

ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE AGENDA

May 9, 2012 at 10:00 A.M.

South Central Planning and Development Commission

5058 West Main Street Houma, Louisiana

1. Introductions
2. Bike and Pedestrian Plan Update
3. Updated Maps – Identified Routes, Schools, and Parks
4. Project Maps
5. Next Steps?
6. 2012 Meeting Schedule
7. Next Meeting Date:

Wednesday August 8, 2012 10:00 A.M.

SCPDC Bike and Pedestrian Plan Jurisdictional Meetings | 2012 TERREBONNE PARISH

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.

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LAFOURCHE PARISH

Date: Wednesday, February 29th, 2012 @ 10:00 A.M., SCPDC Pelican Room

Attendees: Leo Marretta, Joshua Manning, Rudynah Capone (SCPDC)
Terry Arabie (Lafourche Parish Government)

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?**
 - Golden Meadow Mayor is interested on doing a Bicycle Track around town from LA 3235 to Highway 1—starting 14th Street
 - LA 1 Widening of shoulders from Golden Meadow North
 - LA 182 to tie into Terrebonne
 - Burma Road to Bayou Blue Bypass?
 - Percy Brown to Railroad Route all the way to Bypass Road, tie into LA 1 in Assumption all the way to Pierre Part
 - Larose Pontoon Bridge
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?**
 - SRTS sidewalks from Brocato Lane to Bowie Road in Raceland
 - Laurel Valley Road (Randolph got state money for this. 75% complete. Talk to Lennet Chauvin. This project is for bidding sometime in April.) – Consider incorporating the Complete Streets policy into this.
4. **Are there any projects from this map that you think should be removed?**

Hugh Cafferty and Valentine Railroad – remaining in commerce (Refer to map)
5. **Are there any existing bike and pedestrian facilities that we missed?**
 - Sidewalks on LA 1 adjacent to Raceland Upper Elementary & Middle School (they need some improvements though)
 - Parks & Receptions Attractions – Cut Off Youth Center, Raceland Sports Complex, Galliano Centroplex, Raceland Recreation Center
6. **From all the projects listed, what would your priorities be?**
 - Percy Brown to Bypass Road (City of Thibodaux)
 - Highway 1 Route coming towards Terrebonne
 - Golden Meadow Route
 - Raceland Area on LA 182 (this was pointed out as a good route where you could come off of LA 308 and go all the way around Kramer & back to LA 182. Country Area.)
7. **Are there any issues that we should be aware of as we put this plan together?**
 - Larose Pontoon Bridge has an issue on high-volume traffic
 - Hazardous to connect Parishes due via Highway 90; it's unsafe to ride a bike.
 - Intracoastal Waterway is difficult to pass on foot or by bicycle.
 - LA 3235 has high-volume traffic.

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

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?**

Terry Arabie (985) 537-7603 terrya@lafourchegov.org

NEXT STEPS/RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Set a follow-up meeting with three councilmen from down the bayou to get more input on what's discussed during this meeting. Follow up with Terry A.
- Invite bike riders to join this effort.
- Integrate additional features (schools, parks, recreational facilities) in the map.
- Do an inventory on the conditions of existing sidewalks/bike paths.
- List impediments to travel by bike & pedestrian use.
- Tie this plan into the Lafourche Comprehensive Plan as well as DOTD's statewide bike & pedestrian plan.
- Follow with Terry re: Laurel Valley Road Project specs

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ASSUMPTION PARISH

Date: Thursday, February 23rd, 2012 @ SCPDC Pelican Room

Attendees: Leo Marretta, Joshua Manning, Rudynah Capone (SCPDC)
Joseph Savoie (CJ Savoie)
Kim Torres, Sandy Foret (Assumption Police Jury)

1. **Have you had a chance to review the maps from the last meeting? NO, just during this meeting**

2. **Are there any additional proposed/potential projects you think should be included?**
 - Bayou L'ourse Road (LA 662) – big shoulders for potential bike lane/sidewalks, striping and signage projects
 - Bike Path (if not, striping and signage to “Share the Road”) on Belle River across the bridge, through the Spunky Monkey (?) all the way to the Lincoln Park
 - LA 398 (approximately 10-mile stretch) – wide shoulders potential for striping/sidewalk/bike lane project. Road condition is okay. Striping is necessary. Maintenance issue is anticipated.
 - Highway 1010 – there’s a room on shoulders for bike lane – either concrete or asphalt infrastructure is needed
 - LA 70 Pierre Part Store (from the bridge) – potential for sidewalk improvement project... unsafe due to mailboxes. DOTD did it within the last 5 years; they didn’t put enough expansion. Some boxes, when hit, are buckled up. Bikers avoid this area. Bridge is wide enough to handle a bike path up on the shoulder (retro-fit a ramp perhaps).
 - Hospital Road – 403 or Extension of Bayou Vincent? – Check with Joseph Savoie.
 - Bike Path – From LA 1 cross to LA 308, then LA 70 then LA 3127 (has big shoulders) *please refer to the spot they marked* – needs signage, striping and maintenance—all the way to the bridge.
 - Bike Path (or Sidewalk) that connects from LA20-LA31 (Recreational Trails Grant project in Thibodaux) cutting through the railroad ROW in Belle Rose
 - *For more, please refer to the spots they marked on the map.*

