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
January 17, 2017
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

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V. ITEMS REQUIRING POLICY COMMITTEE ACTION

A. Approval of the minutes for the meeting held on November 21, 2016 and December 19, 2016.

B. Discussion with possible action on the proposed update of the 2015 Kansas City Southern Railroad Quiet Zone Study.

C. Receive public testimony and initiate a 45 day public review and comment period for the proposed Public Participation Plan (PPP).

D. Discussion with possible action regarding Policy Committee meeting dates and times for Calendar year 2017.

E. Adopting a resolution supporting the inclusion of decorative landscaping in future TxDOT grade separation projects.

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

G. Discussion with possible action to require all agenda items go thru the Technical Committee before they are presented to the Policy Committee.

H. Discussion with possible action on Hachar Road.

I. Discussion with possible action on Mines Road.

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

A. Status report on the FASTLANE Grant application.

B. Status report by TxDOT on the Traffic Signal Synchronization Project.

C. 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 JANUARY 13th, 2017, BY 12:00 P.M.

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DISABILITY ACCESS STATEMENT

This meeting is wheelchair accessible. The accessible entrances are located at 1110 Victoria and 900 Flores. Accessible parking spaces are located at City Hall, 1110 Victoria.

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

Nathan R. Bratton
MPO Director

Heberto L. "Beto" Ramirez
Acting City Secretary

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SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA

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1110 Houston Street
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January 17, 2017
12:00 noon

MEETING AGENDA

I. ITEMS REQUIRING POLICY COMMITTEE ACTION

Discussion with possible action to move the letting date 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 construction estimate of $25,564,945, from March, 2017 to June, 2017, and submit as part of the February, 2017 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) revision cycle.

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The Laredo Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Committee is comprised of the following members:

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Honorable George Altgelt, City Councilmember, District VII

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(FOR)
Nathan R. Bratton
MPO Director

For Heberto L. "Beto" Ramirez
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City of Laredo Council Chambers
1110 Houston St. -Laredo, Texas

MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 21, 2016 MEETING

I. CHAIRPERSON TO CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Pete Saenz called the meeting to order at 12:06 p.m.

II. CHAIRPERSON TO CALL ROLL

Nathan R. Bratton, MPO Director, called roll to verify that quorum did exist.

Judge Tijerina made a motion to **excuse** members not present.

Second:	Cm. San Miguel
For:	6
Against:	0
Abstained:	0

Motion carried unanimously

Regular members present:

Honorable Pete Saenz, Mayor and LUTS Chairperson
Honorable Roberto Balli, City Councilmember, District VIII
Honorable Tano E. Tijerina, Webb County Judge
Honorable Charlie San Miguel, City Councilmember, District VI
Pete Alvarez, TxDOT
Melisa Montemayor, TxDOT

Regular members absent:

Honorable George Altgelt, City Councilmember, District VII
Honorable Jaime Canales, Webb County Commissioner, Pct. 4
Honorable John Galo, Webb County Commissioner, Pct. 3

Ex-Officio Members Not Present:

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

Staff (Of Participating LUTS Agencies) Present:

City: Nathan R. Bratton, City Planning/LUTS Staff
Vanessa Guerra, City Planning/LUTS Staff
Angie Quijano, City Planning/LUTS Staff
Jesus Olivares, City Manager
Claudia San Miguel, Transit El Metro.

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

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

Others: Antonio Rodriguez, Howard, Needles, Tammen, & Bergendoff (HNTB, Inc.)
Ruben Soto, Regional Mobility Authority (RMA)
Anthony Garza, Dannenbaum Engineering
Noe Hinojosa, Teleconference

III. COMMITTEE AND DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

Neither the Committee nor the Director has any new business to report.

IV. CITIZEN COMMENT

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V. ITEMS REQUIRING POLICY COMMITTEE ACTION

A. Approval of the minutes for the meeting held on October 17, 2016.

Cm. Balli made a motion to **approve** the minutes of October 17, 2016.

Second: Cm. San Miguel
For: 6
Against: 0
Abstained: 0

Motion carried unanimously

Cm. San Miguel made a motion to **move up** item V-E.

Second: Cm. Balli
For: 6
Against: 0
Abstained: 0

Motion carried unanimously

E. Status of FASTLANE Grant application along with funding component including discussion and possible action and any matters incident thereto.

Cm. San Miguel made a motion to **table** the item momentarily.

Second: Cm. Balli
For: 6
Against: 0
Abstained: 0

Motion carried unanimously

Cm. San Miguel made a motion to **move up** item V-D.

Second: Cm. Balli
For: 6
Against: 0
Abstained: 0

Motion carried unanimously

D. Discussion and possible action on corridor preservation/management (setbacks) along state highways and any matters incident thereto.

Cm. Balli made a motion to **table** item V-D and **move up** item V-E.

Second: Judge Tijerina
For: 6
Against: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion carried unanimously

E. Status of FASTLANE Grant application along with funding component including discussion and possible action and any matters incident thereto.

Antonio Rodriguez, HNTB, Inc., stated HNTB was working on behalf of TxDOT to develop the FASTLANE Grant application. The project would consist of the 5 direct connectors, the main lanes over IH35 on Loop 20, and a 3rd main lane. Total project cost is estimated to be approximately $160,000,000. The application will request 60 percent of the total project cost or $96,000,000. The City of Laredo will submit the application. An additional 32 million in local matching funds would also be required and whose funding source remains to be identified.

Noe Hinojosa, Financial Advisor for Webb County, (who attended the meeting by phone), asked if there were any additional funds available from TxDOT for on system improvements.

Pete Alvarez, TxDOT District Engineer, stated there may be additional funding available, however allocation/award of those funds would be decided by the Transportation Commission.

Ruben Soto, RMA Chairman, stated the RMA Board had agreed to contribute $2,000,000 dollars toward the FASTLANE Grant Application.

Cm. San Miguel made a motion to **combine** discussion of items V-E and V-F together.

Second: Judge Tijerina
For: 6
Against: 0
Abstained: 0

Motion carried unanimously

F. Discussion with possible action to adopt a proposed Resolution in support of the City of Laredo - Webb County - TxDOT/RMA combined application for a FASTLANE Grant.

Cm. Balli made a motion to **adopt** a proposed Resolution in support of the City of Laredo-Webb County-TxDOT/RMA combined application for a FASTLANE Grant.

Second: Cm. San Miguel
For: 6
Against: 0
Abstained: 0

Motion carried unanimously

Cm. Tijerina made a motion to **bring up** item V-D.

Second:	Cm. Balli
For:	6
Against:	0
Abstained:	0

Motion carried unanimously

D. Discussion and possible action on corridor preservation/management (setbacks) along state highways and any matters incident thereto.

Mr. Bratton stated briefly that guidelines provided by the Texas Transportation Institute to TxDOT described the methodology used by City's and County's regarding corridor preservation. The traditional tools used by said entities to preserve transportation corridors include: zoning, comprehensive plans, setback development standards, and thoroughfare plans.

No action was had on the item.

The Committee returned to the regular agenda.

B. Discussion and possible action on Hachar Road.

Anthony Garza, Dannenbaum Engineering, stated the Environmental Assessment would be completed by approximately late summer 2017.

No action was had on the item.

C. Discussion and possible action on Mines Road.

Pete Alvarez, TxDOT, stated construction of the northbound lanes on Mines Road was scheduled to start after the holidays.

No action was had on the item.

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

A. Report by El Metro on the future site (1801 Jacaman Road) of the Bus Operations Administration and Maintenance Facility, including information on the site selection.

Claudia San Miguel, Transit El Metro, gave a brief presentation and provided the Committee with information on said item.

Ms. San Miguel sated in March 2003, City Council approved the purchase of the Jacaman site at the appraised value of $ 3,250,000. The property was 100% funded by Transit Sales Tax Reserve. She also stated in 2016 the City of Laredo submitted an application to the Bus and Bus Facilities Competitive Grant Program. The application was successful and FTA granted a total of $ 9,875,083. She stated the City of Laredo has been taking steps towards the construction of the new Operations and Maintenance Facility to continue to meet the needs of a growing transit-dependent community, and to ensure ongoing safety and strengthen performance.

Cm. San Miguel recommended including landscaping in the design of its upcoming projects

Mr. Bratton stated the project is a TxDOT project; however he recommended bringing back a resolution at the next MPO meeting supporting the inclusion of decorative landscaping in future TxDOT grade separation projects.

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

Mr. Bratton requested the item be tabled.

Judge Tijerina made a motion to **table** the item.

Second:	Cm. San Miguel
For:	6
Against:	0
Abstained:	0

Motion carried unanimously

C. Status report on the Traffic Signal Synchronization Project.

Roberto Murillo, City of Laredo Traffic Safety Department, stated the scope of work was submitted to TxDOT who had subsequently raised various concerns regarding the City's procurement process.

Alberto Ramirez, TxDOT stated TxDOT would review all the information provided by Mr. Murillo and give a status report to the Policy Committee in late December.

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

Ruben Soto, RMA, stated the RMA passed a 2016 Strategic Plan which would soon be posted on the RMA's website. He also stated that its Legislative Agenda was also passed.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Judge Tijerina made a motion to **adjourn** the meeting at 1:32 p.m.

Second: Cm. San Miguel
For: 6
Against: 0
Abstained: 0

Motion carried unanimously

Prepared by: A. Quijano
Angie Quijano
MPO Staff

Reviewed by: _____
Vanessa Guerra,
MPO Coordinator

Reviewed by: _____
Nathan R. Bratton,
MPO Director

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Melisa Montemayor,
District Administrator

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Pete Saenz,
Mayor and LUTS Chairperson

Laredo Urban Transportation Study

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MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 19TH, 2016 MEETING

I. CHAIRPERSON TO CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Judge Tijerina called the meeting to order at 12:15 p.m.

II. CHAIRPERSON TO CALL ROLL

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

Regular members present:

Honorable Tano E. Tijerina., Webb County Judge
Honorable George Altgelt, City Councilmember, District VII
Honorable Charlie San Miguel, City Councilmember, District VI
Melisa Montemayor, TxDOT

Regular members not present:

Honorable Pete Saenz, Mayor and LUTS Chairperson
Honorable Jaime Canales, Webb County Commissioner, Pct. 4
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Vanessa Guerra, City Planning/LUTS Staff
Angie Quijano, City Planning/LUTS Staff
Eduardo Bernal, Transit, El Metro

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

Others: Antonio Rodriguez, Howard, Needles, Tammen, & Bergendoff (HNTB, Inc.)
Ruben Soto, Regional Mobility Authority (RMA)
Rolando Ortiz, Killam Development

Judge Tijerina stated quorum was not achieved. No items were discussed and no action was taken. The meeting was adjourned at 12:16 p.m.

Prepared by: _____
Angie Quijano,
MPO Staff

Reviewed by: _____
Vanessa Guerra,
MPO Coordinator

Reviewed by: _____
Nathan R. Bratton,
MPO Director

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Melisa Montemayor,
District Administrator

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Pete Saenz,
Mayor and LUTS Chairperson

Discussion with possible action on the proposed update of the 2015 Kansas City Southern Railroad Quiet Zone Study.

ACTION ITEM

DATE: 1-17-17	**SUBJECT:** Discussion with possible action on the proposed update of the 2015 Kansas City Southern Railroad line Quiet Zone Study.
INITIATED BY: Staff	**STAFF SOURCE:** Nathan Bratton, Director of Planning

PREVIOUS COMMITTEE ACTION: On June 17th, 2013, the Policy Committee approved a Motion accepting the Selection Committee's ranking of the submittals, authorized the selection the consultant and approved Staff entering into negotiations with the selected firm. On 8-19-13, the Policy Committee approved a motion authorizing the award and execution of the contract in the amount of $48,600.00 to Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc for the development of the Railroad Quiet Zone Study Update On 10-21-13, the Policy Committee approved Contract Amendment 1. On 5-29-14, the Committee approved contract amendment #2. On 1-20-15, the Policy Committee approved Contract Amendment 3.

BACKGROUND:

The development the KCS Railroad Quiet Zone Study Update was an objective of the 2014 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) and carried over to the project's completion in 2015.

KCS Railroad Quiet Zone Study was conducted:

- To develop a strategy to implement a train whistle ban in Laredo following adopted federal guidelines for 32 Kansas City Southern Railroad crossings in Laredo.
- To evaluate railroad lines by segments and provide detailed recommendations for implementation.
- To collect data at each of the 32 railroad crossings, and develop recommendations for improvements necessary to achieve the required safety thresholds.
- To provide cost estimates, alternative recommendations, and order of implementation for infrastructure improvements.

Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. was selected to conduct the study, which was completed in November of 2015.

- Staff comments continued…

FINANCIAL IMPACT: A UPWP amendment would be required in order to program the project in the approved 2017 UPWP.

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Approval of the proposed update	**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** Approval

Staff Comments Continued:

Original Fee – 48,600
Original Schedule – 8 months

Contract Amendment No. 1:

- Amend state of incorporation for the consultant to North Carolina.

Contract Amendment No. 2

- Increase the number of crossings to be studied from 26 to 32.
- Increase the number of traffic counts to be collected from 10 crossings to 32 crossings.
- Increase the contract fee from $48,600 to $57,200 to compensate for the additional work to be performed.

Amendment No. 3

- Increase the contract fee from $57,200 to $75,800 to compensate for the additional work to be performed.
- Extends the contract completion date to June 30, 2015.
- Coordinate a shareholder presentation and workshop.
- Develop and present project information to project shareholders.
- Develop a notice of public meeting and advertise such notice for two subsequent weekends in the Saturday edition of the local newspaper.
- Develop and present project information at a public meeting.
- Document and summarize input from the public meeting.
- Develop and present the draft report and recommended alternatives to the LUTS Technical and Policy Board prior to finalizing the report.

LAREDO URBAN TRANSPORTATION STUDY
ACTION ITEM

DATE: 1-17-17	**SUBJECT:** A MOTION(S) Receive public testimony and initiate a 45 day public review and comment period for the proposed re-approval of the Public Participation Plan.

