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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 14th, 2017

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

In Attendance:

Committee:	Present: Gary Gisclair, LADOTD Dawn Sholmire, LADOTD Terry Arabie, LPG Jeffery Leuenberger, LPG Al Levron, TPCG Chris Pulaski, TPCG David Rome, TPCG Joan Schexnayder, TPCG Michael Toups, TPCG
Staff:	Patrick Gordon, SCPDC Josh Manning, SCPDC Cassie Parker, SCPDC
Others in Attendance:	Ryan Dantin, LPSO Henri Boulet, LA 1 Coalition Jessica DeVille, LADOTD Christopher Rogers, LADOTD Autumn Goodfellow-Thompson, LA Hwy Safety Tracey Wang, LADOTD Beryl Amedee, LA House of Representatives Dennis Bergeron, LSP-C Bill Ellzey, Newspaper Columnist Phil Schexnayder, Providence Lt. Doug Chauvin, Jr., TPSO Mike Palamone, Urban Systems

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 8, 2017 Meeting Minutes

J. Schexnayder motioned to approve the minutes from the June 8th, 2017 meeting. T. Arabie seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item # 3

LA DOTD Project Update

C. Rogers gave the LA DOTD Project Update.

Lafourche Parish

- LA654 (Gheens) Overlay Project just began. Pipe replacements along the highway.
- LA308 Shoulder Widening Project, a safety project in the St. Charles area, a notice to proceed has been issued. Construction should begin within a month.
- LA1 Grand Isle Bridge construction time just started.
- Kramer Bridge Rehab Project was nearly completed.
- ITS Upgrade on the Leeville Bridge is approximately 10% complete.

Terrebonne Parish

- US90 Drainage Canal repair between LA311 and LA24; a notice to proceed has been issued. Construction should begin within a month.
- LA182 overlay in Gibson from Bayou Black to the Assumption Parish line, DOTD will soon be issuing a notice to proceed.
- LA660, Coteau Road overlay contracts were in the process of being executed. Construction will soon begin.
- LA57 Bayou Sallee overlay has been completed.

Agenda Item # 4

Other Local Project Updates

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

Terrebonne Parish

- Bayou Gardens Extension, Thompson Road, and Kings Bayou Bridge were complete.
- Country Drive Widening Phase A, Mayfield #1 Bridge, and Hollywood Extension (Valhi to Bayou Black) were under construction.
- Civic Center Roundabout Entity/State Agreement has been signed, waiting for Engineer selection.
- Falgout Canal Road Rehab was currently in design.
- LA24 Sidewalks Final Plan and West Park Sidewalks packets have been submitted to DOTD.
- Eastside Sidewalks Phase 2 Preliminary Plans have been sent to DOTD.
- Prospect Sidewalks and Civic Center Sidewalks Entity/State Agreements have been signed, waiting for Engineer selection.
- LA24 Sidewalk Rehab were in the process of signing the Entity/State Agreement.
- Williams Multi-Use Path, the Parish was accepting the grant.

J. Manning stated he would like to request a motion to amend the agenda for discussion TIGER and INFA Grants. **J. Schexnayder motioned to amend the agenda for discussion on Tiger and Infra Grants. C. Pulaski seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.**

TIGER & INFRA Grants Discussion

P. Gordon relayed the USDOTD announced \$500 million funding opportunity through the TIGER program. He inquired whether an HT-MPO proposed project was required to be part of the STIP or the TIP when applying for TIGER Grant funding. If so, what is the process for a project to be included within the STIP? H. Boulet relayed the process the LA1 Coalition had to follow in order to be included in the STIP. First, DOTD invites projects to make a presentation, then DOTD evaluates the project and decides the project's categorization. D. Sholmire stated that a proposed project should be listed within the HT-MPO Long Range Plan.

In regards to INFRA, H. Boulet requested a letter of support if the State moves forward in applying to INFRA for the LA1 Improvement Project. Part of the LA1 Improvement Project is within the HT-MPO jurisdiction, in the Town of Golden Meadow where LA1 ties into LA3235. **T. Arabie motioned to recommend the HT-MPO Policy Committee write a letter of support for INFRA Grant funding for the LA1 Improvement Project. J. Leuenberger seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Agenda Item #5

Air Quality Advance Coalition Update

In A. Choudhuri's absence J. Manning stated there was no update to be given. Included within the meeting packet were a listing of grant and funding opportunities. The opportunities listed are primarily for Air Quality; however there may be assistance to be found that would help with other projects.