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?**
 - Currently working on Safe Routes to School Phase 2 Project for Martin Luther King Drive down connecting to Assumption Street. This is a continuation to their recently completed sidewalk project in front of Napoleonville Middle School.

4. **Are there any projects from this map that you think should be removed?**
Refer to what was marked on the map.

5. **Are there any existing bike and pedestrian facilities that we missed?** Refer to Item 2.

6. **From all the projects listed, what would your priorities be?** Nothing specified.

7. Are there any issues that we should be aware of as we put this plan together?

- The Town doesn't have a Master Sidewalk Plan. The only place in Assumption where sidewalks exist is inside the village. 90% of Assumption's existing sidewalks need to be repaired because they are not ADA compliant. There aren't any parish-maintained sidewalks in the Village of Napoleonville.
- LA 400 has limited shoulders. Back part of LA 400 connecting to LA 401 has an issue on lack of phone communication signal. LA 401 has no shoulders.
- Last stretch of Lake Road – difficult to add shoulders.
- Connection to LA 402 doesn't have shoulders either. Going through the fields, there's enough room where they decided to widen the ROW. The last half a mile or one-mile stretch of LA 402 has houses, camps and swamp areas.
- LA 3127 – pavement issues on some parts of the shoulders; other sections have rumble strips (DOTD is putting rumble strips everywhere.)
- LA 662 that connects from LA 398 – good for bike path but not all parts have shoulders
- LA Highway I is not conducive for bikers. To get to Donaldsonville, you can stay on Highway 70 Spur and cut through where it splits to La 3089 and come up by the Wal-Mart (Refer to map marking)

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

- Connectivity - More bike paths
(The Parish is excited about this effort especially the bicycle groups.)
- Retrofit/improve the existing sidewalks that are in bad conditions

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:

- Have the Police Jury endorse the bike-pedestrian plan
(As of now, we're still on the planning & project prioritization stage. No specific funding has been allocated for bicycle & pedestrian plan projects, although there are existing sources such as Safe Routes to School and Transportation Enhancement Program.)
- Update the map with additional features (more proposed bike paths, parks & recreations facilities, school boundaries, etc. (refer to map markings) and then provide a copy to the Town of Napoleonville and Assumption Police Jury
- Sidewalk inventory and gap analysis will be done in the future

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ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH

Date: Thursday, March 22, 2012 @ 1:00pm @ St. John the Baptist's Government Building

Attendees:

Joshua Manning, Rudynah Capone, Cassie Parker (SCPDC)
Jobe Boucvalt, St. John the Baptist
David Dupre, Vice President- Meyer Engineers, retained by St. John the Baptist Parish
Greg Maurin, Sheriff's Department/ District Attorney's Office- St. John the Baptist
Troy Cassiopi, St. John the Baptist's Sheriff's Office
Terrence Jones, - St. John the Baptist
Verdell Kindrick, Assistant Director, Public Works Department
Myra Valentine, Grant Administrator, St. John the Baptist

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?

- Connecting the Council on Aging Park to the Park and VA
- Garyville Timbermill
- Potential to connect existing sidewalks to the Levee Path
- East St. John Safe Routes to School Project
- Laplace Safe Routes to School Project
- Westbank Complex Airnasium – near Gramercy Bridge
- "Ring Around the Lake"

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?

- There is an existing sidewalk in a subdivision and ends 2/3 of the way into the subdivision.
- Phase I of Levee Path from the St. Charles Boundary to E. 29th Street
- Phase II of Levee Path (near East 29th and Reserve, then meets with Emily Watkins Road)
- Phase III of Levee Path (West 10th Street) is funded through DOTD, and should be completed in another year.

4. Are there any projects from this map that you think should be removed?

5. Are there any existing bike and pedestrian facilities that we missed?

6. From all the projects listed, what would your priorities be?

No specific priorities were actually pointed out.

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ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH

7. Are there any issues that we should be aware of as we put this plan together?

There is a yearly bonfire on the levee.

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

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?