INITIATED BY: Staff	**STAFF SOURCE:** Nathan Bratton MPO Director

PREVIOUS ACTION:
The current Public Involvement Process was adopted on June 14, 2012 following a 45 day public review and comment period.

BACKGROUND:

The Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act of 2015 continues the legacy started with the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, and Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) of 2005, which emphasized the need for public participation in all stages of the transportation planning process. The Act requires that MPO's conduct a proactive public involvement process that provides complete information, timely public notice, full public access to key decisions, and supports early, and on-going public involvement in developing plans, programs, policies and procedures.

It is the policy of the MPO to provide every opportunity for the involvement of citizens in the transportation planning process in conformance with the requirements of 23 CFR 450.316(a) thru its adopted Public Participation Plan (PPP).

The PPP is required to be reapproved every five years and updated on an "as needed" basis.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: The LUTS Technical Committee recommended approval of the initiation of the 45 day public review and comment period.	**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends that the MPO approve a motion initiating a 45 day public review and comment period.

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN
LAREDO URBAN TRANSPORTATION STUDY

GENERAL

The Laredo Urban Transportation Study serves as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Laredo urban area. The purpose of the MPO is to provide continuous, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning for the area. Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act) of 2015 continues the legacy of begun with the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 (ISTEA), the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21), and the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU), which emphasized the need for public participation in all stages of the transportation planning process. MPO's are required to conduct a proactive public involvement process that provides complete information, timely public notice, full public access to key decisions, and supports early, and on-going public involvement in developing plans, programs, policies and procedures.

POLICY

It is the policy of the MPO to provide every opportunity for the involvement of citizens in the transportation planning process in conformance with the requirements of 23 CFR 450.316 (a) for the purposes of:

- Providing opportunity for input from: citizens, affected public agencies, representatives of public transportation employees, freight shippers, providers of freight transportation services, private providers of transportation, representatives of public transportation, representatives of users of pedestrian walkways and bicycle transportation facilities, representatives of the disabled, and other interested parties, hereafter referred to as segments of the community affected by transportation plans, programs, and projects.

- Providing early and continuing public involvement opportunities throughout the transportation planning and programming process;

- Providing timely notice and reasonable access to information concerning transportation issues and processes to area residents, affected public agencies, representatives of transportation agency employees, private providers of transportation, other interested parties and segments of the community affected by transportation plans, programs, and projects;

- Seeking out and considering the needs of those traditionally underserved by existing transportation systems, such as low-income and minority households;

- Providing adequate public notice of public involvement activities and time for public review and comment at key decision points, including the approval of plans and programs;

- Demonstrating explicit consideration and response to public input received during the planning and program development process.

COMMENT PERIOD AND NOTICE REQUIREMENTS

Table 1 – Summary of public comment periods and notices for policy, procedure, and program documents

Document	Public Comment Period	Notices
By Laws – revisions	10 days	7 days (mail) or 5 days (hand delivered) • Policy Committee members 72 hours advance notice postings*
Public Participation Plan – initial adoption	45 days	7 days (mail) or 5 days (hand delivered) • Policy Committee members 72 hours advance notice postings*
Public Participation Plan – revisions	45 day	7 days (mail) or 5 days (hand delivered) • Policy Committee members 72 hours advance notice postings*
Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) – initial adoption	20 days	5 days • Summary published in newspaper 7 days (mail) or 5 days (hand delivered) • Policy Committee members 72 hours advance notice postings*
UPWP - revisions	0	7 days (mail) or 5 days (hand delivered) • Policy Committee members 72 hours advance notice postings*
Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) – initial adoption	20 days**	7 days (mail) or 5 days (hand delivered) • Policy Committee members 72 hours advance notice postings*
TIP – revisions	10 days**	7 days (mail) or 5 days (hand delivered) • Policy Committee members 72 hours advance notice postings*
Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) – initial adoption	20 days**	90 days • Nomination form in newspaper and on website 7 days (mail) or 5 days (hand delivered) • Policy Committee members 72 hours advance notice postings*
MTP - revisions	10 days**	7 days (mail) or 5 days (hand delivered) • Policy Committee members 72 hours advance notice postings*

* 72 hour advance notice postings will include: Publishing in the local English and Spanish language newspapers (the Laredo Morning Times and El Manana) in English and Spanish, emailing to the MPO contact list, posting at the Laredo City Hall, posting at the Laredo TxDOT District Office, post at El Metro Operations facility, and posting on the LUTS website.

** If comments are received during the comment period, which raise material issues that could not have reasonably been foreseen prior to the comment period, a second comment period of 10 days shall be added.

Notice Requirements- Posting

Notice of meetings held by MPO staff for the purpose of securing public comment and all meetings of the Policy Committee shall be posted not less than 72 hours in advance of the meeting in the form and manner prescribed by the Texas Open Meetings Act at the Laredo City Hall and the Webb County Commissioners Court Building. Additionally, the notice may be posted at the Texas Department of Transportation Laredo District Office, El Metro Operations Facility, and on the MPO and Webb County website. Notice placed at the El Metro Operations Facility shall be located in a place and manner readily accessible to transit employees for the purpose of giving notice to employee union members.

Notice Requirements- Newspaper Publication

Notice of the proposed adoption or revision to any policy, procedure, plan or program requiring Policy Committee action shall be published in summary form in English and Spanish in one or more newspapers of general circulation in Laredo, Texas not less than 72 hours in advance of the meeting in which final action will be taken. Notice shall also be emailed 72 hours in advance to those listed on the contact list maintained by the MPO. The notice shall include the name, address, and telephone number of the person who may be contacted regarding the proposed item. The notice shall include the location at which technical information and reports are available for review.

Meeting Requirements

All public meetings shall be held in compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Meetings held by MPO staff for the purpose of securing public comment and all meetings of the Policy Committee shall be recorded on audio or video tape. Meetings held for the purpose of securing public comment shall be held at convenient and accessible times and locations. The meetings will be held within a reasonable distance of an El Metro route. Meetings of the Policy Committee shall be taped for broadcast on the public access channel. Persons attending public meetings conducted by the MPO will be asked to register on a sign-in sheet. Minutes of public meetings shall be prepared by MPO staff and shall constitute the official record of the proceedings. MPO staff shall prepare a meeting packet that includes the meeting agenda and action items for consideration by the Policy Committee. The meeting packet will be mailed to Policy Committee members 7 days prior to the meeting date or hand delivered 5 days prior to the meeting date

It is the intent of LUTS to provide access to all citizens interested in attending MPO meetings. Groups or people with special needs who wish to attend a meeting should give MPO staff 5 working days in advance of the meeting in order that MPO staff may reasonably accommodate their special needs.

Retention of Documents

All official meeting materials, including but not limited to notices, newspaper publications, minutes, sign-in sheets, audio/video tapes, documents proposed for adoption or revision, and written comments received during public review and comment periods shall be retained by the MPO for a minimum of three years, or longer if required by the Texas State Library and Archives Commission.

Public Review and Comment

The adoption or revision of certain documents may require a 10, 20 or 45 day public review and comment period prior to final action by the Policy Committee. The public review and comment period shall be initiated through action of the Policy Committee following a presentation on the proposed plan, program, policy or procedure. When a public review and comment period is required, the MPO shall make available at its offices and on its website a copy of the document. The public may review the document at the MPO offices during normal working hours and, when possible, staff will be available to answer questions. Written comments received during the public review and comment period will be presented to the Policy Committee prior to final action on the plan, program, policy or procedure being considered.

When significant written and oral comments are received during the MTP or TIP public participation process they will be summarized, analyzed, and accompanied with a description of how they were addressed in the applicable document.

ADOPTION AND REVISION OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN

Initial Adoption and Revisions

The adoption or revision of the Public Participation Plan shall require a public review and comment period of not less than 45 days prior to final action by the Policy Committee.

Continuous improvement of the public participation process is a goal of LUTS. In striving towards that goal, this public participation plan shall be updated as needed and re-approved every five years. The purpose of this action shall be to ensure that the plan effectively allows for a full and open public participation process.

ADOPTION AND REVISION OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMMING DOCUMENTS

Initial Adoption

The adoption of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) shall require a public review and comment period of not less than 20 days prior to final action by the Policy Committee. A project nomination form will be published in a newspaper of general circulation and be made available through the Internet at least 90 days prior to final action by the Policy Committee. Presentations on the proposed MTP shall be made to the Laredo City Council and the Laredo MPO prior to the public review and comment period. Written comments and project nomination forms received during the public review and comment period regarding the draft MTP will be incorporated into the final document. The MTP and TIP shall include at least one map designating the conceptual limits of project locations. The adoption of all other planning and programming documents, including but not limited to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) shall require a public review and comment period of not less than 30 days prior to final action by the Policy Committee. A summary of the proposed UPWP will be published in a newspaper of general circulation at least 5 days prior to final action by the Policy Committee.

Revisions

Substantive revisions to the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) shall require a public review and comment period of not less than 10 days prior to final action by the Policy Committee. Substantive revisions to all other planning and programming documents, including but not limited to the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) do not require a public review and comment period, but must be approved by the Policy Committee.

Substantive revisions include any changes to a plan or program that consist of the addition, deletion or substitution of projects, changes to a project's scope and reprogramming of projects outside of the plan or program's scope. MPO staff may request action by the Policy Committee for non-substantive revisions to any plan or program. Any revisions shall be set out in full and indicate any portion to be deleted by strike-out type and indicate proposed new language by underscoring or the use of italics.

OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

Contact List

The MPO shall maintain a current contact list (email) of groups and individuals which have expressed interest in transportation planning activities, including state, county and local government officials, news media, special interest groups, and transportation providers who will be provided periodic updates concerning planning activities as well as meeting notices.

Public Appearances

The MPO shall make every effort to comply with requests from local civic or professional groups, organizations or committees to present or discuss information related to the responsibilities of the MPO. The organization should contact the MPO and allow ample time for the MPO to make arrangements and attend.

The MPO may schedule appearances at meetings of groups such as neighborhood organizations to gather input from residents. Such meetings shall serve as an avenue through which the MPO seeks out and consider the needs of those traditionally underserved segments of the population, including low-income and minority households. The focus of these presentations should be tailored to the interests and concerns of the audience. All significant comments received will be recorded and presented to the Policy Committee.

Discussion with possible action regarding Policy Committee meeting dates and times for Calendar year 2017.

LAREDO URBAN TRANSPORTATION STUDY
ACTION ITEM

DATE:	**SUBJECT: RESOLUTION**
1-17-17	Expression the Laredo Metropolitan Planning Organization's support for the inclusion of decorative landscaping in future TxDOT grade separation projects.

INITIATED BY:	**STAFF SOURCE:**
Councilman Charlie San Miguel	Nathan Bratton, Director of Planning

PREVIOUS ACTION: None

BACKGROUND:

Attractive gateways, landscaping, and roadway aesthetics are important for a community's economic development and quality of life. The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is the government agency in Texas tasked with the construction and maintenance of the state's highway system infrastructure. Due to revenue constraints, TxDOT's resources have been committed to construction of new facilities, while landscaping and aesthetics have been low priorities. Community members have expressed their desire that local transportation infrastructure facilities include decorative landscaping elements.

LUTS TECHNICAL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Approval.

RESOLUTION NO. MPO 2017-R-01

EXPRESSING THE LAREDO METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION'S SUPPORT FOR THE INCLUSION OF DECORATIVE LANDSCAPING IN FUTURE TXDOT GRADE SEPERATION PROJECTS.

WHEREAS, the MPO Policy Committee recognizes the importance of attractive gateways and roadways for economic development; and,

WHEREAS, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is the government agency in Texas tasked with the construction and maintenance of the state's highway system infrastructure; and,

WHEREAS, the Texas Department of Transportation's (TxDOT's) resources have been committed to construction of new facilities, while landscaping and aesthetics have been low priorities; and,

WHEREAS, landscaping and aesthetics affect the quality of life of a community's citizens; and,

WHEREAS, community members have expressed their desire that local transportation infrastructure facilities include decorative landscaping elements.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, BYTHE LAREDO URBAN TRANSPORTATION STUDY, AS THE DESIGNATED METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION FOR THE LAREDO URBAN AREA THAT:

Section 1 The Laredo Metropolitan Planning Organization expresses its support for the inclusion decorative landscaping in TxDOT future grade separation projects.

PASSED BY THE LAREDO MPO POLICY COMMITTEE AND APPROVED BY THE CHAIRMAN ON THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2017.

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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.

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Nathan Bratton
MPO Director

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Pete Alvarez
TxDOT District Engineer

Discussion with possible action on priority projects for the Laredo MPO.