Agenda Item # 6

Amtrak Working Group Update

P. Gordon gave a brief update on the Amtrak Working Group efforts. The Amtrak Depot upgrade has been placed within the TIP with the condition that a local match be secured within six months or so. The City of Thibodaux and the Tourist Commission of Terrebonne have committed to participate in the local match. P. Gordon plans to meet with the Lafourche Tourist Commission about their participation in the local match. If (5) five jurisdictions participate, it would cost each jurisdiction \$2,000. Upon the local match being met, the Feasibility Study can begin.

Agenda Item # 7

Stage 0 Updates

J. Manning relayed that he has been making minor change to the Stage 0 projects. Sidewalk and multiuse projects have been the biggest changes due to the change in the DOTD's design standards. Sidewalks have changed from 4' to 5' and multi-use trails from 8' to 10'. He has been adjusting the cost estimates and language to the impacted projects. D. Sholmire stated that project numbers have been assigned to the Larose, Audubon Avenue, and LA20 Overlay projects. The HT-MPO has sent a letter to LADOTD requesting a Stage 0 be done on LA3040 (MLK Blvd). T. Wang stated she has submitted a request for the LA3040 Stage 0 to LADOTD Design and Safety. J. Manning promised to follow up on the status of the Stage 0 in the upcoming weeks.

Agenda Item # 8

Update on FAST Act Performance Measures

a. Consideration of State's Safety Program Performance Measures

J. Manning gave an update on the FAST Act Performance Measures. The federal transportation bills MAP-21 and now FAST Act have directed states and MPOs to adopt performance measures and targets for the following six (6) areas: Highway Safety, Pavement and Bridge Conditions, System Performance in relation to freight performance and congestion management, Asset Management (Highway), FTA Transit Area Management, and FTA Public Transportation Study. The State must first establish performance targets then the MPO, in consultation with the state, must decide to either adopt the State's measures or develop their own. The MPOs will not be penalized if targets aren't achieved. However, the state can be penalized and lose some flexibility in the federal funds. He stated he plans to have a guest speak on the topic at the next HT-MPO Policy Committee meeting. Within the meeting packet there was a handout of a slide presentation and other pertinent information in regards to the FAST Act Performance Measures. February 2018 is the deadline for the HT-MPO to make a decision as to whether or not to adopt DOTD's targets or develop their own. A. Goodfellow-Thompson stated DOTD targets have been submitted & they were going with the 1% reduction. The State's targets are for: Fatality Rates, Serious Injury Rates, Number of Fatalities, Number of Serious Injuries, and Non-Motorized Users.

J. Leuenberger motioned to recommend to the Policy Committee the MPO follow the State's Safety Program Performance Measures. D. Rome seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

J. Manning stated he would like to request a motion to amend the agenda item #9 to include the Napoleonville Sidewalks in the discussion of the Proposed TIP Amendments. ***J. Leuenberger motioned to amend agenda item #9 to include the Napoleonville Sidewalks in the discussion of the Proposed TIP Amendments. T. Arabie seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.***

Agenda Item #9

Proposed TIP Amendment

a. Bayou Blue Sidewalk Stage 0

J. Manning informed the TAC that Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government has requested to amend the TIP to also include funding for the Stage 0 for the Bayou Blue Sidewalk project. This would use STP<200K funds. This would be an amendment into the FFY18 for \$20K. Preliminary engineering is necessary in order to determine which side of the highway would be most feasible to place a sidewalk.

J. Schexnayder motioned to recommend to the Policy Committee amending the TIP to include funding for the Bayou Blue Sidewalk Project Stage 0. D. Roe seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

b. Napoleonville Sidewalks

J. Manning relayed in order for the Napoleonville Sidewalk to be eligible for federal funds more work was required than initially expected. The Village of Napoleonville originally wanted to do spot maintenance; however, the sidewalks are in need of complete rehabilitation to bring them up to standard with curb cuts, crosswalks, and from 3ft widths to 5ft widths. A funding plan has been created that the Village was in agreement with. This funding plan was included in the meeting packet for the TAC to review. A recommendation to the Policy Committee to amend the TIP for this project was needed.

D. Rome motioned to recommend to the Policy Committee amending the TIP to include the long term funding plan for the Napoleonville Sidewalk Rehabilitation Project. T. Arabie seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item # 10

Next Meeting Date: Thursday, December 14th, 2017 10:00am at SCPDC.

Adjournment

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

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