

Webb County - City of Laredo
Regional Mobility Authority (WC-CL RMA)
Board of Directors Meeting
Monday, June 11, 2018
9:00AM

Minutes

The Webb County - City of Laredo Regional Mobility Authority Board of Directors convened in a meeting at 9:04 a.m. on Monday, June 11, 2018, at TxDOT's Laredo District Meeting Room, 1817 Bob Bullock Loop, Laredo, TX.

Minutes are as follows:

Present: Ruben Soto, Jr., Chairman and Presiding Officer, Jose Murrillo, Jesus Romero, Oscar Lopez, Arturo Dominguez, and Douglas Howland.

Absent: Alfonso Mendiola and Steve La Mantia

Others: David Salazar, TxDOT, Laredo District Engineer
Melissa Montemayor, TxDOT Laredo District Administrator
Araceli Rangel, Staff Assistant, CPA Office of Ruben Soto, Jr., (note taker)
Mike Graham, TxDOT
Jaime Garcia, Cruz & Associates LLC
Brian O' Reilly, Locke Lord LLP (via conference call)
Antonio Rodriguez, HNTB
Jaime Garcia, HNTB

1. Open Meeting and Establish Quorum

After establishing a quorum, Presiding Officer, Ruben Soto, Jr., called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. He then announced the following Board Members present: Jose Murrillo, Arturo Dominguez, Jesus Romero, Oscar Lopez, and Douglas Howland. He notified everyone present that a notice of the meeting had been posted in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, and then asked everyone to stand for the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Welcome and Introduction of Board Members - Ruben Soto, Jr. (WC-CL RMA Presiding Officer)

Chairman Soto informed all present that the meeting was being recorded and thanked TxDOT's, David Salazar and Melisa Montemayor for hosting the meeting. He also thanked TxDOT's Mike Graham for videotaping and Araceli Rangel for assisting with the minutes and preparation for the meeting.

3A. Action Item: Discussion, Consideration, and Approval of May 7, 2018 WC-CL RMA Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Chairman Soto stated that the Board Members had been provided a copy of the May 11, 20, 2018 meeting minutes for review. He then asked for a motion to accept the minutes of the Webb County-City of Laredo RMA meeting that took place on May 11, 2018 as presented. Douglas Howland made a motion and a second made by Arturo Dominguez to accept the meeting minutes. No discussion was held. Motion passed unanimously.

4A. Chairman's Report-Financial Report

Chairman Soto informed the board that the Vehicle Registration Fee ("VRF") payment of \$836,530.00 from Webb County was received on May 16, 2018 with the help of Juan Cruz.

WC-CL RMA currently has a balance of \$5,259,050.83 and Certificates of Deposit totaling \$2,001,008.22 as of 6-10-18.

- A. Funds disbursed since last meeting were to:
- HNTB Corporation \$25,560.00 (WA #4 & 7)
 - Locke Lord LLP \$1,103.90
 - J Cruz & Associates LLC \$3,979.50
 - PBM Helin Donovan LLP \$7,000.00
 - Reimbursed Board members' Bond fees \$175.00

B. AUDIT

Chairman Soto informed the Board that the audit for our fiscal year ended 9-30-17 was in progress and was expected to be completed in late June or early July.

C. OTHER UPDATES - Regarding Compliance Reporting, Project Financing & Project Development.

Chairman Soto informed the Board that he and Tony Rodriguez from HNTB Engineering had met with Utilities Engineer Riazul Mia regarding the city's future utility infrastructure plans as it relates to South Laredo. This was for the TRZ study on Cuatro Vientos Corridor.

Chairman Soto also mentioned he had meetings regarding ROW donation for the Killam Ind Blvd turning lanes project should funding be available and coordination with City and TxDOT result.

5. Action Item (Resolution 18-11): Discussion, Consideration and Possible Action to Approve the 2018 WC-CL RMA Strategic Plan.

Chairman Soto informed the Board that there is a State requirement that we must have a Strategic Plan and that it must be updated every even numbered year. You have previously been supplied with a copy of the RMA's 2018's Strategic Plan for review.

A motion to approve the 2017 Compliance Report as presented was made by Arturo Dominguez and a second by Oscar Lopez; resolution was unanimously approved.

6. Action Item (Resolution 18-12): Discussion, Consideration and Possible Action to Approve Work Authorization 8 Authorizing HNTB to Prepare Application to the FHWA for Build Grant for the Development of FM 3338 Improvements.

Chairman Soto informed the Board that the grant replaces the previous FHWA TIGER grant and felt it was an opportunity for the board to consider applying for this to obtain funds for a project that would, if granted, free up funds for other Laredo region projects.

