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

**HTMPO Technical Advisory Committee & Safety
Coalition Infrastructure & Operations
Subcommittee Meetings**

Date: September 10th, 2020

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

In Attendance:

Committee:	Present: Sarah Arceneaux, CoT Terry Arabie, LPG Gary Gisclair, LADOTD Jeffery Leuenberger, LPG Pat Matherne, LPG Chris Pulaski, TPCG Dawn Sholmire, LADOTD Wendell Voisin, TPCG Laura Phillips, FHWA Tracey Wang, LADOTD
Staff:	Kevin Belanger, SCPDC Shannon Edgeron, SCPDC Pat Gordon, SCPDC Josh Manning, SCPDC Cassie Parker, SCPDC Emma Bergeron, SCPDC
Others in Attendance:	Casey Lewis, Leo Marretta, Louisiana Highway Safety Merrill McKarry M. Bingham Parker Rogers Trey Jesclard, LADOTD

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM.

Agenda Item #1

Roll Call & Introductions

J. Manning thanked everyone for joining the meeting via teleconference. He reviewed meeting instructions and requested each person present in person and online to please introduce themselves.

Agenda Item #2

Adoption of June 11th, 2020 Meeting Minutes.

It was motioned by J. Leuenberger to approve the minutes from the June 11th, 2020 TAC/IO Meeting Minutes. T. Arabie seconded. There being no objections, motion carried.

Agenda Item #3

LA DOTD Project Update

C. Rogers gave the LA DOTD Project Update.

Lafourche Parish

- LA 3235 Improvements Project is approximately 85% completed.
- US 90 Overlay Project from the east end of the barrier wall to Des Allemands has begun and is 20% complete; contractors currently working on drainage and crossovers.
- LA 1 Overlay from the Leeville Bridge to Falgout Lane in Golden Meadow, the contractor is patching in the Leeville area and proceeding North.
- Work is expected to begin this month on the LA 308 Bridge south of McCloud Road in Lockport. The rough asphalt approaches are being replaced.
- US 90 Overlay from Hwy 308 to the east end of the barrier wall goes to bid on September 23rd.

Terrebonne Parish

- LA 182 Roundabout at Hollywood Road is about 70% complete.
- LA 311 Left Turn Lane into Ellendale is nearly complete.
- LA 24 Company Canal Bridge preconstruction meeting will be held in September; construction expected to begin in December.
- Overlay of Hwy 24 from Ducrois Road in Schriever to St. Charles Street in Houma has begun. Contractor is currently working on replacing guardrails on bridges.
- The Hansen Canal Bridge Replacement Project has been placed on hold. The waterworks are in the process of replacing a waterline.
- LA 55 Concrete Repairs expected to begin late September or early October.
- Approach Slab Leveling Projects for the Dularge Bridge, Flatbed Bridges on Prospect Blvd, Hwy 24 in the Larose area, and LA 20 between Donner/Gibson goes to bid on September 23rd.

Agenda Item #4

Local Project Updates

No updates were provided.

Agenda Item #5

Amtrak Working Group Update

P. Gordon relayed there was nothing new to report.

Agenda Item #6

Transportation Improvement Program Proposed Amendments

- H.013429 Downtown Thibodaux – Add Design Phase in FY21 for \$19,320 (80/20; STP<200K)***
- H.013940 LA 648 & Acadia Rd Intersection Improvements – Remove Feasibility/Stage 0 Phase. Add ROW Phase in FY22 for \$100,000 (80/20; STP<200K)***

J. Manning reviewed the proposed TIP Amendments. ***It was motioned by T. Arabie to recommend to the HT-MPO Policy to amend the TIP to include the proposed amendments. J. Leuenberger seconded. There being no objections motion carried.***

Agenda Item #7

Local Transit Agency Grant Applications

J. Manning explained how this is a yearly matter which the local transit agencies are applying for FTA funds

through DOTD to purchase vehicles. If these grants are approved the HT-MPO will amend the TIP to include

these vehicles and agencies in our regional CHSTP; the transit providers only need a letter from the HT-MPO stating so. Within the meeting packet was a list depicting the local Transit Providers requests. J. Manning stated the HT-MPO did not receive TARC's request letter until the morning of the meeting; therefore, it was not included within the meeting packet. However, he reviewed TARC's request for two busses and possibly minivans. ***It was then motioned by W. Voisin to recommend to the HT-MPO Policy Committee to provide letters to the local transit providers in support of their grant requests. T. Arabie seconded. There being no objections motion carried.***

