



**MINUTES**  
**LAKE CHARLES URBANIZED AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING**  
**ORGANIZATION**  
**TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE (TPC)**  
**November 18, 2016 AT 9:00 AM**  
**2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR, BOARDROOM**  
**SEED CENTER**  
**4310 RYAN ST., LAKE CHARLES, LOUISIANA, 70605**

**MEMBERS PRESENT (QUORUM):**

Mayor Christopher Duncan (City of Sulphur) (Chair)  
Mayor Randy Roach (City of Lake Charles) (Vice Chair)  
Mayor Bob Hardey (City of Westlake)  
Wes Crain (Calcasieu Parish Police Jury)  
Todd Landry (DOTD District 7)

**IMCAL STAFF:**

Cheri Soileau (Executive/MPO Director)  
Walter Council (Transportation Planner III)  
Ben Magallon (Transportation Planner II)  
Megan Romero (Safety Coalition Coordinator)  
J.D. Allen (MPO Consultant)

**Roll Call**

Mayor Christopher Duncan called the meeting to order. Mr. Walter Council reported a quorum was present.

- I. A. FOR ACTION: Change to the Current Agenda to Add TIP Amendment VII.**  
Staff requested, by TAC recommendation at the 11/17/16 meeting, the addition of Amendment VII to section "IV. New Business" in this agenda. Mayor Randy Roach motioned, seconded by Mayor Bob Hardey. Motion carried unopposed.
- B. FOR ACTION: Change to the Current Agenda to Add TIP Amendment VIII.**  
Staff requested, by TAC recommendation at the 11/17/16 meeting, the addition of Amendment VIII to section "IV. New Business" in this agenda. Mayor Randy Roach motioned, seconded by Mayor Bob Hardey. Motion carried unopposed.
- II. Review and Adoption of Minutes from Previous Meeting (September 28, 2016)**

Mr. Wes Crain motioned to accept the minutes, seconded by Mayor Randy Roach. Motion carried unopposed.

### III. Old Business

**A. FOR ACTION: Project Call Scoring List Approval.** Ms. Cheri Soileau explained and requested approval of the ranking and scoring of projects.

- Mr. Crain inquired about Sallier Street, and relocation of tracks, which the committee members explained that the Port of Lake Charles was considering funding and moving the railroad tracks.
- Mayor Roach motioned to approve the project call scoring list, seconded by Mr. Crain. Motion carried unopposed.

**B. FOR DISCUSSION: STP<200K Project Updates.** Mr. Council provided a report on STP<200K projects in the region. He also mentioned that staff will begin to provide updates to the TPC on Non-STP<200K projects.

### IV. New Business

**A. FOR ACTION: Request for approval of TIP Amendment VII in FY 2016-17.** Ms. Soileau explained that LaDOTD requested approval of Amendment VII, the feasibility study for the LA 378 bridge rehabilitation at West Fork Calcasieu River.

- The Historic Bridge Improvement (H.012043) would use Surface Transportation Program Flexible Funds, known as STPFLEX (\$150K Total/\$120K Fed Share).
- The TAC on 11/17/16 unanimously recommended the TPC approve this amendment, pending no substantive public comments during the 14-day Public Review/Hearing period, which will occur November 25<sup>th</sup> through December 8<sup>th</sup> at 5pm.
- Mayor Roach motioned to approve TIP Amendment VII, seconded by Mr. Landry.

**B. FOR ACTION: Request for approval of TIP Amendment VIII in FY 2016-17.** Ms. Soileau explained that LaDOTD requested approval of Amendment VIII, for the environmental phase for Lake Charles Riverfront Parkway.

- The project (H.009844) would be financed by Demonstration, Priority, and Special Interest Projects, known as DEMO funds (\$720.7K Total/\$237.5K Fed Share).
- The TAC on 11/17/16 unanimously recommended the TPC approve this amendment, pending no substantive public comments during the 14-day Public Review/Hearing period, which will occur November 25<sup>th</sup> through December 8<sup>th</sup> at 5pm.
- Mayor Roach motioned to approve TIP Amendment VIII, seconded by Mr. Landry.



**C. FOR DISCUSSION: I-210 Bridge Regional Traffic Study.** Ms. Soileau explained that submissions for the I-210 Bridge Regional Traffic Study were due November 14, 2016.

