

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
July 16, 2018
1:30 p.m.

MEETING AGENDA

- I. CHAIRPERSON TO CALL MEETING TO ORDER
- II. CHAIRPERSON TO CALL ROLL
- III. CITIZEN COMMENT

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- IV. ITEMS REQUIRING POLICY COMMITTEE ACTION
 - A. Approval of the minutes for the meeting held on May 21, 2018 and June 18, 2018.
 - B. Receive public testimony and approve Resolution No. MPO 2018-05, adopting the 2019 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP).
 - C. Discussion with possible action on the transfer of \$ 96.93 Million from the construction of US 59 Interchanges at Del Mar Blvd, Shiloh Dr., International Airport, Jacaman Rd, and University Blvd (CSJs: 0086-14-075,076,077,078,and 079) to the construction of US 59 Frontage Roads between US 59 and International Blvd (CSJs: 0086-14-086,087,088,and 089). This change will allow better access to business and residences located along the US 59 corridor. In addition, it will allow for

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easier future construction of the interchanges by avoiding duplicated traffic closures/detours.

- D. Discussion with possible action on the River Road Project.
- E. Discussion with possible action on Hachar-Reuthinger Road.
- V. REPORT(S) AND PRESENTATIONS (No action required)
 - A. Status report by TxDOT on the Outer Loop Alignment Study.
 - B. Status report by City Engineering on the Calton Grade Separation Project.
 - C. Presentation by Transit, El Metro on revenue sources available for financing currently unfunded transit needs, especially buses.
 - D. Status report on the Regional Mobility Authority (RMA).

VI. ADJOURNMENT

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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 Jesse Gonzalez, Webb County Commissioner, Pct. 1
Honorable John Galo, Webb County Commissioner, Pct. 3

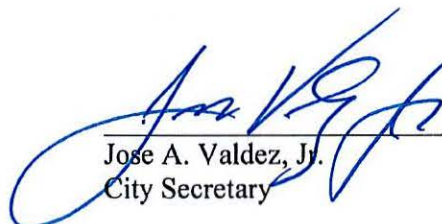
STATE REPRESENTATIVES:

Mr. David M. Salazar, Jr., P.E., District Engineer
Ms. Melissa 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


Nathan R. Bratton
MPO Director


Jose A. Valdez, Jr.
City Secretary

Laredo Urban Transportation Study

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



MINUTES OF THE MAY 21, 2018 MEETING

Regular members present:

Honorable Pete Saenz, Mayor and LUTS Chairperson
Honorable Tano E. Tijerina, Webb County Judge
Honorable George Altgelt, City Councilmember, District VII (arrived at 1:36 p.m.)
Honorable Charlie San Miguel, City Councilmember, District VI (arrived at 2:02 p.m.)
Honorable John Galo, Webb County Commissioner, Pct. 3
Honorable Jesse Gonzalez, Webb County Commissioner, Pct. 1 (arrived at 1:40 p.m.)
David M. Salazar, Jr., District Engineer
Melisa Montemayor, TxDOT District Administrator

Regular members not present:

Honorable Roberto Balli, City Councilmember, District VIII

Ex-Officio Members Not Present:

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Staff (Of Participating LUTS Agencies) Present:

City: Vanessa Guerra, City Planning/LUTS Staff
Angie Quijano, City Planning/LUTS Staff
Eduardo Bernal, Transit, El Metro

State: Sara Garza, TxDOT
Mike Graham, TxDOT
Ana Duncan, TxDOT
Carlos Rodriguez, TxDOT
Janece Quiroz, TxDOT
Danny Magee, TxDOT

County: Luis Perez Garcia, Webb County Engineering

Others: Antonio Rodriguez, HNTB, Inc.

Charlie Martens

I. CHAIRPERSON TO CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Pete Saenz called me the meeting to order at 1:34 p.m.

II. CHAIRPERSON TO CALL ROLL

Vanessa Guerra, MPO Coordinator, called roll and verified a quorum existed.

III. CITIZEN COMMENT

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CM. Altgelt joined the meeting at 1:36 p.m.

Charlie Martens, citizen, requested a status report on the plan for the outer loop.

David Salazar, TxDOT, stated TxDOT was working toward developing a schematic. He stated that was the first step toward construction of the outer loop.

Melisa Montemayor, TxDOT, stated the preliminary alignment was developed approximately ten years ago and now TxDOT would have to reassess if that alignment was still valid. She stated that once funds become available, TxDOT may move forward with one or multiple sections of the outer loop.

Mayor Saenz requested that an agenda item be placed every month regarding the status of outer loop project.

IV. ITEMS REQUIRING POLICY COMMITTEE ACTION

A. Approval of the minutes for the meeting held on April 16, 2018.

CM. Galo made a motion to approve the minutes of April 16, 2018.

Second: CM. Altgelt
For: 6
Against: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion carried unanimously

CM. Gonzalez joined the meeting at 1:40 p.m.

B. Receive public testimony and approve Resolution No. MPO 2018-03, adopting the 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

CM. Galo made a motion to open a public hearing.

Second: CM. Altgelt

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion carried unanimously

CM. Gonzalez joined the meeting at 1:40 p.m.

Ms. Guerra gave a brief presentation on the proposed item.

CM. Altgelt requested a status update for the Calton Grade Separation project.

Ms. Guerra stated the City Engineering Department would be able to give said update.

CM. Altgelt made a motion to direct MPO Staff to have City Engineering Department present a status report on the Calton Grade Separation project during the next MPO meeting including the specifics on any delays associated with the project.

Second: Mayor Saenz

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion carried unanimously

CM. Algelt requested a status update on the Hachar project.

Luis Perez Garcia, Webb County Engineering, stated the Hachar portion was the City portion of the project. He stated the engineering firm is the same firm that the County selected for the Reuthinger portion. He stated he could not give any more information on the Hachar portion because it was a City project.

CM. Altgelt made a motion to **direct** MPO Staff to provide a status update on the Hachar portion of the project, including factors precipitating its delay till 2011.

Second: CM. Galo
For: 7
Against: 0
Abstained: 0

Motion carried unanimously

CM. Galo made a motion directing the development of a cheat sheet detailing the specifics of all TIP projects including the project status. Said document would be required to be updated constantly.

Second: CM. Altgelt
For: 7
Against: 0
Abstained: 0

Motion carried unanimously

CM. Altgelt made a motion to **bring up** item IV-F.

Second: CM. Galo
For: 7
Against: 0
Abstained: 0

Motion carried unanimously

IV. ITEMS REQUIRING POLICY COMMITTEE ACTION

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

Luis Perez Garcia, County Engineer, stated the Reuthinger portion was on schedule, which was previously provided to the committee. He stated the selected consultant provided the County with their proposal. TxDOT has been provided with the proposed contract and are in the process of reviewing said document. He stated the County's Purchasing Department had provided TxDOT with the selection process used during the selection of the consultant. He also expected TxDOT to return the reviewed contracts so the County could execute the final contract with the consultant, Dannenbaum Engineering.

CM. Algelt inquired on the time frame for TxDOT to review the negotiated contract.

Melisa Montemayor, TxDOT, stated TxDOT would give an update as soon as they have it.

Mr. Perez Garcia stated the next phase would be the design phase followed by the construction phase.

