Houma-Thibodaux Metropolitan Planning Organization

Policy Committee Meeting

Thursday, October 26, 2023, at 12:00 pm Terrebonne Parish MAIN BRANCH Library 151 Library Drive, Houma, LA 70360



Invocation Pledge of Allegiance Roll Call & Introductions

1. General Public Comment

(Please state your name, address, and agenda item # you wish to comment on)

2. Adoption of Meeting Minutes from the July 27, 2023 meeting

3. Project Updates

- a. Current DOTD Project Updates
- b. Locally Funded Project Updates
- c. Additional STP<200K Projects Update

4. Staff/Committee Reports

- a. AMPO Conference
- b. Technical Advisory Committee
- c. Transit Committee
- d. Travel Demand Management
- e. Safety Coalition

5. Houma-Thibodaux MPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

- a. Proposed amendment to the 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program
 - i. H.013402 LA1 & LA308 PED & MULTIUSE PATH (LOCKPORT) Remove project from the TIP
 - ii. H.013404 LA 1 SIDEWALKS (CUT-OFF) Remove project from the TIP
 - iii. H.013490 CENTRAL LAFOURCHE MULTI-USE PATH PH 1A Remove project from the TIP
 - iv. H.013714 VALHI BLVD SHARED-USE PATH (HOUMA) Add Engineering phase \$139k in HSIPPEN at 100% in FFY 2024.
 - v. H.015662 VALENTINE PONTOON BRIDGE (HBI) Add Environmental phase \$62.5k in LOCAL in FFY 2024; Add Engineering phase \$693.5 in LOCAL in FFY 2024; Add Construction phase \$3.3M in EARMARK at 80/20, \$1.2M in FBROFF at 80/20 and \$1.6M in LOCAL in FFY 2025.

vi. H.972506.1 (HTMPO TRANS PLAN UPDATE SFYS 2024-2025)

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- b. Ratification of Administrative Modifications
 - i. H.014849 US 90: 0.9 MI W LA 311 MCMAHON CANAL to include \$3,400,000 in DEMO in FFY 2023.
 - ii. Administrative modification for Lafourche Council on Aging received FTA Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities funding to purchase (2) 12 passenger vehicles totaling \$280,852.00 (85% federal share of \$238,724.20; 13.8% local match of \$38,757.58; 1.2% Parish Transportation funds of \$3,370.22).
- c. Update on Stage Os

6. Unified Planning Work Program

Ratification of Administrative Modifications: Revisions to FHWA Task 2 explaining that a new TIP and PPP are not being developed but rather amended as needed during FY 24.
 Updated language specifying the party to perform work on each task. No changes to any funding amounts.

7. Safety Performance Targets

Consider supporting DOTD's safety performance targets and updating the MTP, TIP, UPWP as needed to reflect the following:

- a. 1% annual reduction in fatalities from a 2022 baseline of 37 to a target of 36 in 2024.
- b. 1% annual reduction in serious injuries from a 2022 baseline of 35 to a target of 35 in 2024.
- c. 1% annual reduction in fatality rate from a 2022 baseline of 2.051 to a target of 2.011 in 2024.
- d. 1% annual reduction in serious injury rate from a 2022 baseline of 1.919 to a target of 1.881 in 2024.
- e. 1% annual reduction in non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries from a 2022 baseline of 13 to a target of 13 in 2024
- 8. Metropolitan Transportation Plan | PROTECT Grant Application
- 9. Safe Streets for All Safety Action Plan
- 10. Regional Bicycle & Pedestrian Safety Plan
- **11**. Adjournment

Next HTMPO Policy Committee Meeting: *Thursday, January 25, 2024, at 12:00 p.m. Location:* TBD

