



Webb County – City of Laredo Regional Mobility Authority 2015 RMA Status and Project Report

December 19, 2016



The Webb County-City of Laredo Regional Mobility Authority (WC-CL RMA) petition was jointly submitted to TxDOT in late 2013 by the Webb County Commissioners Court and the Laredo City Council. This WC-CL RMA petition was approved by the Texas Transportation Commission at its February 27, 2014 meeting in Laredo. The WC-CL RMA petition identified several projects to be undertaken with the WC-CL RMA priority project being the upgrade of Loop 20 to interstate design standards from US 59 to the entrance into the World Trade International Bridge IV.

At the time of this report, the WC-CL RMA Board Members are as follows:

Governor's Appointee:

- Mr. Ruben Soto, Jr. – Presiding Officer

Webb County Appointees:

- Mr. Albert Muller, Sr.
- Mr. Steve LaMantia – Treasurer
- Mr. Oscar Lopez – Co-Chair
- Mr. Jesus D. Romero

City of Laredo Appointees:

- Mr. Jose Murillo
- Mr. Alfonso Mendiola
- Mr. Arturo Dominguez
- Mr. Douglas B. Howland

The WC-CL RMA Board has met on a monthly basis in 2016 with the exception of May and August. Actions of particular note taken by the Board in 2016 include:

- The completion of the inter-local agreement with Webb County for the transference of the \$10/vehicle registration fees that the County has been collecting since January 2014.
- The ongoing implementation of the WC-CL RMA website (<http://www.webbrma.com/>). All official postings and WC-CL RMA information are now being placed on this website.
- Currently, approximately 1.7-miles of the US 59 Loop is officially designated as I-69W.
- Instructing the GEC (HNTB) to continue work on the US 59 Loop / Future I-69W project in the near future but after the preliminary design and potential funding information that the Laredo Metropolitan Planning Organization and the TxDOT – Laredo District is currently developing. The detailed work by the GEC is ongoing, including holding a

design-build workshop that was attended by numerous contractors that are interested in participating in the project if it is carried forward as a design-build or design-finance-build project. The workshop has been followed up with a series of one-on-one discussions with various contractors that are interested in implementing the project via design build with finance.

- The continuing development of the new-location Vallecillo Road in northern Laredo, for preliminary engineering and environmental analysis by the GEC. Discussions with the Laredo Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) are underway on determining the project funding options that would best utilize the WC-CL RMA's currently available funds.

The WC-CL RMA has not expended any expenses on construction work on any WC-CL RMA sponsored projects in 2016.



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