

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

HTMPO Policy Committee Meeting

Date: October 28th, 2021

Meeting Location: SCPDC's Pelican Room, Gray, LA.

In Attendance:

Committee:	<p>Present: Archie Chaisson, Lafourche Parish President – proxy John Warren Michael Gros, LPG Council Mayor Tommy Eschete, City of Thibodaux Gordon Dove, Terrebonne Parish President – proxy Chris Pulaski John Amedee, TPCG Council Danny Babin, TPCG Council Dirk Guidry, TPCG Council Christopher Morvant, LA DOTD District 02</p> <p>Absent: Jeff Naquin, APPJ Mayor Ron Animashaun, Village of Napoleonville Darrin Guidry, TPCG Laura Phillips, Federal Highway Administration LA Division</p>
Staff:	<p>Kevin Belanger, SCPDC Pat Gordon, SCPDC Shannon Edgeron, SCPDC Josh Manning, SCPDC Cassie Parker, SCPDC Thomas Rhodes, SCPDC</p>
Others in Attendance:	<p>Chris Rogers, LA DOTD District 2 Dawn Sholmire, LADOTD Emily May</p>

D. Guidry called the meeting to order at approximately 12:00 pm.

Invocation: J. Amedee

Pledge of Allegiance: J. Amedee

The following proxy letters were submitted: J. Warren for A. Chaisson.

Introductions took place.

Agenda Item #1

General Public Comment

Chairman D. Guidry opened the floor to receive public comments. No Public Comments were received.

Agenda Item #2

Adoption of Meeting Minutes from July 22nd, 2021 HT-MPO Policy Committee Meeting.

It was motioned by D. Babin to approve the meeting minutes of the HT-MPO Policy Committee Meeting held July 22nd, 2021. J. Amedee seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item #3

Project Updates

a. Current DOTD Project Updates

C. Rogers updated the Policy Committee on the following projects:

Lafourche Parish:

- LA1 Overlay from Leeville Bridge to Falgout Lane in Golden Meadow is 95% complete, contractor has striping and borrow on shoulder remaining.
- LA1 Overlay from Elson Lane to LA182 is 10% complete. Job is on temporary hold due to traffic increase from Hurricane Ida recovery efforts.
- LA654 overlay and road raising bid date was awarded to Barriere Construction. Project should begin in either November or December.
- US 90 overlay from LA 308 to the east end of the barrier wall is approximately 20% complete.
- 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 has resumed construction and contractor is about to begin permanent piles.
- LA24 overlay from Ducros Road in Schriever to St. Charles Street in Houma, is approximately 80% complete. Job is on temporary hold due to post storm traffic.
- 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 is 90% complete.
- LA55 road repair and overlay from Humble Canal to LA58 construction is expected to begin in November.
- Bayou Terrebonne East Sidewalk Project was awarded to Grey and Civic Center Sidewalk Projects has been awarded to Gray Construction, preconstruction meeting to be held the first week of November.
- LA311 Patching St. Charles to Savanne Road is 90% complete.
- US90 Approach Slab levelling in Gibson is expected to begin within the next month.

b. Locally Funded Project Updates

Terrebonne Parish:

C. Parker gave a brief update provided by J. Schexnayder on locally funded projects in Terrebonne Parish.

- Civic Center Project construction contracts have been signed.
- LA24 Sidewalk Rehab letting date has been pushed back to March of 2022.
- Civic Center at Valhi Blvd intersection improvement project is waiting on the entity state agreement.
- Valhi Blvd Multi-Use Trail Phase I is waiting on design and consultant selection.
- Williams Avenue Multi-Use Trail working on submitting requested information for the environmental.
- Twin Span Eastside Sidewalk Phase II construction has been signed.

Lafourche Parish:

J. Warren stated a pre-construction meeting will be held the following week for the LA1 Bayou Lafourche Scenic Overlook Project.

c. STP<200K Projects Update

C. Parker gave an update on the STP<200K Projects. She relayed that the Lafourche Parish Sidewalk Projects, the City of Thibodaux's Audubon Ave Overlay Project, the Acadiana Roundabout, and the Downtown Thibodaux Sidewalks Project have been postponed until 2022. The ICC form for LA648 at Acadiana Woods intersection improvements has been submitted.

Agenda Item #4

Committee Report

a. Safety Coalition

C. Parker reported on recent Safety Coalition initiatives. She has been working with the City of Thibodaux for funding of intersection improvements at Canal Blvd and 7th Street. Also, in Assumption Parish, she has been working on a Road Safety Program potential application for LA 1247. Safety concerns have been received in regards to the Houma Navigational Tunnel of standing water on the road as well as Klondyke Bridge in Bourg.

b. Transit/TDM Committee

J. Manning relayed there has not been a lot of action taking place in regards to the Transit and TDM Committee due to Hurricane Ida. A meeting will be held in November as well as a state wide coordination meeting.

i. TDM Sub-Committee

No report given.

c. Technical Advisory Committee

The September meeting was postponed due to Hurricane Ida. The TAC met this morning prior to the Policy Committee, minutes from said meeting will be available next meeting.

i. Amtrak Sub-Committee

The Amtrak Sub-Committee has not met in a while. DOTD allotted \$150,000 for funding of the project; however, the parish still needs to find a funding source.

Agenda Item #5

Transportation Improvement Program: Proposed Amendments

- a. H.002244 LA 56: Boudreaux Canal MB Replacement
Add Environmental Phase @ \$60K of STPFLEX @ 80/20 in FFY 2021**
- b. H.011972 LA 3040: ICW Houma Tunnel Rehabilitation
Add Engineering Phase @ \$1.5M of NHPP in FFY 2022**
- c. Ratification of Administrative Modifications**

J. Manning reviewed the proposed TIP Amendments. It was then ***motioned by D. Babin to amend the TIP to reflect the proposed amendments. J. Amedee seconded. Motion carried unanimously.***

Agenda Item #6

Good Earth Transit 2022 Program of Projects: Consider amending the 2019-2022 TIP to include latest program updates.

J. Manning reviewed the Good Earth Transit funding figures for 2022. ***It was motioned by J. Amedee to amend the 2019-2022 TIP to include Good Earth Transit 2022 Program of Projects update. D. Babin seconded. Motion carried unanimously.***

Agenda Item #7

2022 Safety Performance Targets: Amendments of Appropriate Documents to include performance targets for 2022.

J. Manning explained this was something all MPOs across the state are required to review annually. The state is recommending a 1% reduction for 2022. The TAC and staff recommends supporting the state's safety performance targets. ***It was motioned by D. Babin to adopt the State's 2022 Safety Performance Targets of 1% reduction. D. Babin seconded. Motion carried unanimously.***

K. Belanger address the Policy Committee in regards to safety concerns at the intersection of Klondyke/Grand Bois Road and LA 24. C. Morvant stated it is a complicated intersection that LADOTD has concerns with utilizing a flashing signal system. They are trying to have cameras installed at the intersection. The HT-MPO Policy Committee has requested the LADOTD to place the signal system on a flashing system for a one-week trial basis. C. Morvant stated he would have to discuss the suggestion with LADOTD administration. ***It was motioned by D. Babin for HT-MPO to send a letter to LA DOTD requesting to take a different approach/look at the intersection. J. Amedee seconded. C. Morvant abstained. Motion carried.***

Agenda Item #8

Adjournment

It was motioned by D. Babin to adjourn, seconded by J. Amedee. Motion carried unanimously.

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