

# MINUTES

JULY 7, 2021, 9:00 AM – 10:30 AM, SEED CENTER ROOM B/C OR ZOOM MEETING

## TAC MEMBERS PRESENT (QUORUM)

Stacy Dowden (City of Sulphur)  
John Cardone (City of Lake Charles)  
John Bruce (Calcasieu Parish)  
Mary Bass Fontenot (Calcasieu Parish School Board)  
Brian Duplichain (Westlake)  
Health Allen (Lake Charles Airport)  
Kevin Melton (Chennault International Airport)  
Seth Woods (LaDOTD)  
Dawn Sholmire (Non-Voting) (LaDOTD)  
Casey Lewis (Non-Voting) (LaDOTD)

## LCMPO STAFF

Michael Hollier (Interim Executive/MPO Director)  
Walter Council (LCMPO Transportation Planner)  
Jamie Gaines (Special Projects Manager)

## GUESTS

Brennan Marque (IMCAL)  
Justin Habetz (IMCAL)  
Steve Jiles (IMCAL)  
Missy Billiot (CoLC)  
Butch Babineaux (Fenstermaker)  
Kelli Van Norman (City of Lake Charles)  
Mike Huber (CoLC)  
Michael Bernard (IMCAL)

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### 1. OPENING

#### A. Call to Order

Ms. Stacy Dowden, TAC Vice Chair, called the meeting to order.

#### B. Roll Call

Mr. Mike Hollier called Roll to identify attendance. He stated there was quorum for Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC).

#### C. Review and Adoption of Minutes

Mr. John Cardone motioned, to approve and adopt the draft minutes of the meeting held on May 27, 2021, seconded by Mr. Seth Woods. Chair requested a vote on the motion to adopt the minutes of the May 27, 2021, meeting, which passed unanimously.

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## 2. OLD BUSINESS

### A. Systems Planning Program Status

Mr. Hollier explained that staff's Senior Transportation Specialist, Mr. Claude Smart, went beyond the MPO boundary to evaluate the proposed possible roundabouts. Staff is seeking formal adoption by the MPO and once completed can be presented to local governments to incorporate into their local master plans. Roundabouts are in recommended evaluation and design that can be examined by jurisdictions to protect Right of Ways, such as 20 feet enhanced setbacks. This provides good starting to protect cost escalations. They were selected based on safety reviews and congestion management.

Mr. Hollier shared general updates on the remaining systems planning studies.

### B. MPO Call for Projects Submittals FY 2023-26

Mr. Council provided general overview of projects to add to the new TIP FY 2023-26.

### C. Initiating Review of 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan

Mr. Hollier shared general updates on staff's work to update the 2045 MTP roadway plan.

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## 3. NEW BUSINESS

### A. Transportation Improvement Programs (TIP) FY 2019-22 Amendment 24 (Aggregate Record Item No. 48)

Mr. Council requested TAC recommendation to TPC to adopt amending TP FY 2019 -22, by removing feasibility phase for Project No. H.012043 LA 378: Calcasieu R MB RH (WEST FORK) (HBI) at \$150K of STPFLEX in FY 2021. Added engineering phase of \$150K of STPFLEX at 80% Fed Share in FY 21.

- Scope of work for H.012043: Full structural, mechanical, electrical, and architectural rehabilitation of an Historic Bridge Inventory (HBI) movable bridge structure. Work to include the application of new protective coating (paint) systems, and renovations to the Operator's House.
- MB is abbreviation for Movable Bridge; RH is abbreviation for Rehab.
- 14-day Public Review/Hearing period was initiated by staff on 6/24/21

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

### B. MPO Bikeway and Pedestrian Plan

Mr. Jon Mann provided a comprehensive concept for Bicycle-Pedestrian Plan. He stated his early emphasis was on safety, involving either separation of path from road traffic or a physical barrier between path and road traffic. An example of a physical barrier would be like armadillo on the ground. He also mentioned covering drainage ditches in some areas and converting to bike/ped paths. Mr. Manns displayed bike/ped routes examples for Lake Charles, Sulphur, Westlake, and Moss Bluff.

**C. MPO Roundabout Plan**

Mr. Hollier requested action by TAC to TPC in support of the MPO Roundabout Plan. Mr. John Cardone motioned, to recommend to TPC to adopt LCMPO Roundabout Plan seconded by Mr. Seth Woods. Chair requested a vote on the motion, which passed unanimously.

**D. First Transportation Safety Designated Corridor: East Prien Lake Road**

Mr. Council and Mr. Hollier provided some information on E. Prien Lake Road as a Transportation Safety Designated Corridor that was to also be added to the Calcasieu Parish Local Road Safety Plan, which had been reviewed by staff.

**E. Marion "Butch" Fox Southwest Louisiana Regional Rail Study and Plan**

Mr. Hollier shared some general information on SWLA Regional Rail Study and Plan.

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4. INFORMATION

**A. New I-10 Bridge Design and Construction Meeting**

Ms. Jamie Gaines shared some updates on the I-10 Bridge design and construction.

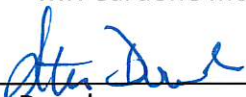
**B. MPO Air Quality Update**

Mr. Council shared some general information on MPO Air Quality document update.

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5. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Cardone motioned to adjourn the Special TAC meeting, seconded by Ms. Fontenot.

  
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Stacy Dowden  
Chair

  
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Michael Hollier  
Executive/MPO Director