

Laredo Urban Transportation Study

Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Committee

Notice of Public Meeting

City of Laredo City Hall
City Council Chambers
1110 Houston Street
Laredo, Texas
July 15th, 2019
1:30 p.m.

MEETING AGENDA

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

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IV. ITEMS REQUIRING POLICY COMMITTEE ACTION

- A. Approval of the minutes for the meeting held on May 20, 2019, June 17, 2019, and June 24, 2019.
- B. Receive public testimony and initiate a ten-day public review and comment period for the following proposed amendment(s) of the 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP):
 1. **Revision** of project CSJ 0018-06-183 for the construction of interchange direct connector 5, located from 0.50 miles south of US 59 to 0.50 miles east of IH 35. **Purpose** of amendment is to revise the estimated letting date from fiscal year (FY) 2019 to FY 2020.

2. **Revision** of project CSJ 0018-06-136 for the widening of main lanes and the construction of a railroad grade separation, from Shiloh Drive to 0.25 miles north of US 59/IH 69W. **Purpose** of amendment is to revise the estimated letting date from fiscal year (FY) FY 2021 to FY 2020.
- C. Receive public testimony and initiate a ten-day public review and comment period for the following proposed amendment(s) of the 2015-2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP):
1. Amending Table 12-10, entitled Roadway and Bicycle/Pedestrian Project Summary,
 - a) **Revision** of project CSJ 0018-06-183 for the construction of interchange direct connector 5, located from 0.50 miles south of US 59 to 0.50 miles east of IH 35. **Purpose** of amendment is to revise the estimated letting date from fiscal year (FY) 2019 to FY 2020.
 - b) **Revision** of project CSJ 0018-06-136 for the widening of main lanes and the construction of a railroad grade separation, from Shiloh Drive to 0.25 miles north of US 59/IH 69W. **Purpose** of amendment is to revise the estimated letting date from fiscal year (FY) 2021 to FY 2020.
- D. Receive public testimony and initiate a 20 day public review and comment period for the draft 2020 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP).

	Amount
1.1 Regional planning & administration	\$420,000
1.2 Travel, training, equipment, & supplies	\$80,000
2.1-2.5 Mgmt. of data, GIS, & website	\$100,000
3.1-3.2 Short range planning	\$90,000
4.1-4.2 Long range planning	\$110,000
5.1 Special Studies	\$100,000
Total	\$900,000

- E. Discussion with possible action on the River Road Project.
 - F. Discussion with possible action on Hachar-Reuthinger.
- V. REPORT(S) AND PRESENTATIONS (No action required).
- A. Presentation by CDM Smith, on the 2020-2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP).

- B. Presentation by Steven Duong, AICP, with AECOM, on the Fort Worth to Laredo High Speed Rail Study.
- C. Status report by Abrazo Partners on the City of Laredo's Boulevard of the America's Project.
- D. Status report by TxDOT on the Outer Loop Alignment Study.
- E. Status report by TxDOT on ongoing projects.
- F. 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 JULY 12TH, 2019, 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, 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 reunión y que pueden necesitar ayuda o servicios auxiliares como: intérpretes 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 Planificación de la Ciudad, 1120 San Bernardo Ave. al (956) 794-1613, vguerra@ci.laredo.tx.us, al menos cinco días hábiles antes de la reunión para que los arreglos apropiados se pueden hacer. Materiales en español se proveerán a petición.

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

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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
Honorable George Altgelt, City Councilmember, District VII

LAREDO MASS TRANSIT BOARD REPRESENTATIVE:

Vacant (yet to be appointed)

COUNTY OF WEBB REPRESENTATIVES:

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

STATE REPRESENTATIVES:

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

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

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



J. Kirby Smedeman, AICP
MPO Director

Jose A. Valdez, Jr.
City Secretary

Laredo Urban Transportation Study

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

MINUTES OF THE MAY 20, 2019 MEETING

Regular members present:

Honorable Pete Saenz, Mayor and LUTS Chairperson
Honorable Tano e. Tijerina, Webb County Judge
Honorable Norma “Nelly” Vielma, City Councilmember, District V
Honorable George Altgelt, City Councilmember, District VII
Honorable Dr. Marte Martinez, City Councilmember, District VI
Honorable David M. Salazar, Jr., District Engineer

Regular members not present:

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

Ex-Officio Members Not Present:

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

Staff (Of Participating LUTS Agencies) Present:

City: Vanessa Guerra, City Planning/LUTS Staff
Angie Quijano, City Planning/LUTS Staff
Robert Peña, City of Laredo Traffic Safety Department
Ramon Chavez, City of Laredo Engineering Department
Eduardo Bernal, City of Laredo Transit, El Metro

State: Sara Garza, TxDOT
Roberto Rodriguez, TxDOT
Carlos Rodriguez, TxDOT

County: Luis Perez Garcia, Webb County Engineering
Guillermo Cuellar, Webb County Engineering
Nathan R. Bratton, Webb County

Others: Mario Peña

Monica Guajardo
Viviana Frank
Frank Rotnofsky
Gerry Schwebel
Lalo Uribe

I. CHAIRPERSON TO CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Saenz called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m.

II. CHAIRPERSON TO CALL ROLL

Vanessa Guerra, Acting MPO Director, called roll and verified that a quorum existed.

III. CITIZENS COMMENT

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Gerry Schwebel informed the committee about the upcoming Conversation Series. He passed out a formal invitation. He also informed the committee that he was a member of the Border Trade Advisory Council and stated they were continuing their work on the Border Transportation Master Plan.

IV. ITEMS REQUIRING POLICY COMMITTEE ACTION

A. Approval of the minutes for the meeting held on April 15, 2019.

Judge Tijerina made a motion **approve** the minutes of April 15, 2019.

Second: Dr. Martinez
For: 6
Against: 0
Abstained: 0

Motion carried unanimously

B. Receive public testimony and approve a motion to accept the ranking of firms that submitted proposals in response for the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) issued for the development of the Bicycle Master Plan, approve the selection of a professional services provider, and authorize Staff to enter into negotiations.

After reading the item and having no objections, the chairman opened the public hearing.

Ms. Guerra stated approval of the item was to approve the selection of one of the selected ranking firms and authorize Staff to enter into negotiations.

CM. Algelt made a motion to approve the selection of the firm Nelson NYGAARD and authorize Staff to enter into negotiations.

Second: Dr. Martinez
For: 6
Against: 0
Abstained: 0

Motion carried unanimously

C. Discussion with possible action on presentation by Abrazo Partners on the City of Laredo's Boulevard of the America's Project.

CM. Salazar stated the item was not presented at the Technical Committee therefore; TxDOT was not prepared to discuss nor vote on said item.

Ms. Guerra stated the By-Laws and the Public Participation Plan require that the Technical Committee give recommendations on the final approval of plans, policies, programs, and procedures. As the item did not qualify as any of the items the committee was able to hear and discuss the presentation.

Mario Peña, Monica Guajardo, Frank Rotnofsky, and Viviana Frank, from Abrazo Partners, gave a brief presentation on the proposed item.

Ramon Chavez, City Engineer, stated as part of the Outlet Shoppes of Laredo, Engineering Department was provided a Traffic Impact Analysis that was provided to them with current data and future average daily traffic data. He stated said analysis has been provided to Abrazo Partner's traffic consultant.

Mayor Saenz requested to bring this item monthly as a status report.

Judge Tijerina left the meeting at approximately 2:47 p.m.

D. Discussion with possible action regarding the use of smooth hotbase for all TxDOT overlays specific to the shoulders of roads within the Webb County area.

Mr. David Salazar, TxDOT, stated that asphalt with hot mix is what is used to extend the life of the roadway.

CM. Algelt made a motion to task the Technical Committee to review the feasibility making the shoulders of more bicycle friendly, including striping and seal coats.

Second: Mayor Saenz
For: 5
Against: 0
Abstained: 0

Motion carried unanimously

E. Discussion with possible action to direct TxDOT to commence a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) to design a bike pedestrian facility along the west of Mines Road from Villas San Agustin to the IH 35 overpass of FM 1472.

CM. Algelt made a motion to task the Technical Committee with determining the feasibility of a shaded bicycle and pedestrian facility along the west side of Mines Road from Villas San Agustin to the IH 35 overpass.

Second: Mayor Saenz
For: 5
Against: 0
Abstained: 0

Motion carried unanimously

F. Report by TxDOT on proposed solutions, cost estimates, and funding sources related to the Mines Road bike Tract, pedestrian, and bicycle facilities on safely cross both Loop 20 at the intersection of Del Mar, and the intersection of IH 35 and Del Mar, with discussion and possible action.

CM. Algelt made a motion to **table** the item.

Second: Mayor Saenz
For: 5
Against: 0
Abstained: 0

Motion carried unanimously

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

CM. Algelt informed the committee that he received a message from Mr. Joe Medina stating that Mr. Medina had met with Mr. Albert Muller.

CM. Altgelt stated it appears that they might be able to obtain 100 percent of the Right-of-Way (ROW). CM. Altgelt stated he would give an update at the next Policy Committee meeting.

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

Luis Perez Garcia, Webb County Engineer, stated the County was working with the environmental scientists to put together the unified document that is required to move forward. He stated they are tentatively scheduling the public workshops for mid-June. CM. Altgelt suggested to have said workshops either at Muller Elementary or at the Fasken Recreation Center. Mr. Perez-Garcia concurred with CM. Altgelt suggestion.

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

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

Roberto Rodriguez, TxDOT, gave a brief presentation on the item. He stated TxDOT was still working with their consultant Jacobs Engineering. He also stated Jacobs Engineering had started working with the utility companies to develop a constrained map and would have a draft alignment presently.

CM. Altgelt requested the consultant to give a presentation at the next MPO meeting to provide an update and update on the project.

B. Status report by TxDOT on ongoing projects.

Carlos Rodriguez, TxDOT, gave an update on TxDOT ongoing projects which included the following:

- SL 20 over KCS Railroad Grade Separation
97% work completed/anticipated completion date-July 2019
- US 59 over IH 35 Overpass
78% work complete/anticipated completion date-winter 2019
- SH 359 from City of Laredo to Duval County
45% work completed/anticipated work completion date-winter 2020
- US 83 from Dimmit County line to 3.4 miles of SH 44
Work to start on May 28, 2019/anticipated date-June 2019
- FM 1472 from 7.8 miles north of SH 255 to 2.0 miles north
97% work completed/anticipated completion date-June 2019

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

The following update was sent via email by the RMA.

1. WCCL RMA will have a Board Meeting on 05/28/19. The WCCL RMA will be authorizing Work Authorization No. 10 for the North Laredo Webb County Transportation Planning Study. Next MPO meeting, the WCCL RMA will be providing status update on work ongoing.
2. Vallecillo road (FM 1472 to IH 35)-The WCCL RMA will be distributing the draft Inter-Local Agreement to the City of Laredo and the draft financial agreement with the Killam Company next week.
3. Los Presidentes (Cuatro Vientos to Concord Hills)-The WCCL RMA has provided all information to the City of Laredo. Awaiting next steps from the City of Laredo.
4. Killam Industrial Blvd. Turn Lanes-City of Laredo has requested the draft Work Authorization form the WCCL RMA. This will be provided this week.
 - The WCCL RMA is providing a list of transportation priorities for the Laredo community to TxDOT as part of the Texas-Mexico Border Transportation Master Plan effort that is currently ongoing.
 - The WCCL RMA is coordination with Mayor Saenz, the RIO Grande Partnership and the Border Trade Alliance to provide a meeting with officials from the US DOT or FHWA to push for the latest submittal of the INFRA Application Washington D.C. next month. Next steps on this item is to receive an agenda from our delegation going to D.C. and arrange a time slot to meet with the federal government representatives.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

CM. Altgelt made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:33 p.m.

Second: 5
 For: 0
 Against: 0
 Abstained: 0

Motion carried unanimously

J. Kirby Snideman,
 MPO Director

Pete Saenz, Mayor and LUTS
 Chairperson

Laredo Urban Transportation Study

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MINUTES OF THE JUNE 17, 2019 MEETING

NO QUORUM

I. CHAIRPERSON TO CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Judge Tijerina called the meeting to order at 1:34 p.m.

II. CHAIRPERSON TO CALL ROLL

Vanessa Guerra, MPO Coordinator, called roll and verified that a quorum did not exist.

