

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: June 13th, 2019

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

In Attendance:

Committee:	Present: Archie Chaisson, City of Thibodaux Casey Lewis, LADOTD Chris Pulaski, TPCG Christopher Rogers, LADOTD Collin DeGueurce, TPCG David Rome, TPCG Jeffery Leuenberger, LPG Joan Schexnayder, TPCG Terry Arabie, LPG Tracey Wang, LADOTD
Staff:	Adam Lefort, SCPDC Cassie Parker, SCPDC Josh Manning, SCPDC Martha Cazaubon, SCPDC Pat Gordon, SCPDC
Others in Attendance:	Brittany Rooney, LADOTD Christian Loving, LADOTD Douglas Foreman, LPSO Frank Besson, LSP-C Gayle Vaughn, TPCG Henry Richard, Richard Development Jacob Prosperie, TPCG Karla Cortade, LADOTD Katie Tabor, TPCG Lionel Lagarde, Sr., LPG Lt. Doug Chauvin, TPSO Luci Sposito, LPG Mary Trahan, TPCG Percy Mosely, TGMC Sammy Poiencot, TPSD Vijay Kunada, Neel-Schaffer

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 March 14th, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Agenda Item 2, Adoption of March 14th, 2019 Meeting Minutes. ***It was motioned by J. Schexnayder to***

approve the minutes from the March 14th, 2019 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

- LA1 Leville Bridge Phase 2E, the contractor is on schedule, completion is estimated Fall 2019.
- LA20 Overlay, Jackson Street to LA308 is complete.
- North Canal Intersection Upgrade at 7th Street and the LA308 Turn Lane at LA648 is under construction, asphalt work should begin soon.
- LA1 overlay to LA654 (from Gheens Bridge to the Valentine Bridge) is set to begin the upcoming week.

Terrebonne Parish

- LA660 Bridge Replacement currently under construction. Contractor is on schedule. Expected completion in Fall 2019.
- US90 Median Cable Barrier Project is near completion.
- LA182 Right Turn Lanes at Hwy316 & Hwy660 is under construction. Contractor is currently installing the drainage structures.
- LA57 Overlay from Thompson Road to Cedar Grove Rd is under construction. Contractor is currently working on patching.
- LA182 Roundabout at Hollywood Road letting date is August 14th, 2019. Utility relocation currently underway.
- Carole Street Bridge in Gibson is set to begin mid-July, depending on water levels.
- LA182 Right Turn Lane at Hwy 24 set to begin in July.
- LA182 Overlay from LA308 to US90 letting date is set for June 10th, 2019.
- Safety Improvement project at intersections along LA3235 is June 26th, 2019.
- MLK Blvd Patching Project will go to bid on October 9th, 2019.

Agenda Item # 4

Local Project Updates

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

Terrebonne Parish

- LA24 Sidewalks and West Park Sidewalks have been completed, Parish is now working on punch list items.
- Polk Street Bridge Replacement awarding construction contract.
- Waiting on approval of verification plans for Eastside Sidewalks Phase 2.
- Submitted 95% Final Plans for Civic Center Sidewalks to DOTD.
- Submitted 60% Final Plans for LA 24 Sidewalk Rehab Preliminary Plans.
- Civic Center Roundabout was in Stage 0
- Industrial Blvd Bridge Replacement is in design.
- Hollywood Extension Bridge signing engineering contract.

A. Chiasson gave an update on Local Projects within City of Thibodaux.

City of Thibodaux

- Construction set to begin on mini-roundabout at the intersection of Ardoyne and Audubon on the NSU campus.
- Intersection improvements for East 7th Street and Canal Blvd is set to begin July 1st.

Agenda Item #5

Amtrak Working Group Update

P. Gordon relayed he had a phone call into Amtrak and was currently awaiting a return call. He hopes to have an update for next meeting.

Agenda Item # 6

Draft Public Participation Plan

Public Hearing

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

A Draft of the Public Participation Plan was included in the meeting packet. Comments have been received from the FHWA since the last meeting. J. Manning reviewed and addressed the comments received. For review in the meeting packet was a copy of FHWA comments and how J. Manning addressed each. The Draft Public Participation Plan presented reflects those changes which he reviewed with the Committee. ***It was motioned by A. Chiasson to accept the Draft Participation Plan and recommend its adoption to the HT-MPO Policy Committee. J. Schexnayder seconded. There being no objections, motion carried.***

Agenda Item # 7

Transportation Improvement Plan

- a. ***Acadian Road Roundabout Amendment (H.009320)***
 - ***REMOVE Acadian Road Roundabout Right-of-Way Phase from 2015 TIP (FFY-2017-2018) and ADD to 2019-2022 TIP (FFY2019-2020)- \$3.5 million STP<200K***
 - ***REMOVE Acadian Road Roundabout Utility Relocation Phase from 2015 TIP (FFY-2017-2018) and ADD to 2019-2022 TIP (FFY2019-2020) - \$100,000 STP<200K***
 - ***MOVE Construction Phase from FFY 2019 to FFY 2020 (Administrative Modification)***
- b. ***Lafourche Multiuse Path Amendment (H.0132720)***
 - i. ***Remove Project from TIP***
- c. ***H.013250 US 90: LA 308 – 2.3MI E. LA 182***
 - i. ***Construction phase is now \$5.9 million NHPP at 80/20 in FFY 2019.***

J. Manning reviewed the proposed TIP amendments. ***It was motioned by D. Rome to accept the TIP amendments and recommend the amendments to the HT-MPO Policy Committee. C. Pulaski seconded. There being no objections, motion carried.***

Item # 8

Transportation System Management and Operations Workshop

C. DeGueurce, Utilities Administrator and ITS Project Manager for Terrebonne Parish, attended a statewide FHWA sponsored workshop on the ITS. He stated the workshop was a self-evaluation of where Louisiana was at on their capability and maturity model. He reviewed the model structure and tiers which one is evaluated on. It was determined that Louisiana and its MPOs were at a level 2 which means they are managing on a regional level approaches and effectiveness of the IT infrastructure and installations. He stated one of the reoccurring themes that seemed to be an issue for most was the lengthy procurement process. From the time which a project is conceived to the time funding is available technology has changed or becomes obsolete.

Agenda Item #9

Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update

a. Neel-Schaffer Update

V. Kunedu gave a brief update on the Travel Demand Model. He stated the data collection began in April. The 2018 model is currently being finished and will be used as the base model. Expected completion of the base model is expected in late September.

b. Public Outreach Update

J. Manning stated they have been working on the Public Outreach for the MTP. Five Public Meetings were held, 22 citizens participated. The online survey is still ongoing, thus far over 600 citizens have taken the online survey. The survey will remain open until July 31st. Over 20,000 data points and 1,166 comments per slide. Once the survey has been completed agency consultations will begin. After the agency consultations a public hearing will be held. He gave a brief review of the online survey questions and comments received.

Agenda Item # 10

Next Meeting Date: September 12th, 2019

Adjournment

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

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