

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 14th, 2019

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

In Attendance:

Committee:	Present: Jeffery Leuenberger, LPG Chris Pulaski, TPCG David Rome, TPCG Joan Schexnayder, TPCG Dan Broussard, LADOTD Gary Gisclair, LADOTD Sarah Arceneaux, City of Thibodaux Lionel Lagarde, Sr., Lafourche Parish Government Christopher Rogers, LADOTD Tracey Wang, LADOTD
Staff:	Pat Gordon, SCPDC Martha Cazaubon, SCPDC Adam Lefort, SCPDC Josh Manning, SCPDC Cassie Parker, SCPDC Emma Bergeron, SCPDC
Others in Attendance:	Betsy Tramonte, FHWA John Broemmelsiek, FHWA Lionel Bailey, St. John the Baptist Parish Daniel Belanger, Houma PD Jonathan Gambino, LADOTD Dontrell Jones, LADOTD Frank Besson, LSP-C Katie Tabor, TPCG

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 December 13th, 2018 Meeting Minutes

Agenda Item 2, Adoption of December 13th, 2018 Meeting Minutes. ***It was motioned by J. Schexnayder to approve the minutes from the December 13th, 2018 TAC meeting. D. Rome 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 95% completed. The striping and guardrails should be completed in the upcoming weeks.
- LA1 Leville Bridge Phase 2, widening of the turn, contractor is on schedule, completion is estimated Fall 2019.
- LA307 Overlay has been completed; only permanent striping remaining.
- LA20 Overlay should be completed near the beginning of the summer.
- North Canal Intersection Upgrade at 7th Street and the LA308 Turn Lane at LA648 preconstruction meeting was held. Contractor should begin work in April.
- Intersection improvements at LA182 and US90 will be complete once striping is finished.
- LA1 overlay to LA654 (from Gheens Bridge to the Valentine Bridge) should begin in June.
- US90 Overlay from the east end of the concrete barrier wall to the Des Allemands Overpass letting date is May 8th.

Terrebonne Parish

- LA660 Bridge Replacement construction has begun. Contractor is currently removing the old bridge.
- US90 Median Cable Barrier Project construction has begun. Construction is progressing in Terrebonne Parish. Completion should be in mid-summer.
- LA182 Right Turn Lanes at Hwy316 & Hwy660 preconstruction has been held. Construction is expected to begin in April.
- LA57 Overlay from Thompson Road to Cedar Grove Rd construction is expected to begin in April.
- LA182 Roundabout at Hollywood Road letting date has been rescheduled for April 10th, 2019.
- Carole Street Bridge in Gibson should begin in April or May.
- LA182 Right Turn Lane at Hwy 24 should begin in May or June.
- LA182 Overlay from LA308 to US90 letting date is set for June 12th, 2019.
- Safety Improvement project at intersections along LA3235 is June 12th, 2019.

Agenda Item # 4

Local Project Updates

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

Terrebonne Parish

- Hollywood Extension (Valhi to Bayou Black), Falgout Canal Road Rehab, and Theriot Bridge has been completed.
- LA24 Sidewalks has been completed, Parish is now working on punch list items.
- West Park Sidewalks are under construction.
- Eastside Sidewalks Phase 2 verification plans have been sent to DOTD.
- Submitted 60% Final Plans for Civic Center Sidewalks to DOTD.
- Currently working on LA 24 Sidewalk Rehab Preliminary Plans.
- Civic Center Roundabout was in Stage 0
- Williams Multi-Use Path is in the environmental approval process.
- Prospect Sidewalks are on hold, Right of Way is required.
- Industrial Blvd Bridge Replacement and Polk Street Bridge Replacement are in design.

S. Arceneaux gave an update on Local Projects within City of Thibodaux.

City of Thibodaux

- Construction will soon begin on the Audubon Acadian Pedestrian Paths.
- Have 100% final plans and 95% design plans completed for the Acadian Road Roundabout.

Agenda Item #5

Amtrak Working Group Update

P. Gordon relayed that the Amtrak Subcommittee met to discuss the Stage 0 developed by DOTD. The Subcommittee liked the recommendations developed by DOTD and it was determined that the next step would be to meet with BSNF and Amtrak to determine how to move forward with those recommendations. The project is in need of a sponsor committing to the local match, permission from the railroad to access and make improvements to the property, and seek grant funding for capital improvements.

Agenda Item # 6

Draft 2020 Unified Planning Work Program

J. Manning called to open the public hearing process to receive comments from the public on the Draft 2020 UPWP. There being no comments received, ***it was motioned by C. Pulaski to close the Public Hearing on the Draft 2020 UPWP. D. Rome seconded. There being no objections, motion carried.***

The Draft 2020 UPWP with all the necessary updated funding from FHWA and FTA was distributed to the Committee for review. ***It was motioned by J. Schexnayder to accept the Draft 2020 UPWP and recommend its adoption to the HT-MPO Policy Committee. J. Leunberger seconded. There being no objections, motion carried.***

Agenda Item # 7

Transportation System Management & Operations Workshop Update

The presenter was unable to attend meeting and will be placed on a future agenda.

Item # 8

Travel Demand Management Update

M. Cazaubon gave a brief update on the Travel Demand Management Project. Currently working in collaboration with Nicholls State University to develop student outreach efforts. The plan is to set up carpools, provide safety tip information, and other carpool/ridesharing tools. If successful, they plan to expand efforts to the Fletcher Community College campus.

Agenda Item #9

Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update

J. Manning explained how the MTP was a 25-year planning document. The Policy Committee has selected Neel-Schaffer consulting firm to assist with the updates. They will primarily be assisting with updating the travel-demand model while SCPDC/MPO staff will handle the public outreach and writing of the updated document. Discussion is taking place to finalize the scope and man-hour estimates. Staff is currently creating a MetroQuest Survey to be utilized during the Public Outreach process. J. Manning encouraged all to share the survey with their citizens via websites and social media outlets. A "Hot Spot" mapping exercise will be included, people will be able to indicate where they would like better facilities or access. Public Outreach meetings should start soon with meeting in Terrebonne, Thibodaux, and central Lafourche. He encouraged TAC members to attend the public outreach meetings.

Agenda Item # 10

Updating of the Public Participation Plan

J. Manning relayed this was introduced at the last TAC meeting. No comments or feedback were received since then. ***It was motioned by J. Leunberger to recommend to the HT-MPO Policy Committee adoption of the proposed changes to the Public Participation Plan. C. Pulaski seconded. There being no objections,***

motion carried.

Agenda Item # 11

Next Meeting Date: June 13th, 2019

Adjournment

D. Rome motioned to adjourn the meeting. C. Pulaski seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

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