

**LAREDO-WEBB COUNTY AREA  
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION  
POLICY COMMITTEE**

**VIRTUAL MEETING**

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

**PUBLIC ACCESS CHANNEL: Spectrum TV channel 1300**

**April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

**1:30 p.m.**

In order to adhere to the current public gathering guidelines, this meeting will be held in a virtual meeting format. Citizens wishing to provide public comment may phone in their comments during the meeting, or submit them electronically through means provided.

**MEETING AGENDA**

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

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Speakers are required to fill out witness cards, which must be submitted to MPO Staff no later than 15 minutes after the start of the meeting. Speakers shall identify themselves at the microphone. Comments are limited to three (3) minutes per speaker. No more than three (3) persons will be allowed to speak on any side of an issue. Should there be more than three (3) people who wish to speak on a specific issue, they should select not more than three (3) representatives to speak on their behalf. The presiding officer may further limit public on the interest of order or time. Speakers may not transfer their minutes to any other speaker. Comments should be relevant to City business and delivered in a professional manner. No derogatory remarks shall be permitted.

IV. ITEMS REQUIRING POLICY COMMITTEE ACTION:

- A. Approval of the minutes for the meeting held on February 18, 2020 and virtual special meeting held on April 6, 2020.
- B. Receive public testimony and approve Resolution No. MPO 2020-04, adopting the proposed amendment(s) of the 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP):
  - 1. **Addition** of project CSJ 2150-04-078 intended to provide for the construction of a right turn lane at the intersection of Killam Industrial Blvd. and FM 1472, from Killam Industrial Blvd. to 0.187 miles N. of Killam Industrial Blvd intersection,

with an estimated total project cost of \$1,410,667. The proposed letting date is FY 2020.

2. **Revision** of project CSJ 0018-06-136 intended to widen main lanes and construct railroad grade separation on IH 35, from Shiloh Dr. to 0.38 miles south of IH 35 interchange (INT), proposed to let in 2020. **Purpose** of the amendment is to convert funding from Federal funds to State funds, and adjust funding to \$54,000,000.
  3. **Revision** of project CSJ 0018-06-198 intended to provide for widening of IH 35 from 4 to 6 lanes, from 0.38 miles south of US59/IH 35 INT to 0.80 miles north of US59/IH 35 INT, proposed to let in 2020. **Purpose** of amendment is to convert funding from Federal to State funds, and adjust funding to \$5,000,000.
  4. **Revision** of project CSJ 0018-06-183 intended to provide for the construction of a Direct Connector Interchange (DC #5), from 0.50 miles south of US59-SL20 to 0.50 miles east of IH35/US59-SL20, proposed to let in 2020. **Purpose** of amendment is to convert funding from Federal to State funds, and adjust funding to \$30,000,000.
  5. **Revision** of project CSJ 0018-06-184 intended to provide for construction of a Direct Connector Interchange (DC #8), from 0.50 miles west of IH 35 to 0.50 miles south of US59, proposed to let in 2020. **Purpose** of the amendment is to convert funding from \$22,000,000 in Federal to \$22,000,000 in State funds. The total amount of funds allocated will remain unchanged at \$22,000,000.
  6. **Revision** of project CSJ 0086-14-084 intended to provide for widening of IH 69W from 4 to 6 lanes, from World Trade Bridge to IH 35, proposed to let in 2020. **Purpose** of amendment is to convert funding from Federal to State funds, and adjust funding to \$15,000,000.
  7. **Revision** of project CSJ 2150-04-076 intended to provide for the construction of additional travel lane on FM 1472, from Big Bend Blvd to Killam Industrial Blvd., proposed to let in 2020. **Purpose** of the amendment is to convert funding from Federal to State funds, and adjust funding to \$3,340,000.
- C. Receive public testimony and approve Resolution No. MPO 2020-05, adopting the proposed amendment(s) of the 2020-2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP):
1. Amending Table 10-2, entitled List of TxDOT UTP 2020-2030 Programmed Projects, & Figure 10-1, entitled Map of TxDOT UTP Programmed Projects, as necessary to incorporate the following revisions:
    - a) **Addition** of project CSJ 2150-04-078 intended to provide for the construction of a right turn lane at the intersection of Killam Industrial Blvd. and FM 1472, from Killam Industrial Blvd. to 0.187 miles N. of Killam Industrial Blvd

intersection, with an estimated total project cost of \$1,255,375. The proposed letting date is FY 2020.

2. **Addition** of a chapter on the Congestion Management Process (CMP). The new chapter is intended to identify: the 8 step CMP process, the related project prioritization efforts, and the specific CMP projects resulting from the process.