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M E	E T I N G M I N U T E S		
HTMPO Policy Con	mittee Meeting Date: July 27 th , 2023		
Meeting Location: Lafourche Parish Thibodaux Branch Library, Thibodaux, LA.			
n Attendance:			
Committee:	Present:Archie Chaisson, Lafourche Parish President – alternate John WarrenDanny Babin, TPCG CouncilDarrin Guidry, TPCG CouncilDirk Guidry, TPCG CouncilGordon Dove, Terrebonne Parish President – alternate Chris PulaskiJohn Amedee, TPCG Council (Chairman)Kevin Clement, Mayor City of Thibodaux (vice chairman)Absent:Leroy Blanchard, Assumption Parish Police JuryRon Animashaun, Village of NapoleonvilleLaura Phillips, Federal Highway Administration LA DivisionTerry Arabie, Lafourche Parish Council		
Staff:	Cassie Parker, SCPDC Joanna Dupre, SCPDC Josh Manning, SCPDC Jonathan Eastwood, SCPDC LeaAnn Rucker, SCPDC Lesley Long, SCPDC Pat Gordon, SCPDC Thomas Rhodes, SCPDC Beryl Amedee, House District 51		
Others in Attendance:	Chris Rogers, DOTD Jacob Oncale, DOTD Jason Bergeron, Jason Bergeron Sarah Arceneaux, City of Thibodaux Grants Director		

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

Invocation: J. Amedee

Pledge of Allegiance: J. Amedee

Introductions took place.

<u>Agenda Item #1</u> 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 May 4th, 2023, and June 15th, 2023, Special Meeting HTMPO Policy Committee Meeting.

D. Guidry motioned to approve the meeting minutes of the HT-MPO Policy Committee Meeting held May 4th, 2023, and the June 15th, 2023 Special Meeting. D. Babin 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 is 100% complete. Contractor is working on final inspection.
- LA-308 from Golden Meadow Bridge to Galliano Bridge construction has begun. The wear in course started this week.
- Acadian Road Roundabout is currently in the assembly period. Contractor is locating utilities.
- US-90 at 182 intersection improvement is having a pre-construction meeting next week.
- LA-307 Overlay has been awarded and is awaiting an evaluation.
- LA-3220 Movable Bridge repairs in Kramer and North Lockport has been awarded and is awaiting evaluation.

Terrebonne Parish:

- LA-24 Company Canal Bridge Replacement project is 70% complete. Contractor is installing windows and operator house, stairs on the south tower, and machinery deck.
- LA-665 Overlay from Oak Point Road to Point Au Chene Marina is 100% complete. Contractor is doing final inspection.
- LA-24 Northbound from St. Charles Street to St. George Road is 31% complete. Contractor is patching and fixing the drainage.
- LA-20 Overlay from Ducros Road to LA-648 is 100% complete. Contractor is working on final inspection.
- LA-661 to S Van has begun construction. Will Contractor has started asphalt patching and tree trimming.

- LA-661 Houma-Navigational electrical repair is complete. Contractor is working on final inspection.
- LA-24 sidewalk rehab is complete 100% complete. Contractor is working on final inspection.
- LA-56 Robinson Canal Bridge had a preconstruction meeting the previous week. It went into the assembly period on August 23rd.

D. Guidry wanted to know the timetable on when Robinson Canal Bridge would be completed. J. Oncale replied to it will be completed in ten months to a year. D. Babin wanted to know if LA-661 would be overlayed. J. Oncale replied that it will begin construction. B. Amedee asked if someone who has an overlay project near their property would be able to talk to someone if they have questions or concerns.

Locally Funded Project Updates

<u> Terrebonne Parish:</u>

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.
- Valhi Multi-use Path Phase 2 is currently in design.
- Williams Ave is currently in design.
- LA-316 sidewalks are currently in design.
- Civic Center Roundabout intersecting Valhi Blvd is waiting for engineer selection.
- Bayou Blue LA-316 sidewalks is currently in design.

Lafourche Parish:

- Lafourche striping and signage is still working on feasibility study.
- Trailhead project design is completed.

<u>City of Thibodaux:</u>

- 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 has begun with the above ground utility relocations. Temporary lane closures and lane shifts for the sewage and drainage section of the project will begin sometime in December or January.
- Downtown Thibodaux sidewalks is in preliminary review.
- Local Road safety projects at Canal and Fifth do not have new updates. It is still in review.

b. 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* There was no update.
- b. Transit Committee

There was no update.

c. TDM Program Update

L. Rucker relayed that she is continuing to do research for funding projects and outreach programs. L. Rucker met with S. Wilmore to find funding for them to find vamp programs for people who have been incarcerated.

d. Safety Coalition

C. Parker discussed the most recent fatality numbers for the Destination Zero project. Company Canal Bridge and Klondyke Bridge are a major safety concern relating to traffic concerns. LA-24 had a campaign sign that was in the line of vision in the road. East Park Avenue has high grass and vegetation. LA-659 and LA-24 have some issues with trees and some drainage issues. Darlene street bridge has a business that has a lot of cars parked on the side of the road and can be detrimental to pedestrians that walk along that road.

