

# MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 25, 2019, 9:00 AM, SEED CENTER, 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR, WILLIS NOLAND ROOM, LAKE CHARLES, LA

## TPC MEMBERS PRESENT (QUORUM)

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

## LCMPO STAFF

Walter Council (LCMPO Transportation Planner)  
Amber Ashworth (Regional Safety Coordinator)

## GUESTS

Butch Babineaux (Fenstermaker)  
Ben Boudreaux (LaDOTD District 7)  
Tammy York (LaDOTD District 7)  
Case Fulchar (Neel – Schafer)  
Cade Burnett (CPPJ)  
Shalin Townsend (CPPJ)

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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. Minutes (No Minutes)

### C. Opportunity for Public Comments or Questions

No Public Comments

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## 2. OLD BUSINESS

### A. Fuel and Freight transportation Optimization Tool (FTOT)

Mr. Council speaks about how the MPO staff has been working with FHWA and LaDOTD, to utilize local rice stakeholders for this pilot project to run scenarios using new software. The software can be utilized help LaDOTD prioritize which roads should be assessed for enhanced funding or analysis.

### 3. NEW BUSINESS

#### A. Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

Mr. Council discussed how FHWA requested several revisions of the UPWP as an amendment to the FY 2019 – 2020 UPWP. Moreover, Staff has made a few changes as well.

- The staff requested a TPC adoption. In accordance with the document update procedures, the 14-day Public Review/Hearing period will be initiated by staff on 9/17/19. After TPC adoption, final adoption contingent on Public Hearing comments on 9/30/19.
- Mayor Hardey motioned to adopt revised FY 20 UPWP, seconded by Mr. Don Duberville.

#### B. Safety Investment Plan

Ms. Tammy York discussed I-210 updates, followed by giving a presentation with the assistance of Mr. Ben Boudreaux, on the District 7 Safety Investment Plan, which included cost-efficient, countermeasures for local road locations.

- LaDOTD hired consultant to analyze locations for low cost safety improvements on state roads but also local road. EX: Stop signs as countermeasures. The raw data is gathered from LaDOTD crash data sets.
  - There is a Safety Investment Plan for every district. Only looking for high crash rates. So, they said along with state roads, let's take a few dollars.
  - Local Road pot is about \$5 million and Southwest Louisiana can get about 500K a year based on crashes. The money is available every year.
  - Get Tammy in contact with IMCAL to do a presentation for all parishes, possibly at the joint board meeting. What she presented is only Calcasieu, but she can get similar data for all 4 parishes?
- Consultant has pulled together data and then did a cost/benefit analysis. Then taking small amount of safety funds to help prioritize use this local pot of money without going to jurisdictions money.
- Anyone that has some a little technical background can feel out one of the associated applications.
- Mr. John Cardone asked who takes the data and what they do with it. Amber updates explain that she updates the Regional Safety Coalition (RSC), but information is property of the stakeholders or jurisdictions being assessed. Mr. Boudreaux adds that the entity can take information, which includes countermeasures and apply for funding w/ Louisiana Technical Assistance Program.
- Ms. Ashworth notes the RSC team has representatives from each entity/stakeholder/jurisdiction.

- Mr. Crain explains that smaller communities don't have transportation planner on staff and has to hire consultant. Ms. Ashworth notes the reason for RSC is to analyze and put information in transparent form. Her presentation is more about displaying the background of how the data presented to stakeholders is generated and what is available.
- Ms. Ashworth wants to bring projects to fruition, and her role is to guide projects into implementation.
- Mr. Boudreaux wants background data legitimizes and justifies with the data to get funding. Ms. Ashworth recommends countermeasures bring you into a maintenance plan for the city. Amber is technical person for our area.
- Ms. Ashworth just needs a team to narrow down to get to priority projects.

### C. Complete Streets Advisory Committee

Mr. Council gave a brief presentation on Complete Street Advisory Committee. Areas of focus included the following:

- Starting an MPO-wide bike/ped plan.
- Assessing opportunity for utilizing utility lines for bike/ped improvements.
- Considering areas aligned with the bayous for a bike/ped enhancements.
- Inquiring about opportunities for bike/ped across the Calcasieu River, including if the current I-10 bridge's metal cantilever bridge, concrete supports, and general right-of-way could be reused in some way, after the new I-10 bridge is constructed.
- Mr. John Cardone expressed that we should be cognizant of the City of Lake Charles development plans in nearby areas that may overlap, as well as the general issues surrounding the new bridge's construction.
- Mr. Duberville expressed that there could be a conflict with a potential ramp going up the current I-10 bridge's right-of-way, which could be problematic.
- Mr. Crain asked how utility lines could be funded. Mr. Council explains that Complete Streets committee will come up those answers.
- Mayor Hardey suggested the
- Ms. Ashworth noted the Regional Safety Coalition has bike/ped action plans. It has a team action plan template or bike/ped.

### D. Transportation Improvement Program

Mr. Council explained the staff had added an administrative modification for a list of transit operations and capital project grants that Federal Transit Administration approved for applicable HSTP/Transit agencies in MPO's urbanized area. No action was required.

**E. Human Services Transportation/Transit Plan**

Mr. Council explained staff had updated the annual HSTP/Transit document. This is list of transit operations and capital project grants that the Federal Transit Administration approved for applicable HSTP/Transit agencies. No action was required.

**F. Congressman Higgins Infrastructure Tour**

Mr. Council explained that Congressman Clay Higgins is requesting jurisdictions in his district provide a list of infrastructure projects that they think deserves his attention for funding. It can be any infrastructure projects, not just transportation examples. Mr. Council will send email to TAC members.

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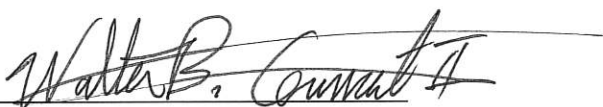
4. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Duberville motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mayor Hardey.



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Wes Crain  
Executive/MPO Director



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