

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 19, 2016
12:00 noon

MEETING AGENDA

- I. CHAIRPERSON TO CALL MEETING TO ORDER
- II. CHAIRPERSON TO CALL ROLL
- III. COMMITTEE AND DIRECTOR'S REPORTS (No action required)
- IV. ITEMS REQUIRING POLICY COMMITTEE ACTION
 - A. Approval of the minutes for the meeting held on December 21, 2015.
 - B. Receive public testimony and initiate a 20-day public review and comment period for the proposed Limited English Proficiency Plan.
 - C. Receive public testimony and initiate a ten-day public review and comment period for the following proposed amendment(s) of the 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP):
 1. *Addition* of project CSJ 2150-04-067 intended to provide the design and construction of one additional travel lane (northbound) on FM 1472, from Killam Industrial Boulevard to 0.3 miles north of Mueller Boulevard, with an estimated total project cost of 4.482 million dollars. Projected letting date is August of 2016.
 - D. Receive public testimony and initiate a ten-day public review and comment period for the following proposed revision(s) of the 2015-2040 Laredo Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP):
 1. Amending Table 12-10, entitled Roadway and Bicycle/Pedestrian Project Summary and Table 12-11, entitled Roadway projects, and Figure 12-1, entitled Federally fund Roadway, Bicycle and Pedestrian Projects, by:
 - a. *Adding* project CSJ 2150-04-067 intended to provide the design and construction of one additional travel lane (northbound) on FM 1472, from Killam Industrial Boulevard to 0.3 miles north of Mueller Boulevard, with an estimated total project cost of 4.482 million dollars. Projected letting date is August of 2016.

E. Discussion with possible action to receive public testimony and initiate a ten-day public review and comment period for the proposed amendment of the Highway MTP/TIP to program Loop 20/U.S. 59 from International Blvd. to Business U.S. 59 for engineering, Right-of-Way acquisition, and construction.

1. Discussion on TxDOT's Strategic Projects Office findings on Loop 20 funding.

F. Discussion with possible action on Hachar Road.

G. Discussion with possible action on Mines Road.

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

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

VI. ADJOURNMENT

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CITY OF LAREDO REPRESENTATIVES:

Honorable Pete Saenz, Mayor and LUTS Chairperson
Honorable Roque Vela, Jr., City Councilmember, District V
Honorable Charlie San Miguel, City Councilmember, District VI

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

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

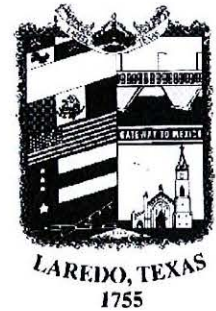

Nathan R. Bratton
MPO Director


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Interim-City Secretary

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1110 Houston St. -Laredo, Texas

MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 21, 2015 MEETING



I. CHAIRPERSON TO CALL MEETING TO ORDER

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

II. CHAIRPERSON TO CALL ROLL

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

Regular members present:

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

Regular members not present:

Honorable Charlie San Miguel, City Councilmember, District VI

Ex-Officio Members Not Present:

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

Staff (Of Participating LUTS Agencies) Present:

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

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

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

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

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

IV. ITEMS REQUIRING POLICY COMMITTEE ACTION

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

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

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

Motion carried unanimously

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

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

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

Motion carried unanimously

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

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

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

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

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

Motion carried unanimously

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

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

Motion carried unanimously

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Motion carried unanimously

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Motion failed

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

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

Motion carried unanimously

F. Discussion with possible action on Hachar Road.

G. Discussion with possible action on Mines Road.

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

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

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

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

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

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

VI. ADJOURNMENT

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

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

Motion carried unanimously

Prepared by:



Angie Quijano,
MPO Staff

Reviewed by:



Vanessa Guerra,
MPO Coordinator

Reviewed by:

Nathan R. Bratton,
MPO Director

Melisa Montemayor,
District Administrator

**LAREDO URBAN TRANSPORTATION STUDY
ACTION ITEM**

DATE: 1-19-15	SUBJECT: A MOTION(S) Receive public testimony and initiate a 20 day public review and comment period for the proposed Limited English Proficiency Plan	
INITIATED BY: Staff/FHWA		STAFF SOURCE: Nathan Bratton MPO Director
PREVIOUS ACTION: None		
<p>BACKGROUND:</p> <p>Executive Order 13166</p> <p>On August 11, 2000, President William J. Clinton signed an executive order, <u>Executive Order 13166: Improving Access to Service for Persons with Limited English Proficiency</u>, to clarify Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. The executive order identifies differential treatment towards those with the inability to speak, read, write, or understand English as a type of national origin discrimination. These individuals have been defined by Executive Order 13166 as persons with Limited English Proficiency (LEP), therefore are entitled to language assistance under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 with respect to a particular type of service, benefit, or encounter.</p> <p>Executive Order 13166 applies to all federal agencies and all programs and operations of entities that receive funding from the federal government, including state departments of transportation, metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs) including the Laredo Metropolitan Planning Organization, regional transportation agencies, regional, state, and local transit operators. Federal financial assistance includes grants, cooperative agreements, training, use of equipment, donations of surplus property, and other assistance.</p> <p>Purpose</p> <p>The purpose of the Limited English Proficiency Plan is to address the responsibilities of the Laredo Metropolitan Planning Organization as a recipient of federal financial assistance as they relate to the needs of individuals with limited English proficiency skills. The plan was prepared in accordance to Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 which states:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">“No person in the United States shall, on the grounds of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program or activity that receives Federal financial assistance.”</p>		
COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: The LUTS Technical Committee approval		STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval.

Limited English Proficiency Plan

Laredo Metropolitan Planning Organization

ADOPTED _____

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Limited English Proficiency Plan

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INTRODUCTION

The purpose of the Limited English Proficiency Plan is to address the responsibilities of the Laredo Metropolitan Planning Organization as a recipient of federal financial assistance as they relate to the needs of individuals with limited English proficiency skills. The plan was prepared in accordance to Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 which states:

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Plan Summary

The Laredo Metropolitan Planning Organization has developed this Limited English Proficiency Plan to help identify reasonable steps for providing language assistance to persons with limited English proficiency (LEP) who wish to access services provided. As defined by Executive Order 13166, LEP persons are those who do not speak English as their primary language and have limited ability to read, speak, write or understand English. This plan outlines how to identify a person who may need language assistance, the ways in which assistance may be provided, staff training that may be required, and how to notify LEP persons that assistance is available.

In order to prepare this plan, the Laredo Metropolitan Planning Organization used the four-factor LEP analysis which considers the following factors:

1. The number or proportion of LEP persons in the LAREDO MPO study area.
2. The frequency with which LEP persons come in contact with the Laredo MPO staff.
3. The nature and importance of services provided by the Laredo MPO to the LEP population.
4. The interpretation services available to the Laredo MPO and overall cost to provide LEP assistance. A summary of the results of the four-factor analysis is in the following section.

FOUR-FACTOR ANALYSIS

This plan uses the recommended four-factor analysis of an individual assessment considering the four factors outlined above. The Laredo Metropolitan Planning Organization (LAREDO MPO) has examined each of the following factors to determine the level and extent of language assistance measures required to sufficiently ensure meaningful access to the LAREDO MPO's resources. The LAREDO MPO based the recommendations on the results of the analysis.

