

MPO Activities

- Staff collaborated with DOTD, Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals (APBP) and Alcohol and Drug Abuse Council (ADAC) in order to conduct the Designing Pedestrian Facilities for Accessibility Workshop from April 15 to April 16, 2013.
- Staff attended the Designing Pedestrian Facilities for Accessibility Workshop from April 15 to April 16, 2013 and received certificates of completion.
- The Transportation division facilitated the HTMPO Policy Committee quarterly meeting on April 25, 2013, the HTMPO Technical Advisory Committee quarterly meeting on June 13, 2013 and the Regional Transit Committee quarterly meeting on June 18, 2013.
- The Transportation division also facilitated the 2013 Safety Summit on May 15, 2013 at Nicholls State University.
- Continued to collaborate with local jurisdictions on projects that relate to bike and pedestrian safety, road improvements, community outreach and transportation services
- Staff continued to collaborate with six parishes in order to create the Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan, which is the state's first comprehensive region-wide bicycle and pedestrian plan. The HTMPO Policy Committee adopted the plan on April 25, 2013.
- 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). 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.
- SCPDC and the HTMPO have been accepted into EPA's Ozone Advance Program. SCPDC's Transportation-MPO and Economic Development Divisions continue to collaborate in order to develop 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).
- Staff attended the MAP-21 Workshop in Baton Rouge on May 21, 2013.
- Staff attended meetings regarding I-49
- Staff conducted Turning Movement Count Study at Corporate and Hollywood on April 9, 2013.

GIS Activities

- Staff attended the 29th Annual Louisiana Remote Sensing & GIS Workshop in Lafayette, LA from April 23 to April 25, 2013.
- 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
 - 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
 - Bayou Blue Fire District map
 - Transportation proximity map request
 - US congress, State Rep and State senate district map request
 - River Region Wastewater plan request for consultants
 - SWDI-IESI waste disposal map request
 - Assumption and St. James CDBG maps
 - Completed OEP demo request for Terrebonne Parish
 - Request for 2013 Safety Summit banners
 - Traffic Count requests
 - Houma Housing Authority demo request
 - Houma Historic District map request
 - LADOTD and Regional Transit Committee (CHSTP) requests for Urbanized Area maps
 - LA DEQ map request
 - Terrebonne Levee District demo request
- SCPDC staff diligently attends the LAGISC (Louisiana Geographic Information Systems Council) meetings held at LSU in Baton Rouge.
- Working on redistricting plans for Gramercy and Thibodaux
- Working on precinct merger plans for Terrebonne parish.
- Lafourche Parish Communication District – Street Centerline updates
- Continue to work diligently of the 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
- 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.
- Completed 2 triennial reviews with FTA and DOTD transit division
- 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.
 - Staff documented the RPTA's inventory and provided the Board with an updated spreadsheet.
 - Staff placed Requests for Proposals (RFP's) to secure third party oversight personnel for the RPTA.
 - SCPDC staff coordinated with GCR in order to transfer certain administrative duties to GCR staff.
 - Staff participated in the FTA's Procurement System Review from May 14-17, 2013.
 - Staff continuously updated meeting minutes on the RPTA website (www.rptarolls.org).

Regional Transportation Safety Division

1. DATA PROGRAM & GIS ACTIVITIES

- 1.1 Continued collecting comments/reports/input to update SCRTSP's Alcohol EA, Occupant Protection EA, Young Drivers EA and Infrastructure EA Action Plans
- 1.2 Continued tracking of safety news, crash data and safety-related activities happening in the Parishes of Assumption, Lafourche, St. Charles, St. James, St. John the Baptist and Terrebonne
- 1.3 Gathered latest data trends on DWI arrests and seatbelt use out of Highway Safety Research Group's info-graphics presentation for BAT Mobile Grant Application efforts
- 1.4 Continued working with LTAP in data collection and map development for both Road Safety Assessment (RSA) initiative and prioritization of horizontal curve safety projects in six Parishes (Ball banking is in the works.)
- 1.5 Continued evaluating and addressing safety concerns brought up by partners/public at transportation division meetings
- 1.6 Compiled marketing materials and drafted press releases related to the promotion of Bayou Safety Expo, Traffic Safety Summit, National Distracted Driving Awareness Month, Motorcycle and Bike Safety, and Memorial Weekend's Click it or Ticket Mobilization

