

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

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

Regional Transit Committee Meeting

Date: Tuesday, April 17th, 2018 10:00 AM

Meeting Location: SCPDC's Pelican Room, Gray, LA.

In Attendance

Committee:	<u>Assumption ARC</u> Ellen Daigle	<u>St. James Parish</u> Cassandra Bailey Melvin Moses Bedar Warren
	<u>Assumption COA</u> No Representation Present	<u>Arc of St. Mary</u> No Representation Present
	<u>Lafourche ARC</u> Edna Foret Kyle Soignet Anita Webb	<u>St. Mary CAA</u> No Representation Present
	<u>Lafourche COA</u> Linda Pertuit	<u>Terrebonne ARC</u> Rodger Sheldon
	<u>SED #1</u> Mona Danos	<u>Terrebonne COA</u> Kayla Dardar Randy Manning
		<u>Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government Transit</u> Gayle Vaughn Wendell Voisin
Other Attendees:	Jonathan Lester, Southeastrans	
Staff:	Martha Cazaubon, SCPDC Pat Gordon, SCPDC Josh Manning, SCPDC Emma Bergeron, SCPDC	

M. Cazaubon welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Agenda Item # 1

Introductions

Introductions took place.

Agenda Item # 2

Adoption of the January 23rd, 2018 Meeting Minutes

It was noted there was a typo under agenda item #9 of the January 23rd, 2018 meeting minutes Ms. Gayle Vaughn's name was typed incorrectly as G. Voisin. ***It was motioned by R. Sheldon, seconded by E. Daigle to approve the Regional Transit Committee meeting minutes of January 23rd, 2018 as amended. There being no objections, motion passed.***

Agenda Item # 3

Guest Speaker – Jonathan Lester of Southeastrans, Inc regarding Medicaid

M. Cazaubon introduced J. Lester to the Committee. Southeastrans is one of three Medicaid brokerage companies in Louisiana. They are currently contracted with two Medicaid Providers, Healthy Blue and AmeriHealth. Southeastrans contracts through the health plans to set up and arrange transportation for members of the health plan who do not have their own transportation. It is Southeastrans job to identify the lowest cost and closest transportation option. They then contact the transportation agency about the client's transportation needs. If a client has a standing order appointment they would then make the transportation provider the sole transportation provider for that client. If it is a demand trip Southeastrans then reaches out to the transportation provider on a case by case basis. Typically the compensation rate is \$7.00 base pickup, \$.75 -\$.80 per mile after 6 miles and ambulatory rate is \$12.00 base, \$1.00 per mile after 6 miles. J. Lester explained a business agreement is required between Southeastrans and the provider. Discussion ensued.

Agenda Item # 4

Training Program Needs – Follow up on Regional Training Opportunities

M. Cazaubon stated she has been meeting individually with each operator to better understand the training needs. Thus far, defensive driving, is the most sought after training. There's a possibility the local community college may be able to offer defensive driving training. She discovered that the training is reimbursable through the HT-MPO and wouldn't cost the transportation providers. M. Cazaubon will begin working on cost comparisons and submit to LADOTD. Once approved by LADOTD she will schedule the training.

Agenda Item # 5

CDL Programs

M. Cazaboun reminded the Committee that if they have a need for CDL Drivers to enter the job advertisement on the Workforce Commission's website, which will help drive up interest.

Agenda Item # 6

CHSTP Update- Questionnaire/Operator Survey

M. Cazaubon has been meeting with transportation providers to review the questionnaires and self-evaluations. Once she has met with all providers she will begin a draft update of the CHSTP.

Agenda Item # 7

Southern Rail Commission/Amtrak Update

J. Manning informed the Committee he has received LADOTD's response to the scope. LADOTD approved the scope with minor changes. The Feasibility Study should be conducted this year. It is anticipated that the first phase of the new Sunset Limited Amtrak route (New Orleans to Mobile) may begin this summer.

Agenda Item # 8

Future Meeting Topics and/or Guest Speakers

A suggested topic for future meetings was the possibility of LSP-C to discuss Safe Highway Travel.

Agenda Item # 9

Agency Reports

TARC: Received LADOTD's training video "Before You Turn the Key", encouraged others to view.

Agenda Item # 10

Other New Business

There being no other business to discuss, it was unanimously motioned to adjourn the meeting.

The next meeting date is July 24th, 2018.