Regular members present:

Honorable Tano E. Tijerina, Webb County Judge
Honorable Dr. Marte Martinez, City Councilmember, District VI
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Robert Peña, City of Laredo Traffic Safety Department
Ramon Chavez, City of Laredo Engineering Department

Sandy Esparza, City of Laredo Transit, El Metro

State: Roberto Rodriguez, TxDOT
Carlos Rodriguez, TxDOT
Fernando Martinez, TxDOT
Jesus Saavedra, TxDOT
Rafael Guzman, TxDOT

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

Others: Lalo Uribe

Judge Tijerina stated quorum was not achieved. No items were discussed and no action was taken. He stated all items would be placed at a possible special meeting if not, at next month's MPO Policy Committee meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

J. Kirby Snideman,
MPO Director

Pete Saenz, Mayor and LUTS
Chairperson

Laredo Urban Transportation Study

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MINUTES OF THE JUNE 24, 2019 SPECIAL MEETING

NO QUORUM

I. CHAIRPERSON TO CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Pete Saenz called the meeting to order at 1:47 p.m.

II. CHAIRPERSON TO CALL ROLL

Vanessa Guerra, MPO Coordinator, called roll and verified that a quorum did not exist.

Regular members present:

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Honorable John Galo, Webb County Commissioner, Pct. 3
Honorable David M. Salazar, Jr., District Engineer

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Ramon Chavez, City of Laredo Engineering Department

Eduardo Bernal, City of Laredo Transit, El Metro

State: Roberto Rodriguez, TxDOT
Carlos Rodriguez, TxDOT

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

Others: Lalo Uribe
Julia Wallace, Laredo Morning Times

Mayor Saenz stated quorum was not achieved. No items were discussed and no action was taken. He stated all items would be placed at next month's MPO Policy Committee meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 1:48 p.m.

J. Kirby Snideman,
MPO Director

Pete Saenz, Mayor and LUTS
Chairperson

**LAREDO URBAN TRANSPORTATION STUDY
ACTION ITEM**

DATE: 07-15-19	SUBJECT: MOTION To receive public testimony and initiate a ten-day public review and comment period for the following proposed amendment(s) of the 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP): <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Revision of project CSJ 0018-06-183 for the construction of interchange direct connector 5, located from 0.50 miles south of US 59 to 0.50 miles east of IH 35. Purpose of amendment is to revise the estimated letting date from fiscal year (FY) 2019 to FY 2020. * 2. Revision of project CSJ 0018-06-136 for the widening of main lanes and the construction of a railroad grade separation, from Shiloh Drive to 0.25 miles north of US 59/IH 69W. Purpose of amendment is to revise the estimated letting date from fiscal year (FY) 2021 to FY 2020.* <p>* (These project letting date revisions are listed for informational purposes only as moving a letting date within the TIP years does not require a formal TIP revision.)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">TIP 19-22/REV 2</p>	
INITIATED BY: TxDOT/MPO		STAFF SOURCE Vanessa Guerra/Acting MPO Director
PREVIOUS ACTION: The MPO Policy Committee approved Resolution No. MPO 2018-03 adopting the 2019-2022 TIP on 05/21/18.		
BACKGROUND: See Attachment A- Project Summaries and Attachment B – 2019-2022 Financial Summary for full revision details.		
COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Approval		STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Approval.



Laredo MPO - District 22
 FY 2019 - 2022 Transportation Improvement Program
 August 2019 Quarterly STIP Revision

Funding by Category

Category	Description	FY 2019		FY 2020		FY 2021		FY 2022		Total FY 2019 - 2022	
		Programmed	Authorized	Programmed	Authorized	Programmed	Authorized	Programmed	Authorized	Programmed	Authorized
1	Preventive Maintenance and Rehabilitation	\$0	\$0	\$18,072,553	\$18,072,553	\$0	\$0	\$18,477,632	\$18,477,632	\$36,550,185	\$36,550,185
2M or 2U	Urban Area (Non-TMA) Corridor Projects	\$0	\$0	\$9,000,000	\$9,000,000	\$5,438,724	\$5,438,724	\$79,531,847	\$79,531,847	\$93,970,571	\$93,970,571
3	Non-Traditionally Funded Transportation Project	\$0	\$0	\$8,717,058	\$8,717,058	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$8,717,058	\$8,717,058
4	Statewide Connectivity Corridor Projects	\$0	\$0	\$57,000,000	\$57,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$65,000,000	\$65,000,000	\$122,000,000	\$122,000,000
5	CMAQ	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
6	Structures	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
7	Metro Mobility & Rehab	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$32,339,796	\$32,339,796	\$0	\$0	\$32,339,796	\$32,339,796
8	Safety	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
9	TAP / TASA	\$0	\$0	\$815,798	\$815,798	\$288,774	\$288,774	\$0	\$0	\$1,104,572	\$1,104,572
10	Supplemental Transportation	\$0	\$0	\$14,520,408	\$14,520,408	\$12,067,384	\$12,067,384	\$0	\$0	\$26,587,792	\$26,587,792
10 CBI	Corridor Border	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
11	District Discretionary	\$0	\$0	\$26,464,252	\$26,464,252	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$26,464,252	\$26,464,252
12	Strategic Priority	\$0	\$0	\$18,000,000	\$18,000,000	\$17,000,000	\$17,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$35,000,000	\$35,000,000
SBPE	Strategy Budget PE	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
SB 102	Strategy 102	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total		\$0	\$0	\$152,590,069	\$152,590,069	\$67,134,678	\$67,134,678	\$163,009,479	\$163,009,479	\$382,734,226	\$382,734,226

Funding Participation Source

Source	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	Total FY 19-22
Federal	\$0	\$119,544,038	\$53,707,742	\$138,755,346	\$312,007,126
State	\$0	\$22,243,612	\$6,958,977	\$24,254,133	\$53,456,722
Local Match	\$0	\$2,085,361	\$6,467,959	\$0	\$8,553,320
CAT 3 - Local Contributions (LC)	\$0	\$8,717,058	\$0	\$0	\$8,717,058
CAT 3 - Prop 1	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
CAT 3 - Prop 12	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
CAT 3 - Prop 14 Bonds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
CAT 3 - Texas Mobility Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
CAT 3 - TDC	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other - Strategy PE Budget	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other - Strategy 102 Budget	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	\$0	\$152,590,069	\$67,134,678	\$163,009,479	\$382,734,226

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From: Vanessa Guerra [mailto:vguerra@ci.laredo.tx.us]
Sent: Monday, May 20, 2019 10:25 AM
To: Omar Costilla; Angelica Quijano
Cc: Roberto Rodriguez III; Nancy Barrios
Subject: RE: MPO - Projects Update for August Revision

This email originated from outside of the organization. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.

As always, you will need to provide the runs and the updated financial summary.

From: Omar Costilla [mailto:Omar.Costilla@txdot.gov]
Sent: Monday, May 20, 2019 8:32 AM
To: Vanessa Guerra; Angelica Quijano
Cc: Roberto Rodriguez III; Nancy Barrios
Subject: MPO - Projects Update for August Revision

Vanessa,

As discussed at the last LUTS meeting on May 14, 2019 please add the following projects to the next MPO technical committee meeting and the next MPO ESTIP August revision. The following project are already in the MPO STIP portal we just need to move them too FY20. Please email me If your missing any information.

Update

(This project needs to move to FY20)

CSJ: 0018-06-183

HWY: IH 35

Limits: From: 0.50 Miles South of US 59 To: 0.50 Miles East of IH 35

Description of Work: (The information you have in file should still work for description of work.)

Short Work Description: The construction will consist of a new interchange direct connector #5.

Update

(This project needs to move to FY20)

CSJ: 0018-06-136

HWY: IH 35

Limits: From: Shiloh Drive To: 0.25 Miles N. of US 59 / IH 69W

Description of Work: (The information you have in file should still work for description of work.)

Short Work Description: The construction will consist of the widen of mainlanes and RR grade separation.

Thank you

Thank you,
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A Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) message



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Vanessa,

As discussed at the last LUTS meeting on May 14, 2019 please add the following projects to the next MPO technical committee meeting and the next MPO ESTIP August revision. The following project are already in the MPO STIP portal we just need to move them too FY20. Please email me If your missing any information.

Update

(This project needs to move to FY20)

CSJ: 0018-06-183

HWY: IH 35

Limits: From: 0.50 Miles South of US 59 To: 0.50 Miles East of IH 35

Description of Work: (The information you have in file should still work for description of work.)

Short Work Description: The construction will consist of a new interchange direct connector #5.

Update

(This project needs to move to FY20)

CSJ: 0018-06-136

HWY: IH 35

Limits: From: Shiloh Drive To: 0.25 Miles N. of US 59 / IH 69W

Description of Work: (The information you have in file should still work for description of work.)

Short Work Description: The construction will consist of the widen of mainlanes and RR grade separation.

Thank you

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**LAREDO URBAN TRANSPORTATION STUDY
ACTION ITEM**

DATE: 07-15-19	<p>SUBJECT: MOTION Receive public testimony and initiate a ten-day public review and comment period for the following proposed amendment(s) of the 2015-2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Amending Table 12-10, entitled Roadway and Bicycle/Pedestrian Project Summary, <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Revision of project CSJ 0018-06-183 for the construction of interchange direct connector 5, located from 0.50 miles south of US 59 to 0.50 miles east of IH 35 Purpose of amendment is to revise the estimated letting date from fiscal year (FY) 2019 to FY 2020. * b) Revision of project CSJ 0018-06-136 for the widening of main lanes and the construction of a railroad grade separation, from Shiloh Drive to 0.25 miles north of US 59/IH 69W. Purpose of amendment is to revise the estimated letting date from fiscal year (FY) 2021 to FY 2020.* <p style="margin-left: 40px;">* (These project letting date revisions are listed for informational purposes only as moving a letting date within the MTP years does not require a formal MTP revision.)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">MTP 15-40/REV 11</p>
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INITIATED BY: TXDOT	STAFF SOURCE: J. Kirby Snideman, MPO Director
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PREVIOUS ACTION:
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 19, 2015 the Policy Committee approved revision #2. On March 21, 2016, the Policy Committee approved revision #3 and also approved a ten day public review and comment period for revision #4. On December 21, 2015, the Policy Committee approve 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. On June 20th, 2016, the Policy Committee approved the initiation of a 10 day public review and comment period for the proposed MTP revisions. On July 18th, 2016, the Policy Committee approved revision #5 of the MTP. Revision #6 was approved on October 17, 2016. Revision #7 was approved on May 15, 2017. Revision #8 was approved on September 18, 2017. Revision #9 was approved on June 18, 2018. Revision 10 was approved on March 18, 2019.

