

**CITY OF LAREDO**  
**WORKSHOP**  
**A-2021-W-02**  
**CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
**1110 HOUSTON STREET**  
**LAREDO, TEXAS 78040**  
**September 17, 2021**  
**12:00 P.M.**



**DISABILITY ACCESS STATEMENT**



Persons with disabilities who plan to attend this meeting and who may need auxiliary aid or services are requested to contact Jose A. Valdez, City Secretary, at (956) 791-7308 at least two working days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made. The accessible entrance and accessible parking spaces are located at City Hall, 1100 Victoria Ave.

Out of consideration for all attendees of the City Council meetings, please turn off all cellular phones and pagers, or place on inaudible signal. Thank you for your consideration.

Pursuant to the Texas Penal Code (trespass by holder of license to carry a handgun), a person licensed under Subchapter H, Chapter 411, Government Code (Concealed Handgun Law or Handgun Licensing Law), may not enter into the City Council Chamber while City Council is in session with a concealed or openly-carried handgun.

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**III. MOMENT OF SILENCE**

**IV. ROLL CALL**

**Citizen comments**

Citizens are required to fill out a witness card and submit it to the City Secretary no later than 12:15 p.m. and identify themselves at the microphone. Comments are limited to three (3) minutes per speaker. No more than three (3) persons will be allowed to speak on any side of an issue. Speakers may not pass their minutes to any other speaker. Comments should be relevant to City business and delivered in a professional manner. No derogatory remarks will be permitted.

## **V. STAFF REPORTS**

1. Presentation with possible action on the Laredo Bridge System Master Plan including but not limited to:
  - approve and proceed with coordinating with Mexican counterparts on the construction of the expansion of the World Trade International Bridge, and
  - to identify and designate the location of the 4th-5th International Bridge, and any other matters incident thereto.

## **VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Council reserves the right to adjourn into executive session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any of the matters listed, as authorized by Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney), 551.072 (Deliberations about Real Property), 551.073 (Deliberations about Gifts and Donations), 551.074 (Personnel Matters), 551.076 (Deliberations about Security Devices), and 551.086 (Economic Development).

## **VII. ADJOURNMENT**

This notice was posted at the Municipal Government Offices, 1110 Houston Street, Laredo, Texas, at a place convenient and readily accessible to the public at all times. Said notice was posted on Monday, September 13, 2021 at 5:15 p.m.

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Jose A. Valdez, Jr.  
City Secretary

**City Council-Workshop**

**Meeting Date:** 09/17/2021

**Initiated By:** Kristina L. Hale, Assistant City Manager

**Staff Source:** Yvette Limon, Bridge Director

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**SUBJECT**

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- to identify and designate the location of the 4th-5th International Bridge, and any other matters incident thereto.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION**

On 2/18/20, City Council awarded contract FY19-086 to consultant firm S&B Infrastructure LTD, Laredo, Tx for the amount of \$758,236.32 for the City of Laredo International Bridge Master Plan.

**BACKGROUND**

The City of Laredo International Bridge Master Plan should determine current and projected traffic trends, including capacity ratios and wait times for the four (4) International Bridges of the Laredo Bridge System in order to forecast and prepare with the needed infrastructure to efficiently process pedestrian, non-commercial and commercial traffic traveling to and from Mexico and the United States.

The master plan will include all forecasted projections for the next twenty (20) years. The selected consultant (S&B Infrastructure) must also provide a recommendation based on the capacity of the existing bridges and projected traffic whether additional International Bridge(s) or better utilization of the existing bridges. Consultant (S&B Infrastructure) must also conduct studies and provide recommendation based on findings from surveys whether it is feasible to restrict International Bridge 1 to process 100% pedestrian traffic only and its impact to the non-commercial vehicular traffic.

Consultant (S&B Infrastructure) must coordinate meetings with local/state/federal agencies, trade associations and the general public to gain knowledge and fully comprehend the International Trade/Cross Border business. Consultant (S&B Infrastructure) must have an extensive portfolio and knowledge in forecasting traffic, understand and comprehend the process to obtain a presidential permit to construct an International Toll Bridge located on the United States and Mexico border. Consultant (S&B Infrastructure) must also be able to determine when infrastructure

improvements are required depending on traffic growth and wait times and be familiar with International Trade between the United States and Mexico. In addition, consultant (S&B Infrastructure) must be familiar with the operations and mission of the United States and Mexico Customs.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

None

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Approval of the Laredo Bridge System Master Plan.

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**Fiscal Impact**

**Fiscal Year:**

**Budgeted Y/N?:**

**Source of Funds:**

**Account #:**

**Change Order: Exceeds 25% Y/N:**

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

Contingent on any action taken during discussion.

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