Agenda Item #5

Houma-Thibodaux MPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

- a. Proposed 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment:
 - H.014802 LA 316 & LA 24: Mill, Overlay, Grade Raising, HFST
 Add Construction phase \$3.58M in STGEN, \$1.535M in HSIPPEN at 100% and \$600k in PROTECT at 80/20 in FFY 2023
 - ii. H.014849 US 90: 0.9 MI W LA 311 McMahon Canal
 Add Construction phase \$17.5M in NHPP at 80/20 and \$xx in DEMO in FFY 2023
- b. Administrative Modifications
 - i. H.015654 City of Thibodaux Ped Improvements Move project from FFY 23 to FFY 26
 - H.013714 Valhi Blvd Shared-Use Path (Houma)
 Change Construction phase from \$350k in HSIPPEN at 100% and \$63,492.20 in
 STP5-200k at 80/20 in FFY 2024 to \$350k in HSIPPEN at 100% and \$63,492.20 in
 STP50-200k at 80/20 in FFY 2025

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

c. Update on Stage O's

C. Parker updated the Policy Committee on the progress of the Stage 0 reports for Pedestrian Improvements for Canal Blvd Overlay, Lafourche School Zones, and Tiger Drive Overlay.

<u>Agenda Item #6</u> Metropolitan Transportation Plan

J. Manning updated the Committee on the status of the upcoming Metropolitan Transportation Plan. J. Manning discussed that the Metropolitan Transportation Plan will be due by May of 2025. The best date on which to begin would be sometime in November or December of this year.

Agenda Item #7 Safe Streets for All Program

J. Manning gave an update on the Safe Streets for All Program. J. Manning discusses that it is a planning grant that is awarded from the FHWA, and it does not have to go through DOTD. J. Manning discusses that it is like the Safety program but mainly focuses on the MPO area and it is very infrastructure-based planning.

Agenda Item #8 PROTECT Grant Application

J. Manning gave relayed about the PROTECT Grant Application. J. Manning discussed applying for a Protect Grant that will help with resiliency and using nature-based solutions to protect from flooding and natural disasters. J. Manning relayed to bring on more resiliency funding to do more targeted outreach in more vulnerable communities.

Agenda Item #9 Adjournment

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

Houma – Thibodaux Metropolitan Planning Organization (HTMPO)

South Central Planning and Development Commission Office 5058 West Main Street, Houma, LA 70360 985-851-2900

MEETING MINUTES			
HTMPO Technical Adv	isory Committee Meeting	Date: September 14 th , 2023, 10:00:00 AM	
Meeting Location:	Terrebonne Parish Main Bran	ch Library, Houma, LA.	
In Attendance:			
Committee:	Present: Aaron Frymoyer, LPG Brooke Domangue, TPCG Chris Rogers, DOTD David Poincon, Lafourche Pa Jacob Oncale, DOTD Joan Schexnayder, TPCG John Warren, LPG Kristi Lumpkin, LPG Paul LeBlanc, Assumption P Sarah Arceneaux, COT		
Staff:	Ebony Bailey, SCPDC Josh Manning, SCPDC Thomas Rhodes, SCPDC		
Others in Attendance	Becky Gautreaux, LSU Ag Ce Ben Moller, Brightly Softwa Billy Doolittle, Brightly Softw Brittney Brown, LSU Ag Cen Justin Clement, Assumption Raven Sykes, Brightly Softw	re vare ter Parish	

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 Comments

There were no comments received from the Public.

Agenda Item #3 Adoption of June 8th, 2023, Meeting Minutes

It was motioned by J. Schexnayder to approve the minutes from the June 8th, 2023, TAC Meeting Minutes. J. Warren seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

<u>Agenda Item #4</u> LA DOTD Project Update

J. Oncale gave the LA DOTD Project Update.

Lafourche Parish

- LA-1 new construction from Leeville to Golden Meadow is 18% complete. The contractor is driving piles.
- LA-308 overlay from the Golden Meadow bridge to the Galiano bridge. Contractor is paving the road, installing guardrails, and gas line relocation.
- Acadian Road Roundabout is relocating utility poles, shifting lanes, adding temporary asphalt, and striping.

