

# MINUTES

FEBRUARY 21, 2018, 9 – 11 AM, SEED CENTER, 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR BOARDROOM, LAKE CHARLES, LA,

## TPC MEMBERS PRESENT (QUORUM)

Mayor Chris Duncan (City of Sulphur)  
Mayor Nic Hunter (City of Lake Charles) (Vice Chair) (Proxy was John Cardone)  
Wes Crain (Calcasieu Parish) (Chair)  
Don Duberville (DOTD – District 7)

## TAC MEMBERS PRESENT (QUORUM)

Tim Conner (Calcasieu Parish) (Chair) (Proxy was John Bruce)  
John Cardone (City of Lake Charles) (Vice Chair)  
Michael Daigle (City of Sulphur)  
Don Duberville (DOTD – District 7)  
Mary Bass Fontenot (Calcasieu Parish School Board)

## LCMPO STAFF

Cheri Soileau (LCMPO Director)  
Walter Council (Transportation Planner III)

## GUESTS

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### 1. OPENING

#### A. Roll Call

- Mayor Chris Duncan called the meeting to order. Mr. Walter Council stated there was a quorum for both TPC and TAC.

#### B. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting (January 24, 2018)

- Mayor Nic Hunter motioned to approve minutes, seconded by Mr. Don Duberville.

#### C. Opportunity for Public Comments or Questions

- There were no public comments or questions.

#### D. Addendum 1

##### In Old Business B., staff requested:

- Adding “[examination of] incorporating remaining projects”
- Removing “process” and adding “This [examination] requires”

- Adding, "...allocated to the LCMPO. [There is currently a ST<200K of 10.7 million for projects]"

#### **E. Addendum 2**

In New Business, staff requested:

- All Hazards Mitigation Workshop

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## **2. OLD BUSINESS**

### **A. Nominations and Election of TAC Chair and Vice Chair**

Mr. Council stated the 2-year period for nominating Chair and Vice Chair was in January of the even numbered year.

- Ms. Mary Bass-Fontenot motion for Mike Daigle a Chair, seconded by Mr. John Cardone. Motion carried unopposed.
- Ms. Fontenot motioned for John Cardone as Vice Chair, seconded by Mr. Cardone. Motion carried unopposed.

### **B. New Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) FFY 2019-22**

Mr. Council, via Powerpoint, presented the steps and tasks needed to amend and program projects into the upcoming TIP FFY 2019 -22 that would utilize STP<200K funding.

- Mr. Cardone asked about Ihles and Prien Lake Road project, why it did not appear as one of the 7 remaining projects. Mr. Council's response was that it was selected during the 2016 Project Call, but not moved into Stage 1 of the 2040 MTP. However, all projects can be amended and moved up to the priority list, if recommended by TAC and approved by TPC.
- Mayor Nic Hunter and Mr. Cardone requested an additional column for actual cost of the seven projects.
- Mr. Wesley Crain suggested a flow chart to visually explain each of the steps needed to move the projects through the process (selection from Stage 1 of 2040 MTP; Stage 0 process, final programming into TIP FY 2019-22.
- Ms. Fontenot motioned to recommend tabling discussion, seconded by Mr. Cardone.
- Mayor Duncan motioned to table discussion, seconded by Mayor Hunter.

### **C. 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)/Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Development**

Ms. Soileau stated that Stantec, on 1/23/18 at the SEED Center, facilitated an interactive steering committee meeting for development of the 2045 MTP development, to guide the project schedule.

**D. I-210 Bridge Regional Traffic Study Update**

Ms. Soileau noted that I-210 Regional Traffic Study Public Open House 30, 2018, 10 am – 1 pm.

- Ms. Soileau encouraged people to modify their travel patterns.
- Mr. Don Duberville suggested noted there would be a tentative I-210 bridge re-decking let in May 2018.
- Mayo Hunter and Ms. Soileau recommend the MPO craft their own message, so they can speak directly to the people. Maybe conduct a 3-minute video with elected officials explaining when things will begin.
- Mr. Crain advised using Calcasieu Parish's C-GOV cable channel.
- Mr. Cardone suggested making sure LaDOTD is part of the dialogue.
- Ms. Fontenot added the message should be short and sweet.

**E. Complete Streets: Better Block Sulphur, LA**

Mr. Council informed that inclement weather cancelled the Sulphur Better Block, 2/3/18.

- Mayor Duncan explained that a new date is being prepared for April 7, 2018.

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**3. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Performance Measure: Transportation for America (T4America) Workshop**

Ms. Soileau shared that seven local stakeholders attended workshop in Baton Rouge, 1/25/18 - 1/26/18 on performance measure integration into project ranking process.

- Mr. Mike Daigle, an attendee, noted new ways to rank projects, and discussion on environmental health.
- Ms. Soileau reiterated that the goal was to generate well rounded projects that pop up on every level.
- A report on final feedback will be incoming.

**B. I-10 Calcasieu River Bridge Joint Repair Project**

Mr. Council shared pertinent aspects of the joint repair project on I-10 Calcasieu River Bridge.

- Work scheduled from March 3 – June 30, 2018 (4 months)
- Construction teams working 24-7 shifts

- Eastbound will first be reduced to one lane for 2 months, then westbound limited to one lane for 2 months.
- Motorist Assistance Patrol (MAP) units will have 3 trucks available in the day time and 2 at night.
- 511 system (<http://www.511la.org>); LaDOTD Twitter (<http://wwwsp.dotd.la.gov/Pages/default.aspx>); Local radio and TV will also advise on road conditions and/or detours.
- Large freight trucks advised not to take I-1- bridge during 4-month period.

**C. Amendment XVI for the TIP**

Staff is requested TAC recommendation for TPC final approval, Amendment XVI. Calcasieu Parish Transit seeking 12-passenger gas powered buses and 10 baby car seats, using STPFlex funds (\$192.6 Total/154.1 Fed Share). The 14-day Public Review/Hearing period was initiated by staff on 2/15/18.

- Mayor Chris Duncan motioned, seconded by Mayor Nic Hunter.

**D. Advance Program: Southwest Louisiana Air Quality Task Force**

Ms. Soileau and Mr. Council shared that the All Hazards Transportation Recovery Plan will be held March 19 – 20, 2018, from 9 am – 4:30 pm.

- Email invitations will be resent.

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4. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Duncan motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mayor Hunter.



Wes Crain  
Chair



Cheri Soileau  
Executive/MPO Director