Table 12-10: Roadway and Bicycle/Pedestrian Projects Summary

Cat	CSJ No./ID	Roadway	Limits	Description	Letting Year	Project Cost: Total Project Cost (in 2014 dollars)	Project Cost: Year of Expenditure Cost	Projected Revenue: Federal Revenue	Projected Revenue: Other Revenue(RMA and Local Sources)
7, 11	0086-14-061	Loop 20	SH 359 to Spur 400	Widen existing bridge	2015	$10,245,646	$10,655,472	$8,524,378	$2,131,094
1, 2, 4	0086-14-062	Loop 20	1.09 S. of Spur 400 to Spur 400	New Nonfreeway frontage road	2015	$16,936,138	$17,613,584	$1,506,867	$16,106,717
8	0018-06-168	IH 35	At US 59 intersection	Improve traffic signal on frontage road	2015	$96,146	$99,992	$81,702	$18,290
8	0038-01-076	US 83	Palo Blanco to SH 359	Improve traffic signals - interconnect signals	2015	$124,873	$129,868	$109,625	$20,243
8	0038-01-077	US 83	Cielito Lindo to Palo Blanco	Improve traffic signals –	2015	$171,131	$177,976	$131,375	$46,601
8	0086-01-077	US 83	IH 35 to SH 359	Improve traffic signals - interconnect signals	2015	$174,922	$181,919	$153,625	$28,294
8	0542-01-079	US 59	IH 35 to Arkansas	Improve traffic signals - interconnect signals	2015	$140,963	$146,602	$123,750	$22,852
8	2150-04-057	FM 1472	At Loop 20	Improve traffic signal, interconnect signals, and install overhead guide signs	2015	$90,700	$94,328	$77,074	$17,254
8	2150-04-060	FM 1472	Killam Industrial Blvd to Pellegrino	Install raised median	2015	$149,669	$155,656	$128,438	$27,218
9	9	Alexander Hike and Bike Trail	Zacate Dam to Del Mar Blvd	Construct hike and bike trail	2015	$986,078	$1,025,521	$1,025,521	$0
10	0086-14-051	Loop 20	0.50 mi west of Milo interchange to 3000 feet east	Schematic, environmental, ROW-survey/mapping & PSE	2015	$4,256,385	$4,426,640	$4,000,845	$425,795
10	0922-33-076	At the intersection of FM 1472 and Flecha Ln/Las Cruces Dr		Re-align intersection	2015	$3,377,269	$3,512,360	$1,440,411	$2,071,949
11	0922-00-060	VA	Districtwide	Upgrade bridge rail and MBGF	2015	$3,059,036	$3,181,397	$2,500,000	$681,397
12	0038-01-081	US 83	Cielito-Lindo Blvd (NB) to Espejo Molina Rd (NB)	Resurface of existing highway	2015	$253,823	$263,976	$6,593,622	$0
1,2M, 11	0086-14-066	Loop 20	0.45 m. east of Internation Blvd.to 0.25 m. west of Mcpherson	Construction of interchange	2016	$21,059,119	$22,777,543	$583,634	$22,193,909
9	E-01	Manadas Creek Hike and Bike Trail, Phase	United High School to Loop 20	Construct hike and bike trail	2016	$886,846	$959,213	$959,213	$0
10	0922-33-093	Calton Rd	Santa Maria Ave	Construct overpass	2016	$23,309,669	$25,211,738	$12,926,124	$12,285,614
10	0086-14-058	Loop 20	East of International Blvd to US 59/Loop 20 interchange	Schematic, environmental, ROW-survey/mapping & PSE	2016	$3,880,224	$4,196,850	$3,500,000	$696,850
11	0922-00-056	VA	Districtwide	Upgrade bridge rail and MBGF	2016	$3,089,177	$3,341,254	$2,500,000	$841,254
Local	0922-33-165	Hachar Parkway	FM 1472 to 0.1 m. E. of Beltway Parkway	Schematic, environmental for 5.07 miles of 5 lane rural roadway	2016	$1,016,063	$1,016,063	$0	$1,016,562
10 (CBI)	0922-33-166	Hachar Parkway	0.1 m. E. of Beltway Parkway to IH 35	Schematic, environmental, and preliminary engineering for a 5 lane rural roadway.	2016	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000	$60,000
Prop 1 (Cat 2) and 7	2150-04-067	FM 1472 (Mines Rd.)	Killam Industrial Blvd to 0.3 miles north of Mueller Blvd.	Construct one additional northbound travel lane, and the design and partial reconstruction of the existing outside lane.	2016	$5,782,000	$5,782,000	$1,300,000	$0
2, 7, 12	1/0086-14-065	Loop 20	At IH 35	Construct overpass and approach roadways	2017	$22,727,143	$25,564,945	$25,564,945	$0
8	0922-33-152	McPherson Rd	At Calton Rd	Install raised median	2017	$231,362	$260,251	$203,829	$56,422
8	0922-33-153	McPherson Rd	At Del Mar Blvd	Install raised median and add right turn lane	2017	$573,721	$645,358	$505,445	$139,913
8	0922-33-154	McPherson Rd	At International Blvd	Install raised median	2017	$347,446	$390,830	$306,098	$84,732
9	E-02	Manadas Creek Hike and Bike Trail, Phase IV	McPherson Rd to North Central Park	Construct hike and bike trail	2017	$335,305	$377,172	$377,172	$0
11	0922-33-149	Chacon Creek	Eastwoods Park to US 59	Construction of a pedestrian trail at Chacon Creek in Laredo (Phase 3)	2017	$1,786,746	$2,009,846	$1,410,000	$599,846
9, local	0922-33-170	Zacated Creek Hike and Bike Trail	Zacate Creek	Design and construction of hike and bike trail.	2017	1,250,000*	$1,416,278	$1,000,000	$250,000
7	0922-33-175	Hachar Parkway	FM 1472 to IH 35	PS&E and Row mapping for 5 lane rural road	2017	$1,452,866	$1,634,277	$1,307,421	$326,855
10-CBI	0922-14-081	IH 35	IH 35 and Loop 20	ITS for interchange facility over IH35	2017	$924,556	$1,040,000	$800,000	$240,000
2, 7	3	Loop 20	At IH 35	Construct ramps from IH 35 southbound to Loop 20 eastbound, and from Loop 20 westbound to IH 35 southbound	2018	$44,200,000	$51,707,748	$9,276,602	$42,431,146

9	E-03	Manadas Creek Hike and Bike Trail, Phase V	IH 35 to McPherson Rd	Construct hike and bike trail	2018	$654,910	$766,152	$766,152	$0
7	0922-33-165	Hachar Parkway	FM 1472 to 0.1 m. E. of Beltway Parkway	Construction of 5.07 miles of 5 lane rural roadway	2018	$33,060,222	$41,831,728	$21,437,521	$20,394,207
9	E-04	Manadas Creek Hike and Bike Trail, Phase VI	Rio Grande River NW of water treatment plant	Construct hike and bike trail	2019	$746,471	$908,196	$908,196	$0
11	0922-00-951	VA	Districtwide	Upgrade bridge rail and MBGF	2019	$3,089,178	$3,758,457	$2,500,000	$1,258,457
7, 10	4/0086-14-058	Loop 20	International Blvd to US 59	Upgrade to interstate standards, including overpasses at Shiloh Dr, Del Mar Blvd, University Blvd, Jacaman Rd, and Airport	2020	$391,400,000	$495,245,864	$116,608,517	$378,637,347
11	0922-00-953	VA	Districtwide	Upgrade bridge rail and MBGF	2020	$3,089,177	$3,908,795	$2,500,000	$1,408,795
11	0922-00-955	VA	Districtwide	Upgrade bridge rail and MBGF	2021	$3,089,178	$4,065,147	$2,500,000	$1,565,147
11	0922-00-960	VA	Districtwide	Upgrade bridge rail and MBGF	2022	$3,089,178	$4,227,753	$2,500,000	$1,727,753
11	0922-00-970	VA	Districtwide	Upgrade bridge rail and MBGF	2023	$3,089,178	$4,396,863	$2,500,000	$1,896,863
7	0922-33-166	Hachar Parkway	0.1 m. E. of Beltway Parkway to IH 35	Construction of 5 lane rural road	2023	$24,190,742	$34,430,969	$17,152,535	$17,278,434
7	X-06	IH 35	At Loop 20	Construct ramp from Loop 20 Westbound to IH 35 Northbound	2037	$35,520,000	$87,546,696	$7,454,863	$80,091,833
7	X-09	IH 35	At Loop 20	Construct ramp from Loop 20 Eastbound to IH 35 Southbound	2039	$35,520,000	$94,690,506	$7,454,863	$87,235,643
			Total			$96,083,765	$966,073,783	$273,500,363	$694,315,286

Table 12-11: Category 2 Roadway Projects

1	*Loop 20 at IH 35: **Construct overpass and approach roadways***

Description: The project will provide main lanes and a grade separation for through traffic on Loop 20 to pass IH 35 without encountering controlled delays at the intersection. The operational efficiency of the through traffic on Loop 20 will be improved. Loop 20 is one of the designated truck routes in the Laredo MPO region, and the improved operational efficiency will benefit freight transportation. The project is same as Project 1 in Category 7 and Project 0086-14-065 in Category 12.

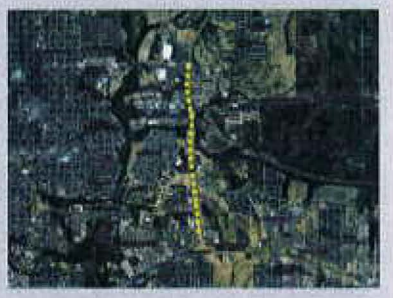
Letting Year: 2017
Total Project Cost (2014 Dollars): $32,509,223
YOE Cost: $36,568,455
Programmed Amount:
Category 2: $6,830,000
Category 7: $6,822,967
Category 12: $9,000,000
Other Amount: $13,915,488
Funding: Federally funded
Environmental Impacts and Environmental Justice:
The project is close to 100-year flood plains, but it is not near low income areas or cultural resources.

Table 12-12: Category 7 Roadway Projects

0086-14-061 *Loop 20 from Clark Blvd to SH 359:* ***Widen overpass from 4 lanes to 6 lanes***

Description: The project will widen the overpass on Loop 20 from Clark Boulevard to SH 359 from the existing four lanes to six lanes. The segment according the latest Travel Demand Model currently operates at LOS F (volume over capacity), and the project would add capacity to mitigate congestion. Loop 20 provides connection between South Laredo with predominantly residential areas to the industrial areas in North Laredo. Also, Loop 20 is one of the designated truck routes in the Laredo MPO region, and the improved operational efficiency will benefit freight transportation.

Year: 2015
Total Project Cost (2014 Dollars): $9,113,121
YOE Cost: $9,477,646
Programmed Amount: $8,905,357
Other Amount: $572,289
Funding: Federally funded
Environmental Impacts and Environmental Justice:
The project is close to 100-year flood plains, but it is not near low income areas or cultural resources.



2 *Loop 20 at International Blvd:* ***Construct overpass and approach roadways***

Description: The project will provide main lanes and a grade separation for through traffic on Loop 20 to pass International Boulevard without encountering an intersection; therefore the operational efficiency of the through traffic on Loop 20 will be improved. Loop 20 is one of the designated truck routes in the Laredo MPO region, and the improved operational efficiency will benefit freight transportation.

Letting Year: 2016
Total Project Cost (2014 Dollars): $15,127,165
YOE Cost: $16,361,542
Programmed Amount: $3,174,857
Other Amount: $13,186,685
Funding: Federally funded
Environmental Impacts and Environmental Justice:
The project is close to 100-year flood plains, but it is not near low income areas or cultural resources.

1 *Loop 20 at IH 35:* ***Construct overpass and approach roadways***

Description: The project will provide main lanes and a grade separation for through traffic on Loop 20 to pass IH 35 without encountering controlled delays at the intersection. The operational efficiency of the through traffic on Loop 20 will be improved. Loop 20 is one of the designated truck routes in the Laredo MPO region, and the improved operational efficiency will benefit freight transportation. The project is same as Project 1 in Category 2 and Project 0086-14-065 in Category 12.

Letting Year: 2017
Total Project Cost (2014 Dollars): $32,509,223
YOE Cost: $36,568,455
Programmed Amount:
Category 2: $6,830,000
Category 7: $6,822,967
Category 12: $9,000,000
Other Amount: $13,915,488
Funding: Federally funded
Environmental Impacts and Environmental Justice:
The project is close to 100-year flood plains, but it is not near low income areas or cultural resources.

3 *Loop 20 at IH 35:* ***Construct ramps from IH 35 southbound to Loop 20 eastbound, and from Loop 20 westbound to IH 35 southbound***

Description: This project will provide direct connectors for traffic from IH 35 southbound to Loop 20 eastbound and Loop 20 westbound to IH 35 southbound. Traffic of these movements does not have to encounter control delays at the intersection; therefore the operational efficiency will be improved. Both IH 35 and Loop 20 are important truck routes in the Laredo MPO region, and the improved operational efficiency will benefit freight transportation.

Letting Year: 2018
Total Project Cost (2014 Dollars): $44,200,000
YOE Cost: $51,707,748
Programmed Amount: $9,276,602
Other Amount: $42,431,146
Funding: Federally funded
Environmental Impacts and Environmental Justice:
The project is close to 100-year flood plains, but it is not near low income areas or cultural resources.

4 *Loop 20 from International Blvd to US 59:* ***Upgrade to interstate standards, including overpasses at Shiloh Dr, Del Mar Blvd, University Blvd, Jacaman Rd, and Airport***

Description: In 2006, the TxDOT – Laredo District, together with Webb County, the City of Laredo, and the Laredo MPO, started early planning and conceptual engineering studies to upgrade Loop 20. Around 2011, petitioners began comprehensive studies to develop plans to upgrade Loop 20 to interstate standards. The first phase of the upgrade plan included three interchanges, including at IH 35 interchange (a.k.a. the Milo Interchange), at McPherson Road and at International Boulevard. The segment of Loop 20 is proposed to be co-designated as US 59 as well as Interstate 69 in the future.

The project will upgrade the existing roadway to meet Interstate standards, such as controlled access and sufficient median width. Several overpasses are proposed at the intersections of Shiloh Drive, Del Mar Boulevard, University Boulevard, Jacaman Road, and Airport. Loop 20 is one of the major truck routes in the Laredo MPO region. The project will provide more mobility to mitigate the high volume of traffic, especially commercial traffic.

The project is same as Project 0086-14-950 in Category 10.

Letting Year: 2020
Total Project Cost (2014 Dollars): $391,400,000
YOE Cost: $495,245,864
Funding: Federally funded
Programmed Amount:
Category 7: $73,240,848
Category 10: $43,367,669
Other Amount: $378,637,347
Environmental Impacts and Environmental Justice:
The project passes through 100-year flood plains, and it is close to Lake Casa Blanca, and detention ponds. It is also near Laredo International Airport, parks/recreational facilities, and schools, but it is not near low income areas.

X-06 IH 35 at Loop 20: ***Construct ramp from Loop 20 Westbound to IH 35 Northbound***

Description: This project will provide direct connectors for traffic from Loop 20 westbound to IH 35 northbound. Traffic of the movement does not have to encounter control delays at the intersection; therefore the operational efficiency will be improved. Both IH 35 and Loop 20 are important truck routes in the Laredo MPO region, and the improved operational efficiency will benefit freight transportation.