Ms. Montemayor stated the Reuthinger portion was not financed for construction. She stated at the moment, it has \$300,000 of Coordinated Border Infrastructure (CBI) funds for the schematic and environmental phase. She stated the County was overseeing that portion of the project. She stated construction funds have not been identified.

Mayor Saenz requested to have an agenda item placed on the next meeting to discuss the financing components of the Hachar-Reuthinger project.

CM. San Miguel joined the meeting at 2:02 p.m.

CM. Galo asked for a status report on the R.O.W. acquisition for the Jacaman project.

Ms. Montemayor stated TxDOT was moving forward on the R.O.W. acquisition. She stated R.O.W. division had a consultant on board. She also stated TxDOT was actively engaging in meeting with the affected property owners. The R.O.W. required was located at the UISD food kitchen, the Armory, and the airport. She stated TxDOT had still not had confirmation from their R.O.W. division if the acquisition would be approved.

CM. Galo asked if there was a possibility that the Del Mar project could be constructed first.

Mrs. Montemayor stated Del Mar had dedicated funding but the funding was not currently available. Del Mar is programmed to be funded.

CM. Galo asked if Del Mar was ready, can the funds for Jacaman be used for Del Mar instead.

Judge Tijerina asked if projects could be added to the TIP. He would be interested in adding the Outer Loop Alignment to the TIP.

Mrs. Montemayor said yes and said the Outer Loop was already added to the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP).

Cm. Gonzalez also stated that signage would also help that area.

CM. Altgelt made a motion to have representatives from City Engineering, Traffic Safety, and R.O.W. Real Estate departments be present at every MPO monthly meeting.

Second: Cm. Galo

For: 8
Against: 0
Abstained: 0

Motion carried unanimously

Danny Magee, TxDOT, stated TxDOT had been working with City Traffic on signage and meeting with City Traffic department every 2 weeks. The signs that CM. Gonzalez inquired on had already been ordered.

CM. Galo asked whether a signal at the entrance of Henry Cuellar Boulevard was feasible.

Mr. Magee stated he would need to check the proximity of the signal that was already in that area.

CM. Altgelt asked for Ms. Guerra to review the TIP items as they are relevant to active transportation and Mass Transit.

Ms. Guerra stated transit had programmed 12 projects in the four year TIP with approximately funding of \$16,000,000, a year.

Eddie Bernal, El Metro, gave a brief presentation on the transit projects from the 2019-2022 TIP.

CM. Algelt requested that Transit give a presentation on revenue sources available for financing currently unfunded transit needs, especially, new buses.

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

- 1. Amending Chapters 1-13, as indicated in attached Exhibits A and B, to achieve compliance with the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act).**

CM. Galo made a motion to open a public hearing and initiate a ten-day comment review and comment period for the proposed amendment(s) of the 2015-2040 MTP.

Second: Cm. San Miguel
For: 8
Against: 0
Abstained: 0

Motion carried unanimously

D. Discussion with possible action to allocate CBI funds to the North Laredo Webb County Transportation Planning Study, pending execution of an Advanced Funding Agreement between TxDOT and the WCCL RMA.

Antonio Rodriguez, HNTB, Inc., stated the RMA passed a draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). He stated after discussions with TxDOT and the MPO, an MOU was not needed. An Advance Funding Agreement (AFA) between TxDOT and the RMA was needed for the release of the funds.

CM. Galo stepped out of the meeting at 2:37 p.m.

CM. Altgelt made a motion to change the MOU to an AFA between the RMA and TxDOT for the release of the funds for the Transportation Planning Study.

Second:	Judge Tijerrina
For:	7
Against:	0
Abstained:	0

Motion carried unanimously

CM. Galo stepped back into the meeting at 2:40 p.m.

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

No action was taken on this item.

Mayor Saenz sated that he would follow up with Mr. Albert Muller regarding the project.

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

A. Status report by TxDOT on corridor studies and setbacks regarding right of way along maintained roadways within the City of Laredo.

David Salazar, TxDOT, stated he would meet with Mr. Bratton to provide him information on a variety of options for corridor preservation including visiting with other MPO's.

Mayor Saenz requested this agenda item to be placed at the next MPO meeting as well as an update on the meeting between TxDOT and Mr. Bratton on corridor preservation.

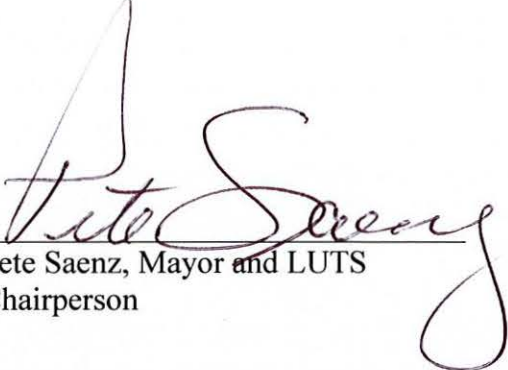
VI. ADJOURNMENT

CM. Galo made a motion to **adjourn** the meeting at 3:14 p.m.

Second: CM. Altgelt
For: 7
Against: 0
Abstained: 0

Motion carried unanimously


Nathan R. Bratton,
MPO Director


Pete Saenz, Mayor and LUTS
Chairperson

Laredo Urban Transportation Study

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



MINUTES OF THE JUNE 18, 2018 MEETING

Regular members present:

Honorable Pete Saenz, Mayor and LUTS Chairperson
Honorable Tano E. Tijerina, Webb County Judge
Honorable George Altgelt, City Councilmember, District VII
Honorable John Galo, Webb County Commissioner, Pct. 3
Melisa Montemayor, District Administrator

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Vanessa Guerra, City Planning/LUTS Staff
Angie Quijano, City Planning/LUTS Staff
Eduardo Bernal, Transit, El Metro
Claudia San Miguel, Transit, El Metro
Rogelio Rivera, City Engineering
Robert Eads, City of Laredo Traffic Safety
Mario Maldonado, City of Laredo Airport

State: Sara Garza, TxDOT
Mike Graham, TxDOT
Ana Duncan, TxDOT
Roberto Rodriguez, TxDOT

County: Luis Perez Garcia, Webb County Engineering
Guillermo Cuellar, Webb County Engineering

Others: Antonio Rodriguez, HNTB, Inc.
Kurt Kraus
Linda Teniente, City of Laredo Real Estate
Jose Nava, City of Laredo Real Estate
Julia Wallace, Laredo Morning Times
Jay Crossley, Farm & City
Ashkan Jahaugiri, Farm & City
Carlos Garcia, UISD
Ricardo Ramos, AZ&B Engineering
Richard Sertz, Dannenbaum Engineering
Stephen Ratke, FHWA

I. CHAIRPERSON TO CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Pete Saenz, LUTS Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 1:36 p.m.

II. CHAIRPERSON TO CALL ROLL

Nathan R. Bratton, MPO Director called roll and verified a quorum existed.

III. CITIZEN COMMENT

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Kurt Kraus, Pinnacle Industries, managing partner and organizer, of a coalition for the development of Hachar Road, spoke in favor of the Hachar Project.

He stated developers and landowners were very interested and wanted to assist in any possible way.

CM. Altgelt made a motion to bring up item IV-E.