Factor 1: The number or proportion of LEP persons in the study area who may be served by the Laredo MPO.

The Census Bureau has a range of four classifications of how well people speak English. The classifications are 'very well,' 'well,' 'not well,' and 'not at all.' For our planning purposes, we are considering people that speak English 'not well' or 'not at all' as Limited English Proficient persons. Furthermore, the data is a reflection of the approximate LEP population within Laredo, which covers the LAREDO MPO study area and the surrounding rural areas within the county.

The LAREDO MPO staff reviewed the 2010-2014 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates and determined that 213,214 persons in Laredo Metro Area (91.2% of the population) speak a language other than English. Of those 213,214 persons, 44.2% have limited English proficiency; that is, they speak English "less than very well" **See Appendix A.**

As seen in **Table 1**, of those persons with limited English proficiency within the LAREDO MPO study area, 90.6% speak Spanish, 0.2% speak Indo-European (such as French, German, and Slavic), and 0.4% speaks Asian or other Pacific Islander Languages (including Korean, Chinese, Vietnamese, and Tagalog). **See Appendix B.**

Table 1 Language Spoken at home by LEP in Laredo

	Spanish Language Spoken at Home	Indo-European Language Spoken at Home	Asian and Pacific Islander Language Spoken at Home	Other Language Spoken at Home
5-17 years old	55,427	19	140	16
18-64 years old	136,961	460	688	16
65 and older	19,387	88	12	0
Total	211,775	567	840	32
Percent of Language Group that speak English "very well"	51.4%	75.3%	69.2%	100%
Percent of Language Group that speak English less than "very well"	48.6%	24.7%	30.8%	0%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010-2014 American Community Survey, Language Spoken at Home

Factor 2: The frequency with which LEP persons come in contact with the Laredo MPO .

The LAREDO MPO has served as the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the transportation needs of the Laredo Metropolitan Planning Area since 1979. Public meetings and workshops are held at the LAREDO MPO’s office or in locations accessible by transit or bike routes.

LAREDO MPO staff has contact with LEP persons at public meetings, community outreach events, and in day to day activities. Additionally, there are many LEP persons who come into contact with LAREDO MPO partners, such as the Laredo ElMetro.

Factor 3: The nature and importance of services provided by the Laredo MPO to the LEP population.

The LAREDO MPO is responsible for the regional planning process for all modes of transportation, and provides technical assistance to the local governments of Laredo in planning, coordinating, and implementing transportation decisions for the area. However, the LAREDO MPO does not include any

direct service or program that requires vital, immediate or emergency assistance, such as medical treatment or services for basic needs (like food or shelter).

As the agency responsible for administering all federal funds for urban transportation improvements within the urbanized area of Laredo, the LAREDO MPO must make sure that all segments of the population, including LEP persons, have been involved or have had the opportunity to be involved with the planning process. The impact of proposed transportation investments on underserved and underrepresented population groups is part of the evaluation process for the use of federal funds in three major areas for the LAREDO MPO:

- Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)
- Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
- Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

Inclusive public participation is a priority in other LAREDO MPO plans, studies and programs as well. Transportation improvements resulting from these planning activities have an impact on all residents in the region. Understanding and continued involvement are highly encouraged throughout the process. The LAREDO MPO encourages input from all stakeholders, and every effort is made to insure the planning process is as inclusive as possible.

As a result of the long-range transportation planning process, selected projects receive approval for federal funding and progress towards project planning and construction under the responsibility of local jurisdictions or state transportation agencies. These state and local organizations have additional policies to ensure LEP individuals can participate in the process that shapes where, how and when a specific transportation project is implemented.

Factor 4: The resources available to the Laredo MPO, and overall cost to provide LEP assistance.

The LAREDO MPO currently uses capable and competent bilingual staff members for in-house translation of documents for Spanish-speaking LEP persons. Additionally, bilingual staff has been utilized for Spanish interpretation at public meetings and community outreach events. The use of in-house translation and interpretation services functions as a cost-effective approach to accommodate the Spanish LEP language group. Although cost-effective, the use of translation services outside the MPO are used when in-house translations are constrained by limited staff time.

The use of translation/interpretation services for LEP groups other than Spanish has yet to become necessary. However, shall the need arise for these services the LAREDO MPO will assess the costs to provide these services on an “as-needed” basis.

SAFE HARBOR STIPULATION

Federal law provides a “Safe Harbor” stipulation so that recipients can ensure with greater certainty that they comply with their obligations to provide written translations in languages other than English. A “safe harbor” means that if a recipient provides written translations in certain circumstances, such action will be considered strong evidence of compliance with the recipient’s written-translation obligations under Title VI.

The failure to provide written translations under the circumstances does not mean there is noncompliance, but rather provides a guide for recipients that would like greater certainty of compliance than can be provided by a fact-intensive, four-factor analysis. For example, even if a safe harbor is not used, if written translation of a certain document(s) would be so burdensome as to defeat the legitimate objectives of its program, it is not necessary. Other ways of providing meaningful access, such as effective oral interpretation of certain vital documents, might be acceptable under such circumstances.

Strong evidence of compliance with the recipient’s written-obligations under “safe harbor” includes providing written translations of vital documents for each eligible LEP language group that constitutes 5% or 1,000, whichever is less, of the population of persons eligible to be served or likely to be affected or encountered. Translation of other documents, if needed, can be provided orally.

This safe harbor provision applies to the translation of written documents only. It does not affect the requirement to provide meaningful access to LEP individuals through competent oral interpreters where oral language services are needed and are reasonable.

Within the LAREDO MPO study area, approximately 48.6 percent of the total population is considered LEP. **See Table 1.** Of the total LEP population, only one LEP language group, Spanish-speaking individuals, meets the population threshold for which written translations of vital documents can be provided to meet the safe harbor standard.

The remaining three LEP language groups located within the LAREDO MPO study area, however, do not constitute the 5% or 1,000 persons of population threshold for which written translations of vital documents can be provided meet the safe harbor standard. Based on the LAREDO MPO budget and the number of staff, it is deemed that written translations of core documents would be so burdensome as to defeat the legitimate objectives of our programs. It is more appropriate for the LAREDO MPO to proceed with oral interpretation options for compliance with LEP regulations for the remaining LEP language groups. **See Appendix.**

LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY (LEP) IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

Based on the four-factor analysis above, the Laredo Metropolitan Planning Organization has decided to implement a plan to meet requirements under Title VI of the Civil rights Act of 1964, which seeks to improve access to services for persons with Limited English Proficiency (LEP).

Identifying LEP Individuals

The four-factor analysis above indicates that a large proportion of LEP persons are Spanish-speaking. In comparison, the remaining language groups combined equal approximately 1% of LEP persons within the LAREDO MPO study area. All language assistance services for LEP individuals will be focused towards the Spanish-speaking LEP language group, however the LAREDO MPO will continue to assess the need for language assistance to other LEP language groups by:

- Posting a notice of the LEP Plan and the availability of interpretation or translation services free of charge in languages LEP person would understand.
- All LAREDO MPO staff will be provided with “I Speak” cards to assist in identifying the language interpretation needed if the occasion arises.
- All LAREDO MPO staff will be informally surveyed periodically on their experience concerning any contacts with LEP persons during the previous year.
- When the LAREDO MPO sponsors an informational meeting or event, an advanced public notice of the event should be published including special needs related to offering a translator (LEP) or interpreter (sign language for hearing impaired individuals).

