

# *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  
November 18th, 2019  
1:30 p.m.**

### MEETING AGENDA

- 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 October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019.
- B. Receive public testimony and adopt Resolution No MPO 2019-08 amending the FY 2020 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) as follows:
  - 1. Removing Subtask 3.2, entitled the MPO Certification Preparation Project, intended to review all current MPO Plans, Programs, Programs, and procedures to ensure compliance with all relevant regulations in preparation for the Federal Certification Review scheduled for April of 2020. FHWA has relayed that the Certification Review process has changed and will no longer necessitate external

professional services. MPO Staff will be working with Federal Highway Administration, Texas Transportation Institute, and TxDOT District Staff to prepare for the review.

2. Adding Subtask 5.3, intended to accomplish a Comprehensive Operational Analysis of the transit system's fixed route bus and American's with Disability's (ADA) demand-response services. The analysis will evaluate the system's current structure and performance, and will develop recommendations to address current and future service needs.
- C. Receive public testimony and approve a motion authorizing the award and execution of a contract in the amount of \$24,480 with Nelson NYGAARD for the development of the Active Transportation Plan.
  - D. Discussion with possible action on the future possible re-designation of IH-35 south of Victoria Street (also known as the "Four Block area") and the re-routing of US-83. (Dr. Marte Martinez).
  - E. Discussion with possible action on the River Road Project.
  - E. Discussion with possible action on Hachar-Reuthinger.
  - F. Discussion with possible action on the name change from Laredo Urban Transportation Study (LUTS) to Laredo Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (LAMPO). Note: A name change will require a future MPO By-Laws amendment.
  - G. Discussion with possible action on the organization and number of Policy Committee member appointments. Discussion of vacant TxDOT appointment to be eliminated or transferred to the City or Webb County. Discussion of a nine member committee versus a five member committee with alternates. Note: A change in member appointments will require a future MPO By-Laws amendment.
- V. REPORT(S) AND PRESENTATIONS (No action required).
    - A. Status report by the Regional Mobility Authority (RMA).
  - VI. DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS
  - VII. 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 NOVEMBER 15TH, 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.

**Información en Español:** Si usted desea esta información en español o si desea explicación sobre el contenido, por favor llámenos al teléfono (956) 794-1613 o comunicarse con nosotros mediante correo electronico a [vguerra@ci.laredo.tx.us](mailto:vguerra@ci.laredo.tx.us).

**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

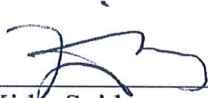
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Honorable Judith Zaffirini, State Senator, District 21

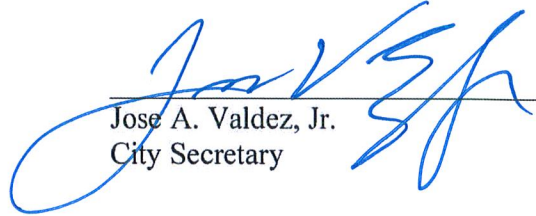
Honorable Richard Raymond, State Representative, District 42

Honorable Tracy O. King, State Representative, District 80

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