

Houma-Thibodaux Metropolitan Planning Organization
COORDINATED HUMAN SERVICES TRANSPORTATION PLAN
(CHSTP)
Committee Meeting

June 18, 2013 at 10:00 a.m.

South Central Planning and Development Commission Office
5058 West Main Street, Gray, LA 70359

AGENDA

1. Introductions
2. Approval of the February 07, 2013 Meeting Minutes
3. HCR 181 Human Services Coordinated Transit Work Group Report to the Legislature
4. NO RPC CHSTP meeting minutes re: our Agenda Item #3 & #5
5. LA Workforce Commission, Office of Workforce Development
6. Urbanized Area Update
7. Lafourche Transit Start Up Efforts
8. Follow up on Emergency Evacuation Webinar & local efforts (BARR, Daily Comet Article, Lafourche press release)
9. Contact Information Updates/New Contact List
10. Other business
 - a. 2013 Community Transportation of America (CTAA) Expo
11. Future Meeting Dates
September 17, 2013, December 17, 2013, and March 18, 2014
12. Adjourn

Houma – Thibodaux
Metropolitan Planning Organization
Regional Transit Committee
(CHSTP)

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

Regional Transit Committee Meeting

Date: Wednesday, February 07, 2013 12:00 PM

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

In Attendance

Committee:	Wendell Voisin, Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government Peggy Krieg, Lafourche ARC Kyle Soignet, Lafourche ARC Sherry Douglas, Assumption ARC Rosa Lou Molaison, Assumption COA Rose Grabert, SED #1 Linda Pertuit, Lafourche COA Mona Danos, Lafourche Special Education District No. 1 Charlene Rodriguez, Lafourche COA Darla Cantrelle, Terrebonne COA Diana Edmonson, Terrebonne COA DeBorah Riley, St. James Parish
Other Attendees:	Jaques Lasseigne, LA Workforce Commission Randall Domingue, LA Workforce Commission Frank Lewis, LWIA Gayle Feibel, Jacob's Ladder David Gauthé, BISCO Bonita Boudoin, BISCO
Staff:	Scott Leger, SCPDC Josh Manning, SCPDC Cassie Parker, SCPDC

Call to Order

S. Leger called the meeting to order at approximately 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 07, 2013 at South Central Planning and Development Commission Pelican Room in Houma, LA.

Agenda Item # 1

Introductions took place

Agenda Item # 2

Approval of the December 12, 2012 Meeting Minutes

K. Soignet motions to approve the December 12, 2012 meeting minutes, W. Voisin seconds the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item # 3

Contact Information Updates

C. Parker informed the committee that there have been no new updates to the contact list. She reminded the committee members to complete a Transportation Service form if any agency or personnel information changes.

Agenda Item # 4

Other Business

J. Manning updated the committee on the progress of the Regional Transit website. He stated that the website should be live by the next meeting. He explained that the website is very basic at this time; however, he plans to beautify it later. He reminds the committee to review the website demo in order to confirm that their contact information is correct. He then briefly reviewed how the Call Center is working at this time.

Agenda Item # 5

Lunch was served.

Agenda Item # 6

WEBINAR: Communication with Vulnerable Populations: A Transportation and Emergency Management Toolkit (TCRP Report 150)

The committee participated in the webinar: *Communication with Vulnerable Populations: A Transportation and Emergency Management Toolkit (TCRP Report 150)* from 1:00 PM until 2:00PM.

Agenda Item # 7

Webinar Discussion

It was stated that there was good content in the webinar; however, it would have been beneficial for the Office of Emergency Preparedness to participate in this webinar. There were discussions with regards to evacuating individuals during hurricanes. K. Soignet questioned the status of a plan for the region. D. Edmonson briefly reviewed Terrebonne Parish's plan. She commented that the webinar was very informative. W. Voisin adds that Terrebonne Parish has a very good plan. He stated that his hopes of this webinar were to learn ways to improve the plan already in place in Terrebonne Parish. D. Edmonson invited the committee members to attend one of the Bayou Area Readiness and Recovery Committee (BARR) meeting, which was formed in 1992 and meets once per month, but meets more frequently during hurricane season. She stated that the agencies can ask questions and receive valuable information at these meetings.

