

# 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 17, 2017  
1:30 p.m.**

### **MEETING AGENDA**

- I. CHAIRPERSON TO CALL MEETING TO ORDER
- II. CHAIRPERSON TO CALL ROLL
- III. COMMITTEE AND DIRECTOR'S REPORTS
- IV. CITIZEN COMMENT

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- B. TxDOT report on the status of ongoing construction projects.
- C. Status report on the Regional Mobility Authority (RMA).
  - 1. Presentation on the proposed Vallecillo Road's funding sources.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

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**CITY OF LAREDO REPRESENTATIVES:**

Honorable Pete Saenz, Mayor and LUTS Chairperson  
Honorable Charlie San Miguel, City Councilmember, District VI  
Honorable George Altgelt, City Councilmember, District VII

**LAREDO MASS TRANSIT BOARD REPRESENTATIVE:**

Honorable Roberto Balli, City Councilmember, District VIII

**COUNTY OF WEBB REPRESENTATIVES:**

Honorable Tano E. Tijerina, Webb County Judge  
Honorable John Galo, Webb County Commissioner, Pct. 3  
Honorable Jaime Canales, Webb County Commissioner, Pct. 4

**STATE REPRESENTATIVES:**

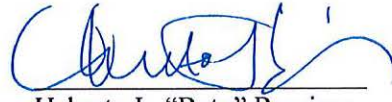
Mr. Pete Alvarez, P.E., District Engineer  
Ms. Melisa Montemayor, District Administrator

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

Honorable Judith Zaffirini, State Senator, District 21  
Honorable Richard Raymond, State Representative, District 42

Honorable Tracy O. King, State Representative, District 80

  
Nathan R. Bratton  
MPO Director

  
Heberto L. "Beto" Ramirez  
Acting City Secretary





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



## MINUTES OF THE JUNE 19, 2017 MEETING

### I. CHAIRPERSON TO CALL MEETING TO ORDER

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

C.M. Galo made a motion to excuse members absent.

Second: C.M. Altgelt  
For: 5  
Against: 0  
Abstained: 0

Motion carried unanimously

#### **Regular members present:**

Honorable Pete Saenz, Mayor and LUTS Chairperson  
Honorable Charlie San Miguel, City Councilmember, District VI (joined the meeting at 2:07 p.m.)  
Honorable George Altgelt, City Councilmember, District VII  
Honorable John Galo, Webb County Commissioner, Pct. 3  
Pete Alvarez, TxDOT  
Melisa Montemayor, TxDOT

#### **Regular members absent:**

Honorable Tano E. Tijerina, Webb County Judge  
Honorable Jaime Canales, Webb County Commissioner, Pct. 4  
Honorable Roberto Balli, City Councilmember, District VIII

#### **Ex-Officio Members Not Present:**

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

#### **Staff (Of Participating LUTS Agencies) Present:**

City: Nathan R. Bratton, City Planning/LUTS Staff



Angie Quijano, City Planning/LUTS Staff  
Claudia San Miguel, Transit, El Metro  
Rosa Soto, Transit, El Metro  
Joe Jackson, Transit, El Metro  
Eduardo Bernal, Transit, El Metro

State: Ana Duncan, TxDOT  
Alberto Ramirez, TxDOT  
Sara Garza, TxDOT  
Mike Graham, TxDOT  
Anna Lydia Benavides, TxDOT  
Nelda Eureste, TxDOT  
Gustavo Elizondo, TxDOT  
Marissa Montoya, TxDOT

County: Luis Perez Garcia, Webb County Engineering

Others: Ruben Soto, Regional Mobility Authority (RMA)  
Antonio Rodriguez, HTNB, Inc.

## II. CHAIRPERSON TO CALL ROLL

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

## III. COMMITTEE AND DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

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

## IV. CITIZEN COMMENT

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## V. ITEMS REQUIRING POLICY COMMITTEE ACTION

### A. Approval of the minutes for the meeting held on May 15, 2017.

C.M. Galo made a motion to **approve** the minutes for the meeting of May 15, 2017.



Second: C.M. Altgelt  
For: 5  
Against: 0  
Abstained: 0

Mayor Saenz requested to bring forward agenda item VI-C for discussion. There were no objections.

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

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

Ruben Soto, RMA, stated the RMA was currently working on the environmental process for the Vallecillo Road project.

Antonio Rodriguez, HNTB, Inc. stated the RMA expected a draft of the preliminary environmental document within the next two months.

C.M. Algelt requested the RMA give a presentation on the proposed Vallecillo Road's funding sources at the next Policy Committee meeting.

The committee discussed the merits of a Transportation Reinvestment Zone (TRZ) versus the issuance of a bond to fund the Vallecillo project.

C.M. San Miguel joined the meeting at 2:07 p.m.

**B. Presentation, discussion and possible action on Loop 20/I-69 funding plan, sponsored by Webb County for inclusion of construction funds for Five Overpasses along Loop 20 into the LUTS-MPO Planning documents.**

Anthony Garza, Dannenbaum Engineering, gave a brief presentation on the proposed item in which he remarked that during the development of the Airport and Jacaman Road projects, R.O.W. acquisition challenges have presented themselves such that the initiation of construction for the Airport overpass would move from 2018 to 2024, and the Jacaman Road overpass would move from 2020 to 2021.

