

**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, July 23, 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 10:02 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

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.

2. Welcome the Board Members – Jed Brown (WC-CL RMA Presiding Office)

Chairman Brown informed all present that the meeting was being recorded and telephones must be silenced or muted to avoid interference. Chairman Brown also informed the board that they

must identify themselves when speaking.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Open Public Forum/Comment Period.

No one signed up to make comments.

5. Presentations:

A. Financial Report.

Oscar Lopez, Treasurer, went on to inform the board that as of July 16, 2020, the checking account is \$4,043,645.55. A 3-month certificate of deposit in the amount of \$6,074,609.21, which matures September 27, 2020 at .25% interest rate.

Funds disbursed since the last meeting were:

Commerce Bank	\$35.00
Charter Communications	\$5,461.53
HNTB	\$209,557.98
J Cruz & Associates LLC	\$12,331.00
Locke Lord LLP	\$18,573.67
Ruben Soto, Jr., CPA	\$1,700.00

Mr. Lopez went on to inform the board that a balance sheet and a year-to-date income statement as of July 16, 2020 was included in the board packet for review and that any questions were to be directed to Ruben Soto.

B. Status of Vehicle Registration Fund (VRF) collections.

Mr. Lopez informed the board that on July 16, 2020, the RMA received \$688,990.00 for the vehicle registration fees. Mr. Lopez added that according to the Amended Interlocal Agreement with Webb County dated November 15, 2019, payments should be made quarterly. Mr. Lopez also gave the board a status of the TxDOT Reimbursements for the North Webb County Transportation study. Reimbursement was received on July 14, 2020 in the amount of \$211,826.00.

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

7. Chairman's Report:

A. Springfield Road Extension Road Project

Chairman Brown inform the board that he had been in contact with Councilman Marte Martinez and other city officials to discuss the possible participation in this project and was presented with a cost estimate in the amount of \$7.2 million for the entire project. Chairman Brown was asked by the City to propose an amount the RMA was comfortable with for Phases 2 and 3. Chairman Brown added that the Springfield Road was a meaningful project.

B. Timeline of existing WC-CL RMA Capital Improvements and possible projects to be undertaken.

Chairman Brown went on to inform the board of all the projects the RMA is committed to and no projects could be undertaken without the board support. Chairman Brown explained his thoughts on the plans for the projects and welcomed comments.

8. Action Item: Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Action concerning the Approval of the May 13, 2020, Webb County-City of Laredo RMA Regular Board Meeting Minutes.

Chairman Brown stated that the Board Members had been provided a copy of the May 13, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes for review. 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: Arturo Dominguez
Second by: George Beckelhymer
Discussion: No discussion was held
In Favor: Motion passed unanimously

9. Action Item (Resolution 20-09): Approve the 2020 Annual Compliance Report for submittal to Texas Department of Transportation as required by 43 Texas Administrative Code §26.65.

Chairman Board went on to inform the board that this item was to be submitted in February and included in the board package was a table with compliance statements and certifications.

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

10. Action Item (Resolution 20-10): Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Action to Approve and Extension to the General Engineering Consulting Agreement with HNTB.

Chairman Brown went on to remind the board that at a previous board meeting, it was agreed to review the work that HNTB had done for RMA and engaged with Locke Lorde and J Cruz & Associates to review the action in the extension of the agreement so RMA complied with the law. Chairman Brown further discussed with the board counsel's advice.

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

11. Action Item (Resolution 20-11): Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Action to approve Supplemental Work Authorization No. 1.6 with HNTB to continue development of the Vallecillo Road Project.

Chairman Brown went on to remind the board that work on this HNTB project relating to traffic study and environmental was placed on hold at the Chairman's request. He went on to inform the board that on matters with road projects, if data is not used in a time period, it becomes invalid. Chairman Brown went on to inform the board that an approximate \$242,000.00 have been spent and wants to have an Interlocal Agreement worked with the City before any more funds are spent. Mr. Antonio Rodriguez added that the Work Authorization is set to expire on July 31, 2020 and is requesting an extension through the end of the year.

Motion: So Move
Moved by: Jesus Romero
Second by: Doug Howland
Discussion: George Beckelhymer added that it was important to share the traffic data with the planning and zoning commission and secure easements for the next 20-40 years.
In Favor: Motion passed unanimously

12. Action Item (Resolution 20-12): Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Action to adopt a Resolution in support of the Springfield Road Extension Project and to authorize the negotiation and execution of a funding contribution agreement with the City of Laredo.

Chairman Brown went on to recommend to the board to allocate up to two million dollars for the support of the Springfield Road Extension Project and discussed concerns with the board, the disbursement and time frame of such.

Motion: So Move

Moved by: George Beckelhymer
Second by: Jose Romero
Discussion: No discussion was held
In Favor: Motion passed unanimously

13. Action Item (Resolution 20-13): Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Action to adopt a Resolution in support of the WC-CL RMA’s participation in the Los Presidentes, Phase 2 Project.

Chairman Brown went on to inform the board that he would like the RMA to continue to be involved in the improvement of the Los Presidentes road and support projects across the city for the improvement of safety. The board discuss various development topics regarding the Phase 2 project.

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

14. Action Item (Resolution 20-14): Discussion, Consideration and Possible Action to adopt a Resolution in support of the WC-CL RMA’s participation in the Webb County planned improvements to U.S. 59 associated with the LIFE Downs fairground.

Chairman Brown went on to inform the board that on June 15, 2020, a meeting between MCO and Webb County discussed the possibility of asking the RMA for help in the traffic study. Chairman Brown added that included in the board packet was a plan of the LIFE Downs fairground illustrating the traffic impact and discussed with the board the entrance and exit locations. He continued to ask to board to commit in assisting in this project with up to \$50,000.00.

Motion: So Move
Moved by: George Beckelhymer
Second by: Oscar Lopez
Discussion: Mr. Oscar Lopez asked if there was a dollar amount in the resolution, which such amount was confirmed to be stated in the document.
In Favor: Motion passed unanimously

15. Action Item (Resolution 20-15): Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Action to adopt a Resolution in support of the Ports-to-Plains Corridor Feasibility Study.

Chairman Brown informed the board that this item was held at a public meeting at Laredo College and gathered information about the corridor feasibility study. Chairman Brown went on to discuss the how this corridor would alleviate traffic congestion and asked the board for support of the project.

Motion: So Move

Moved by: George Beckelhymer

Second by: Alfonso Mendiola

Discussion: In the discussion, concerns for oil and gas traffic was addressed.

In Favor: Motion passed unanimously

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

Chairman Brown informed that Board that the next board meeting will be scheduled in or about late September or early October unless one was needed sooner.

17. Adjournment.

On a motion made by Alfonso Mendiola and second by Arturo Dominguez. With no discussion, meeting was adjourned at 12:02 P.M. Motion passed unanimously and meeting was adjourned.