Agenda Item # 8

Future Meeting Dates

Next Meeting June 18, 2013 at 10:00AM

Agenda Item # 9

Adjournment

L. Pertuit motions to adjourn the meeting at approximately 11:28 p.m., S. Douglas seconds the motion. Motion carried unanimously.



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Bobby Jindal, Governor
Sherri H. LeBas, P.E., Secretary

April 4, 2013

The Honorable Joseph A. Harrison
State Representative
5058 W. Main St.
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Re: HCR181 Human Services Coordinated Transit Work Group Report to the Legislature.

Dear Representative Harrison:

Attached is the report from the Work Group tasked by HCR181 – Representative Harrison, to study and make recommendations for improving the public transit system in Louisiana. The focus is on the smaller “On Demand” vans and not the larger urban “Scheduled Routes” systems. The over 30 specific recommendations developed by the Work Group highlight the need for a continuous effort to bring about coordination between the many local, state, and federal agencies that support the transit programs within Louisiana. The Work Group recommendations will be fully vetted as we update the Louisiana Statewide Transportation Plan. Those determined to be essential will be incorporated into the Plan.

Should you wish for further details on the Work Group findings and recommendations, Phil Jones, the LADOTD Deputy Assistant Secretary for Intermodal Transportation served as the Chairman of the Work Group. He may be contacted at 225-379-3030 or phil.jones@la.gov.

Very truly yours,

Sherri H. LeBas, P.E.
Secretary

Enclosure

c: Senator Adley
Representative St. Germain

HCR NO. 181 REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE



4/8/2013

A Report to the Louisiana Legislature on the continuing efforts of the Human Services Coordinated Transit Working Group

In 2011, the Louisiana Legislature passed House Concurrent Resolution (HCR) No. 131, which urged the creation of a Statewide Working Group to investigate and report on human services and transportation coordination in Louisiana. The success of the Working Group in bringing together many diverse stakeholders to lay out a road map for improved coordination of services resulted in HCR 181, introduced by Rep. Joseph Harrison. It simply continues the efforts of the Working Group as directed in HCR 131.

HCR 181 Human Services Coordinated Transit Work Group
Report to the Legislature
April 2013

The purpose of HCR 131 and HCR 181: To create a Human Services Coordinated Transit (HSCT) Work Group, led by the Department of Transportation and Development with input from over 30 public and private stakeholders to offer a forum for identifying measures to improve mobility, optimize efficiencies, and manage costs of transit services provided to all citizens of Louisiana, including citizens with a disability. The focus was to be on the smaller “on-demand” systems and not the larger urban “scheduled route” systems. HCR 181 expresses the legislature’s desire to continue that effort.

Reasons to study and improve mobility: In the next 20 years, the number of adults age 65 and older will nearly double in the United States. This aging population will account for 25% of US drivers by 2025. Nearly 80% of seniors live in car-dependent suburban and rural communities. Additionally, 15.1% of the population in Louisiana, well above the national average, is reported to have a disability and 18.7% live in poverty. By 2020, over one million people in Louisiana will be over age 60. The need for public transportation will continue to grow as resources will continue to shrink. Improving efficiencies will be necessary to manage the growing need.

Specific tasks for the Work Group (All completed as of this report): 1) Convene no later than October 1, 2011. 2) Review ‘Best Practices’ from other areas of the nation. 3) Review the 2003 GAO Report. 4) Review the 2005 United We Ride (UWR) Task Force Report. 5) Review 2010 census data and other reports to help establish existing conditions and gaps. 6) Report recommendations for improving the efficient and effective delivery of transit services in coordination with human services delivery to the Legislature prior to the opening of the Regular Session.

Methodology: Six sub-groups conducted research various coordination topics. Each sub-group evaluated a specific concern identified in a statewide survey of stakeholders: 1) Information dissemination; 2) Identification of funding sources; 3) Cross Boundary Issues; 4) Permanent statewide coordination oversight and standardization; 5) Identification of statewide transportation needs and resources; 6) Reporting/tracking requirements.

Major concerns: The concerns reported highlighted a key problem that funding for human services transit comes from over 60 different federal programs, 11 different federal agencies, and flows through at least 8 different state agencies, each with its own set of rules and regulations. Many of these programs conflict, which makes for a less than efficient system. Lack of local investment by way of matching funds limit available transit services.