Funds liberated via the rescheduling of said projects may now be reprogrammed so as to let the following projects thusly:

- Overpasses:
  - Airport (est construction cost \$15 million)-2024
  - Jacaman (est construction cost \$20 million)-2021
  - University (est construction cost \$15 million)-2022
  - Del Mar (est construction cost \$20.5 million)-2021
  - Shiloh (est construction cost \$18 million)-2023

Luis Perez Garcia, Webb County Engineering, stated discussions with the Armory, the Laredo airport, and the Federal Aviation Administration (F.A.A.) had yet to be undertaken and would take an undetermined period of time.

Ms. Montemayor, TxDOT, stated the discussions with affected property owners have been ongoing.

C.M. Galo asked if the overpass could be built without construction of the frontage roads.

Alberto Ramirez, TxDOT, stated that an interim construction foot print of the project could be considered during the ROW negotiations with F.A.A.

Mr. Garcia stated Webb County would develop a plan, for presentation at the next meeting, to visually demonstrate the physical layout of the overpass designed so as not to encroach on the Armory or the Airport properties.

C.M. Galo made a motion to **adopt** the funding new plan as proposed by the County.

Second: C.M. San Miguel  
For: 0  
Against: 0  
Abstained: 0

Motion was not voted on.

C.M. Galo made a motion to **move up** item VI-A.

Second: C.M. Algelt  
For: 6  
Against: 0  
Abstained: 0

Motion carried unanimously

C.M. Altgelt stepped out of the meeting at 2:30 p.m.

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

### **A. Presentation by TxDOT Laredo District and ROW Division on the US 59 Loop project and the “ready to let” schedule.**

Ana Duncan, Gustavo Elizondo, Mike Graham, and Nelda Euresti, TxDOT, gave a brief presentation on the item. The updated “ready to let schedule” was as follows:

- Airport Overpass/ready to let in 2024

- Jacaman Overpass/ready to let in 2021
- University Overpass/ready to let in 2021

C.M. Galo expressed his concern regarding the delay in ROW acquisition along the proposed project sites which may cause future increased costs to the City and County.

C.M. Galo asked if the City of Laredo could purchase ROW.

Ms. Euresti stated the City could buy ROW, but may jeopardize reimbursement with federal dollars.

C.M. Galo made a motion to **approve** the updated funding plan for the Jacaman, Del Mar, University, Shiloh, and Airport overpasses as presented by Webb County.

Second: C.M. San Miguel  
 For: 3  
 Against: 0  
 Abstained: 2 (C.M. Alvarez, C.M. Montemayor)

Motion carried

C.M. Galo made a motion to “send a letter from the MPO in writing or via email to request if the City could purchase ROW and how it goes towards the future obligation and how it will be valued upon the local contribution.”

Second: C.M. San Miguel  
 For: 3  
 Against: 0  
 Abstained: 2 (C.M. Alvarez, C.M. Montemayor)

Motion carried

Ms. Euresti stated the ROW acquisition process could not start till TxDOT had the approved schematic, and had received the City’s or the County’s local contribution.

The MPO Policy Committee Chairman requested that the MPO Director advise the City Manager of the upcoming ROW local contribution, due possibly as soon as March of 2018.

C.M. Galo also recommended Congressman Cuellar be contacted regarding the Armory and its possible relocation.

**C. Receive public testimony and initiate a ten-day public review and comment period for the following proposed amendment(s) of the 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP):**



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C.M. Galo made a motion to **open** a public hearing.

Second: C.M. San Miguel  
 For: 5  
 Against: 0  
 Abstained: 0

Motion carried unanimously

C.M. Galo made a motion to **close** the public hearing and initiate a **ten-day** public review and comment period for the following proposed amendment(s) of the 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Second: C.M. San Miguel  
 For: 5  
 Against: 0  
 Abstained: 0

Motion carried unanimously

**D. Receive public testimony and approve Resolution No. MPO 2017-05, adopting transit performance measures and targets for state of good repair (SGR) as identified in Table 3.1 of the El Metro Asset Management Plan of 2017, which are as follows:**

Table 3.1: Performance Measures and Targets

Asset Class	Performance Measure	Target
Rolling Stock	Mileage	75% of vehicles should be within their ULB
Equipment	Age	75% equipment should be within their ULB
Facilities	Condition	75% facilities rated on a FTA TERM scale of 3.0 or above

C.M. Galo made a motion **open** a public hearing.

Second: C.M. San Miguel  
 For: 5  
 Against: 0  
 Abstained: 0

Motion carried unanimously

C.M. Galo made a motion to **close** the public hearing and **approve** Resolution No. MPO 2017-05, adopting the transit measures and targets for state of good repair (SGR).

Second: C.M. San Miguel  
 For: 5  
 Against: 0  
 Abstained: 0

Motion carried unanimously

**E. Receive public testimony and initiate a twenty day public review and comment period for the draft 2018 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP).**

C.M. Galo made a motion **open** a public hearing.

Second: C.M. San Miguel  
 For: 5  
 Against: 0  
 Abstained: 0

Motion carried unanimously

C.M. Galo made a motion to **close** the public hearing and **initiate** a twenty day public review and comment period for the draft 2018 UPWP.

Second: C.M. San Miguel  
 For: 5  
 Against: 0  
 Abstained: 0

Motion carried unanimously

**F. Discussion with possible action regarding the remaining 8 million dollars in Category 2 funds.**

No further discussion was deemed necessary pursuant to the updated funding plan as approved in agenda item VI-A.

