

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: March 10th, 2022, 10:00:00 AM

Meeting Location: Terrebonne Parish North Branch Library, Houma, LA.

In Attendance:

Committee:	Present: John Warren, LPG Chris Pulaski, TPCG Joan Schexnayder, TPCG Sarah Arceneaux, City of Thibodaux Dawn Sholmire, DOTD Angela Murrell, DOTD Chris Rogers, DOTD Tina Athalone, LADOTD Kristi Lumpkin, LPG Wendell Voisin, TPCG
Staff:	Josh Manning, SCPDC Cassie Parker, SCPDC Shannon Edgerson, SCPDC Thomas Rhodes, SCPDC
Others in Attendance:	Joey Cehan, TPCG

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 December 9th, 2021, Meeting Minutes

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

Agenda Item #4

LA DOTD Project Update

C. Rogers gave the LA DOTD Project Update.

Lafourche Parish

- LA-1 over lay from Leeville bridge to Falgout Lane is 98% complete. The contractor has striping and some minor shoulder repair to do.
- US 90 Overlay from LA-308 to the east end barrier wall is 50% complete. The contractor is painting the west bound lanes.
- LA-1 overlay from Elson Lane to LA-182 20% complete. The contractor is working on some drainage work.
- LA-1 new construction from Leeville to Golden Meadow. The contractor has broken ground, they have done some clearing, by the levee in Golden Meadow. They are about to start work on the T wall.
- LA-308 overlay from St. Charles bridge to Terrebonne Canal bid in February awarded to Barriere construction. Expect construction to begin in April or May
- LA654 overlay and road raising should begin in April.

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 90% complete. The Contractor is currently doing permanent striping and cleanup remaining.
- The approach slab levelling project on LA 315, 3087, 24, and 20 is about 85% complete. Contractor is replacing guard rails and placing permanent striping.
- US90 Approach Slab levelling in Gibson is now 100% complete.
- LA55 road repair and overlay from Humble Canal to LA58 construction is about 12% complete. Contractor is replacing concrete panels.
- Civic Center Sidewalk Project is 95% complete.
- LA-665 overlay from Hope Farm Road to Point Au Chenes Marina was awarded to Hewey Stockstill and is about to begin construction in April or May.
- LA-24 Northbound overlay from St. Charles Street in Houma to St. George Road was awarded to Huey Stockstillwill. Construction will begin in April or May.
- LA-20 from Ducross Road to LA648 is a patching and overlay project that bid in February. It was awarded to Barriere. Construction will begin in April or May.
- LA-1 turn lane at Brandingwine was bid on March 9 and was awarded to Barriere.
- LA648 overlay of Percy Brown Road will bid on May 11.
- LA24 Sidewalk rehab from Williams to Central on the West Park side will bid on June 8.

Cassie wanted to know if the curb near Cotteau Road was fixed. C. Rogers responded saying they were able to build it and overlay it.

Agenda Item #5

Local Project Updates

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

Terrebonne Parish

- Parish-wide Pavement Markings Project Phase I construction is complete.
- Eastside Sidewalk Project Phase II is complete, in a closeout stage.
- Civic Center Roundabout signed an entity state agreement waiting on next phase.
- Hollywood Rd Extension Bridge is in design.
- Asphalt 2021 Project is in the bidding process.
- Brady Rd Bridge Project is in Design.
- Bayou Blue Sidewalk Project and is waiting on Engineer Selection.
- Valhi Blvd Multi-Use Path Phase I, proposals have been submitted, and is waiting on Engineer selection
- Williams Ave Multi-Use Path Phase II, the decision has been made on how to move forward. It has been submitted and they are waiting on the next Phase.

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

Lafourche Parish

- Spending \$1.5 million on Lafourche Parish roads. 90 percent of the upcoming plans are planned to bid by end of March or April. They are working with abdication?? for funding for the St. Charles Bypass bridge and to repair the Sanchez Bridge.
- Child Safety project is completed, need to incorporate some stop signs.
- Lafourche/Terrebonne scenic overlook will begin around May 1 and will take around 120 days to complete. It will go around the same time as DOTD is laying the street.
- 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 did not have anything to report.
- LA 648 at Acadian Road intersection improvement the council authorized the mayor's signature. DOTD sent back the electronic.
- The Acadian Roundabout letting date has been moved to June 2022.
- Downtown Thibodaux sidewalks did not have anything to report.

Agenda Item #6

Amtrak Working Group Update

No update was provided.

Agenda Item #7

Safety Coalition Update

C. Parker discussed that there has been an increase in lives lost on Louisiana roadways through 2021. The preliminary data will be provided by the end of the month. Law enforcement did an occupational technical symposium at Nicholls State University, promoting and educating driving safety. Law Enforcement also did a DWI checkpoint in February, using the regional unit. In Terrebonne Parish, there were no new updates on the Terrebonne Klondike bridge. In the City of Thibodaux, they worked with S. Arceneaux and put together a local road safety program application for intersection improvements at Canal Blvd. and Fifth Street. For the safe routes to public places, they are not sure about taking applications this year or push it back to next year. For the transportation alternative program, thirty-two project applications were received for the 2020-2022 call for projects for pedestrian improvements for their signals.

Agenda Item #8

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

- a. ***H.013116 LA 20 Widen: LA 307 – S. Vacherie
Add Environmental Phase @ \$225K of HSIPPEN @ 100% in FFY 2022***
- b. ***Discussion on Prospect Blvd. Sidewalks***

J. Manning reviewed the proposed TIP Amendments. ***It was motioned to amend by J. Schexnayder, seconded by Wendall Voison. All were in favor. Motion carried unanimously.***

There was no discussion on Prospect Blvd. Sidewalks

Agenda Item #9

Review and recommendation of the 2022-2023 United Planning Work Program (UPWP)

Josh reviewed the recommended UPWP plan. ***C. Pulaski motioned to move this plan to the Policy Committee and recommend they review, seconded by John Warren. All were in favor. Motion carried.***

Agenda Item #10

Discussion on 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program

J. Manning relayed a new TIP will need to be adopted in 2023-2026. There is new available funding from Federal Highways for projects. Some will need to be carried over because they will not be completed in the existing TIP. 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 #11

Next Meeting Date: June 9, 2022

It was motioned by W. Voison to adjourn the meeting, seconded by C. Pulaski, all were in favor. There being no objections, motion carried.