

**WEBB COUNTY – CITY OF LAREDO  
REGIONAL MOBILITY AUTHORITY BOARD**

WC-CL RMA Board of Directors Meeting  
Teleconference Meeting  
Hosted by J. Cruz & Associates, LLC  
216 W. Village Blvd., Ste. 202, Laredo, Texas 78041  
Wednesday, May 13, 2020  
10:00 AM

**BOARD MINUTES**

The Webb County-City of Laredo Regional Mobility Authority (WC-CL RMA) Board met at the above date via Teleconference. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. WC-CL RMA Board Chair Jed A. Brown present and presiding. The following board members were present:

Jed A. Brown  
Douglas B. Howland  
Oscar O. Lopez  
Arturo Dominguez  
Alfonso Mendiola  
Jesus D. Romero  
George Beckelhymer

The following board members was absent: Jose Murillo and Viridiana Fernandez

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**AGENDA**

**1. Open Meeting and Establish Quorum**

After establishing a quorum, Presiding Officer Jed Brown, called the meeting to order at 10:03 A.M. It was announced the following Board Members were absent: Jose Murillo and Viridiana Fernandez. He then 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.

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**2. Welcome and Introduction of Board Members – Jed Brown (WC-CL RMA Presiding Office)**

Chairman Brown informed all present that the meeting was being recorded and thanked TxDOT

for hosting and videotaping the meeting.

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**3. Pledge of Allegiance**

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**4. Open Public Forum/Comment Period.**

No one signed up to make comments.

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**5. Chairman Report.**

- A. Appointment of Ad Hoc Committee to review proposal from HNTB to extend General Engineering Consultant contract.

Chairman Brown went on to inform the board that The HNTB General Engineering Consult contract will be up for renewal on September 16, 2020. A written request was received to renew the contract for an addition three years. Chairman Brown convened a group of four board members, which included Chairman Brown, Doug Howland, Oscar Lopez and George Beckelhymer, to discuss renewal and report the recommendation to the Board.

- B. Filing of Personal Financial Statements with Texas Ethics Commission.

Chairman Brown reminded the Board members of personal financial statements due by April 30, 2020. He went on to inform the board about the right to file for an extension for an additional 90 days due to Covid-19. Chairman Brown asked the board to forward confirmation of filing for RMA's files.

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**6. Action Item: Discussion, Consideration and Possible Action concerning the Approval of the February 7, 2020 WC-CL RMA Regular Board Meeting Minutes.**

Chairman Brown stated that the Board Members had been provided a copy of the February 7, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes for review in the Board book. He then asked for a motion to accept the Board Meeting Minutes of the Webb County-City of Laredo RMA.

Motion: So Move  
Moved by: George Beckelhymer  
Second by: Arturo Dominguez  
Discussion: No discussion was held  
In Favor: Motion passed unanimously

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- 7. Action Item (Resolution 20-07): Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Action to approve the revised Interlocal Agreement between the City of Laredo and the Webb County-City of Laredo Regional Mobility Authority for the development of a right turn lane on Killam Industrial Blvd. and an acceleration lane northbound on Farm to Market Road 1472.**

Motion: So Move  
Moved by: Arturo Dominguez  
Second by: Jesus D. Romero  
Discussion: Mr. Beckelhymer asked as to the revisions made to the agreement. Tony Rodriguez (HNTB) went on to inform the board that initially, the RMA was handling the design and estimates, while the City of Laredo was handling advertising and construction of the project. He went on to inform the board that after a discussion with the Texas Department of Transportation in August 2019, realized the RMA/City of Laredo project overlapped with a current TXDOT project. By working as a group and combining the projects, the projected costs will benefit all parties.  
In Favor: Motion passed unanimously

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- 8. Action Item (Resolution 20-08): Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Action to approve the Advance Funding Agreement between the Texas Department of Transportation and the Webb County-City of Laredo Regional Mobility Authority providing for local government contributions to a transportation improvement project providing for the construction of a right turn lane on Killam Industrial Blvd. and an acceleration lane northbound on Farm to Market 1472, as well as related signal and signing improvements.**

Motion: So Move  
Moved by: George Beckelhymer  
Second by: Alfonso Mendiola  
Discussion: No discussion was held  
In Favor: Motion passed unanimously

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- 9. Action Item: Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Action to ratify the use of the domain name for the Webb County-City of Laredo RMA as [webblaredorma.org](http://webblaredorma.org).**

Chairman Brown went on to inform the board he previously suggested the name “Webb” and “Laredo” be inserted in the domain name and asked the board to approve the new website. He went on to ask the board to make a motion to ratify the use of the domain name as [webblaredorma.org](http://webblaredorma.org).

Motion: So Move  
Moved by: Jesus Romero

Second by: Doug Howland  
Discussion: Mr. Beckelhymer added that the name was a good choice and thanked Chairman Brown for accelerating the process. No further discussion was held.  
In Favor: Motion passed unanimously

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**10. General Engineer Consultant Update**

**1) Killam Industrial Blvd. Turn Lane Project – Antonio Rodriguez, HNTB General Engineering Consultant**

- **Project Status Update:** Mr. Rodriguez went on to inform the board that plans and estimates are ready to be forwarded to Texas Department of Transportation. Scheduled letting for the project is August 2020 and is estimated to be completed by March 2021 due to the challenge of high traffic in the area.

**2) Los Presidentes Road Project – Eddie Garza, Crane Engineering**

- **Project Status Update:** Mr. Garza went on to inform the board that they submitted 75% of design plan of the arterial road to the City of Laredo, which includes drainage, water and sewer improvements, landscaping, irrigation and street lighting design. He added the plan on having a City review meeting in mid-June 2020, at which design plan could be at 95% and plan a bid letting in August/September 2020.

**3) Vallecillo Road Project – Antonio Rodriguez**

- **Project Status Update:** Mr. Rodriguez went on to update the board of the study of roadway, traffic, and impact analysis to determine traffic attraction for the next several years.

Chairman Brown added that he wants to avoid having to do studies that may not be resourceful in the future and hopes that monies are used wisely.

Mr. Danny McGee added that the Texas Department of Transportation is also conducting counts and surveys which numbers can be shared and used by the RMA.

Mr. Dominguez asked when the next Interlocal Agreement would be presented to the board, which Mr. Rodriguez responded that it could be added at next board meeting. Mr. Ramon Chavez, City Engineer for City of Laredo added that he would follow up on presenting to city council.

**4) North Laredo Webb County Transportation Planning Study – Antonio Rodriguez and Melissa Montemayor**

- **Project Status Update:** Mr. Antonio Rodriguez brought the Board up to date on the North Laredo Webb County Transportation Planning Study and answered all questions presented by the board. Having discussed the issues, the board is content with the project led by the RMA.

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

Chairman Brown informed that Board that the next board meeting will be within six weeks, unless one was needed sooner.

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**12. Adjournment.**

On a motion made by Alfonso Mendiola and second by George Beckelhymer. With no discussion, meeting was adjourned at 11:02 A.M. Motion passed unanimously and meeting was adjourned.