

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
October 16, 2017
1:30 p.m.

REVISED

MEETING AGENDA

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

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 - 1. Report by TxDOT on possible sign locations, cost estimates, and funding sources for digital signage on Mines Road.

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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:

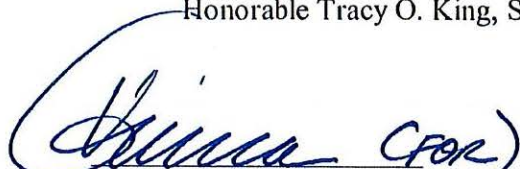
Honorable Tano E. Tijerina, Webb County Judge
Honorable Jesse Gonzalez, Webb County Commissioner, Pct. 1
Honorable John Galo, Webb County Commissioner, Pct. 3

STATE REPRESENTATIVES:

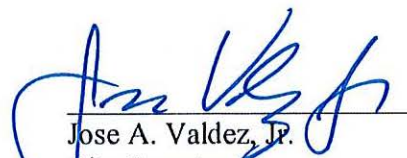
Mr. David M. Salazar, Jr., P.E., District Engineer
Ms. Melisa Montemayor, District Administrator

**** 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



Jose A. Valdez, Jr.
City Secretary

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1110 Houston St. -Laredo, Texas**



MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 18, 2017 MEETING

Regular members present:

Honorable Pete Saenz, Mayor and LUTS Chairperson
Honorable Tano E. Tijerina, Webb County Judge
Honorable John Galo, Webb County Commissioner, Pct. 3
Honorable Charlie San Miguel, City Councilmember, District VI (joined the meeting at 1:37 p.m.)
Honorable George Altgelt, City Councilmember, District VII
Melisa Montemayor, TxDOT District Administrator

Regular members not present:

Honorable Roberto Balli, City Councilmember, District VIII
Honorable Jaime Canales, Webb County Commissioner, Pct. 4
Pete Alvarez, TxDOT District Engineer

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
Vanessa Guerra, City Planning/LUTS Staff
Angie Quijano, City Planning/LUTS Staff
Roberto Murillo, City Traffic Safety Department

State: Sara Garza, TxDOT
Roberto Rodriguez, TxDOT
Alberto Ramirez, TxDOT
Ana Duncan, TxDOT
Alberto Rodriguez, TxDOT
Mike Graham, TxDOT
Danny Magee, TxDOT
Jorge Rodriguez, TxDOT

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

Others: Ruben Soto, Regional Mobility Authority, (RMA)
Antonio Rodriguez, HNTB, Inc.
Enrique Valdez, LNV

I. CHAIRPERSON TO CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Pete Saenz, LUTS Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m.

II. CHAIRPERSON TO CALL ROLL

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

C.M. Galo made a motion to excuse members not present.

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

Motion carried unanimously

Judge Tijerina informed the members present that Cm. Jaime Canales had been replaced with Cm. Jesse Gonzalez.

C.M. San Miguel joined the meeting at 1:37 p.m.

III. CITIZEN COMMENT

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IV. ITEMS REQUIRING POLICY COMMITTEE ACTION

A. Approval of the minutes for the meeting held on July 17, 2017 and August 21, 2017.

C.M. Altgelt made a motion to **approve** the minutes of July 17, 2017 and August 21, 2017.

Second: Judge Tijerina
For: 6
Against: 0
Abstained: 0

Motion carried unanimously

B. Receive public testimony, initiate an additional 10 day public review and comment period and approve Resolution No. MPO 2017-08 adopting the following proposed amendment(s) of the 2015-2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), conditional to receipt of no significant comment:

1. Amending Table 12-10, entitled Roadway and Bicycle/Pedestrian Project Summary, Figure 12-1, entitled Roadway and Bicycle/Pedestrian Projects, Table 12-11, entitled Roadway Projects, Figure 13-1, entitled Natural Resources and Federally Funded Projects, Figure 13-2, entitled Cultural Resources and Federally Funded Projects, Figure 13-3, entitled Low Income Areas and Federally Funded Projects, Table 13-1, entitled Federally Funded Projects Environmental Assessment Results, 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 revisions:

- a) ***Adding* project CSJ 0086-14-076 for the construction of the Shiloh Road Overpass on US 59, with an estimated construction cost is \$18,539,712. Estimated letting date FY 2023.**
- b) ***Adding* project CSJ 0086-14-079 for the construction of the University Overpass on U.S. 59, with an estimated project construction cost of \$14,648,370. Estimated letting date is FY 2022.**
- c) ***Adding* of project CSJ 0086-14-075 for the construction of the Del Mar Overpass on U.S. 59, with an estimated construction cost of \$20,496,476. Estimated letting date is FY 2021.**
- d) ***Adding* Vallecillo Road project, identified as project X-10, intended to develop schematic and environmental for a 5 lane roadway, from FM 1472 to IH35. Engineering by RMA's general engineering consultant is \$300,000 and is in progress.**

- e) **Revising project CSJ 0086-14-077 for the construction of the Airport Overpass on US 59 at the International Airport , with an estimated project construction cost of \$14,785,990, by changing estimated letting date from fiscal year (FY) 2018 to FY 2024.**
- f) **Revising project CSJ 0086-14-078 for the construction of the Jacaman Road Overpass on US 59, with an estimated project construction cost of \$19,691,424, by changing letting date from fiscal year(FY) 2020 to FY 2021.**
- g) **Revising project #4/CSJ 0086-14-058/CSJ 0086-14-072 for the upgrade to interstate standards, including overpasses at Shiloh, University and Del Mar by removing identifier CSJ 0086-14-058, revising scope to remove the three overpasses and revising funding accordingly. The overpass projects at Shiloh, University and Del Mar will be identified independently as indicated above. Project CSJ 0086-14-058 for the preliminary schematic, environmental, ROW surveying/mapping and PS&E for Loop 20 from east of International Blvd. to US 59/Loop 20 is listed independently and has already let.**

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

Second: Judge Tijerina
For: 6
Against: 0
Abstained: 0

Motion carried unanimously

C.M. Altgelt inquired on the HOV lanes for Mines Road.

C.M. Altgelt made a motion to **bring up** item #C-1.

Second: Judge Tijerina
For: 6
Against: 0
Abstained: 0

Motion carried unanimously

C. Discussion with possible action to include High Occupancy Vehicles (HOV) lanes for FM 1472 (Mines Road).

1. Report by TxDOT on steps necessary to convert FM 1472 to a freeway.

Danny Magee, TxDOT, gave a brief presentation on the item.

