

MINUTES

NOVEMBER 20, 2019, 9 – 11 AM, SEED CENTER, 2ND FLOOR ROOM B/C, LAKE CHARLES, LA

TPC MEMBERS PRESENT (QUORUM)

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

TAC MEMBERS PRESENT (QUORUM)

John Cardone (City of Lake Charles) (Chair)
Stacey Dowden (City of Sulphur) (Vice Chair)
Tim Conner (Calcasieu Parish)
Don Duberville (DOTD – District 7) (Proxy was Seth Woods)
John S. Allen (City of Westlake Public Works)
Kevin Melton (Chennault International Airport)
Nick Pestello (Port of Lake Charles)

LCMPO STAFF

Walter Council (Transportation Planner III)

GUESTS

Mike Huber (City of Lake Charles)
Butch Babineaux (Fenstermaker)
Tammy York (LaDOTD)

1. OPENING

A. Roll Call

Mr. Wes Crain called the meeting to order. Mr. Walter Council stated there was a quorum.

B. Approval of TPC Minutes from Last Meeting (October 23, 2019); Approval of TAC Minutes from Last Meeting (October 17, 2019);

Mr. Don Duberville motioned to approve TPC minutes, seconded by Mayor Bob Hardey; Mr. Nick Pestello motioned to approve TAC minutes, seconded by Mr. Tim Conner.

C. Opportunity for Public Comments or Questions

Ms. Tammy York shared I-210 updates, sharing that the bridge re-construction should be completed by January 2019.

- Safety – number of fatalities; number of serious injuries; rate of fatalities per 100 million vehicle miles traveled (VMT); rate of serious injuries per 100 million VMT; and number of non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries.
- MPO will need to adopt new performance measures by February 27, 2020.

B. SOWELA Master Plan

Mr. Council updated the committee about the possibility of using MPO planning funds leftover in staff's Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) for FY 2019 – 20, that could potentially partially assist with a campus transportation master plan for SOWELA. In 2016, there was TAC/TPC discussion with SOWELA on potentially reviewing if J. Bennett Johnson could have gated entrance into the campus, or some other revamping of mobility around the campus. At the previous, TAC and TPC meetings, Mr. Council mentioned he would check into feasibility for using partial funds from MPO to conduct a study.

- In the 2045 MTP, the project #S-02, Senator J Bennett Johnston Avenue between Merganser and Avenue M is shown as a study that was previously considered by LaDOTD, but instead decided to focus on doing an overlay for J. Bennett Johnston Road (H.007113). Hence, it would be somewhat backwards to conduct the study indicated in the 2045 MTP right now, as of January 2020 the overlay project H.007113 will begin construction.
- Mr. Mike Huber mentioned that some way we need to do a traffic study for the area around SOWELA and Chennault, especially to accommodate future growth.

C. Complete Streets Advisory Committee

Mr. Council noted efforts with the Complete Street Advisory Committee, including staff attending Nellie Lutcher Better Block on November 9, 2019.

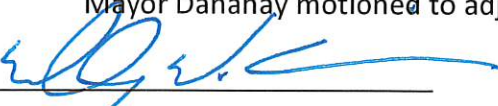
- Mr. Council also added it may make more sense to investigate using unused FY 2019 - 20 UPWP planning funds for a Bike/Ped plan for the MPO planning area, which would be a first for the agency. Mr. Council indicated this may be a better use of the funds than for a SOWELA transportation plan study at this time.
 - Mr. Tim Conner said he would be interested in knowing more about this, specifically requested a proposal for a Complete Streets study. Find out at a high level what that number would be to fund it.
 - Mr. Council also noted the idea of conducting a Bayou Plan that Mike Nodier with Polaris Engineering is interested in

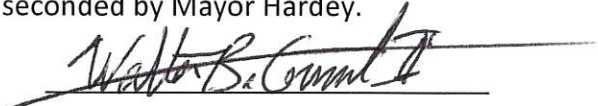
spearheading. It could potentially integrate with the Calcasieu drainage plan. Mr. Council mentioned that he had been in contact with Houston, TX park board that deals with integrating bike/ped trails into their bayou drainage system.

- Mr. Crain said there is a graduate student that did a similar study on this a few years back he would provide document to the staff.

4. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Danahay motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mayor Hardey.



Wes Crain
Chair

Walter Council
Transportation Planner