

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, June 16, 2015 10:00 AM

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

In Attendance

Committee:	<p><u>Assumption ARC</u> Ellen Daigle</p> <p><u>Assumption COA</u> Shirley Jones</p> <p><u>LADOTD</u> Casey Lewis Jessica Lenore</p> <p><u>Lafourche ARC</u> Kyle Soignet</p> <p><u>Lafourche COA</u> Linda Pertuit</p>	<p><u>SED #1</u> Mona Danos Rose Grabert</p> <p><u>St. James Parish</u> Melvin Moses</p> <p><u>Terrebonne ARC</u> Rodger Shelton</p> <p><u>Terrebonne COA</u></p> <p><u>Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government Transit</u></p>
Other Attendees:	<p>Jeremy Leuenberger, Lafourche Parish Government Joni Tuck, Greater Lafourche Port Commission Maryal Merwerher, BISCO TC Howard, AngelTrax Dwayne Rebstock, Fourchon Transportation Services</p>	
Staff:	<p>Scott Leger, SCPDC Cassie Parker, SCPDC Joshua Manning, SCPDC Adam Tatar, SCPDC Leo Marretta, SCPDC Emma Bergeron, SCPDC</p>	

Agenda Item # 1

Introductions

Introductions took place.

Agenda Item # 2

Approval of the March 17, 2015 Meeting Minutes

A. Tatar requested that the committee review the meeting minutes from March 17, 2015.

R. Sheldon motioned to approve the March 17, 2015 meeting minutes, R. Grabert seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item # 3

Agency Reports

TARC – Recently began working with the Assumption COA on driver training. R. Sheldon stated that he has begun including Roundabout Trainings in his defensive driver class. He has suggested making contact with the local school jurisdiction to include roundabout trainings for their bus drivers. TARC has been awarded 5310 Grant funds. Requested from AngelTrax a sample policy for agencies to utilize. TARC has updated all hurricane preparedness plans.

DOTD – 5310 and 5311 approved contracts would be distributed in July. Upcoming trainings were as follows: Drug & Alcohol Training June 22-23 in Lafayette, an Agency Directors meeting July 23-24 in Baton Rouge, Passenger Service and Safety Training September 2-4 in Lake Charles, Vehicle Maintenance Management and Inspection Training tentatively set for September 15-17 in New Orleans, and the State Public Transit Conference has been set for November 17-19 in Baton Rouge.

Fourchon Transportation Services – Privately own transportation services catering to the oilfield industry. Currently have 10 bus stops within the Galliano, Golden Meadow and Port Fourchon areas. Provides park and ride Services within the flood protection.

Greater Lafourche Port - Nolty J. Theriot Road was close to completion. DOTD's Overlay Project for Hwy 3090 was out for bid.

Lafourche – working on a transportation study for the entire parish. Also, about to begin working on a Workforce Urban Housing Study in the lower portion of Lafourche Parish.

SED #1 - anxiously awaiting their new vehicles.

Lafourche COA – been experiencing issues with Ford dealerships and evaluations on tires. Their vans are in need of new tires, the dealers have not been checking. Now they have their drivers keeping an eye on the tires.

Assumption COA – the present director was retiring and they are in the process of getting a new director. Interested in moving towards a more of an on demand service. Feels that being in a rural area the need for on demand service was needed.

Assumption Arc – awaiting on vehicles; 2 awarded in 2012 and 1 awarded in 2013. Short a bus due to an oil leak.

Lafourche Arc – awaiting new vehicles. Currently operating a fleet of 20. Beginning to look favorably toward the smaller vans as compared to the larger busses.

Agenda Item # 4

2015 Shell Capacity Building Scholarship

A. Tatar informed the Committee of the 2015 Shell Capacity Building Scholarship Program. This program includes governance assessments; training in board governance, financial management, fund development and human resources; and executive coaching for 10 nonprofit organizations in the Gulf Coast region. It is for Terrebonne, Lafourche, and St. Mary parishes. If anyone was interested they may contact Ms. Cassie Parker at SCPDC.

Agenda Item # 5

Lafourche Transit

A. Tatar stated there was a great deal of support from the Public, Lafourche Parish Administration and Council. Demand response service along with a fixed route that would traverse up and down Bayou Lafourche twice a day were the most favorable services. Now the study has proceeded towards the process of who would operate the service, what the cost of such a service would be, and who would have the responsibility; several agencies have expressed interest in doing so.

Agenda Item # 6

Amtrak Subcommittee

A. Tatar relayed to the Committee that the MPO TAC Committee expressed a strong interest in supporting the AmTrak daily rail service within the Region. The MPO TAC Committee has suggested an AmTrak Subcommittee be formed in order to continue support efforts and seeking methods on how to increase ridership. The Subcommittee will meet immediately following the Regional Transit Committee meetings.

He also informed the Committee that Greyhound has expanded their daily bus services to the Houma area and have begun offering daily bus service from New Orleans to Houma and return to New Orleans. The Shop & Bag on Park Avenue has become Greyhound's depot.

Agenda Item # 7

AngelTrax Presentation

Mr. Flash Howard of AngelTrax presented the committee with a PowerPoint presentation overviewing the digital video surveillance equipment being offered by AngelTrax.

Agenda Item # 8

Next Meeting – September 15, 2015

It was unanimously motioned to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.