

**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
Tuesday, December 1, 2020
1:30 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 1:36 p.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
George Beckelhymer
Viridiana Fernandez

The following board members was absent: Jesus D. Romero

AGENDA

1. Open Meeting and Establish Quorum

After establishing a quorum, Presiding Officer Jed Brown, called the meeting to order at 1:36 P.M. It was announced the following Board Member was absent: Jesus D. Romero. 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. Action Item: Consideration and Approval of the Minutes for:

A. July 23, 2020 - Regular Board Meeting Minutes

B. August 28, 2020 - Special Board Meeting Minutes

Chairman Brown stated that the Board Members had been provided a copy of the Minutes for the July 23, 2020 Regular Board Meeting and the August 28, 2020 Special Board Meeting 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

6. Chairman's Report:

A. Update on Vallecillo Road Project

Chairman Brown went on to inform the board that since the last board meeting, the City of Laredo and the RMA entered into an Interlocal Agreement for the Vallecillo Road Project on September 18, 2020, and a Memorandum of Understanding with the Killam organization on October 2, 2020. He went on to say that these agreements allowed the RMA, through Congressman Henry Cuellar, organize a team to represent the City and the community to present the merits of this project to the Texas Transportation Commission and the TxDot.

B. Update on RMA Supported Projects

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.

7. Presentations:

A. Financial Report

(Acceptance of financial statements through November 30, 2020.)

Oscar O. Lopez, Treasurer, went on to inform the board that as of November 30, 2020, the checking account is \$4,149,856.89. A certificate of deposit in the amount of \$6,078,426.59, which matures December 27, 2020 at .15% interest rate.

Funds disbursed since the last meeting were:

HNTB	\$386,658.88
IBC Insurance Agency	\$175.00
J Cruz & Associates LLC	\$8,973.00
Locke Lord LLP	\$15,614.12
LBS Media, LLC	\$7,550.00
Ruben Soto, Jr., CPA	\$5,095.00
TxDot	\$1,255,375.00

Funds received since last meeting were:

City of Laredo	\$926,856.18
TxDot	\$135,756.16
Webb County VRF	\$723,040.00

Mr. Lopez went on to inform the board that a balance sheet and a year-to-date income statement as of November 30, 2020 was included in the board packet for review and that any questions were to be directed to Ruben Soto.

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

B. Presentation by Texas Department of Transportation on Area Projects.

Chairman Brown asked Mr. David Salazar and Mr. Jesus Saavedra, Laredo Area Engineers from Texas Department of Transportation, to update the Board on area projects. Mr. Saavedra went on to present to the Board and gave an update on projects under construction with details of completion and answered all questions presented by the Board.

8. General Engineer Consultant Update.

1) Killam Industrial Blvd. Turn Lane Project – Antonio Rodriguez, HNTB

Mr. Rodriguez updated the board on the Killam Industrial Blvd. Turn Lane Project. He went on to inform the Board that this project entailed a dedicated right turn lane and signal improvement on FM1472 turning into Killam Industrial Blvd. He went on to inform the Board that as it may not be a very large project as it is very important as it will improve the overall flow of traffic in this highly congested area. Mr. Rodriguez

added that this project will be the first project completed with RMA and City of Laredo dollars working in conjunction with the TxDot.

- 2) Los Presidentes Road Project, Phase 1 (Cuatro Vientos Blvd. to Concord Hills Blvd.) – Mr. Eddie Garza and Fred Martinez, from Crane Engineering, went on to update the board on the Los Presidentes Road Project, Phase 1. Mr. Garza went on present to the Board about the project consisting of building an arterial road comprised of four 12ft lanes that would connect Concord Hills Blvd. to Cuatro Vientos Blvd. Mr. Garza went on to inform the Board that this project is in the Bid Let process and will be open on December 30, 2020 and expect to receive various bids and will be answering any questions to the bidders. Mr. Garza further discussed the plans on this project and answered all questions presented by the Board.
- 3) Los Presidentes Road Project, Phase 2A (Concord Hills Blvd. to Las Misiones Blvd.) Antonio Rodriguez from HNTB and Eddie Garza from Crane Engineering went on to inform the Board that they have developed an additive alternate bid to include Phase 2A as part of Phase 1. Initially this road project would cross a large flood plain and terminate in an unplanned intersection. Mr. Rodriguez proposed to terminate the road project before the flood plain and amend the interlocal agreement to include Phase 2A as part of the Los Presidentes Road Project. Bids and Cost Estimates were discussed.
- 4) Vallecillo Road Project – Antonio Rodriguez, HNTB
Mr. Rodriguez updated the Board on the Vallecillo Road traffic study. He went on to inform the board that the traffic data will soon be forwarded to Terracon for the development of the paving design to update the cost estimate on this project. Mr. Rodriguez illustrated and discussed the schematic with the board.

9. Action Item (Resolution 20-19): Discussion, Consideration and Possible Action to Approval Supplemental Work Authorization No. 4.8 with HNTB for Continued Project Development Services.

Chairman Brown asked Mr. Antonio Rodriguez, HNTB, to give the Board a quick overview of the action item. Mr. Rodriguez went on to inform the Board this Work Authorization would allow HNTB to continue to support RMA as a General Engineering Consultant for various tasks, not specifically tied to a project and allow to represent the RMA at various meetings. Mr. Rodriguez added that such authorization expired at the end of September 2020 and further discussed a six month extension with the board.

Motion: So Move
Moved by: George Beckelhymer
Second by: Doug Howland
Discussion: No discussion was held

In Favor: Motion passed unanimously

10. Action Item (Resolution 20-20): Discussion, Consideration and Possible Action to Approve Supplemental Work Authorization No. 11.2 with HNTB for continued development of the Los Presidentes Road Project, Phase 1 and 2.

Chairman Brown went on to inform the Board that this item had a lot of discussion earlier on the agenda that will help support the approval. Mr. Rodriguez added that this action would take Los Presidentes Road Project Phase 1 and add Phase 2A.

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

11. Action Item (Resolution 20-21): Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Action to approve an amendment to the Interlocal Agreement between the City of Laredo, Webb County Drainage District No.1 and the Webb County-City of Laredo Regional Mobility Authority for development of the Los Presidentes Road Project, Phase 2A.

Chairman Brown went on to remind the board that this item was discussed earlier on the agenda where it would allow both parties to continue working on the Los Presidentes project and include Phase 2A as part of the project.

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

12. Action Item (Resolution 20-22): Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Action to approve the Advance Funding Agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation for the contribution of design services for the construction of Acceleration/Deceleration lanes at Loop 20/Los Presidentes Project.

Chairman Brown went on to inform the Board that this item was discussed earlier on the agenda. He went on to inform the Board that the RMA is working on the design with HNTB on the acceleration/deceleration lanes as TxDot is funding the project.

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

13. 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 January unless one was needed sooner. Chairman Brown reminded the board that the next meeting will very likely be virtual. He went on to add that a new member has been appointed and the Board would be losing a member.

14. Adjournment.

On a motion made by Arturo Dominguez and second by George Beckelhymer. With no discussion, meeting was adjourned at 3:02 P.M. Motion passed unanimously and meeting was adjourned.