Language Assistance Measures

Language measures currently used and planned to be used by the LAREDO MPO to address the needs of LEP persons include the following:

- Translation of vital documents in Spanish;
 - Unified Planning Work Program (Summary)
 - Title VI Complaint Form
 - Public Participation Plan
 - Limited English Proficiency Plan
- Posting advertisements/public notices of public meetings in Spanish (includes posters, flyers, newspaper ads)

- Provide a Spanish version of all online surveys
- Posting public notices in Spanish in a local all Spanish language newspaper
- Providing Outreach literature in Spanish (includes brochures, pamphlets, handouts, etc)
- Translation of vital documents or other literature for other LEP language groups will be offered upon request at no cost
- Provide oral interpreter services at any meeting or public hearing, with advance notice of seven calendar days. Interpreter to include foreign language and the hearing impaired.
- Posting notices in appropriate languages informing LEP persons of available services on the LAREDO MPO website and other social media sites
- Prepare printed information on where to obtain language assistance to give or send to individuals, if necessary

Staff Training

In order to establish meaningful access to information and services for LEP individuals, staff that regularly interact with the public, and those who will serve as translators or interpreters, will be trained on the LAREDO MPO's LEP policies and procedures. Training will ensure that staff members are effectively able to work in person and/or by telephone with LEP individuals.

The following training will be provided to all staff:

- Information on the Title VI Policy and LEP responsibilities
- Description of language assistance services offered to the public.
- Use of the "I speak" cards
- Documentation of language assistance requests
- How to handle a potential Title VI/LEP complaint.

All contractors or subcontractors performing work for the LAREDO MPO will be required to follow the Title VI/LEP guidelines.

Providing Notice to LEP Persons

USDOT LEP guidance says:

"Once an agency has decided, based on the four factors, that it will provide language service, it is important that the recipient notify LEP persons of services available free of charge. Recipients should provide this notice in languages LEP persons would understand."

The guidance provides several examples of notification including:

1. Signage when free language assistance is available with advance notice.
2. Stating in outreach documents that language services are available from the agency.
3. Working with community-based organizations and other stakeholders to inform LEP individual of the recipient's services, including the availability of language assistance services.
4. Including notices in local newspapers in languages other than English.
5. Providing notices on non-English-language radio and television about the availability of language assistance services and how to get them.
6. Providing presentations and/or notices at schools and religious organizations upon request.

The LAREDO MPO will provide statements in public information and public notices, as outlined in our Public Participation Plan, that persons requiring language assistance or special accommodations will be provided, with reasonable advance notice to the MPO.

Monitoring and Updating the LEP Plan

The LAREDO MPO will update the LEP Plan as required. At a minimum, the plan will be reviewed and updated when new data from the U. S. Census becomes available, or when it is clear that higher concentrations of LEP individuals are present within the LAREDO MPO service area. Updates will include the following:

- How the needs of the LEP persons have been addressed.
- Determination of the current LEP population in the service area.
- Determination as to whether the need for translation services has changed.
- Determine whether the LAREDO MPO's financial resources are sufficient to fund language assistance resources needed.
- Determine whether complaints have been received concerning the agency's failure to meet the needs of LEP individuals.
- Maintain a Title VI complaint log, including LEP to determine issues and basis of complaints.

DISSEMINATION OF THE LAREDO MPO LEP PLAN

The LAREDO MPO will provide access to the LEP Plan on its website at LaredoMPO.org

Copies of the LEP Plan will be provided, on request, to any person(s) requesting the document via phone, in person, by mail or email. LEP persons may obtain copies/translations of the plan upon request. Any questions or comments regarding this plan should be directed to the Laredo Metropolitan Planning Organization.

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Appendix A – Language Spoken at Home

2010-2014 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

U.S. Census Bureau



S1601

LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME

2010-2014 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

Supporting documentation on code lists, subject definitions, data accuracy, and statistical testing can be found on the American Community Survey website in the Data and Documentation section.

Sample size and data quality measures (including coverage rates, allocation rates, and response rates) can be found on the American Community Survey website in the Methodology section.

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Subject	Laredo, TX Metro Area					
	Total		Percent of specified language speakers			
	Estimate	Margin of Error	Speak English "very well"		Speak English less than "very well"	
		Estimate	Margin of Error	Estimate	Estimate	
Population 5 years and over	233,758	+/-87	55.8%	+/-1.1	44.2%	
Speak only English	8.8%	+/-0.6	(X)	(X)	(X)	
Speak a language other than English	91.2%	+/-0.6	51.5%	+/-1.1	48.5%	
Spanish or Spanish Creole	90.6%	+/-0.6	51.4%	+/-1.1	48.6%	
Other Indo-European languages	0.2%	+/-0.1	75.3%	+/-7.8	24.7%	
Asian and Pacific Island languages	0.4%	+/-0.1	69.2%	+/-12.3	30.8%	
Other languages	0.0%	+/-0.1	100.0%	+/-56.3	0.0%	
SPEAK A LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH						
Spanish or Spanish Creole	211,775	+/-1,320	51.4%	+/-1.1	48.6%	
5-17 years	55,427	+/-825	63.2%	+/-2.0	36.8%	
18-64 years	136,961	+/-764	50.0%	+/-1.4	50.0%	
65 years and over	19,387	+/-205	27.8%	+/-2.1	72.2%	
Other Indo-European languages	567	+/-165	75.3%	+/-7.8	24.7%	
5-17 years	19	+/-27	100.0%	+/-73.1	0.0%	
18-64 years	460	+/-143	77.2%	+/-7.2	22.8%	
65 years and over	88	+/-75	60.2%	+/-37.5	39.8%	
Asian and Pacific Island languages	640	+/-260	69.2%	+/-12.3	30.8%	
5-17 years	140	+/-49	75.7%	+/-26.4	24.3%	
18-64 years	688	+/-272	69.0%	+/-12.3	31.0%	
65 years and over	12	+/-21	0.0%	+/-92.0	100.0%	
Other languages	32	+/-32	100.0%	+/-56.3	0.0%	
5-17 years	16	+/-24	100.0%	+/-79.6	0.0%	
18-64 years	16	+/-19	100.0%	+/-79.6	0.0%	
65 years and over	0	+/-30	-	**	-	
CITIZENS 18 YEARS AND OVER						
All citizens 18 years and over	123,517	+/-1,567	64.8%	+/-1.3	35.2%	
Speak only English	8.8%	+/-0.6	(X)	(X)	(X)	
Speak a language other than English	91.2%	+/-0.6	61.4%	+/-1.5	38.6%	
Spanish or Spanish Creole	90.7%	+/-0.6	61.2%	+/-1.4	38.8%	
Other languages	0.5%	+/-0.2	83.1%	+/-9.8	11.9%	