Second: Judge Tijerina
For: 5

Against: 0
Abstained: 0

Motion carried unanimously

IV. ITEMS REQUIRING POLICY COMMITTEE ACTION

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

1. Report on the funding and schedule for the Hachar-Reuthinger Road project.

Melisa Montemayor, TxDOT, stated TxDOT anticipated the contract for the Reuthinger leg to be reviewed within one week. She stated TxDOT had comments compiled and would share them with the County for their review. She also stated the procurement process was approved by TxDOT approximately two weeks ago. The approved procurement process was not followed precisely; however TxDOT's attorneys had allowed the deviation in this instance from said procurement process. She stated the County had received official approval to procure a consultant for Hachar from Beltway to IH 35.

Nicholas Fansterburn, Hachar Trust, stated all engineering was complete in 2015-2016. He stated they were waiting for the development of the remaining leg of the project.

Mr. Bratton stated the project is 90 percent complete and the 10 percent to be completed entails getting the final documents submitted to TxDOT.

He also stated the contract with Dannenbaum Engineering expired and the City decided not to proceed at that time.

Judd Gilpin, Gilpin Engineering, representing the Reuthingers, stated the combined project would obtain TxDOT approval by September 10, 2018 and the combined schematic would be approved by TxDOT by April 5, 2019.

IV. ITEMS REQUIRING POLICY COMMITTEE ACTION

A. Approval of the minutes for the meeting held on May 21, 2018.

No action or discussion was had on the item.

B. Receive public testimony and approve Resolution No. MPO 2018-04, adopting the proposed amendment(s) of the 2015-2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP):

1. Amending Chapters 1-13, as indicated in attached Exhibits A and B, to achieve compliance with the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act).

2. **Amending Table 12-10, entitled Roadway and Bicycle/Pedestrian Project Summary; and, Figure 12-1, entitled Roadway and Bicycle/Pedestrian Projects; and, Table 12-11, entitled Roadway Projects; and, Figure 13-1, entitled Natural Resources and Federally Funded Projects; and, Figure 13-2, entitled Cultural Resources and Federally Funded Projects; and, Figure 13-3, entitled Low Income Areas, and Federally Funded Projects; and, Table 13-1, entitled Federally Funded Projects Environmental Assessment Results; and, 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:**
 - a. **Adding project CSJ 0922-33-178 for the construction of the Inspection Booths on the World Trade Bridge, with an estimated construction cost of \$12,067,384. Estimated letting date is FY 2021.**

CM. Algelt made a motion to **open** a public hearing.

Second: Judge Tijerina
 For: 5
 Against: 0
 Abstained: 0

Motion carried unanimously

Judge Tijerina made a motion **close** the public hearing and **approve** Resolution No. MPO 2018-04, adopting the proposed amendment(s) of the 2015-2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP).

Second: Judge Tijerina
 For: 5
 Against: 0
 Abstained: 0

Motion carried unanimously

C. Receive public testimony and initiate a 20 day public review and comment period for the draft 2019 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP).

CM. Algelt made a motion to **open** a public hearing.

Second: Judge Tijerina

For: 5
Against: 0
Abstained: 0

Motion carried unanimously

Cm. Algelt made a motion to **initiate** a 20 day public review and comment period for the draft 2019 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP).

Second: Judge Tijerina
For: 5
Against: 0
Abstained: 0

Motion carried unanimously

CM. Algelt made a motion to **move up** items V-A & B.

Second: Judge Tijerina
For: 5
Against: 0
Abstained: 0

Motion carried unanimously

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

B. Presentation by Jay B. Crossley of Farm & City on Vision Zero effort in cities and MPO's across Texas and elsewhere.

Jay B. Crossley, Farm & City, gave a brief presentation on Vision Zero. He discussed the steps Farm and City follows for implementation of Vision Zero principles which included:

Step 1-Farm and City seeks to work with a diverse set of jurisdictions, including TxDOT districts as well as diverse stakeholders including those representing people with disabilities, pedestrians, business districts, low income communities, and transit providers, to explore benefits and barriers to implementation of slower target speed concepts, drawing from the National Association of City Transportation Officials (NACTO) and the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) guidance for designing urban streets with appropriate speeds.

Step 2-Farm and City also provides guidance to cities, counties, and Districts regarding the ability to set speed limits based on the target speed concept.

Step 3-Consider potential changes to Sec. 545.356 of the Transportation code “AUTHORITY OF MUNICIPALITY TO ALTER SPEED LIMITS” to allow cities to use safe target speed and remove unintended barriers to implementation of safe neighborhood streets.

Step 4-Implement pilot programs to develop pilot arterial and collector “slow zones” and other safe design speed pilots across the state in various jurisdictions and various overlapping bureaucracies.

Step 5-Evaluate effectiveness and how to spread effective treatments of pilot “slow zones” and other safe design speed treatments.

Step 6-Write guidance on road design to achieve target speed based upon lessons learned, best practices, and proven circumstances.

Step 7-Build and retrofit streets with target speeds that consider pedestrians, land use, and the roadway context.

Cm. Galo and Mayor Saenz left the meeting at approximately 2:50 p.m.

He also stated the ideal implementation in our city or county would be as followed:

- Vision Zero task force
- Vision Zero goal and commitment
- Add to comprehensive plan
- Traffic fatality review board
- Vision Zero action plan
- Pedestrian and/or bicycle advisory committee
- Funding for countermeasures
- Data analysis and evidence based prioritization of countermeasures, interventions

A. Presentation by Stephen Ratke of Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) on Vision Zero.

Stephen Ratke, FHWA, gave a brief presentation on Vision Zero.

He stated the Principles of Vision Zero which are as follows:

- Traffic deaths and severe injuries are preventable.
- The protection of human life is the highest priority of the transportation system.
- Human error is inevitable, and the transportation system should be forgiving.
- Safe systems are more important than influencing behavior in reducing crashes.
- A comprehensive approach involving public health, law enforcement, education, infrastructure improvements, technology advancements, and more is necessary in order to address said deaths.

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

Due to time constraints, neither discussion nor action was had on the following items.

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

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

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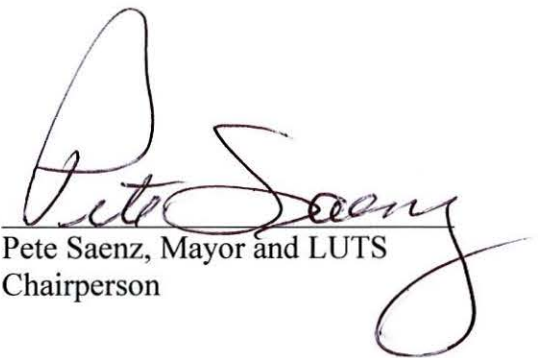
D. Status report on TxDOT/MPO meeting to discuss possible strategies for corridor preservation.

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

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:11 p.m.


Nathan R. Bratton
MPO Director


Pete Saenz, Mayor and LUTS
Chairperson

**LAREDO URBAN TRANSPORTATION STUDY
ACTION ITEM**

DATE: 07-16-18	SUBJECT: A MOTION Receive public testimony and approve Resolution No. MPO 2018-05 adopting the 2019 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP).
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INITIATED BY: Staff	STAFF SOURCE: Nathan Bratton, MPO Director
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PREVIOUS ACTION:
On 6-18-18 the Policy Committee initiated a 20 day public review and comment period. No comments were received during the comment period.

BACKGROUND:
The Unified Planning Work Program describes and schedules work to be undertaken by the Metropolitan Planning Organization during the 2019 fiscal period.

