



Southwest Louisiana Regional Planning Commission (SWLA-RPC)
Imperial Calcasieu Regional Planning & Development Commission (IMCAL)
Louisiana Planning District 5

LAKE CHARLES URBANIZED AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (LCMPO)

TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE (TPC) AND TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)

JOINT MEETING MINUTES

JULY 16, 2020, 8:30 – 10:00 AM, SEED CENTER, 4310 RYAN ST. LAKE CHARLES, LOUISIANA
VIRTUAL CONFERENCE CALL

TPC MEMBERS PRESENT (QUORUM)

Mayor Mike Danahay (City of Sulphur)
Nic Hunter (City of Lake Charles) (Proxy was John Cardone)
Don Duberville (LaDOTD District 7)
Carlos McCloud (FHWA La Regional Representative) (Non-Voting Member)

TAC MEMBERS PRESENT (QUORUM)

Stacey Dowden (Chair)
Nick Pestello (Port of Lake Charles) (Vice Chair)
John Cardone (City of Lake Charles) (Proxy was Mike Huber)
Heath Allen (Lake Charles Regional Airport)
Kevin Melton (Chennault International Airport)
John S. Allen (City of Westlake)
Carlos McCloud (FHWA La Regional Representative) (Non-Voting Member)

LCMPO STAFF

Michael Hollier (Interim Executive/MPO Director)
Walter Council (LCMPO Transportation Planner)
Antonio Carriere (LCMPO Transportation Planner)
Amber Ashworth (Regional Safety Coalition Coordinator)

GUESTS

Cade McLemore (CPPJ)
Marion Greene (City of Lake Charles)
Jolie Rhinehart (Phillips 66)

1. OPENING

- A. 8:30 – 9:00 am: Mike Hollier/Walter Council**
Freight Model Pilot Meeting with FHWA and Volpe Transportation Institute

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Freight and Transportation Optimization Tool (FTOT)

Kristin Lewis (Volpe) and Tamiko Burnell (FHWA) presented on the results of the FTOT model software study to optimize movements of freight goods via use of best routing options. The program engages with local industry stakeholders, adjoining it to the MPO's long range transportation planning process, and working to improve system freight movement analysis.

- There were several comments and questions from the TAC and TPC, including:
 - What industries might be contacted for local freight movement?
 - Who would identify freight stakeholders?
 - What impediments to freight movement in the urban area valid considerations?
 - Who would be responsible for FTOT utilization?
 - What is cost to MPO or DOTD for model use locally?

All noted questions were identified as an on-going determination.

B. Roll Call

Meeting was called to order. Mr. Walter Council stated there was quorum for TAC and TPC.

C. Joint TAC/TPC Meeting Minutes of March 21, 2020

Mr. Mike Hollier noted that the minutes from the previous meeting were not complete and requested that they be deferred until the next meeting, with no opposition from the committees.

1. OLD BUSINESS

A. Lake Charles Urban Area Motor Assistance Program (MAP) Report

(Anticipates additional information Friday (7/17/20))

B. Regional Safety Report: Identification of Primary Crash Location

(Steadily increasing crashes on I-10 compared to reduction in Shreveport I-20 bridge)

2. NEW BUSINESS

A. FY 2019 -22 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendments

Mr. Council requested action on Resolution No. 2157, containing the following TIP FY 2019 – 22 amendments: XIII, XIV, XV, XVI, XVII.

- TAC: Ms. Stacey Dowden motioned, seconded by Mr. Nick Pestello.
- TPC: Mayor Mike Danahay motioned, seconded by Mr. Don Duberville.

B. 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) Amendment

Mr. Council requested action on Resolution No. 2158, containing the 2045 MTP amendment: II

- TAC: Mr. John Allen motioned, seconded by Mr. Tim Conner
- TPC: Mayor Danahay motioned, seconded by Mr. Duberville.

C. Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)

Mr. Hollier noted that there has never been an application from the Lake Charles area. Mr. Hollier recommended that interested jurisdictions be prepared to have projects lined up for TAP announcement process in August, for an approximate sixty-day submittal period.

D. Tracking and Advancing MPO Transportation Projects

Staff conducted an analysis of projects beginning with the FY 2015 – 18 Transportation Improvement Program through current FY 2019 – 22 TIP. Mr. Hollier noted approximately \$500,000/year of unused transportation funds average for any given four-year period since 2015. He emphasized need to clearly identify transportation projects and monitor implementation continuously through the process. A new FY 2023-2026 TIP Project Call will be solicited soon.

E. Identifying MPO Priorities

Mr. Hollier reviewed the list of 5 areas of systems planning identified for priority staff focus in the current work program year included in order of importance:

- 1) congestion;
- 2) bike/ped and 2) designated safety problem areas;
- 3) Corridor Studies/Plans and 3) Roundabout Plans).


Mr. Hollier noted that some bike/ped infrastructure may be funded via Federal Transit Administration (FTA), such as funding allocated within ¼ or ½ or so of a transit stop for sidewalks or bikeways. Several focus items easily have a broader regional impact beyond the defined Urban Area. Transportation safety, corridor studies and plans and roundabouts integrate reasonably to a Southwest Louisiana Planning District need.

3. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Danahay motioned to adjourn. The MOTION was seconded by Mr. Cardone and passed unanimously.



Wes Crain
Chair



Michael Hollier
Interim Executive/MPO Director