

# MINUTES

OCTOBER 23, 2019, 9 – 11 AM, SEED CENTER, 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR BOARDROOM, LAKE CHARLES, LA

## TPC MEMBERS PRESENT (QUORUM)

Wes Crain (Calcasieu Parish) (Chair)  
Mayor Nic Hunter (City of Lake Charles) (Vice Chair) (Proxy was Mike Huber)  
Mayor Mike Danahay (City of Sulphur)  
Mayor Bob Hardey (City of Westlake)  
Don Duberville (DOTD – District 7) (Proxy was Pat Landry)

## LCMPO STAFF

Walter Council (Transportation Planner III)

## GUESTS

Butch Babineaux (Fenstermaker)  
Al Hoover (City of Lake Charles Transit)  
Scott Barrios (Entergy)

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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.

### B. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting (September 25, 2019)

Mayor Mike Danahay motioned to approve minutes, 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. Fuel and Freight transportation Optimization Tool (FTOT)

Mr. Council provided updates on staff working with FHWA and LaDOTD, to utilize local rice stakeholders for this pilot project. The software can be utilized help LaDOTD prioritize which roads should be assessed for enhanced funding or analysis.

### B. STP<200K Projects

Mr. Council showed revised table for providing updates on STP<200K projects. Request from committee included.

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### 3. NEW BUSINESS

#### A. Transportation Performance Management (TPM) and Performance-Based Planning and Programming (PBPP) Implementation for 2020

Mr. Council noted upcoming performance management, planning, and programming conference in Atlanta, GA, which will provide review and details of how these measures and targets are to be implemented and explained to the public.

- He will share information at next meeting on integrating PBPP into TIP, MTPs, other reports, and websites.

#### B. SOWELA Master Plan

Mr. Council noted attending Chennault Airport's master planning meeting. Mr. Council noted that there will likely be additional funds leftover in staff's Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) that could potentially partially help 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.
- Mr. Council mentioned he would check into feasibility for using partial funds from MPO to conduct a study.

#### 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.

#### D. Advance Program

Mr. Council noted suggestions provided by Environmental Protection Agency to update the Advance Program document. Mr. Scott Barrios, Entergy representative, provided a Powerpoint of his company's efforts to implement environmentally friendly and energy efficient programs.

- Rice and crawfish fields begin to use electric pumps.
- Electricity golf cars, billboards, etc providing cash incentives.
- Overall electric equipment may be expensive upfront, but overall Operations and Maintenance is good for your long term cost savings.
- Baton Rouge has electric buses. Entergy helped with that. Port Arthur, Texas is getting.
- Shore power for ships while they are idling.
- Working with rail company for complete electric battery operated locomotives.
- Tesla has all electric battery and then others that are plug in hybrid.

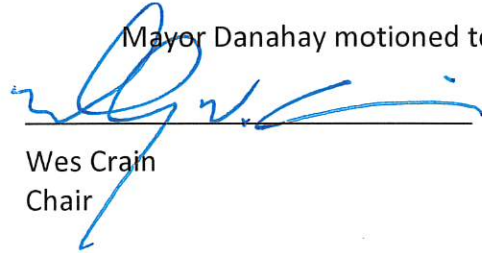
**E. Congressman Clay Higgins**

Mr. Council noted that Congressman Higgins' staff was assessing different locations to check on his infrastructure tour, after local jurisdictions provided new or proposed infrastructure projects he should visit during his Congressional recess.

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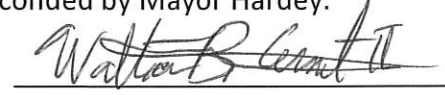
4. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Danahay motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mayor Hardey.



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Wes Crain  
Chair



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