

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

HTMPO Policy Committee Meeting

Date: October 26th, 2023

Meeting Location: Lafourche Parish Thibodaux Branch Library, Thibodaux, LA.

In Attendance:

Committee:	<p>Present: Archie Chaisson, Lafourche Parish President – alternate John Warren Danny Babin, TPCG Council Gordon Dove, Terrebonne Parish President – alternate Chris Pulaski John Amedee, TPCG Council (Chairman) Kevin Clement, Mayor City of Thibodaux (vice chairman) Scott Boyle, District 02 Administrator LADOTD</p> <p>Absent: Darrin Guidry, TPCG Council Dirk Guidry, TPCG Council Leroy Blanchard, Assumption Parish Police Jury Ron Animashaun, Village of Napoleonville Laura Phillips, Federal Highway Administration LA Division Terry Arabie, Lafourche Parish Council</p>
Staff:	<p>Cassie Parker, SCPDC Josh Manning, SCPDC Jonathan Eastwood, SCPDC LeaAnn Rucker, SCPDC Pat Gordon, SCPDC Thomas Rhodes, SCPDC</p>
Others in Attendance:	<p>Chris Rogers, DOTD Jacob Oncale, DOTD Jason Bergeron, Jason Bergeron Sarah Arceneaux, City of Thibodaux Grants Director</p>

J. Amedee called the meeting to order at approximately 12:00 pm.

Invocation: J. Amedee

Pledge of Allegiance: J. Amedee

Introductions took place.

Agenda Item #1

General Public Comment

Chairman J. Amedee opened the floor to receive public comments.

There being none chairman J. Amedee closed the floor for public comments.

Agenda Item #2

Adoption of Meeting Minutes from July 27th, 2023 Meeting HTMPO Policy Committee Meeting.

D. Babin motioned to approve the meeting minutes of the HT-MPO Policy Committee Meeting held July 27th, 2023, J. Warren seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item #3

Project Updates

a. Current DOTD Project Updates

J. Oncale updated the Policy Committee on the following projects:

Lafourche Parish:

- LA-1 Phase 2, Leeville to Golden Meadow is 18% complete. Contractor is driving piles.
- LA-308 from Golden Meadow Bridge to Galliano Bridge construction has begun. The wear in course started this week.
- Acadian Road Roundabout is currently in phase 1.
- US-90 at 182 intersection improvement is having a pre-construction meeting next week.
- LA-307 Overlay has been awarded and is awaiting an evaluation.
- LA-3220 Movable Bridge repairs in Kramer and North Lockport has been awarded and is awaiting evaluation.

Terrebonne Parish:

- LA-24 Company Canal Bridge Replacement project is 72% complete. Contractor is installing windows and operator house, stairs on the south tower, and machinery deck.
- LA-24 Northbound from St. Charles Street to St. George Road is 31% complete. Contractor is patching and fixing the drainage.
- LA-661 to S Van has begun construction. Will Contractor has started asphalt patching and tree trimming.
- LA-661 Houma-Navigational electrical repair is complete. Contractor is working on final inspection.
- LA-56 Robinson Canal Bridge has begun construction. Contractor is driving test piles.

Locally Funded Project Updates

Terrebonne Parish:

C. Parker gave a brief update on locally funded projects in Terrebonne Parish:

- LA-24 sidewalk rehab is currently under construction.
- Valhi Multi-use Path Phase 1 is currently in design.
- Valhi Multi-use Path Phase 2 is currently in design.
- Williams Ave is currently in design.
- LA-316 sidewalks are currently in design.
- Civic Center Roundabout intersecting Valhi Blvd is waiting for engineer selection.

- Bayou Blue LA-316 sidewalks is currently in design.

Lafourche Parish:

- Lafourche striping and signage is still working on feasibility study.
- Trailhead project design is completed.

City of Thibodaux:

- Audubon Avenue overlay is waiting on the geotechnical scope of work.
- LA-648 at Acadia Road intersection improvement is advertising for a traffic study.
- Acadian road has begun with the above ground utility relocations. Temporary lane closures and lane shifts for the sewage and drainage section of the project will begin sometime in December or January.
- Downtown Thibodaux sidewalks is in preliminary review.
- Local Road safety projects at Canal and Fifth do not have new updates. It is still in review.

b. STP<200K Projects Update

C. Parker gave an update on the STP<200K Projects. C. Parker relayed the Government Center trailhead is currently in design. C. Parker relayed Williams Multi-use Path is anticipating construction in April. C. Parker relayed Twin span East side sidewalks phase 2 construction is complete. Currently working on closeout. C. Parker relayed Valhi Multi-use Path Phase 2 is currently in design.

