

Houma – Thibodaux
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M E E T I N G M I N U T E S

HTMPO Technical Advisory Committee Meeting

Date: September 10, 2015

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

In Attendance:

Committee:	<p>Present: Lyle Leblanc, District 02 Maintenance Engineer, LADOTD Dennis Hebert, District 02 Traffic Engineer, LADOTD Perry Blanchard, Operations Manager, Roads and Bridges Division, TPCG Joan Schexnayder, Engineering Division, TPCG Pat Gordon, Director of Planning & Zoning, TPCG Greg Bush, Public Works Director, TPCG Luci Sposito, Grants Director, City of Thibodaux</p> <p>Absent: Chandra Bondzie, Federal Highway Administration Joey Tureau, District 61- Area Engineer, LADOTD Dan Broussard, Office of Planning and Programming, LA DOTD Donna Lavigne, Public Transportation Administrator, LA DOTD Bobby Naquin, Public Works Director, Assumption Parish Don Edwards, Public Works Director, Lafourche Parish Terry Arable, Operations Manager, Lafourche Parish Pat Matherne, Operations Manager, Lafourche Parish Philip Liner, Public Transit Manager, TPCG Miguel Maggio, Public Works Director, City of Thibodaux Errol Price, Public Works Assistant Director, City of Thibodaux Mayor Paul Champagne, Town of Lockport CJ Chauvin, Public Works Supervisor, Town of Lockport Jeff Naquin, Assumption Parish Policy Juror</p>
Staff:	<p>Josh Manning, SCPDC Leo Marretta, SCPDC Adam Tatar, SCPDC Emma Bergeron, SCPDC</p>
Others in Attendance:	<p>Casey Lewis, LADOTD Brock Chauvin, LADOTD Grayling Hadnott, LPG Thad Angelloz, City of Thibodaux Madeleine Bodin, TPCG</p>

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 June 11, 2015 TAC Meeting Minutes

P. Gordon motioned to approve the minutes from the June 11, 2015 meeting. J. Schexnayder seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item # 3

LA DOTD Project Update

L. Leblanc gave the LA DOTD Project Update.

Terrebonne Parish

- LA 57: Industrial Blvd to Thompson Road has been completed.
- LA 316 Bayou Blue Pontoon Bridge should be open to vehicle traffic at the end of September and expected to be complete by the end of November.
- Houma Navigational Canal Bridge will be closed for a few weeks at the end of September, beginning of October to install a hydraulic manifold and final testing.
- LA 24 Signal Upgrades, Phase 2 has been completed.
- Houma Tunnel lights repair will begin once the repairs to the Houma Navigational Canal Bridge has been completed.
- Overlay on Hwy 182 between Houma and Coteau Bayou Blue has been set to begin in November.
- US 90 in the Gibson area has a thin lift overlay set to begin.

Lafourche Parish

- Patching on the Port Fourchon Road was set to begin.
- LA 20 widening was set to begin at the end of the year.

L. Marretta requested L. LeBlanc to give a brief update on the North/South Corridor EIS. It has been listed as a Tier 3 project. Four alternatives have been proposed and the state was requesting a recommendation be made by the parishes. Two options are on the west end of the parish and the other two on the east end of the parish. P. Gordon suggested the TAC make a recommendation to the MPO Policy Committee. Feedback was needed from the parish officials which the project effects.

C. Lewis informed the TAC that LADOTD was preparing for their LPTA Conference to be held in November. LADOTD will be hosting a vehicle maintenance training in September 2015 and January 2016.

A. Tatar stated Lafourche Parish was still seeking options for a public transit service provider. He also spoke upon the Sunset Amtrak rail line which travels through Schriever. They would like to see daily service expanded to include our region. Reopening service from New Orleans to Orlando, FL is being studied, as well as service from New Orleans to Baton Rouge, LA. The first step would be a feasibility study. A. Tatar was in the process of creating a feasibility study scope.

Agenda Item # 4

Other Local Project Updates

J. Schexnayder gave an update on Local Projects within Terrebonne Parish.

Terrebonne Parish

- Hollywood Road 4 lane was still under construction.
- Bayou Gardens Extension and Thompson Road bids had been received and were in the process of awarding the contracts.
- Country Drive Widening Phase A final plans have been signed by the Chief Engineer and set to let in

November.

- Hollywood Road from Valhi to Bayou Black was in design.
- Westside Blvd Phase 3 (MLK to Hwy 311) embankment has been completed and roadway was in design.
- Falgout Canal Pontoon Bridge and Westside Blvd Bridge was under construction.
- Kings Bayou Bridge and Mayfield #1 Bridge was in design.
- LA 24 sidewalks final plan packet and West Park sidewalks advance check prints have both been sent to DOTD.
- Eastside Sidewalks Phase 2 kick off meeting was set to be held on September 11, 2015.

There were no updates given on Local Projects within Lafourche Parish or the City of Thibodaux. However, G. Hadnott did state that they have begun a Transportation Housing Study which should be completed in the next 20 days. This study is focused on how low/moderate income housing folks fits with employment and how they travel to work and training.

L. Marretta relayed to the Committee for C. Parker's Safety Report that the DWI BAT Mobile has been scheduled for completion before year's end. She requested that Committee members please take fliers advertising the National Seat Check Saturday for Child Passenger Safety which has been scheduled to be held at the Winn Dixie in Gramercy, LA and fliers for the Teen Photo Video Contest promotion safe driving.

Agenda Item # 5

TIP Amendments

J. Manning reviewed the 2016 TIP Amendments: Civic Center Sidewalks, LA 24 Sidewalk Rehabilitation, and Prospect Street Sidewalks. They were included in the TIP; however, the Engineering Stages, Cost Estimates, and Source needed to be included as well.

G. Hadnott motioned to recommend the TIP Amendments to the Policy Committee. L. Sposito seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item # 6

Other Business

There were no other business discussed.

Agenda Item # 7

Next Meeting Date: Thursday, December 10, 2015 10:00am at SCPDC.

P. Gordon questioned whether or not a special meeting should be held in order for the TAC to make a recommendation on the North/South Corridor to Policy Committee. L. Sposito stated the comment sheet showed comments were due to DOTD by September 21, 2015. L. LeBlanc suggested an online poll for comments to be made and received. J. Manning stated an electronic copy of the project PowerPoint and the alternative routes will be sent to all members of the TAC and Policy Committee and a deadline for comments and recommendations to be made will be set.

Adjournment

L. LeBlanc motioned to adjourn the meeting, P. Gordon seconded. Motion carried unanimously.