



# Appendix A

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TxDOT	Figure 2-3A, 2-3b, 2-5b – would prefer for the enlarged area to include the area outside Loop 20.	Maps were modified to include this enlarged area.
TxDOT	Figure 2-5a would be helpful to have a typical section of the different functional classification. What is the difference between the freeway and expressway, IH-35 is both in some sections.	Expressway was removed from the functional classification. IH-35 is shown as freeway.
TxDOT	Add more to description for IH 35 Shiloh to Milo Project, as we will have to construct a new RR crossing.	Description of this project was expanded to include the new RR crossing.
TxDOT	Loop 20 overpasses at Jacaman and Airport, should move to long term.	These projects were moved forward to the short-term due to available funding.
TxDOT	Would prefer another table be prepared for State Administered Off-system roadway projects.	State administered off system roadway projects were included in the local listing
TxDOT	US 59 from 3.3 Miles E. of Arkansas St. to Proposed Outer Loop description needs to be changed to 7 lane, instead of 5. Also the project is duplicated with one labeled from Lifedown to MPO boundary; the section East of the Outer Loop was proposed to be 4 lane divided; the urban section would go only to the Outer Loop.	The Lifedown to MPO Boundary project was removed. US 59 - Outer Loop to MPO Boundary was added as a four lane rural highway.
County (see attached letter)	<p>The draft of the MTP proposes a modification to the existing long-range thoroughfare plan and current MTP by realigning the proposed Outer Loop to a location south of Mangana-Hein Road.</p> <p><b>Recommendations:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clarify that the final route alignment of the Outer Loop will be determined by TxDOT after completion of the route alignment study, resolution of environmental issues, public comment process and the approval of the Federal Highway Administration on all project descriptions, analysis, maps and funding matrices of the proposed MTP</li> </ul>	<p>The final alignment of the Outer Loop has not yet been determined. The MTP does not establish alignments.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All maps were revised to show the Outer Loop as a corridor in the plan.</li> <li>There is no site specific language regarding the Outer Loop and its alignment in the MTP document.</li> </ul>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Revise all maps to depict the location of the proposed Outer Loop to a central location within the study corridor (Mangana Hein Road) or alternatively show all three alignments under consideration</li> <li>Revise funding matrices and project descriptions to remove site-specific language within the MTP document related to the Outer Loop, its intersections with US 83 or proposed interchanges contemplated along the route</li> </ul>	
County	<p>The draft of the MTP proposes funding for an interchange at US Highway 83 and a modified location of the Outer Loop to serve the 5th International Bridge</p> <p>Recommendations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clarify that the location of the interchange will be determined after the final route alignment of the Outer Loop has been determined in conjunction with an approved bridge site. Alternatively, modify the MTP to include funding for interchanges at both proposed bridge sites or all three alignments of the Outer Loop currently under study.</li> <li>Revise all maps to show the location of the proposed interchange associated with the location of the proposed Outer Loop to a central location within the study corridor. Alternatively, identify proposed interchanges at all three alignments of the Outer Loop currently under consideration or at both proposed bridge sites.</li> <li>Revise funding matrices and project descriptions to remove site-specific language within the MTP document related to this interchange</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The location of the bridge has not yet been determined. The project identified in the long range plan includes a direct connector at US 83 and the Outer Loop. Maps were revised to show this project as a general area as opposed to a site specific location.</li> <li>Text was added to Chapter 6 stating that the current location of the bridge is unknown and several proposals exist from the City and County.</li> <li>There is no site-specific language regarding this interchange in the MTP the document.</li> </ul>
County	<p>The draft MTP fails to identify and show the public portion of the Mangana-Hein Road in its entirety</p> <p>Recommendations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Revise all maps to show the location of the Mangana-Hein Road in its entirety and label its name accordingly</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All maps were revised to show Mangana-Hein Road in its entirety</li> <li>Existing condition and short and long-term network maps were revised to show volumes and level of service along Mangana Road within the study area.</li> </ul>