Specific issues include: 1) Lack of centralized coordination among the various transportation and human services agencies; 2) Lack of transportation services in many areas of the state; 3) Disrupted implementation of previous coordination efforts, such as United We Ride and the Inter-Agency

Transportation Coordination Council; 4) Poor utilization, capture rates, and leveraging of existing federal funding to include new sources of matching funds; 5) Conflicting rules that create inefficiencies in service delivery; 6) Boundary disputes caused by varying agency geographic districts and funding stipulations; 7) Excessively high insurance and fuel cost; 8) Emergency Support Functions (ESF) and general coordination hampered by lack of centralized data collection.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Over 30 specific recommendations including: 1) Establish an independent interagency Louisiana Mobility Council (LMC) to oversee statewide coordination of all human services public transportation and bring to fruition the Group's recommendations; 2) Create a State Mobility Manager to implement the recommendations and the eventual establishment of the LMC; 3) Institute **statewide** procedures for: a "single call" point of contact for transit service; a clearing house for coordinating grant applications; researching additional sources of funding; a reduced cost provider insurance program; a reduced fuel rate card for providers; a customer/rider identification and data card; a single website for customers and providers to reference transit information; data collection to provide a geographic reference to needs and resources for gaps in coverage; resolving boundary disputes; determining resources to enhance emergency procedures with GOHSEP; implementing standards for training, equipment, safety, communication, emergency procedures, and performance measurements; 4) Form co-ops of smaller agencies; 5) Expand workshops for federal applications, identify best practices that include effective administration, safety, and service; 6) Review local, state, and federal regulations for barriers to efficiencies; 7) Identify needs for facility improvements.

Major benefits to improved coordination: 1) Economic independence and better health care for the individual; 2) Alternatives to institutionalization for persons who will be able to live in the community because of access to routine medical services that decrease overall health care cost; 3) Increased local economic development through improved access to jobs; 4) "One-click" or "One-call" services to obtain transportation; 5) Cost-effectiveness by eliminating duplication of administrative, dispatching, maintenance and other functions; 6) Greater efficiencies and economies in the overall Louisiana public transit system.

Specific accomplishments under HCR 181: The Working Group Executive Committee prioritized the recommendations from the full body and reached a consensus that the first task should be to develop a complete and creditable inventory of all public transit assets throughout the state. This task includes those services sponsored by all state agencies, not-for-profits, for-profits, and faith-based providers. The process of developing such an inventory will identify other issues. This will serve to clarify and provide a better understanding of where the resources are and used. The AARP Louisiana Chapter led the sub-committee's undertaking of this task.

A "business case" has been prepared to present to the executive leadership of each agency to inform and influence them to fully participate in building the inventory. The "business case" will further point out the potential cost savings to all agencies through more efficient and better coordinated use of our collective assets. A survey crafted to solicit the critical inventory items, will provide executives, managers, and

providers with a resource to guide their decisions about public transit coordination. Building this inventory starts with the LA DOTD Resource Guide, which was updated to include all assets sponsored by the department. The Guide is available online and hard copies are being distributed to parish presidents, parish Office of Emergency Preparedness, Metropolitan Planning Offices, and others.

Hurricane Isaac put a spotlight on the need to further organize our public transit assets for evacuation and post hurricane shelter-based transportation shuttles. A spin off of the Working Group's efforts has been the enlightenment of parish officials toward the assets available in the event of emergencies, i.e. hurricanes. The LA DOTD Emergency Support Function (ESF) and the Governors' Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP) now use the Resource Guide and the information gained from the Working Group in their training sessions throughout the state.

In a pro-active initiative, the Working Group members from the Louisiana Workforce Commission (LWC), and with the direction of the LWC Executive Director, began to meet with the LA DOTD Public Transit Regional Planning Groups to exchange information with the LWC Regional Organizations. This interchange has produced valuable partnerships, connected workforce needs with public transit providers, and enhanced ongoing coordination efforts. Moreover, the Transit Resource Guide is now available to all the Regional Offices for Louisiana Rehabilitation Services (LRS) under LWC's Office of Workforce Development (OWD). These "regional" efforts may be the best forum for accomplishing many of the Working Group's recommendations.

I gave an update briefing to the recent Public Transit Conference in Baton Rouge. The initiatives and recommendations from the Working Group were very well received by the large public transit audience. Members of the legislature in attendance took an enthusiastic interest in the issues and offered support.

