

MINUTES

MAY 18, 2017 AT SEED CENTER, 2ND FLOOR ROOM B/C, LAKE CHARLES, LA

TPC MEMBERS PRESENT (QUORUM)

Mayor Christopher Duncan (City of Sulphur) (Chair)
Mayor Randy Roach (City of Lake Charles) (Vice Chair) (Proxy was John Cardone from City of Lake Charles)
Mayor Bob Hardey (City of Westlake)
Wes Crain (Calcasieu Parish Police Jury)

TAC MEMBERS PRESENT (QUORUM)

Tim Conner (Calcasieu Parish Police Jury)
Heath Allen (Lake Charles Regional Airport)
Donald Brinkman (Port of Lake Charles)
John Cardone (City of Lake Charles)
Michael Daigle (City of Sulphur)
Mary Bass Fontenot (Calcasieu Parish School Board)
Dan Broussard (LaDOTD Non-Voting Member)

LCMPO STAFF

Cheri Soileau (Executive Director/MPO Director)
Walter Council (Transportation Planner III)
Megan Romero (Safety Coalition Coordinator)

GUESTS

Karen Clapp (Go Group)
George Swift (SWLA Economic Development Alliance)
Mike Huber (City of Lake Charles)
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.

B. Review and Adoption of Minutes from Joint TPC/TAC Whiteboard Meeting (May 26, 2017)

Mr. Wes Crain motioned to accept minutes, seconded by Mayor Bob Hardey.

C. Public Comments and Questions

There were no public comments or questions.

D. FOR ACTION: Change of Agenda.

Ms. Cheri Soileau and Mr. Council requested adding an agenda item to New Business. The transit element of the TIP needs to be updated as Amendment XIII. Mr. Wes Crain motioned, seconded by Mayor Bob Hardey.

2. OLD BUSINESS

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

Mr. Council relayed information about the CSAC event held on 4/28/17 at the corner of Lake Shore Drive and Pujo Street.

- Approximately 9 organizations or agencies planned the event, along with various businesses volunteering time and donating resources. There was media coverage as well.
- Next steps include a “white paper” to compile and summarize the entire process, as requested by the CSAC. The “white paper” will include public feedback, “lessons learned” to replicate Better Blocks throughout the region, and assess expenditures to gauge costs and benefits of the event.
- Mayor Randy Roach mentioned complaints from downtown property owners, and suggested better outreach with them.
- Mr. Crain mentioned citizens commenting on the Better Block occurring on the exact street infrastructure enhancements are anticipated to occur along. Ms. Soileau explained it was a plan created by traffic engineer Peter Swift.
- Mayor Duncan thanked staff for implementation. Ms. Soileau thanked the CSAC, city and parish, and noted more demonstrations are viable.

NEW BUSINESS

A. FOR INFORMATION: 2020 U.S. Census Presentation

Ms. Vicki Mack, Ph.D, U.S. Census Bureau Partnership Specialist, presented on new updates for the 2020 Census.

- New initiatives include optimizing internet self response capabilities, plus equipping census takers with more hand-held devices to reduce paper.
- There are several preparatory activities Southwest Louisiana jurisdictions can implement now to facilitate a more impactful 2020 Census.

- The Geographic Support System (GSS) is an integrated program of improved address coverage, continual spatial feature updates, and enhanced quality assessment and measurement.
 - Calcasieu Parish has not provided data for GSS.
- The Boundary and Annexation Survey (BAS) is primary method for jurisdictions to ensure their legal boundaries (essentially population counts) are correctly recorded with federal government.
 - Issues with boundary lines not accurately being displayed on up-to-date maps.
 - The parish should provide update to census.
 - BAS updates are done annually.
- The Local Update of Census Addresses (LUCA) is a voluntary program that occurs every 10 years, and only opportunity for jurisdictions to review and update the U.S. Census Bureau's address list for 2020 census.
 - 120 business days are allowed for jurisdictions to update the list after U.S. Census Bureau sends their request.
- Complete Count Committee is local government opportunity to tailor and customize outreach/messaging.
 - Utilize constituent groups/trusted voices.
 - Training available.
 - Could be multi-jurisdictional committee and have sub-committees. IMCAL can help spearhead some of these efforts for the region.
- Mayor Hardey noted that the units in an apartment complex have to be identified, versus previously, when just the single complex was enough.
- Ms. Mack stated that the final aspect of the census is imputing or estimating using statistical analysis to finalize population counts, when there are no responses from residences.
- Mr. John Cardone and Mr. Crain appreciated the U.S. Census Bureau sending a representative, and the need to engage and encourage rural areas in Southwest Louisiana to participate.
- Ms. Mary Bass-Fontenot mentioned some people's concern with privacy when determining numbers, based on her experience in the Calcasieu Parish School Board. The school board has new routing software that can benefit from the LUCA.

B. FOR DISCUSSION: I-10 Calcasieu River Bridge *Preliminary Alternatives Screening Methodology*.

Ms. Soileau led a discussion on the I-10 Calcasieu River Bridge *Preliminary Alternatives Screening Methodology*.

- Comments included the following:
 - Do alternatives reduce congestion at Sampson Street;

capacity implications at other locations; do the alternatives effect economic viability and existing businesses (casinos and industry ingress and egress); do alternatives address bike and pedestrian concerns; evacuation/emergency preparedness; and best way to maximize construction duration.

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

Ms. Soileau and Mr. Council requested TAC recommendation for an update to the Transit Element section of the TIP, as Amendment XIII. It is comprised of operating costs, capital expenditures, etc for Calcasieu Parish Transit, Calcasieu Voluntary Council on Aging and City of Lake Charles Transit. In accordance with the document update procedures, as an amendment to the TIP, it requires a 14-day Public Review and Hearing period, which staff initiated on 4/17/17.

- Mayor Duncan inquired if there was a TAC quorum in the meeting. Mr. Council established there was a quorum of TAC members at the meeting. TAC Chairman Mr. Tim Conner motioned to recommend the amendment for TPC approval, seconded by Mr. Mike Daigle. Motion carried unopposed.
- Mayor Duncan motioned to approve the amendment, seconded by Mayor Bob Hardey. Motion carried unopposed.
- TIP Amendment XIII will be added as Resolution #2112.

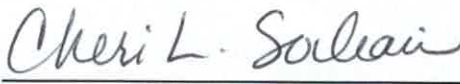
B. ADJOURNMENT

A. Adjournment

Mayor Roach motioned, seconded by Mayor Duncan.



Mayor Christopher Duncan
Chair



Cheri Soileau
Executive Director/MPO Director