Letting Year: 2037
Total Project Cost (2014 Dollars): $35,520,000
YOE Cost: $87,546,696
Funding: Federally funded
Programmed Amount: $7,454,863
Other Amount: $80,091,833
Funding: Federally funded
Environmental Impacts and Environmental Justice:
The project is close to 100-year flood plains, but it is not near low income areas or cultural resources.

X-09 IH 35 at Loop 20: ***Construct ramp from Loop 20 Eastbound to IH 35 Southbound***

Description: This project will provide direct connectors for traffic from Loop 20 eastbound to IH 35 southbound. Traffic of the movement does not have to encounter control delays at the intersection; therefore the operational efficiency will be improved. Both IH 35 and Loop 20 are important truck routes in the Laredo MPO region, and the improved operational efficiency will benefit freight transportation.

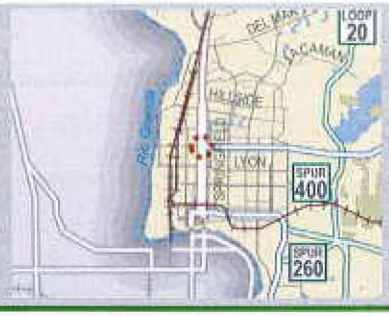
Letting Year: 2039
Total Cost (2014 Dollars): $35,520,000
YOE Cost: $94,690,506
Funding: Federally funded
Programmed Amount: $7,454,863
Other Amount: $87,235,643
Funding: Federally funded
Environmental Impacts and Environmental Justice:
The project is close to 100-year flood plains, but it is not near low income areas or cultural resources.

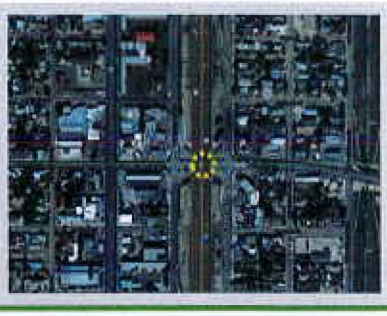
Table 12-13: Category 8 Roadway Projects

0018-06-168 IH 35 at US 59 intersection: ***Improve traffic signal on frontage road***

Description: The project will improve the signal timing at the intersection of IH 35 frontage road and US 59 to make traffic flow more efficiently through this intersection. Often referred to as the NAFTA Superhighway, IH 35 travels northward from Laredo through several states to Minnesota, and it is one of the major freight routes in the U.S. and also one of the designated truck routes in Laredo.

Letting Year: 2015
Total Project Cost (2014 Dollars): $96,146
YOE Cost: $99,992
Programmed Amount: $81,702
Other Amount: $18,290
CSJ Number: 0018-06-168
Funding: Federally funded

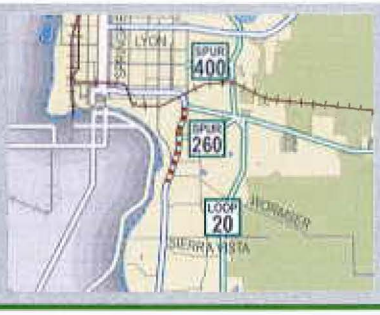




0038-01-076 US 83 from Palo Blanco to SH 359: ***Improve traffic signals - interconnect signals***

Description: The project will improve the signal timings at intersections on US 83 between Palo Blanco Street and SH 359 to make traffic flow more efficiently through these intersections. US 83 south of SH 359 is an important north-south corridor connecting to South Laredo. US 83 is also one of the designated truck routes in Laredo; therefore, improving the operational efficiency of the segment would also benefit freight transportation.

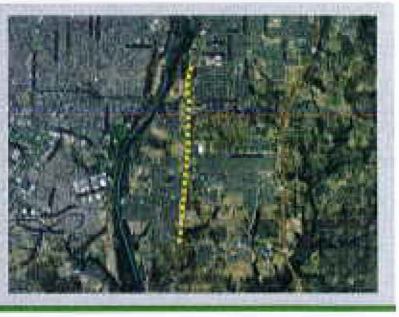
Letting Year: 2015
Total Project Cost (2014 Dollars): $124,873
YOE Cost: $129,868
Programmed Amount: $109,625
Other Amount: $20,243
CSJ Number: 0038-01-076
Funding: Federally funded



0038-01-077 *US 83 from Cielito Lindo to Palo Blanco:* ***Improve traffic signals - interconnect signals***

Description: The project will improve the signal timings at intersections on US 83 between Cielito Lindo Boulevard and Palo Blanco Street to make traffic flow more efficiently through these intersections. US 83 south of SH 359 is an important north-south corridor connecting to South Laredo. US 83 is also one of the designated truck routes in Laredo; therefore, improving the operational efficiency of the segment would also benefit freight transportation.

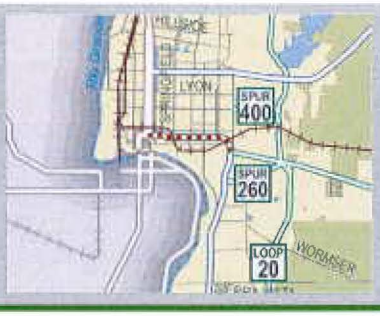
Letting Year: 2015
Total Project Cost (2014 Dollars): $171,131
YOE Cost: $177,976
Programmed Amount: $131,375
Other Amount: $46,601
CSJ Number: 0038-01-077
Funding: Federally funded

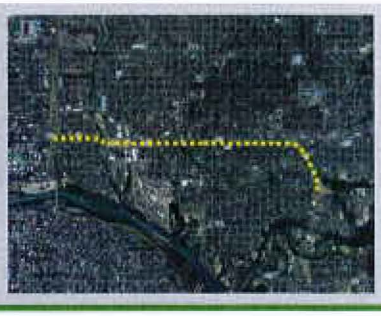


0086-01-077 *US 83 from IH 35 to SH 359:* ***Improve traffic signals - interconnect signals***

Description: The project will improve the signal timings at intersections on US 83 between IH 35 and SH 359 to make traffic flow more efficiently through these intersections. The segment of US 83 is Guadalupe Street on the westbound side and Chihuahua on the eastbound side. US 83 is also one of the designated truck routes in Laredo; therefore, improving the operational efficiency of the segment would also benefit freight transportation.

Letting Year: 2015
Total Project Cost (2014 Dollars): $174,922
YOE Cost: $181,919
Programmed Amount: $153,625
Other Amount: $28,294
CSJ Number: 0086-01-077
Funding: Federally funded

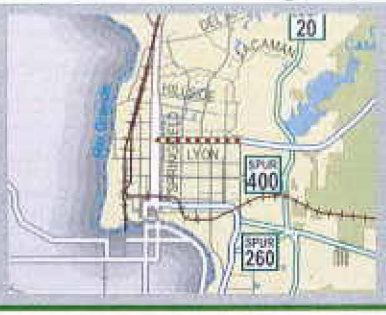


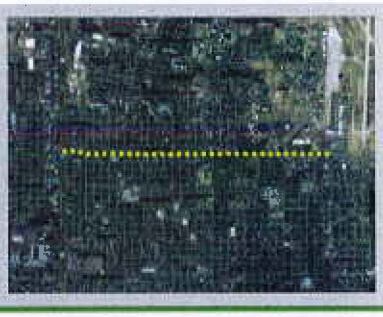


0542-01-079 *US 59 from IH 35 to Arkansas:* ***Improve traffic signals - interconnect signals***

Description: The project will improve the signal timings at intersections on US 59 between IH 35 and Arkansas Avenue to make traffic flow more efficiently through these intersections. The segment of US 59 (Saunders Street) is an important east-west corridor in the city. Based on the latest Laredo Travel Demand Model, some portions of the segment operate at LOS F (volume higher than capacity). US 59 is also one of the designated truck routes in Laredo; therefore, improving the operational efficiency of the segment would also benefit freight transportation.

Letting Year: 2015
Total Project Cost (2014 Dollars): $140,963
YOE Cost: $146,602
Programmed Amount: $123,750
Other Amount: $22,852
CSJ Number: 0542-01-079
Funding: Federally funded

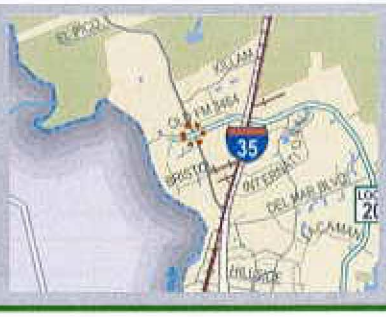




2150-04-057 *FM 1472 at Loop 20:* ***Improve traffic signal, interconnect signals, and install overhead guide signs***

Description: The project will improve the signal timings at the intersection of FM 1472 and Loop 20 to make traffic flow more efficiently through the intersection. FM 1472 and Loop 20 are both designated truck routes in Laredo; therefore, improving the operational efficiency of the intersection would also benefit freight transportation.

Letting Year: 2015
Total Project Cost (2014 Dollars): $90,700
YOE Cost: $94,328
Programmed Amount: $77,074
Other Amount: $17,254
CSJ Number: 2150-04-057
Funding: Federally funded



2150-04-060 FM 1472 from Killam Industrial Blvd to Pellegrino: ***Install raised median***

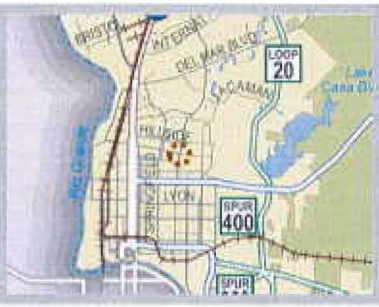
Description: The project will install raised median to the segment on FM 1472 from Killam Industrial Boulevard to Pellegrino Court. Raised medians would minimize conflict points caused by turning vehicles into the driveways and improve operational safety. FM 1472 is also one of the designated truck routes in Laredo; therefore, improving the operational safety of the segment would also benefit freight transportation.

Letting Year: 2015
Total Project Cost (2014 Dollars): $149,669
Total Cost: $155,656
Programmed Amount: $128,438
Other Amount: $27,218
CSJ Number: 2150-04-060
Funding: Federally funded

0922-33-152 McPherson at Calton Rd: ***Install raised median***

Description: The project will install raised median to the intersection of McPherson Road at Calton Road. Currently the intersection is one of the Top 20 high crash intersections based on TxDOT's crash data from 2010 to 2012. It would improve operational safety of the intersection by making the trajectories of left turn vehicles more predictable and minimizing conflict points caused by turning vehicles into driveways.

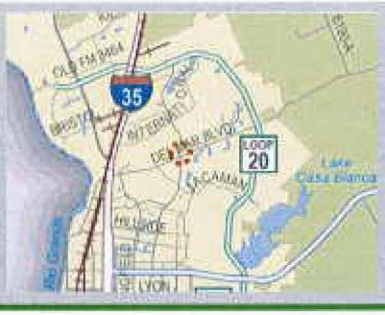
Letting Year: 2017
Total Project Cost (2014 Dollars): $231,362
YOE Cost: $260,251
Programmed Amount: $203,829
Other Amount: $56,422
CSJ Number: 0922-33-152
Funding: Federally funded



0922-33-153 McPherson Rd at Del Mar Blvd: ***Install raised median and add right turn lane***

Description: The project will install raised median to the intersection of McPherson Road at Del Mar Boulevard. Currently the intersection is the one with the highest crash number based on TxDOT's crash data from 2010 to 2012. It would improve operational safety of the intersection by making the trajectories of left turn vehicles more predictable and minimizing confilt points caused by turning vehicles into driveways.

Letting Year: 2017
Total Project Cost (2014 Dollars): $573,721
YOE Cost: $645,358
Programmed Amount: $505,445
Other Amount: $139,913
CSJ Number: 0922-33-153
Funding: Federally funded



0922-33-154 McPherson at International Blvd: ***Install raised median***

Description: The project will install raised median to the intersection of McPherson Road at International Boulevard. It would improve operational safety of the intersection by making the trajectories of left turn vehicles more predictable and minimizing conflict points caused by turning vehicles into driveways.

Letting Year: 2017
Total Project Cost (2014 Dollars): $347,446
YOE Cost: $390,830
Programmed Amount: $306,098
Other Amount: $84,732
CSJ Number: 0922-33-154
Funding: Federally funded

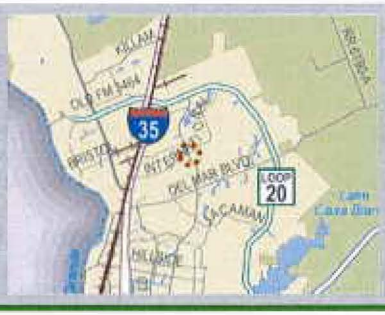
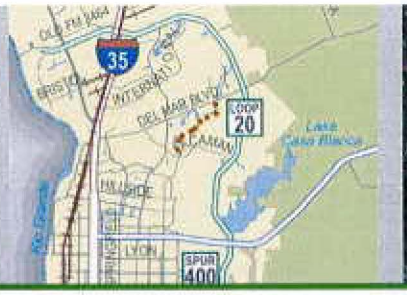


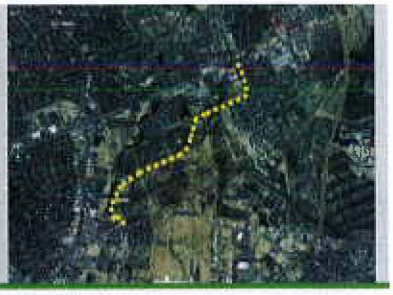
Table 12-14: Category 9 Roadway Projects

9	*Alexander Hike and Bike Trail:* ***Construct hike and bike trail from Zacate Dam to Del Mar Blvd***

Description: The project will construct a hike and bike trail along a segment of Zacate Creek in the proposed Alexander subdivision. The project is included in the Alexander subdivision master plan which has residential and commercial areas development. Once completed, the trail would allow pedestrians and cyclists to travel along Zacate Creek from Bartlett Avenue near the intersection of Bartlett Avenue and Jacaman Road to Del Mar Boulevard.

