

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

HTMPO Policy Committee Meeting

Date: July 22nd, 2021

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

In Attendance:

Committee:	<p>Present: Archie Chaisson, Lafourche Parish President – proxy John Warren Mayor Tommy Eschete, City of Thibodaux John Amedee, TPCG Council Danny Babin, TPCG Council Dirk Guidry, TPCG Council Christopher Morvant, LA DOTD District 02 - proxy Chris Rogers</p> <p>Absent: Jeff Naquin, APPJ Mayor Ron Animashaun, Village of Napoleonville Michael Gros, LPG Council Gordon Dove, Terrebonne Parish President Darrin Guidry, TPCG Laura Phillips, Federal Highway Administration LA Division</p>
Staff:	<p>Kevin Belanger, SCPDC Pat Gordon, SCPDC Shannon Edgeron, SCPDC Josh Manning, SCPDC Cassie Parker, SCPDC Thomas Rhodes, SCPDC Emma Bergeron, SCPDC</p>
Others in Attendance:	<p>Jacques Thibodaux, City of Thibodaux Sarah Arceneaux, City of Thibodaux Jeffery Leuenberger, Lafourche Parish Government Gary Gisclair, LA DOTD District 02 Beryl Amedee, LA House of Representatives</p>

D. Guidry called the meeting to order at approximately 12:00 pm.

Invocation: J. Amedee

Pledge of Allegiance: J. Amedee

The following proxy letters were submitted: J. Warren for A. Chaisson, & C. Rogers for C. Morvant.

Introductions took place.

Agenda Item #1

General Public Comment

Chairman D. Guidry opened the floor to receive public comments. No Public Comments were received. ***It was then motioned by D. Babin to close the floor for public comments. J. Amedee seconded. Motion carried unanimously.***

Agenda Item #2

Adoption of Meeting Minutes from May 27th, 2021 HT-MPO Policy Committee Meeting.

It was motioned by D. Babin to approve the meeting minutes of the HT-MPO Policy Committee Meeting held May 27, 2021. J. Amedee seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item #3

Project Updates

a. Current DOTD Project Updates

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

Lafourche Parish:

- US90 overlay from the east end barrier wall to the Des Allemands Bridge is 100% complete.
- LA1 Overlay from Leeville Bridge to Falgout Lane in Golden Meadow is 90% complete, contractor is working on striping and borrow on shoulder.
- Approach slab levelling of LA 315, 3087, 24, and 20 is about 50% complete.
- Overlay of LA1/Valentine Bridge to West Larose Bridge is 100% complete.
- LA1 Overlay from Elson Lane to LA182 preconstruction meeting to be held first week of June.
- LA654 overlay and road raising bid date is August 11th, 2021.
- US 90 overlay from LA 308 to the east end of the barrier wall, construction is set to begin.
- LA1 Armoring east of Fourchon is 100% complete.
- LA1 Phase 2, Leeville to Golden Meadow bid date is October 6th, 2021.
- LA648 Percy Brown Road overlay bid date is October 13th, 2021.

Terrebonne Parish:

- LA24 Company Canal Bridge Replacement project, bridge demolition has been completed, about to begin permanent piles.
- LA24 overlay from Ducros Road in Schriever to St. Charles Street in Houma, is approximately 80% complete.
- LA 3197 Barrow Street to LA 182 overlay construction is set to begin.
- LA55 road repair and overlay from Humble Canal to LA58 has been awarded to LA Contracting.
- Bayou Terrebonne East Sidewalk Project and Civic Center Sidewalk Projects has been awarded to Gray Construction.
- LA311 Patching St. Charles to Savanne is 40% complete.
- US90 Approach Slab levelling in Gibson construction will begin soon.

D. Babin expressed concerns about keeping the moveable bridge by David Chauvin's seafood factory in Dulac operating while the Robinson Canal Bridge is being repaired. This bridge is pertinent to the lower portion of the community as it is the only in/out access. Chairman Guidry inquired about repairing of Robinson Canal Bridge. C. Rogers stated Robinson Canal's Bridge Replacement project was set to go out for bid in October 2022. Chairman Guidry relayed how pertinent the bridge is to the community and how the community couldn't wait that long. C. Rogers relayed there emergency/temporary repair plans were being worked on at headquarters but he was unsure of them at this time.

b. Locally Funded Project Updates

J. Warren stated Lafourche Parish has two ongoing road projects and should go out for bid in mid-September.

c. STP<200K Projects Update

J. Manning gave an update on the STP<200K Projects. He relayed that the Lafourche Parish Sidewalk Projects have been postponed for one year. The City of Thibodaux's Audubon Ave Overlay Project and the Downtown Sidewalk project entity-state agreements have been issued. The City is still waiting on the entity-state agreement for LA648 at Acadiana Woods intersection improvements. The Acadiana Roundabout 100% plans are under review, the ROW authorization has been requested, and the City is working on utility/sewer conflicts and resolutions. The Terrebonne Civic Center Sidewalks Project was let on July 14th, 2021. Final plans are being revised and resubmitted for the LA24 Sidewalk Rehab Project. Waiting for design and consultant selection for the Valhi Blvd Multi-Use Trail Ph 1 and the Bayou Blue (LA316) Sidewalks.