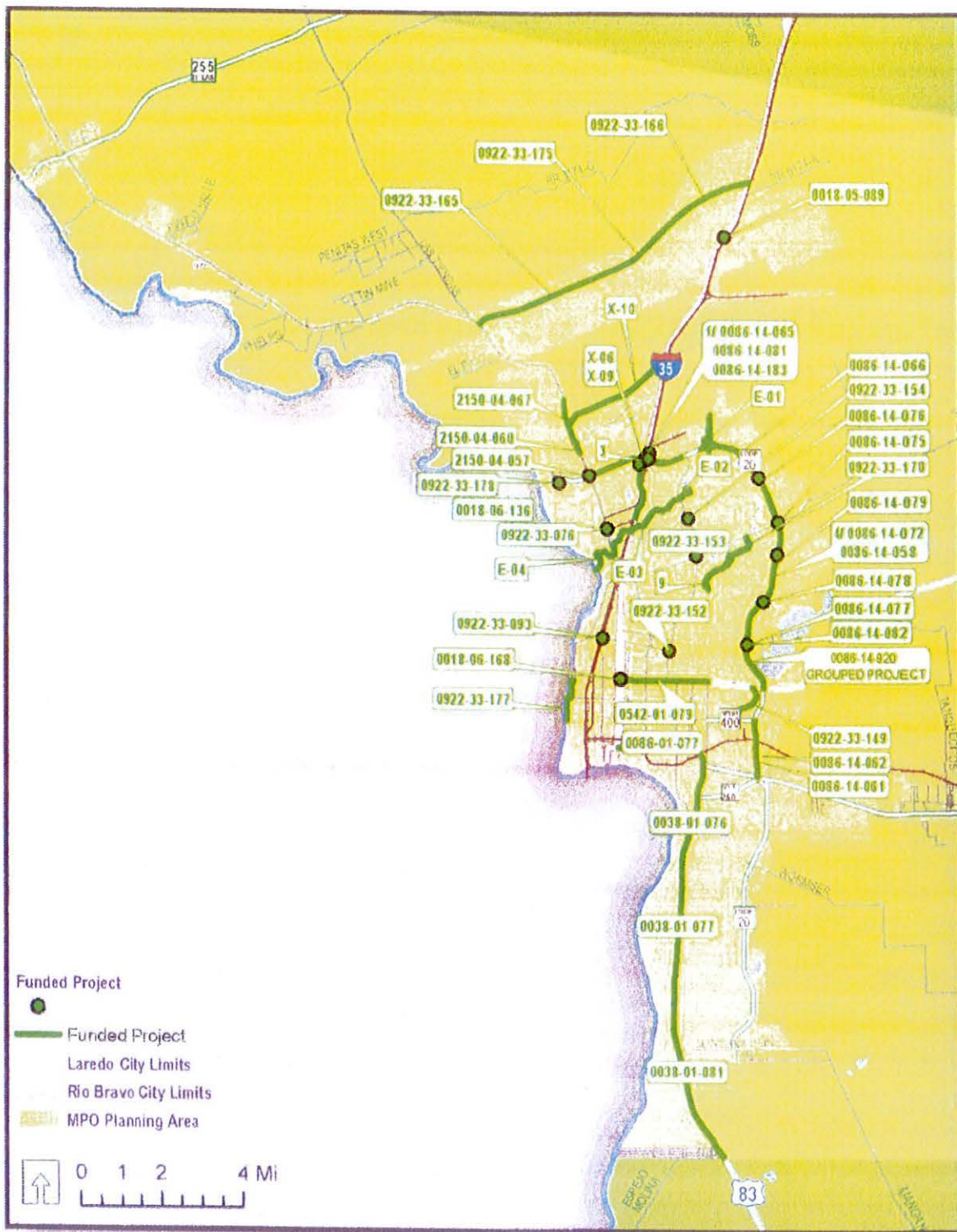
COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Approval	STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Approval
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**LAREDO URBAN TRANSPORTATION STUDY
ACTION ITEM**

BACKGROUND: The development of the MTP is federally required in to assure the continuation of federal transportation funds. The plan must address, at a minimum, a continuous twenty-year planning horizon.

See attachments for full details of all proposed revisions.

Figure 12-1: Roadway and Bicycle and Pedestrian Projects



**LAREDO URBAN TRANSPORTATION STUDY
ACTION ITEM**

DATE: 07-15-19	SUBJECT: A MOTION Receive public testimony and initiate a 20 day public review and comment period for the draft 2020 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP).																	
INITIATED BY: Staff		STAFF SOURCE: J. Kirby Snideman, MPO Director																
PREVIOUS ACTION: None																		
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**UNIFIED PLANNING WORK
PROGRAM
FY 2020**

ADOPTED BY THE POLICY COMMITTEE ON: JULY 15, 2019
AMENDED ON:

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LAREDO URBAN TRANSPORTATION STUDY 2020 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM

I. INTRODUCTION

The Federal Aid Highway Act of 1962 promulgated the requirement that all urban areas of 50,000 or more population develop and maintain a comprehensive, cooperative, and continuing (3-C) transportation planning process. The process would establish a transportation plan and provide the procedure by which it would be maintained and revised on a continuing basis.

A. PURPOSE

The Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) provides descriptive details for FY 2020 for The Laredo Urban Transportation Study, otherwise known as the Laredo Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). The UPWP serves as the document for identifying ways to carry out the continuing, cooperative and comprehensive transportation planning process for Laredo, Texas and portions of Webb County. An MPO is required to perform all planning tasks set forth in federal laws and regulations, many of which are conducted annually. However, some tasks require more than one year to complete and are carried forward from one UPWP to the next. To effectively identify all work tasks, the Laredo MPO prepares this UPWP with input from federal, state and local jurisdictions and transportation providers in the region.

The appendices contain the following:

- Appendix A: Transportation Policy Board Membership
- Appendix B: Metropolitan Area Boundary Map
- Appendix C: Debarment Certification
- Appendix D: Lobbying Certification
- Appendix E: Certification of Compliance
- Appendix F: Certification of Internal Ethics and Compliance

FAST Act Planning Factors

FAST Act contains ten broad planning areas that should be considered when developing plans and programs. The work tasks contained in the FY 2020 UPWP have considered the following ten areas, some more directly than others:

1. Support the economic vitality of the metropolitan area, especially by enabling global competitiveness, productivity, and efficiency;
2. Increase the safety of the transportation system for motorized and non-motorized users;
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4. Increase accessibility and mobility of people and freight;
5. Protect and enhance the environment, promote energy conservation, improve the quality of life, and promote consistency between transportation improvements and State and local planned growth and economic development patterns;
6. Enhance the integration and connectivity of the transportation system, across and between modes, for people and freight;

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7. Promote efficient system management and operation;
8. Emphasize the preservation of the existing transportation system;
9. Improve the resiliency and reliability of the transportation system and reduce or mitigate storm water impacts of surface transportation; and
10. Enhance travel and tourism.

Further, the work tasks consider the federal performance goals in the following seven areas:

1. Safety
2. Infrastructure Condition
3. Congestion Reduction
4. System Reliability
5. Freight Movement and Economic Vitality
6. Environmental Sustainability
7. Reduced Project Delivery Delays.

B. DEFINITION OF AREA

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

C. ORGANIZATION

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

The Technical Committee includes:

<u>City Representatives:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Laredo Planning Director (Chairperson)• The General Manager of the City Transit System• Laredo Director of Traffic Safety• Laredo Airport Director• Laredo City Engineer• Laredo Bridge Director	<u>State Representatives:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• TxDOT Planning Representative (Vice-Chairperson)• TxDOT Planning Representative• TxDOT Area Engineer• TxDOT Transportation Planning and Programming Field Representative
<u>Federal representatives:</u>	<u>School system representatives</u>

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

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

Metropolitan Planning Organization –

The Laredo MPO, in cooperation with the TxDOT, CTRMA, mass transit operators, planning agencies and local governments is responsible for carrying out and maintaining the urban transportation planning process to include:

1. Cooperative decision-making, principally, by elected officials of local governments.
2. Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP),
3. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP),
4. Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), and
5. Congestion Management Process (CMP).

The MPO also executes contracts and/or agreements necessary to carry out the work outlined in the UPWP. In addition, the MPO Develops and maintains transportation databases and analytical tools.

MPO staff has the following general responsibilities:

1. Provide staff support to the Transportation Policy Board (TPB), the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), and committees of the Policy Board and TAC;
2. Review and report on items on the agenda(s) for the TPB, TAC, and appropriate committees;
3. Coordinate and perform the planning and data collection activities contained in the UPWP;
4. Prepare and submit an annual budget outlined in the UPWP for approval;
5. Receive and review all bills from consultants that the MPO has contracted with to perform work outlined in the UPWP;
6. Submit requests for reimbursement to the appropriate federal and/or state agencies for work performed according to the UPWP;
7. Prepare and submit grant applications for federal/other assistance in transportation planning, and related fields, as appropriate;
8. Prepare and submit the annual performance and expenditure report and annual project listing;

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9. Coordinate the activities for the development and maintenance of the Unified Planning Work Program, the long-range metropolitan transportation plan and the Transportation Improvement Program;
10. Refine and maintain a process for engaging the public in the transportation planning process;
11. Perform any other administrative duties as required by the Transportation Policy Board; and,
12. Ensure compliance with Title VI Civil Rights, Environmental Justice and other federal requirements related to CAMPO's operations, activities and programs.

D. PRIVATE SECTOR INVOLVEMENT

The private sector is encouraged to participate in the development of all transportation programs and plans including the TIP and MTP development. Staff also maintains and periodically updates a list of consultant firms that provide transportation planning services.

E. PLANNING ISSUES AND EMPHASIS

Planning Issues

Roadways and Livability - System capacity issues will pose a major challenge in light of expected population and freight movement growth levels. However, while investments are made in transportation infrastructure, the safety and livability of communities in the Laredo MPO should be considered.

- Population – The number of jobs and people in the Laredo MPO region are expected to grow by more than 50 percent over the next 25 years. Growth in the past has been accommodated mainly through sprawl. The City of Laredo recognizes that for many reasons this type of growth is unsustainable. In order to plan for future growth in the region—a considerable share of which is expected to occur through infill and redevelopment—a more efficient allocation of transportation resources should be considered. There is an increased desire for multi-modal transportation alternatives, but facilities for walking, biking, and other options are lacking.
- Freight – Recent projections indicate that the trade values of all outbound, inbound or internal types of freight movement are projected to be more than double than the current levels. Said growth will continue to add capacity burdens on the network.

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

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

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

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Emphasis Areas

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

- **MAP-21 Implementation** - *Transition to Performance Based Planning and Programming.* Performance based planning and programming includes using transportation performance measures, setting targets, reporting performance, and programming transportation investments directed toward the achievement of transportation system performance outcomes. Relevant UPWP work tasks include working with local planning partners to identify ways to implement performance-based planning provisions such as collecting performance data, selecting and reporting performance targets for metropolitan areas, and reporting actual system performance related to those targets. The Laredo MPO uses scenario planning through the Travel Demand Model process to develop the Laredo Metropolitan Transportation Plan.
- **Regional Models of Cooperation**- *Ensure a Regional Approach to Transportation Planning by Promoting Cooperation and Coordination across Transit Agency, MPO, and State Boundaries-* The Laredo MPO will continue to work with its planning partners to improve the effectiveness of transportation decision-making by thinking beyond traditional borders and adopting a coordinated approach to transportation planning. A coordinated approach supports common goals and capitalizes on opportunities related to project delivery, congestion management, safety, freight, livability, and commerce across boundaries. Improved multi-jurisdictional coordination between the Laredo MPO, TxDOT, El Metro, area providers of public transportation, and the Regional Mobility Authority (RMA) can reduce project delivery times and enhance the efficient use of resources. The Laredo MPO will periodically revisit its metropolitan area planning agreements to ensure that there are effective processes for cross-jurisdictional communication between TxDOT, the Laredo MPO and local area transit providers to improve collaboration, policy implementation, technology use, and performance management.
- **Ladders of Opportunity:** Access to essential services – The Laredo MPO will continue to work with TxDOT, and the local area transit providers, as part of the transportation planning process to identify transportation connectivity gaps in accessing essential services. Essential services include employment, health care, school/education, and recreation. At the behest of the local transit provider, the Laredo MPO UPWP routinely includes the development of transit related studies, including the development of a five-year plan, a bus/rapid transit feasibility study, and a paratransit and Americans with Disability Act compliance study. The Laredo MPO will also periodically evaluate the effectiveness of its public participation plan for engaging transportation-disadvantaged communities in the transportation decision making process. The Laredo MPO also works with its planning partners to assess the need and availability of pedestrian and bicycle facilities in the study area.

II. TASK 1.0 – MANAGEMENT & ADMINISTRATION

A. OBJECTIVE

To accomplish, on a continuing basis, the plans and programs necessary to administer federal transportation planning requirements and maintain the transportation planning process in and for the Laredo Metropolitan Planning Organization’s planning area.

B. EXPECTED PRODUCTS

The operation of the Metropolitan Planning Organization including the following:

1. The updating of existing and the completion of new plans, studies, and reports.
2. Fulfillment of planning objectives.
3. Compliance with state and federal requirements.
4. Continuation of a proactive public involvement process.

C. PREVIOUS WORK

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

D. SUBTASKS

- 1.1 Regional Planning and Administration: This includes program administration, record keeping, and monitoring completion of UPWP projects, audit, preparation of reports, interagency coordination, facilitating citizen participation, and preparation of meeting minutes. In addition, staff will be hired, trained, and developed to complete regional plans, studies, and reports. (Routine work effort – carried over from previous year).

