

Houma – Thibodaux  
Metropolitan Planning Organization (HTMPO)

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**MEETING MINUTES**

**HTMPO Technical Advisory Committee Meeting**      **Date:** September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 10:00:00 AM

**Meeting Location:**      Terrebonne Parish Main Branch Library, Houma, LA.

**In Attendance:**

<b>Committee:</b>	<b>Present:</b> Aaron Frymoyer, LPG Brooke Domangue, TPCG Chris Rogers, DOTD David Poincon, Lafourche Parish Government Jacob Oncale, DOTD Joan Schexnayder, TPCG John Warren, LPG Kristi Lumpkin, LPG Paul LeBlanc, Assumption Parish Sarah Arceneaux, COT
<b>Staff:</b>	Ebony Bailey, SCPDC Josh Manning, SCPDC Thomas Rhodes, SCPDC
<b>Others in Attendance:</b>	Ben Moller, Brightly Software Billy Doolittle, Brightly Software Becky Gautreaux, LSU Ag Center Justin Clement, Assumption Parish Raven Sykes, Brightly Software

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 June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Meeting Minutes***

***It was motioned by J. Schexnayder to approve the minutes from the June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023, TAC Meeting Minutes. J. Warren seconded. Motion carried unanimously.***

**Agenda Item #4**

**LA DOTD Project Update**

J. Oncale gave the LA DOTD Project Update.

Lafourche Parish

- LA-1 new construction from Leeville to Golden Meadow is 18% complete. The contractor is driving piles.
- LA-308 overlay from the Golden Meadow bridge to the Galiano bridge. The contractor is paving the road, installing guardrails, and gas line relocation.
- Acadian Road Roundabout is relocating utility poles, shifting lanes, adding temporary asphalt, and striping.

Terrebonne Parish

- US-90 at LA-182 intersection improvement. The contractor is widening the roadway.
- LA-24 Company Canal Bridge Replacement project is 72% complete. The contractor is installing stringers and building an operator house.
- LA-56 Robinson Canal Bridge construction has begun. The contractor is putting in test piles. The bridge is set to close early October.
- LA-24 Overlay on the Park side is 20% complete. Contractors are finishing concrete patching, asphalt patching, and is beginning drainage.
- LA-665 Overlay from Hope Farm Road to Point Au Chenes Marina is 99% complete. Issuing a final inspection this upcoming week.
- LA-20 Overlay from Ducross Road to LA-648 is 99% complete. The contractor is working on repairs by Colonels truck plaza.
- LA 661 Overlay will begin soon. They are awaiting the Houma navigation to be completed before moving on to this project.
- LA 307 3220 pre-construction began last week.

**Agenda Item #5**

**Local Project Updates**

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

Terrebonne Parish

- Asphalt 2023 is in design.
- Hollywood Road Extension Bridge has begun. Waiting for additional treasury funds.
- Brady Road Bridge Project is in design.
- Valhi Blvd Multi-Use Path Phase I is in the preliminary stage
- Valhi Blvd Multi-Use Path Phase II is in design.
- Williams Ave Multi-Use Path is in the preliminary stage
- Country Estates Bridges is in right of way acquisition.
- Civic center roundabout is still waiting on DOTD to advertise for an engineer.
- Valhi Extension is in design.

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

Lafourche Parish

- Mathews Complex trailhead project drawings are completed. It will go out to bid and is waiting for administration approval.
- Restriping of local roads Talbot Ave, Triple Oaks Drive, St. Charles bypass Road, Sanchez Road, Industrial Park Road, St. Phillips Street, Parish Road, Laura Valley Road, and Burma Road. Putting in new paint, stop signs, road reflectors, bumpers, new polls, and more roads as needed.

S. Arceneaux provided an update on Local Projects within the City of Thibodaux  
City of Thibodaux

- Downtown Thibodaux sidewalks are in engineering phase.
- Audubon Avenue overlay is in engineering phase.
- LA-648 overlay has started a traffic study.

**Agenda Item #6**  
***Safety Coalition Update***

J. Manning relayed to the committee of an upcoming training with law enforcement to conduct distracted driving enforcement in specific school zones. The distracted driving hands free bill was not passed but C. Parker discussed that if a school zone with hands free signage is present, law enforcement can conduct the training. In August, SCPDC along with LTAP will be hosting a vulnerable road users' course in Thibodaux. C. Parker relayed the local road safety program. C. Parker relayed the vulnerable road user sidewalk application for Assumption parish.

**Agenda Item #7**  
**Presentation: Predictive Roadway Conditions Modeling – Brightly Software**

Brightly Software gave a presentation on Predictive Roadway Conditions Modeling. J. Manning would ask the committee if any of the parishes or individual entities would be interested in using MPO funds to use the software.

**Agenda Item #8**  
**Metropolitan Transportation Plan**

J. Manning went over the Metropolitan Transportation Plan. J. Manning discussed the timetable for when the MTP needs to be submitted.

**Agenda Item #9**  
**Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Plan**

J. Manning discussed the progress of the Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan. L. Rucker is developing an RTQ to bring on a consulting firm to take on the work South Central Planning has done and complete it.

**Agenda Item #10**  
**Safe Streets for All Grant Award**

J. Manning discussed the Safe Streets for All Grant Award. He explained that it is a Federal Grant that SCPDC applied for directly to FHWA and if awarded will be used to develop a safety action plan for the MPO area. A consultant would be acquired to complete the project on time.

**Agenda Item #11**  
**Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**

a. *Proposed 2023-2026 TIP Amendment:*

- H.013402 LA1 & LA308 PED & Multiuse Path (Lockport)  
Remove project from TIP
- H.013404 LA1 Sidewalk (Cut-Off)  
Remove project from TIP
- H.013490 Central Lafourche Multi-Use Path PH 1A  
Remove project from TIP
- H.013714 Valhi Blvd Shared-Use Path (Houma)  
Add Engineering Phase \$139k in HSIPPN at 100% in FFY 2023.
- H.015662 Valentine Pontoon Bridge (HBI)  
Add Environmental phase \$62.5k in LOCAL in FFY 2024; Add Engineering phase \$693.5 in LOCAL in FFY 2024; Add Construction phase \$3.3M in EARMARK at 80/20, \$1.2M in FBROFF at 80/20 and \$1.6M in LOCAL in FFY 2025.
- H.972506.1 (HTMPO Trans Plan Update SFYS 2024-2025)  
Add \$275,000 STP<200K funding at 80/20 in FFY 2024

J. Manning reviewed the proposed TIP Amendments. ***It was motioned to recommend that the Policy Committee amend the TIP as presented. Motioned by J. Warren, seconded by C. Guidry. All were in favor. Motion carried unanimously.***

**Agenda Item #12**

**National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Funding Program**

J. Manning updated the committee on the National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Program. No action taken.

**Agenda Item #13**

**Louisiana State Freight Plan**

J. Manning updated the committee on the Louisiana State Freight Plan. No action taken.

**Agenda Item #14**

**Urban Boundaries & Functional Classification Discussion**

J. Manning facilitated a discussion on review and recommendations for urban boundaries and functional classifications. He reported that he would summarize the comments made and send to DOTD for consideration on the update.

**Agenda Item #15**

**Adjournment**

***Next Meeting Date: December 14, 2023***

***It was motioned by J. Warren to adjourn the meeting, seconded by C. Guidry. There being no objections, motion carried.***