The LA DOTD consultant contract for Public Transit Technical Support is near completion. This will provide: a facilitator for the Working Group meetings, the daily coordination required to bring the remaining recommendations to fruition, and research the expanse of additional federal funding opportunities.

Next steps for the Working Group include: 1) Continue to present the "Business case" to the executive level of all agencies to alert them to cost savings and achieve "top down" backing for obtaining asset data to expand the Resource Guide. 2) Distribute the new survey. 3) Standardize the data collection and storage for uniformity and interoperability. 4) Implement the Resource Guide into the "211" call centers. 5) Refine recommendations into specific actions needed and allocate responsibilities for accomplishing them. 6) Continue to lay the ground work for eventually funding and organizing a permanent independent transit coordination council.

Respectfully submitted,

Phil Jones, Work Group Chairman
LADOTD, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Intermodal Transportation
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Coordinated Public Transit Human Services Transportation Committee

April 24, 2013

Quarterly meeting minutes

In attendance

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Stakeholder updates

Joe Watkins (RTA):

- The new Loyola line is up and running and is doing quite well. RTA looking at additional streetcar lines across city
- ETAs for all vehicles at every stop now available through RTA website and smart phone application.
- Paratransit: up to about 800 trips a day.

Beth Sorce (Jet):

- Lots of capital projects coming up, including one that will allow for real time passenger information

Question-Karen Parsons: How are two transit systems notifying riders of the apps coming available?

A: Joe Watkins: For RTA, there is extensive marketing and on website; also through flyers on vehicles

Question-Jason Sappington: Will there be an opportunity for allowing both the JET and RTA tracking systems to work together?

A: Beth Sorce: That is the hope. JET will make info available to third-party app makers. It will also feed into Google Transit so that someone can plan a route using both systems via information from Google Transit

Elizabeth Griffith (River Parishes Transit Authority):

-Still in a transition phase. RPTA has put new vehicles on road in the last month.

Page McCranie (City of New Orleans)

- Accessible taxis – In next ten days, the City will be looking at offers on central dispatching system and several members of this committee will be third-party viewers of those proposals.

-City completed its ADA transition plan with DPW, which involved all streets, passageways, curbcuts and intersections. Hopefully that will soon be adopted as part of the City's master plan

Katherine Hoover (Jefferson Parish) :

- ADA Transition Plan in Jefferson Parish: review of policies, programs and activities in every department.

Mike Watkins (DOTD):

-Have ordered vehicles for agencies that have ordered some. Hoping to get them this summer, no later than August. Trying to spend left over ARRA funds. They will be assigned to the ARRA grant first.

-Vehicles for the next year are based on February applications. DOTD received 32 applications for the Elderly and Disabled (5310) grant. It will take some time to order those because have to go out to bid in August.

-Looking at making cameras in buses standard features

Garrick Rose (Veolia)

-Thanked Lynn Dupont of RPC for providing a lot of GIS data for some environmental justice work

Jason Sappington (RPC)

-Regarding 5310: RPC will be have resolution for consideration at the next commission meeting (5/14) making DOTD the designated recipient for 5310 funds in the urbanized area. This will mean that the process for applicants will remain the same, though RPC will have more say in the selection and funds must stay in the urbanized area. DOTD has the experience and capacity to continue managing that grant.

-La swift: Service currently funded through June 30, 2013. Rider survey has been conducted by AARP, CPEX and Ride New Orleans. Service successful as far as ridership, with around 11,000 riders monthly, but funding not as reliable as once was. Some funding sources have started to dry up. DOTD's multimodal division is working to close funding gap, needing around \$550,000 annually for local match. RPC working with state to develop a solution.

-Statewide coordinated transit task force: Having decided to focus on building a transportation asset inventory, the task force has developed a list of recommendations that will be presented to the

legislature by AARP. The recommendations encourage all state transportation funding agencies to contribute to database development.

Project prioritization

Karen Parsons led stakeholders through a discussion of what priorities for the coming year should be. How do we want to get there and who will do the work? What's achievable this year?

Katherine Hoover (Jefferson): One identified priority is a regional dispatch to help with coordination between RTA, Jet, other transit agencies and private providers

Joe Watkins (RTA): One need is an inventory of technology, including hardware and software. RTA has the premier booking system, but there's a mix of data applications out there. We need to identify and figure out how to pool capabilities.

