

MINUTES

JANUARY 17, 2019, 9:00 AM, SEED CENTER, 2ND FLOOR BOARDROOM, LAKE CHARLES, LA

TAC MEMBERS PRESENT (QUORUM)

John Cardone (City of Lake Charles) (Chair)
Stacey Dowden (City of Sulphur) (Vice Chair)
Tim Conner (Calcasieu Parish) (Proxy was Shalin Townsend)
Don Duberville (DOTD – District 7)
John S. Allen (City of Westlake Public Works)
Donald Brinkman (Port of Lake Charles) (Proxy was John Cardone)
Mary Bass-Fontenot (Calcasieu Parish School Board)

LCMPO STAFF

Walter Council (Transportation Planner III)
Antonio Carriere (Planner)

GUESTS

Casey Lewis (DOTD Public Transit)
Kacy Lopez (City of Lake Charles Transit)
Cade McLemore (Calcasieu Parish OHSEP)
Mike Huber (CoLC)
Butch Babineaux (Fenstermaker)
Tammy York (DOTD)

1. OPENING

A. Roll Call

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

B. No Minutes to Approve

C. TAC Meetings dates for remainder of FY 2018 - 19, 9 – 11 am, SEED Center, 2nd Floor Boardroom

Clear majority of the committee members would like to proceed with the current process in motion of sending an Outlook invitation email.

D. Opportunity for Public Comments or Questions

Mr. Mike Huber inquired about McNeese Street/Ryan Street (H.002059) project.

- Mr. Don Duberville noted that the contractor is provided for a 100 calendar day assembly period to order traffic signal equipment, which will expire on or about March 24, 2019.
- Mr. Don Duberville explained that preconstruction conference has not been scheduled but will be soon.

2. OLD BUSINESS

A. 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)

Mr. Council and Mr. Antonio Carriere, both spoke to the committee about how Mr. Scott Lane, of Stantec, would like to come before a joint TAC/TPC meeting.

- The time frame inquired by Mr. Lane would be around the end of January/beginning of February.
- In agreement amongst the committee, a doodle poll will be administered to gather most relative date and time that majority could attend.
- Mr. Cardone requested, if possible, this meeting be an hour.

B. I-210 Bridge Re-decking

Mr. Don Duberville explained that I-210 Bridge Re-decking project commenced on January 7, 2018 which has caused some traffic delays.

- Mr. Council mentioned that the SWLA Chamber has inquired about smart phone apps such as Waze, to help with best practices like carpooling. The Chamber also inquired about DOTD having visual signage about applications such as Waze and 511, that could alleviate traffic congestion.
- Ms. Tammy York stated that the agency could not be in favor of just one application tool to help mitigate traffic delays. Mr. Cardone stated IMCAL had to essentially abide by the same rules.
- Mr. Cardone says that if something is to go out in terms of signage informing our constituents of traffic information, then we don't want Lake Charles, Sulphur, and LaDOTD to send out different messages, which would cause confusion. Ms. York agrees and assures that that regional PIOs are all on the same page.

3. NEW BUSINESS

A. For Action: Updated MPO Consultant Contract Selection Manual

LaDOTD requested that MPOs adopt updated MPO Consultant Contract Services Manual, by no later than April 30, 2019, and once approved, shall begin using as soon as possible. Therefore, any consulting contracts commenced before this update may proceed through final close-out of the MPO/Consultant Contract.

- Staff requested TAC recommendation and TPC adoption. Committee motioned to recommend to the TPC, seconded by Ms. Bass-Fontenot, carried unopposed.
- Mr. Cardone recommended to the TPC to have a new consulting contract with Alliance Transportation Group, in the amount not to exceed 25K. Mr. Don Duberville motioned to approve, seconded by Ms. Mary Bass Fontenot.

B. TIP FY 2019 – 22: STP<200K Project Update

Mr. Cardone stated that these updates are implemented to hold all agency leaders accountable should that any changes in cost amounts come about.

- Ms. Dowden (City of Sulphur Public Works)
 - Hazel Street (H.001837) – Pre-construction notice to proceed on 2/9/2019.
 - Ruth Street/Huntington Street (H.001838) – Still under design.
 - Henning Drive/Weekly Road (H.011839) – Pre-design.
- Mr. John Allen (City of Westlake Public Works)
 - John Stine (H.007130) – Under construction, and on schedule. Relocating telephone poles and doing drainage.
 - Myrtle Springs Road (H.007122) - On schedule.
- Ms. Shalin Townsend (Calcasieu Parish)
 - Bennett Johnson Avenue (H.007113)- On schedule.

C. Complete Streets Advisory Committee

Mr. Council stated that in efforts to re-commence the Complete Streets Advisory Council, a meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 30, 2019.

Mr. Council brought up the topic of bicycle and pedestrian pathways and how our community lacks in that arena.

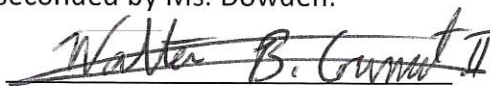
- FHWA stipulates that all federal funded highway projects have to consider bike/pedestrian linkages, if feasible. Although it may not be included in a federal project, a bike/ped lane along the bridge could be an idea that is worth entertaining.
- Mr. Council goes on to say that if not now, then we may never have another opportunity like this, at least not for a very long time. We should take this into consideration and have the Complete Street Advisory Committee do some research on it.
- Mr. Huber said that if it doesn't hold up progress on the environmental study, because he more concerned with the bridge than a bike/ped path.
- Ms. Bass Fontenot liked the idea. Mr. Duberville and Mr. Huber mentioned attaching a bike/ped path to the railroad.

4. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Bass Fontenot motioned to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Dowden.



John Cardone
Executive/MPO Director



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