Letting Year: 2015
Total Project Cost (2014 Dollars): $986,078
YOE Cost: $1,025,521
Programmed Amount: $1,025,521
Other Amount: $0
Funding: Federally Funded





E-01	*Manadas Creek Hike and Bike Trail, Phase III:* ***Construct hike and bike trail from United High School to Loop 20***

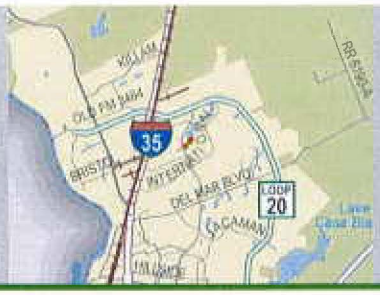
Description: The Manadas Hike and Bike Trail will provide pedestrian and bicyclist pathways along Manadas Creek. It promotes non-motorized travel and provides green space preservation, habitat conservation, and recreational space in north Laredo. When fully built, the entire 15 miles of the trail will connect Rio Grande River northwest of the water treatment plant along Zacate Creek to United High School. Currently, the completed segments are located at North Central Park and San Isidro Park. The Phase III project is from United High School to Loop 20.

Letting Year: 2016
Total Project Cost (2014 Dollars): $886,846
YOE Cost: $959,213
Programmed Amount: $959,213
Other Amount: $0
Funding: Federally funded

E-02 *Manadas Creek Hike and Bike Trail, Phase IV:* ***Construct hike and bike trail from McPherson Rd to North Central Park***

Description: The Manadas Hike and Bike Trail will provide pedestrian and bicyclist pathways along Manadas Creek. It promotes non-motorized travel and provides green space preservation, habitat conservation, and recreational space in north Laredo. When fully built, the entire 15 miles of the trail will connect Rio Grande River northwest of the water treatment plant along Zacate Creek to United High School. Currently, the completed segments are located at North Central Park and San Isidro Park. The Phase IV project is from McPherson Rd to North Central Park.

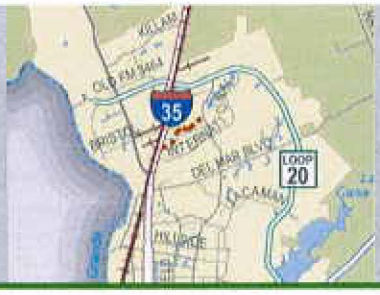
Letting Year: 2017
Total Project Cost (2014 Dollars): $335,305
YOE Cost: $377,172
Programmed Amount: $377,172
Other Amount: $0
Funding: Federally Funded

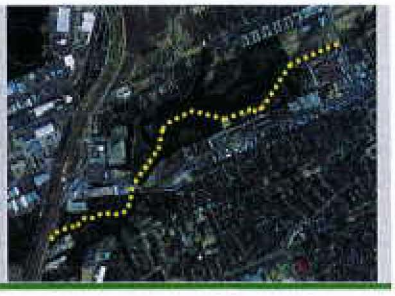


E-03 *Manadas Creek Hike and Bike Trail, Phase V:* ***Construct hike and bike trail from IH 35 to McPherson Rd***

Description: The Manadas Hike and Bike Trail will provide pedestrian and bicyclist pathways along Manadas Creek. It promotes non-motorized travel and provides green space preservation, habitat conservation, and recreational space in north Laredo. When fully built, the entire 15 miles of the trail will connect Rio Grande River northwest of the water treatment plant along Zacate Creek to United High School. Currently, the completed segments are located at North Central Park and San Isidro Park. The Phase V project is from IH 35 to McPherson Rd.

Letting Year: 2018
Total Project Cost (2014 Dollars): $654,910
YOE Cost: $766,152
Programmed Amount: $766,152
Other Amount: $0
Funding: Federally funded





E-04 *Manadas Creek Hike and Bike Trail, Phase VI:* ***Construct hike and bike trail from Rio Grande River NW of water treatment plant to IH 35***

Description: The Manadas Hike and Bike Trail will provide pedestrian and bicyclist pathways along Manadas Creek. It promotes non-motorized travel and provides green space preservation, habitat conservation, and recreational space in north Laredo. When fully built, the entire 15 miles of the trail will connect Rio Grande River northwest of the water treatment plant along Zacate Creek to United High School. Currently, the completed segments are located at North Central Park and San Isidro Park. The Phase VI project is from Rio Grande River northwest of the water treatment plant to IH 35.

Letting Year: 2019
Total Cost: $746,471
YOE Cost: $908,196
Programmed Amount: $908,196
Other Amount: $0
Funding: Federally funded

Table 12-15: Category 10 Roadway Projects

0086-14-051	*Loop 20 from 0.50 mi west of Milo interchange to 3000 feet east of Havana:* ***Schematic, environmental, ROW-survey/mapping & PSE***

Description: This is a preliminary schematic, environmental, ROW-survey/mapping & Plans Specifications & Estimates (PS&E) project of the roadway segment.

Letting Year: 2015
Total Project Cost (2014 Dollars): $4,256,385
YOE Cost: $4,426,640
Programmed Amount: $4,000,845
Other Amount: $425,795
CSJ Number: 0086-14-051
Funding: Federally funded

0922-33-076	*At the intersection of FM 1472 and Flecha Ln/Las Cruces Dr:* ***Re-align intersection***

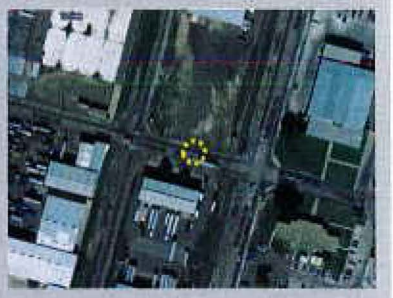
Description: The project will realign the intersection of FM 1472 at two roadways Flecha Lane and Las Cruces Drive. Currently the distance between these two roadways is about 400 feet. The realignment will make traffic flow between Flecha Lane and Las Cruces Drive through FM 1472 more efficiently.

Letting Year: 2015
Total Project Cost (2014 Dollars): $3,377,269
YOE Cost: $3,512,360
Programmed Amount: $1,440,411
Other Amount: $2,071,949
CSJ Number: 0922-33-076
Funding: Federally funded
Environmental Impacts and Environmental Justice:
The project is close to 100-year flood plains, but it is not near low income areas or cultural resources.

0922-33-093 Calton Road at Santa Maria Avenue: ***Construct overpass***

Description: The project will construct an overpass on Calton Road over Santa Maria Avenue. The operational efficiency of the through traffic on Calton Road will be improved for the overpass allows through traffic on Calton Road to pass Santa Maria Avenue without encountering control delays at the intersection.

Letting Year: 2016
Total Project Cost (2014 Dollars): $23,309,669
YOE Cost: $25,211,738
Programmed Amount: $12,926,124
Other Amount: $12,285,614
CSJ Number: 0922-33-093
Funding: Federally funded
Environmental Impacts and Environmental Justice:
The project is not near 100-year flood plains, low income areas or cultural resources.



0086-14-058 Loop 20 from east of International Blvd to US 59/Loop 20 interchange: ***Schematic, environmental, ROW-survey/mapping & PSE***

Description: This is a preliminary schematic, environmental, ROW-survey/mapping & Plans Specifications & Estimates (PS&E) project of the roadway segment. It has the same limits as Project 1 in Category 7 and Project 0086-14-950 in Category 10.

Letting Year: 2016
Total Project Cost (2014 Dollars): $3,880,224
YOE Cost: $4,196,850
Programmed Amount: $3,500,000
Other Amount: $696,850
CSJ Number: 0086-14-058
Funding: Federally funded

0086-14-950	*Loop 20 from east of International Blvd to US 59/Loop 20 interchange:* ***Upgrade existing highway to freeway standards***

Description: The project will upgrade the existing roadway to meet limited-access freeway standards. The project will include several interchanges along the corridor. The segment of Loop 20 is proposed to be co-designated as US 59 as well as Interstate 69 in the future. Loop 20 is one of the major truck routes in the Laredo MPO region. The project will provide more mobility to mitigate the high volume of traffic, especially commercial traffic. The project is same as Project 4 in Category 7.

Letting Year: 2020
Total Cost (2014 Dollars): $391,400,000
YOE Cost: $495,245,864
Programmed Amount:
Category 7: $73,240,848
Category 10: $43,367,669
Other Amount: $378,637,347
CSJ Number: 0086-14-950
Funding: Federally funded
Environmental Impacts and Environmental Justice:
The project passes through 100-year flood plains, and it is close to Lake Casa Blanca, and detention ponds. It is also near Laredo International Airport, parks/recreational facilities, and schools.

Table 12-16: Category 11 Roadway Projects

Letting Year	CSJ No./ID	Limits	Description	Total Project Cost (2014 Dollars)	YOE Cost	Programmed Amount	Other Amount
2015	0922-00-060	Districtwide	Upgrade bridge rail and MBGF	$3,059,036	$3,181,397	$2,500,000	$681,397
2016	0922-00-056	Districtwide	Upgrade bridge rail and MBGF	$3,089,177	$3,341,254	$2,500,000	$841,254
2019	0922-00-951	Districtwide	Upgrade bridge rail and MBGF	$3,089,178	$3,758,457	$2,500,000	$1,258,457
2020	0922-00-953	Districtwide	Upgrade bridge rail and MBGF	$3,089,177	$3,908,795	$2,500,000	$1,408,795
2021	0922-00-955	Districtwide	Upgrade bridge rail and MBGF	$3,089,178	$4,065,147	$2,500,000	$1,565,147
2022	0922-00-960	Districtwide	Upgrade bridge rail and MBGF	$3,089,178	$4,227,753	$2,500,000	$1,727,753
2023	0922-00-970	Districtwide	Upgrade bridge rail and MBGF	$3,089,178	$4,396,863	$2,500,000	$1,896,863

0922-33-149 *Chacon Creek from Eastwoods Park to US 59:* ***Construction of a pedestrian trail at Chacon Creek in Laredo (Phase 3)***

Description: The project will construct the Phase 3 of the Chacon Creek Hike and Bike Trail from Eastwoods Park to US 59. The existing completed segment of Chacon Creek Hike and Bike Trail runs from Rio Grande River to SH 359, and the segment from Haynes Recreational Center to SH 359 (Phase 2) is currently under construction.

Letting Year: 2017
Total Project Cost (2014 Dollars): $1,786,746
YOE Cost: $2,009,846
Programmed Amount: $1,410,000
Other Amount: $599,846
CSJ Number: 0922-33-149
Funding: Federally funded

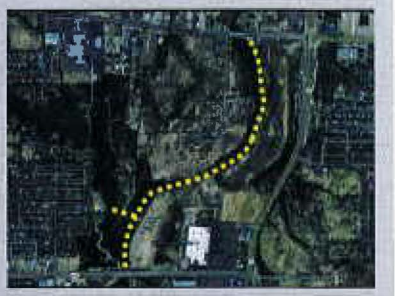


Table 12-17: Category 12 Roadway Projects

0038-01-081	*US 83 from Cielito-Lindo Blvd (NB) to Espejo Molina Rd (NB):* ***Resurface of existing highway***

Description: The project will resurface the existing roadway on US 83 from Cielito Lindo Blvd (NB) to Espejo Molina Road (NB).

Letting Year: 2015
Total Project Cost (2014 Dollars): $253,823
YOE Cost: $263,976
Programmed Amount: $6,593,622
Other Amount: $0
CSJ Number: 0038-01-081
Funding: Federally funded

0086-14-065	*Loop 20 from 0.330 miles west of IH 35 to 0.160 miles west of McPherson:* ***Construction of an interchange facility over IH 35***

Description: The project will provide main lanes and a grade separation for through traffic on Loop 20 to pass IH 35 without encountering controlled delays at the intersection. The operational efficiency of the through traffic on Loop 20 will be improved. Loop 20 is one of the designated truck routes in the Laredo MPO region, and the improved operational efficiency will benefit freight transportation. The project is same as Project 1 in Category 2 and Category 7.

Letting Year: 2017
Total Project Cost (2014 Dollars): $32,509,223
YOE Cost: $36,568,455
Programmed Amount:
Category 2: $6,830,000
Category 7: $6,822,967
Category 12: $9,000,000
Other Amount: $13,915,488
CSJ Number: 0086-14-065
Funding: Federally funded
Environmental Justice:
The project is close to 100-year flood plains, but it is not near low income areas or cultural resources.

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Table 12-11 Category 2 Roadway Projects

1 *Loop 20 at IH 35: Construct overpass and approach roadways*

Description: The project will provide main lanes and a grade separation for through traffic on Loop 20 to pass IH 35 without encountering controlled delays at the intersection. The operational efficiency of the through traffic on Loop 20 will be improved. Loop 20 is one of the designated truck routes in the Laredo MPO region, and the improved operational efficiency will benefit freight transportation. The project is same as Project 1 in Category 7 and Project 0086-14-065 in Category 12.

Letting Year: 2017
Total Project Cost (2014 Dollars):
$32,509,223
YOE Cost: $36,568,455
Programmed Amount:
Category 2: $6,830,000
Category 7: $6,822,967
Category 12: $9,000,000
Other Amount: $13,915,488
Funding: Federally funded
Environmental Impacts and Environmental Justice:
The project is close to 100-year flood plains, but it is not near low income areas or cultural resources.

0086-14-062 *Construct New Non-freeway Frontage Road*

Description: The project will construct a new non-freeway frontage road from 1.09 miles south of Spur 400 to Spur 400. The segment according the latest Travel Demand Model currently operates at LOS F (volume over capacity), and the project would add capacity to mitigate congestion. Loop 20 provides connection between South Laredo with predominantly residential areas to the industrial areas in North Laredo. Also, Loop 20 is one of the designated truck routes in the Laredo MPO region, and the improved operational efficiency will benefit freight transportation.

Letting Year: 2015
Total Project Cost (2014 Dollars): $18,689,516
YOE Cost: $17,613,584
Programmed Amount:
Category 1: $1,883,584
Category 2M: $5,352,000
Category 4: $10,378,000
Other Amount: $1,075,932
Funding: Federally funded
Environmental Impacts and Environmental Justice:
The project is close to 100-year flood plains, but it is not near low income areas or cultural resources.

