



MINUTES
LAKE CHARLES URBANIZED AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING
ORGANIZATION
TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE (TPC)
March 28, 2017 AT 9:00 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) (Proxy was Mike Huber from City of Lake Charles)
Mayor Bob Hardey (City of Westlake) (Proxy was John Allen from City of Westlake)
Wes Crain (Calcasieu Parish Police Jury)
Todd Landry (DOTD District 7)

MEMBERS PRESENT (QUORUM):

Carlos McCloud (FHWA)

IMCAL STAFF:

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

IMCAL STAFF:

Carlos McCloud (FHWA)
Butch Babineaux (Fenstermaker & Associates, LLC)

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 (January 25, 2017)

Mr. Wes Crain motioned to accept the minutes, seconded by Mr. Todd Landry.
Motion carried unopposed.

II. FOR ACTION: Change of the Agenda. Mayor Duncan requested a modification of New Business section of the agenda to discuss MPO travel for development and

training. He requested staff, besides the director Ms. Cheri Soileau, leave at point in the meeting. Mr. Mike Huber motioned, seconded by Mr. Crain.

III. FOR INFORMATION: Whiteboard and joint TPC/TAC Meeting. Ms. Cheri Soileau noted it will convene on 4/26/17, 9 am – 12 pm, conference room B/C, SEED Center. Mr. Ben Magallon explained it as a shuffle, updating STP<200K projects.

IV. Old Business

A. FOR ACTION: FY 2017-18 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). Ms. Soileau requested, after TAC recommendation on 3/16/17, TPC approval of the FY 2017-18 UPWP.

- LaDOTD had reviewed the document and were satisfied with its content.
- Mr. Magallon added that the PL funding shown in the document was projected. When the MPO receives an allocation, the exact amount can be modified into the document.
- Mr. Carin motioned, seconded by Mr. Landy. Motion carried unopposed.

B. FOR ACTION: I-10 bridge joint repair to the TIP FY 2015-18. Ms. Soileau requested, after TAC recommendation on 3/16/17, TPC approval to add I-10 Calcasieu River Bridge joint repair project (H.012823) to FY 17 of the TIP as Amendment X.

- No public comments after 14-day Public Review and Hearing period.
- Mr. Landry motioned, seconded by Mr. Crain.

C. FOR INFORMATION: TIP Project Updates. Mr. Council shared that there were no major STP<200K project updates. There were Non-STP<200k project updates identified and displayed in a table in the agenda's appendix.

- No comments from the committee.

D. FOR INFORMATION: HSTP/Transit and Lake Charles Transit Service Plan. Ms. Soileau and Mr. Council noted that Lake Charles Transit had released the RFQ for Lake Charles Transit service plan.

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- Mr. Council noted HSTP/Transit Special Meeting on 3/20/17 invited various local human services stakeholders, hospitals, dialysis, United Way etc. This engagement provided informative dialogue to identify needs and gaps in transportation service for special population groups.

E. FOR INFORMATION: Complete Streets Advisory Committee (CSAC). Mr. Magallon noted the upcoming meeting on 3/30/17.

- CSAC is examining later years of the TIP and upcoming MTP projects to assess how Complete Streets concepts could be integrated into projects.
- Determining whether local municipalities can update their policies.

- Better Block event, in conjunction with Spring Art Walk on 4/28/17 at corner of W. Pujo Street and Lake Shore Drive, will reimagine look and feel of the street, utilizing erasable paint and reconfigured street designs.
- Ms. Soileau mentioned local jurisdictions are interested in replicating the low-cost demonstration, without spending big money on infrastructure. There is a diverse stakeholder group implementing this effort.

V. New Business

A. FOR INFORMATION: 2017 Lake Charles Regional Intelligent

Transportation System (ITS) Architecture update. Mr. Council explained that Mr. Stephen Mensah from Stantec Inc, presented to the TAC at the 3/16/17 meeting on new updates to the document, with June 2017 planned completion.

- Mr. Magallon noted federally funded ITS projects or activities required in document. The TPC should inform Mr. Mensah or staff aware of requests.
- Mayor Duncan requested that the TPC receives a copy of the document.

B. FOR INFORMATION: Public Forum on the I-10 Bridge. Ms. Soileau explained importance of Secretary Shawn Wilson (LaDOTD) and Secretary Chuck Carr Brown (LaDEQ) speaking on 3/16/17 regarding I-10 bridge.

- The forum was recorded on Calcasieu Government Channel (C-GOV).
- Environmental activity will be addressed, but not curtail bridge's progress.
- Secretary Wilson emphatically reiterated that the bridge was safe.
- Mr. Huber noted how crucial funding was from the forum dialogue.

C. FOR ACTION: Nelson Road Extension & Bridge to the TIP FY 2015-18.

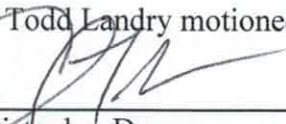
Ms. Soileau requested, after TAC recommendation on 3/16/17, TPC approval to add engineering phase of the Nelson Road Extension & Bridge (H.005967) in FY 17 to the TIP as Amendment XI.

- The design of the bridge is in conjunction with the nearby rail road tracks, along W. Sallier Street, being pushed north of the street, then reverting back to the median at Lake Street. The Port of Lake Charles owns the rail and will manage this aspect of the project.
- Mr. Crain motioned, seconded by Mr. Huber. Motion carried unopposed.

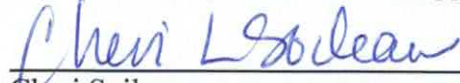
D. FOR DISCUSSION: MPO Staff Travel. Closed session discussion. A discussion regarding staff travel and training was held. Todd Landry made a motion with Wes Crain seconding to support on-going training for MPO staff.

VI. Adjournment

Todd Landry motioned to adjourn, seconded Wes Crain. Motion carried unopposed.



 Mayor Christopher Duncan
 Chair



 Cheri Soileau
 Executive/MPO Director