Subject	Laredo, TX Metro Area				
	Total		Percent of specified language speakers		
			Speak English "very well"		Speak English less than "very well"
	Estimate	Margin of Error	Estimate	Margin of Error	Estimate
PERCENT IMPUTED					
Language status	2.8%	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Language status (speak a language other than English)	2.6%	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Ability to speak English	2.8%	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)

Subject	Laredo, TX Metro Area Percent of specified language speakers Speak English less than "very well" Margin of Error
Population 5 years and over	+/-1.1
Speak only English	(X)
Speak a language other than English	+/-1.1
Spanish or Spanish Creole	+/-1.1
Other Indo-European languages	+/-7.8
Asian and Pacific Island languages	+/-12.3
Other languages	+/-56.3
SPEAK A LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH	
Spanish or Spanish Creole	+/-1.1
5-17 years	+/-2.0
18-64 years	+/-1.4
65 years and over	+/-2.1
Other Indo-European languages	+/-7.8
5-17 years	+/-73.1
18-64 years	+/-7.2
65 years and over	+/-37.5
Asian and Pacific Island languages	+/-12.3
5-17 years	+/-28.4
18-64 years	+/-12.3
65 years and over	+/-92.0
Other languages	+/-56.3
5-17 years	+/-79.6
18-64 years	+/-79.6
65 years and over	**
CITIZENS 18 YEARS AND OVER	
All citizens 18 years and over	+/-1.3
Speak only English	(X)
Speak a language other than English	+/-1.5
Spanish or Spanish Creole	+/-1.4
Other languages	+/-9.8
PERCENT IMPUTED	
Language status	(X)
Language status (speak a language other than English)	(X)
Ability to speak English	(X)

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entities.

Estimates of urban and rural population, housing units, and characteristics reflect boundaries of urban areas defined based on Census 2010 data. As a result, data for urban and rural areas from the ACS do not necessarily reflect the results of ongoing urbanization.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010-2014 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

Explanation of Symbols

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2. An "!" entry in the estimate column indicates that either no sample observations or too few sample observations were available to compute an estimate, or a ratio of medians cannot be calculated because one or both of the median estimates falls in the lowest interval or upper interval of an open-ended distribution.
3. An "!" following a median estimate means the median falls in the lowest interval of an open-ended distribution.
4. An "!" following a median estimate means the median falls in the upper interval of an open-ended distribution.
5. An "" entry in the margin of error column indicates that the median falls in the lowest interval or upper interval of an open-ended distribution. A statistical test is not appropriate.
6. An "" entry in the margin of error column indicates that the estimate is controlled. A statistical test for sampling variability is not appropriate.
7. An "N" entry in the estimate and margin of error columns indicates that data for this geographic area cannot be displayed because the number of sample cases is too small.
8. An "(X)" means that the estimate is not applicable or not available.

Appendix B- Language Spoken at Home for the Population 5 Years and Over

U.S. Census Bureau



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LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME BY ABILITY TO SPEAK ENGLISH FOR THE POPULATION 5 YEARS AND OVER

Universe: Population 5 years and over
2010-2014 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

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	Laredo city, Texas		Laredo, TX Metro Area	
	Estimate	Margin of Error	Estimate	Margin of Error
Total	220,862	+/-267	233,759	+/-87
Speak only English	19,702	+/-1,354	20,544	+/-1,335
Spanish or Spanish Creole	199,711	+/-1,372	211,775	+/-1,320
Speak English "very well"	103,966	+/-2,341	108,857	+/-2,397
Speak English less than "very well"	95,745	+/-2,395	102,918	+/-2,459
French (incl. Patois, Cajun)	13	+/-16	13	+/-16
Speak English "very well"	5	+/-9	5	+/-9
Speak English less than "very well"	8	+/-13	8	+/-13
French Creole	0	+/-30	0	+/-30
Speak English "very well"	0	+/-30	0	+/-30
Speak English less than "very well"	0	+/-30	0	+/-30
Italian	1	+/-4	1	+/-4
Speak English "very well"	1	+/-4	1	+/-4
Speak English less than "very well"	0	+/-30	0	+/-30
Portuguese or Portuguese Creole	0	+/-30	0	+/-30
Speak English "very well"	0	+/-30	0	+/-30
Speak English less than "very well"	0	+/-30	0	+/-30
German	70	+/-90	70	+/-90
Speak English "very well"	69	+/-90	69	+/-90
Speak English less than "very well"	1	+/-4	1	+/-4
Yiddish	0	+/-30	0	+/-30
Speak English "very well"	0	+/-30	0	+/-30
Speak English less than "very well"	0	+/-30	0	+/-30
Other West Germanic languages:	35	+/-54	35	+/-54
Speak English "very well"	35	+/-54	35	+/-54
Speak English less than "very well"	0	+/-30	0	+/-30
Scandinavian languages	0	+/-30	0	+/-30
Speak English "very well"	0	+/-30	0	+/-30
Speak English less than "very well"	0	+/-30	0	+/-30
Greek	0	+/-30	0	+/-30
Speak English "very well"	0	+/-30	0	+/-30
Speak English less than "very well"	0	+/-30	0	+/-30
Russian	34	+/-33	34	+/-33
Speak English "very well"	11	+/-16	11	+/-16
Speak English less than "very well"	23	+/-24	23	+/-24
Polish	5	+/-8	5	+/-8

	Laredo city, Texas		Laredo, TX Metro Area	
	Estimate	Margin of Error	Estimate	Margin of Error
Speak English "very well"	4	+/-8	4	+/-8
Speak English less than "very well"	1	+/-3	1	+/-3
Serbo-Croatian:	0	+/-30	0	+/-30
Speak English "very well"	0	+/-30	0	+/-30
Speak English less than "very well"	0	+/-30	0	+/-30
Other Slavic languages:	0	+/-30	0	+/-30
Speak English "very well"	0	+/-30	0	+/-30
Speak English less than "very well"	0	+/-30	0	+/-30
Armenian:	0	+/-30	0	+/-30
Speak English "very well"	0	+/-30	0	+/-30
Speak English less than "very well"	0	+/-30	0	+/-30
Persian:	0	+/-30	0	+/-30
Speak English "very well"	0	+/-30	0	+/-30
Speak English less than "very well"	0	+/-30	0	+/-30
Gujarati:	0	+/-30	0	+/-30
Speak English "very well"	0	+/-30	0	+/-30
Speak English less than "very well"	0	+/-30	0	+/-30
Hindi:	161	+/-100	161	+/-100
Speak English "very well"	114	+/-77	114	+/-77
Speak English less than "very well"	47	+/-45	47	+/-45
Urdu:	0	+/-30	0	+/-30
Speak English "very well"	0	+/-30	0	+/-30
Speak English less than "very well"	0	+/-30	0	+/-30
Other Indic languages:	248	+/-172	248	+/-172
Speak English "very well"	188	+/-138	188	+/-138
Speak English less than "very well"	60	+/-37	60	+/-37
Other Indo-European languages:	0	+/-30	0	+/-30
Speak English "very well"	0	+/-30	0	+/-30
Speak English less than "very well"	0	+/-30	0	+/-30
Chinese:	26	+/-25	26	+/-25
Speak English "very well"	12	+/-16	12	+/-16
Speak English less than "very well"	14	+/-17	14	+/-17
Japanese:	243	+/-271	243	+/-271
Speak English "very well"	179	+/-223	179	+/-223
Speak English less than "very well"	64	+/-65	64	+/-65
Korean:	116	+/-100	116	+/-100
Speak English "very well"	75	+/-67	75	+/-67
Speak English less than "very well"	41	+/-39	41	+/-39
Mon-Khmer, Cambodian:	0	+/-30	0	+/-30
Speak English "very well"	0	+/-30	0	+/-30
Speak English less than "very well"	0	+/-30	0	+/-30
Hmong:	0	+/-30	0	+/-30
Speak English "very well"	0	+/-30	0	+/-30
Speak English less than "very well"	0	+/-30	0	+/-30
Thai:	0	+/-30	0	+/-30
Speak English "very well"	0	+/-30	0	+/-30
Speak English less than "very well"	0	+/-30	0	+/-30
Laotian:	0	+/-30	0	+/-30
Speak English "very well"	0	+/-30	0	+/-30
Speak English less than "very well"	0	+/-30	0	+/-30
Vietnamese:	19	+/-42	19	+/-42
Speak English "very well"	5	+/-8	5	+/-8
Speak English less than "very well"	14	+/-42	14	+/-42
Other Asian languages:	92	+/-70	92	+/-70
Speak English "very well"	30	+/-34	30	+/-34
Speak English less than "very well"	62	+/-71	62	+/-71
Tagalog:	334	+/-150	334	+/-150
Speak English "very well"	270	+/-124	270	+/-124
Speak English less than "very well"	64	+/-58	64	+/-58



