

Date: Wednesday, February 8, 2012 @ 10:00-11:15 a.m. @ Government Towers

Attendees: Leo Marretta, Joshua Manning, Rudynah Capone (SCPDC)
Pat Gordon, Chris Pulaski, Jeanne Bray (TPCG)

1. **Have you had a chance to review the maps from the last meeting?** YES
2. **Are there any additional proposed/potential projects you think should be included?**
 - Civic Center Boulevard Sidewalks – both sides (Lafayette and Barrow extend all the way to this area)
 - Bayou Sally paddle/recreational trails (but how do we get down here from the main system?)
 - YMCA Area sidewalks
 - Potential bike lane on the levee between Lower Caillou and Grand Caillou
 - Paddle trails in South Terrebonne especially for fishing and kayaking
 - Trails for “fly fishing”?
 - Look at the East Side of Town (Some residents/students bike from Ashland Drive to S. Terrebonne High School)
3. **Is your parish/jurisdiction currently working on any parish-initiated and/or federally funded sidewalk/bike path projects? What is the timeline / anticipated completion date?**
 - Thompson Road Extension between Lower Caillou and Grand Caillou (levee brought up to 8 feet)
 - Valhi Extension
 - Thoroughfare Plan - 150-foot wide corridor for future streets such as Bayou Gardens Extension (Couteau to Bayou Blue) to be completed by end of 2012.
4. **Are there any projects from this map that you think should be removed?**
(Please refer to the section on the map marked by P. Gordon)
5. **Are there any existing bike and pedestrian facilities that we missed?**
 - Behind Oakshire School – There’s an off-road bike trail that hasn’t been maintained; signs are ripped out.
 - West Side (Martin Luther King to LA 24) bike path is already built.
 - Bull Run Road – has been designated with signage
 - (Future designated routes – Bayou Black, Valhi Extension and Civic Center)
6. **From all the projects listed, what would your priorities be?** No specific priorities were actually pointed out.
7. **Are there any issues that we should be aware of as we put this plan together?**
 - Levees - Right of Way/Property Rights/Policing issues in Southern Terrebonne (around Bayou Sally, for instance). Maintenance issue from a public works’ perspective was also pointed out.
 - Subdivision regulations don’t require sidewalks (Propose a policy change on this??). Other communities implemented sidewalks in some subdivisions but later pulled them out.
 - Utility/Light poles in the middle of some sidewalks

- Some of the non-ADA compliant sidewalks in downtown Houma need attention.
- Some sidewalks are poorly designed (sidewalks next to ditches, for instance)
- Bikes on Main Street don't have parking/chaining spot
- How do we get to Bayou Sally? (Which road are we coming down?)

8. What specifically does your parish/community/department hope to get from this effort?

- General: Lure vehicle capacity on roadways, lower air pollution, etc.
- In addition to parks and recreation facility, one of the active lifestyle requirements is a cohesive plan for sidewalks and bike paths. Parks and Rec should be more involved in our bike-pedestrian efforts.
- Houma Terrebonne Regional Planning Commission wants to get more involved.
- Mobility and connectivity

9. Which individuals from your parish/jurisdiction/department should be the designated liaison for this effort? Are there any other departments/individuals within your jurisdiction that we should be talking with?

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NEXT STEPS/RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Integrate our bike-pedestrian plan into the Terrebonne 2030 Comprehensive Plan. Plan to get citizen input at upcoming public meetings (end of February or early March, every Tuesday and Thursday).
- Present recommendations to the HT Planning Commission. Add some policy statements. (Terrebonne is keeping "Complete Streets" policy in mind as they build streets but does not fully adopt it.)
- Revise the map integrating all the inputs shared by both parties (SCPDC & TPCG) & the citizens of Terrebonne
- Do a gap analysis/sidewalk inventory and see how everything is networked. Create an overlay on the GIS for the sidewalks. The Public Works was only looking into the Business District of Houma, not entire Terrebonne. Check with Perry Blanchard.
- Look into programs such as "Shared Bike", "Pedestrian School Bus" or "Walking School Bus", etc. – National Walk to School Day in October & National Bike Day in May
- Recommend policies – sidewalks in subdivisions & commercial establishments, "Complete Streets" policy (?)
- GPS the actual locations marked on the map
- Implement a methodology on prioritization and funding for potential projects
- P. Gordon suggested that MPO might want to recommend a policy reserving corridor for future streets.
- Look into best practices on designing and constructing sidewalks.
- Incorporate the bus system into our bike-pedestrian efforts. Consider designating locations for bike parking or chaining. Tie this into Terrebonne's branding concept.
- Hold an annual or biannual meeting to wrap up this regional planning effort.