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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:** December 13th, 2018

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

In Attendance:

Committee:	Present: Casey Lewis, LADOTD Chris Pulaski, TPCG Christopher Rogers, LADOTD Dan Broussard, LADOTD Dawn Sholmire, LADOTD Gary Gisclair, LADOTD Jeffery Leuenberger, LPG Joan Schexnayder, TPCG Tracey Wang, LADOTD
Staff:	Cassie Parker, SCPDC Emma Bergeron, SCPDC Josh Manning, SCPDC Pat Gordon, SCPDC Stephanie Bruning, SCPDC
Others in Attendance:	Amanda Gibson, LSU Ag Center Amber Plessala, T. Baker Smith Doug Chauvin, TPSO Douglas Foreman, LPSO Frank Besson, LSP-C Karla Courtade, LADOTD Laura Riggs, LADOTD Parker Rogers, LADOTD

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

Agenda Item # 1

Roll Call and Introductions

Introductions took place.

Ms. Gibson of LSU Ag Center spoke briefly to the Committee on the upcoming Community Health Forum for Downtown Houma. It will be held on January 10th, 2019 at the Terrebonne Parish Main Library from 5:30pm – 7:00pm. This will be a public forum to discuss changes that will improve physical activity and nutrition among residents in downtown Houma.

Agenda Item # 2

Adoption of September 13th, 2018 Meeting Minutes

Agenda Item 2, Adoption of September 13th, 2018 Meeting Minutes. ***It was motioned by J. Schexnayder to approve the minutes from the September 13th, 2018 TAC meeting. C. Pulaski seconded. There being no objections, motion carried.***

Agenda Item # 3

LA DOTD Project Update

C. Rogers gave the LA DOTD Project Update.

Lafourche Parish

- Grand Isle Bridge is 70% completed. Two lanes in both directions were temporarily opened.
- LA1 Leville Bridge Phase 2, widening of the turn, contractor is on schedule, completion is estimated Fall 2019.
- LA307 Overlay has been completed; shoulder work and permanent striping remaining.
- LA20 Overlay from LA648 to Jackson Street has begun.
- North Canal Intersection Upgrade at 7th Street and the LA308 Turn Lane at LA648 estimated start is early 2019.
- Intersection improvements at LA182 and US90 will begin after cane grinding season has ended.

Terrebonne Parish

- LA660 Bridge Replacement construction will begin after the Christmas Holidays.
- US90 Median Cable Barrier Project construction has begun.
- The Contractor is currently having the joint fabricated for Twin Span Joint Repair Project. Tentatively the bridge is scheduled for repair the first weekend of January.
- LA182 Right Turn Lanes at Hwy316 & Hwy660 will begin after the Holidays.
- LA57 Overlay from Thompson Road to Cedar Grove Rd was awarded to Barrier Construction. This is expected to begin in March 2019 or early April 2019.
- LA182 Roundabout at Hollywood Road letting date has been set for February 13th, 2019.
- Carole Street Bridge in Gibson letting date has been set for January 9th, 2019.
- LA182 Right Turn Lane at Hwy 24 letting date has been set for February 13th, 2019.
- LA182 Overlay from LA308 to US90 letting date is set for June 12th, 2019.

Agenda Item # 4

Local Project Updates

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

Terrebonne Parish

- Country Drive Widening Phase A has been completed.
- Hollywood Extension (Valhi to Bayou Black), Falgout Canal Road Rehab, LA24 Sidewalks, West Park Sidewalks and Theriot Bridge was under construction.
- Eastside Sidewalks Phase 2 verification plans have been sent to DOTD.
- Submitted Preliminary Plans for Civic Center Sidewalks to DOTD.
- Currently working on LA 24 Sidewalk Rehab Preliminary Plans.
- Civic Center Round About was in Stage 0
- Williams Multi-Use Path was in the environmental approval process.
- Prospect Sidewalks are hold, Right of Way is required.
- Industrial Blvd Bridge Replacement and Polk Street Bridge Replacement are in design.

