

MINUTES

AUGUST 23, 2017 AT SEED CENTER, 2ND FLOOR BOARDROOM, LAKE CHARLES, LA

TPC MEMBERS PRESENT (QUORUM)

Mayor Chris Duncan (City of Sulphur) (Chair)
Wes Crain (Calcasieu Parish Police Jury)
Mayor Bob Hardey (City of Westlake)
Don Duberville (LaDOTD – District 7)

TAC MEMBERS PRESENT

Tim Connor (Calcasieu Parish Police Jury) (Chair)
Heath Allen (Lake Charles Regional Airport)
Donald Brinkman (Port of Lake Charles)
John Cardone (City of Lake Charles) (Vice Chair)
Michael Daigle (City of Sulphur)
Don Duberville (DOTD – District 7)
Dan Broussard (LaDOTD Non-Voting Member)

LCMPO STAFF

Cheri Soileau (Executive Director/MPO Director)
Benjamin Magallon (Transportation Planner II)
Amber Ashworth (Safety Coalition Coordinator)
Nikia Collins (Regional Economic Development Planner)

GUESTS

Gina Qubideax (City of Sulphur)
Allison Hanchey (City of DeRidder/Beauregard Transit)
Mike Huber (City of Lake Charles)

1. OPENING

A. Roll Call

- Mayor Chris Duncan called the meeting to order. Ben Magallon confirmed there was a quorum.

B. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting (June 28, 2017)

- Mr. Wes Crain motioned to accept the Joint TAC/TPC minutes, seconded by Mayor Bob Hardey. Motion carried unopposed.

C. Opportunity for Public Comments or Questions

- No public comments or questions.

2. OLD BUSINESS

A. FOR DISCUSSION: Complete Streets Advisory Committee.

- Mr. Ben Magallon presented an overview of the Complete Streets Advisory Committee. The Committee had requested a white paper on the Better Block event in April 2017 to look at what worked and lessons learned. While the event was deemed a success, with items such as interagency cooperation cited, the one weakness was lack of a written plan.

B. FOR ACTION: Lake Charles Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Architecture Final Draft Document

- The TAC recommended approval of the ITS document. Mr. Crain motioned for the TPC to approve the updated ITS document, seconded by Mayor Hardey.

C. FOR INFORMATION: Transportation Improvement Program.

- Mr. Ben Magallon discussed the process of developing the new TIP, and the discussions and coordination necessary to program in projects.
- Mr. John Cardone asked if projects from the current MTP, such as the W. Prien Lake Rd/Ihles Rd. project could be included in the new TIP.
- Mr. Ben Magallon responded that staff would help coordinate discussions with LaDOTD and MPO members to help develop the new TIP.

D. FOR INFORMATION: I-210 Bridge Regional Traffic Impact Study. Mr. Vijay Kunada presented an update on the study. There had been meeting with key stakeholders and the information is being compiled. The impact of the lane closures on the bridge and what proactive solutions could be taken are currently being evaluated. Neel-Schaffer is also working on the update of the traffic model, which is expected to be completed within the month. The project is expected to be completed by December 2017.

3. NEW BUSINESS

E. FOR INFORMATION: LCMPO Public Outreach. Ms. Soileau discussed some of the recent outreach staff have and will be participating, including events at Lake Charles North, McNeese and SOWELA.

- F. FOR INFORMATION: I-10 Bridge Preliminary Alternatives.** Ms. Soileau discussed the public meeting held in July regarding the alternatives for the bridge. She also shared that it is important that the MPO look at alternatives to fund the construction of the bridge. Based on discussions with DOTD, one of the best alternatives is Public Private Partnership, which includes toll roads. The MPO asked for more information and what they would need to do to create a Southwest Louisiana Toll Commission. Ms. Soileau will bring information back to the next meeting.
- G. FOR INFORMATION: Lake Charles MPO Programming Assessment.** Federal Highways Administration staff visited staff in April regarding an overall assessment of the MPO's work and documents. They came at the request of Ms. Soileau. They released their final report, with emphasis that this report contains suggestions of any improvements. The TAC/TPC was given a matrix outlining the suggestions and actions that staff will be taking.
- H. FOR ACTION: 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)/Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Consultant Selection Process.** The selection committee has asked two firms for an interview and staff requested that the committee have the authority to choose the firm and proceed with the next steps to save time. The TAC and TPC will be told the outcome of the meeting but, in order to proceed with the process of engaging a consultant, staff had requested to move forward, after the interviews.


4. ADJOURNMENT

A. Adjournment

- Mayor Hardey motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Crain.



Mayor Chris Duncan
Chair



Cheri Soileau
Executive/MPO Director