- Mr. Landry relayed that I-210 bridge re-decking had been let for bid, but the project will not be awarded at this time, because of a divergence with potential contractor on the cost of the complicated work. However, the I-10 component of this project, which involved installing new joints on that bridge, may become a separate project, but will still move forward.
- Ms. Soileau suggested regional traffic study continue as planned, until further notice.
- Mayor Roach emphasized the importance of sharing updates of the I-210 project with the public. The public and local industries are going to want to know the circumstances for this delay.
- Mr. Crain expressed that the need for the I-210 re-decking was hastily put forward, and possibly should have waited for some of the industrial building construction to ease before implementing the project.

**D. FOR INFORMATION: Lake Charles Transit Service Plan.** Ms. Soileau relayed that staff would be discussing a possible 5-year service plan for Lake Charles Transit with the system's 2 transit planners. This plan will include a vision and goals to plan for expansion of the system. A study would utilize metrics, help with the quality of the system, and lay the foundation for regional service.

- Mayor Roach noted a recent meeting with paratransit customers, and the role of population density in transit service.
- Ms. Soileau recognized there was potential to link with other parishes, by having transfer stations near parish boundary lines.
- Ms. Soileau added that at the Louisiana Public Transit Association, November 14 – 16, 2016, Cameron Parish Council on Aging was given an award for highest ridership increases from the FTA.
- Mr. Crain expressed that the increase in development should be coordinated to know where growth is taking place or projected. TAC and TPC need to be part of the process at some level.

**E. FOR INFORMATION: Air Quality.** Mr. Council explained that staff is enhancing Transportation Conformity efforts, connecting air quality and transportation planning. Specifically, staff has begun updating website with air quality information, and contacting Southwest Louisiana Air Quality Task Force (Southwest Louisiana AQTF) representatives, to have a new meeting in 2017.

- **Attainment:** Air quality compliance with EPA's National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for specific pollutants: Ozone; PM<sub>2.5</sub> (particulate matter), and SO<sub>2</sub>. This is current status of the region
- **Non-Attainment:** Air quality not in compliance with NAAQS, resulting in stricter regulations for siting of new industry and curtailing transportation project programming.

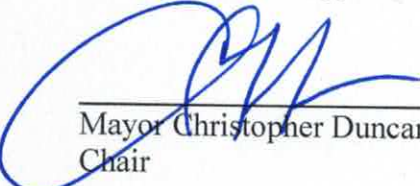
- In 2012, IMCAL voluntarily joined EPA's Advanced Program, to stay in compliance with NAAQS, through voluntary actions, public outreach, and showcasing credible measures of air quality improvement efforts.
- Ms. Soileau added that FAST Act would be potentially adding new air quality measures.
- Mr. Allen mentioned his use of electric lawn equipment.

**F. FOR INFORMATION: Complete Streets Advisory Committee (CSAC).** Mr. Ben Magallon relayed Healthier Southwest Louisiana and Louisiana Cancer Prevention and Control Programs sponsored workshop presented by the SWLA Economic Alliance, the Community Foundation, IMCAL, and the City of Lake Charles. The one-day workshop, Thursday, December 1, 2016 at the SEED Center would feature national presenters from Smart Growth America and the National Complete Streets Coalition. The discussion would include policy, advocacy, planning and implementation, and would be open to community leaders and elected officials from the SWLA 5 parish region. There would be a reception on Wednesday, November 30, 2016 at 5:00 pm in the SEED Center to introduce the concept to the community leaders and elected officials.

- Ms. Soileau believed the workshop is great opportunity to reintroduce the MPO to the public, and interactive maps would be utilized.
- Mr. Crain asked about having quorums at the last CSAC meeting.
- Mr. Landry explained the history of the committee as starting solely as a bike/pedestrian group, then evolved to Complete Streets. He suggested that if not having quorums, then re-evaluate who is on the committee.
- Mr. Magallon noted that staff's role is to provide technical assistance.
- Mr. Allen stated Mr. Magallon's role in molding the message for CSAC to target appropriate places for networks and context sensitive development. He added speed limits above 35 mph decrease safety to dangerous levels for cyclists and pedestrians, signifying additional right-of-way is required at higher vehicle speeds.
- Mayor Roach advised keeping things in context and practical limitations.
- Mr. Conner stated importance of establishing early safety, ROW, and speed classification of roads as part of recipe that works for coordination.

### G. Adjournment

Mr. Crain motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Landry. Motion carried unopposed.



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Mayor Christopher Duncan  
Chair



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Cheri Soileau  
Executive/MPO Director