

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:** March 8th, 2018

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

In Attendance:

Committee:	Archie Chaisson, City of Thibodaux Casey Lewis, LADOTD Chris Pulaski, TPCG Christopher Rogers, LADOTD Dan Broussard, LADOTD David Rome, TPCG Gary Gisclair, LADOTD Joan Schexnayder, TPCG Joni Tuck, Lafourche Chamber Adam Lefort, LPG Terry Arabie, LPG Thad Angelloz, City of Thibodaux
Staff:	Cassie Parker, SCPDC Emma Bergeron, SCPDC Josh Manning, SCPDC Patrick Gordon, SCPDC Stephanie Bruning, SCPDC
Others in Attendance:	Bill Ellzey, Columnist Doug Foreman, LPSO Frank Besson, LSP-C Julia Arenstam, Daily Comet

J. Manning called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM. A Public Hearing was held receive public comment on the 2019 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) and 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP). ***There being no public comments received J. Schexnayder motioned to close the Public Hearing for 2019 UPWP and the 2019-2022 TIP. A. Chiasson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.***

Agenda Item # 1

Roll Call and Introductions

Introductions took place.

Agenda Item # 2

Adoption of December 14, 2017 Meeting Minutes

D. Rome motioned to approve the minutes from the December 14th, 2017 meeting. A. Lefort seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item # 3

LA DOTD Project Update

C. Rogers gave the LA DOTD Project Update.

Terrebonne Parish

- Overlay of LA182 in Gibson has been completed.
- LA308 Overlay Safety Project in the St. Charles Community is close to completion.
- Currently laying asphalt on LA654 in Gheens, expected completion within a month.
- LA660 Overlay, Coteau Road between LA182 and Prospect, the Contractor plans lay asphalt at the end of the month into the beginning of April.
- Asphalt was completed on the Lafayette Street Overlay Project; awaiting joint repair and permanent striping.
- Country Drive widening project was close to completion.
- LA24 Right turn lane project at LA3040 (MLK Blvd) has been awarded and set to begin before summer.

P. Gordon relayed that entrepreneur H. Richard has made a request to TEDA for a left turn lane be added at the intersection of LA24 & LA3040. The intersection becomes stacked. It was stated that the bridge at the intersection was already limited.

Lafourche Parish

- The (3) Grand Isle Bridges Project is on schedule.
- The LA1 Leeville Bridge widening project will begin in June.
- The LA1 Leeville Bridge striping project will begin in either late March or beginning of April.
- Lockport Streets Overlay Project was set to begin at the end of March, beginning of April.
- The West Larose Bridge Rehab Project was approximately 90% complete. A Change Order has been made to replace machinery on the platform. The Bridge is currently functional. The project has been placed on hold until after Hurricane Season and should resume in the fall.
- LA308 Bridge in Raceland will be completely replaced by DOTD's statewide crew.

Agenda Item # 4

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.
- Falgout Canal Road Rehab has begun.
- LA24 Sidewalks and West Park Sidewalks Final Plan packets have been submitted to DOTD, possible letting date is July 2018.
- Eastside Sidewalks Phase 2 95% final plans have been sent to DOTD.
- Theriot Bridge and Prospect Sidewalks were in design.
- Engineering Contracts for LA24 Sidewalk Rehab, and Civic Center Sidewalks will soon be signed.
- Civic Center Roundabout Entity/State Agreement signed, awaiting Stage 0.
- Williams Multi-Use Path beginning the environmental approval process.

Agenda Item #5

Air Quality Advance Coalition Update

J. Manning stated there was no update.

Agenda Item # 6

Amtrak Working Group Update

J. Manning relayed a Scope for a Stage 0 has been submitted to LADOTD. He was still waiting to hear back from LADOTD.

Agenda Item # 7

Safety Update

C. Parker stated a statewide Infrastructure and Operations SHSP meeting held on February 22nd. Safe Routes to Public Places grant applications was being accepted until April 20th. She announced Lutchter High School as the winner of the "Capturing Safety through the Lens" Contest. Lafourche Parish Sheriff's Office holds monthly seat belt checks and will be hosting child protection seat checks at different locations throughout the Parish.

Agenda Item # 8

Stage 0 Updates

Almost all projects received during the last round of Call for Projects have been given project numbers with a few exceptions. The Napoleonville Sidewalks Stage 0 and the Central Lafourche Bike Path Stage 0 was returned with comments. The comments have been addressed and submitted to LADOTD. Staff met with DOTD District 02 Engineers for a site visit for the Bayou Blue Sidewalks Safety Project. It was decided to place the sidewalk on the north bound side of the highway. The Stage 0 has been submitted to LADOTD. T. Baker Smith will be conducting the Stage 0 for the Civic Center Roundabout Analysis. DOTD has finalized the scope for the Stage 0 for safety improvements on Hwy 3040 (MLK Blvd).

Agenda Item #9

Draft 2018-2019 UPWP

a. Recommend Adoption by Policy Committee

J. Manning reviewed the recent changes to the FY19 UPWP Tasks. A handout reflecting those funding changes was given to TAC members. ***It was motioned by A. Chiasson to recommend adoption of the Draft 2018-2019 UPWP by the Policy Committee, D. Rome seconded the motion. There being no objections motion carried.***

b. Metroquest

S. Bruning presented MetroQuest to the TAC. MetroQuest is a web-based suite of public engagement tools that can be utilized by planners to help engage stakeholders and the public throughout a planning cycle. It helps to optimize citizen participation for all outreach and planning projects. She briefly reviewed the tools of the website. Members present was in agreement that they were interested in pursuing a software such as MetroQuest.

Agenda Item # 10

Draft 2019-2022 TIP

a. Recommend Project Awards

One project application was received from the City of Thibodaux for a roundabout at the intersection of Acadia Road and Percy Brown Road. Terrebonne Parish has projects still under

development which will not exceed \$3 million. ***It was motioned by A. Chiasson, seconded by J. Schexnayder to include the stated projects within the 2019-2022 TIP and to recommend that the Policy Committee adopt the draft 2019-2022 TIP. There being no objection motion carried.***

It was motioned by D. Rome, seconded by A. Lefort to amend the agenda to include discussion of the DOTD requested TIP amendment for the Acadia Road Roundabout. There being no objection motion carried.

J. Manning explained that DOTD has requested that the 2015 TIP be amended to remove Acadia Road Roundabout construction and to include it in the 2019-2022 TIP. Project cost will not affect MPO funds.

b. Acadia Road Roundabout

It was motioned by G. Gisclair to amend the 2015 by removing the Acadia Road Roundabout Project and to include the Project into the 2019-2022 TIP and recommend amendment to the Policy Committee. D. Broussard seconded. There being no objection motion carried.

Agenda Item # 11

2018 Safe Routes to Public Places Application Cycle

a. Due Friday, April 20, 2018

Grant applications are due April 20th, 2018. Contact C. Parker for assistance.

Agenda Item # 12

Houma Thibodaux to LA3127 Connection Update

A newsletter providing an update was included within the meeting packet.

Agenda Item # 13

DOTD Conference Update

J. Manning and P. Gordon attend the DOTD's Statewide Transportation Conference. J. Manning attending sessions for the MPO Long Range Transportation Plans.

Agenda Item # 14

Next Meeting Date: Thursday, June 14, 2018 10:00am at SCPDC.

Adjournment

J. Schexnayder motioned to adjourn the meeting. A. Lefort seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.