

Laredo Webb County Area

Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Committee Virtual SPECIAL MEETING

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MINUTES OF THE APRIL 6TH, 2020 MEETING

Regular members present:

Honorable Pete Saenz, Mayor and LWCA MPO Chairperson
Honorable Tano E. Tijerina, Webb County Judge
Honorable Norma “Nelly” Vielma, City Councilmember, District V
Honorable Dr. Marte Martinez, City Councilmember, District VI
Honorable Jesse Gonzalez, Webb County Commissioner, Pct. 1
David M. Salazar, Jr., TxDOT District Engineer

Regular members not present:

Honorable George Altgelt, City Councilmember, District VII
Honorable John Galo, Webb County Commissioner, Pct. 3
(Member At Large- Currently Vacant)

Ex-Officio Members Not Present:

Honorable Richard Raymond, State Representative, District 42
Honorable Judith Zaffirini, State Senator, District 21
Honorable Tracy O. King, State Representative, District 80

Staff (Of Participating LUTS Agencies) Present:

City:	J. Kirby Snideman, City Planning/MPO Director Vanessa Guerra, City Planning/MPO Division Manager Jason Hinojosa, City Planning/MPO Staff
State:	Humberto “Tito” Gonzalez, TxDOT
Others:	None

I. CHAIRPERSON TO CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Saenz called the meeting to order at 1:40 p.m.

II. CHAIRPERSON TO CALL ROLL

Vanessa Guerra, MPO Division Manager, called roll and verified a quorum existed.

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.

There were no citizen's comments.

IV. ITEMS REQUIRING POLICY COMMITTEE ACTION:

A. To receive public testimony and initiate a ten-day public review and comment period on the proposed amendment(s) of the 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP):

- 1. Addition of project CSJ 2150-04-078 intended to provide for the construction of a right turn lane at the intersection of Killam Industrial Blvd. and FM 1472, from Killam Industrial Blvd. to 0.187 miles N. of Killam Industrial Blvd intersection, with an estimated total project cost of \$1,410,667. The proposed letting date is FY 2020.**
- 2. Revision of project CSJ 0018-06-136 intended to widen main lanes and construct railroad grade separation on IH 35, from Shiloh Dr. to 0.38 miles south of IH 35 interchange (INT), proposed to let in 2020. Purpose of the amendment is to convert funding from Federal funds to State funds, and adjust funding to \$54,000,000.**
- 3. Revision of project CSJ 0018-06-198 intended to provide for widening of IH 35 from 4 to 6 lanes, from 0.38 miles south of US59/IH 35 INT to 0.80 miles north of US59/IH 35 INT, proposed to let in 2020. Purpose of amendment is to convert funding from Federal to State funds, and adjust funding to \$5,000,000.**

4. **Revision of project CSJ 0018-06-183 intended to provide for the construction of a Direct Connector Interchange (DC #5), from 0.50 miles south of US59-SL20 to 0.50 miles east of IH35/US59-SL20, proposed to let in 2020. Purpose of amendment is to convert funding from Federal to State funds, and adjust funding to \$30,000,000.**

5. **Revision of project CSJ 0018-06-184 intended to provide for construction of a Direct Connector Interchange (DC #8), from 0.50 miles west of IH 35 to 0.50 miles south of US59, proposed to let in 2020. Purpose of the amendment is to convert funding from \$22,000,000 in Federal to \$22,000,000 in State funds. The total amount of funds allocated will remain unchanged at \$22,000,000.**

6. **Revision of project CSJ 0086-14-084 intended to provide for widening of IH 69W from 4 to 6 lanes, from World Trade Bridge to IH 35, proposed to let in 2020. Purpose of amendment is to convert funding from Federal to State funds, and adjust funding to \$15,000,000.**

7. **Revision of project CSJ 2150-04-076 intended to provide for the construction of additional travel lane on FM 1472, from Big Bend Blvd to Killam Industrial Blvd., proposed to let in 2020. Purpose of the amendment is to convert funding from Federal to State funds, and adjust funding to \$3,340,000.**

Humberto Gonzalez, TxDOT, informed the Policy Committee that per the TxDOT Finance Division in Austin, Texas, the project funding would be converted from Federal to State funding.

Mr. Gonzalez, further stated that this special meeting was needed in order to accomplish the changes in time for the projects to proceed to letting in June as originally schedule.

Cm. Dr. Marte Martinez made a motion to open a public hearing and initiate the 10 day public review and comment period.

Second: Norma "Nelly" Vielma
 For: 6
 Against: 0
 Abstained: 0

Motion carried unanimously.

Cm. Nelly Vielma asked if the proposed amendment was only intended to convert Federal to State funding and there would be no additional malting funds.

David Salazar, TxDOT District Engineer, confirmed that the proposed amendment was intended to balance Federal and State funding and no additional funding from the City would be required.

A. Receive public testimony and initiate a ten-day public review and comment period for the following proposed amendment(s) of the 2020-2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP):

- 1. Amending Table 10-2, entitled List of TxDOT UTP 2020-2030 Programmed Projects, & Figure 10-1, entitled Map of TxDOT UTP Programmed Projects, as necessary to incorporate the following revisions:**
 - a) Addition of project CSJ 2150-04-078 intended to provide for the construction of a right turn lane at the intersection of Killam Industrial Blvd. and FM 1472, from Killam Industrial Blvd. to 0.187 miles N. of Killam Industrial Blvd intersection, with an estimated total project cost of \$1,255,375. The proposed letting date is FY 2020.**
- 2. Addition of a chapter on the Congestion Management Process (CMP). The new chapter is intended to identify: the 8 step CMP process, the related project prioritization efforts, and the specific CMP projects resulting from the process.**

Cm. Tano Tijerina made a motion to open a public hearing and initiate a 10 day public review and comment period.

Second: Cm. Gonzalez
For: 6
Against: 0
Abstained: 0

Motion carried unanimously.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Cm. Martinez made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Second: Cm. Gonzalez
For: 6
Against: 0
Abstained: 0

Motion carried unanimously

2. **Addition** of a chapter on the Congestion Management Process (CMP). The new chapter is intended to identify: the 8 step CMP process, the related project prioritization efforts, and the specific CMP projects resulting from the process.

Judge Tijerina made a motion to **initiate** a 10-day public review and comment period for the proposed amendment(s) of the 2020-2045 MTP.

Second: CM. Gonzalez
For: 6
Against: 0
Abstained: 0

Motion carried unanimously

V. **ADJOURNMENT**

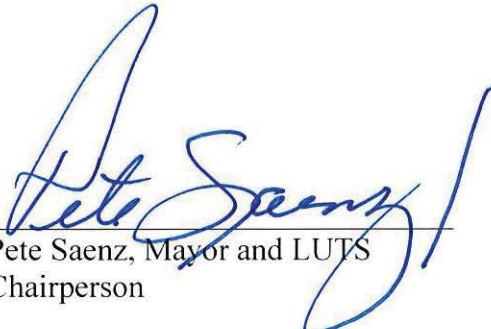
Dr. Martinez made a motion to **adjourn** the meeting at 1:55 p.m.

Second: CM. Gonzalez
For: 6
Against: 0
Abstained: 0

Motion carried unanimously



J. Kirby Snideman,
MPO Director



Pete Saenz, Mayor and LUTS
Chairperson