

Houma – Thibodaux
Metropolitan Planning Organization (HTMPO)

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MEETING MINUTES

HTMPO Technical Advisory Committee Meeting

Date: June 8th, 2023, 10:00:00 AM

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

In Attendance:

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| Committee: | Present: Grady Gaubert, LMTA Jacob Oncale, DOTD Joan Schexnayder, TPCG John Warren, LPG Sarah Arceneaux, COT Tina Athalone, DOTD |
| Staff: | Cassie Parker, SCPDC Josh Manning, SCPDC Pat Gordon, SCPDC Thomas Rhodes, SCPDC |
| Others in Attendance: | |

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

Agenda Item #1

Roll Call & Introductions

J. Manning welcomed everyone to the meeting. He requested introductions be made.

Agenda Item #2

Public Hearing for 2024 United Planning Work Program

J. Manning opened the floor for the public hearing. There being no comments, J. Manning closed the floor of the public hearing.

Agenda Item #3

Public Comments

There were no comments received from the Public.

Agenda Item #4

Adoption of March 9th, 2023, Meeting Minutes

It was motioned by J. Warren to approve the minutes from the March 9th, 2023, TAC Meeting Minutes. J. Schexnayder seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item #5

LA DOTD Project Update

J. Oncale gave the LA DOTD Project Update.

Lafourche Parish

- LA-1 new construction from Leeville to Golden Meadow is 14% complete. The contractor is driving piles.
- LA-308 overlay from St. Charles bridge to Theriot Canal Boat Launch is 95% complete. The contractor has seeding and fertilizing.
- LA-308 overlay from the Golden Meadow bridge to the Galiano bridge. Patching should be completed by mid-June, followed by asphalt operations.
- Acadian Road Roundabout utility relocation began this week.

Terrebonne Parish

- LA-24 Company Canal Bridge Replacement project is 54% complete. They are building towers and an operator house.
- LA-24 overlay on the Park side is 20% complete. Contractors is finishing concrete patching, asphalt patching, and is beginning drainage.
- LA-24 overlay from Terrebonne to Schriever Overpass on Park side is 100% complete. Issued a final inspection.
- LA-665 overlay from Hope Farm Road to Point Au Chenes Marina is 99% complete. Issuing a final inspection this upcoming week.
- LA-20 overlay from Ducross Road to LA-648 is 99% complete. Contractor is working on repairs by Colonels truck plaza.
- LA-648 overlay of Percy Brown Road is 100% complete.
- LA-24 sidewalk rehab from Williams to Central on the West Park side is 100% complete. Issued a final inspection.
- LA-56 Robinson Canal Bridge was awarded to Sealevel Construction LLC. Waiting on notice of contractor extension execution. Construction should begin by mid-July.
- LA 661 overlay will begin soon. They are awaiting the Houma navigation to be completed before moving on to this project.
- LA 307 3220 pre-construction began last week.

P. Gordon wanted to know if the procedure for grass cutting was the same as previous times. He pointed out the area that has not been cut for three years. The area was Coteau and Bayou Blue on LA-182. C. Parker was concerned about the grass near the Elgin St bridge. J. Oncale replied that the area is under contract and the grass would be cut.

Agenda Item #6

Local Project Updates

J. Schexnayder provided an update on Local Projects within Terrebonne Parish

Terrebonne Parish

- Asphalt 2023 is in design.
- Pavement and striping from Phase 1B is complete.

- Hollywood Road Extension Bridge is receiving bids. Waiting for additional treasury funds.
- Brady Road Bridge Project is in design.
- Valhi Blvd Multi-Use Path Phase I is in design.
- Valhi Blvd Multi-Use Path Phase II is in design.
- Williams Ave Multi-Use Path is in design.
- Country Estates Bridges is in right of way acquisition.
- Civic center roundabout is still waiting on DOTD to advertise for an engineer.

J. Warren provided an update on Local Projects within Lafourche Parish

Lafourche Parish

- Mathews Complex trailhead project drawings are completed. It will go out to bid and is waiting for administration approval.
- Restriping of local roads Talbot Ave, Triple Oaks Drive, St. Charles bypass Road, Sanchez Road, Industrial Park Road, St. Phillips Street, Parish Road, Laura Valley Road, and Burma Road. Putting in new paint, stop signs, road reflectors, bumpers, new polls, and more roads as needed.

S. Arceneaux provided an update on Local Projects within the City of Thibodaux

City of Thibodaux

- Downtown Thibodaux sidewalks are in engineering phase.
- Audubon Avenue overlay is in engineering phase.
- LA-648 overlay no new updates.

Agenda Item #7

Safety Coalition Update

C. Parker relayed to the committee of an upcoming training with law enforcement to conduct distracted driving enforcement in specific school zones. The distracted driving hands free bill was not passed but C. Parker discussed that if a school zone with hands free signage is present, law enforcement can conduct the training. In August, SCPDC along with LTAP will be hosting a vulnerable road users' course in Thibodaux. C. Parker relayed the local road safety program. C. Parker relayed the vulnerable road user sidewalk application for Assumption parish.

Agenda Item #8

Metropolitan Transportation Plan

J. Manning went over the Metropolitan Transportation Plan. J. Manning discussed the timetable for when the MTP needs to be submitted.

Agenda Item #9

Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Plan

J. Manning discussed the progress of the Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan. L. Rucker is developing an RTQ to bring on a consulting firm to take on the work South Central Planning has done and complete it.

Agenda Item #10

Safe Streets for All Grant Award

J. Manning discussed the Safe Streets for All Grant Award. J. Manning discussed that it is a Federal Grant that South Central applied for directly to FHWA and will be awarded to a safety action plan for the MPO area. J. Manning relayed on hiring a consultant to complete the project on time.

Agenda Item #11

Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations --- Annual Conference

J. Manning discussed the upcoming association of metropolitan planning organization annual conference in Cleveland, Ohio. J. Manning asked if anyone from the TAC committee was willing to attend.

Agenda Item #12

Recommendation of 2024 United Planning Work Program

J. Manning discussed the newest United Planning Work Program.

It was motioned by J. Schexnayder to recommend the Policy Committee to adopt the UPWP, seconded by S. Arceneaux. Motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item #13

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

- H.014802 LA 316 & LA 24 --- Mill, Overlay, Grade Raising, HFST: Add Construction Phase at \$3.58M in STGEN & \$1.535M in HSIPPN at 100% and \$600K in PROTECT at 80/20 in FFY 2023.
- H.014849 US 90: 0.9 Mile W LA 311 --- McMahon Canal: add Construction phase \$17.5M in NHPP at 80/20 and \$xx in DEMO in FFY 2023.

J. Manning reviewed the proposed TIP Amendments. ***It was motioned to recommend that the Policy Committee amend the TIP as presented. Motioned by J. Warren, seconded by J. Schexnayder. All were in favor. Motion carried unanimously.***

Agenda Item #14

Next Meeting Date: September 14, 2023

It was motioned by J. Warren to adjourn the meeting, seconded by S. Arceneaux. There being no objections, motion carried.