

Houma-Thibodaux Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)
Policy Committee Minutes
June 29, 2006, 12:30 PM

1. **Prayer**
The Prayer, Mr. Peter Rhodes
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
The Pledge of Allegiance, Mr. Pat Gordon

It was requested that Mr. Scott Leger check into the legality of proxies and that the Committee be notified of the outcome.

3. **Roll Call**
Mr. Scott Leger called roll.
Lafourche Parish President, Ms. Charlotte Randolph-Absent
Terrebonne Parish President, Mr. Don Schwab-Present
City of Thibodaux Mayor, Mr. Charles Caillouet-Present, proxy Ms. Bonnie Lafont
Terrebonne Parish Council Member, Mr. Harold Lapeyre-Absent
Terrebonne Parish Council Member, Mr. Peter Rhodes-Present
Terrebonne Parish Council Member, Mr. Alvin Tillman-Present, proxy Mr. Pat Gordon
Terrebonne Parish Council Member, Mr. Clayton Voisin-Present
LADOTD, Mr. Michael Stack-Present, proxy Mr. Paul Lambert

Others in attendance were: Mr. Lyle LeBlanc of LA DOTD, Scott Leger of SCPDC, Joan Schexnayder of TPCG, Rickie Pitre of SLECA, and Leo Marretta of SCPDC.

4. **Approval of Minutes from March 30, 2006 meeting.**
It was moved by D. Schwab, seconded by P. Gordon, to approve the minutes of March 30, 2006. Motion carried.
5. **Public Hearing: Opportunity for public to provide input on the 2006-2007 Draft Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)**
There being no one from the public wishing to comment on the UPWP, it was moved by C. Voisin, seconded by D. Schwab to close the public hearing. Motion carried.
6. **Call for motion to adopt the 2006-2007 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Resolutions adopting the 2006-2007 UPWP.**
It was moved by D. Schwab, seconded by P. Gordon to adopt the 2006-2007 UPWP. Motion carried.
7. **Next MPO Policy Committee meeting.**
Then next meeting of the MPO Policy Committee will be September 28, 2006.
8. **Project updates**

Kevin Ghirardi updated the Committee on the Prospect Street Bridge. Discussion ensued.

It was moved by Pat Gordon, seconded by Don Schwab to request DOTD and the MPO to put together a plan of action for the Prospect Street Bridge and to hold a public hearing to inform the public. Motion carried.

9. Other Business

Scott Leger provided information on the Traffic Summit scheduled for July 20, 2006.

Kevin Ghirardi discussed the LA DOTD Enhancement Grant funding.

Kevin Ghirardi stated that the agency would work with the LA DOTD to update the traffic demand modal. He said that the modal would probably be expanded to include almost the entire northern half of Lafourche Parish and maybe a touch of Assumption Parish.

Mr. Ghirardi also discussed the next round of funding for the TIP. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Al Levron discussed sewerage issues with the widening of Hwy 57 between Industrial Blvd. and Thompson Road as well as the widening of Country Drive. He said that the Parish has requested a design exception from DOTD which was denied. He asked that the Management Committee consider sending a letter to the state on behalf of the Policy Committee asking for reconsideration.

It was moved by C. Voisin, seconded by D. Schwab to send a letter to DOTD and to legislative delegation to ask for reconsideration. Motion carried.

It was requested that Mr. Leger check with the other MPO's in the state and DOTD to check into the legality of proxies and to notify all committee members at least two weeks prior to the next meeting.

10. Adjournment

D. Schwab moved, seconded by C. Voisin to adjourn.