He stated HOV lanes were designed to improve efficiency on freeways and highways. He stated in his opinion, HOV lanes on FM 1472 would not work due to the existing congestion. He stated current traffic levels required free flowing movement.

C.M. Altgelt inquired as to possible alternate routes to alleviate congestion in the Mines Road area.

Melisa Montemayor, TxDOT, stated the Mines Road study performed by the Texas Transportation Institute (TTI) included long term corridor improvement strategies among which listed recommendations for several alternate routes to Mines Road.

Danny Magee, TxDOT, stated TTI's study included short term, mid-range, and long term improvement recommendations. He stated TxDOT had already begun working on implementing the mid-range recommendations. Mr. Magee also mentioned that the congestion at the intersection of Killam Industrial Boulevard and Mines Road could be alleviated by providing right turn lanes as well as dual left turns. However, these improvements could not be implemented without the City improving Killam Industrial Boulevard to accommodate the dual left turn movements.

Alberto Ramirez, TxDOT, stated that on intersect City streets, engineering work was needed to determine the length of storage, and/or the amount additional R.O.W. needed for said improvements.

C.M. Altgelt stated landowners from El Pico Road to Cantu Road alongside the river were willing to donate Right-of-Way towards the creation of a new road.

C.M. San Miguel stepped out of the meeting at 2:10 p.m.

C.M. Montemayor stated a study would need to be performed to ascertain the feasibility of a River Road from El Pico/Cantu Road.

Second: C.M. Altgelt

C.M. Montemayor amended her motion to use the MPO monies to study the River Road or any other off system road as an alternative route to FM 1472.

Second: Judge Tijerina
For: 5
Against: 0
Abstained: 0

Motion carried unanimously

C.M. San Miguel stepped back into the meeting at 2:18 p.m.

Judge Tijerina asked whether the RMA might be interested in completing the proposed River Road/ Mines Road alternate route study.

Antonio Rodriguez, HNTB, Inc. stated the RMA would require the financial assistance of the MPO, City, and County if the RMA were to perform the study.

Mayor Saenz requested the RMA return to the next MPO meeting with a proposed approach for conducting the study.

Mr. Bratton reminded the Committee that the City had allocated approximately 400,000-500,000 to develop a Port Master Plan Project. Mr. Bratton further recommended the RMA wait till the City develops the scope for that project in order to reduce the possibility of redundant efforts.

C.M. Tijerina made a motion to **close** the public hearing, initiate an additional 10 day comment period and **approve** Resolution No. MPO 2017-08 adopting the proposed amendments to the MTP, subject to receipt of no significant comment during the additional 10 day comment period.

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

Motion carried unanimously

D. Discussion with possible action to restripe and/or add Right-of-Way for a bicycle lane on FM 1472 (Mines Road).

1. Report by TxDOT on the projected timeframe for conducting surveying efforts associated with the proposed bike lane and presentation of draft survey instrument.

Danny Magee, TxDOT, gave a brief presentation on the item. He presented the following information:

The 2012 AASHTO *Guide for the Development of Bicycle Facilities*, identifies three types of bikeways that are potentially suitable.

1. Shared lanes (wide outside lanes)
2. Bike lanes (Re-stripe)
3. Shared use path: adjacent to roadways (sidepath)

TxDOT would continue to evaluate Mines Road for possible implementation of a bike route.

Judge Tijerina inquired as to the status of Las Tiendas Road.

C.M. Montemayor stated TxDOT continued to work on finalizing the pavement design for FM 3338, which was proposed to let in 2019. The project would widen the roadway to two - 12 foot lanes, with 10 foot shoulders, and a four foot center buffer. The project will be designed such that the pavement can accommodate commercial vehicles/trucks.

Judge Tijerina stated a bike lane would be needed on said road.

C.M. Altgelt requested a status report from TxDOT at the next MPO meeting on the possibility of implementing a bike lane on FM 3338.

C.M. Altgelt also requested TxDOT return to the Committee at the next Policy Committee meeting with a "wish list"/list of recommendations for necessary improvements on the part of the City to improve Mines Road area.

Judge Tijerina left the meeting at 2:35 p.m.

C.M. Altgelt asked what analysis would be needed to determine the ideal route for a bike lane on Mines Road.

C.M. Montemayor stated TTI was already working on a study to identify areas of highest bicycle ridership. She further stated town hall meeting to gain public comment would be held at the end of the year, possibly in December. She stated she would need C.M. Altgelt's help in getting participation at the town hall meetings.

C.M. Altgelt made a motion to **bring up** item #V-B.

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

Motion carried unanimously

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

B. Status report by City of Laredo, Traffic Safety Department on the signal light synchronization on Mines Road.

Roberto Murillo, Traffic Safety Department, gave a brief presentation on the item. He stated the revised RFQ would be sent to TxDOT for review and possible solicitation of RFQ's by October 1st, 2017. He also stated the contract may be awarded by December 4th, 2017.

C.M. Altgelt made a motion to **bring up** item #I-A of the addendum agenda.

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

Motion carried unanimously

I. ITEMS REQUIRING POLICY COMMITTEE ACTION

A. Discussion with possible action on available road projects to submit under Tiger Grants, including but not limited to Delmar-Loop 20 overpass.

Ruben Soto, Chairman, Regional Mobility Authority (RMA), stated the RMA was in the process of developing a Tiger Grant application to request funding for the Delmar/Loop 20 Overpass project. He stated the RMA would prepare the application and recommended the City take the lead and co-sponsor the application with the County and the MPO.

C.M. Galo expressed his concerns regarding the possibility of funds being awarded but construction unable to commence due to R.O.W issues.

Alberto Ramirez, TxDOT, stated the Del Mar proposed project would not suffer from the same type of R.O.W. issues present in the Jacaman and Airport projects.

C.M. Galo made a motion to have the RMA prepare the Tiger Grant application and the City, County, and MPO co-sponsor the application.

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

Motion carried unanimously

(None of the remaining items were discussed, due to time constraints, and would be placed on the next Policy Committee agenda.)

C. Discussion with possible action to place digital signage on FM 1472 (Mines Road) intended to notify the driving public of congestion.

1. Report by TxDOT on possible sign locations, cost estimates, and funding sources for digital signage on Mines Road.

D. Discussion with possible action on the \$2.4 million, Proposition 1, Category 2 funds allocated to 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. Latest estimated letting date is fiscal year (FY) 2024.