The final approved Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) is due August 1, 2018. Listed below is the proposed budget:

	Amount
1.1 Program support administration	\$100,000.00
1.2 Travel, training, equipment	\$20,000.00
2.1 Growth monitoring, projections, website	\$20,000.00
3.1 TIP/UPWP/PPP/LEP/By-Laws/Title VI	\$20,000.00
3.2 Internal Ethics Program	\$60,000.00
4.1 2015-2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan	\$5,000.00
4.2 2020-2045 MTP/FAST ACT Compliance Project	\$300,000.00
5.1 2015 Quiet Zone Study Update	\$25,000.00
5.2 Bicycle Master Plan	\$175,000.00
5.3 Freight Mobility Plan	\$250,000.00
Total	\$975,000.00

RESOLUTION NO. MPO 2018-05


BY THE LAREDO URBAN TRANSPORTATION STUDY
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION POLICY COMMITTEE

ADOPTING THE 2019 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP)

WHEREAS, the Laredo Urban Transportation Study (LUTS), the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), for the Laredo Urbanized Area wishes to adopt the 2019 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP); and,

WHEREAS, the Laredo Urban Transportation Study finds that the 2019 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) meets federal and state requirements, and meets the transportation planning needs of the Laredo Metropolitan Area;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Laredo Urban Transportation Study, as the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Laredo Urban Area, adopts the 2019 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), which is attached hereto and made a part hereof for all purpose on this the 16th day of July, 2018




Honorable Pete Saenz
Mayor of Laredo and Chairperson of the
LUTS Transportation Planning Committee

We certify that the above resolution was adopted at a public meeting of the Policy Committee of the Laredo Urban Transportation Study.



Nathan Bratton
MPO Director



David M. Salazar, P.E.
TxDOT District Engineer



UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM FY 2019

ADOPTED BY THE POLICY COMMITTEE ON: JULY 16, 2018
AMENDED ON:

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LAREDO URBAN TRANSPORTATION STUDY 2019 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM

I. INTRODUCTION

The Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) originated from the Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1973 and details the transportation planning work proposed to be undertaken by the Metropolitan Planning Organization in the study area for the year. The United States Department of Transportation, through its modal administrations, requires development of an annual Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) to describe intermodal comprehensive transportation planning in areas with populations greater than 50,000. This work program was designed to incorporate federal Section 112 (“PL” funds) and Section 5303 (transit) planning funds and intended to provide a mechanism for the coordination of all planning activities required by the joint planning regulations of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). Federal regulations allow for a one or two year work program.

The Laredo Urban Transportation Study, in its capacity as the Laredo Metropolitan Planning Organization, provides “3C” or “continuous, cooperative and comprehensive” transportation planning for the Laredo Metropolitan Area as required by the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 (ISTEA), and all subsequent reauthorization acts including: The Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA 21), The Safe, Accountable, Flexible, and Efficient Transportation Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU), Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21) and Fixing America’s Surface Transportation (FAST) Act.

The Clean Air Act Amendments (CAAA) of 1990 also influences the metropolitan planning process. In general, the Act requires that transportation actions and projects proposed and/or implemented in the metropolitan planning area must support the attainment of federal standards for ozone by meeting specific requirements set out by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), regarding air quality conformity. Since the Laredo Urbanized Area has been designated an “attainment” area for air quality conformity, the law exempts the urbanized area (UZA) from conformity requirements therefore; it is not addressed in this document.

The Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) is developed to comply with the mandatory metropolitan planning requirements and was adopted by the Laredo Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Committee at a public meeting, following a twenty-day comment period as required by the adopted Public Participation Plan.

A. PURPOSE

The UPWP describes and schedules the work to be undertaken by the Laredo Urban Transportation Study during the upcoming fiscal period, and includes a financial participation summary.

Scope of Planning

In general, federal law requires that the metropolitan planning process for a metropolitan area shall provide for consideration of projects and strategies that will:

1. Support the economic vitality of the metropolitan area, especially by enabling global competitiveness, productivity, and efficiency.
2. Increase the safety of the transportation system for motorized and non-motorized users.
3. Increase the security of the transportation system for motorized and non-motorized users.

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4. Increase the accessibility and mobility for people and freight.
5. Protect and enhance the environment, promote energy conservation, improve the quality of life, and promote consistency between transportation improvements and State and local planned growth and economic development patterns.
6. Enhance the integration and connectivity of the transportation system, across and between modes, people and freight.
7. Promote efficient system management and operation.
8. Emphasize the preservation of the existing transportation system.
9. Improve the resiliency and reliability of the transportation system and reduce or mitigate storm water impacts of surface transportation; and,
10. Enhance travel and tourism.

Performance Based Planning

MAP-21 and its successor the FAST Act require that metropolitan planning organizations, public transportation providers and state departments of transportation establish and use a performance-based approach to transportation decision making to support the seven national goals. The **seven federal goal areas** as listed in 23 USC 150 are as follows:

1. *Safety*: To achieve a significant reduction in traffic fatalities and serious injuries on all public roads.
2. *Infrastructure condition*: To maintain the highway infrastructure asset system in a state of good repair.
3. *Congestion reduction*: To achieve a significant reduction in congestion on the National Highway System.
4. *System reliability*: To improve the efficiency of the surface transportation system.
5. *Freight movement and economic vitality*: To improve the national freight network, strengthen the ability of rural communities to access national and international trade markets, and support regional economic development.
6. *Environmental sustainability*: To enhance the performance of the transportation system while protecting and enhancing the natural environment.
7. *Reduced project delivery delays*: To reduce project costs, promote jobs and the economy, and expedite the movement of people and goods by accelerating project completion through eliminating delays in the project development and delivery process, including reducing regulatory burdens and improving agencies' work practices.

The goal areas for public transportation address:

1. *Transit Safety*
2. *Transit Asset Management*

The United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) will establish MAP 21 Performance Measures designed to carry out the National Highway Performance Program. Each State Department of Transportation (DOT) will then establish performance targets in support of those measures. Subsequent to the State adopting its performance targets the MPO's will have 180 days to establish performance targets coordinated with those of the state DOT's and public transportation providers. When these targets are set, the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) are required to include a description of the performance measures and targets used in assessing the performance of the transportation system. The Metropolitan Transportation Plan will also have to include a system performance report evaluating the condition and performance of the

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transportation system with respect to the established targets. The TIP is also required to include a description of the anticipated effect of the TIP toward achieving the performance targets set in the plan.

The MPO intends to develop performance targets as required by the FAST Act in coordination with the State, the local transit provider (El Metro), and all other planning partners. Public involvement will be critical to the preparation and implementation of performance measures in the planning process as required by the FAST Act. Performance measures allow the MPO to track improvements towards the accomplishment of important outcomes for the region.

Public Involvement

The Laredo MPO's Public Participation Plan (PPP) gives citizens the opportunity to comment during all phases of the transportation planning process. The MPO welcomes public comment throughout the planning process and utilizes its website <http://www.ci.laredo.tx.us/city-planning/Departments/MPO/index.html>, the City of Laredo's website <http://www.cityoflaredo.com/>, and local periodicals including, the Laredo Morning Times and El Manana, to notify the public of meetings and opportunities to comment.