Terrebonne Parish

- US-90 at LA-182 intersection improvement. Contractor is widening the roadway.
- LA-24 Company Canal Bridge Replacement project is 72% complete. Contractor is installing stringers and building an operator house.
- LA-56 Robinson Canal Bridge construction has begun. Contractor is putting in test piles. Bridge is set to close early October.
- LA-24 Northbound from St. Charles Street to St. George Road is 31% complete. Contractor is milling all the way to Coteau and are planning on paving LA-664 coming north.
- 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 661 overlay from LA-315 to LA-665 is asphalt paving and patching.

Agenda Item #5 Local Project Updates

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

• Asphalt 2023 project is in design.

• Hollywood Road Extension Bridge has begun. Waiting for additional treasury funds.

- Brady Road Bridge Project is in design.
- Valhi Blvd Multi-Use Path Phase I is in the preliminary stage.
- Valhi Blvd Multi-Use Path Phase II is in design.
- Williams Ave Multi-Use Path is in the preliminary stage.
- Country Estates Bridges is in right of way acquisition.
- Civic center roundabout is still waiting on DOTD to advertise for an engineer.
- Valhi Extension is in design.

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

<u>Lafourche Parish</u>

• 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 <u>City of Thibodaux</u>

- Downtown Thibodaux sidewalks are in engineering phase.
- Audubon Avenue overlay is in engineering phase.
- LA-648 overlay has started a traffic study.

P. LeBlanc provided an update on Local Projects within Assumption Parish <u>Assumption</u>

- Lee Drive overlay in Pierre Part is 95% complete.
- LA-70 overlay from LA-1 to Pierre Part Bay is about 70% complete.

Agenda Item #6 Safety Coalition Update

J. Manning 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 J. Manning 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. J. Manning relayed the local road safety program. J. Manning relayed the vulnerable road user sidewalk application for Assumption parish.

Agenda Item #7

Presentation: Predictive Roadway Conditions Modeling – Brightly Software

J. Manning opened the floor for Brightly Software to give its presentation on Predictive Roadway Conditions Modeling.

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

Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

- a. Proposed 2023-2026 TIP Amendment:
 - H.013402 LA1 & LA308 PED & Multiuse Path (Lockport) Remove project from TIP
 - H.013404 LA1 Sidewalk (Cut-Off) Remove project from TIP
 - H.013490 Central Lafourche Multi-Use Path PH 1A Remove project from TIP
 - H.013714 Valhi Blvd Shared-Use Path (Houma)
 Add Engineering Phase \$139k in HSIPPN at 100% in FFY 2023.
 - H.015662 Valentine Pontoon Bridge (HBI) Add Environmental phase \$62.5k in LOCAL in FFY 2024; Add Engineering phase \$693.5 in LOCAL in FFY 2024; Add Construction phase \$3.3M in EARMARK at 80/20, \$1.2M in FBROFF at 80/20 and \$1.6M in LOCAL in FFY 2025.
 - H.972506.1 (HTMPO Trans Plan Update SFYS 2024-2025) Add \$275,000 STP<200K funding at 80/20 in FFY 2024

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 C. Guidry. All were in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item #12

National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Funding Program

J. Manning discussed the press release of the National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Funding Program. J. Manning asked if anyone would be interested in applying for the program.

Agenda Item #13

Louisiana State Freight Plan

J. Manning discussed the possibility of the new Louisiana State Freight Plan. J. Manning discussed that Louisiana is updating its long wage freight plan.