E. Discussion with possible action on Hachar Road.

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

A. Presentation by TxDOT on the IH 35 Corridor Projects from mile marker 6 to mile marker 30.

C. Presentation by Webb County intended to visually demonstrate the layout of the Airport overpass designed so as to avoid encroachment on the Armory or the Airport's property.

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

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

F. Letting date for Flecha Lane/Las Cruces realignment project CSJ 0922-33-076 is proposed to be moved from September 2017 (FY 2018) to August 2018 (FY 2018).

VI. ADJOURNMENT

C.M. Altgelt made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:56 p.m.

Second: C.M. San Miguel

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion carried unanimously

Nathan R. Bratton,
MPO Director

Pete Saenz, Mayor and
LUTS Chairperson

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September 7, 2017

Luis Perez Garcia, III, PE, CFM
County Engineer
Webb County Engineering Department
1620 Santa Ursula, 2nd Floor
Laredo, Texas 78040

Re: Loop 20 Extension – SWA 5 to WA 2 and SA 8 to MC
CSJ 0086-14-058

Mr. Perez Garcia:

We received your email requesting review and approval of Supplemental Agreement 8 to the Main Contract and Supplemental Work Authorization 5 to Work Authorization 2. The scope of this amendment includes additional work associated with detention storage locations required to complete the schematic. The amount of the amendment, \$253,660.11, exceeds the balance amount allocated for this task in the Advance Funding Agreement (AFA). Although the latest amendment to the AFA indicates a total estimated project cost of \$8,245,820, the increased amount of \$4,641,030 was not allocated for preliminary engineering/schematic work.

At the October 17, 2016 public meeting of the Laredo Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), the policy committee approved resolution which revised the 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). This revision included the addition of a project for the development of Plans, Specifications and Estimate (PS&E) for the construction of Jacaman Road and Airport overpasses, from US 59 to Jacaman road. It was proposed to be funded with \$4,641,030 in Coordinated Border Infrastructure (CBI) funds. As a result and after application approval by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Amendment 2 to the AFA was executed on February 3, 2017, to reflect this action.

With the understanding that satisfactory negotiations have been completed and a fair and reasonable price was attained, we recommend that Webb County consult with the Laredo MPO director, Mr. Nathan Bratton, regarding any action which may need to be taken by the policy committee to reallocate these funds accordingly.

Regarding the scope of work described in the contract amendment and supplemental work authorization, we offer the following comments:

- Please modify the language to note that all meetings with stakeholders required as part of evaluating detention storage locations and related tasks will need to be coordinated with TxDOT and Webb County in order to have appropriate representation.

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September 7, 2017

Please address these concerns before resubmitting for approval. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Ramirez', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Alberto Ramirez, P.E.
Director of Transportation Planning & Development

CC: Guillermo B. Cuellar, P.E., Webb County Assistant Engineer
Pedro R. Alvarez, District Engineer, TxDOT
Melisa Montemayor, District Administrator, TxDOT
Marissa Montoya, Contract Specialist
Ana Duncan, Transportation Engineer, TxDOT



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February 17, 2017

Luis Perez-Garcia, P.E., C.F.M
County Engineer
Webb County
1620 Santa Ursula, 2nd Floor
Laredo, Texas 78040

RE: Advanced Funding Agreement (AFA) Amendment #2
State Loop 20 Phase II
Webb County
CSJ: 0086-14-058

Dear Mr. Luis Perez-Garcia:

Enclosed please find a fully executed AFA Amendment #2 for your records. The maximum reimbursement under this AFA for preliminary engineering and PS&E is \$7,681,030. The State will request a federal letter of authority for the additional \$4,641,030 for PS&E work. Any work done prior the issuance of the federal letter of authority will not be eligible for reimbursement.

If you should have any questions, please contact Gustavo Elizondo at (956) 712-7462.

Sincerely,

Melisa D. Montemayor
Laredo District Administrator

mdm/gae

cc: Alberto Ramirez, P.E., Director of TP&D, TxDOT
Roberto Rodriguez, P.E., Planning Supervisor
Ana Duncan, P.E., Project Manager, TxDOT



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**ADVANCE FUNDING AGREEMENT
AMENDMENT # 2**

THIS AMENDMENT is made by and between the State of Texas, acting through the Texas Department of Transportation, called the State, and Webb County, acting by and through its duly authorized officials, called the Local Government.

W I T N E S S E T H

WHEREAS, the State and the Local Government executed a contract on the 26th day of March 2013 to effectuate their agreement to provide preliminary engineering including the Schematic, Environmental Studies and Documentation, Surveying and Mapping, Utility Investigation, and PS&E for Loop 20 from East of International Boulevard to US 59; and,

WHEREAS, the State and the Local Government executed Amendment #1 on the 10th day of August 2015 to revise Project Budget with a decrease of funds that were transferred to another project,

WHEREAS, it has become necessary to amend that contract;

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and of the mutual covenants and agreements of the parties, the State and the Local Government do agree as follows:

A G R E E M E N T

1. Description of Amended Items

- (a) Total project estimate is increased by \$4,871,324 from \$3,374,496.00 to \$8,245,820.00, Attachment C-1, Project Budget, is deleted in its entirety and replaced with Attachment C-2, Project Budget, which is attached to and made part of this amendment.

(b) Article 3. Local Project Sources and Uses of Funds – sub-article 3.E and 3.M are deleted and replaced with the following:

- E.** The Local Government will be responsible for all non-federal or non-state participation costs associated with the Project, otherwise provided for in this agreement or approved otherwise in an amendment to this agreement. Where Special Approval has been granted by the State, the Local Government shall only in that instance be responsible for overruns in excess of the amount to be paid by the Local Government.
- M.** When Special Approval has been granted by the State so that the Local Government bears the responsibility for paying cost overruns, the Local Government shall make payment to the State within thirty (30) days from the receipt of the State's written notification of those amounts

(c) Article 14. Notices is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

14. Notices

All notices to either party shall be delivered personally or sent by certified or U.S. mail, postage prepaid, addressed to that party at the following address:

Local Government:	State:
County Judge	Director of Contract Services
Webb County	Texas Department of Transportation
1000 Houston Street, 3 rd Floor	125 E. 11 th Street
Laredo, Texas 78040	Austin, Texas 78701

All notices shall be deemed given on the date delivered in person or deposited in the mail, unless otherwise provided by this agreement. Either party may change the above address by sending written notice of the change to the other party. Either party may request in writing that notices shall be delivered personally or by certified U.S. mail, and that request shall be carried out by the other party.

