

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

HTMPO Policy Committee Meeting

Date: April 26th, 2018

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

In Attendance:

Committee:	<p>Present: Marty Triche, Assumption Parish Police Jury President – proxy Jeff Naquin Jimmy Cantrelle, Lafourche Parish President – proxy Terry Arabie Luci Sposito, LPG Mayor Tommy Eschete, City of Thibodaux – proxy Thad Angeloz Gordy Dove, Terrebonne Parish President – proxy Mechelle Oliver Christa Duplantis-Prather, TPCG Dirk Guidry, TPCG Al Marmande, TPCG Christopher Morvant, LA DOTD District 02 – proxy Chris Rogers Laura Phillips, Federal Highway Administration LA Division</p> <p>Absent: Mayor Ron Animashaun, Village of Napoleonville Arlanda Williams, TPCG</p>
Staff:	<p>Kevin Belanger, SCPDC Martha Cazaubon, SCPDC Josh Manning, SCPDC Cassie Parker, SCPDC Jack Gardner, SCPDC Arianna Choudhuri, SCPDC Emma Bergeron, SCPDC</p>
Others in Attendance:	<p>Pat Matherne, LPG David Rome, TPCG Earl Eues, Houma-Terrebonne Chamber of Commerce Gary Gisclair, LADOTD Dontrell Jones, LADOTD Tracey Wang, LADOTD Peggy Lantrip, LA Public Commissioner's Office Michel Claudet, Citizen Bill Elzey, Columnist Tyler Lambert, Intern</p>

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

Invocation: C. Duplantis-Prather

Pledge of Allegiance: Jeff Naquin

Roll Call and Submittal of Proxy Letters.

The following proxy letters were submitted:

- Mr. Jeff Naquin will serve as proxy for Mr. Martin Triche.
- Mr. Terry Arabie will serve as proxy for Mr. Jimmy Cantrelle.
- Ms. Mechelle Oliver will serve as proxy for Mr. Gordon Dove.
- Mr. Thad Angeloz will serve as proxy for Mr. Tommy Eschete.
- Mr. Chris Rogers will serve as proxy for Mr. Chris Morvant

Introductions took place.

Public Hearing – 2019 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

Chairman Guidry opened the floor for a Public Hearing on the 2019 UPWP. There being no public comments received *C. Duplantis-Prather motioned to close the Public Hearing on the 2019 UPWP. J. Naquin seconded motion. There being no objections motion carried.*

Public Hearing – 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Chairman Guidry opened the floor for a Public Hearing on the 2019-2022 TIP. There being no public comments received *C. Duplantis-Prather motioned to close the Public Hearing on the 2019-2022 TIP. T. Arabie seconded motion. There being no objections motion carried.*

Agenda Item #1

General Public Comment

No public comment was received.

Agenda Item #2

Approval of Minutes from October 26th, 2017 Meeting

It was motioned by C. Duplantis-Prather to approve the October 26th, 2017 Policy Committee meeting minutes. L. Sposito 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:

Lafourche Parish

- LA308 overlay in St. Charles Community and the LA654, Gheens Road, has been completed.
- Work continues on all three sites of the Grand Isle Bridges.
- The LA1 Leeville Bridge striping project is complete. The Phase 2 project to widen the existing 90-degree turn is in the assembly period, construction will begin in June.
- The Lockport Streets overlay project is waiting on striping, then shall be complete afterwards.
- LA3235 project to smooth out bumps is near completion.
- The statewide crew is working on the emergency replacement of the LA 308 bridge in Raceland. Completion is expected in June.

Terrebonne Parish

- LA 660, Couteau Road, overlay will be completed in the upcoming weeks.
- LA 312, Lafayette Street, has been completed.

C. Duplantis-Prather expressed concerned in regards to the frequent occurrences of accidents at the intersection of US 90 and LA 182. She also inquired about the light at the on ramp to I-310 at US 90 in St.

Charles Parish – who has the arrow? She stated that she has been reassured by LADOTD that they are making progress with resolving the joint replacement issue on the Twin Span.

T. Arabie thanked LADOTD for the great job on the LA308 bridge replacement in Raceland.

L. Sposito inquired about the turn around by the new fire station in Des Allemands, the possibility of cutting through the median. C. Rogers explained that was a traffic issue and he wasn't sure if LADOTD had a chance to study it or not. She also informed him that vehicles were again getting stuck while turning at the intersection of LA 307 and LA 20. She inquired about the status of the safety study on LA 304 / LA 20 and the placement of reflectors on the curves along LA 20. T. Wang stated that the LADOTD Bridge City sign crew was currently working on the issues at hand. The 45 mph advanced curve sign has been installed, chevron signs have been received by LADOTD and will be placed soon. L. Sposito also inquired on the Cameco Road. C. Rogers responded that the Cameco Road has been recommended to be placed back on the overlay program. G. Gislcair stated LADOTD has offered the Cameco Road to Lafourche Parish; however, they declined. There are two ways the Cameco Road could be improved with an overlay: LADOTD could approve the overlay and transfer the road to the Parish for \$573,000 or LADOTD could overlay it and retain the road but overlaying the road would be 3-4 years out.

A. Marmande thanked LADOTD for the Dulac Bridge and cutting grass along LA 57. He inquired if the water barrels along the Dulac Bridge was going to be a permanent fixture. C. Rogers stated they were there temporarily until guardrails could be installed.

b. Locally Funded Projects Update

No Locally Funded Projects Updates were given.