	Laredo city, Texas		Laredo, TX Metro Area	
	Estimate	Margin of Error	Estimate	Margin of Error
Other Pacific Island languages:	10	+/-17	10	+/-17
Speak English "very well"	10	+/-17	10	+/-17
Speak English less than "very well"	0	+/-30	0	+/-30
Navajo:	0	+/-30	0	+/-30
Speak English "very well"	0	+/-30	0	+/-30
Speak English less than "very well"	0	+/-30	0	+/-30
Other Native North American languages:	0	+/-30	0	+/-30
Speak English "very well"	0	+/-30	0	+/-30
Speak English less than "very well"	0	+/-30	0	+/-30
Hungarian:	0	+/-30	0	+/-30
Speak English "very well"	0	+/-30	0	+/-30
Speak English less than "very well"	0	+/-30	0	+/-30
Arabic:	5	+/-11	5	+/-11
Speak English "very well"	5	+/-11	5	+/-11
Speak English less than "very well"	0	+/-30	0	+/-30
Hebrew:	10	+/-17	10	+/-17
Speak English "very well"	10	+/-17	10	+/-17
Speak English less than "very well"	0	+/-30	0	+/-30
African languages:	1	+/-3	1	+/-3
Speak English "very well"	1	+/-3	1	+/-3
Speak English less than "very well"	0	+/-30	0	+/-30
Other and unspecified languages:	16	+/-24	16	+/-24
Speak English "very well"	16	+/-24	16	+/-24
Speak English less than "very well"	0	+/-30	0	+/-30

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 3. An "L" following a median estimate means the median falls in the lowest interval of an open-ended distribution.
 4. An "+" following a median estimate means the median falls in the upper interval of an open-ended distribution.
 5. An "****" entry in the margin of error column indicates that the median falls in the lowest interval or upper interval of an open-ended distribution. A statistical test is not appropriate.
 6. An "*****" entry in the margin of error column indicates that the estimate is controlled. A statistical test for sampling variability is not appropriate.
 7. An "N" entry in the estimate and margin of error columns indicates that data for this geographic area cannot be displayed because the number of sample cases is too small.
- means that the estimate is not applicable or not available.

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Appendix C – Title VI Complaint Form

HAVE YOU FILED THIS COMPLAINT WITH ANY OTHER FEDERAL, STATE, OR LOCAL AGENCY; OR WITH ANY FEDERAL OR STATE COURT? _____ YES _____ NO

IF YES, CHECK ALL THAT APPLY:

_____ FEDERAL AGENCY _____ FEDERAL COURT _____ STATE AGENCY _____ STATE COURT
_____ LOCAL AGENCY

PLEASE PROVIDE INFORMATION ABOUT A CONTACT PERSON AT THE AGENCY/COURT WHERE THE COMPLAINT WAS FILED.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY, STATE, AND ZIP CODE _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER _____

PLEASE SIGN BELOW. YOU MAY ATTACH ANY WRITTEN MATERIALS OR OTHER INFORMATION THAT YOU THINK IS RELEVANT TO YOUR COMPLAINT.

SIGNATURE DATE

PLEASE MAIL THIS FORM TO:
LAREDO METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
1120 San Bernardo Ave.
Laredo, Texas 78040

Appendix D – Title VI Non-Discrimination Policy Statement

THE LAREDO METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION IS COMMITTED TO ENSURING THAT NO PERSON IS EXCLUDED FROM PARTICIPATION IN, OR DENIED THE BENEFITS OF, OR BE SUBJECTED TO DISCRIMINATION IN THE RECEIPT OF ITS SERVICES OR PROGRAMS ON THE BASIS OF RACE, COLOR OR NATIONAL ORIGIN OR ANY OTHER CHARACTERISTICS PROTECTED BY LAW, INCLUDING TITLE I OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964, AS AMENDED. FURTHER, UNDER THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA) OF 1990, NO ENTITY SHALL DISCRIMINATE AGAINST AN INDIVIDUAL WITH A PHYSICAL OR MENTAL DISABILITY IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROVISION OF TRANSPORTATION SERVICE.

TO OBTAIN MORE INFORMATION ON THE LAREDO METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION'S NONDISCRIMINATION OBLIGATIONS OR TO FILE A TITLE VI COMPLAINT, CONTACT:

LAREDO METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
1120 San Bernardo Ave.
Laredo, Texas 78040

YOU MAY FILE A WRITTEN COMPLAINT NO LATER THAN 180 CALENDAR DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF THE ALLEGED DISCRIMINATION.

INFORMATION ON NON-ENGLISH ALTERNATIVE FORMATS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE LAREDO METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION OFFICE.

Appendix E – “I Speak” Identification Cards

ضع علامة في هذا المربع إذا كنت تقرأ أو تتحدث العربية.

1. Arabic

Խոսողով՝ երբ՝ նշում՝ կառուցիչ այլ բառակազմով,
կիսի կառուով կամ՝ կարգով ե.թ. հայերեն:

2. Armenian

যদি আপনি বাংলা পড়েন বা বলেন তা হলে এই বাক্স দাগ দিন।

3. Bengali

ឈ្លបបញ្ជាក់ក្នុងប្រអប់នេះ បើអ្នកអាន ឬនិយាយភាសា ខ្មែរ ។

4. Cambodian

Motka i kahlon ya yangin ûntûngnu' manaitai pat ûntûngnu' kumentos Chamorro.

