

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
December 18, 2017
1:30 p.m.

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 November 20, 2017.
- B. Receive public testimony and approve Resolution No. MPO 2017-08 for the proposed amendment(s) to the 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP):
 1. **Removal** of project CSJ 0086-14-082 intended to provide for the development of plans, specifications, and estimates (PS&E) for the Jacaman and Airport overpasses. Proposed work has an estimated cost of 4.6 million dollars.
Rationale: All 4.6 million in project funds are being transferred to project temporarily identified as CSJ 0922-33-933 intended to provide for the construction of a FAST lane at World Trade Bridge.
- C. Receive public testimony and approve a Motion to: accept the ranking of firms that submitted proposals in response to the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) issued for

the development of the 2020-2045 Laredo Metropolitan Plan Update, and FAST Act Compliance Project, approve the selection of a professional service provider, and authorize Staff to enter into negotiations.

- D. Discussion with possible action to place digital signage on FM 1472 (Mines Road) intended to notify the driving public of congestion and allocation of funding for implementation.
- E. Discussion with possible action on the letting date for Calton Railroad Grade Separation project (0922-33-093) which is proposed to move from November 2017 (FY 2018) to August (FY 2018).
- F. Discussion with possible action on Hachar Road.

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

A. Flecha/Las Cruces Realignment Project:

- 1. Report by the City of Laredo Real Estate Division on the status of Flecha/Las Cruces Realignment project's Right of Way (ROW) acquisition.
- 2. Report by CEC representative on the status of the Flecha/Las Cruces Realignment project's: plans and specification updates, Army Corp of Engineers permitting and request for additional funding.

B. Presentation by TxDOT on the proposed Outer Loop alignment.

C. Report by MPO Director on the relative competitiveness of the City of Laredo's Infra Grant application.

D. Report by the TxDOT on the meeting had by the City and TxDOT to discuss the "wish list"/recommendations resulting from the Texas Transportation Institute's (TTI) Mines Road study, pertaining to proposed City of Laredo facility improvements intended to improve the function of Mines Road.

E. Letting date for the Zacate Creek Hike & Bike Trail (CSJ 0922-33-170) has been moved from November 2017 (FY 2018) to January 2018 (FY 2018).

F. Status report by Mr. Joe Medina on discussions with the Muller family in relation to the River Bank Road Project.

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

- 1. Status update on the financing for the Vallecillo Road Project.

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 DECEMBER 15, 2017, 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 en español se proveerán a petición.

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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

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