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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 & Safety  
Coalition Infrastructure & Operations  
Subcommittee Meetings**

**Date:** June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020

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

**In Attendance:**

<b>Committee:</b>	<b>Present:</b> Jeffery Leuenberger, LPG David Rome, TPCG Joan Schexnayder, TPCG Betsey Tramonte, FHWA Gary Gisclair, LADOTD Tracey Wang, LADOTD 02 Chris Rogers, LADOTD District 61 James Chapman, LADOTD Highway Safety
<b>Staff:</b>	Pat Gordon, SCPDC Josh Manning, SCPDC Cassie Parker, SCPDC Emma Bergeron, SCPDC
<b>Others in Attendance:</b>	Nicole Blanchard, Houma-Terrebonne Chamber of Commerce Brooke Domangue, TPCG Jim Chapman, LADOTD Highway Safety Leo Marretta, LADOTD Highway Safety John Broemmelsiek, FHWA

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

**Agenda Item # 1**  
***Roll Call & Introductions***

J. Manning thanked everyone for joining the meeting via teleconference. He reviewed meeting instructions and requested each person present in person and online to please introduce themselves.

**Agenda Item # 2**  
***Adoption of March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Meeting Minutes & Adoption of May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Special Meeting Minutes.***

***It was motioned by D. Rome to approve the minutes from the March 13, 2020 TAC Meeting & the May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Special Meeting Minutes. J. Leuenberger seconded. There being no objections, motion carried.***

**Agenda Item # 3**  
***LA DOTD Project Update***

C. Rogers gave the LA DOTD Project Update.

**Lafourche Parish**

- LA182 Overlay from LA308 to US90 is complete.

- LA3235 Improvements Project is approximately 50% completed.
- Construction should begin in July on the US90 Overlay Project from the east end of the barrier wall to Des Allemands.
- LA1 Overlay from the Leeville Bridge to Falgout Lane in Golden Meadow letting date is June 24<sup>th</sup>.

Terrebonne Parish

- Carole Street Bridge Replacement in Gibson is complete.
- LA3040 (MLK Blvd) Patching Project is complete.
- LA182 Roundabout at Hollywood Road is under construction.
- LA24 Company Canal Bridge preconstruction meeting to be held in the later part of May. Construction may begin in August.
- The Houma Navigation Bridge/Bayou LaCarpe Bridge emergency repairs expected completion beginning of July.
- LA182/Hollywood Rd Bridge Repair has been completed.
- LA311 Left Turn Lane into Ellendale should begin in July.
- Overlay of Hwy24 from Ducrois Road in Schriever to St. Charles Street in Houma construction should begin in May or June.
- LA55 Concrete Repairs CAA between LADOTD and the Levee District has been completed. The bidding process is expected to take place in June.
- The Hansen Canal Bridge Replacement letting date is June 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Agenda Item # 4**

***Local Project Updates***

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

Terrebonne Parish

- The Industrial Canal Bridge Replacement construction should begin within the next month or two.

J. Leuenberger requested guidance on how to proceed with projects which has not yet been budgeted for by Lafourche Parish.

P. Gordon inquired on whether or not the Houma-Terrebonne Civic Center Sidewalks project should remain on the project list. J. Schexnayder relayed Terrebonne was currently working on funding for the engineering portion but has yet to secure it. Discussion ensued.

**Agenda Item #5**

***Amtrak Working Group Update***

P. Gordon relayed Amtrak plans to purchase passenger railcars from the Cascade Rail Service and intend on converting them to the Gulf Coast Service line. Once the conversion has been completed, the New Orleans to Baton Rouge daily service route will begin as well as the route from New Orleans, LA to Mobile, AL. This will assist in creating the link for expansion of the Sunset Limited line.

**Agenda Item # 6**

***Metropolitan Transportation Plan***

***a. Transit Funding Amendment #1***

J. Manning reviewed the 2045 MTP Amendment #1 -Transit Funding. He explained the current transit funding numbers in the 2045 MTP was a continuation of the numbers included within the 2040 Plan. The HT-MPO took advantage of new data sources available and was able to devise a better projection of future funding. He reviewed the methodology used in the configurations. Included within the meeting packet for review were summary tables. J. Manning reminded the TAC how the MTP is a living document and

adjustments will be made as needed. **It was motioned by J. Schexnayder to recommend the HT-MPO Policy Committee adopt the MTP Transit Funding Amendment #1 as presented, seconded by D. Rome. There being no objections, motion carried.**

At this point, C. Parker began facilitating the meeting.

### **Agenda Item #7**

#### ***Safety Coalition Infrastructure/Operations Subcommittee***

- i. 1.1 Statewide SHSP Update – Infrastructure & Operations EA**  
C. Parker relayed the RSA Team Training has been delayed. The Safety Coalition recently participated in LADOTD's Road Show. Substantial progress has been made on the Roadway Departure Plan, LADOTD will conduct a presentation on the plan to the safety coalition once completed.
- ii. 1.2 Project Updates/Application Period (SRTPP, LRSP, & TAP)**  
Feasibility studies have been completed for Morgan City and Terrebonne's SRTPP applications. We are waiting on LADOTD's final determination of projects that will be accepted.
- iii. 2.3 Regional Road Safety Assessment Workshop**  
The Regional RSA Workshop was scheduled for April 2020, but was cancelled due to COVID. C. Parker is working with the Local Technical Assistance Program to reschedule the workshop.
- iv. 1.3 Regional Bicycle & Pedestrian Safety Plan Update**  
The analysis of the Regional Bicycle & Pedestrian Safety Plan is at substantial progress. We are hoping to share data results at the next meeting.
- v. 4.1 Terrebonne Parish LRS Plan**  
C. Parker reviewed the outline and status of tasks for Terrebonne Parish's Local Road Safety Plan.
- vi. 4.2 Safety Concerns**
  - 1. LA3040 Feasibility Study Update**  
C. Parker stated that Trey Jesclard provided the following update regarding the LA 3040 feasibility study: a supplemental agreement between LADOTD and the consultant is still being worked on for an intersection that was not included in the original study.
  - 2. Pedestrian Study Requests**
    - a. St. Charles Street @ Main Street**  
Due to COVID-19 and the early closure of school this study has been postponed till school reopens.
    - b. City of Thibodaux Pedestrian Study Request**  
Thibodaux Main Street, a non-profit agency, would like to request a PSR for several pedestrian crossings within the City of Thibodaux limits and is seeking the advice of the SCRSC. Discussion ensued. C. Parker and J. Manning will schedule a meeting with J. Leuenberger to discuss further
- vii. 4.3 Collaborate with Jurisdictions on Curve Analysis**  
D. Rome relayed that soccer fields will be constructed behind Southland Mall off of Bayou Gardens. Terrebonne Parish would like to support these efforts; however, the Terrebonne Parish Council would like to explore making the area more pedestrian friendly. Discussion ensued. If the council would like to proceed with a pedestrian study, a formal request will be submitted to the committee.

### **Agenda Item # 8**

***Next Meeting Date: September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020***

***J. Leuenberger motioned to adjourn the meeting. C. Rogers seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.***