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

HTMPO Technical Advisory Committee Meeting

Date: March 11th, 2021

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

In Attendance:

Committee:	Present: Angela Murrell, LADOTD Chris Rogers, LADOTD Dawn Sholmire, LADOTD Dillon Baronne, LPG Grady Gaubert, Louisiana Motor Transport Association Jeffrey Leuenberger, LPG Joan Schexnayder, TPCG John Warren, LPG Laura Phillips, FHWA Tracey Wang, LADOTD Wendell Voisin, TPCG
Staff:	Cassie Parker, SCPDC Josh Manning, SCPDC Pat Gordon, SCPDC Shannon Edgerson, SCPDC Tim Bourcier, SCPDC
Others in Attendance:	Becky Gautreaux, LSU AgCenter Bobbie O'Bryan, Houma Police Department Dontrell Jones, LADOTD Karla Courtade, LADOTD Stephen Mensah, Stantec Tara Lambeth, TPCG

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM.

Agenda Item #1

Roll Call & Introductions

J. Manning thanked everyone for joining the meeting via teleconference. He reviewed meeting instructions and requested each person present online to please introduce themselves.

Agenda Item #2

Public Comments

There were no comments received from the Public.

Agenda Item #3

Adoption of December 10th, 2020 Meeting Minutes

It was motioned by J. Schexnayder to approve the minutes from the December 10th, 2020 TAC/IO Meeting Minutes. J. Warren seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item #4

LA DOTD Project Update

C. Rogers gave the LA DOTD Project Update.

Lafourche Parish

- US 90 Overlay Project from the east end of the barrier wall to Des Allemands Bridge is about 80% complete.
- LA 1 Overlay from the Leeville Bridge to Falgout Lane in Golden Meadow is approximately 40% complete. The contractor is set to begin paving in Golden Meadow.
- LA 308 McCloud Bridge Approaches Project has been completed.
- US 90 Overlay from LA 308 to the east end of the barrier wall project contract was awarded to Huey Stockstill.
- LA 3197 Overlay from Barrow Street to LA 182 has been awarded to Huey Stockstill.

Terrebonne Parish

- LA 24 Company Canal Bridge Replacement, the LA 316 road work is set to begin in mid-March with bridge closure not expected until May.
- Overlay of LA 24 from Ducros Road in Schriever to St. Charles Street in Houma is 45% complete. The contractor is currently paving the main line.
- The Hansen Canal Bridge Replacement Project is about 65% complete. The bridge structure has been completed, road work remains.
- LA 55 Emergency Concrete Panel Repairs is 100% complete.
- LA 1 Overlay from the Valentine Bridge to Larose has been awarded to Boh Brothers.
- LA 311 Patching Project from St. Charles Street to Savanne Rd. goes to bid on March 17th, 2021.
- LA 1 Overlay from Elson Lane to LA 182 goes to bid on April 14th, 2021.

Agenda Item #5

Local Project Updates

J. Schexnayder provided an update on Local Projects within Terrebonne Parish:

Terrebonne Parish

- East Side Sidewalk Phase 2 & Civic Center Sidewalks Final Plans have been submitted to LADOTD; awaiting Letting date.
- Currently working on the utility certification for the LA 24 Sidewalk Rehab.
- Civic Center Roundabout is in Stage 0.
- Williams Avenue Multi-Use Path is in the environmental approval process.
- Industrial Blvd Bridge Replacement has been completed.
- Hollywood Extension Bridge and Brady Road Bridge is in design.
- Parish Wide Pavement Markings and Asphalt 2021 is in Designing Phase 1.
- Bayou Blue Sidewalks & Valhi Multi Use Path Phase 1 is waiting on engineer selection for design.
- Valhi Multi Use Path Phase 2 has been accepted in Safe Routes to Public Places. Administration is currently deciding how to proceed since the estimate exceeds funding.

Agenda Item #6

Amtrak Working Group Update

P. Gordon relayed that Amtrak has announced their plan to extend the route to Mobile in January 2022. There are four planned stops.

Agenda Item #7

ITS Architecture Update, Stephen Mensah, Stantec

J. Manning introduced Stephen Mensah to the Committee. S. Mensah provided the Committee with a brief update on the ITS Architecture. Currently, he is seeking local stakeholder input on challenges that may exist in transportation that can be solved using technology. LA DOTD is looking to expand their ITS Architecture. Stantec's goal is to have the first draft of the ITS Architecture Update completed by the end of July. The final version is due to LA DOTD at the end of September. A stakeholders' meeting has been scheduled for March 31st to discuss the ITS Architecture Update.

