



SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL SAFETY COALITION

Assumption - Lafourche - St. Charles - St. James - St. John the Baptist - Terrebonne

MEETING MINUTES

INFRASTRUCTURE & OPERATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE

Wednesday, June 13, 2019

11 AM – 12 PM

South Central Planning & Development Commission

PARTNERS IN ATTENDANCE: 30

Pat Gordon, SCPDC	David Rome, Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Gov't
Cassie Parker, SCPDC	Katie Tabor, Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Gov't
Joshua Manning, SCPDC	Chris Pulaski, Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Gov't
Terry Arabie, Lafourche Parish Gov't	Chris Rogers, LA Dept. of Transportation & Dev't 02
Lionel Lagarde, Lafourche Parish Gov't	Joan Schexnayder, Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Gov't
Frank Besson, LA State Police Troop C	Gayle Vaughn, Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Gov't
Vijay Kunada, Neel-Schaffer	Sammy Poiencot, Terrebonne Parish School District
Henry Richard, Richard Dev't	Collin Degueurce, Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Gov't
Lt. Doug Chauvin, Terrebonne SO	Jacob Prosperie, Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Waterworks
Lt. Brennan Matherne, Lafourche SO	Tracey Wang, LA Dept. of Transportation & Dev't 02
Lt. Doug Foreman, Lafourche SO	Casey Lewis, LA Dept. of Transportation & Dev't
Archie Chaisson III, City of Thibodaux	Percy Mosely, Terrebonne General Medical Center
Luci Sposito, Lafourche Parish Council	Mary Trahan, Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Waterworks
Jeffery Leuenberger, Lafourche Parish Gov't	Brittany Rooney, LA Dept. of Transportation & Dev't 02
Karla Courtade, LA Dept. of Transportation & Dev't Hwy Safety	Christian Loving, LA Dept. of Transportation & Dev't 02

Welcome & Introductions

D. Rome called the meeting to order at approximately 11:00 am. Introductions took place thereafter.

March 14 2019 Meeting Review

Infrastructure and Operations 2019 action plan during the last meeting which took place on March 14, 2019. She added that a motion was made to conduct a sidewalk assessment along LA 24, which had been completed and will be discussed later in the meeting. C. Parker updated the subcommittee on progress made in the action plan and that 89.88% of the tasks have been completed. She commented that she did not include the entire action plan in the packet, but the agenda item numbers (1.1, 1.3, 4.1 and so on) correspond with the action steps in the plan.

1.1 Statewide I/O Updates

K. Courtade updated the subcommittee on statewide IO initiatives and provided quarterly reports which were included in the meeting packet. She reminded partners that the Statewide Infrastructure and Operations meeting would be held on September 3, 2019 and encouraged them to attend the LADOTD Traffic Safety Summit scheduled for November 19-20.

1.3 Grant Opportunities/Updates

a. Safe Routes to Public Places



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C. Parker updated the coalition partners on the two applications from the South Central Region that made the short list, Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government and Morgan City. She stated that she has been informed that LADOTD has new design consultants under contract and have begun working on the task orders so those consultants can begin the Feasibility Studies on applications that have made the short list. LADOTD estimates that they will begin the next application process spring of 2020; however, that is subject to change.

C. Parker referred the subcommittee to page 20 in their packet for guidance on this program as well as Local Road Safety Program projects. Applications for Local Road Safety Program are currently being accepted year round for low cost safety improvement projects. She offered assistance from the South Central Planning and Development staff if any agency needs assistance in drafting applications for either program. She requested all proposals be provided by the September 12, 2019 meeting. In addition, she reminded the partners that projects for both programs must be data driven and cannot be maintenance projects.

b. Transportation Alternatives Program

C. Parker informed the coalition partners that the Transportation Alternatives Program should begin taking applications fall of 2020. She requested that those proposals also be provided by September 12, 2019 if they would like SCPDC staff's assistance in preparation.

4.1 Local Road Safety Plan Update – Terrebonne

C. Parker stated that all Road Safety Assessments have been completed for Terrebonne Parish's Local Road Safety Plan and the report is being drafted.

4.2 Safety Concern Update

a. LA 3040 (Martin Luther King Blvd.) Feasibility Study Update

B. Costello, LADOTD, emailed an update to C. Parker stating that the consultant is finalizing their data collection and beginning their traffic model. A public meeting will be held, but they do not have a date at this time.

b. Stage 0: LA 20 Shoulder Widening and Rumble Strips

Brittany Rooney with LADOTD provided an update on the Stage 0 for proposed improvements on LA 20 between St. Patrick Street and LA 307. She requested input from the partners on this item. The following comments were made by multiple stakeholders:

1. Consideration for a pedestrian bridge should be made to ensure walkers/bikers have access to Thibodaux from Chackbay.
2. Ensure accessibility for bicyclist and pedestrians and complete streets.
3. Provide more than a 2-4 foot shoulder as the mail providers currently have no shoulder to safely pull over to deliver the mail.

C. Parker thanked Mrs. Luci for submitting the safety concern that sparked the Stage 0 and for her patience and perseverance in having this concern addresses. She also thanked LADOTD for working with the coalition, assessing the roadway and identifying potential improvements that may be made. Discussion ensued amongst the coalition partners regarding other potential safety issues on roadways.

A. Chaisson stated that he would like improvements be considered for the bad curve on Highway 308 near McCloud Bridge.



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Lt. D. Foreman asked if the coalition would support a bypass road to avoid residential area along LA 20 which is heavily travelled. He also asked if LADOTD would consider lowering the speed limit. It was recommended that Misty Evans (LADOTD Planning) be contacted regarding LA 20 or LA 311 bypass road from LA 3127.

L. Sposito stated that the intersection on LA 307 is dangerous. Stating that many takes Mars Lane to avoid the intersection. She added that the intersection by the church on LA 304 should also be looked into by LADOTD for potential improvements.

L. Sposito also requested an update on raised pavement markers that were to be place on Highway 20. T. Wang informed her that Bridge City has the machine, but it is currently not working. K. Courtade suggested that Bao Le be contacted at the district.

D. Rome asked if there were any documents on I-49, North/South Corridor that can be provided to him at the next meeting.

4.3 Form Workgroup – School Zone Improvements

C. Parker stated that it was decided at the last meeting to include an action step to address improvements needed in the school zones which includes proper signage, caution lights, pavement markings, etc. She thanked Lt. Foreman for initiating this conversation for Lafourche and Captain Besson for Terrebonne. Preliminary information has been provided by Terrebonne Parish’s School District Staff and Public Works Department. She added that Lafourche Parish School District and Public Works staff will also be contacted on this effort.

C. Parker reviewed the data provided with the partners and opened the floor for discussion. Discussion issued and it was decided to create a working group for this action step. Volunteers included:

D. Rome, Terrebonne Parish Public Works	D. Foreman, Lafourche Parish Sheriff's Office
A. Chaisson, City of Thibodaux Public Works	D. Chauvin, Terrebonne Parish Sheriff's Office
F. Besson, LA State Police Troop C	P. Gordon, SCPDC
S. Poincot, Terrebonne Parish School District	P. Mosely, Terrebonne General Medical Center

4.4 Bicycle and Pedestrian Regional Safety Plan Update

S. Bruning provided an update on the Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Plan. She stated that public meetings have been held in six parishes and staff will begin analyzing the data gathered from the public meetings and interactive survey which yielded over 1,000 submissions.

LA 24 Sidewalk Assessment Update

C. Parker stated that the LA 24 Sidewalk Assessment has been completed and provided to Terrebonne Parish Public Works Department.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:00pm.

