

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

HTMPO Policy Committee Meeting

Date: September 22nd, 2022

Meeting Location: South Central Planning and Development Commission, Gray, LA.

In Attendance:

Committee:	<p>Present: Archie Chaisson, Lafourche Parish President – alternate John Warren Christopher Morvant, LA DOTD District 02 Danny Babin, TPCG Council Dirk Guidry, TPCG Council Gordon Dove, Terrebonne Parish President – alternate Chris Pulaski John Amedee, TPCG Council Terry Arabie, Lafourche Council</p> <p>Absent: Darrin Guidry, TPCG Laura Phillips, Federal Highway Administration LA Division Michael Gros, LPG Council Patrick Johnson, Assumption Parish Police Jury Ron Animashaun, Village of Napoleonville Tommy Eschete, City of Thibodaux</p>
Staff:	<p>Cassie Parker, SCPDC Josh Manning, SCPDC LeaAnn Rucker, SCPDC Shannon Edgeron, SCPDC Thomas Rhodes, SCPDC Pat Gordon, SCPDC</p>
Others in Attendance:	<p>April Renard, Grey Engineering Beryl Amedee, House of Representative Cal Joy, Buchart Horn Chris Rogers, LA DOTD District 2 Dan Magri, Buchart Horn Jacob Oncale, DOTD Sarah Arceneaux, City of Thibodaux Grants Director</p>

J. Amedee called the meeting to order at approximately 12:00 pm.

Invocation: J. Amedee

Pledge of Allegiance: J. Amedee

Introductions took place.

Agenda Item #1

General Public Comment

Chairman J. Amedee opened the floor to receive public comments.

There were no public comments.

Agenda Item #2

Adoption of Meeting Minutes from July 28th, 2022, HTMPO Policy Committee Meeting.

D. Babin motioned to approve the meeting minutes of the HT-MPO Policy Committee Meeting held July 28th, 2022. D. Guidry seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item #3

Project Updates

a. Current DOTD Project Updates

J. Oncale updated the Policy Committee on the following projects:

Lafourche Parish:

- LA-1 overlay from Leeville Bridge to Falgout Lane in Golden Meadow is 96% complete, contractor has striping and cleaning remaining.
- LA-1 overlay from Elson Lane to LA-182 is 90% complete. Paving is complete. Contractor has striping remaining.
- LA-654 overlay and road raising is 100% complete. Final inspection is complete and waiting on final acceptance.
- US-90 overlay from LA-308 to the east end of the barrier wall is approximately 100% complete. Completed final inspection and they are waiting on final acceptance.
- LA-1 Phase 2, Leeville to Golden Meadow has begun working at the Levee in Golden Meadow. Contractor is beginning pile driving.
- LA-648 Percy Brown Road overlay bid was awarded to Barriere Construction. Construction will not begin until the LA-20 job is complete.
- LA-308 overlay from the St. Charles Bridge to Theriot Canal is 50% complete. The building operations started this week followed by asphalt.
- LA-1 turn lanes at Brandywine and Country Club are 90% complete. Asphalt is complete, and they are working on striping.

Terrebonne Parish:

- LA-24 Company Canal Bridge Replacement project is 25% complete. Contractor is building east and west towers and operator house.
- LA-24 overlay from Ducros Road in Schriever to St. Charles Street in Houma, is approximately 90% complete. Striping finished the day before.
- The approach slab leveling project on LA-315, 3087, 24, and 20 are approximately 100% complete. Final inspection is complete. Waiting for final acceptance.
- LA-55 road repair and overlay from Humble Canal to LA-58 construction is 95% complete. Concrete work is complete. Striping sometime next week.

- LA-665 overlay from Oak Point Road to Point Au Chene Marina, began construction in September. Patching will begin soon.
- LA-24 Northbound from St. Charles Street to St. George Road, construction has begun in September.
- LA-20 overlay from Ducros Road to LA-648 is 20% complete. Contractor has begun concrete work and patching.
- LA-24 sidewalk rehab on the Park Avenue side from Williams to Central. The bid was awarded to LA Contracting.
- LA-308 from Golden Meadow Bridge to Galliano Bridge was awarded to Huey Stockstill.

T. Arabie wanted to know if there were any plans for the overlay of LA-182 to LA-1. D. Guidry wanted to fix the roads along LA-56. C. Pulaski wanted to know the progress on the 3040-Feasibility study. D. Babin was concerned that the grass along LA-182 is growing on the road.

b. *Locally Funded Project Updates*

Terrebonne Parish:

C. Pulaski gave a brief update on locally funded projects in Terrebonne Parish:

- Asphalt 2021 is under construction.
- Pavement striping for Phase 1B is out for bid.
- LA-24 sidewalk rehab has taken bids and are in the process of signing contracts.
- Hollywood extension bridge is in design and engineering.
- Brady Road bridge is in design and engineering.
- Valhi Multi-use Path Phase 1, engineer has been selected and is currently in the contract phase.
- Valhi Multi-use Path Phase 2 has been accepted to the Safe Routes to Public Places Program.
- Valhi Multi-use Path Phase 3 would be connecting the trailheads as far as they get to phase two and Milford and Associates will be responsible for it.
- Bayou Blue Sidewalks is waiting for engineer selection.
- Civic Center Roundabout is waiting for engineer selection.
- Williams Multi-use Path is still in the environmental approval process.
- Country Estates Bridge is under right of way acquisition.

