

# M E E T I N G M I N U T E S

**HTMPO Policy Committee Meeting**

**Date:** April 28, 2016

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

**In Attendance:**

<b>Committee:</b>	Ron Animashaun (Mayor of Napoleonville) – Absent Chandra Bondzie (FHWA, Non-Voting) - Absent James Cantrelle (Lafourche Parish President) – Present Paul Champagne (Mayor Town of Lockport) – Absent Gordon Dove (Terrebonne Parish President) – Proxy Al Levron Christa Duplantis-Prather (TPCG Council Member) - Present Tommy Eschete, MPO Vice Chair (Mayor City of Thibodaux) – Proxy Thad Angeloz Chairman Dirk Guidry (TPCG Council Member) – Present Al Marmande (TPCG Council Member) – Absent Christopher Morvant (LA DOTD District 02 Administrator) – Proxy Lyle LeBlanc Corey Perilleaux (LPG Council Member) - Absent Marty Triche (Assumption Parish Police Jury President) – Proxy Jeff Naquin Arlanda Williams (TPCG Council Member) – Absent
<b>Staff:</b>	Kevin Belanger, SCPDC Leo Marretta, SCPDC Scott Leger, SCPDC Josh Manning, SCPDC Cassie Parker, SCPDC Adam Tatar, SCPDC Emma Bergeron, SCPDC
<b>Others in Attendance:</b>	Terry Arabie, LPG Jeffrey Leuenberger, LPG Chris Pulaski, TPGCG Joni Tuck, GLPC Pat Gordon, Private Citizen Suzanne Leckert, TMG Consulting Ryan McNeely, TMG Consulting

L. Marretta called the meeting to order at 12:05pm.

Invocation: C. Duplantis-Prather

Pledge of Allegiance: C. Duplantis-Prather

Roll Call and Submittal of Proxy Letters:

The following proxy letters were submitted:

- Mr. Al Levron will serve as proxy for Mr. Gordon Dove
- Mr. Thad Angeloz will serve as proxy for Mr. Tommy Eschete
- Mr. Lyle LeBlanc will serve as proxy for Mr. Christopher Morvant
- Mr. Jeff Naquin will serve as proxy for Mr. Martin Triche

Introductions took place.

**Agenda Item # 1**

***Public Hearing Regarding the Draft 2017 Unified Planning Work Program***

J. Manning explained a Public Hearing regarding the Draft 2017 Unified Planning Work Program was called for at the previously held Policy Committee meeting. Chairman Guidry opened the forum for Public Comments. No comments from the public were made.

**Agenda Item # 2**

***General Public Comment***

There were no public comments made.

**Agenda Item #3**

***Approval of Minutes from January 26, 2016 Meeting***

***It was motioned by J. Naquin to approve the January 26, 2016 Policy Committee meeting minutes. T. Arabie seconded. Motion carried unanimously.***

**Agenda Item # 4**

***Project Updates***

***a. Letting Schedules & Current DOTD Project Updates***

L. Leblanc updated the Policy Committee on the following projects:

**Lafourche Parish**

- The Fourchon Road was 90% complete.
- LA20 in the City of Thibodaux was at 31% complete.
- The West Larose Bridge Rehab was at 42% complete.
- Hwy 182 from LA1 to Guidry Lane has been let, work shall begin within 30-60 days.
- On July 13<sup>th</sup> Phase 2C of the Leeville Connector Project will be let.
- Tiger Drive left turn lane onto Hwy 308 has been scheduled to be let in September 2016.

**Terrebonne Parish**

- LA55 overlay project was 16% complete.
- LA182 overlay project from New Orleans Blvd to Bayou Blue was 80% complete.
- LA56 right turn at Presque Isle has gone out for bid. Work should begin within 30-60 days.
- LA57 Bayou Salle will be let in May 2016. Work should begin in June or July.

C. Duplantis-Prather relayed she has submitted resolutions to the state for the return of the traffic signal light at West Park and Suthon Ave, the one way on East Park and East Main to Howard Ave., and for an assessment of turn arrows on the Daigle Bridge. She was also working on a resolution requesting a walk way on the East Park side of the twin spans. C. Duplantis-Prather expressed concerns about the Legion Park area which is a school zone and a park zone. This area becomes very congested. There are multiple safety concerns. She would like to see cross walks and sidewalks in the area. C. Parker relayed there was not sufficient safety data available in reference to that area; however, the MPO staff was researching funding sources to assist with those safety concerns.

***b. Locally Funded Project Updates***

**City of Thibodaux:**

T. Angelloz gave the locally funded project updates for the City of Thibodaux.

- The LA20 widening project was progressing well.
- Progress is being made on the Acadian Roundabout project.

**Lafourche Parish:**

T. Arabie gave the locally funded project updates for Lafourche Parish.

- The Airport Road has been completed.
- Preparing to accept bids for the Galliano Pontoon Bridge rehab project.

