

**MPO Activities**

- The Transportation division facilitated the Safe Community Partnership Quarterly meeting on February 21, 2013, the TAC Quarterly meeting on March 14, 2013, and The Regional Transit Committee (CHSTP) Quarterly meeting on February 07, 2013.
- Continued to collaborate with local jurisdictions on projects that relate to bike and pedestrian safety, road improvements, community outreach and transportation services
- Continued to coordinate with six parishes in order to create a Regional Bike and Pedestrian Plan.
- The Transportation division facilitated the Active Transportation Committee meeting on February 13, 2013, at which time the Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan was accepted by the committee to present to the Policy Committee.
- Attended Lafourche Parish's Comprehensive Planning meetings
- Corresponded with project managers regarding project updates and dispersed that information to the appropriate committees.
- Attended Parish Comprehensive planning steering committee meetings to assure proper focus on transportation, especially with regards to how it affects and is affected by land use planning and decisions
- Participated in the South Central Safe Community Partnership and infrastructure committee efforts for the South Central Regional Transportation Safety Plan
- Continued research and monitoring of the EPA Ozone requirements
- Continued Transportation Model Support to MPO members
- Responded to data requests from public, member jurisdictions, and LA DOTD for traffic counts and traffic model information.
- Maintenance of HTMPO website ([www.htmppo.org](http://www.htmppo.org)). The Policy Committee, Technical Advisory Committee, South Central Safe Community Partnership, Transit and Active Transportation Committees' meeting information, including agendas and meeting minutes, can be located on this website. There are also transportation projects and studies, as well as traffic count data that can be reviewed on this site.
- Staff continues to work with the River Parish Transit Authority (RPTA)
- SCPDC and the HTMPO have been accepted into EPA's Ozone Advance Program. SCPDC's Transportation-MPO and Economic Development Divisions are collaborating in developing the framework to establish a Regional Ozone Advance Action Coalition. The coalition will coordinate proactive efforts to reduce emissions to avoid non-attainment of the ozone NAAQS (National Ambient Air Quality Standard).
- MPO staff attended 2013 Louisiana Transportation Conference on February 18-19, 2013.
- MPO staff coordinated with GNOCDC in order to organize a commuter study.
- MPO staff attended Houma Terrebonne Airport Commission's Master Plan update meeting on March 21, 2013.

**GIS Activities**

- Continued GIS and census data requests in order to support the parishes in the South Central Region
- Completed the following requests:
  - Enterprise Zone map requests
  - City of Thibodaux GIS map requests
  - Registrar of Voter GIS map requests for the South Central Region
  - Regional Brownfield map requests for the South Central Region

- Assumption sinkhole GIS requests
- Lafourche GIS data requests for the EATEL phone company.
- CDBG map requests for the South Central Region
- SCPDC EDA maps
- GOSEPH map request
- SCPDC general public demographic request
- Assumption, Lafourche and Terrebonne fire district maps
- Terrebonne and Lafourche ward map requests
- Terrebonne OEP data request
- Transportation proximity map request
- State Rep Truck Gisclair map request
- US congress, State Rep and State senate district map request
- Accounting staff map request
- River Region Wastewater plan request for consultants
- SCPDC GIS data request for Navy and consultants
- SCPDC staff diligently attends the LAGISC (Louisiana Geographic Information Systems Council) meetings held at LSU in Baton Rouge. Provided consultants with the Lafourche GIS layers for Comprehensive Planning
- Working on redistricting plans for Gramercy and Thibodaux
- Working on precinct merger plans for St. Charles, St. James, St. John the Baptist, Lafourche and Terrebonne parishes
- Lafourche Parish Communication District – Street Centerline updates
- Attended ArcGIS 10.1: Transform Your Organization Conference on October 30, 2012
- City of Thibodaux reapportionment plan
- Lafourche 911 GIS updates
- Lafourche school boundaries project
- St. James parish boundary issue assistance
- ESRI software maintenance
- LWF wild seafood certification program posters
- MTP GIS update tasks

**Transit**

- Updated Good Earth Transit maps
- Involved in ongoing efforts in the Transit field helping to craft state legislation in relation to the DOTD and FTA's Coordinated Human Services Transportation Planning
- Held a Coordinated Human Services Transportation Planning meeting on February 072013, during which, the Regional Transit Committee were able to participate in the National Transit Institute's webinar, Communication with Vulnerable Populations: A Transportation and Emergency Management Toolkit (TCRP Report 150) as a group.
- Continuing to build a regional transit website and call center
- Creating maps for Coordinated Human Services Transportation planning agencies in order to assist those agencies with urban boundaries.
- Collecting annual grant applications for transit related projects for the upcoming fiscal year
- Completed 2 triennial reviews with FTA and DOTD transit division
- Processed annual Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) letters for Assumption Association for Retarded Citizens, Assumption Council on Aging, Lafourche Association for Retarded Citizens,

Lafourche Council on Aging, Parish of Lafourche Special Education District No. 1, St. James Parish Government, and Terrebonne Council on Aging.

