



**MINUTES**  
**LAKE CHARLES URBANIZED AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING**  
**ORGANIZATION**  
**TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE (TPC)**  
**January 25, 2017 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)

**IMCAL STAFF:**

Jacqueline Green (Calcasieu Council on Aging)

**Roll Call**

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

- I. **FOR ACTION: Change to Current Agenda.** Staff requested, to avoid a conflict of interest with our MPO Consultant Mr. J.D. Allen in attendance, to move "III. Old Business, section A" and "IV. New Business, section C" to the end of the meeting for discussion. This will allow Mr. Allen to consult on other topics, but leave when these sections are being discussed. Mr. Wes Crain motioned, seconded by Mr. Todd Landry. Motion carried unopposed.
- II. **Review and Adoption of Minutes from Previous Meeting (November 18, 2016)**

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

**III. FOR ACTION: 2017 Dates for Scheduled TPC Meetings, 9 am – 11 am.** Mr. Council requested that TPC approve the regular scheduled meeting dates, and switch November 22, 2017 to a November 17, 2017 meeting. Mr. Crain motioned to accept meeting dates, Mayor Todd Landry seconded. Motion carried unopposed.

**IV. Old Business**

**A. FOR ACTION: I-210 Bridge Regional Traffic Study Consultant Selection.**

Ms. Cheri Soileau explained that Neel Schafer, Inc was selected through the consultant selection process, along with TAC recommendation on 11/17/16, to lead this study. She added that the study should proceed regardless of any letting setbacks on I-210 or I-10.

- Mayor Roach motioned to approve the consultant selection of Neel Schafer, Inc for I-210 Regional Traffic Study, Mr. Wes Crain seconded. Motion carried unopposed.
- Mr. Landry noted that final study results and recommendations can be utilized to examine intersections, but will not change anything in the current project parameters. The construction activities of the I-210 re-decking project will be split, as a separate project, from the joint enhancement of I-10 bridge.
- Mayor Roach mentioned that consultant should be preparing information that can help various stakeholders with traffic issues, like the casinos. Ms. Soileau noted that there will be a public involvement component, and will make strides to include the MPO committee during the study.
- Mr. Crain stated that the consultant should examine turnarounds near industry. He added to identify optimal parking near transportation routes, especially with workers commuting from longer distances.

**B. FOR INFORMATION: HSTP/Transit and Lake Charles Transit Service Plan.** Mr. Council explained that Mr. Mister Edwards and Mr. Al Hoover, of the City of Lake Charles, requested staff review and offer recommendations for a transit system study RFP.

- Ms. Soileau added the MPO has federal funds to assist on this study.
- Ms. Soileau and Mr. Allen noted similar undertakings will be conducted in upcoming Long Range Transportation Plan study, along with assessment of regional transit plan. Mr. Allen mentioned that the existing transit plan has analysis of the entire system's corridors.

**C. FOR INFORMATION: EPA Advance Program's Southwest Louisiana Air Quality Task Force.** Mr. Council noted that a successful meeting was held on



1/24/17, with 8 out of 15 members in attendance. There were presentations by staff and by Vivian Aucoin of LaDEQ. The task force decided to meet quarterly

**D. FOR INFORMATION: The Governor's Task Force for Transportation Infrastructure Investment final report.** Ms. Soileau shared that LaDOTD is anticipating Governor Edward's final plan for submission to the legislature.

- Ms. Soileau noted that MPO was awarded the EPA's Travel Efficiency Assessment Model, which will provide technical assistance on emissions and travel demand management. This program is also beneficial to upcoming Long Range Transportation Plan study. Recommendations included Public Private Partnerships and highway tolls.
- Mayor Roach talked about 50 national critical infrastructure projects he had seen reported, and asked staff to identify and email to the MPO. Ms. Soileau said staff would look into it.
- Mr. Allen and Mr. Landry stated that LaDOTD were making plans to develop a list of megaprojects for the state, with I-10 bridge on that list.

