

# MINUTES

FEBRUARY 28, 2019, 9:00 AM, SEED CENTER, 2<sup>ND</sup> 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) (Proxy was John Cardone)  
Mayor Mike Danahay (City of Sulphur)  
Mayor Bob Hardey (City of Westlake)  
Don Duberville (DOTD-District 7)

## TAC MEMBERS PRESENT (QUORUM)

John Cardone (City of Lake Charles) (Chair)  
Stacy Dowden (City of Sulphur) (Vice Chair)  
Tim Conner (Calcasieu Parish)  
Don Duberville (DOTD – District 7)  
Donald Brinkman (Port of Lake Charles)  
John S. Allen (City of Westlake) (Proxy was Brian Duplichan)  
Mary Bass-Fontenot (Calcasieu Parish School Board)  
Kevin Melton (Chennault International Airport)

## LCMPO STAFF

Walter Council (LCMPO Transportation Planner)  
Antonio Carriere (LCMPO Transportation Planner)  
Amber Ashworth (IMCAL Safety Coordinator)

## GUESTS

Tammy York (DOTD Public Transit)  
John Bruce (Calcasieu Parish)  
Butch Babineaux (Fenstermaker)  
Ben Magallon (Alliance Transportation Group)

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## 1. OPENING

### A. Roll Call

Mr. Wes Crain called the meeting to order. Mr. Walter Council stated there was a quorum for both the TAC and TPC.

### B. Minutes from TPC Meeting (January 22, 2019)

Mayor Bob Hardey motioned to approve minutes, seconded by Mr. Don Duberville.

### C. Minutes from TAC Meeting (January 17, 2019)

Ms. Mary Bass- Fontenot motioned to approve minutes, seconded by Mr. Donald Brinkman.

## **D. Opportunity for Public Comments or Questions**

No Public Comments

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## **2. OLD BUSINESS**

### **A. I-210 Bridge Re-Decking**

Ms. Tami York provided updates on the I-10 bridge.

- Traffic maintained on Westbound approach on Sulphur side.
- Saw cutting concrete.
- In terms of safety wrecker on each in the event of accident.
- Mr. Tim Conner asked about any extra crashes and schedule
  - Mr. Don Duberville noted there was nothing out of the ordinary and on schedule.
- Ms. Mary Bass -Fontenot asked about Cove Lane
- Mr. John Cardone noted that gaming revenues for the casinos was only down about 6% from last year, January 2018.

### **B. TIP FY 2019 – 22: STP<200K Project Update**

Mr. Council and Responsible Charges provided status of the following projects:

City of Sulphur Public Works, explained by Stacy Dowden:

- (H.001837) – Hazel Street
  - Notice to proceed to contractor was 2/9/19.
- (H.001838) – Ruth Street/Huntington Street
  - Currently, back and forth in review between LaDOTD and consultant.
- (H.011839) – Henning Drive/Weekly Road
  - Under design.

City of Westlake Public Works

- (H.007130) – John Stine
  - Under construction, and on schedule. Relocating telephone poles and doing drainage.
- (H.007122) – Myrtle Springs Road
  - On schedule.

Calcasieu Parish

- (H.007113) – J. Bennett Johnson Avenue
  - We received comments from DOTD on 60% final plans. The consultant is currently asking for clarification regarding comments on the sidewalk/cross walks and how they should be handled as part of this overlay project. Once that clarification is received they will submit 90% final plans for DOTD comment.

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### 3. NEW BUSINESS

#### A. TIP FY 2019 – 22: STP<200K Project Update

Staff requested the TAC recommendation and the TPC adoption for the MPO to adopt updated LaDOTD's Safety Performance measures and targets as Amendment VI to the MTP. In accordance with document update procedures, as a TIP amendment, the 14-day Public Review/Hearing period initiated by staff on 2/13/19, pending public comments, the final adoption will take effect on 2/28/19.

- Don Duberville made a motion to recommend the Safety Measures and Targets and Mary Bass-Fontenot seconded.

#### B. 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) Priority Projects Recommendations

Mr. Scott Lane explained various aspect of the 2045 MTP Draft Future Year Mobility needs, which are the recommend list of priority projects, which have been arranged into Tiers I-IV using multiple criteria according to community goals, comments, current status within existing transportation documents and available performance measures data.

The following are the basic steps:

- Examined existing conditions
- Received feedback from Steering Committee and from public engagement activities, including from environmental justice and rural communities.
- Established a data driven scoring system, utilizing travel demand modeling and land use forecasting
- Delineated recommended projects by modes
  - Roadway; Transit; Bicycle/Pedestrian/Trail
- Each mode was evaluated using various factors such as safety or vulnerability, with multiple metrics or criteria for each factor.

Some TAC/TPC Questions and Comments included the following, along with responses:

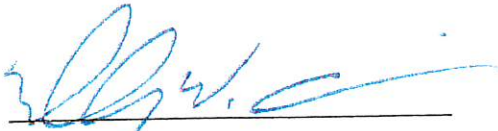
- Questioned if these projects were set in stone?
  - Projects are not set in stone, there is flexibility, but have to be pulled from the MTP.
  - Projects could be amended to move higher up the priority list.
  - What is more important is how likely projects are to be funded and delivered.
- How do you define what projects were selected?
  - Arrived from multiple sources.
  - As Stantec updates Travel Demand Model, they could revise recommendations to some extent.



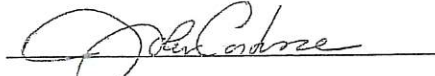
- Chennault airport representative stated they are working on master plan that is examining access as a major focal point.
  - Stantec mentioned they had addressed concerns with multiple stakeholders.
  - There may be need for more local flights from Lake Charles Regional Airport.
- Microtransit was mentioned as possible addition to the transit movement.
  - The concept of regional routes between cities was recommended.
- Lots of interests from the public on bike/ped infrastructure.
  - This was addressed in the process.
  - 456 projects
  - Stantec noted rural crashes would be looked into.
- What is difference between new location and new collectors in priority list?
  - Not much different, new collectors are 2-3 lane streets, while new locations are typically arterials.
  - 2040 plan didn't really have good system of collector streets on a map to help private developers. It could have been used to help with connectivity or if there is a crash.
  - Stantec noted rural crashes to look into.
- Requested ArcGIS files of the priority projects.
  - Would be made available.
  - MPO projects will be separated out from parish projects.
  - Will be willing to do shared screen conference call or telephone call to explain anything.
- Hot Spot Analysis
  - Revisioning streets to show new turning movements, landscaping, etc
- Policy statements.
  - Best practices.
- If you go to the public and they have new projects do you go back and evaluate.
  - Yes, they do back and assess those projects to add to the list.
  - Note that this is a fiscally constrained plan, so there are projects that are forecasted to be able to be funded, and then there is a "wish list" of unconstrained projects.
- Scheduling
  - Final document needs to be approved no later than end of June 2019, with a July 25, 2019 deadline to give to LaDOTD/FHWA.
  - Will be 2 documents.
  - Will likely have Joint TAC/TPC meeting for March and April 2019.
  - Staff will attend some public events, facilitate public meeting, and have a website interface for the final document as well.

4. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Mayor Hardey, seconded by Mr. Duberville



Wes Crain  
TPC Chair



John Cardone  
TAC Chair