

Houma-Thibodaux Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)
Policy Committee Minutes
September 19, 2002, 12:00 PM

1. Prayer

The Prayer, Mr. Wayne Thibodeaux.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance, Mr. Scott Leger

3. Roll Call

Mr. Scott Leger called roll.

Lafourche Parish President, Mr. Gerald Breaux-Absent

Terrebonne Parish President, Mr. Bobby Bergeron-Absent

City of Thibodaux Mayor, Mr. Charles Caillouet-Present by proxy Bonnie Lafont-Alternate

Terrebonne Parish Council Member, Ms. Christa Duplantis-Present by proxy Jason Benoit-Alternate

Terrebonne Parish Council Member, Mr. Peter Rhodes-Present

Terrebonne Parish Council Member, Mr. Wayne Thibodeaux-Present

Terrebonne Parish Council Member, Mr. Clayton Voisin-Present by proxy Paul Labat-Alternate

LADOTD, Mr. John Evanco-Present

4. Approval of minutes from August 15, 2002 meeting

Moved, Mr. Paul Labat, second, Mr. Wayne Thibodeaux, passed.

5. Public Hearing: Opportunity for Public to provide input on the 2003 TIP

No one from the public was in attendance at the meeting. Motion to close public hearing, Mr. Wayne Thibodeaux, second, Mr. Jason Benoit, passed.

6. Approval of the Transportation Improvement Program – 2003 TIP

Mr. Kevin Ghirardi stated that no written or verbal public comments had been received by South Central Planning & Development Commission.

He added that no phone calls regarding the 2003 TIP had been received either. Mr. Ghirardi stated that the Houma-Thibodaux Area had received an additional ITS funding earmark and that this was added to the 2003 TIP. Moved, Mr. Wayne Thibodeaux, second, Ms. Bonnie Lafont, passed.

7. Review of the Houma Intelligent Transportation System - HITS

Mr. Kevin Ghirardi updated the committee on the status of the Houma Intelligent Transportation System (HITS) project currently underway and being performed by consultants PB Farradyne. Mr. Ghirardi stated that

the project was in the early stages of development. Mr. Ghirardi added that the consultants would obtain input from various incident management agencies and compile a report of these findings. Mr. Scott Leger stated that the consultants were supposed to send a representative to the meeting but this person did not attend.

8. Policy Committee meeting dates

Staff asked the committee members when regularly scheduled meetings should be planned. Some discussion of policy committee meeting dates ensued. The committee asked that a meeting be held prior to the LA-DOTD public hearing on road construction commonly called the LA-DOTD "Road Show". A meeting date was tentatively set for October 24, 2003.

9. Other Business

Staff informed the committee that Mr. Ronnie J. Shaw had requested to be put on the Policy Committee agenda. Mr. Wayne Thibodeaux stated that Mr. Shaw was welcome to give a formal presentation expressing his professional considerations at a meeting.

10. Adjournment

Moved, Mr. Wayne Thibodeaux, second, Mr. Jason Benoit, passed.