5. Chamorro

如果你能读中文或讲中文，请选择此框。

6. Simplified Chinese

如果你能讀中文或講中文，請選擇此框。

7. Traditional Chinese

Označite ovaj kvadratić ako čitate ili govorite hrvatski jezik.

8. Croatian

Zaškrtněte tuto kolonku, pokud čtete a hovoříte česky.

9. Czech

Kruis dit vakje aan als u Nederlands kunt lezen of spreken.

10. Dutch

Mark this box if you read or speak English.

11. English

اگر خواندن و نوشتن فارسی بلد هستید، این مربع را علامت بزنید.

12. Farsi

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|--------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Cocher ici si vous lisez ou parlez le français. | 13. French |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Kreuzen Sie dieses Kästchen an, wenn Sie Deutsch lesen oder sprechen. | 14. German |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Σημειώστε αυτό το πλαίσιο αν διαβάζετε ή μιλάτε Ελληνικά. | 15. Greek |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Make kazyè sa a si ou li oswa ou pale kreyòl ayisyen. | 16. Haitian
Creole |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | अगर आप हिन्दी बोलते या पढ़ सकते हैं तो इस बक्स पर चिह्न लगाएँ। | 17. Hindi |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Kos lub voj no yog koj paub twm thiab hais lus Hmoob. | 18. Hmong |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Jelölje meg ezt a kockát, ha megérti vagy beszél a magyar nyelvet. | 19. Hungarian |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Markaam daytoy nga kahon no makabasa wenno makasaoka iti Ilocano. | 20. Ilocano |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Marchi questa casella se legge o parla italiano. | 21. Italian |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 日本語を読んだり、話せる場合はここに印を付けてください。 | 22. Japanese |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 한국어를 읽거나 말할 수 있으면 이 칸에 표시하십시오. | 23. Korean |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | ຂ້າພວມໃສ່ຂໍ້ຄວບ ຖ້າທ່ານອ່ານຊື່ປາກນານາ. | 24. Laotian |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Prosimy o zaznaczenie tego kwadratu, jeżeli posługuje się Pan/Pani językiem polskim. | 25. Polish |

Vanessa Guerra

From: Randy Aguilar <Randy.Aguilar@txdot.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, January 13, 2016 11:06 AM
To: Vanessa Guerra
Subject: FM 1472 Widening

Vanessa,

The widening of FM 1472 information is as follows:

CSJ:2150-04-067

From: Killam Industrial Blvd

To: 0.3 Mi N of Mueller Blvd

Desc: Widening of pavement to provide additional travel lane.

Randy Aguilar

956-712-7457

Randy.Aguilar@txdot.gov



**LAREDO URBAN TRANSPORTATION STUDY
ACTION ITEM**

DATE: 1-19-16	SUBJECT: MOTION Receive public testimony and initiate a ten-day public review and comment period for the following proposed amendment(s) of the 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP): A. <i>Addition</i> of project CSJ 2150-04-067 intended to provide the design and construction of one additional travel lane (northbound) on FM 1472, from Killam Industrial Boulevard to 0.3 miles north of Mueller Boulevard, with an estimated total project cost of 4.482 million dollars. Projected letting date is August of 2016.	
		TIP 15-18/REV 04
INITIATED BY: TxDOT/MPO		STAFF SOURCE: Nathan Bratton, MPO Director
PREVIOUS ACTION: The MPO Policy Committee approved resolution MPO No. 2014-02 on April 24, 2014, adopting the 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program. On April 20 th , 2015, the Policy Committee approved Resolution MPO No. 2015-03 adopting Revision 1. On July 20, 2015, the Policy approved Resolution No. MPO 2015-07 adopting Revision 2. On 10-19-15, the Policy Committee approved Resolution No. MPO 2015-10 adopting proposed Revision 3. On December 21, 2015, the Policy Committee approved the allocation of 4.482 million dollars in Proposition 1, Category 2 (MPO) funds to the project identified as CSJ 2150-04-067 for the widening of pavement to provide additional travel lanes on FM 1472 (Mines Road) from Killam Industrial Boulevard to 0.3 miles north of Mueller Boulevard with an estimated letting date of August 2016.		
BACKGROUND: Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21 st Century (MAP21) requires that Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) in cooperation with the State and affected transit operators develop Transportation Improvement Programs (TIP) for their planning areas. In Laredo, the TIP document identifies project and their associated funding for project to be constructed within the next four years. The local TIP then becomes part of the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). The document is required to be fully financially constrained and will include a project, or an identified phase of a project, only if full funding can reasonably be anticipated to be available within the time period that is projected for completion of the project.		
COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Approval of the allocation of 4.482 million in Proposition 1 Category 2 (MPO) funds to the project.		STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Approval.

2015-2018 TIP

LOCATIONS OF PROJECTS FOR PROPOSED REVISIONS

Original Projects

CS (City Street) 0922-33-076
 From: Intersection of Flecha Ln and FM1472
 To: .174Mi east of FM1472
 Work: The realignment of Flecha Ln/Las Cruces along FM1472.
 Total Cost: \$3,512,360
 FY 2015

CS (City Street) 0922-33-093
 From: .25Mi east of Calton/ Santa Maria Intersection
 To: .25Mi west of Calton/ Santa Maria Intersection
 Work: Construction of a grade separation at Calton/ Santa Maria Intersection
 Total Cost: \$25,211,738
 FY 2016

SL 20
 0086-14-061
 From: SPUR 400
 To: SH 359
 Work: Widen existing bridge
 Total Cost: \$9,477,646
 FY 2015

Revisions I

CHANGE LIMITS
 CSJ: 0086-14-061
 (KCS WIDEN BRIDGE)
 FROM: SH 359
 TO: SPUR 400

ADD PROJECT
 CSJ:0086-14-062
 (FRONTAGE ROADS
 SL 20 AT KCS BRIDGE)
 FROM: 1.09MI S OF SPUR 400
 TO: SPUR 400
 TOTAL COST: \$18,689,970
 LET 08/15

ADD PROJECT
 CSJ:0086-14-066
 (CONSTRUCTION OF INTERCHANGE
 (SL20) OVER INTERNATIONAL)
 FROM: .45 MI E OF INTERNATIONAL
 TO: .25 W OF MCPHERSON
 TOTAL: \$26,665,669
 LET 12/15

Revisions II

ADD PROJECT
 CSJ:0086-14-065
 (CONSTRUCTION
 OF AN INTERCHANGE
 FACILITY OVER IH35)
 FROM: 0.33 MILES WEST OF IH35
 TO: 0.16 MI WEST OF MCPHERSON
 TOTAL COST: \$51,754,494

Revisions III

ADD PROJECT
 CSJ: 0922-33-925 - ENGINEERING
 (5 LANE RURAL ROADWAY -
 PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING)
 FROM: FM 1472
 TO: 0.1 MI EAST OF BELTWAY PKWY
 YOE (2016) COST: \$1,016,063

ADD PROJECT
 CSJ: 0922-33-925 - CONSTRUCTION
 (5 LANE RURAL ROADWAY -
 CONSTRUCTION)
 FROM: FM 1472
 TO: 0.1 MILES EAST OF BELTWAY PKWY
 YOE (2018) COST: \$20,890,841