Jobe Boucvalt, St. John the Baptist

NEXT STEPS/RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Create a more detailed map (schools, playgrounds, recreational areas)
- Add existing bike and pedestrian facilities and those that are under construction
- Add any additional bike and pedestrian facilities that should be considered in the plan
- Set a meeting date to review new map

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ST. JAMES PARISH

Date: Tuesday, March 20th, 2012 @ 10:00 A.M., SCPDC Pelican Room

Attendees: Leo Marretta, Joshua Manning, Rudynah Capone, Cassie Parker (SCPDC)
Shane Landry, Keri Walker, Andrew Walker (St. James Parish)

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?**
 - Paulina Levee Path
 - Add signage to warn drivers of cyclists
 - Sidewalk rehabs in Gramercy, Lutcher, and Texas Street
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?**
 - DOTD Project - Bike Trail from Oak Alley to Valcour Aime – Phase I (Through DOTD and LA Highway)
 - Laura Plantation – Phase II ... might be extended
4. **Are there any projects from this map that you think should be removed?**
5. **Are there any existing bike and pedestrian facilities that we missed?**
 - Attractor: Welcome Park
6. **From all the projects listed, what would your priorities be?**
 - Sidewalks on LA 643 (Brazan Road – could potentially be Safe Routes to School project)-sidewalks that are existing, needs replacement.
 - Sidewalks on King Avenue & 5th Street – in proximity to Lutcher Elementary School – could also be Safe Routes to School project)
 - Bike Trails on the Levee
 - Bike Lanes on 3125 and 3127
7. **Are there any issues that we should be aware of as we put this plan together?**
 - LA 3125 and 3127 lack signage
 - Dead animals on LA US 61
 - Not much room for shoulders on LA 18 (Check with Matt Trahan on Bike Lane Law)
 - No shoulders on La 642
 - Wetlands
8. **What specifically does your parish/community/department hope to get from this effort?**
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?**

- Keri Walker keri.walker@stjamesla.com
- Adam Rouillier adam.rouillier@stjamesla.com (Sheriff's department and cyclist)
- Shane Landry shane.landry@stjamesla.com

NEXT STEPS/RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Contact Jody Chenier jody.chenier@stjamesla.com for Eastbank Levee Projects-
- Check DOTD website for some Levee/Enhance Program projects ongoing at St. James.
- Contact Bobby Lear for landmarks
- Check with Matt Trahan on Bike Lane Law
- Invite bike riders to join this effort.
- Integrate additional features (schools, parks, recreational facilities) in the map.
- Do an inventory on the conditions of existing sidewalks/bike paths.
- List impediments to travel by bike & pedestrian use.
- Tie this plan into the St. James' Comprehensive Plan as well as DOTD's statewide bike & pedestrian plan.

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SCPDC BOARD MEETINGS

Kevin Belanger (Kevin@scpsc.org)

10:30 am on the 2nd Thursday of first month in each quarter – shown in PURPLE
(with the exception of June 14th (rather than July 12th)) therefore ...

April 12, 2012 St Charles; June 14, 2012 St James, October 11, 2012 St John and Jan 10, 2013

HTMPO Policy Committee Meetings

Leo Marretta (Leo@scpsc.org)

11:30 am on the 1st Thursday of first month in each quarter – shown in - YELLOW –
therefore ...

April 5, 2012; July 5, 2012; October 4, 2012 and Jan 3, 2013

HTMPO Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Meetings

Josh Manning (Josh@scpsc.org)

10:00 am on the 2nd Thursday of last month in each quarter – shown in GREEN –
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June 14, 2012; September 13, 2012; December 13, 2012 and March 14, 2013

SCPDC Regional Transit Committee (CHSTP) Meetings

Leo Marretta (Leo@scpsc.org)

10:00 am on the 2nd Wednesday of last month in each quarter – shown in Blue
(with the exception of March 21st (rather than March 14th))

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June 13, 2012; September 12, 2012; December 12, 2012 and March 13, 2013

SCPDC Regional Active Transportation Committee (Bikes, Pedestrians, etc.) Meetings

Leo Marretta (Leo@scpsc.org)

10:00 am on the 2nd Wednesday of middle month in each quarter – shown in Gray –
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May 9, 2012; August 8, 2012; November 14, 2012 and Feb 13, 2013

South Central Safe Communities Partnership (SCSCP) Meetings

Rudynah Capone (Rudynah@scpsc.org) Cassie Parker (Cassie@scpsc.org)

9:30 am on the 3rd Thursday of middle month in each quarter – shown in Red
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May 17, 2012; August 16, 2012; November 15, 2012 and Feb 21, 2013

Traffic Safety Summit on September 27, 2012