Agenda Item #4

Committee Reports

a. Technical Advisory Committee

J. Manning relayed the September 14 meeting minutes and discussed the main topics were reviewing the new census boundaries and functional classification.

b. Transit Committee

J. Manning discussed the transit meeting updates by explaining the process of applying for grant funding for new vehicles.

c. TDM Program Update

L. Rucker relayed that she is continuing to do research for funding projects and outreach programs.

d. Safety Coalition

C. Parker discussed the most recent fatality numbers for the Destination Zero project. Company Canal Bridge and Klondyke Bridge are a major safety concern relating to traffic concerns. LA-24 had a campaign sign that was in the line of vision in the road. East Park Avenue has high grass and vegetation. LA-659 and LA-24 have some issues with trees and some drainage issues. Darlene street bridge has a business that has a lot of cars parked on the side of the road and can be detrimental to pedestrians that walk along that road.

Agenda Item #5

Houma-Thibodaux MPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

- a. Proposed 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment:

- i. **H.013402 LA1 & LA308 PED & MULTIUSE PATH (LOCKPORT)**
Remove project from the TIP
 - ii. **H.013404 LA 1 SIDEWALKS (CUT-OFF)**
Remove project from the TIP
 - iii. **H.013490 CENTRAL LAFOURCHE MULTI-USE PATH PH 1A**
Remove project from the TIP
 - iv. **H.013714 VALHI BLVD SHARED-USE PATH (HOUMA)**
Add Engineering phase \$139k in HSIPPEN at 100% in FFY 2024.
 - v. **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.
 - vi. **H.972506.1 (HTMPO TRANS PLAN UPDATE SFYS 2024-2025)**
Add \$275,000 STP<200K funding at 80/20 in FFY 2024
- b. Ratification of Administrative Modifications
- i. **H.014849 US 90: 0.9 MI W LA311**
Move project from FFY 23 to FFY 26
 - ii. Administrative modification for Lafourche Council on Aging received FTA Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities funding to purchase (2) 12 passenger vehicles totaling \$280,852.00 (85% federal share of \$238,724.20; 13.8% local match of \$38,757.58; 1.2% Parish Transportation funds of \$3,370.22).

J. Warren motioned to amend the Houma-Thibodaux MPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), seconded by C. Pulaski. All were in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

- c. Update on Stage 0's
C. Parker updated the Policy Committee on the progress of the Stage 0 reports for Pedestrian Improvements for Canal Blvd Overlay, Lafourche School Zones, and Tiger Drive Overlay.

Agenda Item #6

United Planning Work Program

- d. Ratification of 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

J. Manning discussed the administrative modifications to the UPWP and motioned to ratify the administrative modifications.

J. Warren motioned to ratify the administrative modifications. D. Babin seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item #7

Safety Performance Targets

J. Manning discussed to consider supporting DOTD's safety performance targets and updating the MTP, TIP, UPWP as needed to reflect the following:

- a. 1% annual reduction in fatalities from a 2022 baseline of 37 to a target of 36 in 2024.
- b. 1% annual reduction in serious injuries from a 2022 baseline of 35 to a target of 35 in 2024.
- c. 1% annual reduction in fatality rate from a 2022 baseline of 2.051 to a target of 2.011 in 2024.
- d. 1% annual reduction in serious injury rate from a 2022 baseline of 1.919 to a target of 1.881 in 2024.
- e. 1% annual reduction in non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries from a 2022 baseline of 13 to a target of 13 in 2024

C. Pulaski motioned to consider the performance targets. D. Bain seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item #8

Metropolitan Transportation Plan | PROTECT Grant Application

J. Manning updated the Committee on the status of the upcoming Metropolitan Transportation Plan. J. Manning discussed that the Metropolitan Transportation Plan will be due by May of 2025. The best date on which to begin would be sometime in November or December of this year. J. Manning also discussed the PROTECT Grant application plan.

Agenda Item #9

Safe Streets for All Program

J. Manning gave an update on the Safe Streets for All Program. J. Manning discusses through a PowerPoint presentation that it is a planning grant that is awarded from the FHWA, and it does not have to go through DOTD. J. Manning discusses that it is like the Safety program but mainly focuses on the MPO area and it is very infrastructure-based planning.

Agenda Item #10

Regional Bicycle & Pedestrian Safety Plan

J. Manning gave a PowerPoint presentation discussing the Regional Bike/Ped Plan.

Agenda Item #11

Adjournment

K. Clement motioned to adjourn, seconded by J. Warren. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting Adjourned.