(d) Article 23. Civil Rights Compliance – deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

- A. Compliance with Regulations:** The Local Government will comply with the Acts and the Regulations relative to Nondiscrimination in Federally-assisted programs of the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT), the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), as they may be amended from time to time, which are herein incorporated by reference and made part of this agreement.

- B. Nondiscrimination: The Local Government, with regard to the work performed by it during the contract, will not discriminate on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in the selection and retention of subcontractors, including procurement of materials and leases of equipment. The Local Government will not participate directly or indirectly in the discrimination prohibited by the Acts and the Regulations, including employment practices when the contract covers any activity, project, or program set forth in Appendix B of 45 CFR Part 21.
- C. Solicitations for Subcontracts, Including Procurement of Materials and Equipment: In all solicitations either by competitive bidding or negotiation made by the Local Government for work to be performed under a subcontract, including procurement of materials or leases of equipment, each potential subcontractor or supplier will be notified by the Local Government of the Local Government's obligations under this contract and the Acts and Regulations relative to Nondiscrimination on the grounds of race, color, or national origin.
- D. Information and Reports: The Local Government will provide all information and reports required by the Acts, the Regulations, and directives issued pursuant thereto, and will permit access to its books, records, accounts, other sources of information, and facilities as may be determined by the State or the FHWA to be pertinent to ascertain compliance with such Acts, Regulations or directives. Where any information required of the Local Government is in the exclusive possession of another who fails or refuses to furnish this information, the Local Government will so certify to the State or the Federal Highway Administration, as appropriate, and will set forth what efforts it has made to obtain the information.
- E. Sanctions for Noncompliance: In the event of the Local Government's noncompliance with the Nondiscrimination provisions of this contract, the State will impose such contract sanctions as it or the FHWA may determine to be appropriate, including, but not limited to:
 - a. withholding of payments to the Local Government under the contract until the Local Government complies and/or
 - b. cancelling, terminating, or suspending of the contract, in whole or in part.
- F. Incorporation of Provisions: The Local Government will include the provisions of paragraphs (A) through (F) in every subcontract, including procurement of materials and leases of equipment, unless exempt by the Acts, the Regulations and directives issued pursuant thereto. The Local Government will take such action with respect to any subcontract or procurement as the State or the FHWA may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions including sanctions for noncompliance. Provided, that if the Local Government becomes involved in, or is threatened with, litigation with a subcontractor or supplier because of such direction, the Local Government may request the State to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the State. In addition, the Local Government may request the United States to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the United States.

(e) Article 29. Single Audit Report - deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

- A. The parties shall comply with the requirements of the Single Audit Act of 1984, P.L. 98-502, ensuring that the single audit report includes the coverage stipulated in 2 CFR 200.
- B. If threshold expenditures of \$750,000 or more are met during the fiscal year, the Local Government must submit a Single Audit Report and Management Letter (if applicable) to

TxDOT's Compliance Division, 125 East 11th Street, Austin, TX 78701 or contact TxDOT's Compliance Division at singleaudits@txdot.gov.

C. If expenditures are less than the threshold during the Local Government's fiscal year, the Local Government must submit a statement to TxDOT's Compliance Division as follows: "We did not meet the \$_____ expenditure threshold and therefore, are not required to have a single audit performed for FY _____."

D. For each year the project remains open for federal funding expenditures, the Local Government will be responsible for filing a report or statement as described above. The required annual filing shall extend throughout the life of the agreement, unless otherwise amended or the project has been formally closed out and no charges have been incurred within the current fiscal year.

(f) Article 30. Pertinent Non-Discrimination Authorities – is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

During the performance of this contract, the Local Government, for itself, its assignees, and successors in interest agree to comply with the following nondiscrimination statutes and authorities; including but not limited to:

- A. Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. § 2000d et seq., 78 stat. 252), (prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin); and 49 CFR Part 21.
- B. The Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, (42 U.S.C. § 4601), (prohibits unfair treatment of persons displaced or whose property has been acquired because of Federal or Federal-aid programs and projects).
- C. Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1973, (23 U.S.C. § 324 et seq.), as amended, (prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex).
- D. Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, (29 U.S.C. § 794 et seq.) as amended, (prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability); and 49 CFR Part 27.
- E. The Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended, (49 U.S.C. § 6101 et seq.), (prohibits discrimination on the basis of age).
- F. Airport and Airway Improvement Act of 1982, (49 U.S.C. Chapter 471, Section 47123), as amended, (prohibits discrimination based on race, creed, color, national origin, or sex).
- G. The Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987, (PL 100-209), (Broadened the scope, coverage and applicability of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, The Age Discrimination Act of 1975 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, by expanding the definition of the terms "programs or activities" to include all of the programs or activities of the Federal-aid recipients, subrecipients and contractors, whether such programs or activities are Federally funded or not).
- H. Titles II and III of the Americans with Disabilities Act, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability in the operation of public entities, public and private transportation systems, places of public accommodation, and certain testing entities (42 U.S.C. §§ 12131-12189) as implemented by Department of Transportation regulations at 49 C.F.R. parts 37 and 38.
- I. The Federal Aviation Administration's Nondiscrimination statute (49 U.S.C. § 47123) (prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, and sex).

- J. Executive Order 12898, Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations, which ensures nondiscrimination against minority populations by discouraging programs, policies, and activities with disproportionately high and adverse human health or environmental effects on minority and low-income populations.
- K. Executive Order 13166, Improving Access to Services for Persons with Limited English Proficiency, and resulting agency guidance, national origin discrimination includes discrimination because of limited English proficiency (LEP). To ensure compliance with Title VI, the parties must take reasonable steps to ensure that LEP persons have meaningful access to the programs (70 Fed. Reg. at 74087 to 74100).
- L. Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended, which prohibits the parties from discriminating because of sex in education programs or activities (20 U.S.C. 1681 et seq.).

All other provisions of the original contract are unchanged and remain in full force and effect.

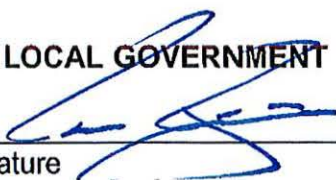
2. Signatory Warranty

Each signatory warrants that the signatory has necessary authority to execute this agreement on behalf of the entity represented.

