

Houma – Thibodaux
Metropolitan Planning Organization
Regional Transit Committee
(CHSTP)

South Central Planning and Development Commission,
5058 West Main Street, Houma, LA 70360

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

Regional Transit Committee Meeting

Date: Wednesday, February 15th, 2023, 10:00 AM

Meeting Location: South Central Planning and Development Commission – Lower Pelican Room

In Attendance

Committee:	<u>Assumption ARC</u> Ellen Daigle	<u>St. James Parish</u> No Representative Present
	<u>Assumption COA</u> Angele Authement	<u>Arc of St. Mary</u> No Representative Present
	<u>Lafourche ARC</u> Anita Webb	<u>St. Mary COA</u> No Representative Present
	<u>Lafourche COA</u> Marilyn Collins Tracy Robinson	<u>Terrebonne ARC</u> Trudy Bergeron
	<u>SED #1</u> Mona Danos	<u>Terrebonne COA</u> Randy Manning
		<u>Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government Transit</u> Gayle Vaughn
Other Attendees:	Laura Rougeau, LA workforce Tyler Herman, Louisiana Clean Feels	
Staff:	LeaAnn Rucker, SCPDC Josh Manning, SCPDC Shannon Edgerson, SCPDC Thomas Rhodes, SCPDC	

Agenda Item #1

Roll Call and Introductions

S. Edgeron called the meeting to order.

Roll call took place.

Agenda Item #2

Adoption of the November 16th, 2022, Meeting Minutes

It was motioned by T. Bergeron to adopt the Regional Transit Committee Meeting Minutes of November 16th, 2022, seconded by K. Dardar. All were in favor. Motion carries.

Agenda Item #3

Opportunity for Public Comment

S. Edgeron opened the floor to accept Public Comment; However, there were no comments received from the Public.

Agenda Item # 4

LA DOTD Project Updates

K. Harris gave an update of the recent LA DOTD project updates:

- There will be a Transit Asset Management training on March 22nd.
- There will be a directors meeting sometime in May.
- There will be a defensive driving training coming soon.
- Accidents and incidents need to be closed out in thirty days.

Agenda Item # 5

Transit Agency Reports

ARC of St Mary: No update given.

St Mary COA: No update given.

Assumption ARC: E. Daigle discussed they have been having some staff shortages.

SED#1: No update given.

Terrebonne COA: No update given.

Terrebonne ARC: T. Bergeron discussed outsourcing electric buses. They are also developing a rideshare program.

Lafourche ARC: A. Webb discussed the need for new staff. They are looking to have somewhere around ten employees. A. Webb discussed that one of their converters has still not been recovered. One vehicle's glass windows were broken and needs to be replaced.

Lafourche COA: M. Collins relayed that no converters were stolen.

Good Earth Transit: G. Vaughn discussed they have staff shortages. They have launched their new buses. They are hopeful to have their new software ready for March.

Assumption COA: A. Authement discussed they have been having staff shortages. A. Authement discussed they may begin installing surveillance cameras or some form of security system.

St. James Parish Government: No update given.

Agenda Item # 6
Other Partner Updates

There were no other partner updates.

Agenda Item # 7
HTMPO Updates

S. Edgerson discusses the new MPO Updates

- a. Amtrak/Southern Rail Commission***
No update given.

Agenda Item # 8
Training Opportunities for 2023

S. Edgerson discussed that nothing is available yet but will provide it as soon as possible.

Agenda Item #9
PowerPoint Presentation --- Transit Need Index by Shannon Edgerson

S. Edgerson gave a presentation discussing the Transit Need Index for the South Central Region.

Agenda Item #10
Next Meeting Date: May 17th, 2023

There being no other business to discuss, T. Bergeron motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by A. Webb. All were in favor, motion passed.