

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

HTMPO Policy Committee Meeting

Date: May 4th, 2023

Meeting Location: Terrebonne Parish Main Branch Library, Houma, LA.

In Attendance:

Committee:	<p>Present: Archie Chaisson, Lafourche Parish President – alternate John Warren Danny Babin, TPCG Council Darrin Guidry, TPCG Council Dirk Guidry, TPCG Council Gordon Dove, Terrebonne Parish President – alternate Chris Pulaski John Amedee, TPCG Council (Chairman) Kevin Clement, Mayor City of Thibodaux (vice chairman) Laura Phillips, Federal Highway Administration LA Division</p> <p>Absent: Leroy Blanchard, Assumption Parish Police Jury Ron Animashaun, Village of Napoleonville Terry Arabie, Lafourche Parish Council</p>
Staff:	<p>Cassie Parker, SCPDC Jonathan Eastwood, SCPDC Thomas Rhodes, SCPDC</p>
Others in Attendance:	<p>Alan Gibson, FHWA Chris Cole, DOTD Dawn Sholmire, DOTD Jacob Oncale, DOTD Jason Bergeron, 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.

- J. Bergeron wanted to know if there would be any traffic direction plan when working on any project that is heavily affected by traffic. A. Gibson discussed the condition of LA-56 in Dulac.

- Gibson wanted to know if the bumps around 7029 Orange Street and the intersection of Orange street and LA-57, would be fixed.

Chairman J. Amedee closed the floor for public comments.

Agenda Item #2

Adoption of Meeting Minutes from January 26th, 2023, HTMPO Policy Committee Meeting.

D. Babin motioned to approve the meeting minutes of the HT-MPO Policy Committee Meeting held January 26th, 2023. C. Pulaski 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 Phase 2, Leeville to Golden Meadow is 15% complete. Contractor is driving piles.
- LA-648 Percy Brown Road Overlay construction has begun. Contractor is finishing paving on Monday, they are beginning guardrail on May 4th and prepping following.
- LA-308 from Golden Meadow Bridge to Galliano Bridge construction has begun. Contractor is trimming trees and starting patching.
- Acadian Road Roundabout is currently in the assembly period. Contractor is locating utilities.
- LA-307 Overlay has been awarded and is awaiting an evaluation.
- LA-3220 Movable Bridge has been awarded and is awaiting evaluation.

Terrebonne Parish:

- LA-24 Company Canal Bridge Replacement project is 60% complete. Contractor is installing windows and operator house, stairs on the south tower, and machinery deck.
- LA-24 Overlay from Ducros Road in Schriever to St. Charles Street in Houma, is approximately 99% complete. Contractor is putting up final signage.
- LA-665 Overlay from Oak Point Road to Point Au Chene Marina is 85% complete. Contractor is putting in mailboxes, driveways, and striping.
- LA-24 Northbound from St. Charles Street to St. George Road is 13% complete. Contractor is patching the concrete patching and asphalt patching will begin next week.
- LA-20 Overlay from Ducros Road to LA-648 is 99% complete. Contractor is working on fixing some drainage.
- LA-661 has been awarded and is currently in the assembly period. Will begin construction in Mid-June
- LA-24 sidewalk rehab is complete 80% complete. Contractor is installing handrails, signage, and striping.
- LA-56 Robinson Canal Bridge is out for bid.

D. Babin wanted to know of the overlay letting list.

b. Locally Funded Project Updates

Terrebonne Parish:

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

- LA-24 sidewalk rehab is currently under construction.
- Valhi Multi-use Path Phase 1 is currently in design.
- LA-316 sidewalks are currently in design.
- Civic Center Roundabout intersecting Valhi Blvd is waiting for engineer selection.

Lafourche Parish:

There was no report.

City of Thibodaux:

- Audubon Avenue overlay is waiting on the geotechnical scope of work.
- LA-648 at Acadia Road intersection improvement is advertising for a traffic study.
- Acadian road Roundabout start date was on 04-24-23 and began with above ground utility relocations.
- Downtown Thibodaux sidewalks was submitted for DOTD review.

c. STP<200K Projects Update

C. Parker gave an update on the STP<200K Projects. C. Parker relayed the Government Center trailhead is currently in design. C. Parker relayed Williams Multi-use Path is anticipating construction in April. C. Parker relayed Twin span East side sidewalks phase 2 construction is complete. Currently working on closeout. C. Parker relayed Valhi Multi-use Path Phase 2 is currently in design.

Agenda Item #4

Committee Reports

a. Technical Advisory Committee

C. Parker relayed the meeting minutes from the previous meeting in the meeting packet.

b. Transit Committee

There was no update.

c. TDM Program Update

There was no update.

d. Safety Coalition

C. Parker discussed the most recent Safety Coalition initiatives and the recent TAP applications for Assumption parish. She also gave an update on the LA-3040 Feasibility Study and other upcoming safety projects.

Agenda Item #5

Houma-Thibodaux MPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

- a. Proposed 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment:

H.013116 LA 20 Widen: LA 307 --- South Vacherie: Add Environmental Phase at \$225K HSIPPEN at 100% in FFY 2023; Add Construction Phase of \$17.1M in HSIPPEN at 90/10% in FFY 2023.

D. Guidry motioned to amend the Houma-Thibodaux MPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), seconded by J. Warren. All were in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

b. Update on Stage 0s

C. Parker updated the Policy Committee on the progress of the Stage 0 reports for Pedestrian Improvements for LA-1, Audubon Avenue, Bowie Road, Canal Blvd Overlay, Lafourche School Zones, and Tiger Drive Overlay.

Agenda Item #6

Metropolitan Transportation Plan

C. Parker updated the Committee on the status of the upcoming Metropolitan Transportation Plan.

Agenda Item #7

2024 United Planning Work Program --- Calling of Public Hearing on June 8th at 10AM; Special Policy Committee Meeting on June 15th at 12:00PM

C. Parker discussed the 2024 UPWP and called to have a Public Hearing on June 8th and a Special Policy Committee meeting on June 15th.

Da. Guidry motioned to call a Public Hearing and a Special Policy Committee meeting, seconded by Di. Guidry. All were in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item #8

Safe Streets for All Program

C. Parker gave an update on the Safe Streets for All Program.

Agenda Item #9

Adjournment

D. Guidry motioned to adjourn, seconded by J. Warren. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting Adjourned.