CSJ # 0086-14-058
District # 22 (Laredo)
Code Chart 64 # 50240
Project: State Loop 20 Phase II
Federal Highway Administration
CFDA Title: Highway Planning and
Construction
CFDA No.: 20.205
Not Research and Development

THIS AGREEMENT IS EXECUTED by the State and the Local Government in duplicate.

THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Signature 

Tano E. Tijerina


Typed or Printed Name

Webb County Judge

Title

Date 1/24/17

THE STATE OF TEXAS


Kenneth Stewart

Director of Contract Services

Texas Department of Transportation

Date 07/03/17
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ATTACHMENT C-2 PROJECT BUDGET

Costs will be allocated based on 80% Federal Funding and 20% State funding until the Federal and State funding reach the maximum obligated amount. **The Local Government will then be responsible for 100% of the cost.** The State and the Local Government have estimated the project cost to be as follows:

Description	Total Estimate Cost	Federal Participation		State Participation		Local Participation	
Preliminary Engineering (by LG) (CBI)	\$ 3,040,000	80%	\$ 2,432,000	20%	\$ 608,000	0%	\$0
Plans, Specifications, and Estimate (by LG) (CAT 7)	\$4,641,030	80%	\$3,712,824	20%	\$928,206	0%	\$0
Engineering Direct State Cost	\$ 160,000	80%	\$ 128,000	20%	\$ 32,000	0%	\$0
Indirect State Cost (5.27%)	\$ 404,790	0%	0	100%	\$ 404,790	0%	\$0
Total	\$8,245,820		6,272,824		1,972,996		\$0

Initial payment by the Local Government to the State: \$0

Payment by the Local Government to the State before construction: \$0

Estimated total payment by the Local Government to the State \$0

This is an estimate. The final amount of Local Government participation will be based on actual costs.

Vanessa Guerra

From: Guillermo B. Cuellar <gbcuellar@webbcountytexas.gov>
Sent: Friday, October 06, 2017 3:00 PM
To: Nathan R. Bratton
Cc: Vanessa Guerra; Luis Perez Garcia III; Louis Jones; Alberto Ramirez; Martha H. Palacios
Subject: MPO Agenda Items
Attachments: 2017-0907 CSJ 008614058 letter to Webb.pdf

Good afternoon Mr. Bratton,

I would like to add the following item to the next MPO Agenda.

"Discussion and possible action to reallocate funds within the Loop 20 Project-AFA listed under the completion of the PS&E of Airport and Jacaman to the work proposed for identifying drainage ponds along Loop 20."

We are requesting this of the MPO as suggested by TxDOT's letter to Webb County on September 7, 2017. (See Attachment)

Also, on the September 18, 2017 MPO agenda under section V. Reports and Presentations there was an Item C. "Presentation by Webb County intended to visually demonstrate the layout of the Airport overpass...." please note that this issue has already been resolved and does not need to reappear on future agendas. Should you have any questions, please let me know.

Thank you.



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Vanessa Guerra

From: Vanessa Guerra
Sent: Friday, October 06, 2017 3:21 PM
To: 'Guillermo B. Cuellar'
Cc: Luis Perez Garcia III; Louis Jones; Alberto Ramirez; Martha H. Palacios; Nathan R. Bratton
Subject: RE: MPO Agenda Items

Good afternoon Guillermo,

I have spoken with Nathan who has approved both requested changes. Please forward a copy of the executed AFA for inclusion in both the Technical and Policy committee packets. Please have staff available to present and answer questions on the item at both meetings.

V.

Vanessa Guerra

Planner III : City of Laredo Planning Department : Laredo Metropolitan Planning Organization : 1120 San Bernardo Ave. :
P.O. Box 579 : Laredo Texas 78042-579 : Main: 956-794-1613 : Dir.: 956-794-1604 : Fax: 956-794-1624 :
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IV. ITEMS REQUIRING POLICY COMMITTEE ACTION

- C. Discussion with possible action to place digital signage on FM 1472 (Mines Road) intended to notify the driving public of congestion.
 - 1. Report by TxDOT on possible sign locations, cost estimates, and funding sources for digital signage on Mines Road.
 - 2. Report by TxDOT on “wish list”/recommendations from the Texas Transportation Institute (TTI) Mines Road Study pertaining to proposed City of Laredo facility improvements that would improve the function of Mines Road.
- D. Discussion with possible action on the \$2.4 million, Proposition 1, Category 2 funds allocated to 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. Latest estimated letting date is fiscal year (FY) 2024.
- E. Discussion with possible action on Hachar Road.
- F. Administrative change to the TIP Amendment approved October 16, 2016 meeting approving PS&E funds for Jacaman and Airport Overpasses. Remove Airport overpass and replace with Del Mar overpass utilizing the existing allocated funds. (CBI funds-FY 2018 Letting)

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

- A. Status of submission of Infra Grant application.
- B. Presentation by TxDOT on the IH 35 Corridor Projects from mile marker 6 to mile marker 30.
- C. TxDOT report on the feasibility of implementing a bike lane on FM 3338.
- D. TxDOT report on the status of ongoing construction projects.
- E. Status report on the Regional Mobility Authority (RMA).
- F. Letting date for Flecha Lane/Las Cruces realignment project CSJ 0922-33-076 is proposed to be moved from September 2017 (FY 2018) to August 2018 (FY 2018).
- G. Letting date for Calton Railroad grade separation project (CSJ 0922-33-093) is proposed to move from November 2017 (FY 2018) to August 2018 (FY 2018).

