

# MINUTES

DECEMBER 10, 2020, 9 – 10:30 AM, VIRTUAL ZOOM MEETING

## TPC MEMBERS PRESENT (QUORUM)

Wes Crain (Calcasieu Parish) (Chair)  
Mayor Mike Bob Hardey (City of Westlake) (Vice Chair)  
Mayor Mike Danahay (City of Sulphur)  
Don Duberville (LaDOTD – District 7)  
Carlos McCloud (FHWA La Regional Representative) (Non-Voting Member)

## TAC MEMBERS PRESENT (QUORUM)

Nick Pestello (Port of Lake Charles) (Vice Chair)  
John Cardone (City of Lake Charles)  
Tim Conner (Proxy was John Bruce)  
Don Duberville (LaDOTD – District 7)  
Kevin Melton (Chennault Airport)  
Carlos McCloud (FHWA La Regional Representative) (Non-Voting Member)  
Dawn Sholmire (LaDOTD State Planning Section) (Non-Voting Member)

## LCMPO STAFF

Michael Hollier (Executive/MPO Director)  
Walter Council (LCMPO Transportation Planner)

## GUESTS

Angela Murrell (LaDOTD)  
Bruce Babineaux (Fenstermaker)  
Seth Woods (LaDOTD – District 7)  
Marion Greene (City of Lake Charles)  
Tammy York (LaDOTD District 7)  
Jolie Rhinehart (Phillips 66)  
Jamie Gaines (IMCAL)  
Kelli Van Norman (City of Lake Charles)  
Amber Ashworth (IMCAL)

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## 1. OPENING

### A. Roll Call

Mr. Wes Crain, TPC Chair, called the meeting to order. Mr. Mike Hollier called Roll to identify attendance. He stated there was quorum for both Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) and Transportation Policy Committee (TPC).

### B. Minutes of Joint TAC/TPC Meeting held October 29, 2020

TAC Vice Chair Mr. Nick Pestello requested a motion on the draft Minutes of the October 29, 2020 TAC Meeting. Mr. Kevin Melton moved to approve TAC Minutes of October 29, 2020 Meeting as drafted and submitted. The Motion was

seconded by Mr. John Cardone. Mr. Pestello called for a vote on the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

TPC Chair Wes Crain requested a motion on the draft Minutes of the October 29, 2020 TPC Meeting. Mayor Mike Danahay moved to approve TPC Meeting Minutes of October 29, 2020 as drafted and submitted. The Motion was seconded by Mayor Bob Hardey. Mr. Crain requested a vote on the Motion. The Motion was passed unanimously.

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## 2. OLD BUSINESS

### A. Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)

Mr. Hollier reported five applications were in preparation for the Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) from Southwest Louisiana. He offered assistance to any local jurisdiction interested in applying for the TAP.

- Mr. Seth Woods asked for a description of some proposed submittals. Mr. Hollier mentioned the following:
  - City of Jennings for roadway landscaping.
  - Town of Welsh for Veterans Park landscaping.
  - IMCAL RPC Regional Bike and Pedestrian Plan
  - I-210 Interchange at J. Bennett Johnston Avenue (near Chennault International Airport) landscaping.

### B. I-10 Calcasieu River Bridge

Mr. Hollier reported two anticipated meetings were moved from the Fall of 2020 to 2021. The first meeting on the Context Sensitive Solutions would be virtual and scheduled for January 7, 2021. This meeting would be focused on aesthetics of the proposed new bridge and its approaches. A select group of stakeholders is requested to participate, but the meeting would be open to the public. Mr. Crain asked how to get an invite. Mr. Hollier responded the Chair of the TPC would certainly have an invite. The second meeting would be for the general public to review three alternative designs for the new bridge and no date had been set.

### C. Lake Charles Transit Stop Infrastructure Inventory Survey

Mr. Council explained that consultants from Texas Southern University were completing the 180-bus stop survey, with a deadline of December 21, 2020. The survey consisted of examining existing conditions, hazards, proximity to school bus routes, etc. He noted once all information is gathered, staff would analyze and integrate into other activities dealing with bike/ped plan, safety, corridors, etc.

- Mr. Huber mentioned that some of the stops were damaged by the 2020 hurricanes. Mr. Council agreed and acknowledged that aspect of the survey.

**D. Update on 5 Transportation Focus Work Tasks**

Mr. Hollier reported supplemental staff would be hired to help with priority ranked work tasks selected by the TAC and TPC: Bike/Ped, Congestion, Roundabouts, Designated Safety Areas, Corridor Studies, through end of June 2021.

- Mr. John Bruce asked about deliverables. Mr. Hollier noted a six-month period provided opportunity to initiate some of the plans but certainly would not complete them. Mr. Council noted that the noted tasks are listed and described in the MPO Unified Planning Work Program specifically in Task B7, and he would share it with Mr. Bruce.

**E. 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) Project Call Procedures**

Mr. Hollier requested action to adopt revised MPO Project Call Procedures.

- TAC Vice Chair Mr. Nick Pestello requested a motion by the TAC to recommend TPC adopt the draft MPO Project Call Procedures as submitted. Mr. Don Duberville moved to recommend TPC adoption of the draft MPO Project Call Procedures as submitted. The Motion was seconded by Mr. John Cardone. Mr. Nick Pestello, TAC Vice Chair, called for a vote on the Motion. The Motion was passed unanimously.
- TPC Chair Mr. Wes Crain requested a motion to accept the TAC recommendation to approve the draft Project Call Procedures as submitted. Mayor Mike Danahay moved to approve the draft MPO Project Call Procedures as submitted. The Motion was seconded by Mayor Bob Hardey. The Chair called for a vote on the Motion. The Motion was passed unanimously.