In order to ensure public involvement, all MPO work is conducted in accordance with the adopted Public Participation Plan (PPP). The PPP requires that initial adoption of the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) follow at a minimum: a 20 day public comment and review period, 72 hour advanced posting of the Policy Committee meeting wherein final action will occur, and publication of a document summary in the newspaper at least 5 days in advance of adoption. The PPP further requires that revisions of the UPWP may only be accomplished thru action of the Policy Committee, following 72 hour posted advance notice to the public.

B. DEFINITION OF AREA

The Laredo Metropolitan Area Boundary (MAB) includes the City of Laredo and portions of Webb County. (See Map, Appendix B.) The MAB was approved by the Governor in 2004. The Laredo urbanized area (as determined by the 2010 Census) surpassed 200,000 in population and was designated a Transportation Management Area (TMA) effective July 18th, 2012.

C. ORGANIZATION

The Laredo Metropolitan Planning Organization is governed by the Policy Committee established in accordance with adopted MPO Bylaws. The Policy Committee is the MPO body that holds review and decision-making authority over transportation planning efforts undertaken by the Laredo Urban Transportation Study, acting as the Metropolitan Planning Organization, and by the Texas Department of Transportation in the Laredo Metropolitan Area (See Appendix A). The Committee is chaired by the Mayor of the City of Laredo and includes as voting members: three members from the City of Laredo, City Council (including two members representing the City of Laredo, and one Councilman representing the Laredo Mass Transit Board), the Laredo TxDOT District Administrator, the Laredo TxDOT District Engineer, the Webb County Judge, and two Webb County Commissioners. The State Senator for District 21, the State Representative for District 80 and the State Representative for District 42 serve as non-voting, ex-officio members. The MPO Technical Committee responsibilities include professional and technical review of work programs, policy recommendations and transportation planning activities.

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The Technical Committee includes:

<p><u>City Representatives:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laredo City Planner (Chairperson) • The General Manager of the City Transit System • Laredo Director of Traffic Safety • Laredo Airport Director • Laredo City Engineer • Laredo Bridge Director 	<p><u>State Representatives:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TxDOT Planning Representative (Vice-Chairperson) • TxDOT Planning Representative • TxDOT Area Engineer • TxDOT Transportation Planning and Programming Field Representative
<p><u>Federal representatives:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FHWA Planning Representative (Austin) 	<p><u>School system representatives</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A representative of the Laredo Independent School District • A representative of the United Independent School District • A representative of Texas A&M International University • A representative of Laredo Community College
<p><u>County and Regional Representatives:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Webb County Planning Director • South Texas Development Council Regional Planning Director • The General Manager of the Rural Transit System • Webb County Engineer 	<p><u>Private Sector Representatives:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A representative of the Kansas City Southern Railway Company • A representative of the Union Pacific Railroad Company • A representative of the Laredo Transportation Association • A Transportation Provider Representative who shall also serve on the Laredo Transportation Advisory Committee

The Title VI/EJ Working Group is comprised of 9 members, including representatives of the City of Laredo, the MPO, TxDOT, transit and the County Planning Department. The Group’s purpose is to assist the MPO in improving data collection, monitoring and analysis to ensure that transportation related programs and policies do not have a disproportionately high and adverse human health or environmental effects on minority and low-income populations. The City of Laredo staff providing service and support to the MPO include: the Planning Director, a planner, a GIS technician, a clerk, an accountant and others as may be required.

D. PRIVATE SECTOR INVOLVEMENT

The private sector is encouraged to participate in the development of all transportation programs and plans including the TIP and MTP development. Staff also maintains and periodically updates a list of consultant firms that provide transportation planning services. The MPO typically issues one or more Requests for Qualifications each year soliciting private sector professional services for the development of transportation planning studies.

E. PLANNING ISSUES AND EMPHASIS

Planning Issues

Highway - System capacity issues will pose a major challenge in light of expected population and freight movement growth levels.

- Population - The number of jobs and people in the Laredo MPO region are expected to grow by more than 50 percent over the next 25 years. The majority of the growth is also expected to

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occur in currently undeveloped areas. As development continues along the fringes of the city, the existing roadway network will absorb only so much of the increased demand.

- **Freight** –Recent projections indicate that the trade values of all outbound, inbound or internal types of freight movement are projected to be more than double than the current levels. Said growth will continue to add capacity burdens on an already congested network.

Transit –Key issues facing the transit system in the upcoming years include: more customers, more service needs, and less funding.

- **More customers** – Population projections show a growing transit dependent population, especially in growth areas in south Laredo.
- **More service needs** – Recent ridership surveys revealed concerns regarding the frequency of service, slowness of buses, and the length of wait times. Increased bus frequency and longer service hours were suggested.
- **Less funding** – The 2010 census revealed that the Laredo region’s population had surpassed 200,000 people which resulted in a decrease in federal and state operation funding assistance. Said decrease in outside funding makes it necessary to rely on more local funding sources.

In light of all of the above, careful and effective transportation planning and investment will be critical to providing for the area’s future transportation needs.

Planning Emphasis Areas

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) in a memorandum to Metropolitan Planning Organizations, dated March 18, 2015, jointly issued Planning and Emphasis Areas (PEAs). The PEAs are topical areas in planning that FHWA and FTA want to emphasize as MPOs develop work task associated with PEAs in the UPWP. The PEAs include:

- ***MAP-21 Implementation - Transition to Performance Based Planning and Programming.*** Performance based planning and programming includes using transportation performance measures, setting targets, reporting performance, and programming transportation investments directed toward the achievement of transportation system performance outcomes. Relevant UPWP work tasks include working with local planning partners to identify ways to implement performance-based planning provisions such as collecting performance data, selecting and reporting performance targets for metropolitan areas, and reporting actual system performance related to those targets. The Laredo MPO uses scenario planning through the Travel Demand Model process to develop the Laredo Metropolitan Transportation Plan.
- ***Regional Models of Cooperation- Ensure a Regional Approach to Transportation Planning by Promoting Cooperation and Coordination across Transit Agency, MPO, and State Boundaries-*** The Laredo MPO will continue to work with its planning partners to improve the effectiveness of transportation decision-making by thinking beyond traditional borders and adopting a coordinated approach to transportation planning. A coordinated approach supports common goals and capitalizes on opportunities related to project delivery, congestion management, safety, freight, livability, and commerce across boundaries. Improved multi-jurisdictional coordination between the Laredo MPO, TxDOT, El Metro, area providers of public transportation, and the Regional Mobility Authority (RMA) can reduce project delivery times and enhance the efficient use of resources. The Laredo MPO will periodically revisit its metropolitan area planning

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agreements to ensure that there are effective processes for cross-jurisdictional communication between TxDOT, the Laredo MPO and local area transit providers to improve collaboration, policy implementation, technology use, and performance management.

- **Ladders of Opportunity: Access to essential services** – The Laredo MPO will continue to work with TxDOT, and the local area transit providers, as part of the transportation planning process to identify transportation connectivity gaps in accessing essential services. Essential services include employment, health care, school/education, and recreation. At the behest of the local transit provider, the Laredo MPO UPWP routinely includes the development of transit related studies, including the development of: a five year plan, a bus/rapid transit feasibility study, and a paratransit and Americans with Disability Act compliance study. The Laredo MPO will also periodically evaluate the effectiveness of its public participation plan for engaging transportation-disadvantaged communities in the transportation decision making process. The Laredo MPO also works with its planning partners to assess the need and availability of pedestrian and bicycle facilities in the study area.