Agenda Item #4

Committee Reports

a. Air Quality Advance Committee

A. Choudhuri relayed that the National Air Quality Awareness Week was the week of April 30th. Included in the meeting packet was a handout listing State and Local Events for Air Quality Awareness Week.

b. Geographic Information Systems Committee

J. Gardner informed the HT-MPO Policy Committee that in 2012 the Legislature defunded the LSU GIS center; however, since then SCPDC has begun hosting quarterly workshops. They invite guest speakers from State Agencies to provide information on their activities and how the data could be accessed. In May a representative from the United States Geological Survey will do a presentation on their activities/data and data-mining for storm events. In August they are planning to have a representative of the Oil Spill Response Group.

c. Safety Coalition

C. Parker stated the planning staff has submitted a proposal for the Regional Bicycle/Pedestrian Safety Plan. The plan has been approved by LADOTD and plans are underway to begin moving forward. LTAP held a Crash Data Workshop in March at SCPDC. Funding has been secured for SCPDC staff to assist parishes with their Local Road Safety Plans. Staff continues to collaborate with LADOTD on the LA 3040 Feasibility Study which is progressing. State Farm has awarded \$17,000 to the Safety Coalition for the purchase of commodities to help promote Young Driver Safety Initiatives.

d. TDM Committee Report

M. Cazaubon stated staff has been meeting with NSU to establish a Park and Ride program. Staff was in the process of searching for existing key locations for commuters to park. C. Duplantis-Prather requested for M. Cazaubon make a presentation before the Terrebonne Parish Council.

e. Technical Advisory Committee

J. Manning relayed the TAC met on March 8th. Public Hearings were held for the 2019 UPWP and the 2019-2022 TIP. No public comments were received. The TAC has recommended adoption of the draft documents which will be discussed on agenda items 6 & 7.

i. Amtrak Sub-Committee

J. Manning stated that staff discussed the feasibility study with DOTD last week. It appears that LADOTD likes the project with a few suggestions made. The feasibility study will be forwarded to FHWA for approval. President Trump signing of the FY 2018 Omnibus Spending Bill included \$35.5 million in set asides to restore lost passenger rail service such as the Gulf Coast Route. New Orleans to Mobile is in line for direct funding provided local share is secured. It appears that Alabama is ready for the lion's share of the local match. Mobile has already received funding for a new station. The Schriever Station would be an ideal project with the focus on short route rail service especially to New Orleans and Lafayette. D. Broussard with DOTD has requested the time of completion for the feasibility study be reduced to 12 months. Once scope is approved by DOTD feasibility study staff can begin the procurement of professional services.

f. Transit Committee

M. Cazaubon reported staff continues to meet with local transportation providers. Update on the local CHTS Plan will soon begin. The State expects to have an updated State CHTS plan by July. The local transportation providers have requested Defensive Driving Training which the state will fund through SCPDC.

Agenda Item #5

Resolution 18-01

J. Manning presented Resolution 18-01 to the Policy Committee. This Resolution will amend the bylaws of the HT-MPO to remove the Town of Lockport's representation on the Policy Committee and Technical Advisory Committee. ***It was motioned by A. Marmande to adopt Resolution 18-01 amending the bylaws of the HT-MPO by removing the Town of Lockport's representation on the Policy Committee and Technical Advisory Committee. T. Arabie seconded. There being no objection, motion carried.***

Agenda Item #6

Draft 2018-2019 UPWP (Resolution 18-02)

J. Manning explained there were changes to the 2018-2109 UPWP since the last meeting. The changes are in regard to the 2015 MTP Plan Update and the Regional Bike and Pedestrian Plan. These tasks have been added to the UPWP after discussions with DOTD. DOTD will be providing half of the funds with no match from local governments needed. SCPDC is responsible for the other half which would require a 20% match. In the past, the various parishes and municipalities provided the additional funds. However, it has been decided to use regularly occurring PL funds from the UPWP rather than ask for another match. ***It was motioned by A. Marmande to adopt 2018-2019 UPWP. T. Arabie seconded. There being no objection, motion carried.***

Agenda Item #7

Draft 2019-2022 TIP (Resolution 18-03)

J. Manning stated that since the last meeting an application from the City of Thibodaux for intersection improvements (roundabout) at Percy Brown Road/Acadia Road was received. Also, Terrebonne Parish submitted an application for intersection improvements at LA311/Savanne Road. These projects have been added to the 2019-2022 TIP. ***It was motioned by C. Duplantis-Prather to adopt the 2019-2022 TIP and to submit the document to the State of Louisiana, Department of Transportation and Development. L. Sposito seconded. There being no objection, motion carried.***

Agenda Item #8

TIP Amendment

a. H.009320 Acadian Road Roundabout

i. ROW Phase – Increase cost to \$3.5 million and move to FFY2018

ii. Utility Phase – Move to FFY2018

iii. Construction Phase – Increase cost to \$5.115 million and move to FFY2019

J. Manning explained DOTD has requested that 2015 TIP be amended. Removal of the Acadian Road Roundabout construction and included it in the 2019-2022 TIP. This cost estimate is \$5.115 million. It is being paid for with HSIP money and does not affect the available MPO funds. Also, the ROW cast estimate for this same project has increased to \$3.5 million. This is greater than the amount allowed for an administrative modification, so an amendment is needed. These are STP<200K funds. This will not affect the available dollars in the 2019-2022 TIP. ***It was motioned by C. Duplantis-Prather to adopt the 2015 TIP Amendments. J. Naquin seconded. There being no objection, motion carried.***

Agenda Item #9

Adjournment

The next meeting date is Thursday, July 26th, 2018 at 12:00pm.

It was motioned by C. Duplantis-Prather to adjourn the meeting, seconded by T. Arabie. There being no objections, motion carried.

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