**G. Discussion with possible action on Hachar Road.**

Anthony Garza, Dannenbaum Engineering, stated the project is on hold due to procurement issues. He also stated Dannenbaum Engineering had requested a 365 day extension on the contract, but had not yet been approved by the City Council.

C.M. Alvarez requested to remove item V-H from future agendas as it would be included in TxDOT's monthly report on the status of ongoing construction projects.

C.M. Galo made a motion to **discuss** item V-H and VI-B currently and remove the discussion with possible action on Mines Road on all future agendas as it would be included in TxDOT's regular report on the status of ongoing construction projects.

Second: C.M. San Miguel  
For: 5  
Against: 0  
Abstained: 0

Motion carried unanimously

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

**B. TxDOT report on the status of ongoing construction projects.**

Mr. Alvarez, TxDOT stated the Loop 20/Spur 400 Interchange project was 73% completed and was anticipated be complete in January of 2018. Loop 20/KCS railroad overpass project was 42% completed and was anticipated to be complete in the fall of 2018. Loop 20/International was 45% completed and was anticipated to be complete in December of 2017. FM 1472/concrete paving on Mines Road was 45% completed and was anticipated to be complete in August of 2017. He stated the Flyover/Loop 20 over IH 35 project was schedule for letting in July and funded through Coordinated Border Infrastructure (CBI) funds.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

C.M. Galo made a motion to **adjourn** the meeting at 3:21 p.m.

Second: C.M. San Miguel  
For: 5



Against: 0  
Abstained: 0

Motion carried unanimously

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Nathan R. Bratton,  
MPO Director

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Pete Saenz,  
Mayor and LUTS Chairperson



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**LAREDO URBAN TRANSPORTATION STUDY  
ACTION ITEM**

<b>DATE:</b>  07-17-17	<b>SUBJECT: RESOLUTION</b>  Receive public testimony approve Resolution No. MPO 2017-06, adopting the proposed amendment(s) of the 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP):  <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Removal</b> of project CSJ 0086-14-077 intended to provide for construction of an interchange at the international airport, with an estimated construction cost of \$14,785,990. <b>Rationale:</b> Latest estimated letting date is fiscal year (FY) 2024, which is outside of the current TIP horizon.</li> <li>2. <b>Removal</b> of project CSJ 0086-14-078 intended to provide for construction of an interchange from 0.50 miles south of Jacaman Road to 0.50 miles north of Jacaman Road, with an estimated construction cost of \$19,691,424. <b>Rationale:</b> The latest estimated letting date is FY 2021, which is outside of the current TIP horizon.</li> <li>3. <b>Administrative Revision</b> of <i>grouped</i> project CSJ 0922-33-149 intended to provide for the construction of the Chacon Creek Hike and Bike Trail, Phase 3, at Chacon Creek from Eastwood Park to US 59, with a construction cost estimate of \$1,400,000. <b>Purpose:</b> The letting date is moving from 2017 to FY 2019.</li> </ol> <p style="text-align: right;">TIP 17-20/REV 03</p>
<b>INITIATED BY:</b> TxDOT/MPO	<b>STAFF SOURCE:</b> Nathan Bratton, MPO Director
<b>PREVIOUS ACTION:</b> On 07/18/16, The Policy Committee approved revision #1. On 09/19/16, the Policy Committee approved revision #1-B. On May 15 <sup>th</sup> , 2017, the Policy Committee approved Revision #2. On 06/19/17, the Policy Committee initiated a ten day public review and comment period for Revision #3.	
<b>BACKGROUND:</b> See attachments for full revision details.	
<b>COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:</b> Approval	<b>STAFF RECOMMENDATION:</b> Approval.



**RESOLUTION NO. MPO 2017-06**

BY THE LAREDO URBAN TRANSPORTATION STUDY  
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION POLICY COMMITTEE

**ADOPTING THE 2017-2020 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)**

**WHEREAS**, the Laredo Urban Transportation Study (LUTS), the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Laredo Urban Area, has reviewed the proposed revision(s) of the 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP); and,

**WHEREAS**, the Laredo Urban Transportation Study finds that the proposed revision(s) of the 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) meets the high priority improvements necessary for the LUTS area;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Laredo Urban Transportation Study, as the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Laredo Urban Area, adopted the proposed 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), which are attached hereto and made a part hereof for all purpose:

We certify that the above resolution was adopted on July 17th, 2017, at a public meeting of the Policy Committee of the Laredo Urban Transportation Study.

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

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Nathan Bratton  
MPO Director

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Pedro R. Alvarez,  
TxDOT, District Engineer





MPO / Laredo District - 22  
 FY 2017 - 2020 Transportation Improvement Program

Funding by Category

Category	Description	FY 2017		FY 2018		FY 2019		FY 2020		Total FY 2017 - 2020	
		Programmed	Authorized	Programmed	Authorized	Programmed	Authorized	Programmed	Authorized	Programmed	Authorized
1	Preventive Maintenance and Rehabilitation	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2M or 2U	Urban Area (Non-TMA) Corridor Projects	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
3	Non-Traditionally Funded Transportation Project	\$0	\$0	\$8,441,118	\$8,441,118	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$8,441,118	\$8,441,118
4	Statewide Connectivity Corridor Projects	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$32,877,000	\$32,877,000	\$0	\$0	\$32,877,000	\$32,877,000
5	CMAQ	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
5 Flex	Map21 Flex	\$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	\$26,796,902	\$26,796,902	\$0	\$0	\$26,796,902	\$26,796,902
8	Safety	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
9	Enhancements	\$1,056,250	\$1,056,250	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,056,250	\$1,056,250
9 Flex	TAP	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$815,798	\$815,798	\$0	\$0	\$815,798	\$815,798
10	Supplemental Transportation	\$0	\$0	\$16,620,223	\$16,620,223	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$16,620,223	\$16,620,223
10 CBI	Corridor Border	\$31,929,549	\$31,929,549	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$31,929,549	\$31,929,549
11	District Discretionary	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
12	Strategic Priority	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
12C	Strategic Priority RECON	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
12S	Strategic Priority RECON	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
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
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$32,985,799</b>	<b>\$32,985,799</b>	<b>\$25,061,341</b>	<b>\$25,061,341</b>	<b>\$60,489,700</b>	<b>\$60,489,700</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$118,536,840</b>	<b>\$118,536,840</b>

