

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

**HTMPO Policy Committee Meeting**

**Date:** October 26th, 2017

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

**In Attendance:**

<b>Committee:</b>	<p><b>Present:</b> Marty Triche, Assumption Parish Police Jury President – proxy Jeff Naquin Mayor Ron Animashaun, Village of Napoleonville Luci Sposito, LPG Mayor Tommy Eschete, City of Thibodaux Gordy Dove, Terrebonne Parish President – proxy Al Levron Christa Duplantis-Prather, TPCG Dirk Guidry, TPCG Al Marmande, TPCG Arlanda Williams, TPCG – proxy Chris Pulaski Christopher Morvant, LA DOTD District 02 Carlos McCloud, Federal Highway Administration LA Division – proxy Laura Phillips</p> <p><b>Absent:</b> Jimmy Cantrelle, Lafourche Parish President Mayor Ed Reinhardt, Town of Lockport</p>
<b>Staff:</b>	<p>Kevin Belanger, SCPDC Patrick Gordon, SCPDC Martha Cazaboun, SCPDC Josh Manning, SCPDC Cassie Parker, SCPDC Arianna Choudhuri, SCPDC</p>
<b>Others in Attendance:</b>	<p>Jeffery Leuenburger, LPG Pat Matherne, LPG Thad Angelloz, City of Thibodaux Chris Pulaski, TPCG David Rome, TPCG Christopher Rogers, LADOTD Tracey Wang, LADOTD Frank Beeson, LSP-C Phil Schexnayder, Providence Engineering Michel Claudet, Citizen</p>

Chairman Guidry called the meeting to order at 12:05pm.

Invocation: C. Duplantis-Prather

Pledge of Allegiance: A. Marmande

Roll Call and Submittal of Proxy Letters.

The following proxy letters were submitted:

- Mr. Jeff Naquin will serve as proxy for Mr. Marty Triche
- Mr. Al Levron will serve as proxy for Mr. Gordon Dove.
- Mr. Chris Pulaski will serve as proxy for Ms. Arlanda Williams

Introductions took place.

### **Agenda Item # 1**

#### ***General Public Comment***

There were no comments received from the General Public.

### **Agenda Item # 2**

#### ***Approval of Minutes from July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Meeting***

***It was motioned by J. Naquin to approve the July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Policy Committee meeting minutes. Christa Duplantis-Prather seconded. Motion carried unanimously.***

### **Agenda Item # 3**

#### ***Project Updates***

##### ***a. Letting Schedules & Current DOTD Project Updates***

C. Rogers updated the Policy Committee on the following projects:

##### **Terrebonne Parish**

- LA3011 Drainage Canal Bridge emergency repair was set to begin. Should take approximately two (2) months to complete. The detour road has been completed.
- The Lafayette Street sewer work is nearly complete. Asphalt overlay will begin upon sewer work completion.
- US90 drainage road repair is approximately 50% complete.
- LA182 overlay in Gibson is set to begin within a month.
- LA660 overlay has been awarded to Huey P. Stockstill.
- LA24 turning lane at MLK is set to go out to bid on November 8<sup>th</sup>.
- Twin Span Bridge expansion joint repair plans are almost complete. Should be ready to go out for bid on November 15<sup>th</sup>.

##### **Lafourche Parish**

- US90 overlay is complete.
- West Larose Bridge is nearing completion. There will be a ten (10) week closure to replace the last mechanical components to the bridge. It is set to be completed by Spring 2018.
- LA654 overlay (Gheens Rd) has begun.
- LA308 widening project in the St. Charles area is set to begin within a month. The contractor is Barrier.
- The Lockport streets overlay project goes to bid on November 8<sup>th</sup>.
- LA1 Leeville Phase 2E Relocation Project set to go out for bid on November 13<sup>th</sup>.

C. Duplantis-Prather inquired about an update on extending the one way of East Main and East Park to Howard Avenue from the Twin Spans. C. Rogers responded he did not have an update. L. Spósito asked about the reflectors which were to be placed along Hwy 307. C. Morvant stated T. Wang was in the process of finalizing the plans. She requested a copy of the safety study and what DOTD has recommended. L.

