

AMENDED
Public Notice
2018 Washington, D.C. Legislative Trip

Public Notice is hereby given that a Delegation of the Mayor and members of the City Council and City staff will be traveling on Sunday, March 4, 2018, to participate in the City of Laredo's annual legislative trip to Washington D.C, that will consist of the following planned events:

- Delegation breakfasts will take place at the Mayflower Hotel, located at 1127 Connecticut Street NW, in the New Hampshire meeting room each morning at 7:00 a.m. on Monday, March 5, 2018 and Wednesday, March 7, 2018;
- Various meetings to be attended by less than a quorum of the Laredo City Council are scheduled at different times/locations with federal agencies and officials on Monday, March 5, 2018 through Wednesday, March 7, 2018;
- The City of Laredo delegation will be hosted for a meal event with the Ambassador of Mexico to the United States in Washington, D.C., His Excellency Geronimo Gutierrez Fernandez, at the Mexican Cultural Institute located at 2829 16th Street St. NW; and
- The Laredo Day Reception is scheduled for Wednesday, March 7, 2018 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the House Ways and Means Committee Room, located at 1100 Longworth House Office Building, 1 Independence Avenue, SE, Washington, D.C.

Members of the City of Laredo's 2018 Washington Delegation include: Mayor Pete Saenz, Mayor Pro Tempore Alex Perez, Jr., Council Member Rudy Gonzalez, Council Member Vidal Rodriguez, Council Member Nelly Vielma, Council Member Charlie San Miguel, Council Member George J. Altgelt, City Manager Horacio A. De Leon, Deputy City Manager Cynthia Collazo, Executive Director Monica Flores, Executive Director Blasita J. Lopez, Executive Director Mario Maldonado, Police Chief Claudio Trevino, Director Nathan Bratton, Director Dr. Hector Gonzalez, Director Aileen Ramos, Celina Rivera, Rafael Benavides, Joel Vazquez, and Veronica Gamboa.

List of agencies to be visited include, but are not limited to:

- U.S. Department of Justice
- National Endowment for the Arts
- White House
- Library of Congress
- U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
- U.S. Department of Commerce/Census Bureau
- Mexican Embassy
- U.S. Department of Agriculture
- U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
- U.S. Housing and Urban Development
- National Institutes of Health

- U.S. DOT/Federal Transit Administration
- U.S. DOT/ Federal Aviation Administration
- U.S. DOT/ Federal Railroad Administration
- U.S. Army Corp of Engineers
- U.S. Department of Homeland Security
- U.S. Department of State
- U.S. General Services Administration
- Members of Congress

Listing of federal agenda items, as adopted by the Laredo City Council:

Arts

Sweet Sounds of Home, Music Enrichment Program

Health

Substance Abuse (Opioid Prevention and Treatment) and Mental Health Program
 Laboratory Response Network Certification
 Training Center (Workforce Development) Healthcare Professions
 Women’s Health Services
 Chronic Disease Prevention (Obesity and Diabetes)

Environment

Rio Grande Basin - Chacon Creek Legislative Authorization & Next Phase Funding
 Funding for the Rio Grande River Low Water Weir Project

Quality of Life

HUD Entitlement Programs / CDBG & HOME Funding Maintenance or Increase
 Additional HUD / Veterans Affairs HUD - VASH Vouchers
 Increased funding for OPERATION CRACKDOWN (Texas Army National Guard/U.S. Border Patrol)
 CBP Determination of Excess Property and GSA Conveyance of Excess Property for City of
 Laredo Hotel Convention Center.

Public Safety

Body-Worn Camera Program
 Victims of Crime Act Formula Grant Program
 Operation Stonegarden Funding
 Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Hiring Program

Transportation

Modernization of the Laredo International Airport
 Construction of CBP Air and Marine Hangar Facilities
 Section 559 Donation Acceptance Authority Proposal Evaluation Procedures
 & Criteria Framework
 Laredo World Trade Bridge Expansion
 Revenue Vehicle Replacement Needs for Aging Transit Fleet
 Funding Support for New Transit Maintenance and Operations Fleet

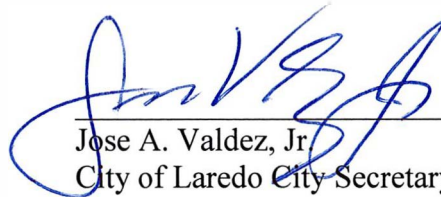
Grade Separation Opportunities
Widening I-35
River Road along the Rio Grande

Policy

North America Free Trade Agreement
Virtual Wall: Preferred Means to Enhance Border Security
Comprehensive Immigration Reform
Support for “Uniting and Securing America (USA) Act of 2018”
(Legislation Introduced as H.R. Bill 4796 / Senate Bill 2367)
Preserving Laredo’s Proprietary and Regulatory Rights in Dealing
with Communications Providers and Expanding Universal Service
Fund Support for Broadband

Please note that at no time during this legislative trip will a vote, order, decision, or any other action be taken on a matter of city business. Furthermore, pursuant to Sections 551.001, 551.002, and 551.0035 of the Texas Government Code, none of the events listed above qualify as a meeting so as to trigger the notice or other requirements of the Texas Open Meetings Act. For additional or updated information on meeting schedules, please contact the Public Information Office at 956-721-2055 / 956-625-8088 or the City Manager’s office at 956-791-7302.

This notice was posted on Wednesday, Feb. 28, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. Laredo City Hall located at 1110 Houston Street, Laredo, Texas.



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City of Laredo City Secretary

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