

Houma – Thibodaux
Metropolitan Planning Organization (HTMPO)

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

HTMPO Technical Advisory Committee Meeting **Date:** December 9th, 2021

Meeting Location: SCPDC’s Pelican Room, Houma, LA.

In Attendance:

Committee:	Present: John Warren, LPG Chris Pulaski, TPCG Joan Schexnayder, TPCG Tina Athalone, LADOTD Chris Rogers, LADOTD Kristi Lumpkin, LPG Wendell Voisin, TPCG
Staff:	Josh Manning, SCPDC Cassie Parker, SCPDC Thomas Rhodes, SCPDC LeaAnn Rucker, SCPDC
Others in Attendance:	

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 September 9th, 2021 Meeting Minutes

It was motioned by J. Schexnayder to approve the minutes from the September 9th, 2021 TAC Meeting Minutes. J. Warren seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item #4

LA DOTD Project Update

C. Rogers gave the LA DOTD Project Update.

Lafourche Parish

- LA654 overlay and road raising bid date was awarded to Barriere Construction. Project should begin in January or February.
- LA1 Phase 2, Leeville to Golden Meadow was awarded to James Construction Group.
- LA648 Percy Brown Road overlay bid date has been moved back to January 12th, 2022.

Terrebonne Parish

- LA24 Company Canal Bridge Replacement project contractor is currently working on permanent piles.
- LA24 overlay from Ducros Road in Schriever to St. Charles Street in Houma, is approximately 80% complete. Work has resumed. Contractor is currently doing guard rail and drainage work.
- The approach slab levelling project on LA 315, 3087, 24, and 20 is about 80% complete. Contractor is replacing guard rails.
- LA 3197 Barrow Street to LA 182 overlay construction has been completed.
- LA55 road repair and overlay from Humble Canal to LA58 construction is expected to begin in January.
- Bayou Terrebonne East Sidewalk Project preconstruction meeting was held.
- Civic Center Sidewalk Project preconstruction meeting will soon be held.
- LA311 Patching St. Charles to Savanne Road is 90% complete; striping and cleanup remains to be done.
- US90 Approach Slab levelling in Gibson construction has just begun.

Agenda Item #5

Local Project Updates

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

Terrebonne Parish

- LA24 Sidewalk Rehab letting date has been pushed back to March of 2022.
- Hollywood Rd Extension Bridge is in design.
- Parish-wide Pavement Markings Project Phase I construction is set to begin the following week.
- Eastside Sidewalk Project Ph II is close to completion.
- Civic Center Sidewalk Project construction has begun.
- Williams Ave Multi-Use Path is in the Environmental Review Process.
- Asphalt 2021 Project is in Designing Phase I.
- Bayou Blue Sidewalk Project and Valhi Blvd Multi-Use Path Phase I is waiting on Engineer Selection.
- Brady Rd Bridge Project is in Design.

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

Lafourche Parish

- Pre-Construction Meeting is scheduled to be held for the LA1 Bayou Lafourche Scenic Overlook Project.
- Sidewalk Projects in Lafourche are currently on hold.

J. Manning provided an update on Local Projects within the City of Thibodaux.

City of Thibodaux

- The Audubon Ave overlay has been rescheduled for June 8, 2022.
- LA 648 at Acadian Road intersection improvement ICQ form has been submitted. Traffic study remains to be done.
- The Acadian Roundabout letting date has been moved to February 2022.
- Downtown Thibodaux sidewalks has been rescheduled for October 2022.

Agenda Item #6

Amtrak Working Group Update

No update was provided.

Agenda Item #7

Safety Coalition Update

C. Parker relayed the efforts being made to help combat impaired driving and seat belt usage within the Region. The next Safety Coalition meeting will take place virtually on Thursday, December 16th, 2022 at 10am. She is currently working with Assumption Parish on a safety concern for speeding along LA 1247. Also in Assumption Parish the Belle Rose Pedestrian Safety Assessment is being conducted. In Terrebonne Parish a Safety Assessment is being rescheduled for the South Hollywood Rd extension. In the City of Thibodaux the Local Road Safety Program pre-intersection application has been completed for the Canal Blvd at 5th Street.

Agenda Item #8

Recommendation of Proposed Amendments to the Transportation Improvement Program Proposed Amendments to the Policy Committee

- a. ***H.012447 LA 182: B Lafourche MB RH(Raceland) (HBI)***
Remove Construction Phase @ \$20M of STPFLEX @ 80/20 in FFY 2022
- b. ***H.013269 Audubon Ave OVLY: LA 1 to Terrebonne P/L***
Remove Construction Phase @ \$469,380 of STP<200K @ 80/20 in FFY 2022
- c. ***H.013340 Valhi Blvd, Multi-Use Trail, Phase 1***
Remove Construction Phase @ \$973,020 of STP<200K @ 80/20 in FFY 2022
- d. ***H.013453 Bayou Blue (LA 316) Sidewalks***
Remove Construction Phase @ \$125,592 of STP<200K @ 80/20 in FFY 2022
****This project can be moved to the TIP for FFY 2023-2026***
- e. ***H.002244 LA 56: Boudreaux Canal MB Replacement***
Adjust Engineering phase from \$32K to \$205K of STPFLEX @ 80/20 in FFY 2022
- f. ***H.013116 LA 20 Widen: LA 307 – S. Vacherie***
Add ROW Phase @ \$236K of HSIPPEN @ 100% in FFY 2022
- g. ***Ratification of Administrative Modifications***
H.009320 Acadian Road Roundabout
Adjust Construction Phase:
From \$4,618,230 of HSIP @ 100% in FFY 2021
To \$4.835M of HSIP @ 100% in FFY 2022
- h. ***Discussion on Prospect Blvd. Sidewalks***

J. Manning reviewed the proposed TIP Amendments. ***It was motioned by C. Pulaski to have a discussion on the Proposed TIP Admendments. J. Schexnayder seconded. Motion carried unanimously.***

C. Pulaski inquired why the H.013340 Valhi Blvd, Multi-Use Trail Phase 1 will be moved from FFY2022 to the TIP for FFY 2023-2026. J. Manning answered it was because project funding would most likely would not be let in FFY2022.

It was motioned unanimously to recommend to the HT-MPO Policy Committee amend the TIP to include the proposed amendments as written on the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item #9

Discussion on 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program

J. Manning relayed a new TIP will need to be adopted in 2023. He suggested evaluation of new projects for inclusion into the 2023-2026 should begin. A call for projects from the MPO members is being recommended. A simple application to evaluate and complete the Stage 0s for these programs will be designed. He stated priority will be given to projects which are already included in the MTP or other planning documents. Also, recommended projects in the current TIP will be carried over unless a resolution from the local government requesting that the project be taken out is received.

Agenda Item #10

Next Meeting Date: March 10, 2022

It was unanimously motioned to adjourn the meeting. There being no objections, motion carried.