In previous years the MPO staff as consisted of 2 positions, requiring staff to limit their role to administration and primarily utilize consultants for all planning activities. Moving forward, the Laredo MPO will increase the number of staff to better accomplish tasks of the MPO. This will allow MPO staff to lead the planning effort. Doing so will not only allow for cost savings and time savings (over hiring consultants), but will lead to better planning outcomes where expertise is maintained in-house. The Laredo MPO will seek to add the following staff in FY 19-20:

- GIS Planner
- Transportation Planner
- Active Transportation Planner
- Regional Planner
- Administrative Support Staff

- 1.2 Travel, training, equipment, and supplies. This activity supports staff development in the technical activities associated with the transportation planning process through travel to and attendance at appropriate conferences, courses, seminars, and workshops. All computer hardware, software and equipment expenditures of Federal planning funds over \$5,000 will receive prior approval. All out-of-state travel will receive prior approval. Expenditures in this

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category may be higher in FY 2020 due to the need to increase staff and staff training/resources. (Routine work effort)

E. FUNDING & PARTICIPATION SUMMARY

Task 1.0 - FY 19

Subtask	Responsible Agency	Transportation Planning Funds (TPF) ¹	FTA Sect. 5307	Local	Total
1.1	LUTS	420,000	0	0	420,000
1.2	LUTS	80,000	0	0	80,000
TOTAL		500,000	0	0	500,000

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

III. TASK 2.0 - DATA DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTENANCE

A. OBJECTIVE

Provide updated information, demographic data and analysis to support the Metropolitan Planning Organization's planning efforts.

B. EXPECTED PRODUCTS

The expected products include an updated MPO website with online data/map viewer and updated demographic data. In addition, data and mapping support will be provided for MPO plans, studies, and reports.

C. PREVIOUS WORK

The MPO website was continually updated to provide access to meeting agendas, packets, and publications as they became available. Project maps were developed, retrieved and or printed as new projects were approved or considered. The Travel Demand Data Development Project and the 2015-2040 MTP project were completed. The Demographic Data Development Project (also identified as the 2013-2045 Travel Demand Model Update Project) was also completed. Staff continued to work with TxDOT and Texas Transportation Institute representatives in the development of the 2013-2045 Travel Demand Model to be used in the development of the 2020-2045 MTP.

D. SUBTASKS

- 2.1 General Data Administration: This subtask allows for planning and administrative activities related to data development, maintenance, procurement, and contract management for the activities in subtasks 2.2, 2.3, 2.4, and 2.5 and developing related performance measures. (Routine work effort)

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- 2.2 General GIS: Specific activities will include reviewing and providing direction on the development and dissemination of geospatial databases on residential and commercial growth and transportation data; mapping databases supporting Laredo MPO programs; maintenance of the demographic and modeling databases of the MPO; develop and maintain the interactive web viewer for sharing GIS data on growth and projects; develop maps and materials for work group and public meetings; support MPO staff in the creation of plans, studies, and reports. (Routine work effort)
- 2.3 Demographic Forecasting: Create a database of population and demographic statistics for the Laredo MPO and develop projections to be utilized for the MPO planning effort. (Routine work effort)
- 2.4 Travel Demand Modeling: Coordinate with TxDOT on development and maintenance of updated travel demand models to be used for the TIP and other plans; refinements of in-house modeling capabilities; and regular updates of computer hardware, software, and necessary peripherals for supporting the demographic forecasting and travel demand modeling activities. (Routine work effort)
- 2.5 Environmental Analysis: This subtask includes facilitating planning and environmental linkages by participating in NEPA related studies and Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) studies, monitoring and evaluating the effect of Laredo MPO plans and programs on the environment, identifying potential mitigation activities and locations where they might occur, coordinating outreach with resource agencies and working groups, developing and updating GIS analyses using GISST, and other relevant data. This subtask also includes the effort to support environmental justice to assess the possible disproportionate impact of proposed infrastructure on vulnerable populations. (Routine work effort)

E. FUNDING & PARTICIPATION SUMMARY

Task 2.0 – FY 19

Subtask	Responsible Agency	Transportation Planning Funds (TPF) ¹	FTA Sect. 5307	Local	Total
2.1	LUTS	100,000	0	0	100,000
2.2	LUTS	-	-	-	-
2.3	LUTS	-	-	-	-
2.4	LUTS	-	-	-	-
2.5	LUTS	-	-	-	-
TOTAL		100,000	0	0	100,000

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IV. TASK 3.0 - SHORT RANGE PLANNING

A. OBJECTIVE

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

B. EXPECTED PRODUCTS

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

C. PREVIOUS WORK

Staff assisted in the development and continued revision of the 2017-2020 TIP, the 2015- 2018 TIP, and the 2017 and 2018 UPWPs. In June of 2016, the Office of Civil Rights notified MPO Staff the Laredo MPO had demonstrated good faith efforts in meeting the requirements of the Title VI review. Staff developed a Limited English Proficiency Plan which was adopted and implemented in accordance with federal and state guidelines. Staff issued a 2017 call for projects for the TAP program, selected the River Vega Multi-use Hike and Bike Trail project and awarded the funds based on adopted project selection procedures. 2018 Call for TAP projects was initiated in March of 2018. The Transit Bus Shelter reconstruction and rehabilitation project was selected for the allocation of \$200,000 in TAP funds.

D. SUBTASKS

- 3.1 General Administration – This subtask allows for MPO staff support for administrative activities related to short range planning, including the development and management of agency contracts; procurement, development and management of consultant contracts for projects in Task 3; and the review and processing of monthly billings for work related to Task 3. Specific activities will include, but are not limited to the update of TIP/UPWP/By-Laws/PPP/LEP/Title VI– assisting in the development and/or revision of the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), UPWP, By-Laws, the Public Participation Plan, the Limited English Proficiency Plan, and Title VI documents. This subtask also includes public outreach activities such as video production, developing website information, writing articles, developing other printed materials, and public meeting facilitation as needed. (Routine work effort)
- 3.2 MPO Certification Prep Project – Objective: All current MPO Policies, Plans, Programs, Procedures, and Agreements, including the MPO's internal ethics program, will be reviewed and amended if necessary, in order to comply with all requirements pertaining to a TMA under FAST ACT. The MPO's internal ethics program will be reviewed and amended, if necessary, to achieve compliance with the all federal requirements, as well as, and the requirements of 43

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TAC § 31.39 “Required Internal Ethics and Compliance Program” and 43 TAC § 10.51 “Internal Ethics and Compliance Program” as may be revised or superseded. The Certification Notebook addressing the TIP, MTP, UPWP, and other planning issues will be updated in preparation of the Desk Audit. Expected Outcome- All MPO Policies, Plans, Programs, Procedures, and Agreements in full compliance with the FAST Act’s requirements for TMAs, including but not limited to the applicable internal ethics program policy requirements, and the production of the Certification Notebook in preparation of precertification and certification. Certification Review is tentatively scheduled for the summer of 2020. (To be conducted as routine work effort or by consultant if needed)

E. FUNDING & PARTICIPATION SUMMARY

Task 3.0 - FY 19

Subtask	Responsible Agency	Transportation Planning Funds (TPF)¹	FTA Sect. 5307	Local	Total
3.1	LUTS	10,000	0	0	10,000
3.2	LUTS	80,000	0	0	80,000
TOTAL		90,000	0	0	90,000

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

V. TASK 4.0 – LONG RANGE PLANNING

A. OBJECTIVE

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

B. EXPECTED PRODUCTS

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

C. PREVIOUS WORK

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

D. SUBTASKS

- 4.1 2015-2040 Laredo Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) - assist in the ongoing revision of Metropolitan Transportation Plan. (Routine- work effort)
- 4.2 2020-2045 Laredo Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and FAST Act Compliance Project

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The current 2015-2040 MTP and TIP will be reviewed and amended in order to comply with the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act requirements. Specifically, the review and amendments will address and achieve conformity with all FAST Act requirements. The existing MTP will also be updated to conform to state and federal requirements. This includes an evaluation of the existing transportation system, public transportation, environmental conditions and transportation needs and developing a financially constrained implementation plan. The project will include a land use and socioeconomic conditions and forecast element. (To be conducted as routine work effort or by consultant if needed)

- 4.3 Bicycle & Pedestrian Master Plan - Develop a plan for creating an environment conducive for walking or bicycling as a mode choice, as well as providing for recreational opportunities for walking or cycling in order to encourage a healthy lifestyle. It is intended that Staff will primarily be responsible for completing the plan but consultants may be utilized to provide additional technical assistance to complete the plan as necessary. (To be conducted as routine work effort or by consultant if needed)

E. FUNDING & PARTICIPATION SUMMARY

Task 4.0 - FY 19

Subtask	Responsible Agency	Transportation Planning Funds (TPF) ¹	FTA Sect. 5307	Local	Total
4.1	LUTS	10,000	0	0	10,000
4.2	LUTS	50,000	0	0	50,000
4.3	LUTS	50,000	0	0	50,000
TOTAL		110,000			110,000

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VI. TASK 5.0 - SPECIAL STUDIES

A. OBJECTIVE

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

B. EXPECTED PRODUCTS

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

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C. PREVIOUS WORK

In FY 15, the 2015-2040 MTP, the TMA Certification Project, and the Congestion and Delay Study were completed. The Congestion Management Process (CMP) network and performance measures were adopted, and the Rail Road Quiet Zone study was completed. The Transit Plan Update of 2016, the transit Asset Management Plan of 2016 and a review and analysis of the transit marketing plan were all completed. In coordination with FHWA and TTI, the MPO conducted Bicycle and Pedestrian workshops in December of 2016, and June of 2017. 2015 Quiet Zone Study Update project which was initiated in 2017 and completed in January of 2019.

D. SUBTASKS

- 5.1 Long Range Freight Mobility Plan – Objective- The study will evaluate freight movement in the study in order to: identify freight mobility needs and challenges, develop goals and objectives to improve goods movement, evaluate the impact of freight movement on the regional economy, identify freight transportation facilities and investments necessary for economic growth, define freight policies and programs, and provide recommendations for short, mid-range and long term recommendations for infrastructure improvements. Expected This study that will serve as an investment guide for freight mobility improvements in the region. It is intended that Staff will primarily be responsible for completing the plan but consultants may be utilized to provide additional technical assistance to complete the plan. (To be conducted as routine work effort or by consultant if needed)

E. FUNDING & PARTICIPATION SUMMARY

Task 5.0 - FY 19

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

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LAREDO URBAN TRANSPORTATION STUDY-- FY 19

UPWP Task	Description	TPF ¹ Funds	FTA Sect. 5307	Local	Total Funds
1.0	Management & Administration	500,000	0	0	500,000
2.0	Data Development and Maintenance	100,000	0	0	100,000
3.0	Short Range Planning	60,000	0	0	60,000
4.0	Long Range Planning	110,000	0	0	110,000
5.0	Special Studies	100,000	0	0	100,000
TOTAL		900,000	0	0	900,000

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Combined Transportation Planning Funds ²	\$ 500,522
Estimated Unexpended Carryover	<u>\$ 399,478</u>
TOTAL TPF	<u>\$ 900,000</u>

