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

HTMPO Technical Advisory Committee Meeting

Date: March 9, 2017

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

In Attendance:

<b>Committee:</b>	<b>Present:</b> Gary Gisclair, LADOTD Dan Broussard, DOTD Chris Morvant, DOTD Dawn Sholmire, DOTD Terry Arabie, LPG Jeffery Leuenberger, LPG Pat Matherne, LPG Al Levron, TPCG David Rome, TPCG Joan Schexnayder, TPCG Chris Pulaski, TPCG Wendell Voisin, TPCG Thad Angeloz, City of Thibodaux
<b>Staff:</b>	Pat Gordon, SCPDC Josh Manning, SCPDC Cassie Parker, SCPDC Arianna Choudhuri, SCPDC Emma Bergeron, SCPDC
<b>Others in Attendance:</b>	Parker Rogers, LADOTD Douglas Foreman, LPSO

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

**Public Hearing: 2018 Unified Planning Work Program and 2017 Transportation Improvement Plan**

J. Manning opened the floor for Public Comment on the 2018 Unified Planning Work Program and the 2017 Transportation Improvement Plan. **There being no Public Comment, T. Arabie motioned to close the Public Hearing, D. Rome seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Agenda Item # 1**

Roll Call and Introductions

Introductions took place.

**Agenda Item # 2**

Adoption of December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Meeting Minutes

**J. Schexnayder motioned to approve the minutes from the December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016 meeting. C. Pulaski seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Agenda Item # 3**

LA DOTD Project Update

G. Gisclair gave the LA DOTD Project Update.

Terrebonne Parish

- Overlay of Bayou Sallee Road was 52% complete
- Country Drive widening project was 67% complete.
- Began replacing cross drains by TGMC, 15% complete
- Lafayette Street Project from LA311 and LA312 was 43% complete. A portion of the sewer line may be replaced.

Lafourche Parish

- LA1 ITS toll system expansion should begin in May.
- Overlay of US90 from LA182 to LA1 was set to begin.

City of Thibodaux

- Thibodaux overlay project has begun.

A. Levron stated that Terrebonne Parish would be approaching DOTD to discuss the signalization of the Thompson Road and LA57 intersection. A study has been completed. The road was set to open within the upcoming two week.

**Agenda Item # 4**

*Other Local Project Updates*

T. Angeloz gave an update on Local Projects within the City of Thibodaux.

City of Thibodaux

- Overlays of St. Patrick Hwy., North Acadia, and Ridgefield has begun.
- Kick off meeting has been planned for the mini roundabout on Ardoyne.
- A Planning Meeting for the Acadia Road Roundabout will be held at the end of the month.

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

Lafourche Parish

- North Abby Road project was in the engineering stage.
- Overlay projects throughout the Parish.

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

Terrebonne Parish

- Hollywood Rd was now open, completing punch list.
- Bayou Gardens Extension, Thompson Road, and Country Drive Widening Phase A were under construction.
- Kings Bayou Bridge was under construction
- Receiving bids for the Mayfield #1 Bridge until March 14<sup>th</sup>.
- Hollywood Extension from Valhi to Bayou Black was in design.
- Preparing final plan packet to send to DOTD for the LA 24 Sidewalk and West Park Sidewalks.
- Preliminary plans has been sent to DOTD for Eastside Sidewalks Phase 2.
- The Entity/State Agreement has been signed and awaiting Engineer selection for the Prospect Sidewalks.
- In the process of signing the Entity/State Agreement for the Civic Center Sidewalks.
- Waiting on Entity/State Agreement from the LA24 Sidewalk Rehab.
- Received signed CEA for the Lafayette Street Project.

D. Rome reported that the Jeff Drive overlay project was almost completed. In the process of planning a large scale rehab project on Prospect Blvd which was to take place in late April. Enterprise Drive rehab from MLK Blvd to Corporate will begin early summer. It will consist of a full road closure for approximately 4 weeks.

**Agenda Item #5**

*2018 Unified Planning Work Program*

*a. Recommend 2018 UPWP for adoption by Policy Committee*

J. Manning relayed that the 2018 UPWP had been updated with the FHWA monies; but not the project number. He was still waiting on the final FY18 FTA allocation numbers. A recommendation from the TAC for the Policy Committee's adoption was needed.

***It was motioned by C. Pulaski, to recommend to the Policy Committee, the adoption of the 2018 UPWP with the***

**knowledge that the FTA allocation will be updated. D. Rome seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Agenda Item # 6**

*2017 Transportation Improvement Plan*

- a. Review Call for Project Round 2*
- b. Recommend 2017 TIP for Adoption by the Policy Committee*

D. Sholmire gave a brief update on TIP changes. In the past, the state would update their STIP every two years; however, after Federal review the state has been granted approval to update their STIP every four years. The last STIP and TIP was 2015-2018, the next STIP and TIP update would be 2019-2022. This should help with the overlapping of documents. LADOTD recommends to continue being proactive with programing projects. The 2015 TIP will be amended to reflect projects which were to be included in the 2017 TIP. Included in the meeting packet were the project applications received and a spreadsheet which reflected the projects and money allocated toward each project.

***It was motioned by J. Leuenberger to recommend amending the 205 TIP to include new projects recommended at the December 16<sup>th</sup>, m2017 TAC meeting and those recommended today. Projects past FY18 to be included "for informational purposes only" but with Stage 0's being submitted to DOTD. T. Arabie seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.***

**Agenda Item # 7**

*Air Quality Advance Coalition Update*

A. Choudhuri stated she attended the Air Quality Coalition Conference in Baton Rouge where she received a great deal of good information. With the new administration Air Quality Funding was in a wait and see mode, it may be cut from the federal budget. She will email the draft of the Path Forward Plan out to everyone once it has been completed. The draft is due to the EPA by the end of April.

**Agenda Item # 8**

*Amtrak Update*

P. Gordon relayed that the UNO Transportation Institute agreed to conduct a feasibility study on upgrading the Schriever Rail Station. The transit students were planning a site visit to interview local stakeholders and to survey the site. They will then make a recommendation. The second step in a later class they may do a class project on the station. P. Gordon stated he attended the Southern Rail Commission meeting on March 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Agenda Item # 9**

*Next Meeting Date: Thursday, June 8, 2017 10:00am at SCPDC.*

*Adjournment*

***T. Arabie motioned to adjourn the meeting. C. Pulaski seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.***