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**3. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. FY 2019 – 22 TIP Administrative Modifications**

**1) TIP Administrative Modification XIV Record Item No. 36**

Mr. Walter Council reported on Project No. H.010865, I-210: Ryan St Intg – E Jct I-10 (Lake Charles), from \$7.446M to \$6.0775M, which includes 10% contingencies. Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) funds portion, using 100% Fed Share, decreased from \$1.4465M to \$1.1715M. National Highway Performance Program (NHPP) funds portion, using 90% Fed Share, decreased from \$5.9995M to \$4.906M.

**2) TIP Administrative Modification XV Record Item No. 37**

Mr. Walter Council shared the following:

A. Project No. H.012043 LA 378: W Fork Calcasieu Riv Rehab (HBI) to LA 378: Calcasieu R MB RH (West Fork) (HBI) (Westlake).

B. Moved feasibility phase from FY 19 to FY 21.

**3) TIP Administrative Modification XVI Record Item No. 39**

Mr. Walter Council shared that construction phase of Project No. H.011839 Henning Dr/Weekly Rd Overlay (Sulphur), was moved from FY 2020 to FY 21.

**B. FY 2019-22 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendments – Resolution No. 2164**

**1) TIP Amendment No. XX Record Item No. 38**

Mr. Council stated that construction phase of H.011605, Nelson Interchange improvements scheduled in FY 19, in Lake Charles, was moved to some future date.

The 14-day Public Review/Hearing period was completed with no public comments.

- TAC Vice Chair Mr. Nick Pestello requested action on the amendment. Mr. Conner motioned to recommend TPC adoption of the amendment, as stated above. Motion was seconded by Mr. John Cardone. The Chair called for a vote on the motion, which passed unanimously.
- TPC Chair Wes Crain requested action on the TAC recommendation, as stated above. Mayor Mike Danahay moved to approve TAC recommendation on the construction phase of Nelson Interchange Improvements (H.011605) TIP Amendment No XX. The Motion was seconded by Mayor Bob Hardey. The Chair requested a vote on the motion. The Motion was passed unanimously.

**2) TIP Amendment No. XXI Record Item No. 40**

Mr. Walter Council stated the following, with the 14-day Public Review/Hearing period initiated by staff on 12/9/20.

- i. Adoption of LaDOTD 2021 Safety Performance Measures and Targets.
  - ii. Adoption to support Lake Charles Public Transit Agency Safety Plan 2020 Safety Performance Measures and Targets.
  - iii. Adoption to support Lake Charles Transit Asset Management Performance Measures and Targets.
- TAC lost their quorum status, via technical difficulty during virtual meeting. TPC Chair Wes Crain requested action. Mayor Danahay motioned to adopt the amendments, contingent on the TAC having a chance to recommend it, seconded by Mayor Hardey. The Chair requested a vote on the motion to adopt the amendment, which passed unanimously.

**C. 2045 MTP Transportation Plan Amendment III Record Item No. 4 – Resolution No. 2165**

Mr. Walter Council stated the following, with the 14-day Public Review/Hearing period initiated by staff on 12/9/20.

- i. Returned H.\*\*\*\*\* Sallier Street from TIP FY 2019-22 in FY 21, back as C-78 into 2045 MTP in Stage I.
  - ii. Adoption of LaDOTD 2021 Highway Safety Performance Measures and Targets.
  - iii. Adoption to accept Lake Charles' Public Transit Agency Safety Plan 2020 Safety Performance Measures and Targets.
- TAC lost their quorum status, via technical difficulty during virtual meeting. TPC Chair Wes Crain requested action. Mayor Danahay motioned to adopt the amendments, contingent on the TAC having a chance to recommend it, seconded by Mayor Hardey. The Chair requested a vote on the motion to adopt the amendment, which passed unanimously.

**D. FY 20: Annual List of Obligated Projects**

FY 20 Annual List of Obligated Projects from TIP FY 2019 – 22

Mr. Council explained the Annual List of Obligated Projects (ALOP) required as a document to identify: 1) Federally obligated projects in the TIP; 2) Utilization of federal funds in the TIP from the preceding year of FY 19; and 3) How much federal funds are remaining in subsequent years.

- Originally, this was perceived to require an adoption, but Ms. Dawn Sholmire (DOTD) explained it was not necessary, and only needed to be documented.
- Mr. Council acknowledged this information and no vote was taken on this document.

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**4. INFORMATION**

**A. Climate Impact on Transportation Network**

Mr. Hollier reported the new U.S. President-Elect Administration would be requiring all federal departments to consider and evaluate climate change and sea-level rise in there programs nationwide. He noted the TAC/TPC should prepare for those related activities at the earliest convenience.

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**5. ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Mike Danahay moved to adjourn the Joint Meeting of the Lake Charles MPO committees. The Motion was seconded by Mayor Bob Hardey. The Chair called for a vote on the Motion. The Motion was passed unanimously.



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Wes Crain  
Chair



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Michael Hollier  
Executive/MPO Director