Funding Participation Source

Source	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	Total
Federal	\$26,388,639	\$14,366,535	\$51,679,460	\$0	\$92,434,634
State	\$6,385,910	\$0	\$3,287,700	\$0	\$9,673,610
Local Match	\$211,250	\$2,253,688	\$5,522,540	\$0	\$7,987,478
CAT 3 - Local Contributions (LC)	\$0	\$8,441,118	\$0	\$0	\$8,441,118
CAT 3 - Prop 1	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
CAT 3 - Prop 7	\$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 - Vehical Registration Fees - VTR	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
CAT 3 - RTR	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
CAT 3 - SH 121 Toll Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
CAT 3 - SH 161 Toll Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
CAT 3 - SH 130 Concession Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
CAT 3 - PTF	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
CAT 3 - Unique Federal Program - Tiger II	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
CAT 3 - TDC	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other - Section 5306	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other - Strategy PE Budget	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
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<b>0922-33-149</b>	MSC		Phase C, E		Let 9/18 (FY 19)		YOE= 1,644,700
From:	AT CHACON CREEK FROM EASTWOOD PARK						
To:	US 59						
FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A PEDESTRIAN TRAIL AT CHACON CREEK							
PE	68,600		FUNDS	Federal	State	Local	LC
Construction	1,400,000		CAT 10	938,800	234,700		
Const Eng	89,320		CAT 3			471,200	
Admin Fees	18,060						
CO	80,920		TOTAL:	938,800	234,700	471,200	
	1,706,900						

## Vanessa Guerra

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**From:** Roberto Rodriguez III <Roberto.Rodriguez@txdot.gov>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 18, 2017 10:19 AM  
**To:** Vanessa Guerra  
**Subject:** CSJ 0922-33-149 Chacon Phase 3 - Proposed Letting date  
**Attachments:** ChaconCreekPhaseIII\_ChangeofLettingDate.pdf

Vanessa,

Good morning. Please see attached. We would like to add to next MPO agenda.

Thanks  
RR

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**From:** Ana Duncan  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 18, 2017 8:51 AM  
**To:** Roberto Rodriguez III  
**Cc:** Randy Aguilar; Ricardo De La Parra; Alberto Ramirez; Alberto Chavez Jr  
**Subject:** FW: CSJ 0922-33-149 Chacon Phase 3 - Proposed Letting date

Roberto,

Plan Review is requesting a status on this change to the let date. Also, as noted, this needs to be added as an administrative change to the MPO agenda for next month's meeting. Thanks.

*Ana A. Duncan, P.E.*  
Transportation Engineer

Texas Department of Transportation – Laredo District  
1817 Bob Bullock Loop \* Laredo, TX 78043  
O: 956/712-7460 F: 956/712-7401  
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April 6, 2017

Ana Duncan, P.E.  
Transportation Engineer  
Texas Department of Transportation  
Laredo District  
1817 Bob Bullock Loop  
Laredo, Texas 78043

RE: Chacon Creek Hike and Bike trail Phase III (CSJ 0922-33-149) Change of Letting

Dear Ms. Duncan,

Regarding the aforementioned project, the City is anticipating a letting date of September 2018. The City is requesting that this change be made and accepted by TXDOT. The City is still pending a Public-use easement with the landowner who is currently developing the property and has agreed to the easement change following their development.

Should you have any questions, or need further information, please feel free to contact 956-794-1650 or via email at [jporter@ci.laredo.tx.us](mailto:jporter@ci.laredo.tx.us).

Sincerely yours,

John Porter,  
Director

## Vanessa Guerra

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**From:** Randy Aguilar <Randy.Aguilar@txdot.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 24, 2017 1:54 PM  
**To:** Vanessa Guerra  
**Subject:** RE: May Revision

Vanessa,

I looked over the summary you did and compared it to what we want to do and it looks good. All projects are accounted for.

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**From:** Vanessa Guerra [<mailto:vguerra@ci.laredo.tx.us>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 24, 2017 10:12 AM  
**To:** Randy Aguilar  
**Cc:** Nathan R. Bratton; Alberto Ramirez; Roberto Rodriguez III  
**Subject:** RE: May Revision

Randy,

Update....I spoke with Nathan, and we are going to submit the projects that the Policy Committee acted on for the May 31<sup>st</sup> deadline. The below projects that are not stricken through will be submitted. As mentioned previously the removal of the Jacaman and Airport projects will be on the June agenda to initiate the comment period to begin the TIP revision process.

Do you have a true csj number for the River Vega Project yet?

We still need to discuss the financial summaries.

