

MINUTES

MARCH 15, 2018, 9 – 11 AM, SEED CENTER, 2ND FLOOR, BOARDROOM, LAKE CHARLES, LA,

TAC MEMBERS PRESENT (QUORUM)

Mike Daigle (City of Sulphur) (Chair)
John Cardone (City of Lake Charles) (Vice Chair)
Tim Conner (Calcasieu Parish) (Proxy was John Bruce)
Mary Bass-Fontenot (Calcasieu Parish School Board)
Don Duberville (DOTD – District 7)

LCMPO STAFF

Cheri Soileau (LCMPO Director)
Walter Council (Transportation Planner III)
Amber Ashworth (Regional Safety Coordinator)

GUESTS

Shelley Fontenot (City of Lake Charles)
Butch Babineaux (Fenstermaker & Associates)
Mayor Carol Ponthieux (City of Iowa)
Mike Huber (City of Lake Charles)

1. OPENING

A. Roll Call

Mr. Mike Daigle called the meeting to order. Mr. Walter Council stated there was a quorum.

B. No Minutes to Approve

C. Opportunity for Public Comments or Questions

No comments.

D. Agenda Addendum

For New Business, Mr. Council requested the addition of “B. Complete Count Committee” in regards to 2020 U.S. Census. Mr. John Cardone motioned, Ms. Mary Bass-Fontenot seconded.

2. OLD BUSINESS

A. FOR DISCUSSION: New Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) FY 2019-22

Ms. Council went over the 7 remaining projects from Stage 1 of the TIP.

Committee members shared which projects they would like action to proceed to Stage 0.

- Mr. Cardone shared that there should be continued Stage 0 Action for Ihles Road, from W. Prien Lake Road to Country Club Road. He stated the project would be about \$8 million dollars total and is requesting \$4.6 million from the STP<200K funding category.
- Mr. Cardone and Mr. Huber stated intent to move forward on Enterprise Blvd, from Broad to 12th Street, with an estimated total cost of \$1.5 million. It was not stated what percentage, 20% or more, they expect to commit.
- Mr. Cardone also stated that two projects from the 2016 Project Call, they would like to see movement on, by getting TAC/TPC recommendation and approval to amend the 2040, to get them in Stage 1, priority projects. from the Vision Projects of the MTP up to Stage 1:
 - Sallier Street near forthcoming Nelson Road Bridge
 - Sale Street and Ryan Street intersection
- Mr. Bruce stated that he would do research on Houston River Road. Ms. Cheri Soileau noted that the Calcasieu Parish Transportation Initiative projects will continued to be acknowledged in the TIP as regionally significant.

B. FOR DISCUSSION: Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)

Ms. Soileau state Stantec, consultants developing plan, conducted a phone survey of residents with landlines in the MPO planning area.

- Stantec will conduct a Symposium, open house, at the Civic Center on April 12, 2018, from 4 pm to 7 pm. Ms. Soileau suggested that Stantec meet with TAC and/or the TPC, beforehand, about project selection.
- Ms. Soileau explained that Iowa and Cameron Parish, although outside of the MPO boundaries, will at be acknowledge in the 2045, considering the amount of the pertinent and relevant development and transportation activities.
- Ms. Soileau shared that the MPO Mayors, LaDOTD, and Calcasieu Parish's C-Gov cable channel will be collaborating to produced short videos on the I-10 Calcasieu River Bridge joint repair, I-10 Bridge re-decking, and the I-10 Calcasieu River Bridge replacement process for the public.
- Mr. Council also encouraged the committee to provide and publicized to colleagues and constituents that they can provide feedback and indicate

on interactive map, locations that need transportation improvements,
<https://www.transportplanswla.com>.

3. NEW BUSINESS

A. FOR ACTION: FY 2019-20 UPWP

Ms. Soileau requested recommendation for the FY 2019-20 UPWP, which provides description of planning work and funding allocation to each task conducted by staff over the fiscal year.

- Mrs. Fontenot motioned to recommend to the TPC, seconded by Mr. Bruce. Motion carried unopposed.


B. FOR INFORMATION: 2020 Census Count Committee

Mr. Council stated a representative, Vicki Mack, from the U.S. Census will be conducting a meeting on Wednesday, April 18, 2018, from 9 – 11 am, room B/C of the SEED Center, regarding the Census Count Committee (CCC).

- The CCC is a group of local stakeholders that will work to publicize the to the importance of completing the 2020 Census.
- The CCC will develop strategies of outreach up till the April 2020. A second meeting will be conducted by Ms. Mack, explaining best practices and strategies for outreach. After that, the CCC will conduct meetings and work at its own discretion.
- Mr. Council requested if the TAC know of a few more individuals to add to the CCC list. Mr. Daigle mentioned Kaitlyn Gallegos from the City of Sulphur and Ms. Fontenot said she would attend.

4. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Fontenot motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Bruce


for Mike Daigle
Chair


for Cheri Soileau
Executive/MPO Director