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

CHSTP Committee Meeting

Date: September 8, 2010 9:00 AM

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

In Attendance

Committee:	Rosa Lou Molaison, Assumption COA Rose Grabert, Lafourche ARC Wendell Voisin, Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government Lester Adams, Lafourche Special Education District No. 1 Kyle Soignet, Lafourche ARC Harold Beck, LA DOTD
Staff:	Scott Leger, SCPDC Josh Manning, SCPDC Leo Marretta, SCPDC
Others in Attendance:	

Call to Order

W. Voisin called the meeting to order at approximately 9:15 a.m. on Wednesday, September 8, 2010 at South Central Planning and Development Commission Pelican Room in Houma, LA.

Agenda Item # 1
Introductions

Everyone around the table introduced themselves.

Agenda Item # 2
Approval of Meeting Summary from the June 9, 2010 CHSTP Committee Meeting

It was moved by R. Grabert, seconded by R. Molaison to approve the meeting summary of the June 9th meeting.

Agenda Item # 3
List of Acronyms

L. Marretta entered the meeting at this time.

S. Leger reported that a request was made at the last meeting to include the list of acronyms in the meeting packet. As such, he reported that it is included in this packet.

W. Voisin noticed a discrepancy between Terrebonne Parish's senior citizens program and the definition of an "elderly person" on the list and requested to know the source of the definitions. Rosa Lou stated that the policy is set forth from the Governor's Office of Elderly Affairs. He stated he will need to do further research to make sure there is no conflict between the Terrebonne Parish policy and state regulations.

Kyle Soignet with Lafourche Arc entered the meeting at this time.

Agenda Item # 4
2010 LPTA Conference

S. Leger explained that information for the transit conference is included in the packet and encouraged everyone to register.

H. Beck explained a bit of the agenda and answered questions about the conference.

Agenda Item # 5
New Transit Planner/Needs Study

S. Leger explained that SCPDC has been awarded the New Freedom grant to hire a transit planner and complete the needs study.

L. Marretta gave some background on the grant and explained what the transit planners expected job duties would be.

W. Voisin asked if the source of funding was a reoccurring fund. H. Beck explained that the grant was reoccurring, but would need a local match (50/50) in the future.

Agenda Items # 6
Thibodaux Transit Update

W. Voisin explained that Terrebonne Parish has been working with the City of Thibodaux to expand Good Earth Transit's operation with a new route within the city. He explained that there will be a meeting to bring all parties together to discuss the final contract now that Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government's accounting and legal departments have finished their reviews.

Discussion ensued on the new buses Terrebonne will be purchasing to expand the route.

Agenda Items # 7
2011 Meeting Schedule

S. Leger explained that the meeting schedule for 2011 is in the meeting packet. L. Marretta explained that the meetings will be held on the second Wednesday of the third month of each quarter.

Discussion ensued in relation to the meeting schedule and the federal grant application schedule.

Agenda Items # 8

TIP Transit Element/Application Letters Schedule

J. Manning reviewed the entries in the 2010-2011 TIP. He explained that he's taking the current grant applications and using that as a baseline with a 3% increase in each following year. He explained that the document will be amended every year but these numbers will be used as a placeholder until an amendment is needed.

Discussion ensued.

Agenda Items # 9

Other Business

S. Leger explained that a vendor list is also included in the meeting packet and that some changes were made to the fact sheet that will be updated for the next meeting.

L. Marretta announced that he went to a meeting with a group called CONNECT in New Orleans that promotes high speed rail between New Orleans and Baton Rouge.
Discussion ensued.

S. Leger asked H. Beck if the transit resource guide will be updated soon. Beck explained that the transit consultant will no longer be allowed to have access to the DOTD website. It will be updated, but it will have to be submitted to DOTD by the consultant, which means that it will take a bit longer.

Agenda Items # 10

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, December 8th, 2010 at 9:00 am.