**Assumption Parish:**

J. Naquin relayed that Hwy 398 has been overlaid.

**Terrebonne Parish:**

A. Levron gave the locally funded project updates for Terrebonne Parish.

- Hollywood Road 4-Lane project was still underway. The drainage on the Northside has been complete.
- Bayou Gardens Extension, Thompson Road Extension, and Westside Blvd Ph. 3 were all under construction.
- Enterprise roundabout was near completion.
- The setting of the Falgout Canal Bridge has been postponed until July.
- Construction was set to begin on the Country Drive widening project.
- Hollywood Road Valhi to Bayou Black extension was in design.
- LA 24 sidewalk project final plan packet has been sent to DOTD.
- Westside sidewalk projects check print packet has been sent to DOTD.

**Agenda Item # 5**

**Committee Reports**

**a. TAC Committee Report**

J. Manning relayed the first public hearing regarding the Draft 2017 UPWP was held prior to the start of the TAC meeting. No comments were submitted. The TAC Committee reviewed the UPWP and has recommended it for adoption to the Policy Committee.

**b. Safety Coalition Report**

C. Parker stated that the Regional Safety Plan has been updated. They completed an RSA in collaboration with LA DOTD on Hwy 20. Those results should be forthcoming. The Local Road Safety Program was still seeking safety projects for local roads. Last day for submission was June 30<sup>th</sup>; however, applications can be submitted year round. DOTD has requested the Safety Coalitions work with their parishes to create parish safety plans. The "Click it or Ticket" program was set to begin May 23<sup>rd</sup> through June 5<sup>th</sup>.

**c. Transit Committee Report**

A. Tatar stated the Transit Committee continues to work with local human services agents with submittal of grants. Continue to assist Good Earth Transit with general support. Presented the final draft Lafourche Transit Study to the new Lafourche Administration. The draft was scheduled to be presented to the Lafourche Parish Council in May.

**Agenda Item # 6**

**a. Review TAC Memberships**

A list of the membership was provided within the meeting packets for review by the Policy Committee.

**b. Update on new TIP Projects**

J. Manning reviewed the new TIP projects.

**i. Thibodaux Overlays – Project Numbers Assigned**

- ii. Civic Center, Prospect, LA 24 Sidewalks – Project Numbers Assigned*
- iii. Civic Center Roundabout – Responding to DOTD Comments on Scope*
- iv. Local Access Management Plan – Cost Estimate*
- v. LA 1 Corridor Study & Matthews/Raceland Small Area Study*

***It was motioned by C. Duplantis-Prather, seconded by T. Arabie to add a Report of the Lafourche Parish Housing Study to the Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.***

***c. Reports of the Lafourche Parish Housing Study***

S. Leckert of TMG Consulting presented to the Committee the Draft Lafourche Parish Housing Study. The study consists of three scenarios. The first scenario portrays the Parish not making any investments within the Parish to entice new residents to move into the parish. The second shows the Parish making investments to spur housing developments. With emphases based on employment projections and third party population projections is the final scenario studied. The study came out with a wide range of housing needs for south Lafourche from 7-885 housing units. The final study will be available online soon.

**Agenda Item # 7**

***New Business***

***a. Adoption of the 2017 UPWP***

J. Manning relayed the TAC has reviewed the Draft 2017 UPWP and has recommended it for adoption by the Policy Committee. He highlighted the changes made within the 2017 UPWP.

***It was motioned by C. Duplantis-Prather to adopt the Draft 2017 UPWP. J. Naquin seconded. Motion carried unanimously.***

***b. N. Acadia Rd. Pedestrian Improvements***

T. Angeloz informed the Policy Committee the City of Thibodaux would be in the process of continuing the pathway along N. Acadia Road across Audubon Drive towards Cardinal Drive. In order to do so the City needs way for pedestrians to cross Audubon Drive. The City would like to create the pathway into a transit trail. They are seeking additional funding in order to do so. Their goal is to place a push button pedestrian signal with a crosswalk in the intersection to help pedestrians to cross Audubon Drive safely. MPO staff is assisting the City with researching additional funding. The signal could be considered as a qualifying project to place within the TIP. In the future the City of Thibodaux may request to add the push button pedestrian signal project to the TIP using STP<200K funds.

***c. Airport Road TIGER Grant Application***

J. Tuck relayed that the Greater Lafourche Port Commission was submitting a TIGER Grant application for a three lane lift bridge over Bayou Lafourche south of Galliano, north of Golden Meadow and for a connector road which would connect Hwy 3235 to this bridge, directly with Airport Road to the South Lafourche Airport.

**Agenda Item # 8**

***Adjournment***

The next meeting date is Thursday, July 28, 2016 at 12:00pm.

***It was motioned by T. Arabie to adjourn the meeting. J. Naquin seconded. Motion carried unanimously.***