

# 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  
September 16th, 2019  
1:30 p.m.

### MEETING AGENDA

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

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

#### IV. ITEMS REQUIRING POLICY COMMITTEE ACTION

- A. Approval of the minutes for the meeting held on August 15, 2019.
- B. Receive public testimony and approve Resolution No. MPO 2019-06, adopting the 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, on IH 35, 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 approve Resolution No. MPO 2019-07, adopting the proposed amendment(s) of the 2015-2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP):
1. Amending Table 12-10, entitled Roadway and Bicycle/Pedestrian Project Summary, in order to provide for the following:
    - 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.\*
  2. **Revision** of Chapter 1, per FAST Act requirements to include additional planning factors; and, (Ref: 23 CFR 450.206(a)(9&10) and 306(b)(9&10)) and include Safety, Bridge, Pavement/ Roadway and Transit System Performance targets; and, (Ref: 23 CFR 450.324(f)(3))
  3. **Revision** of Chapter 12 to update the project evaluation criteria to support the selection of projects in accordance with the adopted performance measures and targets; and,
  4. **Addition** of Appendix 1, entitled Documentation Adoption of Federally Required Performance Measures/Targets and System Evaluation Report
- D. Receive public testimony and initiate a 10 day public review and comment period on the proposed amendment(s) of the 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP):
1. **Addition** of project CSJ 0018-06-184 for the construction of interchange direct connector 8, on IH 35, from 0.50 miles south of US 59 to 0.50 miles east of IH 35, with estimated total project cost of 25,755,400, intended to let in FY 2020.
- E. Receive public testimony and initiate a 10 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; and,  
 Figure 12-1, entitled Roadway and Bicycle/Pedestrian Projects; and,  
 Table 12-11, entitled Roadway Projects; and,  
 Figure 13-1, entitled Natural Resources and Federally Funded Projects; and,  
 Figure 13-2, entitled Cultural Resources and Federally Funded Projects; and,  
 Figure 13-3, entitled Low Income Areas and Federally Funded Projects; and,  
 Table 13-1, entitled Federally Funded Projects Environmental Assessment Results; and,  
 Table 13-3, entitled Federally Funded Projects and Environmental Justice Populations; and,  
 Figure 13-4 entitled Colonias and Federally Funded Projects as necessary to incorporate the following revision(s):
    - A. **Addition** of project CSJ 0018-06-184 for the construction of interchange direct connector 8, on IH 35, from 0.50 miles south of US 59 to 0.50 miles east of IH 35, with estimated total project cost of 25,755,400, intended to let in FY 2020.
  - F. Presentation with possible action by CDM Smith on the proposed 2020-2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) proposed project list.
  - G. Appointment of Councilmember George Altgelt as the Laredo Mass Transit Board representative for the MPO.
  - H. Discussion with possible action on Springfield Rd.
  - I. Discussion with possible action on Cuatro Vientos Rd.
  - J. Discussion with possible action on future reconfiguration of IH-35 serving the Mall del Norte.
  - K. Discussion with possible action on the River Road Project.
  - L. Discussion with possible action on Hachar-Reuthinger.
- V. REPORT(S) AND PRESENTATIONS (No action required).
- A. Status report by Vanessa Guerra, MPO Staff, on fiscal year 2019 carryover funds.
  - B. Status report by TxDOT on ongoing projects.
  - C. Status report by the Regional Mobility Authority (RMA).
- VI. ADJOURNMENT

THIS NOTICE WAS POSTED AT THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 1110 HOUSTON STREET, LAREDO, TEXAS, AT A PLACE CONVENIENT AND READILY ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC AT ALL TIMES. SAID NOTICE WAS POSTED BY SEPTEMBER 13TH, 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](mailto:vguerra@ci.laredo.tx.us), at least five working days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made. Materials in Spanish may also be provided upon request.

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

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

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

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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

**LAREDO MASS TRANSIT BOARD REPRESENTATIVE:**

Honorable George Altgelt, City Councilmember, District VII

**COUNTY OF WEBB REPRESENTATIVES:**


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

**STATE REPRESENTATIVES:**


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



J. Kirby Snideman, AICP  
MPO Director



*For:* Jose A. Valdez, Jr.  
City Secretary