II. TASK 1.0 - ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT

A. OBJECTIVE

To ensure that the Laredo Metropolitan Area transportation planning process is a fully cooperative, comprehensive and continuing activity; to monitor ongoing planning activities; to ensure that all modes of transportation are given consideration as elements of a single urban transportation system and are considered in the overall planning process; to ensure public involvement in the transportation planning process.

B. EXPECTED PRODUCTS

The smooth and efficient operation of the Metropolitan Planning Organization including the following: fulfillment of planning objectives; compliance with state and federal requirements; continuation of a proactive public involvement process, reports, certifications, and administration.

C. PREVIOUS WORK

Both the Technical and Policy Committee meetings held on an ongoing basis to make appropriate revisions to documents and approve programs. Staff conducted public meetings as required by FHWA, FTA, the State and local government in the development of transportation planning documents, and reports. Staff attended various meetings, and workshops, and made presentations at public meetings.

D. SUBTASKS

- 1.1 Program support administration. This includes program administration, record keeping, and monitoring completion of UPWP projects, audit, preparation of reports, interagency coordination, facilitating citizen participation, and preparation of meeting minutes. (Routine work effort – carried over from previous year)
- 1.2 Travel, training, equipment, and supplies. All computer hardware, software and equipment expenditures of Federal planning funds over \$5,000 will require prior approval.

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E. FUNDING & PARTICIPATION SUMMARY

Task 1.0 - FY 19

Subtask	Responsible Agency	Transportation Planning Funds (TPF)¹	FTA Sect. 5307	Local	Total
1.1	LUTS	100,000	0	0	100,000
1.2	LUTS	20,000	0	0	20,000
TOTAL		120,000	0	0	120,000

¹ TPF – This includes both FHWA PL-112 and FTA Section 5303 Funds. TxDOT will apply transportation development credits sufficient to provide the match for TPF. As the credits reflect neither cash nor man-hours, they are not reflected in the funding tables.

III. TASK 2.0 - DATA DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTENANCE

A. OBJECTIVE

In cooperation with member agencies, maintain the MPO website and a database on population, housing, land use and transportation characteristics. Monitor growth patterns in the study area for their impact on community transportation systems. Staff will assist with the continual integration of data into GIS format in order to facilitate organization, retrieval and analysis, and to continue and further the goals and objectives of comprehensive transportation planning.

B. EXPECTED PRODUCTS

Updated demographics including population, land use, housing employment and roadway databases and maps. A fully integrated mapping/data base system to be used in data retrieval, analysis, projection, mapping, and graphic publication elements of future transportation planning tasks. Demographic data will be developed in-house and with the assistance of outside professionals, using resources available in the community, as well as, the US Census. The MPO website will continue to be modified and updated to increase functionality, ease of use, visualization capacity, public outreach, and transparency.

C. PREVIOUS WORK

The MPO website was continually updated to provide access to meeting agendas, packets, and publications as they became available. Project maps were developed, retrieved and or printed as new projects were approved or considered. The Travel Demand Data Development Project and the 2015-2040 MTP project were completed. The Demographic Data Development Project (also identified as the 2013-2045 Travel Demand Model Update Project) was also completed.

D. SUBTASKS

2.1 Growth development monitoring, projections, and website. The GIS staff will assist in the ongoing collection, review, analysis and mapping of demographic data related to population, land use, housing, and employment. The subtask will also provide for GIS related staff training, and the purchase of equipment, software, materials and supplies for printing of maps. Staff will monitor the MPO website, continue to modify it in the interest of ease of use and transparency, and assist in posting MPO products online. (Routine work effort – carried over from previous year)

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TXDOT Data Collection – To conduct travel surveys and/or traffic saturation counts in the MPO region for use in the travel demand models and transportation analysis for pavement and geometric design. Work is being conducted by TXDOT and funding is being provided through the Texas State Planning and Research (SPR) Work Program Part I. Funds will be reconciled as part of the SPR Part I. (\$917,638.31 SPR)

E. FUNDING & PARTICIPATION SUMMARY

Task 2.0 – FY 19

Subtask	Responsible Agency	Transportation Planning Funds (TPF)¹	FTA Sect. 5307	Local	Total
2.1	LUTS	20,000	0	0	20,000
TOTAL		20,000	0	0	20,000

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IV. TASK 3.0 - SHORT RANGE PLANNING

A. OBJECTIVE

To complete those activities associated with near-term planning and implementation of projects that will be undertaken within the next five years.

B. EXPECTED PRODUCTS

Short range planning activities will result in strategies that will support those planning policies needed to preserve the continuing flow of traffic. The MPO will develop and/or revise as necessary the UPWP, the TIP, the MPO By-Laws, the Limited English Proficiency Plan (LEP), Title VI documentation and the Public Participation Plan. Staff will continue to address the recommendations resulting from the formal certification review conducted in 2016. The MPO also anticipates continued participation in the regional service planning process, as well as, any activity associated with FTA’s 5310 Senior’s with Disabilities Program or 5339 - Bus and Bus Facilities Program. .

C. PREVIOUS WORK

Staff assisted in the development and continued revision of the 2017-2020 TIP, the 2015- 2018 TIP, and the 2017 and 2018 UPWPs. In June of 2016, the Office of Civil Rights notified MPO Staff the Laredo MPO had demonstrated good faith efforts in meeting the requirements of the Title VI review. Staff developed a Limited English Proficiency Plan which was adopted and implemented in accordance with federal and state guidelines. Staff issued a 2017 call for projects for the TAP program, selected the River Vega Multi-use Hike and Bike Trail project and awarded the funds based on adopted project selection procedures. 2018 Call for TAP projects was initiated in March of 2018.

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D. SUBTASKS

- 3.1 TIP/UPWP/By-Laws/PPP/LEP/Title VI– assisting in the development and/or revision of the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), UPWP, By-Laws, the Public Participation Plan, the Limited English Proficiency Plan, and Title VI documents. (Routine work effort)
- 3.2 Internal Ethics Program - The MPO’s internal ethics program will be reviewed and amended, if necessary, to achieve compliance with the all federal requirements, as well as, and the requirements of 43 TAC § 31.39 “Required Internal Ethics and Compliance Program” and 43 TAC § 10.51 “Internal Ethics and Compliance Program” as may be revised or superseded. The review and amendments will insure the MPO’s compliance with all applicable internal ethics program policy requirements. (Non-routine work effort - To be conducted by consultant)

E. FUNDING & PARTICIPATION SUMMARY

Task 3.0 - FY 19

Subtask	Responsible Agency	Transportation Planning Funds (TPF)¹	FTA Sect. 5307	Local	Total
3.1	LUTS	20,000	0	0	20,000
3.2	LUTS	60,000	0	0	60,000
TOTAL		80,000	0	0	80,000

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V. TASK 4.0 – METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN / LONG RANGE PLANNING

A. OBJECTIVE

To continue study and analysis of projects and data for long-range planning elements and long-range project studies. Includes activities associated with publishing or updating the Metropolitan Transportation Plan, formerly called the Long Range Plan.

B. EXPECTED PRODUCTS

Staff expects to assist in the continual revision of the existing Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) as well as the development of the updated plan to conform to state and federal requirements, particularly those of the FAST Act.