Agenda Item #14

Urban Boundaries & Functional Classification Discussion

J. Manning discussed the Urban Boundaries of all of the roadways along the South Central region and their functional classification. J. Manning discussed the differences between the principal, major and minor arterials, and collectors. J. Manning also discussed expanding the urbanized planning area boundary from the current location of Napoleonville to the Assumption/Ascension boundary line. K. Lumpkin and J. Warren were in favor of expanding the boundary towards the Fourchon area. J. Manning discussed each roadway in further detail and asked the committee if there are any roadways that need to be reanalyzed. The committee discussed the roadways below:

- Talbot Ave and Thibodaux Bypass Road
- Duplantis Street
- Parish Road
- St. Charles Street (Thibodaux)
- Menard Street
- E 7th Street
- Bayou Lane
- Rosedown Drive
- St. Charles Bypass Road
- Bayou Blue Road
- Bowie Road
- Vacherie Street
- LA-3235
- LA-57
- Bayou Gardens Extension

Agenda Item #15 Adjournment

Next Meeting Date: December 14, 2023

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



Policy Committee Update # 1

October 26, 2023



Agenda

- Introductions
- Overview of SS4A Program
- Purpose and Goal of this Plan
- Study Area
- Planning Process
- Next Steps





Overview of SS4A Program

- \$5 Billion over 5 years (2022-2026)
- Funds regional and local initiatives to prevent roadway deaths and serious injuries
- 2 main components
 - Planning and Demonstration Grants development and completion of safety action plan
 - Implementation Grants Federal funds to implement projects and strategies identified in Action Plan
 - Projects can be behavioral, infrastructure, and/or operational
 - Applicants must have eligible Action Plan to apply



Purpose and Goal of this Plan

 Goal of plan is to develop a holistic, well-defined strategy to prevent roadway fatalities and serious injuries

Safe Streets and Roads for All

OCOG Safety Action Plan

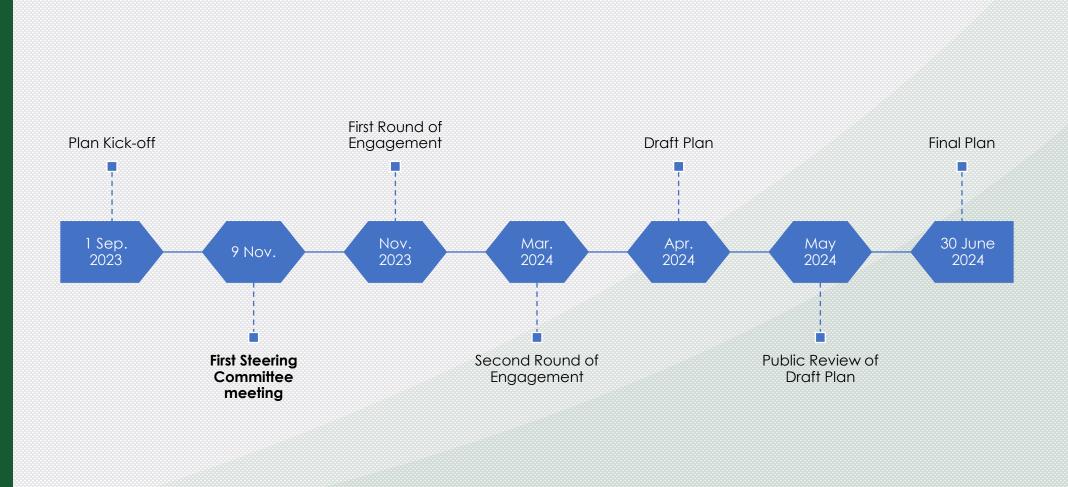




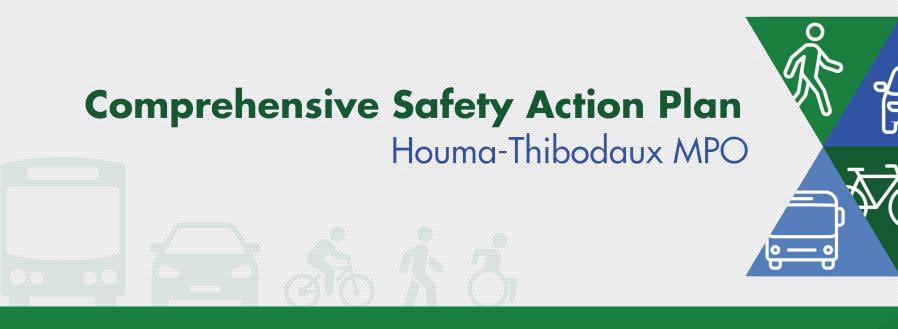




Planning Process - Timeline



OCOG Safety Action Plan



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Bicycle & Pedestrian Safety Plan

SCPDC Policy Committee Update October 2023



Why Active Transportation?