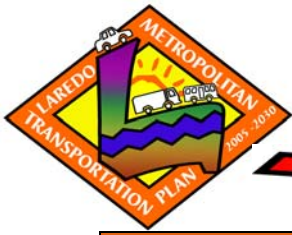
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Revise the MTP to reflect the existing conditions, traffic analysis and level of service associated the Mangana-Hein Road within the MPO Study area and its impact the ADT volumes and LOS for the short-term and long-term networks</li> </ul>	
County	<p>The draft of the MTP fails to identify the Webb County Rural Rail District (WCRRD) or its proposed rail projects.</p> <p>Recommendation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Incorporate comments and projects identified by the WCRRD</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>At the time of publication of the draft document, WSA had not received information from Webb County regarding the WCRRD or proposed projects. However the information has since been provided. The document was revised and now references the district in Chapter 2, under rail as well as in Chapter 5 under innovative financing techniques. One of WCRRD's projects has been added to the long-term plan and another to the list of illustrative projects in Chapter 6.</li> </ul>
County	<p>The draft of the MTP appears to limit local sponsored projects to only those transportation projects of the City of Laredo</p> <p>Recommendations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Incorporate all county projects in the MTP – including the county's proposal for the fifth international bridge. Alternatively remove local sponsored projects in their entirety and any reference to locally sponsored projects</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>County projects were not originally incorporated into the plan as we had not received the County's CIP. WSA accessed the County's CIP online, but projects were not identified in the plan because they were outside the MPO boundary or were part of a state system project (ie. Cuatro Vientos Road)</li> <li>Based on more recent information provided by the county, four county projects have been added to either the short or long-term plan or as an illustrative project.</li> <li>The international bridge has been identified as being funded locally by the City or County through bonds (estimated costs range from \$32 to \$51.4 million)</li> </ul>
County	Inclusion of RMA Projects	Once the RMA is formed the MTP can be revised to include any projects proposed by the RMA
County	<p>Include the following projects in the MTP:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mangana Hein Road Paving Project</li> <li>International Bridge #5</li> <li>Rail District – International Bridge and</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mangana Hein Road Paving Project was added as an illustrative project</li> <li>One international bridge project is shown in the plan and it has been</li> </ul>



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	Railroad Line	<p>identified as being funded locally by the City or County through bonds (estimated costs range from \$32 to \$51.4 million)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Phase 1, Rural Rail District's Project – International Bridge and Railroad Line was added to the local long-term plan</li> <li>Phase 2, Rural Rail District's Project – Rail line from the Tex-Mex rail yard to the eastern edge of the existing toll road, was added as an illustrative project</li> </ul>
FHWA (see attached letter)	Has the expanded study area boundary been approved by the Governor	The expanded boundary has been approved and the "Proposed boundary" text was removed from Figure 1-1
FHWA	Functional Classification does not extend to MPO Boundary	All maps were revised and the functional classification of all roadways extend to the MPO Boundary
FHWA	Does the Laredo MPO have a separate bicycle/pedestrian plan and how will the expansion or enhancement of the bicycle system be accomplished	Proposed bicycle facilities were added to Figure 2-18
FHWA	Explain the straight line projections used to forecast available federal and state funding	A more detailed explanation of how funding was projected was added to Chapter 5
FHWA	Include a table indicating total estimated costs of projects versus estimated revenues	Table was added to Chapter 5
FHWA	Table 6-4 (Comparison of daily vehicle hours of travel) appears to be missing significant amount of information	The document was draft at the time of submittal to FHWA and this table has since been updated with all relevant data.
FHWA	How does the MPO propose to address Title VI considerations	A discussion of Environmental Justice considerations was added to Chapter 4
City Council	Include grade separation at International and Loop 20	Project was added to the local long range strategy (Table 6-4)
MPO Policy Committee Meeting	Funding for grade separation at International and Loop 20 would be private	This project was listed as privately funded in the long range plan, as no other funding source could be identified.
Project Nomination Form	Many properties in the Heights area were allowed to disregard building code regulations and cover the sidewalk areas with vegetation forcing the children to walk	The MTP sets aside funding for Category 9 – Enhancement which can be used for bicycle and pedestrian projects. The MTP does not address building codes.



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