

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

HTMPO Policy Committee Meeting

Date: April 25th, 2019

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

In Attendance:

Committee:	<p>Present: Al Marmande, TPCG – proxy Katie Tabor Christa Duplantis-Prather, TPCG Dirk Guidry, TPCG Gerald Michel, TPCG Gordon Dove, Terrebonne Parish President – proxy Chris Pulaski Luci Sposito, LPG Tommy Eschete, Mayor, City of Thibodaux</p> <p>Absent: Christopher Morvant, LA DOTD District 02 Jimmy Cantrelle, Lafourche Parish President Laura Phillips, Federal Highway Administration LA Division Marty Triche, Assumption Parish Police Jury President Ron Animashaun, Mayor, Village of Napoleonville</p>
Staff:	<p>Kevin Belanger, SCPDC Pat Gordon, SCPDC Stephanie Bruning, SCPDC Adam LeFort, SCPDC Josh Manning, SCPDC Cassie Parker, SCPDC Emma Bergeron, SCPDC</p>
Others in Attendance:	<p>Charlotte Till, ASU Danielle Stein, Thibodaux Main Street Dontrell Jones, LADOTD Jacob Oncale, LADOTD Jeffrey Leuenberger, LPG Jenny Aucoin, McKnight Michel Claudet, Citizen Sarah Arceneaux, City of Thibodaux Tracey Wang, LADOTD</p>

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

Invocation: C Duplantis-Prather

Pledge of Allegiance: L. Sposito

Roll Call and Submittal of Proxy Letters.

The following proxy letters were submitted:

- Mr. Chris Pulaski will serve as proxy for Mr. Gordon Dove.
- Ms. Katie Tabor will serve as proxy for Mr. Al Marmande.

Introductions took place.

Agenda Item #1

Public Hearing on 2020 Unified Planning Work Program

Chairman Guidry opened the floor for a Public Hearing on 2020 Unified Planning Work Program. There were no comments received from the forum. ***It was motioned by C. Duplantis-Prather to close the Public Hearing on 2020 Unified Planning Work Program. C. Pulaski seconded. Motion carried unanimously.***

Agenda Item #2

General Public Comment

Chairman Guidry opened the floor for General Public Comment. There were no comments received from the General Public.

Agenda Item #3

Adoption of Meeting Minutes from the January 4, 2019 Meeting

It was motioned by C. Duplantis-Prather to approve the January 4, 2019 Policy Committee meeting minutes. G. Michel seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item #4

Project Updates

a. Current DOTD Project Updates

J. Oncale updated the Policy Committee on the following projects:

Lafourche Parish

- Grand Isle Bridges construction has been completed.
- LA 1 Leeville Bridge Phase 2E, the contractor is on schedule. Completion is expected fall 2019.
- LA307 Overlay Project was completed on April 8th.
- Hwy20 Overlay Project from Hwy 648 through Jackson Street, the contractor has begun laying asphalt on Jackson Street. They will then proceed to lay asphalt shoulders on LA20 thereafter.
- Construction on the LA308 turn lane at Hwy 648 contractor is currently adjusting the catch basins and will soon begin the milling process.
- LA182 at US90 Intersection Improvement Project has been completed.
- LA1 overlay from the Gheens Bridge to the Valentine Bridge is scheduled to begin June 2019.
- US90 Overlay from the east end of the concrete barrier wall to the Des Allemands Bridge letting date is May 8th.
- LA182 overlay from LA308 to US90 letting date is June 12th.

Terrebonne Parish

- LA660/Coteau Bridge Project the contractor is currently in the process of removing old bridge, driving sheet pile, and reinstalling the dam.
- US90 Median Cable Barrier Project construction should be completed in summer of 2019. Contractor has completed 99% of the concrete process and has begun to string cable.
- LA182 Right Turn Lanes at LA660 & LA316 construction has started. Currently in the process of extending pipe and installing catch basins.
- LA57 overlay from Thompson Road to Cedar Grove Road construction will begin in May.
- The Carroll Street Bridge in Gibson construction should begin in May.
- LA182 right turn lanes onto LA24 construction to begin in June.

- LA182 Roundabout at Hollywood Road letting date has been set for June 26th.
- LA3235 Improvements at LA3162, 3161, and 657 letting date has been set for June 12th.

b. Locally Funded Projects Update

There were no updates given on Locally Funded Projects.