C. PREVIOUS WORK

Staff assisted in the continuous revision of the 2015-2040 Laredo Metropolitan Transportation Plan.

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D. SUBTASKS

- 4.1 2015-2040 Laredo Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) - assist in the ongoing revision of Metropolitan Transportation Plan. (Routine- work effort)
- 4.2 2020-2045 Laredo Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and FAST Act Compliance Project
The current 2015-2040 MTP and TIP will be reviewed and amended in order to comply with the Fixing America’s Surface Transportation (FAST) Act requirements. Specifically, the review and amendments will address and achieve conformity with all FAST Act requirements. The existing MTP will also be updated to conform to state and federal requirements. This includes an evaluation of the existing transportation system, public transportation, environmental conditions and transportation needs and developing a financially constrained implementation plan. The project will include a land use and socioeconomic conditions and forecast element. (Non-routine work effort - To be conducted by consultant)

E. FUNDING & PARTICIPATION SUMMARY

Task 4.0 - FY 19

Subtask	Responsible Agency	Transportation Planning Funds (TPF) ¹	FTA Sect. 5307	Local	Total
4.1	LUTS	5,000	0	0	5,000
4.2	LUTS	300,000	0	0	300,000
TOTAL		305,000			305,000

¹ TPF – This includes both FHWA PL-112 and FTA Section 5303 Funds. TxDOT will apply transportation development credits sufficient to provide the match for TPF. As the credits reflect neither cash nor man-hours, they are not reflected in the funding tables.

VI. TASK 5.0 - SPECIAL STUDIES

A. OBJECTIVE

To further the goals and objectives of the transportation planning process through special studies undertaken by MPO staff or consultants in support of existing or projected local needs. To maintain the transportation management systems required by federal and state regulations, to assist decision-makers in selecting cost-effective strategies to improve the efficiency and safety of and protect the investment systems.

B. EXPECTED PRODUCTS

These are specific studies and projects that address special problem areas or help promote and support transportation related topics.

C. PREVIOUS WORK

In FY 15, the 2015-2040 MTP, the TMA Certification Project, and the Congestion and Delay Study were completed. The Congestion Management Process (CMP) network and performance measures were adopted, and the Rail Road Quiet Zone study was completed. The Transit Plan Update of 2016, the transit Asset Management Plan of 2016 and a review and analysis of the transit marketing plan were all

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completed. In coordination with FHWA and TTI, the MPO conducted Bicycle and Pedestrian workshops c in December of 2016, and June of 2017. Consultant was procured for the 2015 Quiet Zone Study Update project which was initiated in December 2017.

D. SUBTASKS

- 5.1 2015 Quiet Zone Study Update – The update of the 2015 study is intended to: refresh the rail crossing data, gather updated traffic counts, and provide recommendations on safety infrastructure improvements and costs, necessary to meet the federal quiet zone safety thresholds, while minimizing, to the maximum extent possible, street closures in the downtown area. (Non-routine work effort - To be conducted by consultant- This is a carry-over project)

- 5.2 Bicycle Master Plan- Objective: To develop a plan for creating an environment conducive for cycling as a mode choice, as well as providing for recreational opportunities for walking or cycling in order to encourage a healthy lifestyle. Outcome: A plan that will provide guidance for the development and implementation of an interconnected network of designated on and off street bicycle facilities. (Non-routine work effort - To be conducted by consultant.)

- 5.3 Long Range Freight Mobility Plan – Objective- The study will evaluate freight movement in the study in order to: identify freight mobility needs and challenges, develop goals and objectives to improve goods movement, evaluate the impact of freight movement on the regional economy, identify freight transportation facilities and investments necessary for economic growth, define freight policies and programs, and provide recommendations for short, mid-range and long term recommendations for infrastructure improvements. Expected Outcome- A study that will serve as an investment guide for freight mobility improvements in the region. (Non-routine work effort - To be conducted by consultant-This is a carryover project.)

E. FUNDING & PARTICIPATION SUMMARY

Task 5.0 - FY 19

Subtask	Responsible Agency	Transportation Planning Funds (TPF) ¹	FTA Sect. 5307	Local	Total
5.1	LUTS	25,000	0	0	25,000
5.2	LUTS	175,000	0	0	175,000
5.3	LUTS	250,000	0	0	250,000
TOTAL		450,000	0	0	450,000

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UPWP Task	Description	TPF¹ Funds	FTA Sect. 5307	Local	Total Funds
1.0	Administration- Management	120,000	0	0	120,000
2.0	Data Development and Maintenance	20,000	0	0	20,000
3.0	Short Range Planning	80,000	0	0	80,000
4.0	Metropolitan Transportation Plan	305,000	0	0	305,000
5.0	Special Studies	450,000	0	0	450,000
TOTAL		975,000	0	0	975,000

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Combined Transportation Planning Funds ²	\$ 500,522.00
Estimated Unexpended Carryover	<u>\$ 474,478.00</u>
TOTAL TPF	975,000.00

² Estimate based on prior years authorizations

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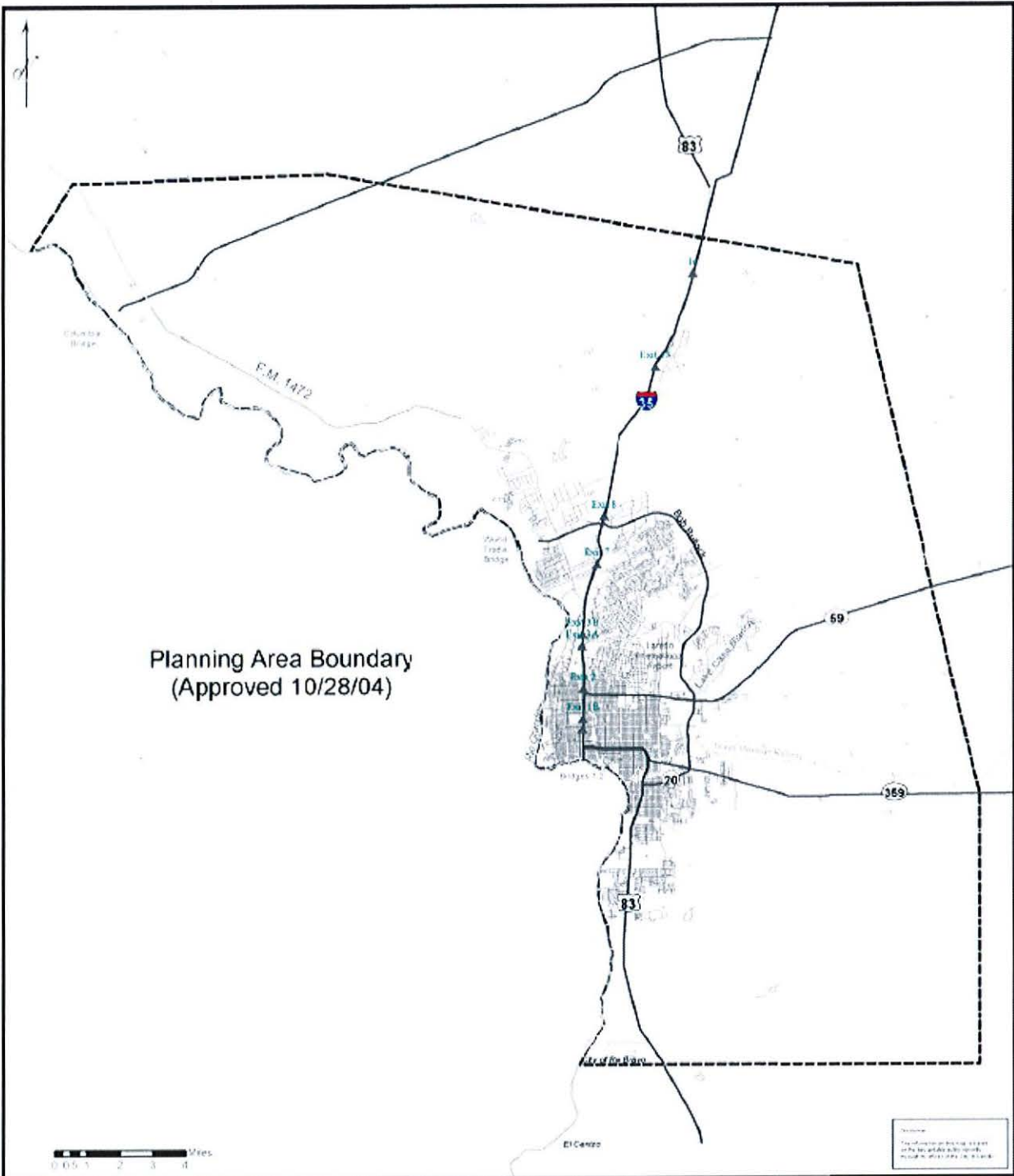
VII. APPENDICES