Table 12-11 Category 7 Roadway Projects

0086-14-061 Loop 20 from ~~Clark Blvd (Spur 400) to SH 359~~ ***SH 359 to Spur 400: Widen overpass from 4 lanes to 6 lanes***

Description: The project will widen the overpass on Loop 20 from Clark Boulevard to SH 359 from the existing four lanes to six lanes. The segment according the latest Travel Demand Model currently operates at LOS F (volume over capacity), and the project would add capacity to mitigate congestion. Loop 20 provides connection between South Laredo with predominantly residential areas to the industrial areas in North Laredo. Also, Loop 20 is one of the designated truck routes in the Laredo MPO region, and the improved operational efficiency will benefit freight transportation.

Year: 2015

Total Project Cost (~~2014~~ 2015 Dollars):
~~$9,113,121~~ 11,287,144

YOE Cost: ~~$9,477,646~~ 10,655,472

Programmed Amount: ~~$8,905,357~~

Cat 7 : $ 7,500,000

Cat 11: 3,155,472

Other Amount: ~~$572,289~~ 631,672

Funding: Federally funded

Environmental Impacts and Environmental Justice:
The project is close to 100-year flood plains, but it is not near low income areas or cultural resources.

~~20~~086-14-066 *Loop 20 at International Blvd:* ***Construct ~~overpass and approach roadways~~ interchange facility over International Blvd.***

Description: The project will provide main lanes and a grade separation for through traffic on Loop 20 to pass International Boulevard without encountering an intersection; therefore the operational efficiency of the through traffic on Loop 20 will be improved. Loop 20 is one of the designated truck routes in the Laredo MPO region, and the improved operational efficiency will benefit freight transportation.

Letting Year: 2016

Total Project Cost (~~2014~~ 2015 Dollars):
~~$15,127,165~~ 26,665,669

YOE Cost: ~~$16,361,542~~ 22,777,543

Programmed Amount: ~~$3,174,857~~

Cat 1: $729,543*

Cat 2M: $758,000

Cat 11: $21,290,000

Other Amount: ~~$13,186,685~~ 3,888,126

Funding: Federally funded

Environmental Impacts and Environmental Justice:
The project is close to 100-year flood plains, but it is not near low income areas or cultural resources.

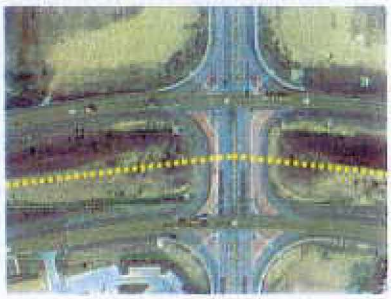
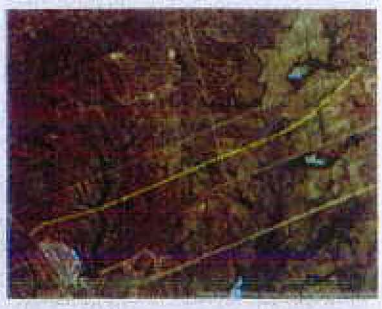


Table 12-14 Roadway Projects

CSJ 0922-33-925 **(Hachar Parkway)** *FM 1472 to 0.1Mi East of Beltway Pkwy:* ***5 lane rural roadway Engineering***

Description: The project will provide the preliminary engineering (schematic and environmental) for a 5 lane rural roadway, from FM 1472 to 0.1 miles east of Beltway Parkway, 5.07 miles in length. The roadway is intended to be extended toward the east until it intersect with IH 35 and will thus ultimately provide an alternate east west connection between Mines Road and IH 35.

Year: 2016
Total Project Cost (2015 Dollars):
$--1,016,063
YOE Cost: $-1,056,705-
Programmed Amount:
Local Funds $-1,016,063-
Other Amount: $-0
Funding: -Local-
Environmental Impacts and Environmental Justice- The project passes through 100-year flood plains, but it is not near low income areas or cultural resources



CSJ 0922-33-925 **(Hachar Parkway)** *FM 1472 to 0.1Mi East of Beltway Pkwy:* ***5 lane rural roadway Construction***

Description: : The project will provide for the construction of a 5 lane rural roadway, from FM 1472 to 0.1 miles east of Beltway Parkway, 5.07 miles in length. The roadway is intended to be extended toward the east until it intersect with IH 35 and will thus ultimately provide an alternate east west connection between Mines Road and IH 35.

Letting Year: 2018
Total Project Cost:$20,890,841
YOE Cost:$--23,499,354
Programmed Amount:$-20,890,840
Other Amount:$--2,608,513
Funding:--SIB Loan/local funds
Environmental Impacts and Environmental Justice- The project passes through 100-year flood plains, but it is not near low income areas or cultural resources

CSJ 0922-33-950 **(Hachar Parkway)** *From 0.1 Mi E of Beltway Pkwy to IH 35:* ***5 lane rural roadway Engineering and Construction***

Description: The project will provide for the engineering and construction of a 3.55 mile, 5 lane rural roadway, from 0.1 miles east of Beltway Parkway to IH-35. The road is intended as the extension of Hachar Parkway and will provide an alternate east west connection between FM 1472 and IH 35.

Letting: FY 2025
Total Cost: $24,544,444
YOE Cost:$--28,193,851
Programmed Amount:$- 28,193,851
Other Amount:$--0
Funding:--Local funds
Environmental Impacts and Environmental Justice-The project passes through 100-year flood plains .

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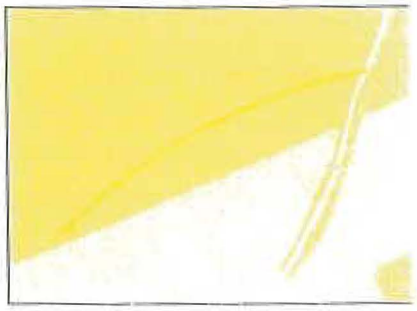
0922-33-166 Hachar Parkway

Description: Development of Schematic, environmental document, and preliminary engineering for 5 five lane rural roadway from 0.1 miles east of Beltway Parkway to IH 35 West Frontage Road.

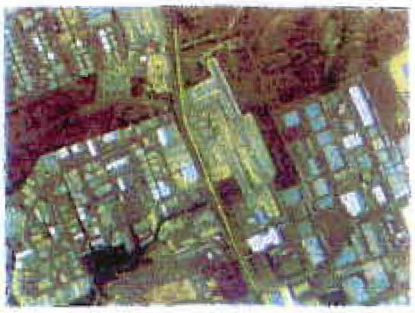
Letting Year: 2016
Total Project Cost (2016 Dollars): $300,000
YOE Cost: $300,000
Programmed Amount:
Category 10: $300,000
Funding: Federally funded
Environmental Impacts and Environmental Justice:
The project is close to 100-year flood plains, but it is not near low income areas or cultural resources.



2150-04-067 FM 1472 (Mines Road): Design and construct additional travel lane (Northbound)

Description: The project will provide for the design and construction of one additional travel lane (northbound) on FM 1472 (Mines Road), from Killam Industrial Boulevard to 0.3 miles north of Mueller Boulevard.

Letting Year: 2016
Total Project Cost (2016 Dollars): $4,482,000
YOE Cost: $4,482,000
Programmed Amount:
Prop 1 : Category 2: $4,482,000
Other Amount: None
Funding: Federally funded
Environmental Impacts and Environmental Justice:



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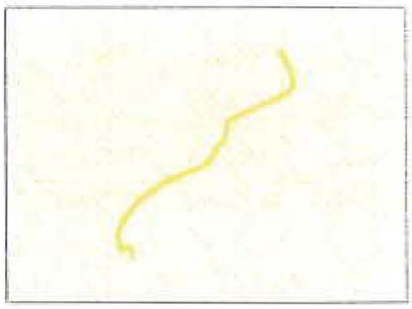
0922-33-170 *Zacate Creek Multi-Use Hike & Bike Trail*

Description: Design and construction of approximately 10,250 linear feet of trail.

Letting Year: 2017
Total Project Cost (2016 Dollars): $1,250,000
YOE Cost: $1,242,227
Programmed Amount:
Category 9 : 1,000,000
Local: $250,000
Funding: Federally funded
Environmental Impacts and Environmental Justice:
The project is close to 100-year flood plains, but it is not near low income areas or other cultural resources.



2150-04-067 *FM 1472 (Mines Road): **Design and construct additional travel lane (Northbound) and the design and partial reconstruction of existing outside lane.***

Description: The project will provide for the design and construction of one additional travel lane (northbound), and the design and partial reconstruction of existing outside lane on FM 1472 (Mines Road) , from Killam Industrial Boulevard to 0.3 miles north of Mueller Boulevard.

Letting Year: 2016

~~**Total Project Cost (2016 Dollars):** $4,482,000~~

Total Project Cost (2016 Dollars): $5,782,000

YOE Cost: $5,782,000

Programmed Amount:

Prop 1 : Category 2: $4,482,000

Category 7: $1,300,000

Other Amount: None

Funding: State and Federally funded

Environmental Impacts and Environmental Justice: The project is not near any low income, 100 year flood plain, or any other cultural resource.

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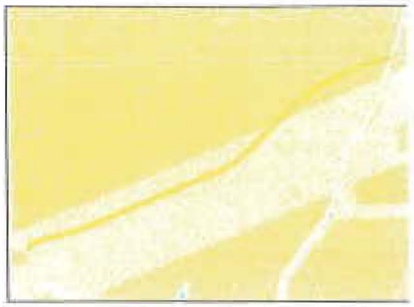
Table 12-12 Category 7 Roadway Projects

Addition

J 0922-33-175 (Hachar –Reuthinger Road) FM 1472 to IH 35 PS&E for construction 5 lane rural roadway

Description: : The project will provide for the PS&E and ROW mapping for 5 lane rural roadway, from FM 1472 to IH35. The roadway is intended to be extended toward the east until it intersect with IH 35 and will thus ultimately provide an alternate east west connection between Mines Road and IH 35.

Letting Year: 2017
Total Project Cost1 $1,452,866
YOE Cost:$--1,634,777
Programmed Amount
Category 7: $1,307,421
Other Amount:$--326,855
Funding:-- Federal /local funds
Environmental Impacts and Environmental Justice- The project passes through 100-year flood plains, but it is not near low income areas or cultural resources



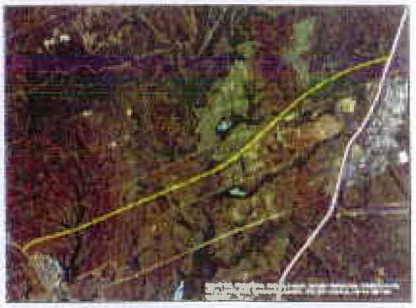


Table 12-12 Category 7 Roadway Projects

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~~*CSJ 0922-33-925*~~ ~~***(Hachar Parkway)** FM 1472 to 0.1Mi East of Beltway Pkwy: **5 lane rural roadway Construction***~~

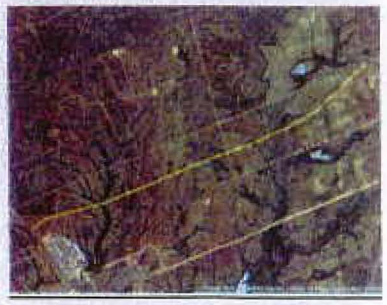
~~**Description:** : The project will provide for the construction of a 5 lane rural roadway, from FM 1472 to 0.1 miles east of Beltway Parkway, 5.07 miles in length. The roadway is intended to be extended toward the east until it intersect with IH 35 and will thus ultimately provide an alternate east west connection between Mines Road and IH 35.~~

~~**Letting Year:** 2018~~
~~**Total Project Cost:**$20,890,841~~
~~**YOE Cost:**$- 23,499,354~~
~~**Programmed Amount:**$-20,890,840~~
~~**Other Amount:**$- 2,608,513~~
~~**Funding:** SIB Loan/local funds~~
~~**Environmental Impacts and Environmental Justice-** The project passes through 100-year flood plains, but it is not near low income areas or cultural resources~~

CSJ 0922-33-165 ***(Hachar –Reuthinger Road)** FM 1472 to 0.1Mi East of Beltway Pkwy: **5 lane rural roadway Construction***

Description: : The project will provide for the construction, engineering and contingencies of a 5 lane rural roadway, from FM 1472 to 0.1 miles east of Beltway Parkway, 5.07 miles in length. The roadway is intended to be extended toward the east until it intersect with IH 35 and will thus ultimately provide an alternate east west connection between Mines Road and IH 35.

Letting Year: 2018
Total Project Cost:$33,060,222
YOE Cost:$--41,831,728
Programmed Amount
Category 7: $21,437,521
Other Amount:$--20,394,207
Funding:-- Federal /local funds
Environmental Impacts and Environmental Justice- The project passes through 100-year flood plains, but it is not near low income areas or cultural resources



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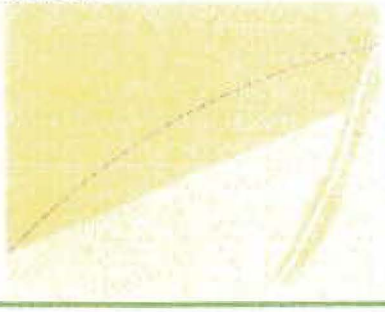
~~CSJ 0922-33-950~~	~~***(Hachar Parkway)** From 0.1 Mi E of Beltway Pkwy to IH 35:* **5 lane rural roadway Engineering and Construction***~~

~~**Description:** The project will provide for the engineering and construction of a 3.55 mile, 5 lane rural roadway, from 0.1 miles east of Beltway Parkway to IH-35. The road is intended as the extension of Hachar Parkway and will provide an alternate east west connection between FM 1472 and IH 35.~~

~~**Letting: FY 2025**~~
~~**Total Cost:** $24,544,444~~
~~**YOE Cost:**$- 28,193,851~~
~~**Programmed Amount:**$- 28,193,851~~
~~**Other Amount:**$- 0~~
~~**Funding:** Local funds~~
~~**Environmental Impacts and Environmental Justice**-The project passes through 100-year flood plains .~~



CSJ 0922-33-166	***(Hachar Parkway)** From 0.1 Mi E of Beltway Pkwy to IH 35:* ***5 lane rural roadway Engineering and Construction***

Description: The project will provide for the engineering, contingencies and construction of a 3.55 mile, 5 lane rural roadway, from 0.1 miles east of Beltway Parkway to IH-35. The road is intended as the extension of Hachar Parkway and will provide an alternate east west connection between FM 1472 and IH 35.

