

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

South Central Planning and Development Commission – Lower Pelican Room  
5058 West Main Street,  
Gray, LA 70360

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

**Regional Transit Committee Meeting**

**Date:** Wednesday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022, 10:00 AM

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

**In Attendance**

<b>Committee:</b>	<u><b>Assumption ARC</b></u> Sarah L	<u><b>St. James Parish</b></u> No Representative Present
	<u><b>Assumption COA</b></u> Angele Authement	<u><b>Arc of St. Mary</b></u> Kristal Hebert Cheryl Doiron
	<u><b>Lafourche ARC</b></u> Anita Webb Wanda	<u><b>St. Mary COA</b></u> No Representative Present
	<u><b>Lafourche COA</b></u> Tracy Robinson	<u><b>Terrebonne ARC</b></u> Trudy Bergeron
	<u><b>SED #1</b></u> Mona Danos	<u><b>Terrebonne COA</b></u> Michel Claudet Randy Manning
		<u><b>Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government Transit</b></u> No Representative Present
<b>Other Attendees:</b>	Sherry Wilmore, Goodwill Hester Serrano, Louisiana Department of Public Safety and Corrections	
<b>Staff:</b>	Shannon Edgerson, SCPDC Thomas Rhodes, SCPDC Josh Manning, SCPDC	

**Agenda Item #1**

**Roll Call and Introductions**

S. Edgerson called the meeting to order.

Roll call took place.

**Agenda Item #2**

***Adoption of the August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022, Meeting Minutes***

It was motioned by S. Wilmore, seconded by A. Authement to approve the Regional Transit Committee Meeting Minutes of August 17th, 2022.

**Agenda Item #3**

***Opportunity of Public Comment***

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

**Agenda Item # 4**

***LA DOTD Project Updates***

There were no LADOTD project updates.

**Agenda Item # 5**

***Transit Agency Reports***

ARC of St Mary: Nothing to report.

Assumption ARC: Nothing new to report. No major issues

SED#1: Has not anything stolen since cage installation despite two vans being down.

Terrebonne COA: Nothing to report.

Terrebonne ARC: Nothing to report.

Lafourche ARC: There was another convertible stolen, off the 2021. They are having a hard time replacing it.

Lafourche COA: Same bus issues as Lafourche ARC, but just hired more drivers.

Good Earth Transit: They replaced their entire fleet of heavy-duty buses. They have replaced their older heavy duty buses with newer thirty-five foot buses. They are trying to get some of their materials working before they use them. The fair collection unit is supposed to operate everything including the signs.

Assumption COA: There are no problems at this time, hired two additional drivers and has been able to re-open the senior center.

St. James Parish Government: There is a vehicle shortage and a shortage of drivers.

\*They got a letter saying their vans will be going up to \$8,000. Also, have a shortage of drivers.

\* I am unsure who is speaking here, I can try to link the voices unless you know who it is. I will work on it tomorrow.

**Agenda Item # 6**  
***Other Partner Updates***

There were no other partner updates.

**Agenda Item # 7**  
***MPO Updates***

J. Manning discusses the new MPO Updates

***a. LADOTD Transit Agency Awards***

S. Edgerson mentioned that an e-mail was sent out with an attached form regarding funding awarded by DOTD to the agency/organization, asking for the source of funding (5310, 5311, 5307, etc.), the total amount awarded, and the breakdown for operating and capital expenses. Edgerson also mentioned the information is for SCPDC Transportation Improvement Plan.

***b. FTA Grant Awards***

There were no updates given.

***c. Amtrak/Southern Rail Commission***

There were no updates given.

**Agenda Item # 8**  
***Training Opportunities for 2022***

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**Agenda Item # 9**  
***Terrebonne Council of Aging Demographic report***

T. Rhodes gave a presentation on the Demographic report explaining the demographics for populations of ages sixty years and older. This report is information that will be used for the newest area plan for Terrebonne Parish.

**Agenda Item # 10**  
***Next Meeting Date: February 15<sup>th</sup>, 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.***