To Create Connectivity



To Improve Health



To Provide Equitable Access to Transportation



To Support Economic Growth



To Increase the Resiliency of the Transportation System

Tim e lin e

Project Initiation

The project kicked off on August 1, 2023

Data Collection and Review

Review of data sets, previous plans, existing policies & programs, and prior engagement complete

Develop GIS layer of projects

GIS Analyses ongoing: Latent dem and, Level of Traffic Stress, Crash Analysis

Identification of Potential Funding Sources

Funding Sources technical memorandum drafted

Opinion of Probable Cost

Facility typologies technical memorandum drafted; Cost estimate development is ongoing

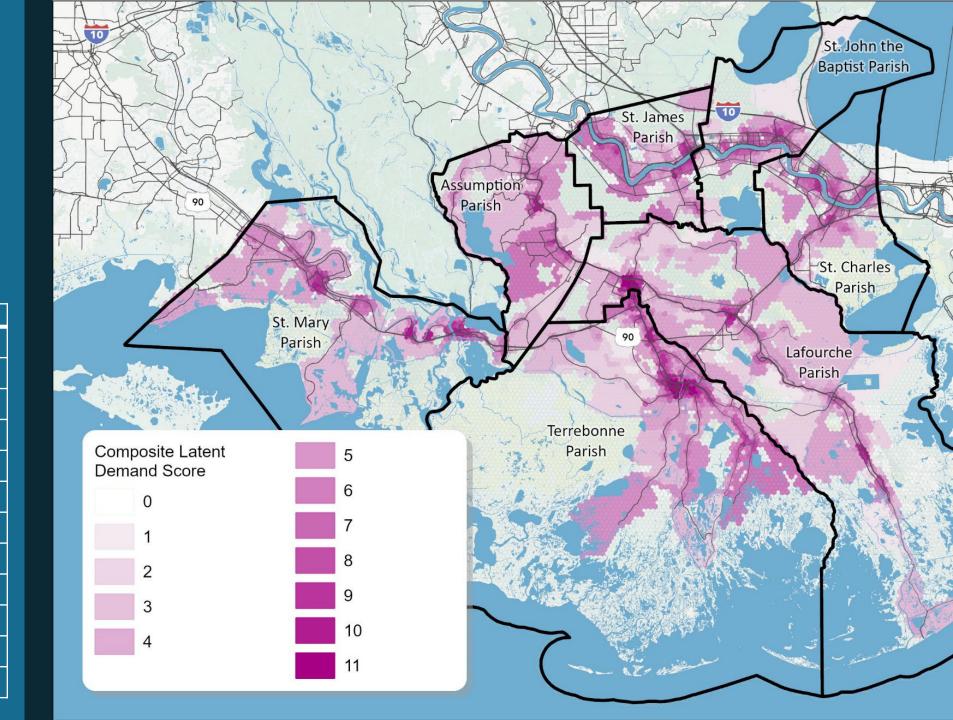
\mathbf{v}) Action Plan

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u}$) Draft and Final Report

Latent Demand

Where is there existing unmet dem and for active transportation?

Factor Population Density Minority Population Senior Population (over 65) Youth Population (under 18) Zero-Car Households Low-Incom e Households Households with Disability Commute Mode Em ploym ent Density Community Destinations Active Transportation Facilities Access to Public Transit



Recap of Public Engagement

- People want to walk and bike more!
- Barriers to walking and biking more are a lack of facilities, lack of lighting, lack of ADA accessible features
- Facilities that would help people walk or bike more:

Paths

Sidewalks

Connections to regional paths



Next Steps



Finish Developing GIS layer of projects Complete GIS Analysis Develop Network of Projects



Identification of Potential Funding Sources

Finalize Funding Sources Technical Memorandum

Opinion of Probable Cost

Establish Cost Estimates by Mile or Unit for each facility type

Action Plan

Apply Estim ated Costs to Network Create Projects Prioritize Projects Non-infrastructure Recommendations

$\checkmark)$ Draft and Final Report

Draft Report Final Report