Letting: FY 2023
Total Cost: $24,190742
YOE Cost:$--34,430,969
Programmed Amount:
Category 7 $- 17,152,535
Other Amount:$--17,278,434
Funding:--Federal/Local funds
Environmental Impacts and Environmental Justice-The project passes through 100-year flood plains .

CSJ 0086-14-081 Loop 20 – 1.4 mi W of IH 35 to 0.6 Mi W of McPherson Rd – ITS portion of interchange facility over IH35

Description: : The project is intended to provide for the construction and engineering of the ITS portion of an interchange facility over IH 35, from 1.400 miles west of IH 35 to 0.600 miles west of McPherson Road.

Letting Year: 2017
Total Project Cost $924,556
YOE Cost:$--1,040,000
Programmed Amount
Category 10: $800,000
Other Amount:$--240,000
Funding:-- Federal /local funds
Environmental Impacts and Environmental Justice- The project passes through 100-year flood plains, but it is not near low income areas or cultural resources

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Table 12-15 Category 10 Roadway Projects

0086-14-065 **Loop 20 at IH 35: Construct overpass and approach roadways**

Description: The project will provide main lanes and a grade separation for through traffic on Loop 20 to pass IH 35 without encountering controlled delays at the intersection. The operational efficiency of the through traffic on Loop 20 will be improved. Loop 20 is one of the designated truck routes in the Laredo MPO region, and the improved operational efficiency will benefit freight transportation. The project is same as Project 1 in Category 7 and Project 0086-14-065 in Category 12.

Letting Year: 2017
Total Project Cost (2014 Dollars): $22,727,148
YOE Cost: $26,564,945
Programmed Amount:
Category 10 : 26,564,945
Other Amount: 0
Funding: Federally funded
Environmental Impacts and Environmental Justice:
The project is close to 100-year flood plains, but it is not near low income areas or cultural resources.

Table 12-11 Category 2 Roadway Projects

~~1~~ ~~Loop 20 at IH 35: Construct overpass and approach roadways~~

~~**Description:** The project will provide main lanes and a grade separation for through traffic on Loop 20 to pass IH 35 without encountering controlled delays at the intersection. The operational efficiency of the through traffic on Loop 20 will be improved. Loop 20 is one of the designated truck routes in the Laredo MPO region, and the improved operational efficiency will benefit freight transportation. The project is same as Project 1 in Category 7 and Project 0086-14-065 in Category 12.~~

~~**Letting Year:** 2017~~
~~**Total Project Cost (2014 Dollars):**~~
~~$32,509,223~~
~~**YOE Cost:** $36,568,455~~
~~**Programmed Amount:**~~
~~Category 2: $6,830,000~~
~~Category 7: $6,822,967~~
~~Category 12: $9,000,000~~
~~**Other Amount:** $13,915,488~~
~~**Funding:** Federally funded~~
~~**Environmental Impacts and Environmental Justice:**~~
~~The project is close to 100-year flood plains, but it is not near low income areas or cultural resources.~~

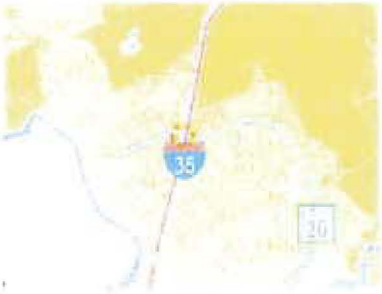

Table 12-12 Category 7 Roadway Projects

~~1~~	~~*Loop 20 at IH 35:* **Construct overpass and approach roadways***~~

~~**Description:** The project will provide main lanes and a grade separation for through traffic on Loop 20 to pass IH 35 without encountering controlled delays at the intersection. The operational efficiency of the through traffic on Loop 20 will be improved. Loop 20 is one of the designated truck routes in the Laredo MPO region, and the improved operational efficiency will benefit freight transportation. The project is same as Project 1 in Category 7 and Project 0086-14-065 in Category 12.~~

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~~**Funding:** Federally funded~~
~~**Environmental Impacts and Environmental Justice:**~~
~~The project is close to 100-year flood plains, but it is not near low-income areas or cultural resources.~~

Table 12-17 Category 12 Roadway Projects

~~1~~	~~*Loop 20 at IH 35:* **Construct overpass and approach roadways***~~

~~**Description:** The project will provide main lanes and a grade separation for through traffic on Loop 20 to pass IH 35 without encountering controlled delays at the intersection. The operational efficiency of the through traffic on Loop 20 will be improved. Loop 20 is one of the designated truck routes in the Laredo MPO region, and the improved operational efficiency will benefit freight transportation. The project is same as Project 1 in Category 7 and Project 0086-14-065 in Category 12.~~

~~**Letting Year:** 2017~~
~~**Total Project Cost (2014 Dollars):**~~
~~$32,509,223~~
~~**YOE Cost:** $36,568,455~~
~~**Programmed Amount:**~~
~~Category 2: $6,830,000~~
~~Category 7: $6,822,967~~
~~Category 12: $9,000,000~~
~~**Other Amount:** $13,915,488~~
~~**Funding:** Federally funded~~
~~**Environmental Impacts and Environmental Justice:**~~
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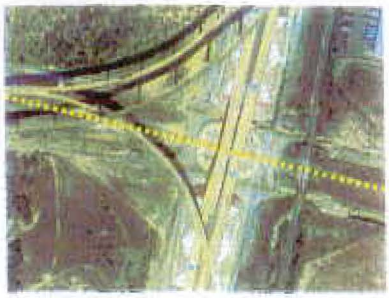

Congestion – 100 Points

Current Congestion

Does the project specifically address a currently congested facility; or in the case of a new alignment roadway, does it specifically address a "parallel" facility that is congested?

- Current Level of Service = E or F : 50 points
- Current Level of Service = D : 40 points
- Current Level of Service = C : 30 points
- Current Level of Service = B : 20 points
- Current Level of Service = A: 0 points

Future Congestion

Does the project specifically address a facility that is expected to become congested at the end of the MTP planning horizon (currently 2040), or in the case of a new alignment roadway, does it specifically address a "parallel" facility that is projected to be congested?

- Future Level of Service = E or F : 30 points
- Future Level of Service = D : 20 points
- Future Level of Service = C : 10 points
- Future Level of Service = B : 5 points
- Future Level of Service = A: 0 points

Congestion Management Process

Is this project a product of the congestion management process?

- Yes, indirectly : 20 Points
- No : 0 Points

Safety and Operations: 100 Points

Safety

Does the project specifically address a safety issue?

- Yes, directly : 60 Points
- Yes, indirectly : 30 Points
- No : 0 Points

**Based upon type of project.*

Yes, directly: Access Management, Frontage Road Conversion, Intersection Improvements, Bicycle/Pedestrian Facilities (some), Center Turn Lane, Lighting, Median, Realignment, Traffic Signal, Widen Lanes

Yes, indirectly: Reconstruction/Rehabilitation/Repair/Resurface, Upgrade to Freeway

No: Added Capacity, Drainage, Landscaping, Museum, Visitor Center, New Roadway

Operational Efficiency

Does this project include elements that specifically improve the operational efficiency of the transportation system?

- Yes, directly : 30 Points
- Yes, indirectly : 15 Points
- No : 0 Points

**Based upon type of project.*

Yes, directly: Upgrade Interchange/Intersection Improvement, Center Turn Lane, Add Turn lanes, Drainage, Frontage Road Conversion, Realignment, Signals, Traffic Flow Improvements, Median

Yes, indirectly: New Roadway, Additional Travel Lanes

No: Bicycle/Pedestrian Facilities, Landscaping, Lighting, Museum, Visitor Center, Reconstruction/Rehabilitation/Repair/Resurface

Hazardous Material

Does this project address the safe transportation of hazardous material?

- Yes : 10 Points
- No : 0 Points

Yes: Project located in a Hazmat route
No: Project not located in Hazmat route

Project Cost: 50 Points

Cost Reasonableness

Is the project cost per future vehicle mile of travel (DVMT from "build" alternative from travel demand model) a reasonable amount?

- $75 or less per VMT : 30 points
- Between $75 and $125 per VMT : 20 points
- Between $125 and $500 per VMT: 10 points
- More than $500 per VMT: 0 points

Alternative Financing

Does this project include non-traditional funding sources and enhanced cost sharing?

- Yes : 20 Points
- No : 0 Points

**Based upon whether there is any funding for this project beyond the typical federal funds and minimum local match. Alternative financing is considered to be an indication of Community Support. Examples of alternative financing includes local match, TIRZ, Tolls, etc.*

Modal Impact: 150 Points

Does this project specifically promote the use of or access to an alternative mode of transportation?

- Transit : 25 points
- Bicycling : 25 points
- Walking : 25 points
- Air Travel : 25 points
- Rail Travel : 25 points
- Freight: 25 Points

Environmental Impacts: 20 Points

Does this project impact environment in a positive manner? (0 to 10 points)

- The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) evaluates and provides scores for each project based on their local knowledge

Does this project improve aesthetics of the community? (0 to 10 points)

- The TAC evaluates and provides scores for each project based on their local knowledge

Public Acceptance: 80 Points

Does the project have explicit community support? (0 to 50 points)

- The TAC will evaluate and provide scores for each project based on public outreach process

Is the project consistent with local and regional goals and objectives? (0 to 30 points)

- The TAC will evaluate and provide scores for each project

The scoring results serve as a guideline for the MPO to select Category 7 projects into the MTP.

Financial Constraints

It is of paramount importance to ensure that the projects selected in the MTP are financially feasible. The following pages show the comparison of expected revenue and project cost for roadway and bicycle/pedestrian and for transit by category, and the projects that are programmed to receive funding.

Estimated Revenue vs. Cost Estimate

Federal Funding for Roadways

Table 12-6 demonstrates that the MTP is financially constrained with regard to roadway and bicycle/pedestrian projects funded federally. In other words, the revenue from federal funding anticipated during the life of this plan is enough to cover the programmed amount of project cost.

LAREDO URBAN TRANSPORTATION STUDY
ACTION ITEM

DATE:	**SUBJECT:**
1-17-17	Discussion with possible action to require all agenda items to go thru the Technical Committee before they are presented to the Policy Committee.

INITIATED BY:	**STAFF SOURCE:**
Councilman Altgelt	Nathan Bratton, Director of Planning

PREVIOUS ACTION: None

BACKGROUND:
As required by the MPO Bylaws, the Technical Committee reviews and/or provide recommendations on the following:

- work programs such as the UPWP, the TIP, MTP, etc.,
- policy related items such as the Limited English Proficiency, the Plan, Public Participation Plan, the Bylaws etc.; and,
- planning activities such as the travel demand model, the congestion management process and planning studies developed through the MPO.

Policy Committee agenda items typically not reviewed by the Technical Committee are:

- discussion items
- Staff reports and/or project status updates requested by the Committee or a member; and,
- action items, often time sensitive, requested by the Committee or a member such as resolutions.

On occasion, items are brought before the Policy Committee due to the deadlines associated with the item.

Laredo Urban Transportation Study, Metropolitan Planning Organization, Bylaws and Operating Procedures (The Bylaws), defines the role, responsibilities and composition of the Technical Committee.

Section 2.1 (a): Membership and Qualification
The Laredo Urban Transportation Study (LUTS) shall be comprised of a Policy Committee and a Technical Committee.

Section 1.1 Definitions:
The Metropolitan Planning Organization Technical Review Committee (Technical Committee) - The body of the MPO responsible for professional and technical review of work programs, policy recommendations and transportation planning activities. The Technical Committee shall review issues for accuracy and advise the Policy Committee on recommended actions. The Technical Committee is composed of representatives of the City of Laredo, the County of Webb, the Texas Department of Transportation and private sector representatives.

Section 2.3 Administration:
(c) *Each voting member of the Technical Committee may have a designated alternate member to serve on the committee in the member's absence. Appointed alternate members will have the voting rights and privileges of members when serving in the absence of the Technical Committee member.*

The responsibilities of the Technical Committee shall include technical review of work programs, policy recommendations and the transportation planning activities.

LUTS TECHNICAL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: The Technical Review Committee reviewed the item and deferred its recommendation pending further clarification on the item.

LAREDO URBAN TRANSPORTATION STUDY
ACTION ITEM

Section 2.3 (b) Administration:

(b) The Technical Committee shall include the following:

1. City Representatives:
   Laredo City Planner (Chairperson)
   The General Manager of the City Transit System
   Laredo Director of Traffic Safety
   Laredo Airport Manager
   Laredo City Engineer
   Laredo Bridge Director

2. County and Regional Representatives:
   Webb County Planning Director
   South Texas Development Council Regional Planning Director
   The General Manager of the Rural Transit System
   Webb County Engineer

3. State Representatives:
   TxDOT Planning Representative (Vice-Chairperson)
   TxDOT Planning Representative
   TxDOT Area Engineer
   TxDOT TPP Field Representative

4. Federal representatives:
   FHWA Planning Representative (Austin)

5. Private Sector Representatives:
   A representative of the Kansas City Southern Railroad 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

6. School system representatives
   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

Also see attachments:

- complete MPO Bylaws and Operating Procedures
- listing of current MPO Technical Committee members.

