

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, December 12, 2012 10:00 AM

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

In Attendance

Committee:	Wendell Voisin, Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government Linda Pertuit, Lafourche COA Mona Danos, Lafourche Special Education District No. 1 Charlene Rodriguez, Lafourche COA Peggy Krieg, Lafourche ARC Rose Grabert, SED #1 Ellen Daigle, Assumption ARC Jamie Ainsworth, LADOTD Lester Adams, Lafourche ARC Randy Manning, Terrebonne COA Kayla Dardar, Terrebonne COA
Absent:	Rosa Lou Molaison, Assumption COA Kyle Soignet, Lafourche ARC Marvin Schwartzenburg, Assumption ARC Terry Arabie, Lafourche Parish Government Keri Walker, St. James Parish Darla Cantrelle, Terrebonne COA Harold Beck, LADOTD Roger Shelton, Terrebonne ARC, informed SCPDC that he was unable to attend because of training that would be taking place on the same day as the Regional Transit Committee meeting.
Staff:	Scott Leger, SCPDC Josh Manning, SCPDC Cassie Parker, SCPDC

Call to Order

S. Leger called the meeting to order at approximately 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, December 12, 2012 at South Central Planning and Development Commission Pelican Room in Houma, LA.

Agenda Item # 1

Introductions took place

Agenda Item # 2

Approval of the September 12, 2012 Meeting Minutes

Charlene Rodriguez motions to approve the June 13, 2012 meeting minutes, Peggy Krieg seconds the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item # 3

Urban/ Rural Area Delineation

S. Leger stated that for approximately 10 years, the 2000 Census designated urbanized area map along with the 2003 adjusted urbanized area map has been used in order to determine urban and rural areas. He then reviewed the 2010 urbanized area map. He added that the 2010 map includes DOTD's proposed smoothed urbanized boundaries.

S. Leger informed the committee that the Technical Advisory Committee will be meeting tomorrow, December 13, 2012 at 10:00 AM. The Technical Advisory Committee will be making recommendations with regards to the smoothed urbanized areas at this particular meeting. S. Leger invited the Regional Transit Committee members to participate if he/she is interested.

L. Adams asked S. Leger if the 2010 urbanized area map is adopted, would that result in rural transportation not being allowed in the particular section. S. Leger stated that he is correct. L. Adams questioned why certain areas are being moved to the urbanized area. S. Leger explained that the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) has strict guidelines with regards to urban and rural areas. He stated that the original urbanized area is a result of the 2010 Census; however, the committees can make recommendations for the smoothing of the urbanized area.

J. Ainsworth informed the committee that newer regulations are coming from FTA regarding ridership reporting. Therefore, DOTD will be conducting more assessments of the origination of rider's trips.

W. Voisin questioned if the "smoothed area" becomes the basis of apportionment for federal funds. He was informed that it does not. W. Voisin stated that for program eligibility, it should be based off the basis of apportionment, which would be the "non-smoothed area". J. Manning stated that the MPO was informed otherwise. W. Voisin questioned how it would make sense, if the smoothed area is in the rural apportionment but cannot be used by the rural program, it can only be used by the urban program.

S. Leger stated that this question was asked three years ago, at which time an email was sent to Michelle Horne. She responded to this email saying that she spoke with Laura Wallis at FTA and was told the smoothed area should be used. W. Voisin suggested that Eldridge be contacted with regards to this question.

S. Leger asked Terrebonne Council on Aging (COA) what tools were being used to determine rural and urban trips. He stated that he provided Darla Cantrelle two or three different methods for making this determination, but he was unsure which method she chose. K. Dardar stated that she is certain that a street list is used; however, D. Cantrelle would know any other method being practiced.

Agenda Item # 4

TIP Letters

J. Manning requested that any agency requesting grant funding provide him with their TIP letters.

Agenda Item # 5

LPTA Conference Recap

S. Leger asked if anyone had anything to share with regards to the LPTA meeting. It was stated that Linda Pertuit, Lafourche COA received the Extra Mile Award.

Agenda Item # 6

Contact Information Updates/New Contact List

C. Parker informed the committee members that there have been recent updates to the contact list. She requested that agencies inform her if their agency information changes or needs updating. She stated that she will continuously update the list and distribute any new changes to the committee members.

Agenda Item # 7

Other Business

J. Manning reminded the committee that an email was distributed yesterday requesting that all agencies review the Regional Transit Committee demo site in order to confirm the information is accurate.

W. Voisin stated that there have been residents that have called Good Earth Transit (GET) requesting information on public transportation outside of Houma and Thibodaux. He informed those individuals that the only public transit option is by train. He asked the committee members if they are aware of any other services offered for the public besides taxi cabs and/or trains. He stated that another gap in service, which often takes place, is for non-emergency medical. There were no solutions offered. W. Voisin also voiced his concern that our region is not represented on the Departments of Public Health and Hospitals website.

J. Ainsworth informed W. Voisin that due to recent changes in the Medicaid system. Each individual chooses his/her own provider; the provider is listed on his/her Medicaid card.

Agenda Item # 8

Future Meeting Dates

L. Adams motions to move the regularly scheduled meeting dates from the second Wednesday of the third month of each quarter to the third Tuesday of the third month of each quarter, C. Rodriguez seconds the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

*The next regularly scheduled meeting will take place on **March 19, 2013** at 10:00 a.m.*

Agenda Item # 9

Adjournment

C. Rodriguez motions to adjourn the meeting at approximately 11:28 p.m., W. Voisin seconds the motion. Motion carried unanimously.