² Estimate based on prior years authorizations

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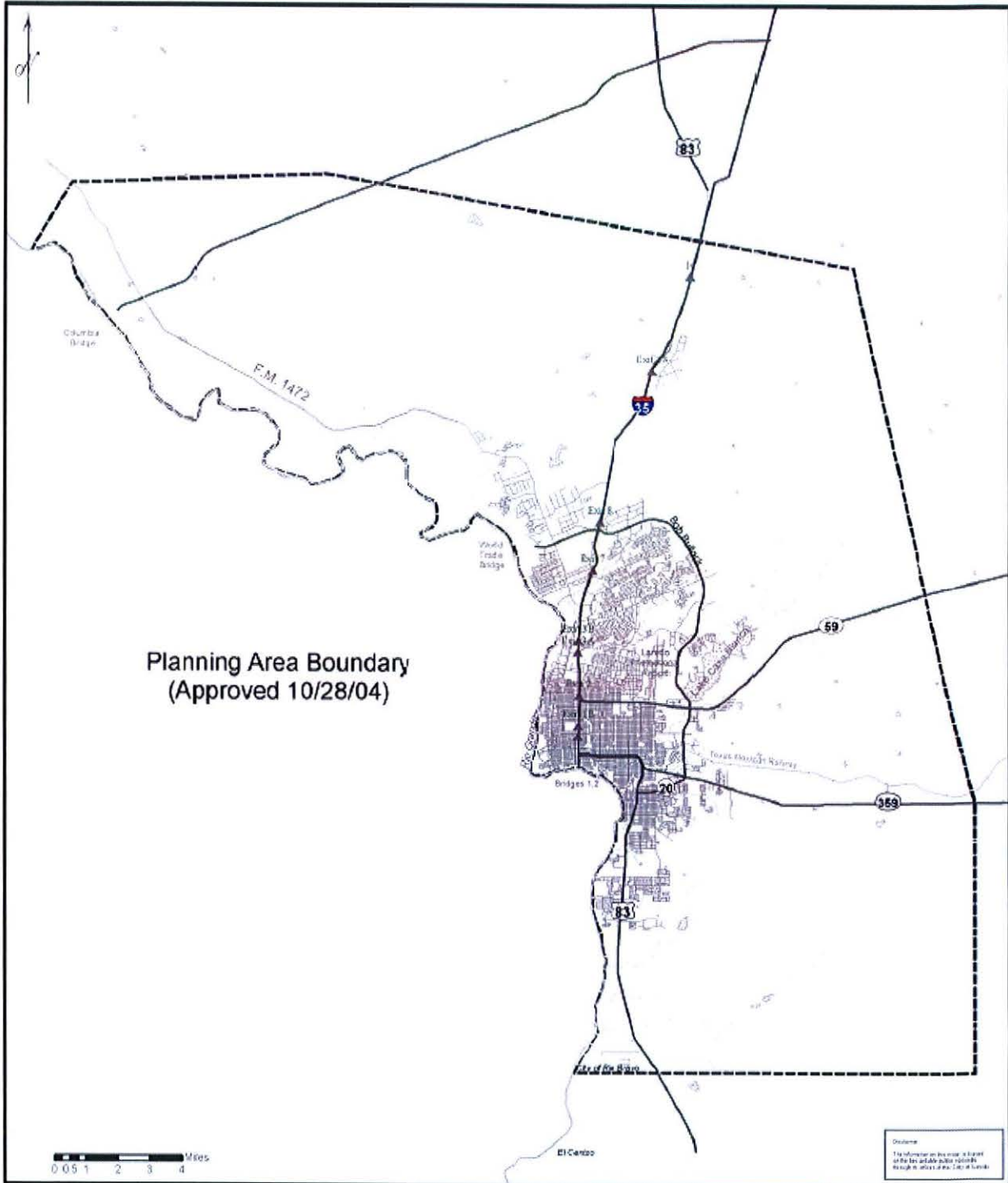
VII. APPENDICES

APPENDIX A - POLICY COMMITTEE

Honorable Pete Saenz	Mayor	City of Laredo
Honorable George Altgelt	City Councilmember	City of Laredo
Honorable Nelly Vielma	City Councilmember	City of Laredo
Honorable Roberto Balli	City Councilmember	Laredo Mass Transit Board
Honorable Tano Tijerina	Webb County Judge	Webb County
Honorable John Galo	Webb County Commissioner	Webb County
Honorable Jaime Canales	Webb County Commissioner	Webb County
VACANT	TxDOT District Administrator	TxDOT
Mr. David Salazar P.E.	TxDOT District Engineer	TxDOT
<i>**Ex-Officio**</i>		
Honorable Judith Zaffirini	Senator - District 21	State of Texas
Honorable Richard Raymond	Representative - District 42	State of Texas
Honorable Tracy O. King	Representative- District 80	State of Texas

APPENDIX B - METROPOLITAN AREA BOUNDARY MAP

Laredo Metropolitan Planning Organization



APPENDIX C - DEBARMENT CERTIFICATION

NEGOTIATED CONTRACTS

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

- 2) Where the **Contractor** is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such **Contractor** shall attach an explanation to this certification.

* Federal, State, or Local

Chairperson, MPO Policy Committee
Mayor City of Laredo

Date

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APPENDIX D - LOBBYING CERTIFICATION

**CERTIFICATION FOR CONTRACTS, GRANTS,
LOANS AND COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS**

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

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

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

Chairperson, MPO Policy Committee
Mayor
City of Laredo

Date

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APPENDIX E - CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE

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

Chairperson, MPO Policy Committee
Mayor
City of Laredo

Date

Attest:

Jose A. Valdez, Jr.-
City Secretary
City of Laredo

APPENDIX F - CERTIFICATION OF INTERNAL ETHICS AND COMPLIANCE PROGRAM

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

Chairperson, MPO Policy Committee
Mayor
City of Laredo

Date

Attest:

Jose A. Valdez, Jr.-
City Secretary
City of Laredo

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

PROPOSED ROUTE IF FROM END TO END



RIVER-BANK ROAD*

& ITS POSSIBILITIES

TRANSFORMING MINES ROAD INTO A PLACE TO SEE AND ENJOY A NICE DAY'S RIDE.

RESIDENTIAL HOME VALUES IN LA BOTA WILL GO UP AS WELL AS THE DEMAND FOR NEW AFFORDABLE HOMES TO THE AREA, NOT TO MENTION BORDER AND PASSENGER CAR SAFETY.

EMERALD RIVER-VIEW DEVELOPMENT IS ALSO WILLING TO CONTRIBUTE UP TO 1 MILLION TO EXTEND VERDE ROAD TO INTERSECT RIVER-BEND ROAD. THIS EXTENSION WILL EVENTUALLY CONNECT STRAIGHT SHOT TO IH35 WHEN THE PEOPLES ROAD IS EXTENDED AS PER THE DEVELOPMENT PLANS OF THE HACHAR TRUST.

* MOST LAND OWNERS HAVE AGREED TO DONATE LAND FOR THE ROAD PATH

PROPOSED ROUTE IF FROM END TO END



Estimated Cost to build a 2 Lane Road with Current city standards 3.7 miles estimated \$9.3m all the way to Vidal Cantu land or \$13m all the way to Mines Rd Intersection. Refer to this Letter by Porras Engineering



August 23, 2017

Joe Medina
Emerald River View Development, LTD
1205 E. Hillside Rd
Laredo, Texas 78041

Ref: River Road – Conceptual Alignment & Construction Cost Estimate

Mr. Medina,

As you requested, we have updated the conceptual alignment of River Road from River Bank Road to Vidal Cantu Boulevard. Exhibit 1 shows this route with related roadway distances. Estimating roadway construction cost is highly dependent on the pavement design criteria, roadway width, drainage requirements, right-of-way acquisition costs, and a variety of other parameters.

As a base option, a two-lane rural roadway with roadside ditches and cross-drainage culverts could be designed and constructed using current City of Laredo standards for roughly \$2.5 million per mile if right-of-way was dedicated without cost. Using this criterion, the 3.7 mile section from River Bank to Vidal Cantu would cost around \$9.3 million. If pursued, the extra 1.5 mile extension to Mines Road would add \$3.9 million for a total cost of approximately \$13.3 million.

If the roadway is federally funded, stricter design and construction standards will be required, including stronger pavement, larger drainage structures, wider roadway and right-of-way, etc. Under these criteria, roadway design and construction cost would be closer to \$4 million per mile not including right-of-way dedication cost. The 3.7 mile section from River Bank to Vidal Cantu would cost around \$15 million. The 1.5 mile extension to Mines Road would add \$8 million for a total cost of roughly \$23 million.

We hope this information is helpful in projecting potential roadway costs. However, it is critical to note that these estimates are conceptual opinions and shall not construed or implied as a guarantee of final project cost, which will be based on contractor's bids and is inherently out of our control. Please call us if you have any questions.

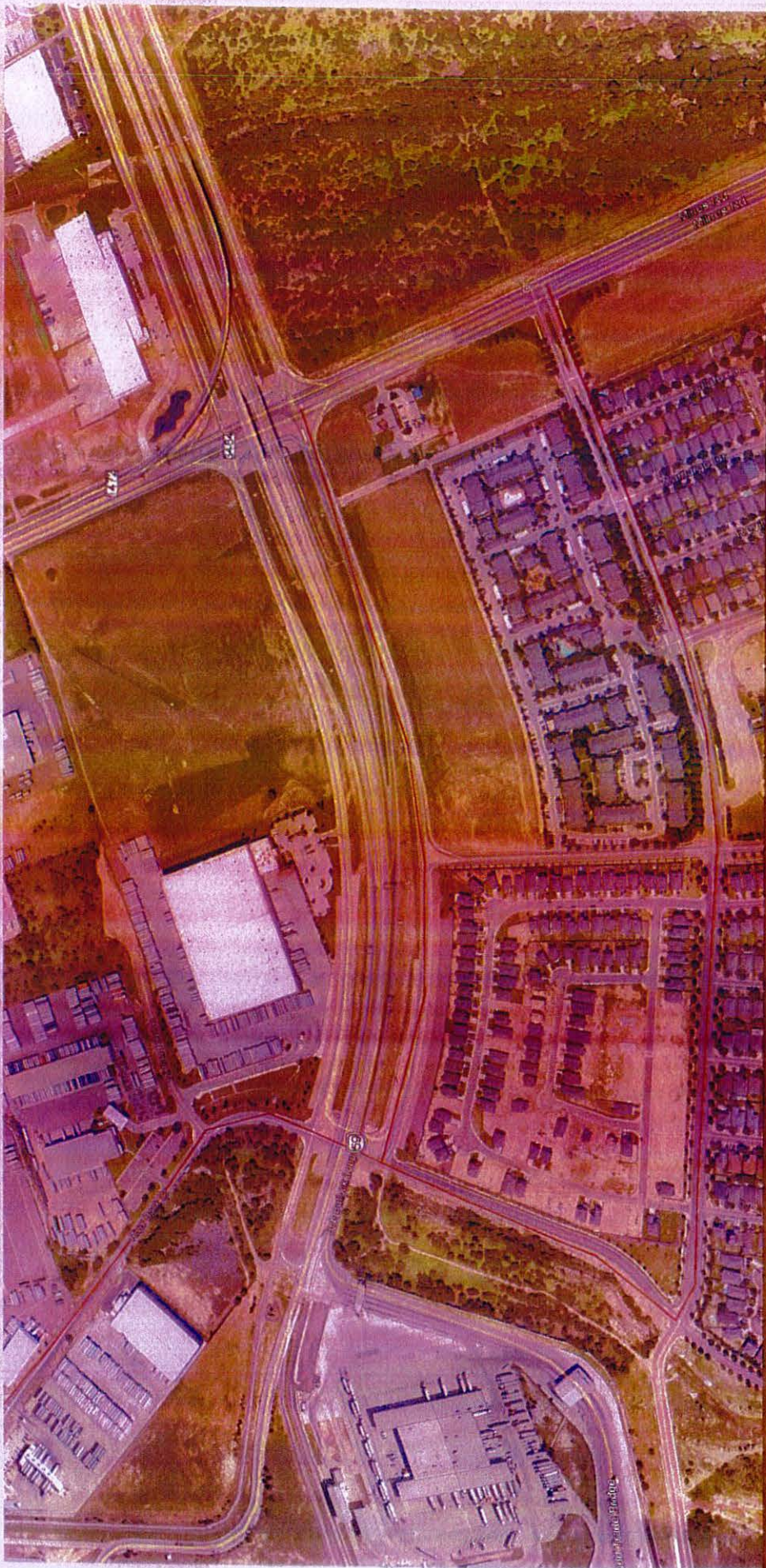
Sincerely,


Wayne Nance, PE, RP'S



End

SOUTH EAST EXIT ROUTE FROM RIVER BANK RD TO MINES RD



LOOP 20 EXITS AND ENTRIES TO RIVER BANK RD



OVERVIEW OF EXITS & ENTRIES. TO AND FROM -TO MINES RD OR LOOP 20.



POSSIBLE ROADS INCLUDING EXTENDING VERDE RD TO INTERSECT RIVER BANK ROAD & BACK DOOR FOR LA BOTA



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

Laredo- Hachar- Reuthinger Rd

Portion	(Preliminary/Engineering) Schematic/Env	PS&E	Construction
Hachar (FM 1472-Beltway)	City Of Laredo (Hachar Trust)	City Of Laredo (0922-33-175, \$ 1.08M)	City o Laredo (0922-33-165, \$ 26.75 M)
Reuthinger (Beltway-IH 35)	Webb County (0922-33-166, \$ 300K)		TBD (0922-33-166, \$ 21.8M)

Laredo- Hachar- Reuthinger Rd (Funding- Category 7)

Up to FY 2019 ²	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
\$ 24.43	\$ 6.16	\$ 6.27	\$ 6.35	\$ 6.44	\$ 6.52	\$ 6.60	\$ 6.67	\$ 6.74	\$ 6.82	\$ 6.90
Hachar Rd ¹	\$ (1.08)	\$ (26.75)								
Reuthinger ¹				\$ (21.80)						
Cumulative Total	\$ 29.51	\$ 9.03	\$ 15.38	\$ 0.02	\$ 6.54	\$ 13.14	\$ 19.81	\$ 26.55	\$ 33.37	\$ 40.27

Note:

1- Based on PS&E and Construction Estimates provided by City of Laredo Consultant (Dannenbaum)

2- Allocations based on FY 2020 Draft UTP

REUTHINGER ENVIRONMENTAL
SCHEMATIC, ENVIRONMENTAL
WEBB CO FUNDS (CBD) \$300K
CAT 7 \$21.8M
0922-33-166

HACHAR ENVIRONMENTAL
SCHEMATIC ENVIRONMENTAL
CITY FUNDS CSJ 0922-33-165
VERDE ENGINEERING
CAT 7 ~\$26.75M

PS&E CSJ 0922-33-175
CAT 7 \$1.08M



Cm. Altgelt was not present.

