

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

HTMPO Policy Committee Meeting

Date: July 27th, 2023

Meeting Location: Lafourche Parish Thibodaux Branch Library, Thibodaux, 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)</p> <p>Absent: Leroy Blanchard, Assumption Parish Police Jury Ron Animashaun, Village of Napoleonville Laura Phillips, Federal Highway Administration LA Division Terry Arabie, Lafourche Parish Council</p>
Staff:	<p>Cassie Parker, SCPDC Joanna Dupre, SCPDC Josh Manning, SCPDC Jonathan Eastwood, SCPDC LeaAnn Rucker, SCPDC Lesley Long, SCPDC Pat Gordon, SCPDC Thomas Rhodes, SCPDC</p>
Others in Attendance:	<p>Beryl Amedee, House District 51 Chris Rogers, DOTD Jacob Oncale, DOTD Jason Bergeron, 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 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 overlaid. 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

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.
- 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.

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 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:

i. 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 – McMahan 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

ii. 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 0'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.

Agenda Item #6

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.