

RESOLUTION MPO 2013 - 10

LAREDO URBAN TRANSPORTATION STUDY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

SUPPORTING THE DESIGNATION OF LOOP 20 (FROM THE WORLD TRADE INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE TO THE JUNCTION OF LOOP 20 AND US 59 IN LAREDO, TEXAS) AS “US 59”; THE CO-DESIGNATION OF THE RE-DESIGNATED LOOP 20 AS PART OF THE INTERSTATE 69 (I-69) SYSTEM AND THE RE-DESIGNATION OF AN EXISTING PORTION OF US 59 AS “BUSINESS US 59”.

WHEREAS, the Laredo Urban Transportation Study Metropolitan Planning Organization (Laredo MPO) has supported the development of Loop 20 to meet Interstate design standards in Laredo, Webb County, Texas; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will be upgrading and completing assessments of the design features and operational conditions of Loop 20 in Laredo to confirm compliance with current Interstate standards; and

WHEREAS, enhancing mobility within the City of Laredo and providing for the safe and efficient movement of goods throughout the City of Laredo and South Texas are priorities of the Laredo MPO;

WHEREAS, upon the designation of Loop 20 as “US 59” from the World Trade International Bridge to the existing junction of Loop 20 and US 59, sections of this route may be eligible to become part of the I-69 system when they meet all Interstate Highway design and designation criteria, in accordance with the congressionally enacted amendments to Section 1105(c) and Section 1105(e)(5) of the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 (ISTEA); and

WHEREAS, the development and designation of this route provides a critical link to the World Trade International Bridge, I-35, Texas A&M International University, the Laredo International Airport, and points north along US 59 and serves to enhance mobility within the City of Laredo and South Texas in general as part of the I-69 system; and

WHEREAS, upon confirmation by the Federal Highway Administration that a section of US 59 in Texas complies with Interstate design and designation criteria, that section of US 59 will be eligible to be designated as a part of the I-69 system.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LAREDO URBAN TRANSPORTATION STUDY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION THAT IT SUPPORTS THE FOLLOWING:

1. Designation of Loop 20 (from the World Trade International Bridge to the junction of Loop 20 and US 59 in Laredo, Webb County, Texas) as “US 59”; and

2. Co-designation of those eligible sections of US 59 within the boundary of the Laredo MPO as part of the I-69 system; and
3. Designation of an existing section of US 59 (from the junction of Loop 20 and US 59 to the southern terminus of US 59 in Laredo, Webb County, Texas) as "Business US 59".
4. The continued improvement of all remaining candidate sections of US 59 to insure they meet Interstate standards.
5. That a final and adopted copy of this resolution be submitted to the Texas Transportation Commission.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 18th day of November, 2013 at a regularly called meeting of the Laredo Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Committee.

 by 
Honorable Raul G. Salinas, Mayor
Chairman, MPO Policy Committee

We certify that the above resolution was adopted on the 18th day of November, 2013 at a public meeting of the Policy Committee of the Laredo Urban Transportation Study Metropolitan Planning Organization.


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