33. 2018-R-04 Resolution renaming Eastwoods Park to the Arturo N. Benavides, Sr. Park. The Facilities Naming Commission is in favor of the renaming of this park.

Motion to adopt Resolution 2018-R-094, adding "Memorial" after "Sr."

Moved: Cm. Torres

Second: Cm. Balli

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Cm. Altgelt was not present.

34. 2018-R-95 Authorizing the City's Delinquent Tax Attorney to arrange for the auction by the Webb County Sheriff, pursuant to Section 34.05 (b) and (c) of the Texas Tax Code, of the following properties subject to the recommended minimum bids specified herein:

Property #	Address	Current Minimum Bid	Recommended Minimum Bid
2	3201 Rosario	\$49,900	\$38,000
3	1404 Gates	\$45,700	\$33,500
6	1219 E. Musser	\$41,500	\$31,000

All above properties are more specifically described in attached Exhibit A.

Motion to adopt Resolution 2018-R-095.

Moved: Cm. Balli

Second: Cm. Torres

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Cm. Altgelt was not present.

35. 2018-R-96 Adopting a program under Texas Local Government Code Chapter 380 and authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement made pursuant to Texas Local Government Code Chapter 380 relating to the development of a roadway traversing approximately 5,135 acres located West of IH 35 at the United Overpass across the Hachar Trust property to FM 1472 (Mines Road); and providing an effective date.

Motion to adopt Resolution 2018-R-096.

Moved: Cm. Balli

Second: Cm. Torres
 For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Cm. Altgelt was not present.

XIII (b) MOTIONS

36. Approving the submission of the 2018-2019 One Year Action Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) request for funding in the amounts of \$3,729,949.00 in 44th Action Year Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, \$1,178,458.00 through the HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME), and \$306,204.00 through the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG). An additional \$2,800.00 is anticipated to be received through CDBG program income, \$72,200.00 in Housing Rehabilitation Revolving Loan funds, and \$160,000.00 in HOME program income. Also authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents as a result of the Plan's submission. The plan identifies the projects proposed to be funded by HUD through entitlement program funds and anticipated program income, which are as follows:

44th AY Community Development Block Grant	
Community Development Administration	\$656,089
Housing Rehabilitation Administration	\$304,458
Housing Rehabilitation Loan Program	\$468,451
Code Enforcement	\$489,984
Graffiti Removal Program	\$49,944
Downtown Senior Recreational Program	\$145,225
Downtown Elderly Affordable Rental Housing	\$301,198
Rental Rehabilitation Program	\$350,000
Downtown Neighborhood Access Improvements	\$127,400
EI Eden Park Improvements	\$120,000
Freddy Benavides Park Improvements	\$120,000
Sidewalks in District III	\$120,000
Eastwoods Neighborhood Park Improvements	\$20,000
Sidewalks in District IV	\$100,000
De Llano Park Improvements	\$120,000
Bike Lanes in District VII	\$120,000
Sidewalks in District VIII	\$120,000
TOTAL	\$3,732,749

Revolving Loan	
Housing Rehabilitation Revolving Loan Administration	\$9,452

City Council-Regular

Meeting Date: 07/16/2018

Initiated By: Cynthia Collazo, Deputy City Manager

Staff Source: Nathan Bratton

SUBJECT

2018-R-96 Adopting a program under Texas Local Government Code Chapter 380 and authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement made pursuant to Texas Local Government Code Chapter 380 relating to the development of a roadway traversing approximately 5,135 acres located West of IH 35 at the Unitec Overpass across the Hachar Trust property to FM 1472 (Mines Road); and providing an effective date.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION

N/A

BACKGROUND

N/A

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

N/A

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

N/A

Fiscal Impact

Fiscal Year:

Budgeted Y/N?:

Source of Funds:

Account #:

Change Order: Exceeds 25% Y/N:

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Fiscal impact to be determined by the agreement.

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-R-96

ADOPTING A PROGRAM UNDER TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE CHAPTER 380 AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT MADE PURSUANT TO TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE CHAPTER 380 RELATING TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF A ROADWAY TRAVERSING APPROXIMATELY 5,135 ACRES LOCATED WEST OF IH 35 AT THE UNITEC OVERPASS ACROSS THE N.D. HACHAR TRUST PROPERTY TO FM 1472 (MINES ROAD); AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, Article III, Section 52-a of the Texas Constitution and Chapter 380 of the Texas Local Government Code authorizes a local government to establish and provide for the administration of one or more programs, for making loans and grants and providing personnel and services of the municipality, to promote state or local economic development and to stimulate business and commercial activity in the municipality; and

WHEREAS, under Chapter 380 of the Texas Local Government Code, the City of Laredo adopts an economic development program, as set forth in the Chapter 380 Economic Development Agreement between the City of Laredo and Verde Corp. (attached hereto as Exhibit A) to promote local economic development and stimulate business and commercial activity within the City limits; and

WHEREAS, Verde Corp ("Developer") owns or develops certain real property consisting of approximately 5,135 acres of land, known as the N.D. Hachar trust property (the "Property"), within the City of Laredo ("City") located approximately west of IH 35 at the Unitec overpass and continuing west to FM 1472 (Mines Road); and

WHEREAS, Developer intends to develop the Property as a multi-use project, including, industrial, commercial, multi and single family uses (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the development of the Project, as proposed, will contribute to the economic development of the City by creating new jobs and increased employment, generating increased development, increased real property value and tax revenue for the City, enhance public infrastructure, and have both a direct and indirect positive overall improvement/stimulus in the local and state economy; and

WHEREAS, the City and Developer are executing and entering into an Agreement to set forth certain terms and obligations of the City and Developer with respect to enhancing the Project by preparing for the initial construction of a multi-lane roadway, in an approximate 400 foot corridor to be defined during the development of an approved schematic and identified in the environmental process as defined and approved by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT); and

WHEREAS, in consideration of the future construction of the overweight roadway traversing the Property, the City desires to make a grant, in an amount not to exceed Two Hundred

Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$275,000.00), pursuant to Chapter 380 (the "380 Grant") to Developer as provided in this Agreement for costs and expenses incurred by Developer in completing an Environmental Assessment and securing a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the proposed roadway and as an economic incentive for Developer to develop the property in a manner consistent with its approved master plan; and

WHEREAS, the Parties recognize that all agreements of the Parties hereto and all terms and provisions hereof are subject to the laws of the State of Texas and all rules, regulations and interpretations of any agency or political subdivision thereof at any time governing the subject matters hereof; and

WHEREAS, the Parties agree that all conditions precedent for the Agreement to become a binding agreement have occurred and been complied with, including all requirements pursuant to the Texas Open Meetings Act and all public notices and hearings; if any, have been conducted in accordance with Texas law;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAREDO, TEXAS:

- Section 1. Findings.** The foregoing recitals are hereby found to be true and correct and adopted as findings of fact
- Section 2. Chapter 380 Program.** Exhibit A, attached hereto and incorporated by reference as if set out in full, is adopted as a Chapter 380 program.
- Section 3. Authorization.** The City Manager is hereby authorized to execute the Agreement attached hereto as Exhibit "A", and all documents necessary to accomplish the purposes of this resolution, provided said Agreement is first fully executed by an authorized representative of the Developer.
- Section 4. Open Meetings.** It is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this resolution was passed was open to the public as required and that public notice of the time, place and purpose of said meeting was given as required by the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Tex. Gov't Code.
- Section 5. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall take effect upon its adoption.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED on this the ____ day of July, 2018.

PETE SAENZ
MAYOR

ATTESTED:

Jose A. Valdez, Jr.
City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM ONLY:

Kristina Laurel Hale
City Attorney

CHAPTER 380 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT

This Agreement (hereinafter "Agreement") by and between the **CITY OF LAREDO, TEXAS**, a Texas home-rule municipal corporation (hereinafter "City") and **VERDE CORP.**, a Texas Corporation, (hereinafter "Developer") (City and Developer collectively referred to as the "Parties" and sometimes individually as a "Party"), is entered into upon the "Effective Date," as more clearly defined herein.

WHEREAS, the City has established this as a program in accordance with Article III, Section 52-a of the Texas Constitution and Chapter 380 of the Texas Local Government Code ("Chapter 380") under which the City has the authority to make loans or grants of public funds for the purposes of promoting local economic development and stimulating business and commercial activity within the City; and

WHEREAS, Verde Corp ("Developer") owns or develops certain real property consisting of approximately 5,135 acres of land, known as the N.D. Hachar trust property (the "Property"), within the City of Laredo ("City") located approximately west of IH 35 at the Unitec overpass and continuing west to FM 1472 (Mines Road); and

WHEREAS, Developer intends to develop the Property as a mixed use project, including, industrial, commercial, retail and multi-family uses (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, in order to proceed with the Project, Environmental clearance pursuant to NEPA and TxDOT permits are required in order to construct roadway improvements that will promote the economic development of the City, enhance mobility, and increase public safety; and

WHEREAS, the City recognizes the positive economic impact that the Development will have through the production of new jobs, the attraction of new businesses, and the increased ad valorem and sales and use tax revenue to be generated by the Development for the City, and that without the Project the City would not receive these benefits; and

WHEREAS, the City has adopted Resolution No. 2018-R-96 authorizing City to make certain economic development grants to Developer in recognition of, and derived from the positive economic benefits that will accrue to City on account of the Project; and

WHEREAS, the City hereby establishes this Agreement as a program in accordance with Article III, Chapter 52-a of the Texas Constitution and Chapter 380 under which the City has the authority to make grants of public funds for the public purposes of promoting local economic development and stimulating business and commercial activity within the City; and

WHEREAS, to ensure that the benefits the City provides under this Agreement are utilized in a manner consistent with Article III, Section 52-a of the Texas Constitution, Chapter 380 and other law, Developer has agreed to comply with certain conditions for receiving those benefits; and

WHEREAS, in consideration of the future construction of an overweight roadway traversing the Property, the City desires to make a grant, in an amount not to exceed Two Hundred Seventy-

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Five Thousand Dollars (\$275,000.00), pursuant to Chapter 380 (the "380 Grant") to Developer as provided in this Agreement for costs and expenses incurred by Developer in completing an Environmental Assessment and securing a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the proposed roadway and as an economic incentive for Developer to develop the property in a manner consistent with his approved master plan; and

WHEREAS, the parties desire to enter into an agreement to provide the terms and conditions by which Developer shall be reimbursed for said costs and expenses; and

WHEREAS, the City and Developer agree that the provisions of this Agreement substantially advance a legitimate interest of the City by preparing the property for public infrastructure, expanding the tax base of the City, increasing employment and promoting economic development.

WHEREAS, the City has concluded and hereby finds that entering into this Agreement is in the best interests of the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual benefits described in this Agreement, and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the City and Developer agree as follows:

ARTICLE I RECITALS

Recitals. The recitals set forth above are declared true and correct by the Parties and are hereby incorporated as part of this Agreement.

ARTICLE II AUTHORITY AND TERM

1. **Authority.** The City's execution of this Agreement is authorized by Chapter 380 of the Texas Local Government Code and constitutes a valid and binding obligation of the City. The City acknowledges that Developer is acting in reliance upon the City's performance of its obligations under this Agreement in making the decision to commit substantial resources and money to the establishment of the Project, hereinafter established.
2. **Term.** This Agreement shall become enforceable upon the Effective Date, hereinafter established, and shall continue for twenty-four months or until the Maximum Grant Amount has been reached, unless otherwise extended, in writing, by the parties.

