

MINUTES

FEBRUARY 9, 2021, 9 – 10:30 AM, VIRTUAL ZOOM MEETING

TAC MEMBERS PRESENT (QUORUM)

Stacey Dowden (Chair)
Nick Pestello (Port of Lake Charles) (Vice Chair)
John Cardone (City of Lake Charles)
Tim Conner (Proxy was John Bruce)
Don Duberville (LaDOTD – District 7)
Carlos McCloud (FHWA La Regional Representative) (Non-Voting Member)
Casey Lewis (LaDOTD Public Transit)
Dawn Sholmire (LaDOTD State Planning Section)

LCMPO STAFF

Michael Hollier (Interim Executive/MPO Director)
Walter Council (LCMPO Transportation Planner)

GUESTS

Angela Murrell (LaDOTD)

1. OPENING

A. Roll Call

Ms. Stacy Dowden, TAC Chair, called the meeting to order. Mr. Mike Hollier called Roll to identify attendance. He stated there was quorum for Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC).

2. NEW BUSINESS

A. FY 21 Unified Planning Work Program Amendment

Mr. Council stated that this agenda item did not have all the necessary data available, and would need to be evaluated later

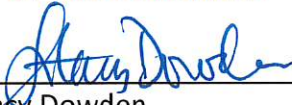
B. Project H.003931 New Proposed I-10 Calcasieu River Bridge

Mr. Hollier noted several general aspects about the bridge and the schedule of related events anticipated over the next couple of weeks.

- Mr. Hollier stated staff was pursuing a bikeway effort. He added that Mr. Walter Council, Planner III staff members was a strong advocate for seeing that element on the bridge.
- Mr. Hollier noted he was a strong advocate to salvage existing bridge. He added that if they do keep the bridge, what entity was going to take over maintenance, operations and liability.

- It was noted that role of Deputy Secretary Dr. Eric Kalivoda in this Environmental Impact Statement process. However, the MPO plays a vital role in the entire process.
- Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) needs to make a recommendation, which TPC doesn't have to follow, but they are required to listen.
 - How far can federal fund go to support context sensitive improvements.
 - Tolls can go on the bridge.
- Federal funding general rule or is 100% to fund extras.
 - State of Louisiana struggles just to maintain what it has. LaDOTD scrapes together to get matching funds.
 - Whatever the TAC picks will be here for a 100-years.
- If building bikeway as part of new bridge then can it be supported.
- If new bridge can have bike/ped, then ask the question if it can be financially supported
- Mr. Kevin Melton wanted to see more on a map.
- At next meeting consultants will address TAC.

3. ADJOURNMENT



Stacy Dowden
Chair



Michael Hollier
Executive/MPO Director