He then asked the project manager from HNTB, Tony Rodriguez, to explain the Board which project this application is for and its merits.

- Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Grant has replaced the TIGER program. The requirements and limits are the same as TIGER.
 - Maximum request is \$25M.
 - No more than \$150M will be awarded per State.
 - Special Consideration is given to Rural Projects
 - The proposed project is FM 3338 (Las Tiendas)
 - Project is from FM 1472 to SH 255 (Camino Columbia)
 - Project entails the reconstruction of the existing pavement (asphalt section) to a section that can handle tractor trailer traffic.
 - Currently, the corridor is weight restricted and monitored by DPS, but it is still well used by tractor trailer traffic. Currently, the corridor is seeing development of industrial parks that receive tractor trailer traffic from World Trade and Camino Columbia.
 - This is causing the roadway to rapidly deteriorate and is proving costly for operations and maintenance.
 - With the reconstruction for accommodating heavy weight traffic, the benefit will outweigh the investment in the long term with decreased maintenance costs for the life of the reconstructed roadway.
 - TxDOT is currently designing the project and the project is currently funded for construction.
 - Success of the BUILD Grant Application will free some of the money currently programmed for FM 3338 for other priority projects in the Laredo Community.

WA #8 for the Build Grant application was approved on a motion made by Douglas Howland and a second by Jesus Romero, unanimously.

7. General Engineering Consultant Report

A. Work Authorization No. 4 - GEC Project Development Services

B. Work Authorization No. 7 - Presentation of Draft Transportation Reinvestment Zone Feasibility Study for the Loop 20 Project

- North Laredo Webb County Transportation Study
 - Submitted the Completed Risk Assessment Form to TxDOT on 6/6/18.
 - Awaiting next steps for the Advanced Funding Agreement.
- Vallecillo Road - Schematics are at 90% Complete. Environmental has concluded until such time as funding is identified for the project to move forward with the next phase for TxDOT review.
 - Current Construction Estimate = \$25.4M to \$25.8M
 - Total Project Cost = \$30.2M to \$30.6M
 - Killam Company is requesting the amount of City Participation.
 - Met with City on 5/9/18. City had \$22M committed to the INFRA Grant as part of the local match and did not want to commit to any other projects at the time of our last discussion (early May). Now that the INFRA Grant was unsuccessful, will renew discussions with the City to help advance Vallecillo Road.
- New Arterial from Cuatro Vientos to Concord Hills
 - Met with the City Manager, Mayor Saenz, Ms. Montemayor to discuss the project on 5/9/18. The City is agreeable to the project.
 - They appear to be agreeable to the installation of a new overpass at the proposed tie-in at Cuatro Vientos (opposite of Los Presidentes). This would require more ROW donation to TxDOT within possible flood plain area to widen the Cuatro Vientos Corridor to 400' and an update to the schematic and environmental.
 - Now that the INFRA Grant has passed, will meet again with the City to advance this project.
- Improvements at FM 1472 and Killam Industrial Blvd - Developed updated construction costs to include a right turn lane from FM 1472 onto Killam Industrial Blvd.
 - Increased construction cost for strictly the Killam Industrial Blvd. work to \$2.3M (all concrete pavement on Killam and FM 1472).
 - Met with the Killam Company on 6/5/18. Killam Company is open to donating needed ROW for the construction of the new turn lanes.

C. Work Authorization No. 7 - Presentation of Draft Transportation Reinvestment Zone Feasibility Study for the Loop 20 Project

- Met with the Laredo City Utility Director on 5/21/18. He provided more information regarding the existing utilities within the corridor and the future plans for infrastructure improvements.
- Today we present a synopsis power point of the draft report and the draft report.

8. Presentation on the Development of the River Bend Project.

Chairman Soto then introduce Mr. Jose Medina, landowner and developer who has been at the forefront in promoting this project. Mr. Medina made a short presentation on the project.

9. Report: Update from TxDOT on the Status of Projects in the TxDOT Laredo District.

Chairman Soto then introduced Carlos Rodriguez from TxDOT to bring everyone up to date on the projects from TxDOT. The Oscar Renda project outside is 66% complete. The west half of the mainland bridge and west frontage road working on retaining wall is also 66% complete and will be completed by December 2018. I35 and Loop 20 interchange is 25% complete. They are currently working underground. Estimated completion date is December 2019, but it looks like it can be a lot sooner.

10. Open Public Forum/Comment Period.

11. Report: Date/Time/Location of the Next Regular Board Meeting.

The next meeting will probably be in July, location to be announced.

12. Adjournment.

On a motion made by Arturo Dominguez and a second by Jose Murillo meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.