Agenda Item #5

Committee Reports

a. Safety Coalition

C. Parker provided the Safety Coalition Report.

i. Local Road Safety Plan(s) Update

Recently coordinated the LA24 Sidewalk Assessment which took place April 9th; the report is being finalized. Also, they completed the Road Safety Assessment for Terrebonne Parish on April 27th. Local Roads assessed were: Bayou Gardens, Prospect Blvd, St. Charles, and Savanne Road. The Assessment Report is currently being finalized. She reported 42% of goals have been reached under the Infrastructure and Operations EA, 63% under Occupant Protection, 42% under Distracted Driving, 55% under Impaired Driving, and 35% under Young Drivers. She relayed that the leading cause of death in Louisiana children ages 1-14 is motor vehicle crashes. This Region statistic surpasses the State as whole. She briefed the Committee on two house bills in legislation pertaining to child safety seats and seat belt use pertaining to vehicles weighing over 10,000 lbs.

ii. Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan Update

Public Outreach efforts have begun for the Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan Update. S. Bruning reviewed some of the responses received. The Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan Update is available on the SCPDC and HT-MPO website. She encouraged Committee Members and members of the audience to participate as well as share the survey with other members of the region. The Public Meetings are being coordinated with the MTP update. The Public Meetings will begin at the end of April and continue throughout the month of May.

iii. Other Updates

No other updates were given.

b. Travel Demand Management Committee

M. Cazaubon was unable to attend meeting. In her absence, J. Manning relayed that a new and updated logo for the Ridesharing promotional materials has been created. The Committee will meet on April 30th. She has participated in several telephone conferences with other Louisiana Planning Districts and are encouraging the state to develop one ride match platform that can be used statewide. She also plans to participate in a Nicholls outreach effort with other SCPDC staff regarding the MTP and Bicycle Plans on May 1st. Promotional and informational handouts were available for Committee members.

c. Transit Committee

A Transit Committee meeting was held on April 23rd. They received presentation/training from the REI company that installs video surveillance equipment on all of the new vehicles purchased through DOTD grants. She and J. Manning attended a regional transit coordinators conference with LADOTD transit staff.

d. Technical Advisory Committee

The minutes from the TAC meeting held in March was included in the meeting packet for Committee members to read at their convenience.

i. Amtrak Sub-Committee

P. Gordon gave a brief update on the Amtrak Sub-Committee. LADOTD has completed their assessment and have come up with some good suggestions. He plans to attend the Southern Rail Commission meeting to be held on June 7th in Baton Rouge. The Sunset Limited Rail Route is number 2 on the Governor's priority list. First priority is rail service from New Orleans to Baton Rouge.

Agenda Item #6

2020 Unified Planning Work Program

J. Manning stated the 2020 UPWP document was introduced at the last Policy Committee meeting held in January. He explained the document has undergone several changes since it was introduced. Funding numbers were unavailable in January and now has since been updated. Also, FHWA Task 13 was changed. The funding source for the first line in the funding table was changed from FHWA-PL to ST<200K funds. Reason being the cost estimates from the modeling consultant were higher than originally estimated; therefore, DOTD allowed the MPO to change the original funding source and redistribute the PL funds back into the other UPWP tasks. ***It was motioned by C. Duplantis-Prather to accept the 2020 UPWP. C. Pulaski seconded. There being no objections, motion carried.***

Agenda Item #7

Updating of the Public Participation Plan

J. Manning explained the Public Participation Plan is the document which the HT-MPO uses to guide their Public Outreach Process. The PPP was last updated in 2011. Staff has since identified better ways to include public participation. He reviewed those changes. ***Public Hearing must be called before adoption of the Plan. It was motioned by L. Sposito to call a Public Hearing at the June 13th TAC meeting and the July 25th Policy Committee meeting. T. Eschete seconded. There being no objections, motion carried.***

Agenda Item #8

2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update

Public Outreach phase of the MTP update has begun. For this update, the HT-MPO is consulting out the transportation model update with Neel-Schaffer and staff plans to do the bulk of the other work. One tool being used is an online survey. He encouraged the Committee to assist by sharing the survey with others. Thus far, 500 participants have already participated in the online survey. Five public meetings will be held beginning April 30th.

Agenda Item #9

Adjournment

The next meeting date is Thursday, July 25th, 2019 at 12:00pm.

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