

Houma-Thibodaux Metropolitan Planning Organization

Policy Committee Meeting

January 25, 2024, at 12:00 pm
Terrebonne Parish North Branch Library
4130 West Park Avenue

MINUTES - DRAFT

Committee members/alternates present: John Amadee, Terry Arabie, Danny Babin, Chris Pulaski, Jacob Oncale, John Warren, Kevin Clement, Brien Pledger, Steve Trosclair

Committee members absent: Ron Animashaun, Leroy Blanchard, Archie Chaisson, Laura Phillips

Others present: Cassie Parker, Ebony Bailey, Jonathan Eastwood, Josh Manning, LeaAnn Rucker, Lesley Long, Pat Gordon, Thomas Rhodes, Katherine Theriot, Kristi Lumpkin, Lance Decaur, Sarah Arceneaux, Thad Angelloz, Beryl Amedee, Nival Lirette.

Mr. Amedee, the Policy Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:03pm. Mr. Amedee led the invocation and Mr. Amedee led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Manning with SCPDC led the roll call and determined a quorum was present.

1. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Mr. Babin motioned to name Mr. Amedee as Chair and Mr. Clement as vice chair. There was a second by Mr. Arabie. The motion carried.

2. General Public Comment

Mr. Amedee opened the floor for public comments. The following comments were made:

- There were no comments from the public.

3. Adoption of Meeting Minutes from the October 26, 2023, meeting

Mr. Babin motioned to approve the minutes from the October 26, 2023, meeting, with a second by Mr. Pulaski. The motion carried.

4. Project Updates

- a. Current DOTD Project Updates: Mr. Oncale with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development updated the committee on the status of projects in the region.
- b. Locally Funded Project Updates: Ms. Parker with SCPDC updated the committee on the status of projects in Terrebonne Parish and city of Thibodaux. Mr. Warren with Lafourche Parish updated the committee on the status of projects in Lafourche Parish.
- c. Additional STP<200K Projects Update: Ms. Parker with SCPDC updated the committee on the status of other projects receiving MPO funding not previously mentioned.
- d. LA-3040 Update: Mr. Manning updated the Committee on the progress of the 3040-feasibility study.

5. Staff/Committee Reports

Jeff Naquin
Chairman
Police Juror
Assumption Parish

David Hanagriff
Vice-Chairman
Parish President
St. Mary Parish Council

Ellis Alexander
Treasurer
St. Charles Parish

Archie Chaisson
Secretary
Parish President
Lafourche Parish Council

Kevin Belanger
CHIEF EXECUTIVE
OFFICER

- a. Annual report: Mr. Manning gave a presentation encompassing the annual report for the MPO
- b. Transit Committee: Mr. Manning gave a report on the Regional Transit Committee
- c. Travel Demand Management: Ms. Rucker gave a report on the status of the TDM program.
- d. Safety Coalition: Ms. Parker gave a report on the status of the Safety Coalition.
- e. Metropolitan Transportation Plan: Mr. Manning updated the committee on the MTP and its progress.
- f. Safe Streets for All Safety Action Plan: Mr. Manning updated the committee on the funding for the SS4A Action Plan.
 - i. 20% Match (Neel-Schaffer: \$450K, Administrative In-House: \$50K) -- \$100K match pro-rated by population across MPO member governments.
 - ii. Status Update
- g. Regional Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan: Mr. Manning updated the committee on the progress of the Bike/Ped Plan.

6. Action Items

a. Unified Planning Work Program

Mr. Warren motioned to approve the following amendments and/or administrative modifications to the Unified Planning Work Program:

- i. Amendments
- ii. Administrative Modifications: Revisions to FHWA Task 2 explaining that a new TIP and PPP are not being developed but rather amended as needed during FY 24. Updated language specifying the party to perform work on each task. No changes to any funding amounts.

There was a second by Mr. Trosclair and the motion carried.

b. Transportation Improvement Plan

Mr. Clement motioned to approve the following amendments and/or administrative modifications to the Transportation Improvement Program:

- i. Amendments
 - 1. H.013403 LA 20 & LA 304 SIDEWALK IMP (CHACKBAY): Remove Engineering phase \$40k in STP50-<200k at 80/20 in FFY 2023 remove Construction phase \$262,710 in STP50-<200k at 80/20 in FFY 2024.
- ii. Administrative Modifications
 - 1. CANAL BOULEVARD OVERLAY: Jackson Street to LA 1: Move design phase of \$146,560.00 STP50-200k from FFY 2023 to FFY 2024.

There was a second by Mr. Warren and the motion carried.

c. Metropolitan Transportation Plan

Mr. Arabie motioned to approve the following amendments and/or administrative modifications to the Metropolitan Transportation Program:

- i. 1% annual reduction in fatalities from a 2022 baseline of 37 to a target of 36 in 2024.
- ii. 1% annual reduction in serious injuries from a 2022 baseline of 35 to a target of 35 in 2024.
- iii. 1% annual reduction in fatality rate from a 2022 baseline of 2.051 to a target of 2.011 in 2024.

- iv. 1% annual reduction in serious injury rate from a 2022 baseline of 1.919 to a target of 1.881 in 2024.
- v. 1% annual reduction in non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries from a 2022 baseline of 13 to a target of 13 in 2024

There was a second by Mr. Warren and the motion carried.

- d. Carbon Reduction Project Selection Process
Mr. Manning discussed. Mr. Trosclair motioned to approve. There was a second by Mr. Arabie. The motion carried.
- e. HTMPO Proposed Smoothed Urban Boundary Area
 - i. Current Map: [Houma-Thibodaux MPO Urban Boundaries - 2010 \(arcgis.com\)](#)
 - ii. Proposed Map: [Houma-Thibodaux MPO Urban Boundaries 2020 \(arcgis.com\)](#)

Mr. Manning recommended showing the Technical Advisory Committee, then reviewed back to the Policy Committee. Mr. Warren motioned to show the Technical Advisory Committee, then reviewed back to the Policy Committee. There was a second by Mr. Pledger and the motion carried.

7. Adjournment

Mr. Trosclair motioned to adjourn the meeting at 1:09pm. There was a second by Mr. Pulaski and the motion carried.