Agenda Item #5

Amtrak Working Group Update

J. Manning relayed that DOTD's final review of the study of all the Amtrak Stations within Louisiana has been completed. Once the report has been released J. Manning will email a copy to the Amtrak Working Committee for distribution to interested parish officials and council members.

Agenda Item # 6

Draft 2020 Unified Planning Work Program

The Draft 2020 UPWP was included within the meeting packet for the TAC to review. Funding availability from DOTD has not been received; therefore; estimates using funding numbers from the current fiscal year are being used until those numbers are received. Comments are due by Thursday, January 20th so they can be presented to the Policy Committee for review. ***It was motioned by C. Pulaski that the TAC recommend the Policy Committee accept the draft UPWP and call a public hearing. J. Schexnayder seconded. There being no objections, motion carried.***

Agenda Item # 7

2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program Amendments

- a. ***H.011962 LA1, 308: CO C & BAYOU BLUE LAF MB REHAB (HBI)***
Add feasibility phase at a cost of \$350,000 STPFLEX funding at 80/20 in FFY2019
- b. ***H.011986 LA58: BAYOU TERREBONNE MB REHAB (HBI)***
Add feasibility phase at a cost of \$150,000 STPFLEX funding at 80/20 in FFY2019

D. Sholmire explained project H.011962 will be broken into two separate projects; the cost for both projects will remain \$350,000. ***It was motioned by J. Leunberger to recommend to the HT-MPO Policy Committee to amend the TIP to include the three projects. C. Pulaski seconded. There being no objections, motion carried.***

Agenda Item # 8

New DOTD/FHWA Procedures to Amend or Administratively Modify the Louisiana Statewide (STIP) and Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP)

J. Manning relayed that the FHWA reviewed and approved LADOTD's revised "Procedures to Amend or Administratively Modify the STIP and TIP. These new guidelines were based on inflation and other similar factors. The goal is to decrease the number of needed TIP amendments. All administrative changes will be available on the HT-MPO website for review. Also, included within the meeting packet was a copy of the letter received from DOTD and a listing of the revisions made. ***It was motioned by C. Pulaski to recommend acceptance of DOTD/FHWA procedures to amend or administratively modify the STIP and TIP to reflect the new guidelines. A. Chaisson seconded. There being no objections, motion carried.***

Agenda Item #9

Louisiana DOTD Transit Asset Management Plan

Included within the meeting packet was a copy of DOTD's Statewide Transit Asset Management Group Plan. This plan covers small transportation agencies which have small fleets. The FAST Act allows these agencies to join a statewide plan rather than develop their own due to the agency's size. Within the HT-MPO area, this plan covers the Assumption COA, the Lafourche COA, and the Terrebonne COA. ***It was motioned by J. Schexnayder to recommend that the HT-MPO Policy Committee adopt the LADOTD Transit Asset Management Plan and support the state performance targets. C. Pulaski seconded. There being no objections, motion carried.***

Agenda Item # 10

Safety Performance Measures

J. Manning explained how Safety Performance Measures are to be readopted every year. The State's goal is a 1% reduction in fatalities. The State's PM Target Tool was included within the meeting packet. This handout shows what the reduction would look like for the Region. ***It was motioned by C. Pulaski to recommend to the HT-MPO Policy Committee supporting the DOTD's Safety Performance Measures of 1% reduction. J.***

Schexnayder seconded. There being no objections, motion carried.

Agenda Item # 11

South Central Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Plan Update

This agenda item was skipped due to it being on the agenda for the meeting to follow.

Agenda Item # 12

Civic Center @ Valhi Blvd Intersection Study Update

Ms. A. Plessela reviewed the Stage 0 Analysis of the Civic Center @ Valhi Blvd Intersection.

Agenda Item # 13

Updating of the Public Participation Plan

J. Manning reviewed the proposed changes to the Public Participation Plan. No action was taken.

Agenda Item # 14

Next Meeting Date: March 14th, 2019

Adjournment

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

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