

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 8, 2017

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

**In Attendance:**

<b>Committee:</b>	<b>Present:</b> Archie Chaisson, City of Thibodaux Chris Pulaski, TPCG Dan Broussard, LADOTD David Rome, TPCG Dawn Sholmire, DOTD Gary Gisclair, LADOTD Joni Tuck, Lafourche Chamber of Commerce Terry Arabie, LPG Tracey Wang, LADOTD Wendell Voisin, TPCG
<b>Staff:</b>	Cassie Parker, SCPDC Emma Bergeron, SCPDC Josh Manning, SCPDC
<b>Others in Attendance:</b>	Henry Boulet, LA1 Coalition Kyle Soignet, Lafourche ARC Leo Marretta, LRSP/LTAP Sonny Carriles, Houma TMC Steve Willett, Rebecca Plantation

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 March 9, 2017 Meeting Minutes*

***D. Rome motioned to approve the minutes from the March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016 meeting. A. Chaisson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.***

**Agenda Item # 3**

*LA DOTD Project Update*

G. Gisclair gave the LA DOTD Project Update.

Lafourche Parish

- Overlay of US90 from LA182 to LA1 was 80% complete. Guardrails and final stripping remains.
- Kraemer Bridge Rehab project, the bridge will be closed until the 25<sup>th</sup>, it is 10% complete.
- Pier One removal in Leeville was 79% complete.
- LA ITS upgrade in the Leeville area was set to begin on August 15<sup>th</sup>.
- LA1 Bridge Replacement Project was scheduled to begin December (after Hurricane Season).

City of Thibodaux

- Thibodaux overlay project was 94% completed.

Terrebonne Parish

- Country Drive widening project was 70% complete.
- LA57 Bayou Sallee Overlay project was 70% complete. Patching has been completed.
- Lafayette Street Project from LA311 and LA312 was 45% complete. Waiting to begin sewer work.

**Agenda Item # 4**

*Other Local Project Updates*

D. Rome gave an update on Local Projects within Terrebonne Parish.

Terrebonne Parish

- Kings Bayou Bridge was 80% complete and on schedule.
- Enterprise Drive project has begun and was expected to remain close to traffic till June 26<sup>th</sup>.
- Bayou Gardens Blvd Extension has opened. All punch-list items have been cleared.
- Thompson Road Extension has opened, waiting on signalization. The Council passed an ordinance to officially request from DOTD to expedite that effort.

**Agenda Item #5**

*Air Quality Advance Coalition Update*

In A. Choudhuri's absence, J. Manning relayed how A. Choudhuri was still awaiting direction from the EPA as to the future of the Air Quality Advance Program. Funding for the program may be cut, no final budgetary decision has been made as of yet.

**Agenda Item # 6**

*Amtrak Working Group Update*

J. Manning gave a brief update on the Amtrak Working Group efforts. He and P. Gordon met with UNO's Land Use and Transportation Class for an analysis and recommendations at the station. The results of the students' work were included in the meeting packet. The students' final

recommendations were to focus not on attracting Amtrak, but to on creating a destination point for travelers. The Amtrak Focus Group recommended that local jurisdictions within the MPO sponsor a Feasibility/Planning study for the development of a Multi-Modal center at the station. It was suggested to set aside \$50,000 in TIP funds for this study with local entities covering a 20% match. (\$10,000 total, or \$5K from Terrebonne and \$5K from Lafourche).

### **Agenda Item # 7**

#### *Stage 0 Updates*

J. Manning stated the Policy Committee amended the TIP to include Stage 0's for (7) seven Lafourche Parish projects, (1) one Village of Napoleonville project, (2) two Terrebonne Parish project, and (3) three City of Thibodaux projects. He gave a brief update on each project.

### **Agenda Item # 8**

#### *Proposed TIP Amendment*

##### *a. City of Thibodaux – Downtown Sidewalk Rehabilitation*

J. Manning relayed there were some remaining TIP funds. The City of Thibodaux applied for sidewalk rehabilitation in downtown Thibodaux. The grant application was included in the meeting packet. A. Chaisson stated there are areas within downtown where the sidewalks are deteriorated and not handicap accessible. The City would like to begin with rehabbing the most commonly used downtown areas first then later proceed with rehabbing the remaining areas. Estimate was for \$19,320 in design and \$193,200 in construction.

***T. Arabie motioned to recommend to the Policy Committee amending the TIP to include the City of Thibodaux Downtown Sidewalk Rehabilitation Project, D. Rome seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.***

##### *b. Multimodal Transportation Center Design*

The need for the Multimodal Transportation Center Design was discussed under the Amtrak update. The MPO would like to set aside \$50,000 in TIP funds for this study with local entities providing a 20% match, \$10,000 total. (\$5,000 from Terrebonne, \$5,000 from Lafourche). The TIP will not be amended to reflect the Multimodal Transportation Center Design project until a commitment from Terrebonne and Lafourche has been received.

***W. Voisin motioned to recommend to the Policy Committee amending the TIP to include the Multimodal Transportation Center Design project. A. Chaisson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.***

### **Agenda Item # 9**

*Next Meeting Date: Thursday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017 10:00am at SCPDC.*

#### *Adjournment*

***T. Arabie motioned to adjourn the meeting. A. Chaisson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.***