



MINUTES
LAKE CHARLES URBANIZED AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING
ORGANIZATION
TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE (TPC) –
Special Meeting
June 29, 2016
9:00 am – 11 am
2ND 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)
Benjamin 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. Review and Adoption of Minutes from Previous Meeting (May 25, 2016)

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

II. Introduction of new Regional Safety Coordinator, Megan Romero

Ms. Romero discussed her educational and professional background and what her role would be regarding safety in the region.

Mayor Randy Roach noted the increased urgency of traffic safety in the area, especially with the reconstruction of I-210 bridge. He encouraged the MPO to interface with the public and industrial plant managers about choosing routes and scheduling. Mr. Wes Crain explained plant managers have coordinated on how to conduct traffic generated near them, especially truck turn-arounds, but the coordination and study needs a larger geographical and functional scope. Ms. Cheri Soileau and Mr. Ben Magallon remarked they have met with individuals about how to integrate fire, emergency services, etc into a Geographical Information System (GIS) mapping plan, for better digital communication. Ms. Soileau and Mr. Crain believes the Safety Coalition needs to be part of this effort.

Mayor Roach and Mr. J.D. Allen discussed how the Lake Charles Traffic Management Center coordinates with law enforcement agencies. While the current Metropolitan Transportation Plan cited crash data, it is significantly outdated since being released in 2014. Mr. Allen remarked that a revised crash data analysis can examine type and severity, which will help local jurisdictions and LaDOTD reconsider geometric roadway issues. Mr. Todd Landry stated the allocated funding for safety tends to consider sensitive locations which can be programmed for roundabouts, channelization, signalization, etc. Mr. Landry added that cameras will not be available before I-210 construction begins. Mayor Hardey and Mr. Crain mentioned the integration of helicopters in safety coordination.

III. Old Business


- A. REQUEST FOR ADOPTION:** Staff, after fulfilling the 14-day Public Review/Comment period, sought adoption of Amendment V to the TIP. The amendment comprised the Transit Element section of the TIP, which are FTA project requests from transit agencies and providers that have solicited or have been funded for FY 17 (2016-17) in the urbanized area. Mayor Roach motioned, Mr. Landry seconded. Motion carried unopposed.
- B. FOR INFORMATION ONLY:** Mr. Council noted that staff had made requested updates to the HSTP Plan, to include Lake Charles Transit for FY 17 (2016 -17).

IV. New Business

- A. REQUEST FOR ADOPTION:** Staff, after fulfilling the 14-day Public Review/Comment period, sought adoption of Amendment VI to the TIP. The amendment comprised the Transit Element section of the TIP, specifically Calcasieu Parish Transit purchasing 3 new 12-passenger buses (\$153K Total, 80% Fed Share), upgrading an existing parish facility with an enclosed bus garage (\$200K, 80% Fed Share), and purchase of new wires and antennas for radios and cameras transferred from old to new buses (\$1,100 Total, 80% Fed Share) for FY 14 (2013-14) in the urbanized area. Mr. Crain motioned, Mayor Hardey seconded. Motion carried unopposed.

VI. Adjournment

Mr. Landry motioned to adjourn, Mayor Roach seconded.



Mayor Christopher Duncan
Chair



Cheri Soileau
Executive/MPO Director