

Houma-Thibodaux Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)
Policy Committee (PC)
MINUTES

Date: September 21, 2000

Place: South Central Planning & Development Commission (SCPDC) Offices

Time: 2:00 p.m.

1. Mr. Peter Rhodes, Chairman, called the Policy Committee meeting to order.
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2. Roll Call

Lafourche Parish President, Mr. Gerald Breaux, Absent
Terrebonne Parish President, Mr. Bobby Bergeron, Mr. Pat Gordon-Proxy
City of Thibodaux Mayor, Mr. Charles Caillouet, Ms. Bonnie Lafont-Proxy
Terrebonne Parish Council Member, Ms. Christa Duplantis, Mr. Alvin Tillman-Proxy
Terrebonne Parish Council Member, Mr. Peter Rhodes-Present
Terrebonne Parish Council Member, Mr. Wayne Thibodeaux-Present
Terrebonne Parish Council Member, Mr. Clayton Voisin-Absent
LADOTD, Mr. John Evanco-Present
FHWA, Mr. Virgil Page-Present

SCPDC Staff, Mr. Kevin Belanger

SCPDC Staff, Mr. Kevin Ghirardi

3. Nomination of Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Members

Mr. Rhodes nominated Mr. CJ Stoufflet, Pat Gordon, Bob Jones, Mr. Perry Blanchard, Mr. Al Levron, Mr. Kermit Kramer, Ms. Bonnie Lafont, Mr. Dan Broussard, Mr. Virgil Page, Mr. Roland Maurin, Jr..

Mr. Pat Gordon nominated Mr. Norman Hebert to represent Lafourche Parish.

Mr. Thibodeaux and Mr. Rhodes discussed the duties of the TAC and requested documentation to be provided to the PC and the newly appointed TAC members.

Mr. Thibodeaux motioned to accept nominations to the TAC, Mr. Tillman seconded.
No opposition, motion PASSED.

4. Resolution to authorize SCPDC Chief Executive Officer to enter SCPDC into contract with LADOTD to utilize FHWA funds for transportation planning.

Motioned by Mr. Thibodeaux, seconded by Mr. Gordon.
No discussion, no opposition, motion PASSED.

5. Resolution to authorize SCPDC Chief Executive Officer to enter SCPDC into contract with LADOTD to utilize FTA funds for transportation planning.

Motioned by Mr. Thibodeaux, seconded by Mr. Tillman.
No discussion, no opposition, motion PASSED.

6. Discussion and selection of projects for inclusion in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Mr. Ghirardi: The PC should discuss and select projects for inclusion in the TIP. After consensus on the projects is reached, and the MPO PC approves the "Draft" TIP, public hearings on the TIP will be held in both Lafourche and Terrebonne Parish. After public comments are received, the PC will meet to determine if changes are needed and will vote to finalize the TIP. The TIP now programs for eight years, differing from previous TIPs that programmed projects for only three years.

PC committee began discussion by reviewing the Draft TIP project listings.

PC discussed Acadian Road-West project. Mr. Belanger asked that the project be placed in the TIP with the appropriate stages of the project listed by year.

Mr. Ghirardi stated that the projects programmed by the PC to use urbanized funds are mostly the same as the prior TIP, with the proposed addition of two projects in Terrebonne Parish: North Hollywood Road Widening and Westside Boulevard-Phase B, and one project for Lafourche Parish / City of Thibodeaux - the Acadian Road-West project.

Mr. Thibodeaux asked if the TIP will be updated annually, Mr. Belanger stated that the PC will review and update annually or as the PC deems necessary. Mr. Belanger stated that the intent is to have the PC meet on a regular, quarterly basis.

Mr. Thibodeaux questioned if plans exist for the improvement of State Highway 316 in Gray. Mr. Ghirardi stated that the TIP includes projects planned by the LADOTD, and that LA-316 does not appear in the State's program of projects. The LADOTD only programs projects in their State Transportation Improvement Program for three years.

PC discussed Acadian Road-West project details. Mr. Ghirardi suggested that the PC program the Acadian Road-West project for construction in year 2007, rights-of-way / utility relocation in year 2006, and engineering in year 2004.

Mr. Gordon's motioned to program Acadian Road-West project with above suggested stages. Mr. Thibodeaux seconded motion.
No further discussion, no opposition, motioned PASSED.

Mr. Virgil Page complimented PC on TIP format and suggested one map illustrating all project locations. Mr. Thibodeaux requested a new map illustrating MPO boundary.

7. Discussion of dates and places for public hearings to discuss Draft Transportation Improvement Program.

Motioned by Mr. Thibodeaux, seconded by Mr. Tillman to hold meetings on October 10 or 11, 2000, 5:00 p.m. (exact date and time to be determined by staff and Ms. Lafont), Thibodaux City Council Meeting Room, and October 12, 2000, 6:00 p.m., Terrebonne Parish Council Meeting Room. *Note: actual dates held were October 10, 2000 and October 12, 2000.*

No discussion, no opposition, motion PASSED.

8. Determine date time of next PC meeting.

Mr. Thibodeaux motioned, Mr. Gordon seconded, to hold next committee meeting October 26, 2000, 1:30, at SCPDC office.

No opposition, motion PASSED.

9. Mr. Rhodes recognized Mr. Thibodeaux's motion and Mr. Gordon's second to adjourn.

No opposition, motion PASSED.