Sposito also inquired as to whether or not LADOTD will reevaluate Hwy 20 when the new elementary school opens. C. Morvant stated he would speak to T. Wang. A. Marmande thanked DOTD for cutting the grass on LA 315 and LA 57. He inquired about oversized trucks turning off of Hwy 311 onto Civic Center Blvd instead of traveling to LA182 to turn. A. Marmande requested signage be placed along Hwy 311 instructing oversized trucks to turn at the LA182 intersection. C. Morvant instructed A. Marmande to send LADOTD a formal request for the signs. A. Marmande also informed C. Morvant of a bad “bump” on the southbound lane of the Prevost Bridge. Mayor Eschette requested information on the letting date for the Acadian Roundabout and the signalization on South Canal due to the synchronized signals on North Canal Blvd. C. Rogers answered that there was still more work to do before the Acadian Roundabout. C. Morvant requested that any signalization work on South Canal be coordinated with Tracey Wang.

#### ***b. Locally Funded Projects Update***

C. Pulaski updated the Policy Committee on Terrebonne Parish’s projects.

- Country Drive widening Phase A is under construction.
- Civic Center Roundabout Entity/State Agreement has been signed, waiting on engineering selection.
- Bids will be received the following week on the Falgout Canal Road Rehabilitation.
- Mayfield #1 Bridge is under construction.
- Hollywood Rd/Valhi Blvd extension to Bayou Black is under construction.
- LA 24 Sidewalks Final Plan packets have been sent to LADOTD. Possible Letting Date is July 2018.
- West Park Sidewalks Final Plan packets have been sent to LADOTD. Possible Letting Date is July 2018.
- East Side Sidewalks Phase 2 plans have been sent to LADOTD.
- Reviewing the Engineering contracts for the Prospect Sidewalks and the Civic Center Sidewalks.
- Waiting on selection of the engineer for the LA24 Sidewalk Rehab.
- Grant has been accepted and awaiting project number for the Williams Multi-Use Path to begin the environmental approval process.
- Schriever Lighting System was being repaired.

#### **Agenda Item # 4**

##### ***Committee Reports***

#### ***a. TAC Committee Report***

J. Manning relayed that the TAC met on September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018. He gave a brief overview of the main highlights of the meeting. The TAC voted to recommend that the Policy Committee amend the 2015 TIP to include funding for the Bayou Blue Sidewalk Stage 0 and Napoleonville Sidewalks. Also, the TAC voted to recommend that the Policy Committee adopt DOTD’s Safety Performance Measure Targets.

#### ***b. Safety Coalition Report***

C. Parker stated that the Safety Coalition met on October 25<sup>th</sup>. Multiple Child Safety Seat Check events were held. The Region now has 72 certified CPS Techs. A total of 110 seats have been checked throughout the Region from August to October. She relayed that “Zero for the Holidays” campaign will kick off on November 20<sup>th</sup> at LSP Troop C. SCPDC staff along with partners from TPCG, LADOTD District 62, and LE Fletcher Community College collaborated in the installation of caution lights on LA311. She has been working on updating the Bike/Ped Safety Plan. A. Marmande requested promotional items for the upcoming campaigns.

#### ***c. Transit Committee Report***

In M. Cazaubon’s absence, J. Manning informed the Committee that the Regional Transit Committee will be meeting on October 30<sup>th</sup>. There will be two guest speakers: Mr. Michael Watts who will speak about ADA Compliance and Driver Training Programs. Also, Mr. Anthony Trahan with the South Central Louisiana Community College who will be speaking about CDL Licensing. Also, SCPDC will be hosting a Public Meeting for Good Earth Transit in March to discuss their DBE goals. Following the Transit meeting will be a kick off meeting for Travel Demand Management.

***d. Air Quality Advance Coalition Report***

A. Choudhuri stated that within the meeting packet there was a list of grant funding opportunities and upcoming trainings. EPA and LDEQ has put together an Alternative Fuel Corridor Study which they are seeking stakeholders. They are trying to locate specific interstates within Louisiana that have alternate fuel.

***e. Amtrak Committee Report***

P. Gordon relayed that at the last meeting it was implemented that a Feasibility Study on the Schriever Station be conducted. A \$50,000 Feasibility Study is being proposed. The Scope of Services has been sent to LADOTD. The Committee requested securing a local match of 20% (\$10,000). The City of Thibodaux and the Houma Tourist Commission have agreed to the local match. They will be reaching out to Terrebonne Parish, Lafourche Parish, and the Lafourche Tourist Commission in regards to the local match. The Southern Rail Commission will have a new grant program that will allow for upgrading of stations along the Sunset Limited extension which will open in 2018.