1. **Addition** of project CSJ 0018-06-183 intended to provide for the construction a direct connector interchange (DC#5), from 0.50 miles south of US59-SL20 to 0.50 miles east of IH35/US59-SL20, with an estimated total project cost of \$35,121,000. Proposed project letting date is FY 2019 (August, 2019).
2. **Addition** of project CSJ 0922-33-900, also identified as the River Vega Multi-Use Hike and Bike Trail, intended to provide for the construction of a hike and bike trail from Anna Park to the LCC Campus, with an estimated total project cost of \$815,798. Proposed project letting date is October 2018 (FY 19)
3. ~~**Revision** of project CSJ 0086-14-077 intended to provide for construction of an interchange at the international airport. **Purpose** of amendment is to revise funding amounts from \$14,785,990 in State funds to \$4,901,198 in State funds, and \$9,884,792 in federal funds. Proposed letting date will remain in fiscal year (FY) 2018, however the letting month is being moved from September of 2017 to August of 2018.~~
4. ~~**Revision** of project CSJ 0086-14-078 intended to provide for construction of an interchange from 0.50 miles south of Jacaman Road to 0.50 miles north of Jacaman Road. **Purpose** of amendment is to revise funding amounts from \$19,691,424 in State funds to \$3,938,285 in State funds, and \$15,753,139 in federal funds. Proposed letting date will remain in fiscal year (FY) 2020, however the letting month is being moved from September of 2019 to August of 2020. (Policy Committee acted to delete the stricken items from consideration for action.)~~
5. **Administrative Revision** of project CSJ 0922-33-093 intended to construct a grade separation at the Calton Road/Santa Maria intersection. **Purpose** of the amendment is to move letting date from August 2017 (FY 17) to October 2017 (FY 18).

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**From:** Vanessa Guerra  
**Sent:** Monday, May 22, 2017 5:09 PM  
**To:** 'Randy Aguilar'  
**Subject:** RE: May Revision

I am not going to submit in the May revision.

The Airport and Jacaman projects will be on next month's meeting agenda for initiation of a 10 comment period to remove the projects from the TIP.

Call me tomorrow so we can go over what if any other changes are necessary for updated financial summary, and if new runs are needed ( chacon).

Thanks. V.

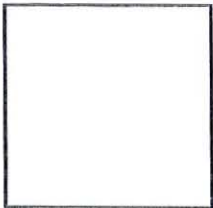
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**From:** Randy Aguilar [<mailto:Randy.Aguilar@txdot.gov>]  
**Sent:** Monday, May 22, 2017 4:57 PM  
**To:** Vanessa Guerra  
**Subject:** May Revision

Vanessa,

For the May revision is it just the removal of International Airport and Jacaman or are there other projects that we need to delete or add or change?

Randy Aguilar  
Planner  
TxDOT Laredo District  
956-712-7457



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**LAREDO URBAN TRANSPORTATION STUDY  
ACTION ITEM**

<b>DATE:</b> 07-17-17	<b>SUBJECT: RESOLUTION</b> Receive public testimony and approve Resolution No. MPO 2017-07, adopting the 2018 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP).																											
<b>INITIATED BY:</b> Staff		<b>STAFF SOURCE:</b> Nathan Bratton, MPO Director																										
<b>PREVIOUS ACTION:</b> On 06-19-17, the Policy Committee initiated a 20 day public review and comment period.																												
<p><b>BACKGROUND:</b> The Unified Planning Work Program describes and schedules work to be undertaken by the Metropolitan Planning Organization during the 2018 fiscal period.</p> <p>The final approved Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) is due August 1, 2017. Listed below is the proposed budget:</p> <table style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: center;"><b>Subtask</b></th> <th style="text-align: center;"><b>Amount</b></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr><td>1.1 Program support administration</td><td style="text-align: right;">\$100,000.00</td></tr> <tr><td>1.2 Travel, training, equipment</td><td style="text-align: right;">\$20,000.00</td></tr> <tr><td>2.1 Growth monitoring, projections, website</td><td style="text-align: right;">\$20,000.00</td></tr> <tr><td>2.2 2013-2045 Travel Demand Model Update Project</td><td style="text-align: right;">\$60,000.00</td></tr> <tr><td>3.1 TIP/UPWP/PPP/LEP/By-Laws/Title VI</td><td style="text-align: right;">\$20,000.00</td></tr> <tr><td>4.1 2015-2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan</td><td style="text-align: right;">\$5,000.00</td></tr> <tr><td>4.2 FAST ACT Compliance Project</td><td style="text-align: right;">\$75,000.00</td></tr> <tr><td>4.3 2020-2045 Laredo MTP</td><td style="text-align: right;">\$250,000.00</td></tr> <tr><td>5.1 2015 Quiet Zone Study Update</td><td style="text-align: right;">\$50,000.00</td></tr> <tr><td>5.2 Outer Loop Alignment Study</td><td style="text-align: right;">\$250,000.00</td></tr> <tr><td>5.3 Long Range Freight Mobility Plan</td><td style="text-align: right;">\$250,000.00</td></tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;"><b>TOTAL</b></td> <td style="text-align: right;"><b>\$1,100,000.00</b></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>			<b>Subtask</b>	<b>Amount</b>	1.1 Program support administration	\$100,000.00	1.2 Travel, training, equipment	\$20,000.00	2.1 Growth monitoring, projections, website	\$20,000.00	2.2 2013-2045 Travel Demand Model Update Project	\$60,000.00	3.1 TIP/UPWP/PPP/LEP/By-Laws/Title VI	\$20,000.00	4.1 2015-2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan	\$5,000.00	4.2 FAST ACT Compliance Project	\$75,000.00	4.3 2020-2045 Laredo MTP	\$250,000.00	5.1 2015 Quiet Zone Study Update	\$50,000.00	5.2 Outer Loop Alignment Study	\$250,000.00	5.3 Long Range Freight Mobility Plan	\$250,000.00	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,100,000.00</b>
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<b>COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:</b> The LUTS Technical Committee recommends approval.		<b>STAFF RECOMMENDATION:</b> Staff recommends approval.																										