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

- 2.1 Encouraged participation and conducted our Annual Regional Traffic Safety Summit on May 15, 2013 which drew an attendance of 109 safety partners and 12 high school students from Assumption High.
- 2.2 Coordinated, promoted and attended the Annual Bayou Region Safety Expo on April 20 and the Click it or Ticket Mobilization on May 20 to June 2, 2013. Law enforcement partners conducted daytime and nighttime checkpoints. A press release was sent to media partners.
- 2.3 Coordinated with our Regional Child Passenger Safety Team for the conduct of four child seat inspections from April to June 2013 wherein 43 child restraints were checked, 16 of which were replaced with new ones. A Booster Seat event is scheduled for June 22, 2013 at the AMC Palace Theatre in Houma.
- 2.4 Wrote, edited, laid out, proofread and e-published three (3) Safety Biweekly Press Releases and Safety Newsletter for March-April 2013 and currently working on the May-June 2013 edition
- 2.5 Advocacy/promotion of the Motorcycle Awareness Month, Bike Safety Month, National Ride to Work Day, Click it or Ticket Mobilization, Cinco de Mayo Drunk Driving Prevention Day and Fourth of July education and enforcement activities
- 2.6 Advocacy and support for Lady of the Sea's Safety Circus (May 4) and ADAC's Annual Drug Free Race (June 29)
- 2.7 Continued team building and coordination for the South Central Regional Transportation Safety Plan (SCRTSP) Implementation and its effort to Purchase of a DWI Breath Alcohol Testing (BAT) Mobile Unit to address impaired driving issue in the entire region. Our grant application was approved on May 31. Our SCRTSP's overall implementation is at 45% thus far.
- 2.8 Continued planning, team building and coordinating with International Association of Directors of Law Enforcement Standards and Training (IADLEST), LHSC and law enforcement partners for the DDACTS workshop on June 26-28, 2012 at SCPDC
- 2.9 Continued advocating and coordinating for the LA 3235 Safety Project. A press release was featured on safety newsletter and sent to media partners.
- 2.10 Currently coordinating with partners in support for upcoming Teen CERT event on June 24-28 in Bunkie and State Farm's Celebrate My Drive event set for October 26, 2013 in West Bank Bridge Park in St Charles Parish
- 2.11 Held a special South Central Safe Community Partnership meeting on May 1, 2013 in order to finalize plans for the annual Safety Summit
- 2.12 Continued documenting news clippings on No Refusal, Zero for December, DWI and Seatbelt checkpoints, and DDACTS efforts
- 2.13 Staff attended and presented the safety coalition's success at the Coordinated Safety Plan/Peer Exchange from May 22nd-23rd, 2013.
- 2.14 Attended the LA Lead State Transportation Safety Planning Workshop on April 2, the Teen Driving Safety Meeting with State Farm on May 9, and the "Navigating MAP-21 Workshop on Bicycle and Pedestrian Programs" on May 21
- 2.15 Participated in the statewide SHSP Young Drivers EA Meeting on April 10 and the SHSP Implementation Meeting on May 29 where our DWI BAT Mobile grant application was presented

3. INFRASTRUCTURE EFFORTS

- 3.1 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
- 3.2 Continued coordinating with local jurisdiction stakeholders in the completion of their paperwork towards the implementation of local road safety projects
- 3.3 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
- 3.4 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.
- 3.5 Staff participated in DOTD's Sub-District 02 RSA for LA 308 on May 8, 2013.
- 3.6 Continued collaboration with LADOTD, LSP Troop C and Lafourche Sheriff's Office in improving LA 3235 and 5 intersections that have been found to have safety, speeding and alcohol crash issues. Increased police enforcement via DWI checkpoints will be done once engineering improvements are done.