

**HIGHWAY DESIGNATION**  
**WEBB COUNTY - STATE LOOP 20/US HIGHWAY 59/BUSINESS US HIGHWAY 59-Z**

**Description**

This minute order redesignates a segment of State Loop 20 (SL 20) as US 59 from the entrance to the World Trade Bridge (approximately 0.6 miles west of FM 1472) to the junction of SL 20 and US 59 in Laredo, a distance of approximately 10.9 miles, and redesignates a segment of US 59 as BU 59-Z from the junction of SL 20 and US 59 to the southern terminus of US 59 in Laredo, a distance of approximately 3.6 miles.

**Background**

Redesignating portions of SL 20 and US 59 begins the process of designating applicable portions of US 59 as part of the I-69 system. The city of Laredo and the Laredo MPO proactively support the development of SL 20 to meet interstate design standards, and TxDOT will be upgrading and completing assessments of the design features and operational conditions of SL 20 to confirm compliance with current interstate standards. The development and designation of this route as part of the I-69 system will provide a critical link to the World Trade Bridge, I-35, Texas A&M International University, the Laredo International Airport and points north along US 59, and will ensure the safe and efficient movement of goods throughout South Texas.

**Criteria**

None.

**Problem/Condition**

None.

**Other Comments**

Resolutions have been passed by the city of Laredo and the Laredo MPO supporting these actions.

**Alternate Solutions/Actions**

None.

**TEXAS TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

WEBB County

**MINUTE ORDER**

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LAREDO District

In WEBB COUNTY, the Texas Department of Transportation (department), in concurrence with the city of Laredo and the Laredo Metropolitan Planning Organization, is requesting the following redesignation of portions of STATE LOOP 20 (SL 20) and US 59 in order to begin the process of designating US 59 concurrent with the I-69 system:

1. A segment of SL 20 is to be redesignated on the state highway system as US 59 from the entrance to the World Trade Bridge (approximately 0.6 miles west of FM 1472) to the junction of SL 20 and US 59 in Laredo, a distance of approximately 10.9 miles.
2. A segment of US 59 is to be redesignated on the state highway system as BU 59-Z from the junction of SL 20 and US 59 to the southern terminus of US 59 in Laredo, a distance of approximately 3.6 miles.

Pursuant to Texas Transportation Code, §§201.103 and 221.001, the executive director of the department has recommended the redesignation of SL 20 and US 59 as described above.

The Texas Transportation Commission (commission) finds that the redesignation of SL 20 and US 59 will facilitate the flow of traffic, promote public safety and maintain continuity of the state highway system, and is necessary for the proper development and operation of the system.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the commission that:

1. A segment of SL 20 is redesignated on the state highway system as US 59 from the entrance to the World Trade Bridge (approximately 0.6 miles west of FM 1472) to the junction of SL 20 and US 59 in Laredo, a distance of approximately 10.9 miles, as shown in Exhibit A.
2. A segment of US 59 is redesignated on the state highway system as BU 59-Z from the junction of SL 20 and US 59 to the southern terminus of US 59 in Laredo, a distance of approximately 3.6 miles, as shown in Exhibit A.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the department shall forward this minute order, along with all other pertinent information, to the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials Special Committee on US Route Numbering for consideration.

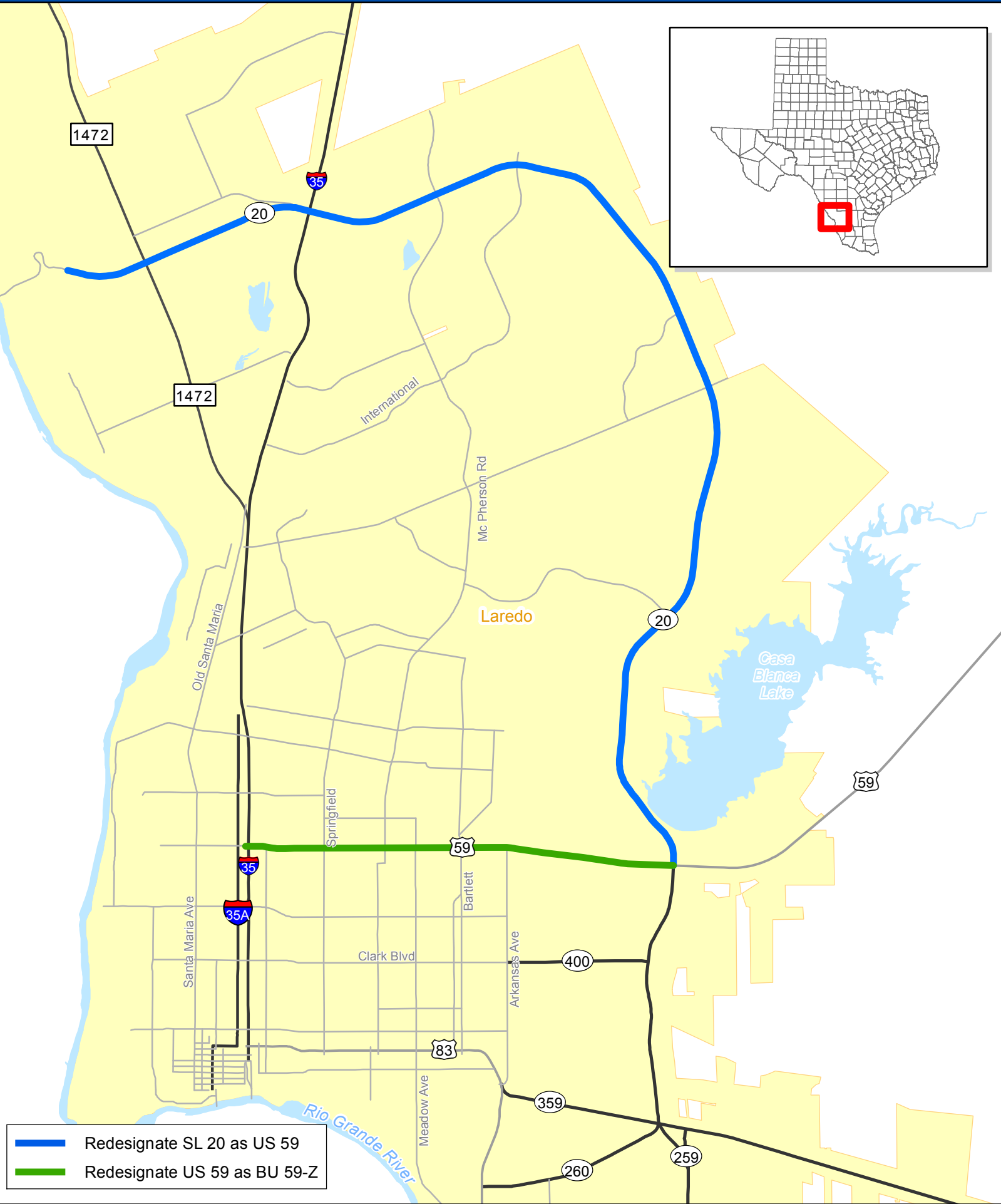
Submitted and reviewed by:

Recommended by:

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Director of Planning

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Interim Executive Director

_____ Minute Number	_____ Date Passed
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- Redesignate SL 20 as US 59
- Redesignate US 59 as BU 59-Z

