

MINUTES

APRIL 20, 2017 AT SEED CENTER, 2ND FLOOR BOARDROOM, LAKE CHARLES, LA

MEMBERS PRESENT (QUORUM)

Tim Conner (CPPJ) (Chair)

John Cardone (Proxy was Mike Huber from City of Lake Charles)

Todd Landry (Proxy was Derek Domingue from DOTD District 7)

Mike Daigle (City of Sulphur Public Works)

Mary Bass-Fontenot (Calcasieu Parish School Board)

Gary Williams (City of Westlake Public Works)

LCMPO STAFF

Cheri Soileau (Executive Director/MPO Director)

Walter Council (Transportation Planner III)

Benjamin Magallon (Transportation Planner II)

Megan Romero (Safety Coalition Coordinator)

1. OPENING

A. Roll Call

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

B. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting (March 16, 2017)

- Mr. Mike Huber motioned to accept the minutes, seconded by Ms. Mary Bass-Fontenot. Motion carried unopposed.

C. Opportunity for Public Comments or Questions

- No public comments or questions.

2. OLD BUSINESS

A. FOR DISCUSSION: 2017 Lake Charles Regional Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) Architecture update.

Stantec, the ITS consultant, requested TAC review the document for any additions or edits that should be assessed.

- Mr. Ben Magallon explained that a few requests were made by Westlake and the GO Group to consider ITS projects in various locations.

B. FOR INFORMATION: TIP Project Updates.

STP<200K and Non-STP<200K project updates.

Mr. Council noted there was a Notice to Proceed for J. Bennett Johnston Avenue (H.007113) for the engineering and construction phase.

C. FOR INFORMATION: HSTP/Transit and Lake Charles Transit Service Plan. Mr. Council explained that staff seeks more public engagement with regarding public transit by attending upcoming events, also useful for upcoming Long-Range Transportation Plan efforts.

- Mr. Huber noted that Lake Charles Transit RFQ was still moving along.
- Mr. Huber and Ms. Soileau expressed interest in east-west route alignments that didn't have to go downtown to make transfers.
- Mr. Magallon noted consideration to add transit member to the TAC and eventually the TPC. After the 2020 U.S. Census, the Metropolitan Planning Area's (MPA) population will exceed 200,000, and a transit member will be required on TPC.
- Mr. Huber relayed the 2020 U.S. Census will request the number of units for apartment buildings.

D. FOR INFORMATION: Complete Streets Advisory Committee. Mr. Magallon shared that the committee interests in Complete Streets plan for the MPO using LaDOTD's revised Engineering Directives and Standards Manual.

- Concurrently, there is opportunity for an MPO created Complete Streets.
- If LaDOTD is planning a project and a jurisdiction has a policy and bike/pedestrian infrastructure that overlays it, then the agency can integrate it into the design, permitting it doesn't exceed 20% of total cost.
- Better Block, 4/28/17 from 4 pm – 8 pm, will convene on West Pujo Street and Lake Shore Drive, in conjunction with Spring Art Walk.

3. NEW BUSINESS

A. FOR ACTION: FOR ACTION: LA 384 at LA 385 intersection improvement to the TIP FY 2015-18. Ms. Soileau requested TAC recommendation to add LA 384 and LA 385 intersection project (H.002059), as a ROW in FY 17 and construction in FY 18 to the TIP as Amendment XII.

- Mr. Huber motioned, seconded by Ms. Fontenot.
- Mr. Derek Domingue provided more details on the project.

4. ADJOURNMENT

A. Adjournment

- Mr. Gary Williams motioned to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Fontenot.



for Tim Conner
Chair



for Cheri Soileau
Executive/MPO Director