IH-35 Corridor Project Summary (MM 6 to MM 30), Webb County

September 12, 2017

Consultant Name	Begin MM	End MM	TxDOT PM			Consultant PM			CSJ	Begin Limits	Ending Limits	Description	Funding Status		Letting Year
			Name	Email	Phone No.	Name	Email	Phone No.					Project. Dev.	Construction	
Walter P. Moore and Associates, Inc.	6	7.5	Luis M. Villarreal	luis.villarreal@txdot.gov	956-712-7758	Thusitha Silva	tsilva@walterpmoore.com	713-630-7300	0018-06-136	SHILOH DR.	0.25 MI N. OF US 59/IH 69W	HIGHWAY OVERPASS (UNION PACIFIC RR GRADE SEPARATION)	Yes	Yes	2021
S&B Infrastructure, Ltd.	7.5	16	Pradeep Ramadoss, Giuly Caceres, Melba Schaus	pradeep.ramadoss@txdot.gov , giuly.caceres@txdot.gov , melba.schaus@txdot.gov	512-416-2258	Daniel Rios	dorios@sbinfra.com	956-926-5001	0018-06-183	0.5 MI SOUTH OF US 59-SL 20	0.5 MI EAST OF IH 35/US 59- SL 20	CONSTRUCTION OF DIRECT CONNECTOR INTERCHANGE (DC#5)	Yes	Yes	2019
									0018-05-089	0.500 MI S OF UNIROYAL INTERCHANGE	1.000 MI N OF UNIROYAL INTERCHANGE	WIDENING OF CARRIERS DRIVE BRIDGE	Yes	No	
									0018-05-900	1.353 MILES SOUTH OF CARRIERS RD	UNIROYAL INTERCHANGE	WIDENING OF CARRIERS DRIVE BRIDGE	Yes	No	
									0018-06-910	0.92 MI N OF US59/SL 20 INT	1.353 MILES SOUTH OF CARRIER	WIDENING OF UNITED AVENUE OVERPASS	Yes	No	
									0018-06-184	0.5 MI WEST OF IH35/US59-SL20	0.50 MI SOUTH OF US59-SL20	FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF DIRECT CONNECTOR INTERCHANGE (DC#8)	Yes	No	
									0018-06-185	0.5 MI EAST OF IH35/US59-SL20	0.50 MI NORTH OF IH35/US59-SL20	FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF DIRECT CONNECTOR INTERCHANGE (DC#3)	Yes	No	
									0018-06-186	0.5 MI EAST OF IH35/US59-SL20	0.50 MI NORTH OF IH35/US59-SL20	FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF DIRECT CONNECTOR INTERCHANGE (DC#4)	Yes	No	
									0018-06-187	0.50 MI SOUTH OF USS9-SL20	0.5 MI EAST OF IH35/US59-SL20	FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF DIRECT CONNECTOR INTERCHANGE (DC#6)	Yes	No	
									Walter P. Moore and Associates, Inc.	13	16	Luis M. Villarreal	luis.villarreal@txdot.gov	956-712-7758	Thusitha Silva
Bridgefarmer & Associates, Inc.	16	20	Pradeep Ramadoss, Giuly Caceres, Melba Schaus	pradeep.ramadoss@txdot.gov , giuly.caceres@txdot.gov , melba.schaus@txdot.gov	512-416-2258	Rory Meza	rory.meza@bridgefarmer.com	512-990-0200	0018-05-988	MM 16	MM 19.674	WIDENING TO 6 LANES/RR GRADE SEPARATION/DIRECT CONNECTORS	Yes	No	
Entech Civil Engineers, Inc.	20	30	Pradeep Ramadoss, Giuly Caceres, Melba Schaus	pradeep.ramadoss@txdot.gov , giuly.caceres@txdot.gov , melba.schaus@txdot.gov	512-416-2008	Tony Gelacio	tgelacio@entechhou.com	832-974-4720	0018-04-988	MM 19.674	MM 28.40	WIDENING TO 6 LANES	Yes	No	
									0018-03-988	MM 28.40	MM30	WIDENING TO 6 LANES	Yes	No	

The first part of the paper discusses the importance of understanding the cultural context of the research. It highlights the need for researchers to be sensitive to the values and beliefs of the communities they are studying. This is particularly important in the field of education, where cultural differences can significantly impact learning outcomes. The paper then moves on to discuss the challenges of conducting research in culturally diverse settings. It notes that researchers often face difficulties in establishing rapport with participants and in interpreting their responses. To address these challenges, the paper suggests several strategies, including the use of local informants and the development of culturally appropriate research instruments. The final part of the paper discusses the importance of ethical considerations in cross-cultural research. It emphasizes the need for researchers to obtain informed consent from participants and to ensure that their research does not cause harm or exploitation. The paper concludes by noting that while cross-cultural research presents many challenges, it is also a valuable way to gain a deeper understanding of the world and to promote cultural understanding and respect.

July 31, 2017

Mr. Gabriel Martinez, P.E.
Assistant City Engineer
City of Laredo Engineering Department
1110 Houston St.
Laredo, Texas 78042

Re: Flecha/Las Cruces Realignment: Letting Date Update
CSJ 0922-33-076, Webb County

Dear Mr. Martinez:

Since early June 2017, we have been requesting a status update to the proposed letting date for the subject project. A project must be "ready to let" a minimum of four months prior to the actual letting month/year. As of the date of this letter, the project is scheduled for letting in September 2017 and has not met the "ready to let" definition.

Ready to Let Definition:

- Environmentally cleared and Environmental mitigation completed
- Environmental permits secured
- Right-of-Way cleared (acquisition, abatement, demolition, etc.)
- Schematic approved
- 100% PS&E completed
- Project agreements in place (Local funding received)
- Railroad Coordination/Agreements in place
- Utility agreements in place/relocations in progress and/or scheduled

In your response email, you confirmed that the project is still, at a minimum, pending completion of ROW acquisition and Corps of Engineering approval for mitigation issues. Without proposing a new letting date, you also indicated that the project will not be "ready to let" in 2017. Please be informed that TxDOT will be proposing to change the let date for this project to August 2018 (FY 2018), until further advisement from the City of Laredo. This will require an administrative update in the STIP and will be presented as such during the next available Laredo MPO meeting.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 956-712-7446.

Sincerely,



Alberto Ramirez, P.E.
Director of Transportation Planning & Development

CC: Rogelio Rivera, P.E., City Engineer, City of Laredo
Nathan Bratton, P.E., Director of Planning, City of Laredo
Pedro R. Alvarez, P.E., Laredo District Engineer, TxDOT
Melisa Montemayor, Laredo District Administrator, TxDOT
Ana Duncan, P.E., Project Manager, TxDOT

Item V-F

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Vanessa Guerra

From: Roberto Rodriguez III <Roberto.Rodriguez@txdot.gov>
Sent: Friday, August 04, 2017 8:56 AM
To: Vanessa Guerra
Subject: MPO....CSJ 0922-33-076 Flecha Realignment - Letting Update
Attachments: SCAN_IMAGE_6048.pdf

We need to add to MPO agenda as administrative update.

