

# MINUTES

**JANUARY 22, 2019, 5:00 PM, SEED CENTER, 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR, BOARDROOM, LAKE CHARLES, LA**

## TPC MEMBERS PRESENT (QUORUM)

Wes Crain (Chair)  
Mayor Nic Hunter (Vice Chair)  
Mayor Bob Hardey  
Don Duberville (DOTD-District 7)

## NON-VOTING MEMBERS

## LCMPO STAFF

Cheri Soileau (LCMPO Director)  
Walter Council (LCMPO Transportation Planner)  
Antonio Carriere (LCMPO Planner)

## GUESTS

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### 1. OPENING

#### A. Roll Call

Mr. Wes Crain called the meeting to order. Mr. Antonio Carriere stated there was a quorum.

#### B. Minutes from TPC Meeting (December 6, 2018)

Mayor Nic Hunter motioned to approve minutes, seconded by Mayor Bob Hardey.

#### C. Reminder of TPC Meeting dates for remainder of FY 2018 - 19, 9 – 11 am, SEED Center, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Boardroom, until further notice

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

No Public Comments

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### 2. OLD BUSINESS

#### A. 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)

Mr. Council spoke to the committee about how our consultant, Mr. Scott Lane of Stantec, would like to host a meeting before the steering committee.

The time frame that has been discussed with Mr. Lane is the middle or towards the end of February.

**\*\*A recess was called by Wes Crain at 5:27PM.\*\***

**\*\*Meeting reconvened by Wes Crain at 5:42PM. \*\***

- In agreeance with the TAC committee, TPC members agreed that the same method of a doodle poll should be administered to seek the most prominent date and time that majority committee members could attend.
  - The purpose of meeting is to go over December 2018 Focus Group Meetings' Findings, for comment and shared input before the final production of the document.
- Mr. Council reminded members about the Hot Spots review that were administered to each perspective area of the region. He will follow up so that Mr. Lane can have those remarks, prior to the steering committee meeting.

#### **B. I-210 Bridge Re-decking**

As Mayor Hardey inquired about the progression in the project scope, Mr. Don Duberville explained that I-210 Bridge Re-decking project commenced on January 7, and is coming along according to plan, with the congestion and traffic delays.

- Mayor Hunter stated that during the middle of the day, rush hour is bad. Next inquiring about accidents along the project stretch.
  - Mr. Duberville said that there are incident command troops.
- Mayor Hunter said that DeQuincy and other areas are receiving more traffic than they have ever seen on Highway 90.
- Mr. Council mentioned that the SWLA Chamber had inquired about smart phone apps such as Waze, to help with best practices like carpooling and traffic congestion. The Chamber also inquired about DOTD having visual signage about applications such as Waze and 511, that could alleviate traffic congestion.
  - Mr. Council mentioned that LA DOTD could not be in favor of just one application tool to help mitigate traffic delays. IMCAL must essentially abide by those same sentiments.
  - Mr. Council stated that all agencies should get behind one message, all on the same page, as a united effort to be viewed by constituents in our region.
- Mr. Crain says the flyer produced by Tammy York of LaDOTD, is fine.

### 3. NEW BUSINESS

#### A. For Action: Updated MPO Consultant Contract Selection Manual

LaDOTD requested that MPOs adopt updated MPO Consultant Contract Services Manual, by no later than April 30, 2019, and once approved, shall begin using as soon as possible. Therefore, any consulting contracts commenced before this update may proceed through final close-out of the MPO/Consultant Contract.

- Staff requested TPC adoption. Mayor Hunter motioned to adopt, seconded by Mayor Hardey. Motion Carried.

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

Mr. Council gave the status of the following projects:

City of Sulphur Public Works

- (H.001837) – Hazel Street
  - Pre-construction notice to proceed on 2/9/2019.
- (H.001838) – Ruth Street/Huntington Street
  - Still under design.
- (H.011839) – Henning Drive/Weekly Road
  - Pre-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) – Bennet Johnson Avenue
- Overlay project by SOWELA is on schedule.

#### C. Complete Streets Advisory Committee

Mr. Council stated that in efforts to re-commence the Complete Streets Advisory Council, a meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 30, 2019.

Mr. Council brought up the topic of bicycle and pedestrian pathways and how our community lacks in that arena.

- FHWA stipulates that all federal funded highway projects must consider bike/pedestrian linkages, called Shared Use Paths, if feasible. Although it may not be included in a federal project, a Shared Use Path, along the bridge could be an idea that is worth entertaining.

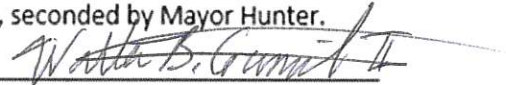
- Mr. Council goes on to say that if not now, then we may never have another opportunity like this, at least not for a very long time. We should take this into consideration and have the Complete Street Advisory Committee do some research on it.
- Mr. Crain is supportive of this effort.
- Mayor Hunter stated that he wants to walk across the bridge to meet Mayor Hardey and shake his hand.

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#### 4. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Mayor Hardey, seconded by Mayor Hunter.

  
Wes Crain  
Executive/MPO Director

  
Walter B. Council, II  
Transportation Planner II