

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: Tuesday, December 16, 2014 10:00 AM

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

In Attendance

Committee:	<u>Assumption ARC</u> Sherry Douglas	<u>SED #1</u> Mona Danos
	<u>Assumption COA</u> No representation	<u>St. James Parish</u> Alisa Dunklin
	<u>LADOTD</u> No representation	<u>Terrebonne ARC</u> Mikki Lodrigue
	<u>Lafourche ARC</u> Peggy Krieg	<u>Terrebonne COA</u> Kayla Dardar Randy Manning
	<u>Lafourche COA</u> Charlene Rodriguez Linda Pertuit	<u>Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government Transit</u> No representation
Other Attendees:	Brandy Toups, Lafourche Parish Government Jeremy Leuenberger, Lafourche Parish Government David Gauthé, BISCO	
Staff:	Scott Leger, SCPDC Adam Tatar, SCPDC Leo Marretta, SCPDC Emma Bergeron, SCPDC	

Agenda Item # 1

Introductions

Introductions took place.

Agenda Item # 2

Approval of the September 16, 2014 Meeting Minutes

S. Leger requested that the committee review the meeting minutes from September 16, 2014. B. Toups relayed to the Committee her name had been misspelled and Grayling Hadnott was not shown in the attendance list.

C. Rodriguez motions to approve the September 16, 2014 meeting minutes as amended, S. Douglas seconds the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item # 3

Local Agency Reports

Everyone expressed their concerns and frustrations for the lack of guidance on the 5310 Grant Applications process. There are no manuals available online or otherwise. M. Lodrigue turned in a list of grant issues from R. Shelton.

L. Pertruit relayed to the Committee the mechanical issues the Lafourche COA have been experiencing with a van which has a blown engine. The van is no longer under warranty and the COA has 30-60 days to make the \$9,000 repair which they do not have the funds for. It was suggested to research outside extended warranties which may be available for the vans, LCOA is not the only van which is experiencing the burning oil issues.

Agenda Item # 4

TIP Letters

L. Marretta reminded the Committee TIP letters from their respective organizations were due to SCPDC today. These letters are needed to complete the TIP application.

Agenda Item # 5

Affordable House Developments in Lafourche

L. Marretta expressed concern on whether the transportation element was included in regards to the affordable housing developments in Lafourche. He extended the HT-MPO assistance in helping to meet those needs. It was suggested to reach out to Melanie Carlos of Lafourche ARC.

Agenda Item # 6

Greyhound Bus Service and Passenger Rail Initiatives

L. Marretta explained to the Committee Greyhound has requested to re-establish service locally – between Baton Rouge, New Orleans, and Houma. Greyhound is requesting the HT-MPO include this project within the Transit Element of the TIP. This letter of support was needed prior to the formal approval of their application by the DOTD's Public Transportation Section.

Agenda Item # 7

Lafourche Transit Feasibility Study Update; Public Outreach, etc.

A. Tatar informed the Committee that he was currently working on the Lafourche Transit Feasibility Study Update. He stated the Lafourche Parish Government was interested in expanding their public transit service. A. Tatar will be studying where there are unmet transportation needs within the Parish, how those can be met, and funded as well as who will provide those needs. The study was in the public outreach/data gathering phase. A survey was provided to Committee members. A draft of the study should be completed in early 2015.

Agenda Item # 8

Future Meeting Dates – March 17, 2014

C. Rodriguez motions to adjourn the meeting, S. Douglas seconds the motion. Motion carried unanimously.