

**LAREDO URBAN TRANSPORTATION STUDY
ACTION ITEM**

DATE: 12-19-08	SUBJECT: A Motion(s) Receive public testimony and initiate a 30-day public review and comment period for the proposed revision of the 2005-2030 Laredo Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP).	
INITIATED BY: Staff		STAFF SOURCE: Keith Selman, MPO Director
PREVIOUS ACTION: On January 29 th , 2008, the Policy Committee approved the revision of the MTP. The primary purpose of the revision was to bring the document into compliance with the requirements as stipulated by the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, and Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) of 2005. The document has since been revised in November, 2008.		
BACKGROUND: The Laredo Metropolitan Transportation Plan is an official, comprehensive, intermodal transportation plan developed and adopted for the metropolitan planning area. The MTP identifies the existing and future transportation needs and develops coordinated strategies to provide the necessary transportation facilities essential for the continued mobility and economic vitality of Laredo. These coordinated transportation strategies include roadway development and operations, truck and rail freight movement, transit operations, bikeways and pedestrian facilities. The development of the MTP is required under the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21), and the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, and Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) of 2005 to assure the continuation of federal transportation funds. The plan must address, at a minimum, a continuous twenty-year planning horizon. As of December 11, 2007, SAFETEA-LU requires that all revisions to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), shall also be reflected in the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). As the TIP is being proposed for revision, so to the MTP is also recommended for revision. The primary purpose of this MTP revision is to include all those revisions being proposed for the February 2009 TIP revision. The Technical Committee met on December 8, 2008 and recommended <u>approval</u> of initiating a 30-day public review and comment period for the proposed 2005-2030 Laredo Metropolitan Transportation Plan.		
COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: The LUTS Technical Committee recommended approval		STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval.



Chapter 6 - Transportation Improvements

Map ID	Project Location	From Limits	To Limits	Project Description	Length (Miles)	Estimated Cost (In \$)
1	**IH 35	Shiloh Road	0.25 Miles North Of Loop 20 / FM 3464	Widen NB And SB Mainlanes to 3 Lanes Each Direction, Construct New Railroad Crossing	3.73	\$52,167,731
39	IH 35	0.5 Miles South Of Loop 20	Loop 20	For The Const Of Direct Connector (#7) Consist Of Pavmt, Grdg, Drg, Signing, Pavmt Marking, Illum, Sw3p, Trf Management & Strs	1.50	\$16,024,746
66	IH 35	Shiloh/IH-35 Intersection	0.80 North of Shiloh	Construct Frontage Road with Exit and Entrance Ramps for Northbound IH-35	0.80	\$4,755,525
	<u>Cuatro Vientos</u>	2.6 miles south of SH 359	1.0 miles south of SH 359	Construction of new location 4 lane divided roadway	1.655	<u>30,151,200</u>
13	Cuatro Vientos	Mangana-Hein Road	1.0 2.6 Miles South of SH 359	Construction of a New Location 4-Lane Divided Highway	7.03 4.42	\$102,158,858 49,831,340
67	Cuatro Vientos	1.0 Miles South of SH 359	SH 359	Construction of a 4-Lane New Location Divided Roadway	1.0	\$9,946,755
16	Cuatro Vientos	Mangana-Hein	US 83 Main Entrance To Rio Bravo	Loop 20, Extension Of Cuatro Vientos - Construct 2 Lane Rural Section	3.05	\$13,177,364
Total Mobility Improvements						\$666,597,857 614,270,339
Non Mobility Improvements						
Category 8 – Safety						
19	US 83	Gautemozin	Palo Blanco Street	Install Raised Median	2.13	\$1,455,076
25	US 59	Ejido	Buena Vista	Install Raised Median	0.84	\$1,455,076
31	Loop 20	Los Presidentes	US 83	Install Raised Median	0.77	\$2,024,379
40	FM 1472	Interamerica	IH 35	Install Raised Median	3.62	\$5,621,553
Total Category 8						\$10,556,084
Category 10 – Miscellaneous						