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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 14th, 2017

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

In Attendance:

Committee:	Present: Chris Pulaski, TPCG David Rome, TPCG Jeffery Leuenberger, LPG Joan Schexnayder, TPCG Joni Tuck, GLPC Adam Lefort, LPG Parker Rogers, LADOTD Pat Matherne, LPG Tracey Wang, LADOTD
Staff:	Arianna Choudhuri, SCPDC Cassie Parker, SCPDC Josh Manning, SCPDC Kevin Belanger, SCPDC Lesley Long, SCPDC Martha Cazaubon, SCPDC
Others in Attendance:	Dennis Bergeron, LSP-C Laura Philips, FHWA Leo Marretta, LTAP/LRSP Lt. Doug Chauvin, Jr., TPSO Michael Toups, TPCG Phil Schexnayder, Providence Thomas Montz, Arcadis Yuwen Hou, Arcadis

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 14, 2017 Meeting Minutes

C. Pulaski motioned to approve the minutes from the September 14th, 2017 meeting. J. Schexnayder seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item # 3

LA DOTD Project Update

There was no DOTD personnel present to give the Project Update; therefore, agenda item was tabled.

Agenda Item # 4

Other Local Project Updates

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

Terrebonne Parish

- Country Drive Widening Phase A, Mayfield #1 Bridge replacement, and Hollywood Extension (Valhi to Bayou Black) were under construction.
- Construction contracts for Falgout Canal Road Rehab will soon be signed.
- LA24 Sidewalks and West Park Sidewalks Final Plan packets have been submitted to DOTD, possible letting date is July 2018.
- Eastside Sidewalks Phase 2 plan-in-hand. In the process of making the necessary corrections for resubmittal.
- Theriot Bridge was in design.
- Engineering Contracts for Prospect Sidewalks, LA24 Sidewalk Rehab, and Civic Center Sidewalks will soon be signed.
- Civic Center Roundabout Entity/State Agreement signed, awaiting Engineer selection.
- Williams Multi-Use Path, the Parish has accepted the grant, awaiting project number so the environmental approval process can begin.

J. Leuenberger gave an update on Local Projects within Lafourche Parish.

Lafourche Parish

- The Transportation Plan has been distributed to staff for review and comment.

Agenda Item #5

Air Quality Advance Coalition Update

A. Choudhuri relayed that DEQ was moving forward with their Alternate Fuel Corridor that has been identified. Hwy 90 within the I-49 extension will be included linking Texas to Florida. LDEQ was putting an application in to EPA for a linkage of Alternative Fuel Corridors in the State. SCPDC has been identified by LDEQ as one of the stakeholders for this project should they receive funding next year.

Agenda Item # 6

Amtrak Working Group Update

J. Manning gave a brief update in P. Gordon's absence. The opening on the line between New Orleans and Jacksonville will be delayed due to a transition with the Amtrak leadership; however, it is still scheduled to take place. There has not been any discussion of changes of services on the route between New Orleans and Houston. C. Pulaski stated that at the Acadiana APA Chapter meeting to be held the following day an On-Demand Webinar will be held. Topic for discussion will be Amtrak Station design guidelines. J. Manning informed the TAC the scope of the feasibility study was almost completed.

Agenda Item # 7

Stage 0 Updates

J. Manning relayed that the following projects have been approved and project numbers requested: LA20/LA304 Sidewalk Improvement (Chackbay), LA1 Sidewalks (CutOff), LA1 Ped/Multi-Use Path (Lockport), and Downtown Thibodaux Sidewalk Improvements.

Project Numbers which have been assigned are: Larose Multi-Use Path, Audubon Overlay (LA1 to Terrebonne Parish Line), LA20 Overlay (Percy Brown Rd to Jackson Street), and Valhi Multi-Use Trial.

Addressing comments on the Napoleonville Sidewalks project.

Consultant has been selected and contract signed for Civic Center at Valhi Blvd Intersection Improvements. A Notice to Proceed on the Stage 0 is forthcoming. The Canal Blvd Bridge Replacement Project was not accepted at this time. The bridge was not eligible for Off Systems Bridge Funds at this time.

A Scope has been submitted to DOTD for the Bayou Blue Sidewalks. It was suggested for the local DOTD to inspect area and provide a recommendation before pursuing a consultant.

