



NORTH LAREDO – WEBB COUNTY TRANSPORTATION PLANNING STUDY



STUDY AREA

Laredo is one of the fastest growing cities in Texas.

Over the past ten years, there has been a steady increase in population, employment, and economic growth. To plan for growth, the Webb County-City of Laredo Regional Mobility Authority conducted the North Laredo-Webb County Transportation Planning Study to assess mobility conditions, gather community input, and develop transportation solutions. The area of focus is located between the World Trade and Colombia Solidarity Bridges and bound by I-35, I-69W, the Rio Grande and TX 255.



STUDY RECOMMENDATIONS

This study recommends the following improvements to the transportation network in the study area:

- Add roadway lane capacity to improve connectivity, manage congestion, and accommodate the volume of truck traffic in the area.
- New sidewalks, bike lanes and transit facilities to provide a safe environment for pedestrians, cyclists, and transit users.
- Alternate routes that improve access to the highway system, reduce conflicts between passenger and freight traffic, and increase connectivity.

PUBLIC AND STAKEHOLDER INVOLVEMENT

Entities represented at stakeholder meetings (September 16-18, 2019)

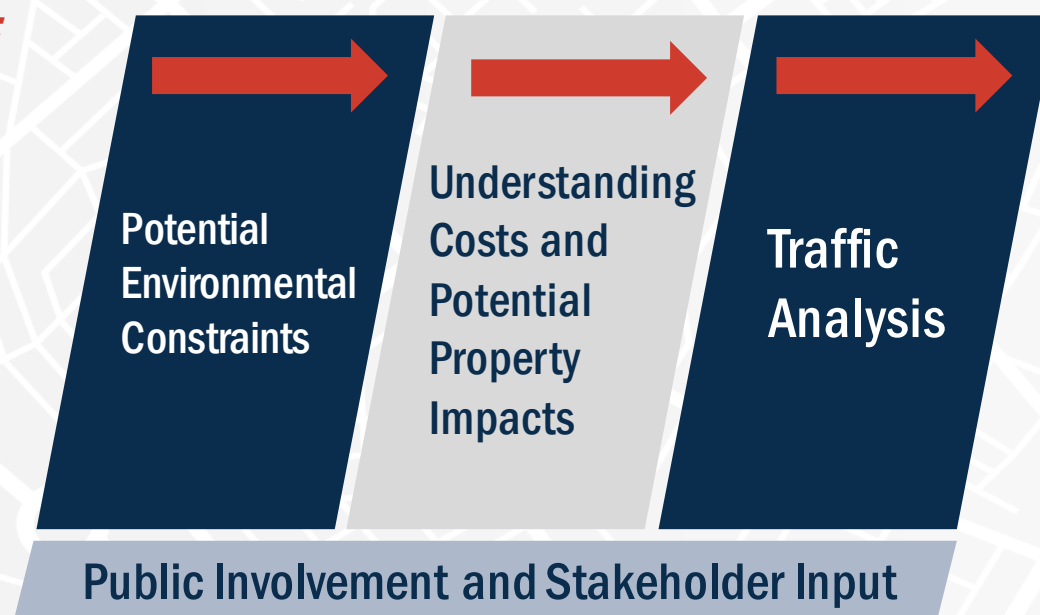


Other entities represented: WCCL RMA Board, area land developers, area property owners, and area industrial parks

STUDY METHODOLOGY

Building on previous work:

The study approach combined technical analysis and public involvement to identify potential solutions for the region's growing mobility and connectivity issues.



Key input from the public and stakeholder meetings included the following:

- Need to prioritize safety
- Strong support for new roadways: Vallecillo Rd. and Hachar Pkwy.
- Support for expanding Sara Rd. and Milo Rd. as alternatives to FM 1472
- Desire for an extension of the western part of Milo Rd. to River Bank Dr.
- World Trade Bridge forecasted to reach capacity in the next 10 years
- Lack of support for the realignment of Killam Industrial Boulevard
- Need to separate passenger vehicles and freight traffic
- Desire to extend public transit service north on Mines Rd.
- Need for protected bicycle and pedestrian improvements
- Desire to have River Bank Dr. be used primarily for passenger vehicles
- Need for congestion relief in the area due to the volume of truck traffic
- Outlets needed from United High School campuses



A public meeting was held on Nov. 6, 2019 to gather input for the study.



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Project #	List of Proposed Projects for North Laredo	Estimated Opening Year	Estimated Cost
1	FM 1472 - Mines Road Capacity Upgrades	2022	\$ 5,019,000
2	Milo Road Extension	2024	\$ 12,517,000
3	Hachar Parkway	2023	\$ 53,896,000
4	Pedestrian/Bike Improvement Projects I	2024	\$ 5,610,000
5	Vallecillo Road	2023	\$ 31,471,000
		Short-Term	\$ 108,513,000
6	Aquero Boulevard	2026	\$ 59,134,000
7	Carriers Drive Extension	2025	\$ 4,519,000
8	Sara Road & Milo Road Widening	2028	\$ 39,163,000
9	Hachar Parkway Extension	2028-2032	\$ 79,461,000
10	Pedestrian/Bike Improvement Projects II	2026	\$ 5,940,000
11	Port Drive Widening & Extension	2028-2030	\$ 24,742,000
12	Uniroyal Drive Widening & Extension	2028-2030	\$ 31,315,000
13	Vallecillo Road Extension	2026	\$ 40,887,000
14	FM 3338 - Las Tiendas Road Widening	2029	\$ 45,000,000
15	International Boulevard Extension	2027	\$ 15,889,000
16	McPherson Road Extension	2027	\$ 21,096,000
17	United Avenue Extension	2027	\$ 16,799,000
		Mid-Term	\$ 383,945,000
18	FM 1472 - Mines Road Widening to Freeway	2033	\$ 805,071,000
19	North-South Boulevard (unnamed)	2030-2032	\$ 137,807,000
20	Trade Center Boulevard Extension	2032-2034	\$ 24,842,000
21	Verde Boulevard Extension	2036	\$ 68,159,000
22	East-West Boulevard (unnamed)	2040	\$ 174,827,000
23	Sara Road Extension	2038	\$ 103,068,000
24	TX 255 Widening	2040	\$ 101,250,000
		Long-Term	\$ 1,415,024,000
	Full or Partial Funding programmed		

Recommended Projects by Phase in First Five Years				
Year	Project Initiation	Project Planning	Project Development	Construction
2020	Milo Road Extension		FM 1472 Capacity	
	Ped/Bike I		Hachar Parkway	
	Aquero Blvd		Vallecillo Road	
	Carriers Drive			
2021	Sara/Milo Widening	Milo Road Extension		
	Hachar Extension	Ped/Bike I	Hachar Parkway	FM 1472 Capacity
	Vallecillo Extension	Aquero Blvd		Vallecillo Road
		Carriers Drive		
2022	Hachar Extension	Ped/Bike I		
	McPherson Extension	Aquero Blvd		
	United Extension	Carriers Drive	Milo Road Extension	FM 1472 Capacity
		Sara/Milo Widening		Hachar Parkway
2023	Port Drive Widening	Hachar Extension		
	Uniroyal Widening	Ped/Bike II		
	FM 3338 Widening	International Extension		
	FM 1472 Freeway	McPherson Extension		
2024		United Extension		
	Port Drive Widening			
	Uniroyal Widening			
	FM 3338 Widening			
2025	FM 1472 Freeway			
	North-South Blvd			

BOLD Construction completed during the year