Thanks,

Roberto Rodriguez, P.E.
TP & D-Advanced Planning Supervisor
Laredo District
1817 Bob Bullock Lp
Laredo TX 78043
(956) 712-7735 (Direct)
(956) 333-4075 (Cell)

From: Ana Duncan
Sent: Friday, August 04, 2017 8:45 AM
To: Roberto Rodriguez III
Cc: Alberto Ramirez; Randy Aguilar
Subject: FW: CSJ 0922-33-076 Flecha Realignment - Letting Update

Roberto,

Please submit the attached to the Laredo MPO as an administrative update for the next available meeting. The Flecha Realignment Project (CSJ 0922-33-076) will not be letting in September 2017 (FY 18) and is being moved to August 2018 (FY 18) until further update from the City of Laredo.

Thank you.

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
Email: ana.duncan@txdot.gov

From: Ana Duncan
Sent: Monday, July 31, 2017 5:48 PM
To: Gabriel Martinez
Cc: 'rrivera@ci.laredo.tx.us'; Nathan R. Bratton
Subject: CSJ 0922-33-076 Flecha Realignment - Letting Update

Good afternoon Gabriel,

See attached regarding new proposed letting date. Hard copy to follow. Thank you.

Ana A. Duncan, P.E.
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Ana Duncan

From: Gabriel Martinez, Jr. <gmartinez@ci.laredo.tx.us>
Sent: Friday, July 28, 2017 2:42 PM
To: Ana Duncan
Cc: Rogelio Rivera; Nathan R. Bratton
Subject: FW: CSJ 0922-33-076 - Bridge Submittal Review comments

Ana:

From the land acquisition perspective, I have been unable to get a timeline for the pending parcels at this point.

Also, as you know, the mitigation issue is also pending, as per TxDOT e-mail from Maria Rogers dated yesterday, July 27, 2017 & related pending approval from Corps of Engineers.

At this point, I do not foresee reaching a point anytime in 2017 when we will be ready with 100% completion / approval 4 months before advertising for bids.

I will follow up with you as I soon as I have with something more concrete from the other parties involved.

Gabriel Martinez, PE
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-----Original Message-----

From: Arturo Garcia
Sent: Friday, July 28, 2017 2:05 PM
To: Gabriel Martinez, Jr.; Jessica Nelson
Cc: Rogelio Rivera; Linda Teniente
Subject: RE: CSJ 0922-33-076 - Bridge Submittal Review comments

Gabriel, not sure if you knew but today is Jessica's last day. Linda Teniente will be taking over the duties as acting real estate manager effective Monday. We'll have to sit down with you to sort out what is pending.

-----Original Message-----

From: Gabriel Martinez, Jr.
Sent: Thursday, July 27, 2017 2:41 PM
To: Arturo Garcia <agarcia@ci.laredo.tx.us>; Jessica Nelson <jnelson@ci.laredo.tx.us>
Cc: Rogelio Rivera <rrivera@ci.laredo.tx.us>
Subject: FW: CSJ 0922-33-076 - Bridge Submittal Review comments
Importance: High

Arturo/ Jessica:

Please provide an estimated schedule for the remainder of acquisition of pending parcels for the Flecha project.

Ana Duncan

From: Ana Duncan
Sent: Monday, July 24, 2017 1:46 PM
To: 'Gabriel Martinez, Jr.'
Cc: 'Rogelio Rivera'; 'Arturo Garcia'; 'Angelita C. Ramos'; Ricardo De La Parra; Alberto Ramirez; Roberto Rodriguez III
Subject: RE: City of Laredo - Flecha project - letting dates

Good afternoon Gabriel,

We have been asking since early June for an updated letting date for the Flecha Realignment project (CSJ 0922-33-076). We understand that you are coordinating with your Consultant, but the decision must come from the City of Laredo as soon as possible. A project must be "ready to let" a minimum of 4 months prior to the actual letting month/year. In order to be accepted as "ready to let" a project must have complete PS&E, all ROW, ENV and Utility clearances, which includes utility coordination complete with relocations underway or scheduled accordingly. This project is currently scheduled for a September 2017 letting and must be moved as soon as possible.

Please provide an updated letting date for this project, in writing from City of Laredo, by this Friday, July 28, 2017. If we do not receive an update, we will be required to move the let date and notify the Laredo MPO accordingly.

Should you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact me. Thank you.

Ana A. Duncan, P.E.
Transportation Engineer

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O: 956-712-7400 F: 956/712-7401
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From: Ana Duncan
Sent: Wednesday, June 21, 2017 8:14 AM
To: Gabriel Martinez, Jr.
Cc: Jeffrey G. Puig, P.E., R.P.L.S.; Rogelio Rivera; Arturo Garcia; Angelita C. Ramos; 'Kyle Gass, P.E., CFM'; Edward L. Ochoa P.E., S.I.T., CFM; Julio Ramos, P.E., PTOE; Ricardo De La Parra; Alberto Ramirez; Roberto Rodriguez III
Subject: Fwd: City of Laredo - Flecha project - letting dates

Gabriel,

With this information from your Consultant, the City should be able to propose a reasonable letting date. Keep in mind the definition of "ready to let." This is not just complete PS&E, but also includes all ROW, ENV and Utility clearance letters. As was discussed with other projects, utility coordination needs to be complete with relocations underway before the project should be submitted for letting.

We await your response. If you have any questions or would like to discuss, please do not hesitate to call us. Thank you.

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From: Kyle Gass, P.E., CFM [<mailto:k.gass@cectexas.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, June 20, 2017 4:22 PM
To: Gabriel Martinez, Jr.
Cc: Jeffrey G. Puig, P.E., R.P.L.S.; Rogelio Rivera; Arturo Garcia; Angelita C. Ramos; Ana Duncan; Edward L. Ochoa P.E., S.I.T., CFM; Julio Ramos, P.E., PTOE
Subject: RE: City of Laredo - Flecha project - letting dates

Gabriel,

Thanks for following up on this. Been trying to catch up on everything since getting back in the office.

Our current schedule anticipates that we will receive Corps Approval for the mitigation plan in October. I believe that would fulfill the environmental clearance, so we'll target October to submit final plans. That means 90% plans will be submitted in August for review and comment. Final plans in October I believe means letting around December or January.

We need to confirm that the utility relocations will be completed to allow for letting. Will also need city input on the status of ROW acquisitions and funding agreements.