Agenda Item #8

Good Earth Transit Program of Projects

J. Manning reminded the Committee, Good Earth Transit's (GET) Program of Projects is an item the HT-MPO TAC and Policy Committee review annually. He shared on the screen GET's updated list of Projects for the upcoming year. W. Voisin stated the Parish has received CARES ACT funding which assisted with their operating cost, and usual expenses thus creating the change in their POP. He reviewed the updated list POP. J. Manning requested Public Comment, hearing none; ***it was then motioned by W. Voisin to recommend the Policy Committee accept GET's Program of Projects and amend the TIP to include this for 2021. J. Schexnayder seconded. Motion carried unanimously.***

Agenda Item #9

Recommendation of Transportation Improvement Program Proposed Amendments to the Policy Committee

- a. ***H.011517 LA 654: LA 308 – Gheens S. Cut Rd.: Add Construction phase @\$335K of STPFLEX @ 80/20 in FFY2021***
- b. ***H.002244 LA 56: Boudreaux Canal MB Replacement: Move Construction Phase from FFY 2022 to FY 2023.***
- c. ***Discussion on Prospect Blvd Sidewalks***

J. Manning reviewed the proposed TIP Amendments, he inquired if there were any members of the public who would like to make a public comment on the matter. Hearing none, ***it was motioned by J. Schexnayder to recommend to the HT-MPO Policy amend the TIP to include the proposed amendments as written on the agenda. J. Warren seconded. Motion carried unanimously.***

Discussion on Prospect Blvd Sidewalks remained on the agenda from the previous meeting as precaution in case more discussion on the matter was necessary. This project remains in the TIP as of now. The topic will remain on the agenda for the next TAC meeting.

Agenda Item #10

Unified Planning Work Program

J. Manning stated the UPWP for FY2022 has been completed and has been posted and distributed. He relayed there was a change which was not included on the posted document. At the request of DOTD, clarification was added showing the percentages of funds for each task being 80% FHWA and 20% local – except for TDM and Safety which are both 100% FHWA. A new task was added under FHWA programs for the development of Local Road Safety Plans. J. Manning stressed this is not a new task, it is for informational purposes as has been requested. He stated he has received comments from the FHWA seeking clarification on a few items. He opened the floor for questions or comments. There being no questions or comments received, ***it was motioned by C. Pulsaski to recommend to the HT-MPO Policy adopt the UPWP. J. Warren seconded. Motion carried unanimously.***

Agenda Item # 11

Public Participation Plan (PPP)

He requested the TAC members to consider recommending to the HT-MPO PC to amend the PPP to include a process for updating the Coordinated Human Service Transportation plan as well as the inclusion of language pertaining to online public meetings and outreach. These requested updates to the PPP would allow for web-based meetings and outreach. This would only be for situations such as public declarations of emergency are made limiting indoor gatherings. Also, would like to allow these web-based meetings in future plan updates or outreach. He stated the intention is not to replace traditional public meetings. The inclusion of web-based meeting into the PPP grants an option to have one or more web-based meeting to supplement those regular outreach efforts when the need calls.

J. Manning also reminded TAC members the CHSTP was adopted at the last meeting. He relayed this plan was originally adopted in the late 2000's and was updated only as needed; however, DOTD's Transit Section has informed the HT-MPO this document needs to be updated every other year. No method of adoption has been put in place nor is it included in the PPP. J. Manning stated the process for adopting the CHSTP would be similar to the adoption of the TIP. He reviewed the suggested revisions with the creation of the Transit TAC. He opened the floor to discussion. There being none, ***it was motioned by W. Voisin to recommend the adoption of the proposed changes to the PPP and the creation of the Transit TAC. C. Pulaski seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.***

Agenda Item #12

Next Meeting Date: June 10th, 2021

J. Manning stated due to administrative reasoning the Safety Coalition Safety and Infrastructure Subcommittee will now be held separately. C. Parker has placed a link in the chat box for all to follow.

W. Voisin motioned to adjourn the meeting. Unanimously seconded. Motion carried unanimously.