

M E E T I N G M I N U T E S

HTMPO Policy Committee Meeting

Date: May 12, 2015

Meeting Location: SCPDC's Pelican Room, Gray, LA.

In Attendance:

Committee:	Danny Babin, MPO Chairman (TPCG Council Member) – Present Chandra Bondzie (FHWA, Non-Voting) - Absent Paul Champagne (Mayor Town of Lockport) – Absent Michel Claudet (Terrebonne Parish President) – Present Tommy Eschete, MPO Vice Chair (Mayor City of Thibodaux) – Present Dirk Guidry (TPCG Council Member) – Present Greg Hood (TPCG Council Member) – Absent Charlotte Randolph (Lafourche Parish President) – Proxy Terry Arabie Marty Triche (Assumption Parish Police Jury President) – Proxy Jeff Naquin Christopher Morvant (LA DOTD District 02 Administrator) – Proxy Lyle LeBlanc Christa Duplantis-Prather (TPCG Council Member) - Present Ron Animashaun (Mayor of Napoleonville) – Absent
Staff:	Leo Marretta, SCPDC Cassie Parker, SCPDC Joanna Jones, SCPDC Emma Bergeron, SCPDC
Others in Attendance:	Lucy Sposito, City of Thibodaux Pat Matherne, Lafourche Parish Gov't Al Levron, TPCG Chris Pulaski, TPCG

D. Babin called the meeting to order at 12:05pm.

Invocation: L. Marretta

Pledge of Allegiance: D. Guidry

Roll Call and Submittal of Proxy Letters:

The following proxy letters were submitted:

- Mr. Jeff Naquin will serve as proxy for Mr. Marty Triche

Introductions took place.

Agenda Item # 1

Public Hearing – Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2040

It was motioned by D. Guidry to open public hearing on Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2040, seconded by T. Arabie. Motion carried unanimously.

There being no public comments ***it was motioned by D. Guidry to close public hearing on the Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2040, seconded by T. Arabie. Motion carried unanimously.***

Agenda Item # 2

General Public Comment

D. Babin opened the floor for comments to be received from the general public. No comments were received.

Agenda Item #3

Approval of Minutes from April 13, 2015 Meeting

It was motioned by J. Naquin to approve the April 13, 2015 Policy Committee meeting minutes. D. Guidry seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item # 4

Letting Schedules & Current DOTD Projects Update

L. Leblanc relayed not much has changed since the last meeting held in April. He updated the Policy Committee on the following projects:

Terrebonne Parish

- Grand Caillou Road Project was on schedule.
- Still experiencing issues with the Houma Navigational Canal Bridge. It will be closed for another month.

Lafourche Parish

- Overlay of the Port Fourchon Road was set to begin.
- Hwy 3185 Overlay Project has been completed.

Agenda Item # 5

Locally Funded Projects Updates

City of Thibodaux:

L. Sposito relayed the locally funded projects underway for the City of Thibodaux

- Mayor Eschete has placed a call to Ms. Randolph to discuss the Acadia Road Extension Project.

Lafourche Parish:

T. Arabie gave locally funded project updates for Lafourche Parish.

- Dealing with issues on the Galliano Pontoon Bridge.
- Overlaying the Lafourche Airport and Eagle Island roads were set to begin.
- In Larose Hwy 1 at Hwy 24 Ramp Project was under design.

Assumption Parish:

J. Naquin stated several bids were going out for their overlay (state) projects.

Terrebonne Parish:

M. Claudet gave the locally funded project updates for Terrebonne Parish.

- Carol Street Bridge, Southdown Mandalay Bridge, and the Buquet Street Bridge have been closed for replacement.
- Tonnage limit has been placed on the Donner Bridge.
- Westside Blvd extension embankment phase has been completed.
- Thompson Road Project has been temporarily delayed due to the possibility additional Capital Outlay Funds may be granted.
- Finalization and installation of light standards at the Bayou Gardens/St. Louis Canal Road were almost complete.
- The four lane project of the Hollywood Road Extension from Hwy 311 to Valhi Blvd has been completed. Completion of Hollywood Road widening from LA 3040 to LA 311 has been projected for April 2016.

C. Pulaski stated a public meeting was held to discuss the widening of Hwy 311 and implementation of Roundabouts. Public comments were due by May 12th.

Agenda Item # 6

Transportation Division Report

a. Safety Committee

C. Parker stated the Safety Coalition recently collaborated with Barker Honda who hosted a Child Passenger Safety event. Bids were being taken for Troop C's LED sign. She relayed the SCRSC meeting will be held on May 28th, 2015 at Troop C. The SCRSC has been reaching out to safety advocates to join the SCRSC meetings to discuss the newly adopted Vulnerable Road Users emphasis area and help create an Action Plan.

b. Transit Committee Update

In A. Tatar's absence, L. Marretta relayed to the Committee that the draft of the Lafourche Parish Transit Feasibility Study has been completed and presented to the Lafourche Parish Council. Comments on the Study were being taken. He also stated A. Tatar had been meeting with major employers to determine if van pooling would be beneficial. Included in the meeting packet was the Amtrak support letter for members to review.

Agenda Item # 7

Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2040

a. Plan Overview

L. Marretta gave PowerPoint presentation on the MTP Plan for the Houma-Thibodaux Region. He reviewed the plans Scope and Costs of the project, the Plan's Vision and Goals, and each Element of the MTP Plan. Also, he explained how the HT-MPO used a 4-step travel demand model to predict future traffic volumes.

b. Adoption

It was motioned by J. Naquin to adopt the Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2040, seconded by D. Guidry. Motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item # 8

Other Business

L. Marretta commended Ms. Jo-Anna Jones on her upcoming retirement. He expressed gratitude on behalf of the HT-MPO and SCPDC for her dedication and service to the people of the Region.

Agenda Item # 9

2015 SCPDC/HTMPO Meeting Calendar

The next Policy Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, July 23, 2015.

Agenda Item # 13

Adjournment

D. Guidry motioned to adjourn the meeting. T. Arabie seconded. Motion carried unanimously.