

MINUTES

APRIL 25, 2018, 9 – 11 AM, SEED CENTER, 2ND FLOOR BOARDROOM, LAKE CHARLES, LA,

TPC MEMBERS PRESENT (QUORUM)

Mayor Nic Hunter (City of Lake Charles) (Vice Chair) (Proxy was Mike Huber)
Wes Crain (Calcasieu Parish) (Chair)
Don Duberville (DOTD – District 7)

LCMPO STAFF

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

GUESTS

Mayor Carol Ponthieux (Town of Iowa)
Shelley Fontenot (City of Lake Charles)

1. OPENING

A. Roll Call

Mr. Wes Crain called meeting to order. Mr. Walter Council confirmed quorum

B. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting (March 21, 2018)

Mr. Mike Huber motioned to approve minutes, seconded by Mr. Don Duberville.

C. Opportunity for Public Comments or Questions

There were no public comments or questions.

2. OLD BUSINESS

A. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Development for FY 2019-22

Ms. Cheri Soileau noted some updates for TIP FY 2019-22

- The City of Lake Charles is prepping Stage 0s for Ihles Road (W. Prien Lake Rd to Country Club Rd), Enterprise Blvd (Broad Street to 12th St), and Sale Street (Ryan St. intersection).
- Strongly advises entities to consider smaller projects (overlays, traffic signalization, sidewalks, bicycle lanes, etc) that can be implemented relatively easily. Particularly, if an anticipated project for some reason stalls or is pushed back, the smaller projects can be embedded without much complication.
 - IMCAL's Regional Safety Coordinator, Amber Ashworth, should be contacted for local project funding from safety programs.

- Mr. Huber and Ms. Shelley Fontenot noted that a sidewalk project funded by Safe Routes to School had been postponed for several years. Ms. Soileau said she would probe LaDOTD for the reason for lack of movement on it.

B. 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)

Ms. Soileau shared that Stantec help conduct an Open House at the Lake Charles Civic Center on 4/12/18, as well as some focus groups. Mr. Crain and herself were disappointed in lower than anticipated attendance than expected.

- Mr. Council noted how over 100 individuals were emailed
- To address this issue, staff would be attending existing local organizations' events and meetings. For instance, a Lake Charles North Redevelopment Agency meeting was visited by staff, with maps and surveys available.
- Mayor Carol Ponthieux and Mr. Crain suggested Kiwanis Clubs.
- Mr. Butch Babineaux noted that the City Council, Calcasieu Parish, Alliance for Positive Growth, local petrochemical regularly scheduled meetings, and even adding a liner in utility bills.

C. Complete Streets: Better Block Sulphur, LA

Mr. Council informed that inclement weather cancelled the Sulphur Better Block on 4/7/18, but a follow-up is being planned.

- Mr. Crain stated that incoming Mayor Mike Danahay should be notified.

3. NEW BUSINESS

A. McNeese University Outreach


Ms. Soileau shared that staff will be working with Dr. Henry Sirgo's political science class, meeting with them 3 times this Spring 2018 to discuss economic development, transportation, and safety aspects of the agency.

- Plus, IMCAL received a \$190K economic development and resiliency grant, which Ms. Soileau and Ms. Nikia Collins will split the tasks and funding for projects. There is priority to take on interns, potentially from Dr. Sirgo's class or network of students.

4. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Hunter motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mayor Hardey.


Wes Crain
Chair


Cheri Soileau
Executive/MPO Director