Agenda Item # 8

Update on FAST Act Performance Measures

a. Presentation by FHWA

J. Manning introduced Ms. L. Philips of FHWA. She gave a brief overview of the National Transportation Performance Management (TPM) Requirements. Performance Measures which have been established by the State are: Safety, NHS Pavement, NHS Performance. MPO's have the option to agree to support all of the State targets, establish own targets for all performance measures, or a combination of both. There are five (5) performance measures established under the Safety Performance Measure: Fatalities & Serious Injuries, Fatality & Serious Injury Rate, Non-Motorized Fatalities and Serious Injuries. 2018 State Safety Targets are due in the 2017 HSIP Report. MPO's must establish Safety Targets by February 27, 2018. Performance Measure 2: NHS Pavement, pavement will be assessed on roughness, cracking, and rutting/faulting. Conditions will be graded on Good, Fair, and Poor by using the Highway Performance Monitoring System. MPOs determine miles of locally owned NHS within the MPO Area and must report baseline and 4-year targets in their MTP. Performance period will be January 2018 – December 2021. NHS Bridges also falls under Performance Measure 2. Bridge conditions will be graded on Good, Fair, and Poor. Must determine what percentage deck area is in poor condition. MPOs report baseline and targets in their MTP and determine locally owned NHS bridges with the MPO area. Under Performance Measure 3: NHS Performance, the HT-MPO will mostly be concerned with the Non-Interstate Travel Time Reliability Measure which is the percent of person-miles traveled on the non-Interstate NHS that are reliable. This performance will be measured by the Level of Travel Time Reliability (LOTTR) metric. MPOs must have their NHS Performance Targets established by November 15th, 2018.

b. Consideration of Safety Program Performance Measures

J. Manning stated at the last TAC meeting the TAC recommended to the Policy Committee the adoption of the State's Safety Performance Measures; however, the Policy Committee requested further research before adopting the Safety Performance Measures. Upon doing so it was found that a 1% reduction within the HT-MPO area was very insignificant. Staff has suggested being a bit more ambitious and has recommended setting the following:

- 2.5% reduction in fatalities from a 2016 baseline of 43 to a target of 42 in 2018.
- 2.5% reduction in serious injuries from a 2016 baseline of 28 to a target of 27 in 2018.

- 2.5% reduction in fatality rate from a 2016 baseline of 2.06 to a target of 2.01 in 2018.
- 2.5% reduction in serious injury rate from a 2016 baseline of 1.34 to a target of 1.31 in 2018.
- 5% reduction in non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries from a 2016 baseline of 14 to a target of 13 in 2018.

J. Manning explained that no action was needed for this agenda item. The figures have been included within the UPWP and TIP, thus adoption of said documents will also include an adoption of the Performance Targets. ***It was motioned by D. Rome to recommend to the Policy Committee the proposed Safety Program Performance Measure of 2.5% reduction in Fatalities, Serious Injuries, and Fatality Rates and 5% reduction in Non-Motorized Fatalities and Serious Injuries Rate. C. Pulaski seconded the motion. There being no objections motion carried.***

Agenda Item #9

Draft 2018-2019 UPWP

J. Manning stated an early Draft of the UPWP was included within the meeting packet. He requested TAC members review the document and submit comments before January 2018. The HT-MPO does not have the final funding numbers for FY2019; therefore funding numbers used in the UPWP are based off FY2018 funds. ***It was motioned by J. Schexnadyer to recommend that the Policy Committee accept the draft UPWP and call public hearings on the document at the March TAC meeting and the April Policy Committee meeting. D. Rome seconded the motion. There being no objections motion carried.***

Agenda Item # 10

Draft 2019-2022 TIP

a. Open Call for Projects

For the TAC members to review and comment on a draft of the TIP was included within the meeting packet. Approximately \$7 million will be available in the new TIP for projects. J. Manning requested members to begin thinking of which projects they would like to apply for. He stated that the HT-MPO staff was available to meet to assist in developing project ideas. He suggested for members to look in the Long Range Plan or the Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan to see what projects were listed there.

b. Transit Program

Also included within the meeting packet were letters from local E&D and Rural Transit Programs requesting grant funding. Good Earth Transit's Program of Projects (POP) was also included for public review. This POP will be included in the appropriate TIP year. These entities were requesting that if the various grants they are applying for are approved by DOTD, that they be included within the appropriate TIP year. J. Manning stated this was something the HT-MPO did every year for the area transit providers.

It was motioned by D. Rome to recommend that the Policy Committee receive the Draft UPWP, calls a public hearing on the Draft UPWP at the March TAC meeting and the April Policy Committee meeting, opens the call of projects, and that the Transit Program grant letters were awarded that they would be included within the future TIP. J. Schexnadyer seconded the motion. There being no objections motion carried.

Agenda Item # 11

Consideration to request DOTD for Thermoplastic Striping on Area Roadways

This topic was discussed at the previous TAC/Infrastructure and Operations meeting. The HT-MPO drafted a letter to be sent from the Policy Committee Chairman to DOTD requesting that DOTD consider using highly reflective paint on new overlays at the minimum. J. Manning requested TAC members review the letter which was included within the meeting packet. ***It was motioned by C. Pulaski to recommend the Policy Committee submit letter to DOTD. D. Rome seconded the motion. There being no objections motion carried.***

Agenda Item # 12

Next Meeting Date: Thursday, March 8th, 2018 10:00am at SCPDC.

a. GET DBE Consultation Meeting – March 1, 2018 – 10AM

Adjournment

C. Pulaski motioned to adjourn the meeting. J. Schexnayder seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

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