- Staff continues to work with the River Parish Transit Authority (RPTA)
  - SCPDC staff placed public meeting notice ads, attended monthly meetings, reported administrative and financial reports, and transcribed meeting minutes for the RPTA.
  - Coordinated with the RPTA board members in order to update the RPTA Procurement Process to reflect changes made in Federal legislation.
  - Coordinated with the RPTA board members in order to update the Policies and Procedures Manual
  - Worked diligently to provide the RPTA board members with equipment quotes in order for the Board to replace those items damaged as a result of Hurricane Isaac on August 29, 2012.
  - Worked diligently in order to assist the RPTA settle claims with regards to the damaged property and the five buses
  - Staff placed Requests for Proposals (RFP's) to secure a new transit operator, auditor, and third party oversight personnel for the RPTA.
  - SCPDC staff coordinated with GCR in order to transfer certain administrative duties to GCR staff.
  - Staff continuously updated meeting minutes on the RPTA website ([www.rptarolls.org](http://www.rptarolls.org)).

### **Regional Transportation Safety Division**

#### 1. DATA PROGRAM & GIS ACTIVITIES

- 1.1 Progress tracking on projects for the South Central Regional Transportation Safety Plan's (SCRTSP) 4 emphasis areas: impaired driving, seatbelt, young drivers and infrastructure
- 1.2 Continued map evaluation and crash data analysis on high-crash locations for Road Safety Assessment (RSA) Program initiative on state and local roads
- 1.3 Revisited and updated regional crash data reports for Safe Community FFY 2014 and DWI Breath Alcohol Testing (BAT) Mobile grant applications
- 1.4 Collected pedestrian and bicycle-related crash information to be integrated in the SCPDC's Regional Bike and Pedestrian Plan. The draft was released on February 13, 2013.
- 1.5 Continued tracking and compilation of safety-related activities via news articles, council meeting minutes, press releases and various resource materials
- 1.6 Working with LTAP in data collection and map development for horizontal curve safety projects in six Parishes (Ball banking is in the works.)
- 1.7 Continued evaluating and addressing safety concerns brought up by partners/public at transportation division meetings
- 1.8 Collating input to develop reports on local RSA's conducted in St. John and St. Charles
- 1.9 Compiled marketing materials and drafted press releases related to the promotion of Super Bowl, Mardi Gras and St. Patrick's impaired driving enforcement as well as Click it or Ticket Memorial Weekend mobilization campaigns

#### 2. NON-INFRASTRUCTURE/BEHAVIORAL SAFETY EFFORTS (ADVOCACY, TEAM BUILDING, MARKETING & EDUCATION)

- 2.1 Conducted the Safe Community Partnership Meeting and the Annual Review of the South Central Regional Transportation Safety Plan (SCRTSP) on Feb. 21, 2013 to evaluate the

