018-04-058	\$ 68 M
9th	US 59	0542-01-094	\$ 205 M
10th	IH 35	0018-03-057	\$ 8 M
11th	IH 35	0018-04-061	\$ 19.7 M
12th	IH 35	0018-05-098	\$ 22 M
13th	US 59	0542-02-043	\$ 260M
14th	US 83	0037-10-040	\$ 45 M
15th	Outer Loop	0922-33-182	\$ 70 M
16th	IH 35	0018-06-196	\$ 22 M

Q1. Stakeholder Information	
Answer Choices	Responses
Name:	13
Title:	13
Email Address:	13
Phone Number:	0
Answered	13
Skipped	0

B. Discussion with possible action related to the need for internal infrastructure at Unitec Industrial Park to accommodate the additional traffic that will be generated by the expansion related to the newly approved City TIRZ. (Mr. Humberto "Tito" Gonzalez)

David Salazar, TxDOT, stated that in discussions with Mr. Snideman and City Staff, TxDOT was aware of the amount of work that is coming into the Uniroyal area up north. TxDOT wanted to briefly discuss what is planned out in that area so possibly think of altered routes.

Humberto Gonzalez, TxDOT, stated that TxDOT had been holding weekly meetings with City Planning and directors from different departments. One of the projects was for the improvements at the Uniroyal interchange at mile marker 13. TxDOT has an estimated 65 million dollars which were funds that were already secured for that project with a proposed letting date of 2024. The project would also consist of removing and replacing the current overpass at the Uniroyal intersection and also reconstructing the at grade crossing at Uniroyal which would go under IH 35. It would also have railroad upgrade improvements to the railroad crossing on the east side. TXDOT was already coordinating with Union Pacific to get the clearance needed for the railroad.

The other project TxDOT was working on was building a new proposed interchange that would tie in the Hachar-Reuthinger project. It would be an elevated interchange that would be constructed. This segment of the project was 45 million dollars which TxDOT already has secured and also with a proposed letting date of 2024.

CM. Galo asked if one would be able to fly over tracks otherwise the same problem with the overflow of traffic at Uniroyal.

CM. Salazar stated the Hachar-Reuthinger project would be tightening on the west side which would be an elevated tie-in and would be a fly overpass. He stated eventually there would have to be a route east of IH 35. As of now, the interchange would only go over IH 35 where you can go north or southbound but eventually TxDOT is hoping that there will be a tie in east of the Union Pacific railroad. He stated it is designed elevated enough so you can clear the tracks if needed.

Dr. Martinez stated that it was important for the MPO Policy committee to understand the viability or having or investing a north, south parallel to IH 35 that would have multiple connections to IH 35.

Mr. Gonzalez recommended to have a meeting discuss specifically about what are the future plans in that area Dr. Martinez referred to.

Dr. Martinez made a motion to explore the feasibility of a north, south parallel to IH 35 as well as to start a study inside the area, even if its just within the MPO and to look for the viability of said roadway.

Second: CM. Perez (for discussion)
For: 9
Against: 0
Abstained: 0

Motion carried unanimously

- C. Discussion with possible action on a motion to approve the second version of the Laredo Transit Management Inc. (LTMI) Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP) and Safety Performance Targets for calendar year 2021 and to incorporate into the Metropolitan and Statewide Planning Process with the Laredo Metropolitan Organization (MPO).**

Dr. Martinez made a motion to approve the item.

Second: CM. Gutierrez
For: 9
Against: 0
Abstained: 0

Motion carried unanimously

- D. Discussion with possible action on Hachar-Reuthinger.**

Guillermo Cuellar, Webb County Engineering, stated the consultant was going to submit schematics and all documents on Thursday. Once the County reviews them, they will forward them to TxDOT for further handling. He also stated the consultant has been paid all their services up to now. In addition to the amendment to the advance funding agreement in which TxDOT would take over the rest of environmental work, it would go through Commissioner's court for approval on April 26th.

CM. Salazar clarified and stated what TxDOT wanted to do is once the environmental was cleared, transfer over the right-of-way to TxDOT so they can begin the process of construction and design. By doing that, it would save the City and the County approximately about ninety million dollars.

- E. REPORT(S) AND PRESENTATIONS (No action required).**

- A. Update by TxDOT staff on three projects in the design stage currently out for public comment; intersection improvements on FM 1472, an expansion project on US 59, and a signal project at Business 59 and San Francisco.**

CM. Gonzalez gave a brief presentation on the item. He stated for the expansion project on US 59 the virtual public hearing went live on April 12th, at 8:00a.m. In person portion public hearing was held by appointment only on April 12th. The virtual public hearing would end on April 27th at 5:00 p.m.

For the intersection improvements on FM 1472, the virtual public meeting started on April 6th, at 11:00 a.m. and the comment period would end on April 21st, at 11:59 p.m.

He also stated a project presentation could be found at www.txdot.gov by searching "FM 1472 Webb County.

For the signal project at Business 59 and San Francisco, letters would be sent out on April 19th to property owners within project limits and comment would need to be received by May 7, 2021.

B. Update by MPO staff of an administrative modification to the FY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to accept the recently revised group project definitions, and an administrative modification to the 2020-2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) to include Appendix A – Short Range Projects Identified in the MTP and Listed in the TIP.

Mr. Snideman gave a brief presentation on the item. He stated nothing was removed or taken away, it was just a rearrangement of information into the format that the federal government wanted.

D. Status report by the Regional Mobility Authority (RMA).

Antonio Rodriguez, HNTB, Inc., representing the RMA provided a status report via email which read as followed:

1. Killam Industrial Blvd. Turn Lanes – Anticipated NTP for Anderson Columbia for construction will be in February. Construction start date is anticipated for the month of June/ July. The reason for the delay is due to a lag in time for the ordering of the signal poles in the project. This is lag in time from the ordering to the arrival of signal poles is an issue that is being seen on various street projects across the state.
2. Los Presidentes (Cuatro Vientos to Brownwood) – Construction has commenced. The team has issued cut sheets for the project for use by the contractor, and the team has also received multiple RFIs which have been quickly resolved. On the Cuatro Vientos Acceleration/ Deceleration Lane project, the 90% plans will be submitted to TxDOT on the week of the 26th of April. The project is scheduled for letting in October of this year.
3. Vallecillo Road – Received a Resolution of Support by the MPO on 2/16/21 from the MPO Policy Committee Meeting. We have also received a letter of support from State Representative Richard Raymond, State Representative Tracy King, State Senator Judith Zaffirini, US Congressman Henry Cuellar. We also had a follow-up meeting with TxDOT Deputy Executive Director Marc Williams to further discuss the project. At the conclusion of the discussion, he committed to work with Chairman Bruce Bugg's schedule to meet with Chairman Jed Brown.

CM. Perez suggested to have a meeting to discuss funding and mainly to discuss the top 3 projects based on the survey that was discussed in the beginning of the meeting.

E. DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

Mr. Snideman stated he would update the MPO committee regarding any future in person meetings. He stated City Council would be discussing Phase IV strategy but he will keep the MPO committee updated if there were any changes.

F. ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Martinez made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:42 p.m.

Second: CM. Perez
For: 6
Against: 0
Abstained: 0

Motion carried unanimously



Juan S. Mendive
Interim MPO Director



Pete Saenz, Mayor and LW-CAMPO
Chairperson