Revisions IV

ADD PROJECT
 CSJ: 2150-04-067
 DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION
 1 ADDITIONAL LANE (NB) FM 1472
 FROM: KILLAM INDUSTRIAL
 TO: 0.3 MI NORTH OF MULLER MEMORIAL
 COST: \$4,482,000

Legend

⊗ TIP2015-18 - Projects

TIP2015-18 Revisions

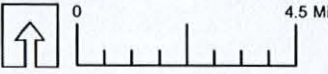
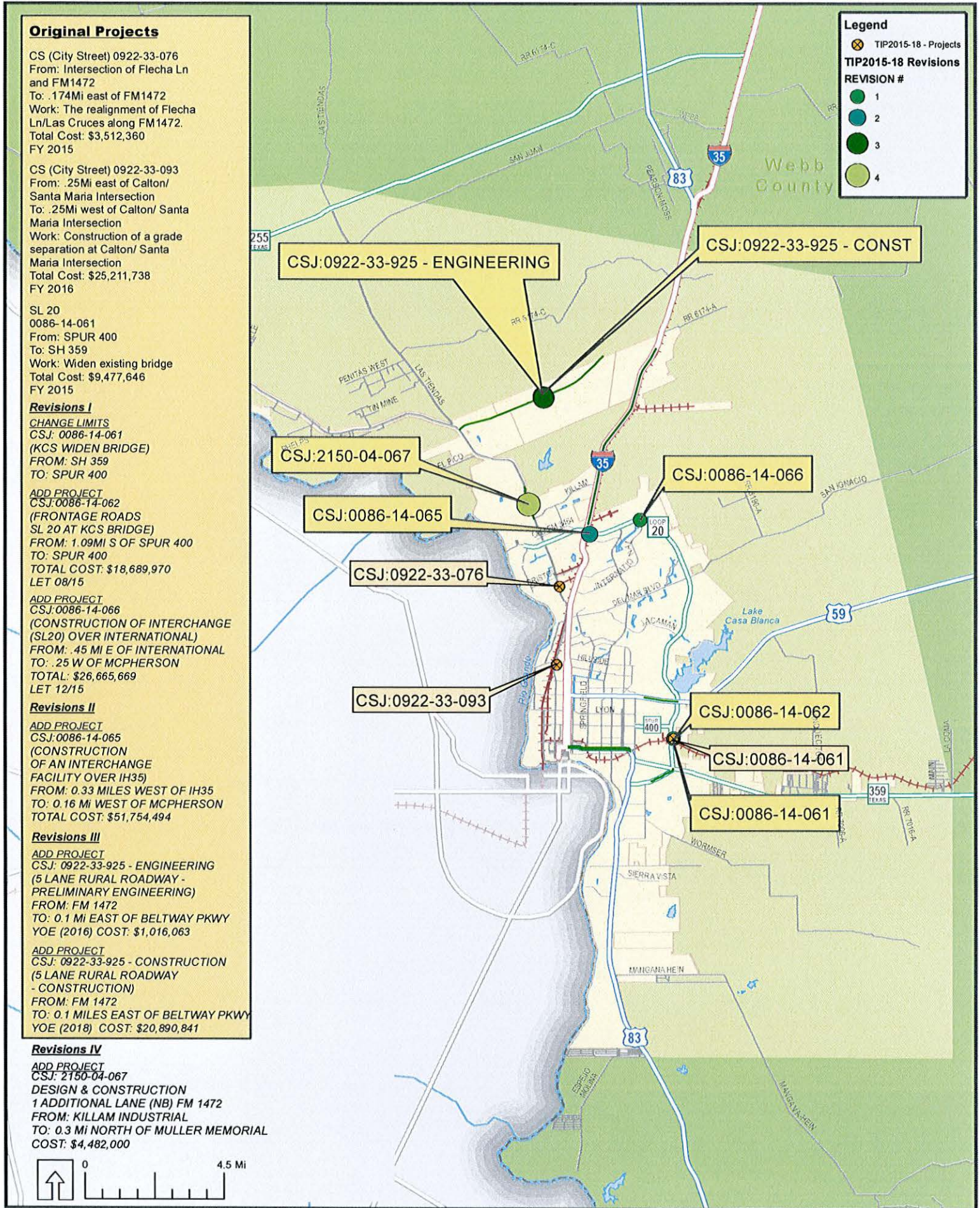
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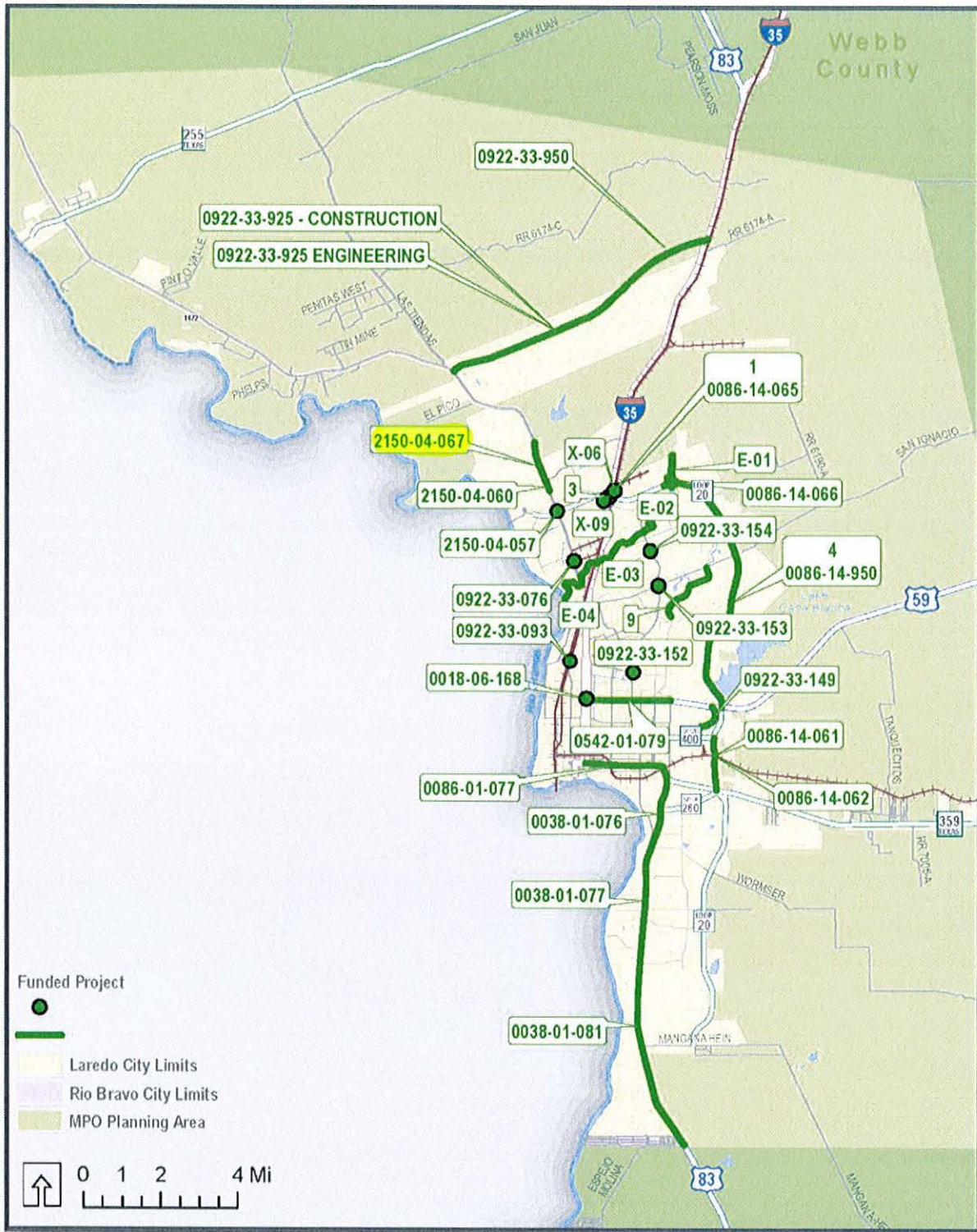
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**LAREDO URBAN TRANSPORTATION STUDY
ACTION ITEM**

