

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
August 20, 2018
1:30 p.m.

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MEETING AGENDA

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

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

IV. ITEMS REQUIRING POLICY COMMITTEE ACTION

- A. Approval of the minutes for the meeting held on July 16, 2018.
- B. Discussion with possible action to award or reject the El Metro ADA Bus Stops and Bicycles Plazas Enhancement Project for funding through the Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program (TA). The project provides for the construction and/or improvement of 17 bus stops located throughout the fixed route network. The requested amount is \$200,000, which will require a \$50,000 local match. The estimated total project cost is \$250,000.
- C. A motion to authorize the execution of the proposed Planning Agreement between the Texas Department of Transportation, the Laredo Urban Transportation Study, which has been designated the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization (MPO)

for the Laredo urbanized area, and the City of Laredo, which serves as the MPO's fiscal agent. The Planning Agreement identifies the roles and responsibilities of the parties carrying out the transportation planning process.

- D. Discussion with possible action on the transfer of \$ 96.93 Million from the construction of US 59 Interchanges at Del Mar Blvd, Shiloh Dr., International Airport, Jacaman Rd, and University Blvd (CSJs: 0086-14-075,076,077,078,and 079) to the construction of US 59 Frontage Roads between US 59 and International Blvd (CSJs: 0086-14-086,087,088,and 089). This change will allow better access to business and residences located along the US 59 corridor. In addition, it will allow for easier future construction of the interchanges by avoiding duplicated traffic closures/detours.
- E. Presentation, discussion and possible action on the Kansas City Southern Railroad Quiet Zone Study.
- F. Discussion with possible action on the River Road Project.
- G. Discussion with possible action on Hachar-Reuthinger Road.
- V. REPORT(S) AND PRESENTATIONS (No action required)
 - A. Status report by TxDOT on the Laredo Mobility Study.
 - B. Status report by TxDOT on the Outer Loop Alignment Study.
 - C. Status report by City Engineering on the Calton Grade Separation Project.
 - D. Presentation by Transit, El Metro on revenue sources available for financing currently unfunded transit needs, especially buses.
 - E. Status report on 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 AUGUST 17, 2018, 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 900 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 de 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 in 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 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 Jesse Gonzalez, Webb County Commissioner, Pct. 1
Honorable John Galo, Webb County Commissioner, Pct. 3

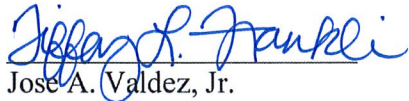
STATE REPRESENTATIVES:

Mr. David M. Salazar, Jr., P.E., District Engineer
Ms. Melisa Montemayor, District Administrator

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


Nathan R. Bratton
MPO Director

for: 
Jose A. Valdez, Jr.
City Secretary