

MINUTES

JUNE 28, 2017 AT SEED CENTER, 2ND FLOOR ROOM B/C, LAKE CHARLES, LA

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)
Don Duberville (LA DoTD – District 7))

TAC MEMBERS PRESENT

Tim Conner (Calcasieu Parish Police Jury) (Proxy was Greg LaFleur)
John Cardone (City of Lake Charles) (Proxy was Mike Huber)
Don Duberville (DOTD – District 7)
Mary Bass Fontenot (Calcasieu Parish School Board)
Gary Williams (City of Westlake)
Dan Broussard (LaDOTD Non-Voting Member)

LCMPO STAFF

Cheri Soileau (Executive Director/MPO Director)
Walter Council (Transportation Planner III)
J.D. Allen (MPO Consultant)

GUESTS

Shelley Fontenot (City of Lake Charles)

1. OPENING

A. Roll Call

Mayor Christopher Duncan called the meeting to order. Mr. Walter Council reported a quorum was present for both the TPC and TAC.

Ms. Cheri Soileau noted this being Mayor Randy Roach's last meeting, and thanked him for his years of dedicated service to the MPO on behalf of the City of Lake Charles.

B. Review and Adoption of Minutes from Joint TPC/TAC meeting (June 28, 2017) and TAC Meeting (April 20, 2017)

Mr. Wes Crain motioned to accept Joint TPC/TAC minutes, seconded by Mayor Bob Hardey.

Ms. Mary Bass-Fontenot motioned to accept TAC meeting minutes, seconded by Gary Williams.

C. Public Comments and Questions

There were no public comments or questions.

OLD BUSINESS

A. FOR DISCUSSION: Complete Streets Advisory Committee (CSAC)

Mr. Council noted that the City of Lake Charles did approve a Complete Streets policy on June 26, 2017.

Mr. Council mentioned that the law enforcement representative displayed as a member of the CSAC, Captain Craig Bean, may have been volunteered by others to serve in the early the formation of the committee, but was never confirmed or attended a meeting. That position needs to be re-appointed.

- Ms. Fontenot suggested contacting Sheriff Bean. Mr. Crain advised contacting Matt Vezinot from Sheriff Department.

B. FOR ACTION: Intelligent Transportation System (ITS)

Mr. Council led a discussion on sequencing projects in the draft update of the ITS document. Many of the projects had a natural progression (EX: ITS Phase 4 before ITS Phase 5).

- The nine projects were evaluated on costs/benefits, technical feasibility, institutional issues and readiness (agreement in place; funding available).
- They were arranged in categories of short/near term, medium term, and long term.
- The projects were chronologically sequenced in the following order:
 - Motorist Assistance Patrol
 - Traffic Management Center
 - Traffic Signal Upgrades
 - ITS Phase 4
 - I-10 Queue Warning Systems
 - I-210 Queue Warning Systems
 - CCTV Camera Coverage Enhancements
 - Traffic Signal Upgrades (Phase 2)
 - ITS Phase 5
- Mr. Mike Huber motioned to accept the final sequencing, seconded by Mr. Williams for recommendation by TAC.

- Mayor Roach motioned to accept the final sequencing, seconded by Mayor Hardey for final approval by TPC.

C. FOR INFORMATION: Travel Efficiency Assessment Model (TEAM)

Mr. Council relayed that staff partnered with EPA's Office of Transportation and Air Quality to develop a model to test strategies (Transportation Demand Modeling, Transit, Parking, and Land Use) and scenarios that could reduce emissions in Lake Charles Urbanized Area.

- The efforts of this partnership are included in the updated Advance Program/Air Quality Task Force of Southwest Louisiana document.
- Ms. Fontenot mentioned the \$18 million settlement that Louisiana will receive from the recent Volkswagen lawsuit. LaDOTD will be allocated \$12 million, gearing it towards school bus related improvements.

D. FOR INFORMATION: Transportation for America

Ms. Soileau noted that IMCAL and Rapides Area Planning Commission (Alexandria, LA MPO) were selected jointly to receive technical assistance from Transportation for America, a national private non-profit that focuses on transportation issues. The technical assistance would help assess reasonable and rational performance measures that were mandated by the FAST Act.

- Mr. J.D. Allen explained that U.S. DOT will send LaDOTD performance measure guidelines in July 2017, giving states several months to create their own standard. Subsequently, MPOs will decide if they will follow LaDOTD or create their own methodology.
- Ms. Soileau added that staff had received more technical assistance from Portland State University's Enhancing All-Hazards Recovery Plans with Demand Management Technologies. It consists of training for the region on how to achieve recovery in a disaster. There is a plan to invite emergency personnel from the region for a corresponding meeting in a few months.
- Ms. Soileau noted that staff has obtained around \$200K worth of technical assistance in the last year.

NEW BUSINESS

A. FOR INFORMATION: I-210 Bridge Regional Traffic Study

Mr. Vijay Kunada presented a Powerpoint on I-210 Bridge Regional Traffic Study, which would evaluate the various impacts of the re-decking. Several meetings were being planned to identify unique issues from particular stakeholder groups.

- Mayor Roach inquired about single direction possibilities on the bridge, to at least be able to justify that potential decision to the public.

B. FOR ACTION: Title VI Update

Staff requested action for the updated Title VI document.

- Ms. Fontenot motioned to approve the updated Title VI document, seconded by Mr. Williams as recommendation by TAC.
- Mayor Roach motioned to approve the updated Title VI document, seconded by Mr. Crain for final approval by TPC.

C. FOR ACTION: Amendment XIV for Transit Element section of the TIP

Staff requested action for Amendment XIV in Transit Element section of the TIP. It consisted of seven proposed improvements for Lake Charles Transit, including passenger shelters, route signage, security cameras, new rolling stock, etc.

- Mr. Williams motioned to approve Amendment XIV in the TIP, seconded by Ms. Fontenot as recommendation by the TAC.
- Mayor Roach motioned to approve the updated Title VI document, seconded by Mayor Hardey for final approval by the TPC.

D. FOR INFORMATION: Human Services Transportation Plan/Transit (HSTP/Transit)

Mr. Council noted the update of the HSTP/Transit plan document.

- There were no questions or comments.


A. ADJOURNMENT

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Mayor Roach motioned, seconded by Mr. Crain.



Mayor Christopher Duncan
Chair



Cheri Soileau
Executive Director/MPO Director