Karen Parsons: Which gets back to the need to create a database

Jason Sappington: If central dispatching is the ultimate goal, there are lots of pieces that must fit together that we need to identify. It comes down to a larger question of inventorying providers, capacity, technology – from there we can work toward uniformity. Who will run this centralized system is an important question.

Jennifer Barnett (WIB): pointed to the example of coordinating workforce development. There are 8 workforce development regions across the state and four workforce investment boards representing this region (Region I). They have collaborated with RPC and GNO Inc. on data collection and licenses for programs including EMSI. They got to the current level of collaboration by starting with one manageable project – working on regional coordination for business strategies.

Getting active partners is essential and this can be done by starting with a small task group with very specific aims. This tends to be more successful than bringing together a larger group. This group can demonstrate success that will encourage others to come to the table

Katherine Hoover: suggested hiring someone to coordinate the various subgroups. A mobility manager. Could seek grant to fund. Also suggested a possible target was workforce transportation and non-emergency medical transportation needs

Other suggestions from different stakeholders that relate to these broader goals:

-Possible partners: VA, Workforce Development entities, Easter Seals, AARP

-Shreveport Transportation got a VA grant that may be worth investigating

-Pick one specific issue to focus on

-No one in the small task group should be motivated by personal gain

-The goal is looking for ways to improve connectivity among common partners – those with common experiences, needs, interests, and clientele

-It was suggested that technology could be a good starting point for these small task groups and that Joe Watkins could take a leading role. RTA uses Trapeze booking software that facilitates management of demand trips, also covers fixed route operations. Idea put forward was that anyone using a booking system or who wants to use one could be invited to a discussion as a smaller group to discuss pros/cons of systems, possibility of connecting to streamline processes and costs, expandability/scalability

-Group agreed, though some wanted to send an email to those not present to allow for input

Jason Sappington: Need to keep momentum going between quarterly meetings

Karen and Jason will help to convene this first subgroup

Meeting was adjourned

Next Coordinated Meeting: July 31, 2013

Cassie Parker

From: Josh Manning
Sent: Wednesday, June 12, 2013 8:18 AM
To: John Schweitzer/LDOL
Cc: Chris Anthony/LDOL; Jacques Lasseigne/LDOL; Scott Leger; Cassie Parker; Leo Marretta
Subject: RE: Upcoming regional transit mtg

John,

Thanks for writing. The next regional transit meeting will be next Tuesday (June 18th) at 10AM at the SCPDC offices (5058 W. Main Street, Houma).

You should be receiving an agenda soon if you have not already. Please contact myself or Scott Leger, who runs the transit meetings (scott@scpdc.org), if you have any questions.

Thanks,
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From: John Schweitzer/LDOL [<mailto:JSchweitzer@lwc.la.gov>]
Sent: Wednesday, June 12, 2013 8:18 AM
To: Josh Manning
Cc: Chris Anthony/LDOL; Jacques Lasseigne/LDOL
Subject: Upcoming regional transit mtg

Greetings, Sir!

I would like to attend. We are attempting to come to the meetings to learn who the regional leaders are with whom we might connect for better networking through awareness and mutual problem-solving.

Thanks in advance,

John Schweitzer, Coordinator
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From: [Josh Manning](#)
To: [Scott Leger](#)
Subject: FW: Will Smoothed UZA and MPA Affect FTA funding?
Date: Monday, May 06, 2013 11:18:46 AM

From: Christopher Johns [mailto:Christopher.Johns@LA.GOV]
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Cc: Dan Broussard; Dawn Sholmire; Chad Parker; Jason Chapman; Brandon Buckner ; Jamie Setze
Subject: Will Smoothed UZA and MPA Affect FTA funding?

FYI. See below. I had originally sent this to Kent and Chris in Shreveport, but everyone else may like to have the clarification.

Christopher Matthew Johns

Program Specialist 5

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From: Laura.Wallace@dot.gov [mailto:Laura.Wallace@dot.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, April 03, 2013 8:04 AM
To: Christopher Johns
Subject: RE: Question from LADOTD

Matt,

FTA goes by the 2010 census urbanized area boundary. The smoothed urban boundary is something that FHWA does, and it only applies to their program(s).

