

MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 20, 2018, 9 – 11 AM, SEED CENTER, 2ND FLOOR BOARDROOM, LAKE CHARLES, LA

TAC MEMBERS PRESENT (QUORUM)

John Cardone (City of Lake Charles) (Chair) (Proxy was Mike Huber)
Stacey Dowden (City of Sulphur) (Vice Chair)
Tim Conner (Calcasieu Parish)
Heath Allen (Lake Charles Regional Airport)
Don Duberville (DOTD – District 7)
Kevin Melton (Chennault International Airport)
John S. Allen (City of Westlake Public Works)

LCMPO STAFF

Cheri Soileau (LCMPO Director)
Walter Council (Transportation Planner III)

GUESTS

Casey Lewis (DOTD Public Transit)
Kacy Lopez (City of Lake Charles Transit)
Al Hoover (City of Lake Charles Transit)
Cindi Richard (City of Lake Charles – Engineering)
Cade McLemore (Calcasieu Parish OHSEP)

1. OPENING

A. Roll Call

Mr. John Cardone called the meeting to order. Mr. Walter Council stated there was a quorum.

B. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting (August 16, 2018)

Mr. John S. Allen motioned to approve minutes, seconded by Mr. Tim Conner.

C. Opportunity for Public Comments or Questions

There were no public comments or questions.

2. OLD BUSINESS

A. 2045 MTP

Ms. Cheri Soileau made some related comments:

- November 8, 2018 a 2045 MTP Public Forum.
- October 31, 2018 potential LaDOTD Roadshow date.
- 2020 Census work with the Complete Count committee is on-going.

- Some stakeholders in the committee are upset with the delay of the I-10 Calcasieu River Bridge EIS. Definitely wants MPO in the loop.

B. I-210 Bridge Re-Decking

Mr. Don Duberville shared that construction should proceed in late December 2018 to early January 2019

- Mr. Mike Huber mentioned the impact on school buses that cross the bridge.
- Mr. Cade McClemore mentioned a table top exercise about how to deal with emergency situation on I-210, since most agencies are reactionary.

3. NEW BUSINESS

A. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Development for FY 2019-22

Mr. Council explained that LaDOTD had worked with the LaDOTD to make necessary changes to the TIP. Mr. Council presented on Powerpoint how monies for the STP<200K projects would be allocated between FY 2019 – 22. He noted that based on the current table, the MPO would be spending an average of \$3.5 million (80% fed/20% local) a year, which is right on target for a small MPO.

- Mr. Kevin Melton wanted to know about coordination with J. Bennett Johnston from the parish.
- Ihles Road has to split into two separate project numbers, because it is too expensive for STP<200K program to fund it for one year. Mr. Huber mentioned they have to complete obtaining land for this project.
- Ms. Soileau always followed federal guidelines or you can't go after federal funds. Also, TAC needs to consider smaller overlay projects.
- Mr. Melton asked about Merganser Street's turning radius issues for trucks, so just want to know J. Bennet Johnston is not impacted. He reiterated traffic and transportation issues, lots of growth coming, and need to make sure infrastructure is good.
- Mr. Conner motioned to recommend the TIP FY 2019 – 22 to the TPC, seconded by Mr. Don Duberville. Motion carried unopposed.

B. Transit Assessment Management Plan and Performance Measures/Targets

Mr. Council noted that the MPO assisted Lake Charles Transit with the Transit Asset Management (TAM) Plan and Performance Measures/Targets. The TAM Plan and Performance Measures are requirements from the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act, which together compose a business plan that prioritizes funding based on conditions based on conditions of transit assets, in order to achieve State of Good Repair (SGR). Essentially, it is a strategic and systematic process of operating, maintaining, and improving capital assets effectively through the life cycle.

- The National Performance Measures and Targets include the following:

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- Rolling Stock - % of revenue vehicles that exceeded Useful Life Benchmark (ULB).
- Equipment - % of non-revenue that exceeded ULB.
- Facilities - % of facilities that rated less than 3 on a Transit Economic Requirements Model Scale (TERMS).
- Mr. Casey Lewis reiterated that the TAM Plan is a business plan that shows the replacement of vehicles, since a lot of money was being lost because no formal tracking. The performance measures methodology is the key to track replacement of assets.
- Mr. Al Hoover explained that there would be working on 5339 grant, trying to expand service which requires equipment. Mr. Hoover also added that every year, Lake Charles Transit would send updated performance measures and targets to the National Transit Database (NTD).
- Ms. Soileau explained there may be penalties if FTA senses agencies aren't doing performance measures.
- Stacey Dowden motioned to recommend support of the Transit Asset Management Plan, as well as adding the Performance Measures/Targets in the FY 2019 – 22 TIP and the 2045 MTP to the TPC, seconded by Mr. Heath Allen. Motion carried unopposed.


C. I-10 Bridge and Tolls

Ms. Soileau explained that LaDOTD will work on the potential for tollways regarding funding I-10 bridge.

- Mr. Conner wanted to know if this leads to a study. Ms. Soileau said no it will not.
- Ms. Soileau explained a concessionaire has an agreement with local community. For example, if a bridge is \$700 million, the concessionaire says they can put up \$500 million with Design, Build, Operate agreement. LaDOTD can put up #200 million, so concessionaire will pay themselves.
- Ms. Soileau noted there is a whole area of tolling that TAC/TPC should understand.
- Mr. Melton said this was useful information.

4. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Stacey Dowden motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Tim Conner.



John Cardone
Chair



Cheri Soileau
Executive/MPO Director