**RESOLUTION NO. MPO 2017-07**

BY THE LAREDO URBAN TRANSPORTATION STUDY  
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION POLICY COMMITTEE

**ADOPTING THE REVISED 2018 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP)**

**WHEREAS**, the Laredo Urban Transportation Study (LUTS), the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), for the Laredo Urbanized Area wishes to adopt the 2018 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP); and,

**WHEREAS**, the Laredo Urban Transportation Study finds that the 2018 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) meets federal and state requirements, and meets the transportation planning needs of the Laredo Metropolitan Area;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Laredo Urban Transportation Study, as the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Laredo Urban Area, adopts the 2018 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), which is attached hereto and made a part hereof for all purpose on this the 17<sup>th</sup> day of July 2017.

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

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

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Nathan Bratton  
MPO Director

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Pedro Alvarez,  
TxDOT District Engineer





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**UNIFIED PLANNING WORK  
PROGRAM  
FY 2018**

ADOPTED BY THE POLICY COMMITTEE ON: JULY 17, 2017  
AMENDED ON: \_\_\_\_\_

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**LAREDO URBAN TRANSPORTATION STUDY**  
**2018 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM**

## **I. INTRODUCTION**

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

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

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

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

### **A. PURPOSE**

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

#### ***Scope of Planning***

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

1. Support the economic vitality of the metropolitan area, especially by enabling global competitiveness, productivity, and efficiency.
2. Increase the safety of the transportation system for motorized and non-motorized users.
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4. Increase the accessibility and mobility for people and freight.
5. Protect and enhance the environment, promote energy conservation, improve the quality of life, and promote consistency between transportation improvements and State and local planned growth and economic development patterns.
6. Enhance the integration and connectivity of the transportation system, across and between modes, people and freight.
7. Promote efficient system management and operation.
8. Emphasize the preservation of the existing transportation system.
9. Improve the resiliency and reliability of the transportation system and reduce or mitigate storm water impacts of surface transportation; and,
10. Enhance travel and tourism.

### ***Performance Based Planning***

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

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

The goal areas for public transportation address:

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

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



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

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

#### *Public Involvement*

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

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

### **B. DEFINITION OF AREA**

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

### **C. ORGANIZATION**

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



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The Technical Committee includes:

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

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

**D. PRIVATE SECTOR INVOLVEMENT**

The private sector is encouraged to participate in the development of all transportation programs and plans. Private transportation providers are invited to participate in TIP and MTP development as members of the Technical Committee and as project evaluation committee members. Private consultants will be used for the completion of the Travel Demand Model Update Project, the Fast Act Compliance Project, the Quiet Zone Update Project, the Outer Loop Alignment Study, and the Long Range Freight Mobility Plan.

**E. PLANNING ISSUES AND EMPHASIS**

***Planning Issues***

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

### ***Planning Emphasis Areas***

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

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



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

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

## II. TASK 1.0 - ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT

### A. OBJECTIVE

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

### B. EXPECTED PRODUCTS

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

### C. PREVIOUS WORK

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

### D. SUBTASKS

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

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**E. FUNDING & PARTICIPATION SUMMARY**

**Task 1.0 - FY 18**

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

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

**III. TASK 2.0 - DATA DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTENANCE**

**A. OBJECTIVE**

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

**B. EXPECTED PRODUCTS**

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

**C. PREVIOUS WORK**

The MPO website was continually updated to provide access to meeting agendas, packets, and publications as they became available. The Travel Demand Data Development Project and the 2015-2040 MTP project were completed. Project maps were developed, retrieved and or printed as new projects were approved or considered. A Request for Qualifications was developed, and published for the Demographic Data Development Project (also identified as the 2013-2045 Travel Demand Model Update Project). Consultant was selected and the project is approximately 44% complete.

**D. SUBTASKS**

2.1 Growth development monitoring, projections, and website. The GIS staff will assist in the ongoing collection, review, analysis and mapping of demographic data related to population, land use, housing, and employment. The subtask will also provide for GIS related staff training, and the purchase of equipment, software, materials and supplies for printing of maps. Staff will monitor the MPO website, continue to modify it in the interest of ease of use and transparency,



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and assist in posting MPO products online. (Routine work effort – carried over from previous year)

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

- 2.2 2013-2045 Travel Demand Model Update Project - Objective: To collect and format all the demographic and roadway data necessary for input into the 2013-2045 Travel Demand Model. Expected Outcome: All demographic and roadway data, gathered and formatted, as necessary for submittal to TxDOT for their preparation of the 2013-2015 Travel Demand Model. TxDOT will update the model from a 2008 to a 2013 base year and from a 2040 forecast year to a 2045 forecast year (Non-Routine Work Effort – carry over project).