Thanks,

Laura

From: Christopher Johns [mailto:Christopher.Johns@LA.GOV]
Sent: Wednesday, April 03, 2013 7:33 AM
To: Wallace, Laura (FTA)
Subject: Question from LADOTD

Laura,

We are developing the new smoothed urbanized area boundaries and planning area boundaries with

the MPOs in our state and need to know which boundaries affect funding for 5310 and 5311. My guess is that only the smoothed urban boundary will determine the funding availability since it will be the officially agreed upon urban/rural boundary and 5310/5311 funding are split on that criteria. However, I am no expert and need an official determination to aid the MPOs in the development of their maps.

Please feel free to call if you would like any clarification of my question.

Thanks!

Christopher Matthew Johns

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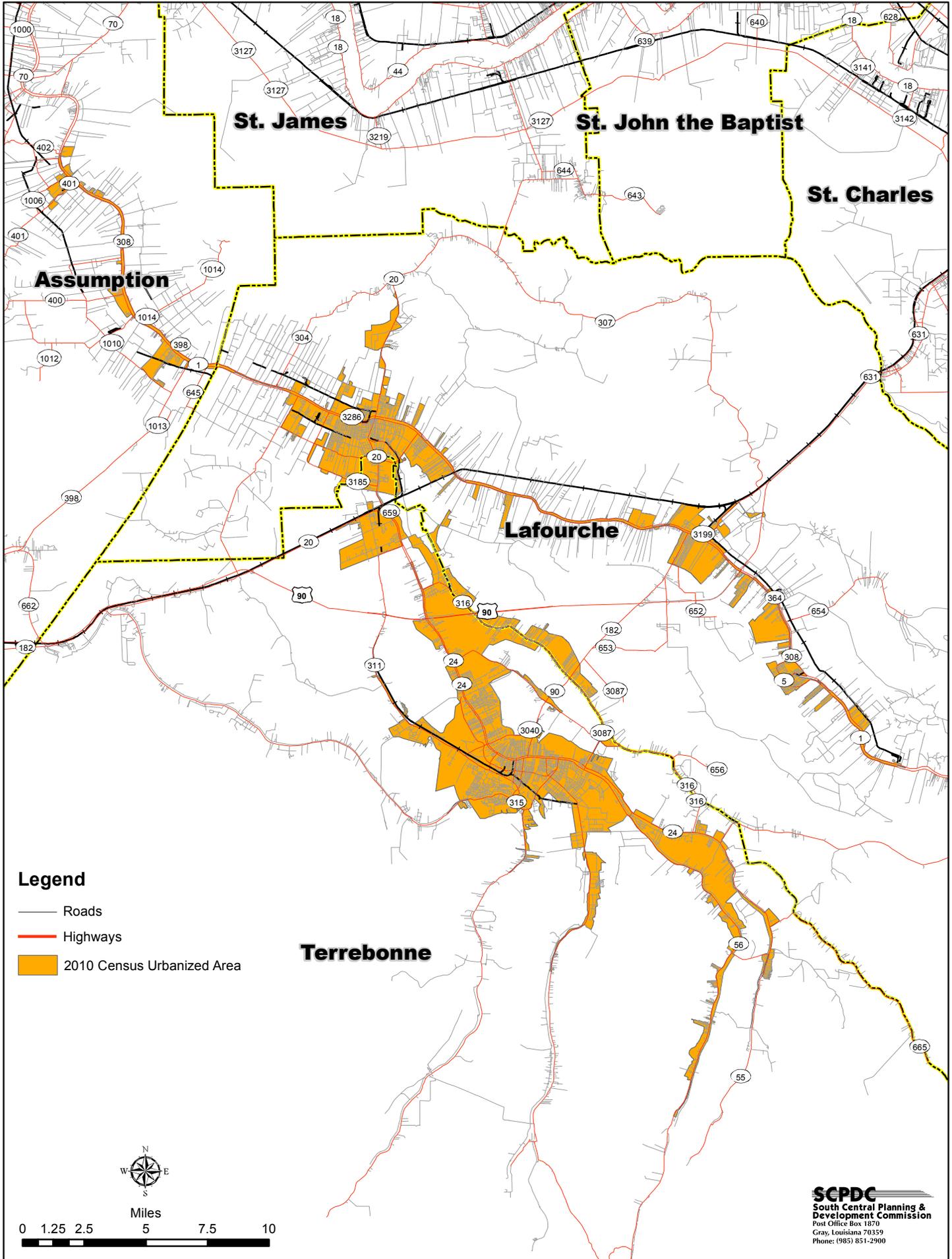


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- Roads
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- 2010 Census Urbanized Area



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Cassie Parker

From: Martha
Sent: Tuesday, May 14, 2013 1:33 PM
To: Kevin Belanger; Leo Marretta; Cassie Parker; Scott Leger
Subject: Lafourche Transit Meeting

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I met today with Joni Tuck, Jeff Leuenberger of Lafourche Parish. Ms. Randolph was available initially but had to leave. Also present were Lester Adams, Kyle and Melanie of ARC.

