

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:** December 10, 2015

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

In Attendance:

Committee:	<p>Present: Lyle Leblanc, District 02 Maintenance Engineer, LADOTD Dan Broussard, Office of Planning and Programming, LA DOTD Terry Arabie, Operations Manager, Lafourche Parish Pat Matherne, Operations Manager, Lafourche Parish David Rome, Operations Manager, Roads and Bridges Division, TPCG Joan Schexnayder, Engineering Division, TPCG Chris Pulaski, Planning & Zoning, TPCG Pat Gordon, TEDA</p> <p>Absent: Chandra Bondzie, Federal Highway Administration Dennis Hebert, District 02 Traffic Engineer, LADOTD Joey Tureau, District 61- Area Engineer, LADOTD Donna Lavigne, Public Transportation Administrator, LA DOTD Bobby Naquin, Public Works Director, Assumption Parish Don Edwards, Public Works Director, Lafourche Parish Greg Bush, Public Works Director, TPCG Philip Liner, Public Transit Manager, TPCG Miguel Maggio, Public Works Director, City of Thibodaux Errol Price, Public Works Assistant Director, City of Thibodaux Thad Angelloz, 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:

April Renard, LADOTD
Chad Vosburg, LADOTD
Gary Gisclair, LADOTD
Jim Chapman, LHS
Marie Walsh, LA LTAP
Albert Pierre, Houma PD
Jeffery Leuenberger, LPG
Randy Becnel, St. James Task Force
Alissia Smith, TPCG
Anne Picou, TPCG
Joni Tuck, GLPC
Jason Underwood

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 September 10, 2015 TAC Meeting Minutes

J. Schexnayder motioned to approve the minutes from the September 10, 2015 meeting. D. Rome seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item # 3

LA DOTD Project Update

Gary Gisclair gave the LA DOTD Project Update.

Terrebonne Parish

- Hollywood Road Widening was approximately 35% completed.
- LA 316 Bayou Blue Pontoon Bridge Repair was 85% completed. It was expected to open December 23, 2015.
- Houma Navigational Canal Bridge Rehabilitation project was 99% completed. A week long closure has been planned for January.
- Controller Upgrade project replacing signal controllers has been completed.

Lafourche Parish

- The Overlay project of the Fourchon Road was 65% complete. Early January it should be completed.
- The overlay project of LA182 to LA316 was expected to begin in January and anticipated completion has been set for May 2016.
- US90 overlay from Chacahoula to Gibson patching has been completed. Overlay was set to begin the following week and job should be completed by January.
- LA20 widening from LA308 to St. Patrick Street has been scheduled to begin January 4, 2016 and should be completed in September 2016.
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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.
- Construction has begun on the Bayou Gardens extension and Thompson Road.

- Bids have been received on Country Drive Widening Phase A projects, contracts were being signed.
- Hollywood Valhi to Bayou Black was in design.
- Westside Blvd Phase 3 (MLK to Hwy311) embankment has been completed. Bids were received and contracts were being awarded.
- Falgout Canal Pontoon Bridge was under construction.
- Westside Bridge has been completed.
- Kings Bayou Bridge and Mayfield #1 Bridge were in design.
- LA24 Sidewalks advance check prints have been sent to DOTD.
- Eastside Sidewalks Ph 2 was waiting the City State Agreement.

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

Lafourche Parish

- Airport Road project was still ongoing.
- East 71 overlay and drainage project was set to begin after the first of the year.

G. Gisclair also reported on upcoming projects in Lafourche Parish.

- LA 308 widening (Lafourche Crossing) with the placing of guardrails.
- Up for bid in February 2016 was the LA1: Leeville to Golden Meadow Phase 2C.
- In March 2016 will be a continuance overlay of LA182/LA1: US 90 – Guidry Lane in Racleand.
- In June 2016 will be the replacement of 3 bridges on LA1 near Grand Isle. Each bridge will have a walking path for the public to fish.

Terrebonne Parish

- LA57 (Bayou Salle Road) will go out for bid once levee work has been completed.
- The Bayou Terrebonne Bridge (LA660) will go out for bid in June 2016.

J. Tuck thanked the local LADOTD team for the smooth overlay process of LA3090 in the Port Fourchon.

L. Marretta informed the Committee that the HT-MPO will begin working on a Master Transportation Plan for Lafourche Parish. The long range DOTD Statewide Transportation Plan has been approved and can be viewed on the LADOTD website.

Agenda Item #8

Houma-Thibodaux to LA3127 Connection Project

L. Marretta stated that a meeting was held on November 4th, 2015 where a consensus was met on the Western alignment was the favored route. There was still some debate on the northern alignment where concerns were being raised on the intersection of LA Hwy 3127 and LA Hwy 20 to the Gramercy Wallace Bridge approach. An additional traffic study will be conducted to see if the existing intersection can handle the expected increase of traffic. In conjunction to this project, L. Marretta informed the Committee that implementing a Corridor Preservation Plan within the UPW had been suggested. This plan would better help the jurisdictions zone the corridors which would run alongside the route.

Agenda Item # 5

2017 Unified Planning Work Program

L. Marretta informed the Committee there has been a change at the Federal and State level with regards to how things were funded. The Department of Administration, DOTD, and Federal Highway Administration are involved with these changes. He explained how they would like for the UPWP to become more task oriented and for all billing items to be included.

J. Schexnayder motioned to receive and recommend the 2017 UPW Program for consideration to the Policy Committee. D. Broussard seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item # 6

TIP Amendment

a. H.011516 US 90 @LA182

i. Add construction phase - \$250,000, NHPP, FFY 2018

J. Manning introduced the TIP Amendment. He explained the amendment and administrative modification was needed. The Amendment would add the construction phase at 250K at 80/20 match in FFY 2018 for DOTD project H.011516 US 90 @ LA 182. The Administrative Modification was to move ROW and Utility phases from FFY 2015 to FFY 2016 for DOTD project H.009320 Acadian Road Roundabout.

T. Arabie motioned to accept TIP Amendment for DOTD project H.011516 US 90 at LA 182 and the Administrative Modification for DOTD project H.009320 Acadian Road Roundabout. D. Rome seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item # 7

2016 Transit Grants

J. Manning presented the Council on Aging and the ARC's letters seeking Capital Assistance Grant funding for new busses and equipment. Ratification would ensure upon receiving their grant funding they will be included within the TIP.

T. Arabie motioned to accept 2016 Transit Grant letters. J. Schexnayder seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item # 9

LA 24/Downtown Walkability Effort

A. Tatar relayed issues which has risen since LADOTD installed timed signal lights along Hwy 24 in the downtown Houma area and removed a traffic signal from the intersection of Main and Roussel Streets. Business owners have expressed safety concerns. SCPDC have worked closely with state and local agencies to suggest potential solutions to the Main Street challenge. Lowering the speed limit and replacing the stoplight were found to be unworkable solutions. L. Leblanc explained how LADOTD conducts speed studies and adopt federal standards when implementing speed zones. Three speed studies were held; the speed limit was set extremely close to what it should be. A potential solution may be a comprehensive pedestrian rehabilitation. Other suggestions included signalized pedestrian cross walks and rumble strips.

Agenda Item # 10

Other Business

L. Marretta reminded everyone that the Policy Committee needed to be reconstituted at the January 2016 with the newly elected parish administration.

Agenda Item # 11

Next Meeting Date: Thursday, March 10, 2016 10:00am at SCPDC.

Adjournment

It was unanimously motioned to adjourn the meeting.