D. A motion to consider the award or rejection of funding for three (3) projects submitted for funding through the Laredo MPO's Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TA) Program. \$1,176,000 in federal funds are available for allocation, which require a 20% match of the \$294,000, totaling \$1,470,000 in total project costs. The proposed projects and funding requests are as follows:

1. Plum Street Shared Use Path/Mier Street Shared Use Path - \$816,000
2. East Chacon Creek Hike and Bike Connector - \$160,000
3. El Metro ADA Bus Stops and Bicycle Plazas Enhancement Project - Phase II \$100,000.

E. Receive public testimony and approve a motion initiating a twenty-day (20) public review and comment period for the proposed draft of the 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

F. Discussion with possible action on Hachar-Reuthinger.

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

A. Status report on the ongoing Active Transportation Plan. (Cm. Altgelt)

B. Update by Transit on its working relationship with El Aguila, the Laredo College South Campus Transit hub, and any matters incidental thereto. (Cm. Altgelt)

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

VI. 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 APRIL 17TH, 2020, BY 1:30 P.M.

All meetings of the MPO Committee are open to the public. Persons who plan to attend this meeting and who may need auxiliary aid or services such as: interpreters for persons who are deaf or hearing impaired, readers of large print or Braille, or a

translator for the Spanish language are requested to contact Ms. Vanessa Guerra, City Planning, 1120 San Bernardo Ave. at 956-794-1613, [vguerra@ci.laredo.tx.us](mailto:vguerra@ci.laredo.tx.us), at least five working days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made. Materials in Spanish may also be provided upon request.

**Disability Access Statement**-This meeting is wheelchair accessible. The accessible entrances are located at 1110 Victoria and 910 Flores. Accessible parking spaces are located at City Hall, 1110 Victoria.

**Ayuda o Servicios Auxiliares:** Todas las reuniones del Comité del MPO están abiertas al público. Personas que planean asistir a esta reunion y que pueden necesitar ayuda o servicios auxiliares como: interpretes para personas con discapacidad auditiva, lectores de letra grande o en Braille, o un traductor para el idioma español deben comunicarse con la Sra. Vanessa Guerra, en el Departamento del Planificacion de la Ciudad, 1120 San Bernardo Ave. al (956) 794-1613, [vguerra@ci.laredo.tx.us](mailto:vguerra@ci.laredo.tx.us), al menos cinco dias habiles antes de la reunion para que los arreglos apropiados se pueden hacer. Materiales en español se proveerán a petición.

**Declaración de Acceso a la Discapacidad:** Esta reunion es accesible para sillas de ruedas. Las entradas accesibles estan ubicadas en 1110 Victoria y 900 Flores. Las plazas de aparcamiento accesibles se encuentran en el Ayuntamiento, 1110 Victoria.

**Información en Español:** Si usted desea esta información en español o si desea explicación sobre el contenido, por favor llámenos al teléfono (956) 794-1613 o comunicarse con nosotros mediante correo electronico a [vguerra@ci.laredo.tx.us](mailto:vguerra@ci.laredo.tx.us).

**CITY OF LAREDO REPRESENTATIVES:**

Honorable Pete Saenz, Mayor and LUTS Chairperson  
Honorable Norma "Nelly" Vielma, City Councilmember, District V  
Honorable Dr. Marte Martinez, City Councilmember, District VI

**LAREDO MASS TRANSIT BOARD REPRESENTATIVE:**

Honorable George Altgelt, City Councilmember, District VII

**COUNTY OF WEBB REPRESENTATIVES:**

Honorable Tano E. Tijerina, Webb County Judge  
Honorable Jesse Gonzalez, Webb County Commissioner, Pct. 1  
Honorable John Galo, Webb County Commissioner, Pct. 3

**STATE REPRESENTATIVES:**

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

**PRIVATE SECTOR**

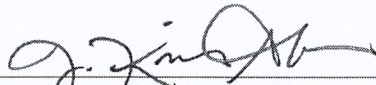
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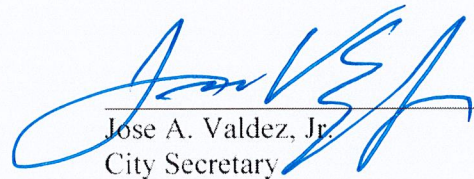
**\*\*\*EX-OFFICIO\*\*\***

Honorable Judith Zaffirini, State Senator, District 21

Honorable Richard Raymond, State Representative, District 42

Honorable Tracy O. King, State Representative, District 80

  
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J. Kirby Shideman, AICP  
MPO Director

  
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Jose A. Valdez, Jr.  
City Secretary