

SCPDC Active Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes | 2013

Date: Wednesday, February 13, 2013

Attendees: (11)

Leo Marretta, SCPDC
Josh Manning, SCPDC
Rudynah Capone, SCPDC
Cassie Parker, SCPDC
Perry Blanchard, TPCG
Chris Pulaski, TPCG
Terry Arabie, Lafourche Parish Government
Wallace McCann, Lafourche Parish Government
Becky McManus, Community Patron
Lyle Leblanc, LADOTD
Brian Parsons, LADOTD

Agenda Item #1

Introductions

Introductions took place at the request of J. Manning.

Agenda Item #2

Approval of Meeting Minutes

It was motioned by T. Arabie to approve the November 14, 2012 meeting minutes. C. Pulaski seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item #3

Ongoing Project Updates

Lafourche Parish

T. Arabie informed the committee of ongoing projects in Lafourche Parish

- The third phase of the Golden Meadow Overlay project is being completed.
- Laura Valley, which is approximately a five mile road, will be overlaid. This project is estimated at three million dollars.
- In the Southern part of the parish, a maintenance contract, street repair contract, and a concrete contract have been awarded.
- In the Northern part of the parish, approximately twenty five million dollars has been bonded out for road maintenance and overlay projects. There will also be work done on drainage and on the pump stations.

LADOTD

L. Leblanc informed the committee that DOTD and the City of Thibodaux are collaborating on a joint venture in order to widen LA 20 to four lanes. DOTD was able to combine the funds they have for the overlay, with the City of Thibodaux's \$800,000.00, along with available safety funds in order to widen and overlay LA 20, as well as incorporate bike path on the shoulder.

Terrebonne Parish

C. Pulaski informed the committee of ongoing projects in Terrebonne Parish

- The survey for the Southdown Loop Trailhead was completed. The first draft of the layout plan for the trailhead and parking area was sent out last week. Terrebonne Parish is in the process of gathering quotes for the signage needed for the trails, both on road and off-road. The signs will begin being placed in March of 2013.
- He stated that the plans for the Skate Park, which will be located between the Civic Center and Bayou Black, will be finalized at the end of February 2013, at which time Terrebonne Parish will go out to bid.
- The Planning Design group is in the engineering phase for the first of the landscape bump outs, which will be placed at the intersection of Goode Street and Main Street.
- The Comprehensive Master Plan was presented to the Council last week. A public hearing is set for February 27, 2013.
- C. Pulaski and Jonathon Fontenot met with Public Works regarding the placement of a detached trail on the new section Valhi Boulevard. Public Works made some suggestions regarding what material to use; one suggestion was old recycled tire surfacing. C. Pulaski explained that the easiest and most cost effective option would be to place old recycled tire surfacing along the gravel shoulder that is already there.

P. Blanchard commented that the parish has received numerous calls regarding the bridge on Bull Run Road from bicyclists. He informed the committee that there a contract has been let for 1.3 million dollars to improve that bridge.

Agenda Item #4

ADA Accessibility Training

B. Parsons informed the committee that an ADA Accessibility Training will take place at SCPDC on April 15-16, 2013. He explained that an instructor will lead the workshop, but individuals from Washington assist with the training via Skype. He stated that once DOTD personnel have been given the opportunity to register, he will open registration for others interested in participating in this free training.

Agenda Item #5

Acceptance of the Draft Bike Plan and Recommendation to Policy Committee

J. Manning stated that the draft version of the Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian plan was distributed during the last meeting, as well as posted online. He informed the committee of the comments that were received. Those comments were then incorporated in the plan. He also advised the committee that a safety element was added to the plan.

B. Parsons suggested that a reference to the AASHTO guide and AASHTO pedestrian guide be included in the plan.

It was motioned by T. Arabie to accept to recommend the Draft Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan to the Policy Committee for adoption. C. Pulaski seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item #6

Next Steps

J. Manning suggested that the Active Transportation Committee continue to meet, annually instead of quarterly, in order to review and update the Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan. He stated that this annual meeting could take place during the annual Safety Summit. The committee agreed that the Safety Summit is a good time for the meeting to take place.

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting date will be scheduled in 2014.