ARTICLE III DEFINITIONS

As used in this Agreement, the following terms shall have the meanings ascribed below. All undefined terms shall retain their usual and customary meaning as ascribed by common and ordinary usage.

"Effective Date" shall mean the date when signed by the last party whose signing makes the Agreement fully executed.

"Grant(s)" shall mean payments in the amount not to exceed Two Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$275,000.00).

"Payment Request" shall mean a written request from Developer to the City for payment of the applicable Grant funds.

"Related Agreement" shall mean any other agreement by and between the City and the Developer, or any of its affiliated or related entities, relating to the Project.

ARTICLE IV ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANTS

1. Grants

- (a) Subject to the satisfaction of all the terms and conditions of this Agreement, the City agrees to provide Developer with a Grant of not more than Two Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$275,000.00). The Grant shall be paid as follows:
 - (1) A payment of grant funds in the lump sum amount of One Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$175,000.00) within 30 days of the submission by Developer of a complete Schematic and Environmental Document (for an overweight corridor traversing the N.D Hachar Tract and the Reuthinger family tract from the Mines road to the west frontage road of LH. 35) to TxDOT and receipt by City of a Payment Request.
 - (2) A payment of grant funds in the lump sum amount of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) within thirty (30) days of the issuance by TxDOT of FONSI for the aforementioned overweight corridor.
- (b) **Current Funds.** The Grants made hereunder shall be paid solely from lawfully available funds that have been appropriated by the City. Under no circumstances shall City's obligations hereunder be deemed to create any debt within the meaning of any constitutional or statutory provision. The Grant shall be paid solely from appropriations from the general funds of the City or from such other funds of the City as may be legally set aside for such purpose consistent with Article III, Section 52(a) of the Texas Constitution. Further, City shall not be obligated to pay any commercial bank lender or similar institution for any loan or credit agreement made by Developer. None of the City's obligations under this Agreement shall be pledged or otherwise encumbered in favor of any commercial lender and/or similar financial institution.
- (c) **Grant Limitations.** Under no circumstances shall the obligations of the City hereunder be deemed to create any debt within the meaning of any constitutional or statutory provision.

Further, the City shall not be obligated to pay a commercial bank, lender or similar institution for any loan or credit agreement made by the Developer. None of the obligations of the City under this Agreement shall be pledged or otherwise encumbered by the Developer in favor of any commercial lender and/or similar financial institution.

ARTICLE V CONDITIONS TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANTS

The obligation of the City to pay the Grant shall be conditioned upon Developer's continued compliance with and satisfaction of each of the conditions set forth in this Agreement.

1. **Condition Precedent to Payment.** Developer shall, as a condition precedent to the payment of any Grant, provide the City with a Payment Request on the letterhead of Developer, to include copies of any studies or documentation necessary to complete the submission to TxDOT and to obtain a FONSI and detailed invoices and/or, payment requests from Developer's prime consultant.
2. **Progress Reports.** Periodically, every sixty days, Developer shall submit a brief report to City indicating the progress and percentage completed of the Schematic and Environmental Assessment and an estimate of the completion and submission of same to TxDOT.

ARTICLE VI COVENANTS AND DUTIES

1. **Developer's Covenants and Duties.** Developer makes these covenants and warranties to the City and agrees to timely and fully perform the obligations and duties contained in Article VII of this Agreement. Any false or substantially misleading statements contained herein or failure to timely and fully perform those obligations and duties within this Agreement shall be an act of Default by the Developer.
 - (a) Developer is authorized to do business and is in good standing in the State of Texas and shall remain in good standing in the State of Texas and the United States of America during any term of this Agreement.
 - (b) The execution of this Agreement has been duly authorized by Developer's authorized agent, and the individual signing this Agreement is empowered to execute such Agreement and bind the entity. Said authorization, signing, and binding effect is not in contravention of any law, rule, regulation, or of the provisions of Developer's by-laws, or of any agreement or instrument to which Developer is a party to or by which it may be bound.
 - (c) Developer is not a party to any bankruptcy proceedings currently pending or contemplated, and Developer has not been informed of any potential involuntary bankruptcy proceedings.

- (d) To its current, actual knowledge, Developer has acquired and maintained all necessary rights, licenses, permits, and authority to carry on its business in the City and will continue to use its best efforts to maintain all necessary rights, licenses, permits, and authority.
 - (e) Developer shall timely and fully comply with all of the terms and conditions of this Agreement.
 - (f) Developer agrees to complete, or cause to be completed, the documents required to submit a request to TxDOT for an Environmental Assessment of the proposed roadway and shall use its best efforts secure a FONSI at its sole cost and expense.
2. **City's Covenants and Duties. Grant Payment.** The City is obligated to pay Developer an amount not to exceed the Maximum Grant Amount from sources contemplated by this Agreement over a period not to exceed the expiration date, subject to Developer's timely and full satisfaction of all applicable duties and terms within this Agreement, as reasonably determined by the City Council of the City of Laredo, Texas.
 3. **City shall fully cooperate with Developer in pursuing environmental clearance for the roadway area as described herein.**
 4. **Substantial Compliance and Default.** Failure by either Party to timely and substantially comply with any performance requirement, duty, or covenant shall be considered an act of Default if uncured within sixty (60) days of receiving written notice from the other Party. Failure of Developer to timely and substantially cure a default will give the City the right to terminate this Agreement, as reasonably determined by the City Council of the City of Laredo, Texas.

ARTICLE VII DESCRIPTION AND SCOPE

Developer is responsible for the preparation, development and submission of a schematic, environmental document, covering the proposed alignment of an approximate 400 ft. wide strip of land crossing the N.D. Hachar tract from Mines Road (FM 1472) and traversing the property to approximately 0.1 mile east of Beltway Parkway, (as shown on the attached Exhibit A.), which complies with all applicable federal and state environmental laws and regulations, including but not limited to the National Environmental Policy Act, the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 and the Endangered Species Act of 1973, which require environmental clearance of federal-aid projects for the environmental clearance of this Project, to include, written documentation from the appropriate regulatory agency or agencies that all environmental clearances have been obtained.

Developer shall coordinate its efforts with Webb County's efforts to prepare and submit a single, unified schematic and environmental assessment, pursuant to NEPA, for the remaining alignment of the 400 ft. wide strip of land which crosses the Reuthinger property and as shown

on the Location Map showing the Project Limits in the attached Exhibit "A".

City grants a license to Developer to use all documents, including but not limited to reports, drawings, and schematics that have been developed by City or its consultants for the preparation of a schematic document and environmental assessment.

ARTICLE VIII TERMINATION

1. **Termination.** This Agreement shall terminate upon the earliest occurrence of any one or more of the following:
 - (a) The written agreement of the Parties;
 - (b) Expiration of this Agreement; or
 - (c) Default by Developer; or
 - (d) The Payment of the Maximum Grant Amount.
2. **Termination by Maximum Grant Amount.** If the Agreement is terminated by reaching the Maximum Grant Amount, the City is required to issue a letter to the Developer stating that the Maximum Grant Amount has been reached.

ARTICLE IX DISPUTE RESOLUTION

1. **Mediation.** If a dispute arises out of or relates to this Agreement or the breach thereof, the Parties shall first in good faith seek to resolve the dispute through negotiation between the upper management of each respective Party. If such dispute cannot be settled through negotiation, the Parties agree to try in good faith to settle the dispute by mediation under the Commercial Mediation Rules of the American Arbitration Association before resorting to arbitration, litigation, or some other dispute resolution procedure; provided that a Party may not invoke mediation unless it has provided the other Party with written notice of the dispute and has attempted in good faith to resolve such dispute through negotiation. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any Party may seek immediate equitable relief, without attempting to settle a dispute through mediation, in any case where such Party is entitled to equitable relief by law, the terms of the Agreement, or otherwise. All costs of negotiation, mediation, and arbitration collectively known as alternate dispute resolution ("ADR") shall be assessed equally between the City and Developer with each party bearing their own costs for attorneys' fees, experts, and other costs of ADR and any ensuing litigation.
2. During the term of this Agreement, if Developer files and / or pursues an adversarial proceeding against the City regarding this Agreement without first engaging in good faith mediation of the dispute, then, at the City's option, all access to the Grants provided for hereunder may be deposited with a mutually acceptable escrow agent that will deposit such funds in an interest bearing account until the resolution of such adversarial proceeding.
3. Under no circumstances will the Grant funds received under this Agreement be used, either directly or indirectly, to pay costs or attorney fees incurred in any adversarial proceeding regarding this Agreement against City.

**ARTICLE X
ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS**

1. **Binding Agreement.** The terms and conditions of this Agreement shall be binding on and inure to the benefit of the City, Developer, and their respective successors and assigns. The City Manager shall be responsible for the administration of this Agreement and shall have the authority to execute any instruments, duly approved by the City Council of the City of Laredo, Texas, on behalf of the City related thereto.
2. **Mutual Assistance.** City and Developer will do all things reasonably necessary or appropriate to carry out the terms and provisions of this Agreement and to aid and assist each other in carrying out such terms and provisions.
3. **Representations and Warranties.** City represents and warrants to Developer that this Agreement is within their authority, and that they are duly authorized and empowered to enter into this Agreement, unless otherwise ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction. Developer represents and warrants to the City that it has the requisite authority to enter into this Agreement.
4. **Assignment.** Developer shall have the right to assign all of its rights, duties, and obligations under this Agreement to a duly qualified third party with prior written approval of the City Council of the City of Laredo, Texas; provided, however, that any assignment provided for herein shall not serve to enlarge or diminish the obligations and requirements of this Agreement, nor shall they relieve Developer of any liability to the City including any required indemnity in the event that any Assignee hereof shall at any time be in default of the terms of this Agreement. The City may demand and receive adequate assurance of performance including the deposit or provision of financial security by any proposed Assignee prior to its approval of an assignment.
5. **Independent Contractors.**
 - (a) It is expressly understood and agreed by all Parties hereto that in performing their services hereunder, Developer at no time will be acting as an agent of the City and that all consultants or contractors engaged by Developer respectively will be independent contractors of Developer, and nothing contained in this Agreement is intended by the Parties to create a partnership or joint venture between the Parties and any implication to the contrary is hereby expressly disavowed. The Parties hereto understand and agree that City will not be liable for any claims that may be asserted by any third party occurring in connection with services performed by Developer respectively under this Agreement, unless any such claims are due to the fault of the City.
 - (b) By entering into this Agreement, the Parties do not waive, and shall not be deemed to have waived, any rights, immunities, or defenses either may have, including the defense of parties, and nothing contained herein shall ever be construed as a waiver of sovereign or official immunity by the City with such rights being expressly reserved to the fullest extent authorized by law and to the same extent which existed prior to the execution hereof.
 - (c) No employee of City, or any councilmember or agent of City, shall be personally

responsible for any liability arising under or growing out of this Agreement.

6. **Notice.** Any notice required or permitted to be delivered hereunder shall be deemed delivered by actual delivery, facsimile with receipt confirmation, or by depositing the same in the United States Mail, postage prepaid and certified with return receipt requested, addressed to the Party at the address set forth below:

If intended for City: City of Laredo
City Manager
1110 Houston St.
Laredo, Texas 78040

With a copy to: City of Laredo
City Attorney
1110 Houston St.
Laredo, TX 78040

If to the Developer: Verde Corp.
Attention: Nicholas Van Steenberg, President
7718 McPherson Road
Suite 304
Laredo, Texas 78045

Either Party may designate a different address at any time upon written notice to the other Party.

7. **Governing Law.** The Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Texas, and the venue for any action concerning this Agreement shall be in Webb County, Texas. The Parties agree to submit to the personal and subject matter jurisdiction of said court.
8. **Amendment.** This Agreement may be amended by mutual written agreement of the Parties, as approved by the City Council of the City of Laredo, Texas.
9. **Legal Construction.** In the event any one or more of the provisions contained in this Agreement shall, for any reason, be held invalid, illegal, or unenforceable in any respect, such invalidity, illegality, or unenforceability shall not affect other provisions of this Agreement, and it is the intention of the Parties to this Agreement that, in lieu of each provision that is found to be illegal, invalid, or unenforceable, a provision be added to this Agreement which is legal, valid and enforceable and is as similar in terms as possible to the provision found to be illegal, invalid, or unenforceable.
10. **Gender.** The gender of the wording throughout this Agreement shall always be interpreted to mean either sex, and where the context requires, the plural of any word shall include the singular.
11. **Interpretation.** Each of the Parties has been represented by counsel of their choosing in the negotiation and preparation of this Agreement. Regardless of which Party prepared the initial draft of this Agreement, this Agreement shall, in the event of any dispute, whatever its

meaning or application, be interpreted fairly and reasonably and neither more strongly for or against any Party.