C. Duplantis stated her support for Uber, requesting that SCPDC take a look at it. C. Pulaski said that Terrebonne has an ordinance in place and that other outreach has been taken. A. Levron stated that Uber has reported back that they are not establishing business beyond major metropolitan areas at this time due to the lack of a marketplace and global regulations. J. Leuenberger stated that the "drive-and-ride" section of the Uber app is available, though it doesn't seem to qualify as an official Uber service.

**Agenda Item # 5**

***Stage 0 Updates***

***a. Civic Center Blvd at Valhi Blvd Intersection Improvement RFQ***

J. Manning informed the Committee that an RFQ period was opened July 6<sup>th</sup> to August 3<sup>rd</sup>. One response was received from T. Baker Smith as the prime and Urban Systems as the sub. Staff reviewed the proposal and believes the firms are qualified to perform the work.

***It was motioned by T. Eschete, seconded by R. Animashaun to award the contract to T. Baker Smith for the Civic Center Blvd at Valhi Blvd Intersection Improvement Project. There being no objections, motion carried.***

***b. Other Project Updates***

Several projects have been assigned project numbers from the last call for projects. They are: Audubon Ave. overlay: LA1 to Terrebonne Parish Line, LA20 overlay: Percy Brown Rd to Jackson Street, and Larose Multi-Use Path. A project number has been requested for Valhi Blvd Multi-Use Trail, Phase I. The other Stage 0s have been reviewed and DOTD made some comments and requested clarification. Staff is working on addressing those comments and will resubmit soon. The Highway Safety Section approved for a Feasibility Study be done on MLK Blvd (LA3040). They will be studying the whole corridor focusing on MLK Blvd, more information to come.

**Agenda Item # 6**

***Proposed 2015 Transportation Improvement Program Amendments***

***a. Bayou Blue Sidewalks Stage 0***

TPCG has requested to amend the TIP to also include funding for the Stage 0 for this project in the TIP. J. Manning explained this would use STP<200K funds. This would be an amendment into the current FFY 18 for \$20K. He relayed this project was more complicated than the others and would need some preliminary engineering done to determine with side of the roadway is more feasible to place a sidewalk.

***It was motioned by T. Eschete, seconded by C. Duplantis-Prather to amend the 2015 TIP to reflect the inclusion of the Bayou Blue Sidewalk Project Stage 0 project. There being no objections, motion carried.***

***b. Napoleonville Sidewalks***

J. Manning relayed in order for the Napoleonville Sidewalks Project to eligible for federal funds it will require more work than was expected. Instead of spot maintenance, rehabilitation of the sidewalks will be necessary. Also, the

sidewalks need to be brought up to standard with curb cuts, cross walks, and widen from 3ft to 5ft widths. Staff has put together a funding plan that the Village is acceptable to. The funding plan is included in the meeting packet for review.

***It was motioned by J. Naquin, seconded by R. Animashaun to amend the 2015 TIP to separate the Napoleonville Sidewalk project into several smaller projects as indicated in the funding plan. There being no objections, motion carried.***

#### **Agenda Item # 7**

##### **Update on FAST Act Performance Measures**

J. Manning informed the Policy Committee the federal transportation bills MAP-21 and now FAST Act have directed states and MPOs to adopt performance measures and targets in several areas. USDOT has completed the rulemaking for all areas. Now the states must first establish their performance targets and then the MPO, in consultation with the state, must decide to either adopt the state's measures or develop their own. There won't be a penalty for MPO's if targets are not reached. By February 2018 the MPO must decide whether to adopt the state's targets or develop their own. A Safety Performance handout and a letter from Mr. Dan Magri was included within the meeting packet. The TAC recommended that the Policy Committee adopt DOTD's measure of a 1% reduction in the same categories. The Policy committee has the authority to adopt the recommendation of the TAC or have the MPO develop another set of targets. Targets must be adopted by February 27, 2018.

No action was taken.

#### **Agenda Item # 8**

##### ***Adjournment***

The next meeting date is Thursday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 12:00pm.

***It was motioned by A. Levron to adjourn the meeting, seconded by A. Marmande. There being no objections, motion carried.***