The parish is interested in researching the costs of implementing public transit in Lafourche Parish. We went over the FTA/DOTD grant programs. They will have to pull from both to implement the service parishwide. Joni was interested in the alternatives and while they all agreed a regional approach would be ideal, the time to create a regional entity could be very long and if they are wanting to implement something quicker they should explore alternative avenues. The ARC is very interested in the parish creating a transit service parishwide and Lester is trying to help them organize meetings, kind of a fact finding information gathering process so they can begin to decide what they can do.

We need to follow up on the following items.

1. Joni needs a better map that shows the urban versus the smoothed boundary so she can see where the urbanized area ends—a street or location name. We need Scott to send her one.
2. They want to know what a planning study would cost and I told them the one for Thibodaux was around \$100k but they would like the exact amount so they would know how much match they would be putting up if we can get a planning grant for them. I think Kevin and Leo might want to work on this.
3. Jeff wants Kevin's opinion on what depth the comprehensive plan should go in addressing public transit. I told him I thought a transit study would go into more specific recommendations on operations, buses, projected trips, costs, etc.
4. I will send Joni a copy of the RPTA Report.
5. I think they would like our assistance in trying to figure out what to do, but I am not sure exactly what they need. I think they are just doing exploratory meetings in an effort to learn more at this point. They will contact Wendell Voisin and St. Tammany Parish. Lester is hearing a lot of good things about St. Tammany's service through his counterparts there.

Thank you,

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Cassie Parker

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Subject: RPTA Report
Attachments: 20130514123753370.pdf

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Hi Joni

It was good to meet with you all today. Attached is a copy of the RPTA report we prepared through an FHWA grant. We did this with Mr. David Grant who has passed away.

The RPTA actually started up with a different model based upon a proposal it received from Veolia which was more in its budget range.

Below is a link to the National Transit Database website. On this website select NTD Transit Profiles on the right hand menu.

From there select the link to Region 6 and you can see all of the operators in public transit Louisiana. Select the community name and then the year to see the report with the number of riders, fares collected, operating costs, grant sources and so on. For Good Earth, the total operating costs for the year is \$1.6 million.

This might interest you to look at the other operators. I couldn't open the link for St. Tammany under Mandeville. I have been having problems with some other links, don't know if its them or me. So maybe you can open it.

I think Kevin or Leo will get back with you about exactly how much the Thibodaux study cost. We did some of the one for RPTA in house with Mr. Grant handling a lot of it so it may not be a good comparison. Let us know if you need anything else.

Thank you,

Martha L. Cazaubon

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Subject: Information regarding BARR meetings

Ms. Diana:

I am unsure if you received my email in March regarding the BARR meetings, so I wanted to try and touch base with you again. During our last Regional Transit Committee (CHSTP) meeting on February 7, 2013, you stated that Terrebonne COA holds BARR meetings. Just to confirm, BARR is the acronym for Bayou Readiness and Recovery Committee? Also, would you have a list of meeting dates that I could share with your fellow committee members that are interested in attending the BARR meetings in order to gather information? Thank you and have a great day!

Sincerely,

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Emergency transportation available when storms loom

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Officials are reminding Terrebonne and Lafourche residents who will need a ride to safety if a hurricane threatens to register now for transportation.

Parish officials are also emphasizing the importance of registering in advance for evacuating anyone with medical conditions or other special needs.

A Category 3 or stronger hurricane will see local shelters close and the parish concentrate toward moving evacuees to shelters in Monroe.

But residents with transportation needs in both parishes can contact their Office of Emergency Preparedness before a storm to arrange a ride to higher ground, Terrebonne's Emergency Preparedness Director Earl Eues said.

Terrebonne residents who need a ride can register in advance by calling the parish's Council on Aging at 868-8411. Eues said registration is open to those with medical needs and those who just don't have a ride out of harms way.



