

# MINUTES

JANUARY 24, 2018, 9 – 11 AM, SEED CENTER, 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR BOARDROOM, LAKE CHARLES, LA,

## MEMBERS PRESENT (QUORUM)

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

## LCMPO STAFF

Cheri Soileau (LCMPO Director)  
Walter Council (Transportation Planner III)  
Amber Ashworth (Regional Safety Coordinator)

## GUESTS

Carol Ponthieux (Mayor of Iowa)  
Butch Babineaux (Fenstermaker & Associates)  
Mike Huber (City of Lake Charles)  
Dave Cagnolatti (Phillips 66)

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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.

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

- Mr. Wes Crain motioned to approved with edits made to change “Westlake” to “LaDOTD – District 7” for Don Duberville, seconded by Mayor Bob Hardey.

### C. Opportunity for Public Comments or Questions

- There were no public comments or questions.

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## 2. OLD BUSINESS

### A. FOR ACTION: Nominations and Election of 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.

- Mr. Don Duberville nominated Mr. Crain for Chair, seconded by Mayor Bob Hardey. Motion carried unopposed.

- Mr. Wes Crain nominated Mayor Nic Hunter for Vice Chair, seconded by Mayor Bob Hardey. Motion carried unopposed.

**B. FOR INFORMATION: New TIP (Transportation Improvement Program)  
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. Council emphasized that staff recommended the approach for developing FFY 2019 – 22, by using the 7 remaining projects from Stage 1 of the 2040 MTP, and moving forward with the Stage 0 process.
- Mr. John Cardone requested to know if projects with LaDOTD project numbers were ever removed.
- Mr. Crain requested that the information be simplified even more, so the TPC can really understand.
- Mr. Crain requested that the TPC receive a copy of the Powerpoint to review as well.
- Mr. Council mentioned that he would forward a copy of the 7 remaining projects in the Stage 1 of the 2040 MTP to TAC/TPC, in case TAC and TPC agreed on that approach, so they can clarify which jurisdictions would be responsible for implementing a Stage 0 on each project.

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**3. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. FOR INFORMATION: I-210 Bridge Regional Traffic Study Update**

Ms. Soileau shared that there would be a final public meeting on impacts and other relevant information at the SEED Center, January 30, 2018, 10 am – 1 pm.

- Ms. Soileau mentioned that there would be contact made with Southeast Texas MPO and TxDOT.
- Mr. Duberville shared that the letting date will be in May 2018.
- Mr. Duberville also shared that work will begin on I-10 bridge joint repair in late February. It will take about 4 – 6 months to complete.
  - Eastbound direction will be restricted to one lane only first
  - Westbound direction will then be restricted to one lane only.
- Mr. Crain asked about the staging of wreckers and emergency vehicles during I-210. Mr. Duberville said they had a meeting with state police recently. Also, LaDOTD will be pushing carpooling as well.
- Mr. Dave Cagnolatti expressed that LAIA should put this on their agenda as well. Mr. Duberville agreed they were already invited to the final public meeting.

**B. FOR INFORMATION: Better Block Sulphur, LA**

Mr. Council stated that there would be a follow-up of the Better Block that was conducted in Spring of 2017. The City of Sulphur and Alliance Quality of Life Task Force have agreed to help with the logistics of the Better Block during the annual Sulphur Mardi Gras.

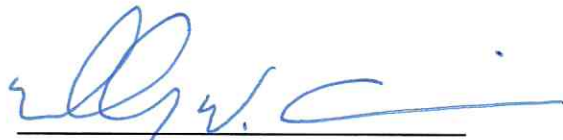
- It will take place on Saturday, February 3, 2018, from 10 am – 5 pm.
- Mayor Duncan mentioned there would also be a Bike Parade before the regular Sulphur Mardi Gras. Also, local businesses have agreed to participate in various ways.

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4. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Crain acknowledged and wanted to express appreciation to chairmanship of Mayor Duncan, and congratulated him the activities and programs that were initiated or completed during his tenure. Mr. Crain vowed to continue to keep the TPC running as smoothly as possible.

Mr. Duberville motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mayor Hardey.



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Wes Crain  
Chair



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Cheri Soileau  
Executive/MPO Director