

MINUTES

DECEMBER 7, 2021, 1:30 PM – 3:00 PM, SEED CENTER, 2ND FLOOR, ROOM D/E AND
VIRTUAL ZOOM MEETING

TAC MEMBERS PRESENT (QUORUM)

Nick Pestello (Vice Chair)
John Cardone (City of Lake Charles) (Proxy Mike Huber)
John Bruce (Calcasieu Parish Police Jury)
Seth Woods (LaDOTD)
Mary Bass Fontenot (Calcasieu Parish School Board)

LCMPO STAFF

Michael Hollier (Executive/MPO Director)
Jamie Gaines (Special Projects Manager)
Steve Jiles (Transportation Manager)
Walter Council (Transportation Planner III)
Michael Bernard (IMCAL)
Justin Habetz (IMCAL)
Claude Smart (IMCAL)
Ashifur Rahman (IMCAL)

GUESTS

Al Hoover (City of Lake Charles)
Kelli Van Norman (City of Lake Charles)
Tina Athalone (LaDOTD)
Al Hoover (City of Lake Charles)
Stacy Dowden (City of Sulphur)
Butch Babineaux (Fenstermaker)
Jessica Pousson (Fenstermaker)
Angela Murrell (LaDOTD)

1. OPENING

A. Call to Order Roll Call

Mr. Nick Pestello, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order.

B. Roll Call

Mr. Mike Hollier called Roll:

- Nick Pestello (Port of Lake Charles)
- John Cardone (City of Lake Charles)
- John Bruce (Calcasieu Parish Police Jury)
- Seth Woods (LaDOTD)
- Mary Bass Fontenot (Calcasieu Parish School Board)

He stated there was quorum for Technical Advisory Committee (TAC).

C. Minutes (10/20/21)

Ms. Mary Bass-Fontenot motioned, to adopt minute from October 20, 2021 as submitted, seconded by Mr. Seth Woods. Mr. Pestello requested a vote on the motion which passed unanimously.

- D. ADDENDUM:** Staff request to add item D. to New Business, as TIP Amendment to remove H.011839 Henning Dr/Weekly Rd from FY 21. Ms. Mary Bass-Fontenot motioned, to approve addendum to agenda, seconded by Mr. Mike Huber. Mr. Pestello requested a vote on the motion which passed unanimously.

2. OLD BUSINESS

A. TAC Membership

1. Calcasieu Parish School Board -
Mr. Mr. Hollier indicated Ms. Mary Bass-Fontenot to remain as Calcasieu Parish School Board TAC representative.
2. Trucking Industry Representative-
Mr. Hollier stated that Mr. Gary Gobert of Lake City Trucking is being sought as TAC's freight representative.
3. City of Sulphur-
Mr. Hollier stated that Ms. Jennifer Thorn will be the TAC representative for City of Sulphur, until further notice.
4. Election of Chair/Vice Chair in 2022
Mr. Hollier stated that the first TAC meeting of 2022 will need to have a TAC vote for Chair and Vice Chair.

B. 2019-22 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Project Status

1. H.013870 Enterprise Boulevard Overlay Reconstruction in City of Lake Charles -
Mr. Council stated that LaDOTD will have more information in January 2022.
2. H.011839 Henning Drive/Weekly Road in City of Sulphur-
Mr. Council noted City of Sulphur was exploring how to move forward on project.
3. Myrtle Springs Rd in City of Westlake -
Mr. Council noted City of Westlake was exploring how to move forward on project.
4. Recommendation on TIP Projects -
Mr. Council stated staff will continue to monitor and assist with jurisdictions on these projects.

C. MPO 2045 Long Range Metropolitan Transportation Plan Project Review

1. Survey Results on 3rd set of 30 roadway projects elected for removal -
Mr. Council, Mr. Steve Jiles, and Mr. Hollier shared results of TAC member feedback on 3rd set of 30 roadway projects recommended for removal from the 2045 MTP. One (1) roadway project was recommended to be retained in the 2045 MTP by LCMPO staff.
2. Questions and Comments on Survey Results –
C-72 Picard Road Bridge, was recommended to be retained in 2045 MTP by LCMPO staff.
3. Project Recommendations to Transportation Policy Committee (Action) –

Mr. John Bruce motioned to recommend to TPC to retain C-72 Picard Road Bridge, remove other 23 projects, seconded by Mike Huber. Mr. Pestello requested a vote on the motion which passed unanimously.

