



**MINUTES  
CHARLES URBANIZED AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING  
ORGANIZATION  
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)  
NOVEMBER 17, 2016 AT 9:00 AM  
2<sup>ND</sup> 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) (Proxy was Nick Pestello from Port of Lake Charles)  
Randy Chiasson (City of Sulphur Public Works)  
Dan Broussard (LaDOTD State Planning Section) (Non-Voting Member)

**IMCAL STAFF:**

Cheri Soileau (Executive Director/MPO Director)  
Walter Council (Transportation Planner III)  
Benjamin Magallon (Transportation Planner II)  
Megan Romero (Safety Coalition Coordinator)  
J.D. Allen (MPO Consultant)

**GUESTS:**

Mike Huber (City of Lake Charles Planning Department)  
Mike Diagle (City of Sulphur)

**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 (September 15, 2016) and Project Call Special Meeting (October 20, 2016)**

Mr. John Cardone motioned to accept the minutes, seconded by Mr. Todd Landry  
Motion carried unopposed.

**II. Old Business**

- A. FOR ACTION: Project Call Scoring List.** Staff requested recommendation by the TAC to submit the scored and ranked Project Call list, from the 10/20/16 special meeting, to the TPC for a final vote of approval for inclusion into the MTP. Mr. Todd Landry motioned, Mr. Randy Chiasson seconded. Motion carried unopposed
- Mr. Cardone liked how the scoring process was conducted.
  - Mr. J.D. Allen explained the 3 categories of funding: System preservation; capacity expansion; and safety. He also noted 2 important aspects of the final list, which is the ranked scoring order, and then how the funding is divided up. This means projects compete better within one of the 3 categories based on criteria. Mr. Allen distinguished between prioritization and delivery with regards to how ranked projects are implemented. Lastly, he noted that although the MPO only has control over STP<200K projects, LaDOTD will make some decisions based on IMCAL's priority list.
- B. FOR DISCUSSION: STP<200K Projects in the TIP.** Mr. Council provided an update of STP<200K projects in Calcasieu Parish. Also, Mr. Allen stated that ATG regular reports to CPPJ contained the information for the Non-STP<200K projects for which Calcasieu was the project sponsor. This information would, at the discretion of Mr. Conner be what is needed in order to provide an update.

### **III. New Business**

- A. FOR DISCUSSION: I-210 Bridge Regional Traffic Study.** Ms. Soileau explained that the RFQ submission process had received 2 consultant submissions by the November 14, 2016 deadline. An evaluation selection committee is needed to rank, select, and move forward with other approval procedures to get started.

Mr. Landry added that the I-210 bridge re-decking was let, but there were some significant cost discrepancies with the single contractor that submitted a quote. It was agreed that the study still needs to happen, but to watch the phasing of the actual re-decking progress.

- B. FOR INFORMATION: Lake Charles Transit Service Plan.** Ms. Soileau explained that staff will be discussing a possible 5-year service plan with Lake Charles Transit staff. A transit service plan is a tool used to present visions and goals, existing conditions, and establish metrics to grow thoughtfully with regards to improvements and expansion. Also, the service plan would examine coordination potential with other transit providers and agencies in the region.

**C. FOR INFORMATION: Complete Streets Advisory Committee (CSAC).** Mr. Ben Magallon stated that the CSAC held their last meeting on November 8, but did not have quorum.

- Discussed the role of the CSAC, to provide recommendations for new projects, being that it is an advisory committee.
- Has been working closely with SWLA Economic Alliance Quality of Life Task Force.

**D. FOR INFORMATION: Air Quality.** Mr. Council and Mr. Allen explained that staff is enhancing Transportation Conformity efforts, which is the connection between air quality and transportation planning.

- Identified previous stakeholders in the Southwest Louisiana Air Quality Task Force (AQTF), also known as the Advance Program. Quarterly meetings being scheduled for 2017.
- Air quality not in compliance with EPA's National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for specific pollutants, like Ozone; PM<sub>2.5</sub> (particulate matter), and SO<sub>2</sub>, results in stricter regulations for siting of new industry and curtailing transportation project funding.
- The Advance Program's activities can potentially mitigate some of EPA's penalties, through preemptive voluntary actions, public outreach, and showcasing credible measures of air quality improvement efforts.
- Updated website with air quality information.
- Technical stakeholders are not necessarily required for the Advance Program committee.

**E. FOR INFORMATION: Complete Streets Workshop.** Mr. Magallon explained Healthier Southwest Louisiana and Louisiana Cancer Prevention and Control Programs would be sponsoring a workshop presented by the SWLA Economic Alliance, the Community Foundation, IMCAL, and the City of Lake Charles.

- One-day workshop, Thursday, December 1, 2016, at the SEED Center would feature national presenters from Smart Growth America and the National Complete Streets Coalition. It would discuss policy, advocacy, planning and implementation, and will be open to community leaders and elected officials from the SWLA 5 parish region.
- In conjunction, a reception on Wednesday, November 30, 2016 at 5:00 pm in the SEED Center to introduce the concept to the community leaders and elected officials.
- Ms. Soileau and Mr. Magallon added that the workshop fits into regional and urbanized area concerns, so will invite a diverse coalition of stakeholders. Also, opportunity to discuss quality of life, educate, best plan improvements, and public outreach to reintroduce transportation.

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- Mr. Cardone motioned, seconded by Mr. Chaisson. Motion carried unopposed

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- Mr. Landry motioned, seconded by Mr. Cardone. Motion carried unopposed

#### IV. Adjournment

Mr. Cardone motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Chiasson. Motion carried unopposed.



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