He also provided a brief update on Safe Routes/Transportation Alternatives/SA LR Projects which are ongoing. He stated in Lafourche Parish, the SRTS Bayou Blue & Raceland Projects have been completed the infrastructure portion of the project; however, the deadline to complete non-infrastructure activities has been extended due to COVID-19. The SA/LR Striping & Signage has received DOTD's recommendation to advance; LADOTD is currently working on the task order for the feasibility study. In Terrebonne, the Williams Ave Multi-Use Trail Project is waiting on environmental clearance and entity-state agreement. The East Park Sidewalks Phase 2 was let on July 14th. The consultant for the MLK Feasibility Study is still in the process of collecting data and reviewing crash reports. Safe Routes to Public Places Valhi Blvd Multi-Use Path Ph. 2, DOTD is working on the ESA's. Lafourche Parish's scenic overlook was let for construction; which bids came in high; however, LADOTD agreed to increase the TAP fund for project.

Agenda Item #4
Committee Report

a. Safety Coalition

C. Parker reported on recent Safety Coalition initiatives. She relayed the Executive Committee will be meeting to discuss recent changes in membership taking effect due to inner office promotions within agencies. G. Gisclair is overseeing the initiative to conduct a Work Zone training for LEO agencies. The training is expected to be held in the fall, more information is forthcoming. Submission deadline is September for the teen statewide Distracted Driving Meme and Video Contest. She reviewed upcoming safety campaigns and initiatives being taken within the Region.

b. Transit/TDM Committee

S. Edgerson relayed he recently attended the Louisiana CHSTP Conference held in Baton Rouge. The Regional Transit Committee met on May 19th, 2021. Draft Minutes from the meeting were included in the meeting packet for Committee members to read at their leisure. The Regional Transit Committee discussed the various agencies Emergency Operation Plans.

- i. TDM Sub-Committee**
No report given.

c. Technical Advisory Committee

Included within the meeting packet was the draft of minutes from the last TAC meeting held for the Policy Committee members to review.

- i. Amtrak Sub-Committee**

In 2023-2024 Louisiana Depots are tentatively scheduled for ADA compliance. A list of needed ADA improvements will be compiled for a possible Capital Outlay Request in the future.

Agenda Item #5

Transportation Improvement Program: Proposed Amendments

- a. **H.002244 LA 56: Boudreaux Canal MB Replacement**
Add ROW Phase @ \$1.4M of STPFLEX @ 80/20 in FFY2022
Add Utility Phase @ \$33K of STPFLEX @ 80/20 in FFY2022
- b. **H.008145 LA1: Leeville to Golden Meadow (Phase 2)**
Add Construction Phase as follows:
\$168.75M in EARMARK at 80/20 (federal share is \$135M)
\$150M in STGEN
\$13.5M in STBONDS
\$36.2M in LOCAL
\$76.55M in STCASH to be AC-ed (Advance Construction)
- c. **H.011962 LA1: CO CANAL MB REHAB (LOCKPORT) (HBI)**
Remove Feasibility phase @ \$175K of STPFLEX in FFY2021
Add Engineering phase @ \$200K of STPFLEX in FFY2021
- d. **H.011973 LA315: ICWW MB REHAB (DULARGE)**
Add Engineering phase @ \$200K of STPFLEX @ 80/20 in FFY2021
- e. **H.011986 LA58: B TERREBONNE MB RH (MONTEGUT) (HBI)**
Remove Feasibility phase @ \$150K of STPFLEX in FFY2021
Add Engineering phase @ \$150K of STPFLEX @ 80/20 in FFY2021
- f. **H.013818 LA308: B LAFOUR MB RH (GOLDEN MEADOW) (HBI)**
Remove Feasibility phase @ \$175K of STPFLEX in FFY 2021
Add Engineering phase @ \$150K of STPFLEX in FFY2021
- g. **Ratification of Administrative Modifications**

J. Manning reviewed the proposed TIP Amendments. It was then ***motioned by D. Babin to amend the TIP to reflect the proposed amendments. J. Amedee seconded. Motion carried unanimously.***

Agenda Item #6

Proposed Amendment to the Public Participation Plan: Consider an Amendment to the Public Participation Plan to include a process for updating the Coordinated Human Service Transportation Plan and also to include language pertaining to online public meetings and outreach.

J. Manning reviewed the proposed PPP amendment. ***It was motioned by J. Amedee to amend the Public Participation Plan as presented. D. Babin seconded. Motion carried unanimously.***

Agenda Item #7

Proposed Amendment to the 2022 Unified Planning Work Program: adding a task for Regional Transit Study

It was motioned by J. Amedee to amend the 2022 Unified Planning Work Program as presented. D. Babin seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item #8

Adjournment

It was motioned by J. Amedee to adjourn, seconded by D. Babin. Motion carried unanimously.