Lafourche Parish:

J. Warren gave a brief update on locally funded projects in Lafourche Parish:

- Lafourche/Terrebonne Scenic Overlook is nearing completion. They are doing striping and finishing work.
- DPW is doing some drainage work along Choctaw Road. There were four streets total.
- In Golden Meadow, they are working on West 45th, 125th, 41st, 90th, 131st, 205th, 183rd, 184th, 199th, 200th, 179th.
- Working on the Golden Meadow boat launch. They have a ramp issue they are working on.

c. *STP<200K Projects Update*

C. Parker gave an update on the STP<200K Projects. C. Parker relayed the LA-24 Sidewalk Rehab is moving forward with construction. C. Parker relayed the Bayou Blue Sidewalk is waiting on

design and consulting selection. C. Parker relayed the City of Thibodaux's Audubon Ave Overlay Project was received and was submitted to the council administrator to be added to the council agenda. C. Parker relayed the LA-648 at Acadiana Woods intersection and the letting date is on January 10, 2023. Downtown Thibodaux Sidewalks had no updates.

Agenda Item #4

Committee Reports

a. *Technical Advisory Committee*

J. Manning discussed the latest version of the TIP for the next fiscal year. The Technical Advisory Committee has recommended a draft of the TIP.

i. *Amtrak Sub-Committee*

There was no report.

b. *Transit Committee*

S. Edgeron relayed the updates for the Transit Committee. The Special Education District #1 reported that two vans were down and did not have any catalytic converters stolen since the cage installation. S. Edgeron relayed the Terrebonne Council of Aging hired some new drivers and Michelle Claudet is the new executive director. Terrebonne ARC is fully staffed, and they have received new radio staff. Lafourche ARC had two catalytic converters stolen along with a shortage of drivers. Lafourche Council of Aging hired more drivers and has had air conditioning issues. Good Earth Transit has a shortage of staff and no vehicle problems. The Assumption Council on Aging reported they hired two new drivers. The Assumption ARC has had issues hiring drivers. The St. James parish government is dealing with theft and air conditioning issues.

c. *TDM Program Update*

L. Rucker is currently working with the Bayou region re-entry team to provide carpools/vanpools for people who have been incarcerated or for low-income families. L. Rucker relayed she drafted a document for outreach, to provide resources and education outlining a rideshare program.

d. *Safety Coalition*

C. Parker reported on recent Safety Coalition initiatives. She discussed the intersection improvements at Canal and Fifth Street. She discussed improving access for pedestrians on LA-1 near Nicholls State campus now that they have the bayou side park. The last Infrastructure and Operations Subcommittee meeting was held on July 21. She also relayed about a crash dashboard training available for anyone of the public. C. Parker relayed that South Central Planning would host a combating roadway departure course.

Agenda Item #5

2023 Safety Performance Targets: Amendments of Appropriate Documents to include performance targets for 2023:

- 1% annual reduction in fatalities from a 2021 baseline of 38 to a target of 37 in 2023.
- 1% annual reduction in serious injuries from a 2021 baseline of 24 to a target of 24 in 2023
- 1% annual reduction in fatality rate from a 2021 baseline of 2.05 to a target of 2.009 in 2023
- 1% annual reduction in serious injury rate from a 2021 baseline of 1.319 to a target of 1.293 in 2023

- 1% annual reduction in non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries from a 2021 baseline of 12 to a target of 11 in 2023

D. Babin motioned to adopt the 2023 Safety Performance Targets, seconded by D. Guidry. All were in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item #6

Houma-Thibodaux MPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

a. 2018-2021 TIP: Ratification of Administrative Modifications

- ***H.013340 Valhi Blvd, Multi-use trail, Phase 1:*** Change engineering phase from \$99.7k in STP<200k at 80/20 in FFY 2021 to \$86k in STPFLEX-E at 80/20 in FFY 2022.
- ***H.013269 Audubon Ave OVLY: LA 1 to Terrebonne P/L:*** Change Engineering phase from \$69,320 in STP<200k at 80/20 in FFY 2021 to \$151k in STPFLEX-E at 80/20 in FFY 2022
- ***H.009320 Acadian Road Roundabout:*** Change Construction phase from \$3.835M in HSIP at 100% in FFY 2022 to \$4.9M in HSIP at 100% in FFY 2022.
- ***H.009320 Acadian Road Roundabout:*** Change Construction phase from \$4.9M in HSIP at 100% in FFY 2022 to \$6.1M in HSIP at 100% in FFY 2022.

D. Babin motioned to ratify the modifications, seconded by D. Guidry. All were in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

b. 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program

J. Manning reviewed the TIP.

D. Guidry motioned to adopt the TIP as presented. D. Babin seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item #7

2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan: Amend to include Canal Bridge Replacement

J. Manning discussed the MTP plan to replace the Canal Bridge.

T. Eschete motioned to amend the MTP to include the Canal Bridge Replacement, seconded by D. Guidry. All were in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item #8

Safe Streets for All --- Program Application for HTMPO Urbanized Areas

J. Manning discussed the program for Safe Streets for All.

Agenda Item #9

Adjournment

T. Eschete motioned to adjourn, seconded by C. Pulaski. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting Adjourned.