- progress we're making in our impaired driving, seatbelt, young driver safety and infrastructure programs across the region. The next review will be done in the first quarter of 2014.
- 2.2 Electronically published five biweekly press releases from January to March 2013, the January-February 2013 Newsletter and Safety Holiday Campaigns and which featured information about Driving Sober for New Year's Eve, Mardi Gras and St. Patrick's Day Continued social media advocacy via Twitter and Facebook as well as safety news tracking and article compilation via Daily Comet, Tri-Parish Times, The Bayou Journal & Parish Council Minutes to keep abreast with safety events
  - 2.3 Continued to actively serve as liaison between states, regional, and local partners in awareness campaign circulation, meeting coordination, even marketing, data program support and safety problem solving.
  - 2.4 Advocacy/promotion of the Child Passenger Safety Technician's Training, Bayou Region Safety Expo, Click it or Ticket Mobilization, and Data-Driven Approaches to Crime and Traffic Safety workshop. Fifteen (15) partners attended the CPS Training. The rest of the events are still to be conducted.
  - 2.5 Coordinated with CPS Regional Coordinator, ADAC and technicians for conduct of a series of CPS seat checks at three health units in the region (Vacherie, Galliano and Thibodaux. plus the one at K-Mart in Houma in March 2013. A total of 70 seats were checked; 34 of which were replaced.
  - 2.6 Supported the Catholic Charities and ADAC in conducting two passenger safety seat checks (Jan. 11 in Holy Rosary Church-Houma & Jan. 19 in Sacred Heart Church-Morgan)
  - 2.7 Continued collaborating with SHSP Emphasis Area Teams, SCRTSP regional team leaders, Safe Community partners, Houma-Thibodaux MPO, six-parish jurisdictions, law enforcement and consultants for the regional implementation of DOTD's Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP) program areas that address alcohol, seatbelt, and crashes involving young drivers.
  - 2.8 Continued team building and coordination for the Purchase of a DWI Breath Alcohol Testing (BAT) Mobile Unit. A grant application was submitted to LADOTD in mid-March 2013.
  - 2.9 Purchased safety commodities to be distributed at various education and enforcement activities such as checkpoints, expos, festivals and community fairs
  - 2.10 Assisted LADOTD in planning for the implementation of the LA 3235 project. LSP Troop C and Lafourche Sheriff's Office have agreed to conduct DWI checkpoints once engineering improvements are in place along the identified high-risk intersections.
  - 2.11 Continued encouraging participation from law enforcement partners and coordinating with International Association of Directors of Law Enforcement Standards and Training (IADLEST) for the Data-Driven Approaches to Crime and Traffic Safety (DDACTS) Workshop set on June 26-28, 2012 at SCPDC
  - 2.12 Currently coordinating with State Farm to increase teen driver safety program outreach and exploring the possibility of implementing their program called Celebrate My Drive at various high schools in our region. So far, Assumption High and Hahnville High have both registered to join.
  - 2.13 Currently planning, team building and coordinating with safety stakeholders, high schools and private entities for their participation at the annual Regional Traffic Safety Summit 2013 set on May 15<sup>th</sup> at Nicholls State University
  - 2.14 Attended the Highway Safety Boot Camp at the LA Transportation Conference on Feb. 18-19, 2013 in Baton Rouge; the SHSP Impaired Driving and Occupant Protection Emphasis Area Meetings on March 28, 2013; the Safety Presentation at Ellender High School; Bike and

- Pedestrian Meetings with Lafourche Parish Government, Sidewalk Project Development Meeting with Terrebonne, Safe Routes to School Meeting with Napoleonville, and Houma ITS Meeting with G. Graham
- 2.15 Identified & integrated safety component into SCPDC's Regional Bike and Pedestrian Plan – Draft 1
  - 2.16 Continued documenting news clippings on No Refusal, Zero for December, DWI and Seatbelt checkpoints, and DDACTS efforts
  - 2.17 Staff attended the 2013 Louisiana Transportation Conference on February 18-19, 2013.

**3. INFRASTRUCTURE EFFORTS**

- 3.1 Conducted the Infrastructure and Operations Subcommittee & Traffic Signalization Workshop on January 30, 2013
- 3.2 Continued working with the Local Technical Assistance Program (LTAP) and the Infrastructure & Operations Subcommittee in implementing the Road Safety Assessment initiative, the Local Road Safety Program (LRSP) project implementation, and identification of horizontal curve locations & possibly ball banking the prioritized areas
- 3.3 Continued coordinating with City of Thibodaux and Lafourche Parish Government in the completion of their paperwork towards the implementation of local road safety projects
- 3.4 Conducted the Road Safety Assessments at high-crash local roads in St. John Parish on March 7, 2013 and St. Charles Parish on March 28, 2013. Reports are being worked on and projects will be endorsed for Local Road Safety Program (LRSP) funding inclusion.
- 3.5 Assisted Napoleonville in completing the Safe Routes to School grant application for Phase 2 Sidewalk Project connecting Napoleonville Middle and Napoleonville Primary Schools
- 3.6 Planning for next Infrastructure & Operations Subcommittee Meeting to evaluate the list of horizontal curves, address roadway departure crash issues, prioritize ball banking and develop low-cost safety projects out of this initiative
- 3.7 Continued working with DOTD Headquarters and DOTD Houma Sub-district in addressing roadway safety infrastructure issues/concerns that were brought up by partners at various meetings. A number of safety improvements at these identified locations have been done already.