Thanks,

Kyle Gass, P.E., CFM

Principal - Division Manager

CEC

Texas Firm Registration Numbers
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11550 IH 10 West, Suite 305 | San Antonio, TX 78230
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Direct: 210-798-9218

From: Gabriel Martinez, Jr. [<mailto:gmartinez@cedarcreek.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, June 20, 2017 1:43 PM
To: Kyle Gass, P.E., CFM <k.gass@cectexas.com>
Cc: Jeffrey G. Puig, P.E., R.P.L.S. <jpuig@cedarcreek.com>; Rogelio Rivera <rrivera@cedarcreek.com>; Arturo Garcia <agarcia@cedarcreek.com>; Angelita C. Ramos <angelita@cedarcreek.com>; Ana Duncan <ana.duncan@dot.texas.gov>
Subject: RE: City of Laredo - Flecha project - letting dates

Please provide a status regarding the email request below:

From: Gabriel Martinez, Jr.
Sent: Thursday, June 08, 2017 8:40 AM

To: 'Kyle Gass'
Cc: Jeffrey G. Puig; Rogelio Rivera; Arturo Garcia; Angelita C. Ramos
Subject: FW: City of Laredo - Flecha project - letting dates
Importance: High

Kyle:

Can you please respond to this TxDOT concern with any needed schedule revisions?

Thanks,

Gabriel Martinez, PE
Assistant City Engineer
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Laredo, Texas 78080
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e-mail: gmartinez@ci.laredo.tx.us

From: Ana Duncan [<mailto:Ana.Duncan@txdot.gov>]
Sent: Tuesday, June 06, 2017 3:41 PM
To: Gabriel Martinez, Jr.
Cc: Rogelio Rivera; Ricardo De La Parra
Subject: City of Laredo - Calton & Flecha projects - letting dates

Good afternoon Gabriel,

With Fiscal Year 2018 fast approaching, we are beginning to confirm let dates for fiscal year 2018. The fiscal year is from September 1, 2017 to August 31, 2018. We have two projects with the City of Laredo currently scheduled in FY 18.
Flecha Realignment (CSJ 0922-33-076) – September 2017 (Ready to Let date: May 2017)
Calton Road (CSJ 0922-33-093) - November 2017 (Ready to let date: July 2017)

The ready to let date for Flecha has already passed and that for Calton is fast approaching. Based on discussions with the utility companies, a November letting date for Calton may not be attainable. **Please propose a new letting date for each of these projects in writing as soon as possible. Your prompt response is appreciated.**

A project must meet the "ready to let" definition at least 4 months prior to the letting date:

- Environmental clearance complete
- Environmental permits secured
- ROW cleared (acquisition, abatement, demolition, etc.)
- Schematic approved (if applicable)
- 100% Plans, Specifications and Estimate (PS&E)
- Project agreements in place (Local funding received)
- Railroad Coordination/agreements in place (if applicable)
- Utility agreements in place/relocations completed or in progress and near completion

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Thank you.

Ana A. Duncan, P.E.

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September 11, 2017

Mr. Gabriel Martinez, P.E.
Assistant City Engineer
City of Laredo Engineering Department
1110 Houston St.
Laredo, Texas 78042

Re: Calton Road Grade Separation: Revised Letting Date
CSJ 0922-33-093, Webb County

Dear Mr. Martinez:

In the attached letter dated August 29, 2017, we requested a status update to the project as well as a revised letting date by September 8, 2017. You were informed that the current scheduled letting date of November 2017 could not be met because the project had not reached a "ready to let" status.

Per our phone conversation, we will be changing the let date for this project to August 2018 (FY 2018), to reflect the decision of the City of Laredo. This will require an administrative update in the STIP and will be presented as such during the next available Laredo MPO meeting.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Ana Duncan at 956-712-7460.

Sincerely,

Alberto Ramirez, P.E.
Director of Transportation Planning & Development

CC: Rogelio Rivera, P.E., City Engineer, City of Laredo
Nathan Bratton, P.E., Director of Planning, City of Laredo
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August 29, 2017

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1110 Houston St.
Laredo, Texas 78042

Re: Calton Road Grade Separation: Letting Date Update
CSJ 0922-33-093, Webb County

Dear Mr. Martinez:

The letting date for the subject project is currently scheduled for November 2017, as was requested in your letter dated April 4, 2017. At that time you listed the following uncertainties on the project:

- Pending railroad agreement for construction and maintenance,
- Further utility coordination and utility relocations,
- Clearing of right-of-way encroachments, and
- Changing of design from 2004 specifications to current 2014.

Since the project has not yet met the "ready to let" definition, we are requesting that the City of Laredo provide a status update on the overall project development and the uncertainties listed above. Please also indicate the revised letting date for this project that will allow you to meet the ready to let definition below. This will require an administrative update in the STIP and will be presented as such during the next available Laredo MPO meeting.

"Ready to Let" Definition (completed four months prior to letting):

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| - Environmentally cleared and Environmental mitigation completed | - 100% PS&E completed |
| - Environmental permits secured | - Project agreements in place (Local funding received) |
| - Right-of-Way cleared (acquisition, abatement, demolition, etc.) | - Railroad Coordination/Agreements in place |
| - Schematic approved | - Utility agreements in place/relocations in progress and/or scheduled |

We ask that you submit this information by September 8, 2017. After this date, TxDOT will be required to move the project from the November 2017 letting schedule and will do so as deemed necessary. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Ana Duncan at 956-712-7460.

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Vanessa Guerra

From: Roberto Rodriguez III <Roberto.Rodriguez@txdot.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, October 03, 2017 9:22 AM
To: Angelica Quijano; Vanessa Guerra
Cc: Nathan R. Bratton
Subject: MPO Agenda Item - CSJ 0922-33-093 Calton Letting update
Attachments: 2017-0911 Calton letting TxDOT Update .pdf

Attached find an administrative update for next MPO.

The Calton Rd Grade Separation project (CSJ 0922-33-093) will not be letting in November 2017 (FY 18) and is being moved to August 2018 (FY 18).

Thanks

Roberto Rodriguez, P.E.
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From: Ana Duncan
Sent: Monday, September 11, 2017 5:10 PM
To: Gabriel Martinez
Cc: Nathan R. Bratton; Pedro Alvarez; Melisa Montemayor; Alberto Ramirez; 'rrivera@ci.laredo.tx.us'
Subject: CSJ 0922-33-093 Calton Letting update

Gabriel,

As discussed earlier, see attached letter moving the letting date to August 2018. Hard copy to follow.

Thank you.

Ana A. Duncan, P.E.
Transportation Engineer

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