APPENDIX A - POLICY COMMITTEE

Honorable Pete Saenz	Mayor	City of Laredo
Honorable George Altgelt	City Councilmember	City of Laredo
Honorable Charlie San Miguel	City Councilmember	City of Laredo
Honorable Roberto Balli	City Councilmember	Laredo Mass Transit Board
Honorable Tano Tijerina	Webb County Judge	Webb County
Honorable John Galo	Webb County Commissioner	Webb County
Honorable Jaime Canales	Webb County Commissioner	Webb County
Ms. Melisa Montemayor	District Administrator	TxDOT
Mr. David Salazar P.E.	District Engineer	TxDOT
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Honorable Richard Raymond	Representative - District 42	State of Texas
Honorable Tracy O. King	Representative- District 80	State of Texas

APPENDIX B -METROPOLITAN AREA BOUNDARY MAP

Laredo Metropolitan Planning Organization

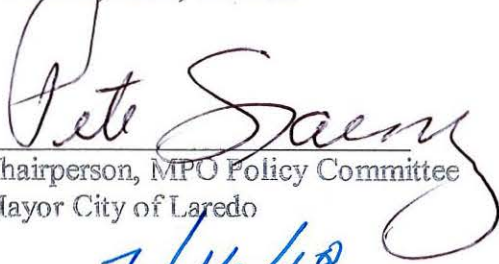


APPENDIX C - DEBARMENT CERTIFICATION

NEGOTIATED CONTRACTS

- 1) The Laredo Urban Transportation Study (LUTS), as Contractor, certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief, that it and its principals:
 - a. Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any federal department or agency;
 - b. Have not within a three-year period preceding this proposal been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public* transaction or contract under a public transaction; violation of federal or state antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;
 - c. Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity * with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph (1) (b) of this certification; and
 - d. Have not within a three-year period preceding this application/proposal had one or more public transactions* terminated for cause or default.
- 2) Where the Contractor is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such Contractor shall attach an explanation to this certification.

* Federal, State, or Local


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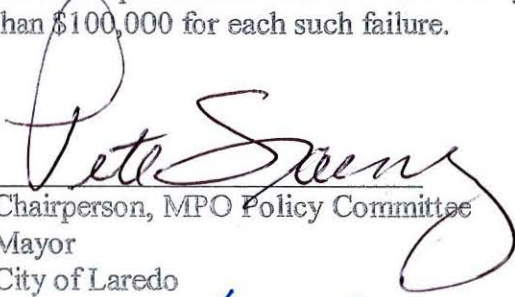
APPENDIX D - LOBBYING CERTIFICATION

CERTIFICATION FOR CONTRACTS, GRANTS,
LOANS AND COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS

The undersigned certifies to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

- 1) No federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any federal agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any federal contract, the making of any federal grant, the making of any federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.
- 2) If any funds other than federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form - LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions.
- 3) The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all sub awards at all tiers (including subcontracts, sub grants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all sub recipients shall certify and disclosure accordingly.

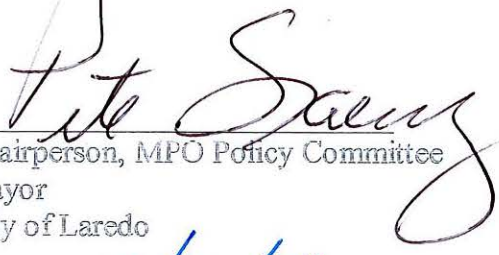
This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by Section 1352, Title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.


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APPENDIX E - CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE

I, Pete Saenz, Chairperson of the Laredo Urban Transportation Study, a duly authorized representative of the Laredo Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), do hereby certify that the contract and procurement procedures that are in effect and used by the forenamed MPO are in compliance with 2 CFR 200, "Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards," as it may be revised or superseded.



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Attest:


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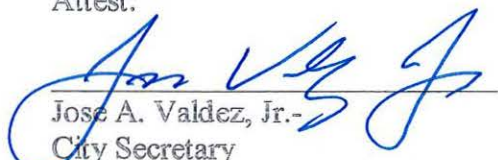
APPENDIX F - CERTIFICATION OF INTERNAL ETHICS AND COMPLIANCE PROGRAM

I, Pete Saenz, Chairperson of the Laredo Urban Transportation Study, a duly authorized officer/representative of the Laredo Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) do hereby certify that the forenamed MPO has adopted and does enforce an internal ethics and compliance program that is designed to detect and prevent violations of law, including regulations and ethical standards applicable to this entity or its officers or employees and that the internal ethics and compliance program satisfies the requirements of by 43 TAC § 31.39 "Required Internal Ethics and Compliance Program" and 43 TAC § 10.51 "Internal Ethics and Compliance Program" as may be revised or superseded.


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- C. Discussion with possible action on the transfer of \$ 96.93 Million from the construction of US 59 Interchanges at Del Mar Blvd, Shiloh Dr., International Airport, Jacaman Rd, and University Blvd (CSJs: 0086-14-075,076,077,078,and 079) to the construction of US 59 Frontage Roads between US 59 and International Blvd (CSJs: 0086-14-086,087,088,and 089). This change will allow better access to business and residences located along the US 59 corridor. In addition, it will allow for easier future construction of the interchanges by avoiding duplicated traffic closures/detours.
 - D. Discussion with possible action on the River Road Project.
 - E. Discussion with possible action on Hachar-Reuthinger Road.
- V. REPORT(S) AND PRESENTATIONS (No action required)
- A. Status report by TxDOT on the Outer Loop Alignment Study.
 - B. Status report by City Engineering on the Calton Grade Separation Project.
 - C. Presentation by Transit, El Metro on revenue sources available for financing currently unfunded transit needs, especially buses.
 - D. Status report on the Regional Mobility Authority (RMA).