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M E E T I N G M I N U T E S

**HTMPO Technical Advisory Committee & Safety
Coalition Infrastructure & Operations
Subcommittee Meetings**

Date: May 12th, 2020

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

In Attendance:

Committee:	Present: Dillon Baronne, LPG Jeffery Leuenberger, LPG Pat Matherne, LPG Chris Pulaski, TPCG Matt Rookard, TEDA Joan Schexnayder, TPCG Dawn Sholmire, LADOTD Laura Phillips, FHWA Tracey Wang, LADOTD
Staff:	Pat Gordon, SCPDC Josh Manning, SCPDC Cassie Parker, SCPDC
Others in Attendance:	Mary Stringfellow, FHWA

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM.

Agenda Item # 1

Call to Order

J. Manning thanked everyone for joining the meeting via teleconference. He reviewed meeting instructions.

Agenda Item # 2

Roll Call

J. Manning called roll. Those present via teleconference answered when their name was called.

Agenda Item # 3

General Public Comment

J. Manning opened the floor to receive comment from the General Public. After three (3) calls, there being no public comment received call for Public Comment was closed.

Agenda Item # 4

Review of 2020 Unified Planning Work Program changes since March 2020 TAC Meeting

The FHWA requested some changes to the UPWP that would help to ensure the HT-MPO was complying

with federal regulations and best practices. J. Manning reviewed those suggested changes: inclusion of a discussion on major planning practices/challenges faced by MPOs and identify funding sources/types.

It was motioned by C. Pulaski to recommend the HT-MPO Policy Committee adopt the 2020 UPWP as presented. J. Schexnayder seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item #5

Review of 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan

J. Manning briefly explained the MTP. It is a long range 25 year planning document which is to be updated every five years. It was last updated in May 2015. He reviewed the MTP vision and goals. This document is organized into a series of seven (&) "Technical Reports." Once adopted, these documents are summarized into a "Main Report" that also acts as an Executive Summary. He also explained the Public Outreach process taken during the process of updating the MTP, briefed the Committee on some of the data analyzed, and reviewed Plan Strategies. The MPO plans to prioritize roadway expansion projects that have a high benefit/cost ratio, redesign key corridors/intersections to be safer, more efficient, and easily accessible to bicyclists and pedestrians, improve/expand public transportation by making better use of technology, expand biking and walking infrastructure, and address freight bottlenecks/needs. Also reviewed was the Financial Analysis of the MTP: Capacity Projects, Operations/Maintenance Projects, Transportation Alternatives, and Safety.

It was motioned by C. Pulaski to recommend to the HT-MPO Policy Committee adoption of the 2045 MTP, M. Rookard seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item # 6

Adjournment

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

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