

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:** September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016

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

**In Attendance:**

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| <b>Committee:</b>            | <b>Present:</b><br>Chris Pulaski, TPCG<br>Collin Degueurce, TPCG<br>Dan Broussard, DOTD<br>David Rome, TPCG<br>Dawn Sholmire, DOTD<br>Gary Gisclair, LADOTD<br>James Barnes, LPG<br>Jeffery Leuenberger, LPG<br>Joan Schexnayder, TPCG<br>Lyle Leblanc, District 02 LA DOTD<br>Pat Matherne, LPG<br>Richard Barber, LPG<br>Terry Arabie, LPG<br>Thad Angelloz, City of Thibodaux<br>Wendell Voisin, TPCG |
| <b>Staff:</b>                | Arianna Choudhuri, SCPDC<br>Cassie Parker, SCPDC<br>Emma Bergeron, SCPDC<br>Josh Manning, SCPDC<br>Leo Marretta, SCPDC<br>Pat Gordon, SCPDC<br>Scott Leger, SCPDC  |
| <b>Others in Attendance:</b> | Alessia Smith, TPCG<br>Anne Picou, TPCG<br>Gene Milford, Milford & Associates<br>Ken Pitre, Schriever Fire Dept.<br>Peter Allain, DOTD/LTAP<br>Ron Shaw, Developer/Private Citizen<br>Steven Strength, LTAP  |

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 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016 TAC Meeting Minutes*

It was noted that A. Chaisson had been listed as an employee of Lafourche Parish instead of the City of Thibodaux and T. Arabie was listed as Operations Manager instead of Projects Manger. **C. Pulaski motioned**

**to approve the minutes from the June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016 meeting as amended. D. Rome seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Agenda Item # 3**

*LA DOTD Project Update*

G. Gisclair gave the LA DOTD Project Update.

Terrebonne Parish

- LA 311: turn lanes at Bayou Country scheduled for bid in November.
- Bayou Terrebonne Bridge at Hwy 660 scheduled for bid in April 2017.
- Robinson Canal Bridge replacement scheduled for bid in June 2017.
- Overlay project on US90 from Hwy660 to Hwy316 scheduled for bid in June 2017.
- Hwy182 overlay project from the Assumption Parish line to Bayou Black scheduled for bid in June 2017.

Lafourche Parish

- LA 308: Turn lanes at Tiger Bridge scheduled for bid in October 2016.
- The replacement of 3 bridges along Hwy1, north of Grand Isle, was scheduled for bid in November 2016 but may be delayed.
- Overlay Project on US90 from Hwy182 to Hwy1 scheduled for bid in January 2017.
- First phase of the Leeville to Golden Meadow Bridge Phase 2c, the widening of the bridge in Leeville was set to let in January 2017.
- LA1: Leeville to Golden Meadow Phase 2E construct Leeville Main Line Intersection Bridge to let in February 2017.

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- Overlay projects, rehabilitation of existing roads set for bid in November.

**Agenda Item # 4**

*Other Local Project Updates*

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

Terrebonne Parish

- Hollywood Rd (4 lane), Bayou Gardens Extension, Thompson Road, Westside Phase 3 (MLK to 311), Falgout Canal Pontoon Bridge Rehab, and Country Drive Widening Phase A were under construction.
- Hollywood Extension (Valhi to Bayou Black), Kings Bayou Bridge replacement, and Mayfield #1 Bridge replacement were in design.
- LA 24 Sidewalks final plan packet has been submitted to DOTD.
- West Park Sidewalks advance check prints has been submitted to DOTD
- East Park Sidewalks Phase 2 were in design.

A. Chiasson gave an update on Local Projects within the City of Thibodaux.

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- North Canal widening project was still ongoing.
- Acadian Road Roundabout project preliminary plans were close to completion.

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

- Repair work on the Galliano Bridge was set to begin.
- An engineering firm has been selected for the Bayou Blue Sidewalk Safe Route to School Project.

**Agenda Item #5**

*Proposed TIP Amendment*

- a. Results of DOTD White Board Meeting*
- b. Lafourche Parish Multiuse Trail*

J. Manning stated a white board meeting was held to discuss project statuses; whereas, some projects were shifted. Some projects were still in need of a Stage 0. J. Manning planned to meet with the jurisdictions to finalize those Stage 0's, so they could move on to the next step of the DOTD process.

J. Leunberger requested the TIP be amended. Lafourche Parish Government would like the funding from the existing

LA1 Corridor Study (US90 to LA654) \$250K and the Mathews/Raceland Small Area Study \$250K to be utilized instead for the engineering phase for LA1 Multiuse Trail project in Central Lafourche.

***It was motioned by J. Leunberger, to recommend to the Policy Committee the combining of funds for the LA1 Corridor Study and the Mathews and instead utilized said funds for the engineering phase for LA1 Multiuse Trail Project in Central Lafourche. C. Pulaski seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.***

D. Shomire informed the TAC that there were three 2016 engineering projects which will be pushed back to 2017.

**Agenda Item # 6**

*2017 TIP – Call for Projects, Application Process*

An email was sent out stating there was approximately \$8.7 million in STP<200K funding available for transportation projects in the Houma-Thibodaux region for the years 2017-2020. Projects must be submitted to the MPO by October 31, 2016. The applications will be reviewed and recommended for selection by the MPO's TAC at the December TAC meeting.

**Agenda Item # 7**

*Lafourche Transportation Plan*

A press release was sent out inviting the public to participate in the planning process of the Lafourche Transit Plan. A series of public workshops were set to be held on September 14<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, and 29<sup>th</sup>. Two workshops per day will be held.

**Agenda Item # 8**

*Brownfields*

A. Choudhuri spoke to the TAC in regards of the Brownfields Assessment Grant awarded to the Region. \$400,000 in grant funding has been awarded for assessments and \$700,000 in loan monies designated for cleanup. The grant cycle begins October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016.

**Agenda Item # 9**

*Air Quality Coaliton*

SCPDC staff will soon begin updating their Path Forward plan. The goal is to expand this plan to cover all the parishes within the SCPDC region. In order to expand the Path Forward A. Choudhuri explained how SCPDC was in the process of establishing a Regional Air Quality Coalition and were in need of volunteers from the local jurisdictions to serve on the Coalition. Quarterly meetings will be held over the course of one year to work on developing specific, measurable, assignable, realistic, and timely (SMART) goals to improve air quality in the SCPDC region. J. Leunberger of Lafourche Parish Government and T. Angelloz of the City of Thibodaux volunteered to participate on the Regional Air Quality Coalition.

**Agenda Item # 10**

*Governor's Transportation Infrastructure Task Force*

L. Marretta explained how Governor Edwards has created the Governor's Transportation Infrastructure Task Force. The Task Force main objection is to review the state's transportation plans and reports and make recommendations on how to best invest in critical infrastructure opportunities throughout the state. Regional meetings with EDOs and MPOs will be held. The Houma-Thibodaux Regional Meeting has been set to be held on Tuesday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 6pm SCPDC.

**Agenda Item #11**

*Other Business*

No other business was discussed.

**Agenda Item # 12**

*Next Meeting Date: Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016 10:00am at SCPDC.*

*Adjournment*

***D. Rome motioned to adjourn the meeting. J. Schexnayder seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.***

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