

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: September 12th, 2019

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

In Attendance:

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| Committee: | Present: Archie Chaisson, City of Thibodaux Chris Pulaski, TPCG Chris Rogers, LADOTD Collin DeGueurce, TPCG David Rome, TPCG Jeffery Leuenberger, LPG Laura Phillips, FHWA Lionel Lagarde, Sr., LPG Pat Matherne, LPG Terry Arabie, LPG Tracey Wang, LADOTD |
| Staff: | Adam Lefort, SCPDC Cassie Parker, SCPDC Emma Bergeron, SCPDC Josh Manning, SCPDC Stephanie Bruning, SCPDC |
| Others in Attendance: | Becnel, Providence Dontrell Jones, LADOTD Dr. Paul Gaudet, Private Citizen Nicole Voisin, HPD Sean Leary, Providence Stephen Abernathy, Greyhound (Call-in) Thad Angelloz, GLPC 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 June 13th, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Agenda Item 2, Adoption of June 13th, 2019 Meeting Minutes. ***It was motioned by A. Chaisson to approve the minutes from the June 13th, 2019 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

- LA1 Leville Bridge Phase 2E, the contractor is on schedule, completion is estimated Fall 2019.
- LA1 overlay to LA654 (from Gheens Bridge to the Valentine Bridge) project is nearly complete, permanent striping remaining.

Terrebonne Parish

- LA660 Bridge Replacement has been completed.
- US90 Median Cable Barrier Project is near completion.
- LA182 Right Turn Lanes at Hwy316 & Hwy660 is under construction. Contractor is currently working on wearing course, should be completed in a month.
- LA57 Overlay from Thompson Road to Cedar Grove Rd is under construction. Contractor is currently working on widening. Estimated completion in November.
- Carole Street Bridge in Gibson test pile has been driven. Working on test structure; completion is expected early 2020.
- LA182 Right Turn Lane at Hwy 24 project has begun. Currently the contractor is working on curb and widening; asphalt next. Completion is estimated in the upcoming month.
- LA182 Overlay from LA308 to US90 contractor will begin after Sugarcane grinding season.
- LA3235 Safety Improvements at LA3162, 3161, and 657 has been awarded to Huey Stockstill; pre-con meeting will be held soon
- LA182 Roundabout at Hollywood Road letting date is October 9th, 2019.
- US90 overlay from East end of concrete barrier wall to the Des Allemands Bridge will let on December 11th, 2019.
- MLK Blvd Patching Project letting date is October 9th, 2019.
- LA311 Left Turn Lane at Ellendale letting date is November 13th, 2019.
- LA24 Company Canal Bridge bid opening was September 11th, 2019; James Construction Group was the apparent low bidder.

C. Pulaski inquired about rough patches along Hwy 55 near the Humble Canal. He stated Councilman Trosclair is concerned about the safety hazard that is created when the large work trucks cross the center line in order to avoid the rough patches. Councilman Trosclair would like to see a reduction in the speed limit while construction is taking place. C. Rogers stated it would be considered a traffic issue. He suggested making a request to the District Administrator and possibly having local law enforcement reinforce driving on the wrong side of the road in that area.

Private Citizen, Dr. Gaudet, addressed the TAC about his safety concerns along Hwy 308 between St. Charles ByPass Road to the Percy Brown Street Bridge. He would like to see the shoulder of the highway widen with blacktop and other safety measures put into place along the two-mile stretch. He stated he will continue lobbying and writing letters until something is done.

S. Bruning inquired about whose responsible for striping the crosswalk on Hwy 24 North and South by HL Bourgeois High School – the Parish or LADOTD? The crosswalk striping is very faded and motorists are not paying attention to it even though there is signage. C. Rogers stated he was going to check to see whose responsibility it was.

Agenda Item # 4

Local Project Updates

T. Arabia gave an update on Local Projects within Lafourche Parish.

Lafourche Parish

- Overlay Project within the northern part of the Parish has been completed.
- Overlay Project within the southern part of the Parish is ongoing.

A. Chiasson relayed the mini roundabout opened on the NSU campus and the city is nearing the completion

of their 2019 City Sewerage Improvement Project.

D. Rome gave an update on Local Projects within Terrebonne Parish.

Terrebonne Parish

- Polk Street Bridge will be closed for replacement beginning September 16th. D. Rome requested a signal light change at the intersection during construction.
- Hansen Canal Pump Station Project is 85% complete, expected completion in November.
- 2009 Asphalt Project (approximately 21 miles throughout the parish) has been completed.
- Nelo Street in Bourg overlay project will go out to bid this upcoming week.

Agenda Item #5

Amtrak Working Group Update

J. Manning relayed that Amtrak has been working on an ADA plan for all the rail stations within Louisiana. He is awaiting to receive a copy of the plan in order to make a comparison and will begin seeking funding. Amtrak has agreed to provide way-finding signage. He has met with Terrebonne Parish in regards to way-finding signage placement and will be meeting with Lafourche to discuss the signage placements within their respective parish.

Agenda Item # 6

Transportation Improvement Program

a. Prospect Street Sidewalks (H.012337) – Remove Project

J. Manning explained Terrebonne Parish requested the removal of the Prospect Street Sidewalks from the TIP. The project can be reactivated if the Parish chooses to reactivate it.

b. Airport Connector Road & Bridge (H.011915)

T. Angelloz relayed this project has a great deal of complexities they are working through.

c. Transit Amendments – FY2020 Grants

Within the meeting packet were the 2020 Program of Projects from the Transit Providers and their TIP requests.

It was motioned by T. Arabie to accept the TIP amendments and recommend the amendments to the HT-MPO Policy Committee. A. Chiasson seconded. There being no objections, motion carried.

Agenda Item # 7

Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update

V. Kunada gave a brief update on the MTP. He stated the project was on track and they hope to have the model completed for December's meeting.

Agenda Item # 8

Next Meeting Date: December 12th, 2019

Adjournment

J. Leuenberger motioned to adjourn the meeting. D. Rome seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.