**E. FUNDING & PARTICIPATION SUMMARY**

**Task 2.0 – FY 18**

<b>Subtask</b>	<b>Responsible Agency</b>	<b>Transportation Planning Funds (TPF)<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>FTA Sect. 5307</b>	<b>Local</b>	<b>Total</b>
2.1	LUTS	20,000	0	0	20,000
2.2	LUTS	60,000	0	0	60,000
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>80,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>80,000</b>

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**IV. TASK 3.0 - SHORT RANGE PLANNING**

**A. OBJECTIVE**

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

**B. EXPECTED PRODUCTS**

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

**C. PREVIOUS WORK**

Staff assisted in the development and continued revision of the 2017-2020 TIP, the 2015- 2018 TIP, the 2016 and 2017 UPWP. Staff addressed the recommendations resulting from the informal federal

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certification review conducted in December of 2014 and prepared the materials necessary for the Formal Certification Review conducted by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) in April of 2016. Staff developed and submitted the Annual Performance and Expenditure Report and the Annual Projects list. Staff developed submitted all materials requested by the TxDOT office of Civil Rights during the Title VI desk audit. In June of 2016, the Office of Civil Rights notified MPO Staff the desk audit was complete and found that 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 second 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.

**D. SUBTASKS**

- 3.1 TIP/UPWP/By-Laws/PPP/LEP/Title VI– assisting in the development and/or revision of the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), UPWP, By-Laws, the Public Participation Plan, the Limited English Proficiency Plan, and Title VI documents. (Routine work effort)

**E. FUNDING & PARTICIPATION SUMMARY**

**Task 3.0 - FY 18**

<b>Subtask</b>	<b>Responsible Agency</b>	<b>Transportation Planning Funds (TPF)<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>FTA Sect. 5307</b>	<b>Local</b>	<b>Total</b>
3.1	LUTS	20,000	0	0	20,000
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>20,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>20,000</b>

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

**A. OBJECTIVE**

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

**B. EXPECTED PRODUCTS**

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

**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)



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- 4.2 FAST ACT Compliance Project  
The 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. (Non-routine work effort - To be conducted by consultant)
- 4.3 2020-2045 Laredo Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) - Update existing MTP to conform to state and federal requirements. This includes and evaluation of the existing transportation system, public transportation, environmental conditions and transportation needs and developing a financially constrained implementation plan. The project will include a land use and socioeconomic conditions and forecast element. (Non-routine work effort - To be conducted by consultant)

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**Task 4.0 - FY 18**

<b>Subtask</b>	<b>Responsible Agency</b>	<b>Transportation Planning Funds (TPF)<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>FTA Sect. 5307</b>	<b>Local</b>	<b>Total</b>
4.1	LUTS	5,000	0	0	5,000
4.2	LUTS	75,000	0	0	75,000
4.3	LUTS	250,000	0	0	250,000
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>330,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>330,000</b>

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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.

**C. PREVIOUS WORK**

The Downtown Signalization Study was completed in FY 2008, the Transit Development Plan was completed in FY 09, the McPherson Corridor Capacity and Mobility Analysis Project was completed in FY 10. In FY 11 both the Bus Rapid Transit Plan and the Del Mar Corridor Study were completed. In FY 2013, the Para-Transit Plan Update was completed. In FY 15, the 2015-2040 MTP, the TMA



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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 c in December of 2016, and June of 2017.

**D. SUBTASKS**

- 5.1 2015 Quiet Zone Study Update – The update of the 2015 study is intended to: refresh the rail crossing data, gather updated traffic counts, and provide recommendations on safety infrastructure improvements and costs, necessary to meet the federal quiet zone safety thresholds, while minimizing, to the maximum extent possible, street closures in the downtown area. (Non-routine work effort - To be conducted by consultant- This is a carry-over project)
- 5.2 Outer Loop Alignment Study- Objective: The study will define alternative alignments, identify and assess potential environmental mitigation issues, include the requisite public outreach activities, and select a preferred alternative alignment for the Laredo Outer Loop. Expected Outcome: The study will identify a preferred alignment for corridor preservation and eventual construction of the proposed four-lane, controlled access, approximately 37 mile long facility identified as the Laredo Outer Loop. (Non-routine work effort - To be conducted by consultant. This is a carry-over project)
- 5.3 Long Range Freight Mobility Plan – Objective- The study will evaluate freight movement in the study in order to: identify freight mobility needs and challenges, develop goals and objectives to improve goods movement, evaluate the impact of freight movement on the regional economy, identify freight transportation facilities and investments necessary for economic growth, define freight policies and programs, and provide recommendations for short, mid-range and long term recommendations for infrastructure improvements. Expected Outcome- A study that will serve as an investment guide for freight mobility improvements in the region. (Non-routine work effort - To be conducted by consultant-This is a carryover project.)

**E. FUNDING & PARTICIPATION SUMMARY**

**Task 5.0 - FY 18**

<b>Subtask</b>	<b>Responsible Agency</b>	<b>Transportation Planning Funds (TPF)<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>FTA Sect. 5307</b>	<b>Local</b>	<b>Total</b>
5.1	LUTS	50,000	0	0	50,000
5.2	LUTS	250,000	0	0	250,000
5.3	LUTS	250,000	0	0	250,000
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>550,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>550,000</b>

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UPWP Task	Description	TPF <sup>1</sup> Funds	FTA Sect. 5307	Local	Total Funds
1.0	Administration-Management	120,000	0	0	120,000
2.0	Data Development and Maintenance	80,000	0	0	80,000
3.0	Short Range Planning	20,000	0	0	20,000
4.0	Metropolitan Transportation Plan	330,000	0	0	330,000
5.0	Special Studies	550,000	0	0	550,000
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>1,100,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,100,000</b>

<sup>1</sup> 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.