**V. New Business**

**A. FOR ACTION: Request for adoption of MTP Amendment I in MTP 2040, and as Resolution #2104.** Mr. Magallon explained the TAC, on 1/19/17, recommended the inclusion of the 2016 Project Call's 19 new projects into the Fiscally Unconstrained Vision Projects portion of the MTP, after the 14-day Public Review and Hearing Period.

- Mayor Roach motioned to include the 2016 Project Call's 19 new projects into the Fiscally Unconstrained Vision Projects portion of the MTP as Amendment I, Mr. Crain seconded. Motion carried unopposed.
- Mr. Allen explained it was the easiest way to put all requested projects in the MTP. There will be another Project Call during the update of the MTP, at which time all projects will be reevaluated.

**B. FOR ACTION: Request for adoption of TIP Amendment IX in FY 2015-18, and as Resolution #2105.** Mr. Magallon explained the TAC, on 1/19/17, recommended Calcasieu Parish Transportation Initiative be included in the TIP, after the 14-day Public Review and Hearing Period.

- Mr. Crain motioned to add Calcasieu Parish Transportation Initiative to the TIP as Amendment IX, Mayor Roach seconded. Motion carried unopposed.

**C. FOR INFORMATION: Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) update.**

Cheri Soileau explained that TAC had deferred voting, until the next meeting on 3/16/17, on a RFQ and scope of services to update the LRTP. The LRTP needs to be updated every 5 years.

- Mr. Magallon noted the FAST ACT requires performance measures and the document needs to distinguish between urban and non-urban areas.

Complete Streets will be included in the document. The document is due in 2019, and plan to release the RFQ for bid in July 2017.

- Ms. Soileau added that Acadiana's MPO is starting a rideshare program, and staff will be examining their efforts to see if coordination can occur with our area, along with potentially Beaumont, TX.

**D. FOR INFORMATION: MPO Consultant Selection Process, including Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) participation at 6% for MPO projects.** Ms. Soileau explained that the TAC had deferred voting on the revised consultant selection process until the next meeting on 3/16/17. It would then require TPC approval, and then final LaDOTD authorization of the updated document. She added that 6% was a reasonable amount for DBEs.

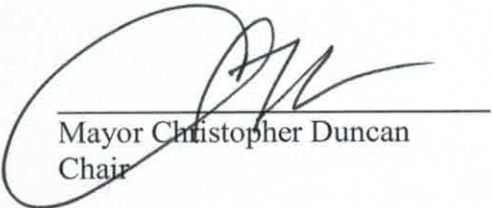
- Mr. Allen emphasized need to redo the document, and that it will be legally sturdy after circulating through several entities.
- Mayor Duncan agreed that it was favorable for the TAC to further review the document before making a recommendation.

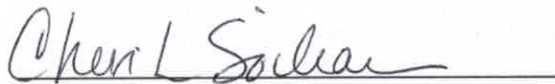
**E. FOR INFORMATION: Enhancement of HSTP/Transit coordination.** Ms. Jacqueline Green, Executive Director of Calcasieu Council on Aging, requested support for HSTP/Transit coordination enhancement, through transit agencies and providers increasing efficiency through deeper integration of system operations. This would help alleviated duplication in services.

- Ms. Soileau suggested consideration of LaDOTD's state coordination update, allowing simultaneous revision of HSTP/Transit local plan. HSTP/Transit committee, at minimum, can begin initiating a more integrated coordinated system.
- Mayor Roach supported the effort and to prioritize those most in need.
- Mr. Crain noted pressure on attaining near curb-to-curb service, because of issue of trying to avoid missing the bus.
- Ms. Green expressed some coordination with Calcasieu Parish Transit.
- Mr. Allen suggested checking FTA document that maps true coordination.
- The TPC requested a special HSTP/Transit meeting, before regularly scheduled, to discuss unified transit coordination. Ms. Soileau agreed staff would bring this to fruition.

## VI. Adjournment

Mayor Bob Hardey motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Crain. Motion carried unopposed.

  
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Mayor Christopher Duncan  
Chair

  
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Cheri Soileau  
Executive/MPO Director