Terrebonne residents who need a ride can register in advance by calling the parish's Council on Aging at 868-8411. In Lafourche, call the parish Office of Emergency Preparedness at 532-8174 to register.

In the case of a Category 2 or weaker storm, residents will be taken to local shelters.

For stronger storms, residents will be taken to H.L. Bourgeois High School on West Park Avenue near U.S. 90 before being bused to a shelter in Monroe. An evacuation, if needed, will be called 50 hours out in the case of a Category 3 storm or stronger.

Residents with special medical needs will probably be bused to a state-operated shelter in Baton Rouge depending on if the state opens such a shelter closer, Eues said.

Eues said residents are considered to have special medical needs if they require constant medical attention. Residents who are diabetic, require oxygen or dialysis are not considered special needs.

Once registered, residents will be contacted as a storm approaches so the Parish can determine exactly what their need is. Eues said the office typically asks residents to meet their pickup at the main road, but have the capacity to pick people up at their homes if needs be.

Lafourche has similar protocol for those in need of transportation.

Residents must call 985-532-8174 to register, according to Lafourche's Director of Emergency Preparedness Chris Boudreaux.

Boudreaux said residents who have special medical needs or not should not hesitate to register if they might need transportation to safety.

Lafourche also closes local shelters when a Category 3 or stronger storm approaches. In that case, residents without special needs will be bused to Monroe. The staging area for buses leaving for Monroe is at Thibodaux High School at 1355 Tiger Drive.

Residents with special needs will be sent to a shelter in Baton Rouge.

Boudreaux noted residents with special medical needs must be accompanied with a caregiver.

Patients will need to provide their name, address, two contact phone numbers, their caregiver's name, their medical condition, and the type of transportation needed to the shelter, Boudreaux said.

Boudreaux said Lafourche also calls residents who have registered when a storm is approaching to ascertain their specific need.

The buses to and from shelters have limited space for luggage and evacuees are asked to bring one bag with a few days' worth of clothing, medicine, baby needs and bedding.

Officials don't want residents to solely rely on parish-provided rides asking those who have other options use them to save room for others.

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From: Lafourche Parish Government <pio@lafourchegov.org>
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PRESS RELEASE: 4:30 p.m.
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
Wednesday, May 29, 2013

Residents Asked to Register Now for Special Needs Transportation during Storms

Mathews, LA -- The Lafourche Parish Government Office of Emergency Preparedness (OEP) is asking all residents with "special needs" to contact the office now to pre-register for assistance during hurricane evacuations.

Persons with special needs should call the Lafourche Parish Emergency Operation Center for transportation assistance, if they have not already done so. These residents must call (985) 532-8174 as soon as possible to provide your information, if you need transportation assistance.

All special needs residents requesting transportation assistance from the Parish **MUST** be accompanied by a caregiver. Residents must have all medications with them, and any other supplies recommended by the Department of Health and Hospitals.

All residents utilizing parish transportation should bring a five-day supply of food and water per person; money; identification and important papers; bedding and clothing; medications and first aid items; personal hygiene products; toiletries; and, any other necessities.

OEP Director Chris Boudreaux says the registration process will assist both the patients and the State by being more informed and prepared.

"Every special needs patient must be triaged, and by registering now, it will ensure proper and timely care in the event of a disaster," said Boudreaux. "It also helps DHH and OEP to prepare their facilities and gives us a reference point to check in on patients, especially in the event of a parish-wide mandatory evacuation."

Residents who wish to register as a "special needs" patient should contact the Office of Emergency Preparedness directly at (985) 532-8174. Each patient will need to provide their name, address, two (2) contact phone numbers, their caregiver's name, their medical condition, and the type of transportation needed to the shelter.

Note: The (985) 532-8174 phone number is a direct line to the OEP office. During an emergency, all residents will be directed to call (985) 537-7603 which will be a 24-hour line for all emergency needs.



HTMPO & SCPDC Transportation Division Calendar 2013-2014

Legend:

- SCPDC Board Meeting (10:30 a.m.)
- Policy Committee (11:30 a.m.)
- Technical Advisory Committee (10:00 a.m.)
- Transit Committee (10:00 a.m.)
- Active Transportation Committee (10:00 a.m.)
- Safe Communities Partnership (9:30 a.m.)

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