Agenda Item #8

Review of MPO ArcGIS Online Project Website/Dashboard

J. Manning gave a brief overview of the MPO's ArcGIS Online Project Website/Dashboard. In an effort to help better educate and keep MPO members informed on the status of projects, J. Manning has created an ArcGIS Online Project/Dashboard link on the HT-MPO website. The Dashboard displays all pertinent information on the status of a project. As a project progresses, the information within the Dashboard will be updated. It is a work in progress, J. Manning requested if anyone had any suggestions or comments on how to improve this newly created resource to please contact him.

Agenda Item #9

Discussion on advancing MTP Phase 2 Projects

Currently, the MTP has five projects within the Region identified as Stage 2. Stage 2 projects are projects which some sort of funding has been dedicated towards. J. Manning inquired upon what were some initiatives the HT-MPO may take to assist in advancing these projects? It was suggested for HT-MPO members to rank Stage 2 Projects. Once ranked a tier can be created accordingly to assist in prioritizing projects.

Agenda Item #10

Discussion regarding St. Charles Parish's ordinance to establish a process for analyzing the impact of traffic generated by new development by Traffic Impact Analysis

M. Bingham stated that St. Charles Parish was currently in the process of analyzing the Traffic Impact Study which was conducted. The Parish has seen an increase need for housing in the area and is trying to be proactive in all aspects of it. There has been a "disconnect" between LADOTD and Driveway Permit Applicants; whereas, LADOTD does not realize when one is applying for a driveway permit that applicant is actually applying for access from a state road into a developing subdivision. M. Bingham promised once the Traffic Impact Analysis summary has been completed it will be shared with the HT-MPO.

Agenda Item #11

Discussion on Terrebonne Parish Traffic Calming/Speed Hump Ordinance

C. Pulaski relayed that speed humps have been requested by various Terrebonne Parish Council members over the years. The Parish began researching what traffic calming measures other jurisdictions had in place. Terrebonne Parish has developed a program; whereas, a resident can apply online for a speed hump in their area. He gave a brief overview of the basic criteria and process. A Public Hearing will be held on the newly created Speed Hump Ordinance at the Terrebonne Parish Council meeting of September 23rd.

C. Parker welcomed everyone to the Safety Coalition Infrastructure & Operations portion of the meeting.

Agenda Item #12

Discussion on advancing MTP Phase 2 Projects

a. Infrastructure & Operations Action Plan Status

C. Parker stated two action steps have been delayed from getting started due to Covid-19; however, 40% of IO goals have been completed for 2020. She reviewed the Performance Measures and Targets. C. Parker inquired as to what type of activities could the Coalition plan for 2021 that would help to decrease the percentage of fatalities along Louisiana Highways. One suggested measure was prescriptive street lighting. K. Belanger spoke briefly upon SCPDC's effort for a Prescriptive Street Lighting design. He stated a letter of support from member Parishes would be greatly appreciated.

b. Louisiana Roadway Departure (RWD) Plan Presentation – Trey Jesclard

T. Jesclard presented the Statewide Roadway Departure Plan. For Coalition Members review, a sample of the statewide Roadway Departure Safety Implementation Plan. The document includes a brief synopsis of what the counter measures involve and the benefits if were implemented. He reviewed the website and the tools offered by using one of the Region's parishes as an example.

c. 1.2 Local Road Safety Program, Transportation Alternatives Program, Safe Routes to Public Places Program

C. Parker stated the website has been updated to reflect the new application dates.

d. 1.3 Regional Bicycle & Pedestrian Safety Plan Update

Currently staff has been working on analyzing all the data gathered and are close to completing that process.

e. 2.3 Road Safety Assessment Workshop Status

LTAP plans to host an online Road Safety Assessment Workshop on October 7th.

f. 4.2 Safety Concern Updates

Agenda Item # 13

Next Meeting Date: December 10th, 2020

C. Pulaski motioned to adjourn the meeting. C. Rogers seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.