Combined Transportation Planning Funds <sup>2</sup>	\$ 500,522.00
Estimated Unexpended Carryover	\$ 599,478.00
<b>TOTAL TPF</b>	<b>1,100,000.00</b>

<sup>2</sup> Estimate based on prior years authorizations



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 VII. APPENDICES

**APPENDIX A - POLICY COMMITTEE**

Honorable Pete Saenz	Mayor	City of Laredo
Honorable George Altgelt	City Councilmember	City of Laredo
Honorable Charlie San Miguel	City Councilmember	City of Laredo
Honorable Roberto Balli	City Councilmember	Laredo Mass Transit Board
Honorable Tano Tijerina	Webb County Judge	Webb County
Honorable John Galo	Webb County Commissioner	Webb County
Honorable Jaime Canales	Webb County Commissioner	Webb County
Ms. Melisa Montemayor	District Administrator	TxDOT
Mr. Pete Alvarez, P.E.	District Engineer	TxDOT
<b>**Ex-Officio**</b>		
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

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**APPENDIX B -METROPOLITAN AREA BOUNDARY MAP**

Map will be inserted separately



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APPENDIX C - DEBARMENT CERTIFICATION

NEGOTIATED CONTRACTS

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

\* Federal, State, or Local

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Chairperson, MPO Policy Committee  
Mayor City of Laredo

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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.

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Chairperson, MPO Policy Committee  
Mayor  
City of Laredo

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**APPENDIX E - CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE**

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

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Chairperson, MPO Policy Committee  
Mayor  
City of Laredo

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Date

Attest:

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Heberto L. "Beto" Ramirez-  
Acting City Secretary  
City of Laredo

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APPENDIX F - CERTIFICATION OF INTERNAL ETHICS AND COMPLIANCE PROGRAM

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

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Chairperson, MPO Policy Committee  
Mayor  
City of Laredo

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Attest:

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Heberto L. "Beto" Ramirez-  
Acting City Secretary  
City of Laredo



**RESOLUTION NO. MPO 2017-06**

**BY THE LAREDO URBAN TRANSPORTATION STUDY  
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION POLICY COMMITTEE**

**ADOPTING THE REVISED 2018 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP)**

**WHEREAS**, the Laredo Urban Transportation Study (LUTS), the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), for the Laredo Urbanized Area wishes to adopt the Revised 2018 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP); and,

**WHEREAS**, the Laredo Urban Transportation Study finds that the 2018 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) meets federal and state requirements, and meets the transportation planning needs of the Laredo Metropolitan Area;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Laredo Urban Transportation Study, as the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Laredo Urban Area, adopts the Revised 2018 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), which is attached hereto and made a part hereof for all purpose on this the 17 day of July 2017.

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

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

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Nathan Bratton  
MPO Director

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Pedro Alvarez,  
TxDOT District Engineer

## Vanessa Guerra

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**From:** Sara Garza <Sara.Garza@txdot.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 06, 2017 5:00 PM  
**To:** Vanessa Guerra  
**Cc:** Nathan R. Bratton  
**Subject:** RE: 2018 draft UPWP

Here to help!

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**From:** Vanessa Guerra [<mailto:vguerra@ci.laredo.tx.us>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 06, 2017 4:53 PM  
**To:** Sara Garza  
**Cc:** Nathan R. Bratton  
**Subject:** RE: 2018 draft UPWP

Awesome, thanks! I didn't have a clue who to call. V.

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**From:** Sara Garza [<mailto:Sara.Garza@txdot.gov>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 06, 2017 4:52 PM  
**To:** Vanessa Guerra  
**Cc:** Christeen Pusch; Nathan R. Bratton  
**Subject:** RE: 2018 draft UPWP

I just got off the phone with Christeen , she stated that they will not be done this fiscal year. So please include the language in your UPWP for next year too. Thanks

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**From:** Vanessa Guerra [<mailto:vguerra@ci.laredo.tx.us>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 06, 2017 4:41 PM  
**To:** Sara Garza  
**Cc:** Nathan R. Bratton  
**Subject:** RE: 2018 draft UPWP

Could you ask someone around there if TXDOT has finished this work please.

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**From:** Sara Garza [<mailto:Sara.Garza@txdot.gov>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 06, 2017 4:38 PM  
**To:** Vanessa Guerra  
**Cc:** Nathan R. Bratton  
**Subject:** RE: 2018 draft UPWP

I would think so if they are going to occur in the FY 2018. If they are occurring during this FY 2017 I would not include. Thanks!

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**From:** Vanessa Guerra [<mailto:vguerra@ci.laredo.tx.us>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 06, 2017 4:11 PM  
**To:** Sara Garza  
**Cc:** Nathan R. Bratton  
**Subject:** 2018 draft UPWP

Hi Sara,

The language below was included in last year's UPWP per instructions from TxDOT. Does TxDOT want this language in this year's UPWP?

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

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V. ITEMS REQUIRING POLICY COMMITTEE ACTION

H. Discussion with possible action on Hachar Road.

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

A. Presentation by Webb County on the development of a plan to visually demonstrate the physical layout of the Airport overpass designed so as not to encroach on the Armory of the Airport's property.

B. TxDOT report on the status of ongoing construction projects.

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

1. Presentation on the proposed Vallecillo Road's funding sources.