



MINUTES
CHARLES URBANIZED AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING
ORGANIZATION
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)
SEPTEMBER 15, 2016 AT 9:00 AM
2ND FLOOR, BOARDROOM
SEED CENTER
4310 RYAN ST., LAKE CHARLES, LOUISIANA, 70605

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

Tim Conner (CPPJ) (Chair)
John Cardone (City of Lake Charles) (Vice Chair)
Todd Landry (DOTD District 7)
Donald Brinkman (Port of Lake Charles)
Gary Williams (City of Westlake Public Works) (Proxy was Mayor Bob Hardey)

IMCAL STAFF:

Cheri Soileau (Executive Director/MPO Director)
Walter Council (Transportation Planner III)

GUESTS:

Mike Huber (City of Lake Charles Planning Department)
Al Hoover (City of Lake Charles Transit)
Jillian Brooks (City of Lake Charles Transit)
Mister Edwards (City of Lake Charles Department of Public Works)

ROLL CALL

Mr. Tim Conner called the meeting to order. Mr. Walter Council stated there was a quorum

I. Review and Adoption of Minutes from Previous Meeting (July 21, 2016)

Mr. Todd Landry motioned to accept the minutes, seconded by Mayor Bob Hardey
Motion carried unopposed.

II. Old Business

A. FOR DISCUSSION: Ms. Cheri Soileau and Mr. Council explained the Project Update sheet created by staff, devised as a method to monitor STP<200K projects and move projects along. Mr. John Cardone requested a column be created

displaying the funding sources, including local entities' contribution. Mr. Cardone also requested non-STP<200K funded projects be added to the list. Committee members wanted to receive the list a month before TAC meetings. Committee members asked that the TAC, TPC, and closely associated stakeholders receive the template

- B. FOR DISCUSSION:** Ms. Soileau requested the TAC assess the "Project Review and Evaluation" page in the Project Call, to decide if it needs to be amended by the TPC. Mr. Conner requested definitions, the difference between and what determines why one criteria gets 5 and another 10 as maximum scores. Mr. Cardone inquired about examples of these criteria from other MPOs.

III. New Business

- A. FOR DISCUSSION:** Ms. Soileau de-briefed the committee on the LaDOTD Governor's Task Force Transportation Investment Workshop, relaying that LaDOTD felt there was a good participation.

- Committee members noted workshop comments about state legislative action to raise the gas tax, but concern about how local jurisdictions could generate their own taxes and/or how funds would be allocated.
- Mr. Conner and Mr. Landry conveyed information about the potential for cost sharing between the local and state governments.
- Mr. Mister Edwards noted the possible onset of new taxes to pay for infrastructure, including drainage and development impact fees, etc. Mr. Landry followed up that LaDOTD has been mandated to be more proactive regarding development, examining ¼ mile radius around sites matching particular criteria.
- Mr. Donald Brinkman and Mr. Conner felt the presentation regarding the area's ports was valuable

- B. RECOMMENDATION FOR TPC APPROVAL:** Ms. Soileau inquired TAC to recommend to the TPC a \$125,000 (80% IMCAL; 20% Calcasieu Parish) impact study currently being reviewed by LaDOTD, in preparation for the Fall/Summer 2017 re-decking on I-210 bridge. The construction project would decrease lanes down to 2, and exclude semi-trailer trucks on the bridge. A study could determine the effect and circulation of traffic on local streets and neighborhoods, transit scenarios, employers' responses, intersection improvements, and police presence.

- Mr. Conner and Mr. Landry commented they had assessed the study details. They mentioned no major project will be derived from the study, but could be an important supplement for the 2 ½ year I-210 bridge re-decking.
- Mr. Donald Brinkman inquired about capacity changes.
- Mr. Mike Huber suggested having McNeese University in the study.

- Committee members expressed interest in seeing either a park and ride component to the study or a parish-wide ordinance, as a result of misguided siting contributing to congestion.

Mr. Cardone motioned to recommend the study for TPC approval, contingent on an attached timeline for the TPC to review, seconded by Mr. Landry.

C. INFORMATION ONLY: Mr. Conner LaDOTD Legislative Hearing, October 12, 2016 at 8:30 am, Lake Charles Civic Center. There was no comment from the committee.

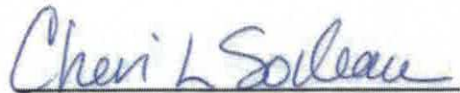
D. INFORMATION ONLY: Mr. Conner noted Go Group public meeting, Tuesday, October 4, 2016 at 6 pm, SEED Center, to discuss housing, education, transportation initiatives. There was no comment from the committee.

IV. Adjournment

Mr. Cardone motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Brinkman. Motioned carried unopposed.



Tim Conner
Chair



Cheri Soileau
Executive/MPO Director