4. Preliminary reevaluation of initial set of 10 projects in the 2045 MTP – Mr. Steve Jiles reviewed some of the original roadway projects TAC recommended to be retained.

3. NEW BUSINESS

A. I-14 Fort Polk/Port of Cameron Spur Project Alternatives

Mr. Hollier explained that the Department of Defense, along with Kimley-Horn consultants, requested that IMCAL review highway routes to move military equipment to the Port of Beaumont. Staff also reviewed some other potential routes on both sides of Cameron Parish near Calcasieu River, which Mr. Steve Jiles explained:

- Alternatives A and B would route east of Town of Cameron, then northerly route through greenfields and wetlands east of Lake Charles and Moss Bluff, and on existing roadways like U.S. 171, with terminus south of Fort Polk.
- Alternatives B and C would route west of Town of Cameron, include a bridge across the Calcasieu Shipping Channel and then northwesterly towards LA 27, use existing LA 27, then through greenfields west of City of Sulphur, then alternatives to go east or west around Dequincy, with a terminus southwest of Fort Polk.

Mr. Pestello recommended including Chennault International Airport in dialogue.

B. Motorist Assistance Program

Mr. Council shared some trends from Motorist Assistance Program (M.A.P.), from January through October 2021.

- Total Incidents: 4,433
 - Nearly half incidents were disabled vehicles.
 - Month to month no major changes in number of incidents, except in April with large decrease.
- Total Services Provided: 17,610
 - Nearly 60% of services provided were protecting the scene of incident with cones, flares, and/or sign boards.
 - Month to month, no major changes in services provided, except again in April, with a major decrease.

C. TIP FY 2019-22 Amendment 28 (Aggregate Record Item No. 57)

Mr. Council requested TAC recommendation to TPC, to amend project name of H.014370 from Post Oak Road: Division Rd to Burton St to Post Oak Road: Burton to Aubrianna. Plus, adjust construction phase cost from \$800K of STP<200K @ 80/20 in FFY 2021 to \$2.335M of STP<200K @80/20 in FFY 2022.

- Public Review/Hearing process began 11/18/21.
- Mr. Mike Huber motioned, seconded by Ms. Mary Bass-Fontenot. Mr. Pestello requested a vote on the motion to adopt the recommendation, which passed unanimously.

D. TIP FY 2019-22 Amendment 29 (Aggregate Record Item No. 59)

Mr. Council requested TAC recommendation to TPC, to remove H.011839 Henning Dr/Weekly Rd from FY 21. Move as information only in FY 23, constituting fiscal year in the next TIP FY 2023-26.

- 14-day Public Review/Hearing period will be initiated by staff on 12/9/21
- Ms. Bass-Fontenot motioned, seconded by Mr. Mike Huber. Mr. Pestello requested a vote on the motion to adopt the recommendation, which passed unanimously.

E. Unified Planning Work Program FY 2021-22 Amendment

Mr. Council requested TAC I recommendation to TPC, to amended FHWA Section of UPWP to reallocate total funding amounts to tasks: B1 Administration decreased from \$67,390 to \$55,390; B2 General Development and Comprehensive Planning increased from \$93,250 to 158,250; B3 Transportation Improvement Program increased from \$18,000 to \$43,00; B7 Public Participation decreased from \$36,660 to \$7,660; B8 Systems Planning decreased from \$131,750 to \$65,750.

- Mr. Huber motioned, seconded by Ms. Bass-Fontenot. Mr. Pestello requested a vote on the motion to adopt the recommendation, which passed unanimously.

F. Calcasieu Parish Local Road Safety Plan

Mr. Hollier requested that Ms. Amber Ashworth's report on the Calcasieu Parish Local Road Safety Plan be deferred till later meeting.

G. Interstate I-210 Buffer Restoration Options

Mr. Hollier request deferring dialogue until later meeting.

4. INFORMATION

A. Annual List of Obligated Projects

Mr. Hollier request deferring dialogue until later meeting.

B. Moving Freight


Mr. Hollier request deferring dialogue until later meeting.

C. Responsible Charge

Mr. Hollier request deferring dialogue until later meeting.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Seth Woods motioned to adjourn the TPC meeting, seconded by Ms. Bass-Fontenot. The motion passed unanimously.



Nic Pestello
Vice Chair



Michael Hollier
Executive/MPO Director