



# SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL SAFETY COALITION

Assumption - Lafourche - St. Charles - St. James - St. John the Baptist - Terrebonne

## MEETING MINUTES

### INFRASTRUCTURE & OPERATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE

Wednesday, September 12, 2019

11 AM – 12 PM

South Central Planning & Development Commission

### PARTNERS IN ATTENDANCE: 21

Emma Bergeron, SCPDC	David Rome, Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Gov't
Cassie Parker, SCPDC	Chris Pulaski, Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Gov't
Joshua Manning, SCPDC	Jeffery Leuenberger, Lafourche Parish Gov't
Stephanie Bruning, SCPDC	Archie Chaisson III, City of Thibodaux
Thad Angelloz, GPCP	Pat Matherne, Lafourche Parish Gov't
Lionel Lagarde Jr, LPG	Laura Phillips, FHWA
Nicole Voisin, HPD	Chris Rogers, LA Dept. of Transportation & Dev't 02
Sean Leary, Providence	Dontrell Jones, LADOTD
Providence	Tracey Wang, LADOTD
Vijay Kunada, Neel-Schaffer	Paul Gaudet, Private Citizen
Terry Arabie, Lafourche Parish Gov't	

### Welcome & Introductions

D. Rome called the meeting to order at approximately 11:00 am. Introductions took place thereafter.

### June 13<sup>th</sup> Meeting Minutes

Motioned by C. Pulaski, seconded by A. Chaisson to approve the June 13, 2019 meeting minutes. There being no objections, motion carried.

### 1.1 Statewide I/O Updates

C. Parker shared the statewide update provided by K. Courtade with the subcommittee. She informed the group that LADOTD's Highway Safety section is working with districts on their District Investment Plans which identify locations, after reviewing the high potential for safety improvement (PSI) list that the district would like to focus use of safety funds based on cost/benefit analysis. This is voluntary of the districts, and they are working with Jessica Deville, Highway Safety, on this effort. District 08 has completed theirs, District 07 is underway and District 05 has requested to be next.

She relayed that the Roadway Departure (RWD) Plan is not completed as LADOTD is expecting a new RWD definition which will cause a decrease the number of RWD fatalities. C. Parker stated that anyone with questions regarding statewide updates may contact Karla Courtade. She also reminded the team that LADOTD's Highway Safety Summit will take place November 19-20 and is free to attend.

### 2019 Infrastructure & Operations Action Plan Status

C. Parker shared that the subcommittee has completed 84% of their 2019 action plan thus far and thanked everyone for their dedication. She requested the group begin thinking of 2020 goals, reminding partners that this is their regional action plan and that their voices are important. Discussion ensued. Items mentioned were increasing safety projects, looking into high reflectivity thermoplastic striping as an option on future projects, education to the general public regarding roadway departure and roundabouts. D. Rome also mentioned the team taking a systemic look at curves throughout the region in an effort to request funding to improve safety.





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in curves at a regional level. It was decided to include 2020 Action Planning as a topic for the December meeting.

### 1.3 Grant Opportunities/Updates

#### a. Safe Routes to Public Places & Transportation Alternatives Program Project Proposals

D. Rome reminded the team that SCPDC staff is available to assist jurisdictions with project proposals for Safe Routes to Public Places and Transportation Alternatives programs. Although it was stated in the last meeting that the deadline to submit these proposals to C. Parker would be today, she will be extended that deadline to December.

### 4.1 Local Road Safety Plan Update – Terrebonne

C. Parker will schedule a meeting with the Parish once the RSA report is finalized.

### 4.2 Safety Concern Update

#### a. LA 3040 (Martin Luther King Blvd.) Feasibility Study Update

B. Costello, LADOTD, emailed an update to C. Parker stating that the consultant is still finalizing their data collection and beginning their traffic model. A public meeting will be held, but they do not have a date at this time.

### 4.3 Improving School Zones Workgroup Update

The working group held its first meeting on August 27<sup>th</sup>. During that meeting, an action plan was developed for Lafourche and Terrebonne parishes' school zones. The working group plans to meet monthly – next meeting September 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:30AM at the South Central Planning and Development Commission.

### 4.4 Bicycle and Pedestrian Regional Safety Plan Update

S. Bruning provided an update on the Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Plan. She stated that staff is working to analyze data points and comments provided by the public in the 1,000 plus surveys. She thanked the partners for their participation and help in sharing the survey.

### Promoting Infrastructure Safety –Educating the Public

C. Parker requested help from the committee in promoting infrastructure traffic safety, adding that she has included the Louisiana Campaign calendar provided to all coalitions throughout the state. It details campaigns throughout the year. She added that LADOTD and Highway Safety Research Group provides free marketing tools on the Destination Zero Deaths website under “Share Our Resources” and that additional materials can be found on Traffic Safety Marketing. She reminded that partners can also share South Central Regional Safety Coalition Facebook page's posts too.

### Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:00pm. The next meeting will take place on December 12, 2019.