12. Entire Agreement. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the Parties with respect to the subject matter covered in this Agreement. There is no other collateral oral or written agreement between the Parties that, in any manner, relates to the subject matter of this Agreement, except as provided for in any Exhibits attached hereto or duly approved amendments to this Agreement, as approved by the City Council of the City of Laredo, Texas.
13. Paragraph Headings. The paragraph headings contained in this Agreement are for convenience only and will in no way enlarge or limit the scope or meaning of the various and several paragraphs.
14. Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in counterparts. Each of the counterparts shall be deemed an original instrument, but all of the counterparts shall constitute one and the same instrument.
15. Exhibits. Any Exhibits attached hereto are incorporated by reference for all purposes.
16. Survival of Covenants. Any of the representations, warranties, covenants, and obligations of the Parties, as well as any rights and benefits of the Parties, pertaining to a period of time following the termination of this Agreement shall survive termination.
17. Employment of Undocumented Workers. During the term of this Agreement, Developer agrees to not knowingly employ any undocumented workers, and, if convicted of a violation under 8 U.S.C. Section 1324a(1), Developer shall be in Default and repay the amount of the Grants and any other funds received by Developer from the City as of the date of such violation within one hundred twenty (120) days after the date Developer is notified by the City of such violation, plus interest at the rate of six percent (6.00%) compounded annually from the date of the violation until paid in full. Developer is not liable for an unknown violation of this Section by a subsidiary, affiliate, or franchisee of Developer or by a person with whom Developer contracts provided however that identical federal law requirements provided for herein shall be included as part of any agreement or contract which Developer enters into with any subsidiary, assignee, affiliate, or franchisee for which Grants provided herein will be used.
18. Indemnification.

DEVELOPER AGREES TO DEFEND, INDEMNIFY AND HOLD THE CITY, THEIR RESPECTIVE OFFICERS, AGENTS AND EMPLOYEES (COLLECTIVELY THE "CITY") HARMLESS FROM AND AGAINST ANY AND ALL REASONABLE LIABILITIES, DAMAGES, CLAIMS, LAWSUITS, JUSTMENTS, ATTORNEY FEES, COSTS, EXPENSES AND ANY CAUSE OF ACTION THAT DIRECTLY RELATES TO ANY OF THE FOLLOWING: ANY CLAIMS OR DEMANDS BY THE STATE OF TEXAS THAT THE CITY HAS BEEN ERRONEOUSLY OR OVER-PAID SALES AND USE TAX FOR ANY PERIOD DURING THE TERM OF THIS AGREEMENT AS A RESULT OF ANY ACT OR OMISSION OR BREACH OR NON-PERFORMANCE BY DEVELOPER UNDER THIS AGREEMENT

EXCEPT THAT THE IMDEMNITY PROVIDED HEREIN SHALL NOT APPLY TO ANY LIABILITY RESULTING FROM THE ACTION OR OMISSIONS OF THE CITY. THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION ARE SOLELY FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PARTIES HERETO AND NOT INTENDED TO CREATE OR GRANT ANY RIGHTS, CONTRACTUAL OR OTHERWISE, TO ANY OTHER PERSON OR ENTITY. IT BEING THE INTENTION OF THE PARTIES THAT DEVELOPER SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE REPAYMENT OF ANY ANNUAL GRANTS PAID TO DEVELOPER HEREIN THAT INCLUDES CITY SALES TAX RECEIPTS THAT THE STATE OF TEXAS HAS DETERMINED WAS ERRONEOUSLY PAID, DISTRIBUTED OR ALLOCATED TO THE CITY.

19. **Additional Instruments.** City and Developer agree and covenant to cooperate, negotiate in good faith, and to execute such other and further instruments and documents as may be reasonably required to fulfill the public purposes provided for and included within this Agreement.
20. **Effective Date.** This Agreement becomes effective when signed by the last party whose signing makes the Agreement fully executed.

CITY OF LAREDO
a home-rule municipal corporation
Signed this ____ day of July, 2018

VERDE CORP.
A Texas Corporation
Signed this ____ day of July, 2018

By: _____
Horacio A. De Leon, Jr.
City Manager

By: _____
Nicholas Van Steenberg
President

APPROVED AS TO FORM ONLY:

Kristina Laurel Hale
City Attorney

ATTESTED:

Jose A. Valdez, Jr.
City Secretary

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF WEBB

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ACKNOWLEDGMENT

This instrument was acknowledged before me on the ____ day of _____, 2018
by Nicholas Van Steenberg in his capacity as President of Verde Corp., on its behalf.

Notary Public in and for the State of Texas

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF WEBB

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ACKNOWLEDGMENT

This instrument was acknowledged before me on the ____ day of _____, 2018
by Horacio A. De Leon, Jr., in his capacity as City Manager of the City of Laredo, a home-
rule municipal corporation, on its behalf.

Notary Public in and for the State of Texas

Exhibit A
Location Map Showing Project Limits

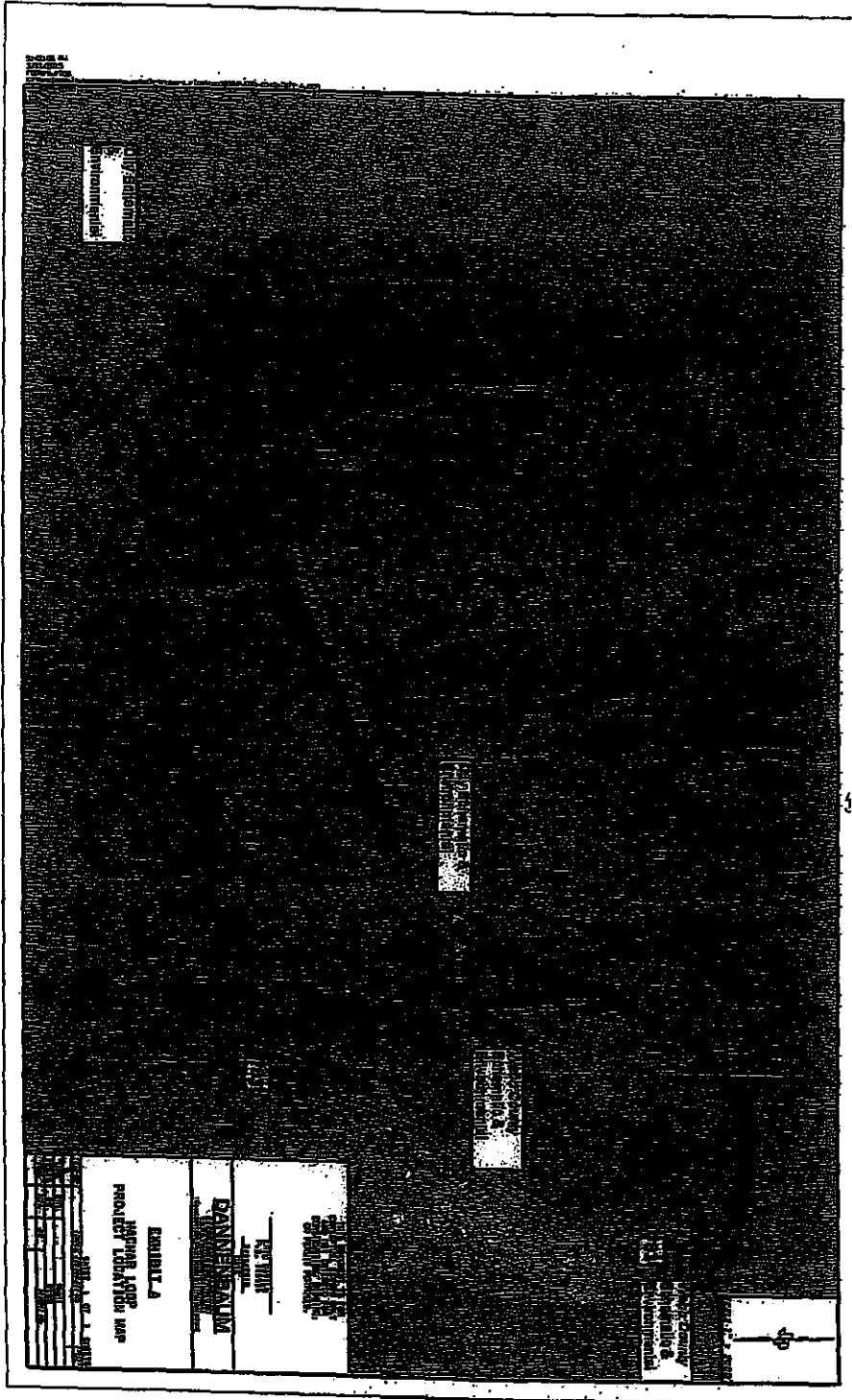


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- V. REPORT(S) AND PRESENTATIONS (No action required).
- A. Presentation by CDM Smith, on the 2020-2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP).
 - B. Presentation by Steven Duong, AICP, with AECOM, on the Fort Worth to Laredo High Speed Rail Study.
 - C. Status report by Abrazo Partners on the City of Laredo's Boulevard of the America's Project.
 - D. Status report by TxDOT on the Outer Loop Alignment Study.
 - E. Status report by TxDOT on ongoing projects.
 - F. Status report by the Regional Mobility Authority (RMA).

RMA Item

Angelica Quijano

From: Antonio Rodriguez <anrodriguez@HNTB.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 9, 2019 2:48 PM
To: Vanessa Guerra; Angelica Quijano; James Kirby Snideman
Cc: Brian L. O'Reilly (BOReilly@lockelord.com); Richard Ridings; 'dhowland1950@gmail.com'; Carlos Lopez; Melisa Montemayor; Jason Rodriguez
Subject: MPO agenda July 15, 2019 - WCCL RMA Update

Team, Vice-Chairman Howland and I will not be attending today. Below is our report.

1. The WCCL RMA is currently working on WA No. 10 – North Laredo Webb County Transportation Planning Study. The Team is gathering information regarding currently planned future development in the area, developed a draft Public Involvement Plan, performing preliminary concept engineering on FM 1472 (Mines) from IH 69W to SH 255 including interchange concepts at IH 69W. Also now looking at alternative routes to FM 1472. Anticipate providing a presentation to the **MPO Policy Committee on 8/19/19**.
2. Vallecillo Road (FM 1472 to IH 35) – Draft Inter-Local Agreements have been distributed to the City of Laredo and Killam Company. The Killam Company will be providing their comments to the WCCL RMA by 7/19/19. Currently, awaiting comments from the City of Laredo. Once these agreements are finalized, the WCCL RMA will prepare the Pass-Through Finance Application for the implementation of the project to submit to TxDOT.
3. Los Presidentes (Cuatro Vientos to Concord Hills) – The draft Inter-Local Agreement is in the public comment period. Anticipate approval by the City of Laredo and the WCCL RMA in August.
4. Killam Industrial Blvd. Turn Lanes – The draft Inter-Local Agreement is in the public comment period. Anticipate approval by the City of Laredo and the WCCL RMA in August.
5. Other Items:
 - We are anxiously awaiting notification from FHWA on the status of the INFRA Grant Application.
 - On 6/18/19, the WCCL RMA scheduled a meeting with Senator Ted Cruz's staff and Mayor Pete Saenz, the Rio Grande Partnership and the Border Trade Alliance to demonstrate the community's support for the latest submittal of the INFRA Grant Application in Washington D.C. Senator Cruz was not able to attend because he was chairing a committee at that same time. Overall, we had a good meeting with the Senator's staff. The Mayor and Mr. Gerry Schwebel gave an overview of the project and the grant, the importance of the project to TX and national trade, the transportation benefits, and economic benefits. The Senator's staff seemed interested in the economic benefits and the fact that the application was for just 17% of the project. In the meeting, we requested a phone call from the Senator to Secretary Elaine Chao. The Senator has done that before in the past. The next day, the Mayor and Mr. Schwebel met with the Senator in person at a different event and they provided the same material handouts we had provided to his staff the day before.

If you have any other questions, please let me know. I hope you have a great day.

Thanks.

Antonio Rodriguez, PE

WCCL RMA GEC Deputy Program Manager
Cell (512) 800-0382

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