DATE: 1-19-16	SUBJECT: A MOTION(S) Receive public testimony and initiate a 10 day public review and comment period for the following proposed revision(s) of the 2015-2040 Laredo Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP): <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Amending Table 12-10, entitled Roadway and Bicycle/Pedestrian Project Summary and Table 12-11, entitled Roadway projects, and Figure 12-1, entitled Federally fund Roadway, Bicycle and Pedestrian Projects, by: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. <i>Adding</i> project CSJ 2150-04-067 intended to provide the design and construction of one additional travel lane (northbound) on FM 1472, from Killam Industrial Boulevard to 0.3 miles north of Mueller Boulevard, with an estimated total project cost of 4.482 million dollars. Projected letting date is August of 2016. <p style="text-align: right;">MTP15-40/REV 03</p>	
INITIATED BY: Staff	STAFF SOURCE: Nathan Bratton, MPO Director	
PREVIOUS ACTION: <p>On December 15, 2014, the Policy Committee adopted the 2015-2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). The Policy Committee approved revision #1 of the MTP on April 20, 2015. On October 19th, 2015 the Policy Committee approved Resolution No. MPO 2015-11 adopting Revision 2.</p> <p>On December 21, 2015, the Policy Committee approved the allocation of 4.482 million dollars in Proposition 1, Category 2 (MPO) funds to the project identified as CSJ 2150-04-067 for the widening of pavement to provide additional travel lanes on FM 1472 (Mines Road) from Killam Industrial Boulevard to 0.3 miles north of Mueller Boulevard with an estimated letting date of August 2016.</p>		
BACKGROUND: The Laredo Metropolitan Transportation Plan is an official, comprehensive, intermodal transportation plan developed and adopted for the metropolitan planning area. 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 Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21), and the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, and Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) of 2005, and Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21 st Century (Map 21) to assure the continuation of federal transportation funds. The plan must address, at a minimum, a continuous twenty-year planning horizon. As of December 11, 2007, SAFETEA-LU required that all revisions to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) shall also be reflected in the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). That is a continued requirement under MAP21.		
COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Approval.	STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Approval.	

Figure 12-1: Roadway and Bicycle and Pedestrian Projects



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:



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

Cat	CSJ No./ID	Roadway	Limits	Description	Letting Year	Project Cost		Projected Revenue		
						Total Project Cost (in 2014 dollars)	Year of Expenditure Cost	Federal Revenue	Other Revenue(RMA and Local Sources)	
7, 11	0086-14-061	Loop 20	SH 359 to Spur 400	Widen existing bridge	2015	N/A	\$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	N/A	\$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 - interconnect 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	
				Improve traffic signal, interconnect signals, and install overhead guide signs						
8	2150-04-057	FM 1472	At Loop 20		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 of Havana	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 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,			0.45 m. east of Internation Blvd.to							
11	0086-14-066	Loop 20	0.25 m. west of McPherson	Construction of interchange	2016	N/A	\$22,777,543	\$583,634	\$22,193,909	
9	E-01	Manadas Creek Hike and Bike Trail, Phase III	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	0922-33-925	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	
Prop 1			Killam Industrial Blvd to 0.3 miles north of Mueller Blvd.	Construct one additional northbound travel lane	2016	\$4,482,000	\$4,482,000	\$4,482,000	\$0	
(Cat 2)	2150-04-067	FM 1472 (Mines Rd.)								
2, 7, 12	1/0086-14-065	Loop 20	At IH 35	Construct overpass and approach roadways	2017	\$32,509,223	\$36,568,455	\$22,652,967	\$13,915,488	
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	
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	
Local	0922-33-925	Hachar Parkway	FM 1472 to 0.1 m. E. of Beltway Parkway	Construction of 5.07 miles of 5 lane rural roadway	2018	\$20,890,841	\$23,499,354	\$0	\$23,499,354	
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	4/0086-14-950	Loop 20	International Blvd to US 59	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	
Local	0922-33-950	Hachar Parkway	0.1 m. E. of Beltway Parkway to IH 35	Construction of 3.55 miles of 5 lane rural roadway	2025	\$24,544,444	\$28,193,851	\$0	\$28,193,851	
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							\$83,206,726	\$946,817,246	\$231,772,908	\$721,374,483

the 1990s, the number of people in the UK who are aged 65 and over has increased from 10.5 million to 13.5 million (13.5% of the population).

There is a growing awareness of the need to address the needs of older people in the UK. The Department of Health (1998) has published a strategy for older people, which sets out a vision for the future of health care for older people. The strategy is based on the following principles:

- Older people should be able to live independently in their own homes for as long as possible.
- Older people should be able to access the services they need to live well.
- Older people should be able to participate in decisions about their care and services.
- Older people should be able to live in a safe and secure environment.

The strategy also sets out a number of key objectives for the future of health care for older people:

- To reduce the number of older people who are dependent on others for their care.
- To improve the quality of care for older people.
- To ensure that older people have access to the services they need to live well.
- To ensure that older people are able to participate in decisions about their care and services.

The strategy also sets out a number of key actions for the future of health care for older people:

- To develop a national strategy for older people.
- To develop a national framework for the care of older people.
- To develop a national system of care for older people.
- To develop a national system of funding for the care of older people.

The strategy also sets out a number of key challenges for the future of health care for older people:

- To address the needs of older people who are living in care homes.
- To address the needs of older people who are living in residential care.
- To address the needs of older people who are living in the community.
- To address the needs of older people who are living in their own homes.

The strategy also sets out a number of key messages for the future of health care for older people:

- Older people should be able to live independently in their own homes for as long as possible.
- Older people should be able to access the services they need to live well.
- Older people should be able to participate in decisions about their care and services.
- Older people should be able to live in a safe and secure environment.

E. Discussion with possible action to receive public testimony and initiate a ten-day public review and comment period for the proposed amendment of the Highway MTP/TIP to program Loop 20/U.S. 59 from International Blvd. to Business U.S. 59 for engineering, Right-of-Way acquisition, and construction.

1. Discussion on TxDOT's Strategic Projects Office findings on Loop 20 funding.

F. Discussion with possible action on Hachar Road.

G. Discussion with possible action on Mines Road.

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

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