

Houma – Thibodaux
Metropolitan Planning Organization (HTMPO)

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

HTMPO Technical Advisory Committee Meeting

Date: June 11, 2015

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

In Attendance:

Committee:	Federal Highway Administration – Chandra Bondzie, Absent District 02 Maintenance Engineer, LA DOTD – Lyle Leblanc, Present District 02 Traffic Engineer, LA DOTD – Dennis Hebert, Present District 61- Area Engineer, LADOTD – Joey Tureau, Absent Office of Planning and Programming, LA DOTD – Dan Broussard, Absent Public Transportation Administrator, LA DOTD – Donna Lavigne, Absent Public Works Director, Assumption Parish – Bobby Naquin, Absent Public Works Director, Lafourche Parish – Don Edwards, Absent Operations Manager, Lafourche Parish – Terry Arabie, Present Planning Department, Lafourche Parish – Pat Matherne; Jeffery Leuenberger, Proxy Operations Manager, Roads and Bridges Division, TPCG – Perry Blanchard, Absent Engineering Division, TPCG – Joan Schexnayder, Absent Director of Planning and Zoning, TPCG – Patrick Gordon, Present Public Works Director, TPCG – Greg Bush, Absent Public Transit Manager, TPCG – Philip Liner; Gayle Vaughn, proxy Public Works Director, City of Thibodaux – Miguel Maggio, Absent Public Works Assistant Director, City of Thibodaux – Errol Price, Absent Grants Director, City of Thibodaux – Luci Sposito, Absent Mayor, Town of Lockport – Paul Champagne, Absent Public Works Supervisor, Town of Lockport – CJ Chauvin, Absent Assumption Parish Policy Juror – Jeff Naquin, Absent
Staff:	Leo Marretta, SCPDC Scott Leger, SCPDC Adam Tatar, SCPDC Emma Bergeron, SCPDC
Others in Attendance:	Angela Matherne Morgan St. Pierre, TPCG Gary Gisclair, DOTD Joni Tuck, GLDC Jo-Anna Jones, Consultant

J. Manning called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.

Agenda Item # 1

Roll Call and Introductions

Introductions took place.

Agenda Item # 2

Adoption of May 5, 2015 TAC Meeting Minutes

P. Gordon motioned to approve the minutes from the May 15, 2015 meeting. D. Hebert seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item # 3

LA DOTD Project Updates

G. Gisclair gave the LA DOTD Project Updates for Lafourche and Terrebonne Parishes.

Lafourche Parish

- Overlay Project completed on Talbot Street in Thibodaux.
- US 90 Bridge Rail Repair was at 60% completion and full completion was expected in two weeks.
- Drainage Improvement Project in Galliano along LA 1 at West 141 and West 140 Streets were 100% completed.
- Drainage Improvement Project on Hwy 182 was a 100% complete.
- Emergency culvert replacement on LA 308 has been completed.
- The West Larose Bridge Rehab Project was set to begin.
- Overlay project on LA 309 to Gibson will begin on June 24th.
- LA 20 Widening has been set to begin on August 12th.
- LA55 Humble Canal to end of Road Overlay to be let on August 12th.
- Right Turn Lane at LA3185 and LA 20 was set to begin on August 12th.

Terrebonne Parish

- Houma Tunnel Lighting Rehabilitation Project was 95% complete.
- LA 57: Industrial Blvd to Thompson Road was expected to be completed by the end of August.
- Hollywood Road widening was at 28% completion.
- Houma Navigation Canal Bridge rehabilitation was 95% complete.
- LA 24 Signal Upgrades, Phase 2 has been completed.
- LA 316 Bayou Blue Pontoon Bridge should be completed by January 2016.
- LA 3011: LA 57 Mayfield Road should be completed by end of the month.

Agenda Item # 4

Local Project Updates

T. Arabie gave an update on Local Projects within Lafourche Parish.

Lafourche Parish

- Galliano Pontoon Bridge repair was set to go out for bid. The bridge will be shut down to vehicular traffic.
- Airport Road blacktop project will be going out for bid soon.

P. Gordon gave an update on Local Projects within Terrebonne Parish.

Terrebonne Parish

- Four Lane Project of Hollywood Road was still ongoing.
- Completed intersection improvements at Bayou Gardens and St. Louis Canal Road.
- Preparing for the Westside Blvd extension, Thompson Road, and the completion of Grand Caillou Road 4-Lane project.

Agenda Item # 5

2016 UPWP Amendments

- a. Item B-1: Amend language to MTP*
- b. Item B-3: Amend funding amounts to Bicycle and Pedestrian Program*
- c. Item B-4: Amend language and funding amounts to Safety Program*
- d. Item B-5: Amend language and funding amount to Ozone and PM Advance*
- e. Item B-6: Add Lafourche Transportation Network Study*
- f. Item C-3: Amend funding amounts to Equipment and Supplies*

L. LeBlanc motioned to recommend the 2016 UPWP Amendments to the Policy Committee. P. Gordon seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item # 6

Regional Safety Plan Update – Vulnerable Road Users

A. Tatar informed the Committee of the newly added Vulnerable Road Users emphasis area within the Regional Safety Plan. This emphasis area will concentrate on safety efforts for bicyclists, pedestrians, and motorcyclists. A sub-committee was being created to study the action steps and to explore initiatives.

The BAT Mobile was in production and bids for the Troop C LED sign has been received and will be awarded the following week.

Agenda Item # 7

Lafourche Transit Feasibility Study

A. Tatar relayed to the Committee that the Study had the support of the Lafourche Parish Council and Administration. They were studying possible travel demand service and mapping out routes from possibly Thibodaux to Golden Meadow. The draft study has been posted online for public review. Updates were being done as the information comes forth. Further discussion on the Study will be held at the Transit meeting which has been scheduled to be held on June 16, 2015 at SCPDC.

Agenda Item # 8

Regional Amtrak Service

Lafourche and Terrebonne Parishes has passed resolutions in support of Regional Amtrak Service. Interest is great. It was suggested for a sub-committee to form in order to discuss and keep the interest of the Regional Amtrak Service viable. L. Marretta stated the sub-committee would fall under the Transit Meetings which are coordinated by A. Tatar.

Agenda Item # 9

Stage 0's for TIP Projects

A Stage 0 for TIP Projects Progress Spreadsheet was dispersed to each person present. The spreadsheet reviewed the projects, jurisdictions, limits, descriptions, cost estimates, and status of State 0's. The North Acadia overlay, Civic Center sidewalks, Prospect Street sidewalks, LA 1 Corridor Study, Local Access Management Plan, Civic Center Roundabout, and Mathews/Raceland Small Area Study has begun and was in progress. The question was posed: which jurisdictions were planning to do their own engineering or planning to utilize consultants and if the jurisdictions were aware if the projects were in need of right-of-ways?

Agenda Item # 10

Other Business

There was no other business discussed.

Agenda Item # 11

Next Meeting Date: 10AM, Thursday, September 10, 2015 at SCPDC.

Adjournment

T. Arabia motioned to adjourn the meeting, P. Gordon seconded. Motion carried unanimously.