Laredo Urban Transportation Study
Technical Review Committee

City Representatives

- Claudia San Miguel-Acting General Manager of El Metro
- Mario I. Maldonado – Laredo International Acting Airport Director
- Yvette Limon – City of Laredo Acting Bridge Director
- Roberto Murillo –City of Laredo Traffic Safety Director
- Rogelio Rivera – City of Laredo Engineering Director
- Nathan Bratton – City of Laredo Planning Director

County and Regional Representatives

- Rhonda Tiffin – Webb County Planning Director
- Robert Martinez – Webb County Rural Transit Director
- Luis Perez Garcia – Webb County Engineering Director
- Juan E. Rodriguez – South Texas Economic Development Representative

State Representatives

- Alberto Ramirez, TxDOT (Vice-Chairperson)
- Roberto Rodriguez or Randy Aguilar, Planning Representative
- Carlos Rodriguez - Laredo Area Engineer, TxDOT
- Sara Garza, TxDOT TPP Representative

Federal Representatives

- Kirk Fauver - Federal Highway Administration Planning Representative

Private Sector Representatives

- Eloy Sanchez or Arturo Dominguez - Kansas City Railroad Representative
- Thomas Blevins – Union Pacific Railroad Representative
- Eduardo Alvarez – Transportation Provider Representative

As of 1/11/16

School System Representatives

- Esteban Rangel– Laredo Independent School District Representative
- Carlos Garcia – United Independent School District Representative
- Adrian Dominguez – Texas A&M International University (TAMIU)
- Yet to be designated- Laredo Community College (LCC)

As of 2/10/14

BYLAWS AND OPERATING PROCEDURES
LAREDO URBAN TRANSPORTATION STUDY

ARTICLE I
DEFINITIONS, PURPOSE AND AUTHORITY

Section 1.1 Definitions

- **Laredo Urban Transportation Study (LUTS)** - The Transportation Planning Committee designated by the Governor of the State of Texas as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Laredo Urbanized Area.

- **Metropolitan Planning Area-** The geographic area for which the MPO is responsible and in which the metropolitan transportation planning process must be carried out pursuant to Title 23 USC Section 134 and Title 49 USC Section 5303.

- **Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)** - The forum for cooperative transportation decision-making, as designated by the Governor, and units of general-purpose local government representing 75 percent of the affected metropolitan population. The MPO is responsible for identifying local transportation needs, in cooperation with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), following a "Continuing, Comprehensive, and Cooperative" transportation planning process pursuant to 23 USC 134. The MPO is also responsible for proposing and recommending projects for all modes of urban transportation to those governmental units that are responsible for program development and project implementation.

- **Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Committee (Policy Committee)** - The policy body, established pursuant to 23 USC 134, with the responsibility for establishing overall transportation for, and taking the required approval actions as the Metropolitan Planning Organization. The Policy Committee is comprised of those governmental agencies identified in the original designation agreement and those agencies or organizations subsequently added to the membership of the board. The Policy Committee shall have decision-making authority over issues such as the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP).

- **Metropolitan Planning Organization Technical Review Committee (Technical Committee)** - The body of the MPO responsible for professional and technical review of work programs, policy recommendations and transportation planning activities. The Technical Committee shall review issues for accuracy and advise the Policy Committee on recommended actions. The Technical Committee is composed of representatives of the City of Laredo, the County of Webb, the Texas Department of Transportation and private sector representatives.

- **Fiscal Agent for the Metropolitan Planning Organization (Fiscal Agent)** – The governmental entity or agency designated by written agreement between the MPO Policy Committee and the governmental entity or agency providing fiscal administrative services and other services (which may include personnel and staff support) to the MPO Policy Committee and the Staff of the MPO.

- **Laredo Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)** - The MTP is an official, comprehensive, intermodal transportation plan developed and adopted for the Laredo Metropolitan Area through the transportation planning process. The MTP identifies the existing and future transportation needs and develops coordinated strategies to provide the necessary transportation facilities essential for the continued mobility and economic vitality of Laredo. These coordinated transportation strategies include roadway development and operations, truck and rail freight movement, transit operations, bikeways and pedestrian facilities. The development of the MTP is required under the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) to assure the continuation of federal transportation funds. The plan shall address a continuous twenty-year planning horizon.

- **Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)** - A staged, multiyear, intermodal program, of transportation projects which is consistent with the metropolitan transportation plan and which is also financially constrained.

- **Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)** - Shall mean the program of work that includes goals, objectives and/or tasks required by each of the several agencies involved in the metropolitan transportation planning process. The UPWP shall describe metropolitan transportation and transportation-related planning activities anticipated in the area during the next one-year period and reflect transportation planning work to be funded by federal, state or local transportation or transportation-related planning funds.

Section 1.2 Purpose

The Laredo Urban Transportation Study (LUTS) is the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) responsible for identifying local transportation needs in cooperation with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT). The LUTS is also the entity responsible for proposing and recommending projects for all modes of urban transportation to those governmental units that are responsible for program development and project implementation.

Section 1.3 Authority

The MPO shall have the following authority pursuant to 23 CFR Part 450:

(a) To develop and establish policies, procedures, plans and programs for the metropolitan area.

(b) To certify such actions as may be necessary to comply with state and federal regulations.

(c) To establish such rules of procedure and approve such actions as it deems necessary to fulfill its purposes.

(d) To ensure those requirements of 23 USC 134 and 135 and 49 USC, Chapter 53, 5301, et seq. are carried out.

(e) To use federal transportation planning funds, as well as in-kind matching funds as authorized by the Texas Transportation Commission, to develop and maintain a comprehensive regional transportation planning program in conformity with requirements of 23 USC 135 and 49 USC 5303.

(f) To adopt a Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) for the metropolitan planning area that will complement the Statewide Transportation Plan required by state and federal laws, a Transportation Improvement Program and a Unified Planning Work Program and such other planning documents and reports that may be required by state or federal laws or regulations.

(g) To establish one or more advisory committees to assist in the transportation planning process and/or assist in promoting the implementation of approved plans. The Policy Committee may create ad-hoc committees or other technical subcommittees.

ARTICLE II
MEMBERSHIP, TERMS AND ADMINISTRATION

Section 2.1 Membership and Qualifications

(a) The Laredo Urban Transportation Study (LUTS) shall be comprised of a Policy Committee and a Technical Committee. The Policy Committee shall include the following members:

City of Laredo:	Mayor (Chairperson) Two City Councilmembers, as appointed by the Mayor in his/her sole discretion.
Laredo Mass Transit Board	One Laredo Mass Transit Board member as appointed by the Board's presiding officer/Mayor in his/her sole discretion.
County of Webb:	County Judge (Vice-Chairperson) Two County Commissioners as appointed by the Webb County Judge in his/her sole discretion.
State of Texas:	TxDOT District Engineer TxDOT District Administrator

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State of Texas:	State Senator(s) State Representative(s)

(b) Members shall serve until a replacement is qualified pursuant to section 2.1 Subsection (e).

(c) The Mayor of the City of Laredo shall appoint the two City Councilmembers that represent the City of Laredo.

(d) Laredo Mass Transit Board's presiding officer/Mayor shall appoint one member to represent the Laredo Mass Transit Board.

(e) The County Judge of the County of Webb shall appoint the two County Commissioners that represent the County of Webb.

(f) Appointments to the Policy Committee shall be for a period of two years. A member may be reappointed with no limitation to number of terms, except that such term will not continue in the event an officer becomes ineligible for membership on the Policy Committee.

Section 2.2 Meetings, Quorum and Voting

(a) The Policy Committee shall meet at least twice per year or as often as necessary to fulfill its purposes.

(b) Fifty percent of the voting membership plus one member shall constitute a quorum.

(c) The use of proxies by the voting members of the Policy Committee is prohibited.

d) The official actions of the Policy Committee shall be by affirmative action of the majority of the voting membership present and voting at public meetings. All meetings are to be held as open meetings as defined in Chapter 551, Texas Government Code (Texas Open Meetings Act), and the Transportation Planning Director of the MPO shall insure that the written notice of the meeting is posted at City of Laredo City Hall and Webb County Commissioners Court Building at least 72 hours prior to the meeting. Additionally, the notice may be posted at TxDOT Laredo District Office, and on the City of Laredo and Webb County website. The Transportation Planning Director shall insure that at least two copies of the agenda and such supporting documentation as is available to the Policy Committee are made available for public inspection in the MPO offices at the same time they are made available to the Policy Committee members.

(e) All official actions of the Policy Committee shall be duly recorded in the minutes of the meeting.

(f) The Mayor of the City of Laredo shall serve as Chairperson of the Policy Committee. The responsibilities of the Chairperson shall include, but are not limited to the following:

1. Preside at all meeting of the Policy Committee.
2. Authenticate, by signature, all resolutions adopted by the Policy Committee.

3. Serve as chief policy advocate for the Policy Committee.
4. Represent the committee at hearings, conferences, and other events as required or designate another member of the Committee or the Chairperson of the Technical Committee to represent the Chairperson.

(g) The County Judge of the County of Webb shall serve as Vice Chairperson of the Policy Committee. During the absence of the Chairperson, the Vice Chairperson shall preside over meetings and shall exercise all the duties of the Chairperson.

(h) In the absence of the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson from a Policy Committee meeting at which a quorum is present, the remaining members present shall elect a presiding officer who shall serve until the conclusion of that meeting or until the arrival of the Chairperson or Vice Chairperson.

Section 2.3 Administration

(a) The City of Laredo Planning Director shall act as the Transportation Planning Director for the MPO. The responsibilities of the Director shall include, but are not limited to the following:

1. All staff support for the Policy Committee, oversight and coordination of MPO administration and transportation planning activities, grant administration, maintaining records and providing notice of meetings as required by the Public Involvement Process.

2. Shall act as Chairperson of the Technical Committee with responsibility for drafting findings and recommendations of the Technical Committee for review by the Policy Committee.

3. Shall be responsible for all plans and reports prepared by and for the review and consideration of the Policy Committee and for submitting the recommended policies, procedures and programs of the Technical Committee to the Policy Committee.

4. Supervise the MPO staff.

5. Serve as a liaison to the Texas Department of Transportation's planning program through the department's district office and the department's Transportation Planning and Programming Division's representative.

6. In cooperation with the Texas Department of Transportation, collect, maintain, forecast, and report to the department appropriate socioeconomic, roadway, and travel data.

7. Prepare and submit all required plans, reports, programs, data, and certifications.

8. Develop and present to the MPO Policy Committee a Metropolitan Transportation Plan for the metropolitan planning area, a Transportation Improvement Program and a Unified Planning Work Program and such other planning documents and reports that may be required by state or federal laws or regulations.

(b) The Technical Committee shall include the following:

1. City Representatives:
   Laredo City Planner
   The General Manager of the City Transit System
   Laredo Director of Traffic Safety
   Laredo Airport Manager
   Laredo City Engineer
   Laredo Bridge Director

2. County and Regional Representatives:
   Webb County Planning Director
   South Texas Development Council Regional Planning Director
   The General Manager of the Rural Transit System
   Webb County Engineer

3. State Representatives:
   TxDOT Planning Representative (Vice-Chairperson)
   TxDOT Planning Representative
   TxDOT Area Engineer
   TxDOT TPP Field Representative

4. Federal representatives:
   FHWA Planning Representative (Austin)

5. Private Sector Representatives:
   A representative of the Kansas City Southern Railroad 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

6. School system representatives
   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

(c) Each voting member of the Technical Committee may have a designated alternate member to serve on the committee in the member's absence. Appointed alternate members will

have the voting rights and privileges of members when serving in the absence of the Technical Committee member.

The responsibilities of the Technical Committee shall include technical review of work programs, policy recommendations and the transportation planning activities.

Section 2.4 Ethic Policy for MPO Policy Members and Employees

(a) A policy board member or employee of a metropolitan planning organization may not:

(1) accept or solicit any gift, favor, or service that might reasonably tend to influence the member or employee in the discharge of official duties or that the member or employee knows or should know is being offered with the intent to influence the member's or employee's official conduct; or,

(2) accept other employment or engage in a business or professional activity that the member or employee might reasonably expect would require or induce the member or employee to disclose confidential information acquired by reason of the official position; or,

(3) accept other employment or compensation that could reasonably be expected to impair the member's or employee's independence of judgment in the performance of the member's or employee's official duties; or,

(4) make personal investments that could reasonably be expected to create a substantial conflict between the member's or employee's private interest and the public interest; or,

(5) intentionally or knowingly solicit, accept, or agree to accept any benefit for having exercised the member's or employee's official powers or performed the member's or employee's official duties in favor of another.

ARTICLE III
AMENDMENTS

Section 3.1 Bylaw Revisions

The Bylaws may be revised or amended by approval of the Policy Committee at a meeting at which a quorum, as defined herein, is present.

PASSED AND APPROVED, on this the 21st day of September, 2015.

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

We certify that the LUTS By-laws were revised at a public meeting of the Policy Committee of the Laredo Urban Transportation Study (LUTS)

Nathan Bratton
MPO Director

Melisa Montemayor
TxDOT District Administrator

RESOLUTION NO. MPO 2015-09

BY THE LAREDO URBAN TRANSPORTATION STUDY
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION POLICY COMMITTEE

AMENDING THE LUTS BY-LAWS

WHEREAS, the Laredo Urban Transportation Study (LUTS), the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), for the Laredo Urbanized Area has reviewed the revisions to the LUTS Bylaws; and,

WHEREAS, the Laredo Urban Transportation Study finds that the revisions to the LUTS Bylaws meet federal and state requirements, and meet the transportation needs of the Laredo Metropolitan Area; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Laredo Urban Transportation Study, as the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Laredo Urban Area, revised the LUTS Bylaws, which is attached hereto and made a part hereof for all purposes on this the 21st day of September, 2015.

Honorable Pete Saenz
Mayor of Laredo and Chairperson of the
MPO Policy Committee

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

Nathan Bratton
MPO Director

Melisa Montemayor.
Laredo District Administrator

V. ITEMS REQUIRING POLICY COMMITTEE ACTION

H. Discussion with possible action on Hachar Road.

I. Discussion with possible action on Mines Road.

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

A. Status report on the FASTLANE Grant application.

B. Status report by TxDOT on the Traffic Signal Synchronization Project.

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

Supplemental Agenda Item

Discussion with possible action to move the letting date 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 construction estimate of $25,564,945, from March, June 2017 to June, 2017, and submit as part of the February, 2017 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) revision cycle.