

# MINUTES

APRIL 29, 2020, 9 – 11 AM, SEED CENTER, VIRTUAL CONFERENCE CALL

## TPC MEMBERS PRESENT (QUORUM)

Wes Crain (Calcasieu Parish) (Chair)  
Mayor Mike Bob Hardey (City of Westlake) (Vice Chair)  
Don Duberville (LaDOTD - District 7)

## LCMPO STAFF

Michael Hollier (Interim IMCAL/LCMPO Director)  
Walter Council (LCMPO Transportation Planner)  
Antonio Carriere (LCMPO Transportation Planner)

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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 from Joint TAC/TPC Meeting (2/20/20)

Mr. Don Duberville motioned to adopt minutes, seconded by Mayor Bob Hardey. Motion approved unopposed.

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

There were no public comments.

#### D. Introduction of IMCAL's Interim Executive/LCMPO Director Mike Hollier

Mr. Michael Hollier introduced himself and mentioned his experience MPO planning and community development, along with his goal to see solid action take place.

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### 2. OLD BUSINESS

#### A. Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) FY 2020-21

Mr. Council provided staff updates on the UPWP FY 2020 -21.

- Staff is utilizing checklist provided by FHWA and LaDOTD to complete the document.

Mr. Hollier shared that staff asked all the TAC members to provide their top 5 tasks that could be turned into studies.

- The top 5 were the following:

- (9 votes) Congestion Plan
- (7 votes each) Bike/Pedestrian MPO Wide Plan; Designated Safety Problem Areas
- (6 votes each) Corridor Studies and/or Plans; Roundabout Plans
- Mr. Hollier asked the importance if congestion was still important, with the slow down in new industrial sites and Covid19 pandemic's impact on the economy? Mr. Hollier also inquired about the necessity for the Motorist Assistance Program (MAP).
  - Mr. Duberville noted there was a strong need for the MAP.
  - Mr. Hollier expressed surprise with Bike/Pedestrian interest, deferred to Ms. Amber Ashworth, the Regional Safety Coalition, on the Safety Problem Areas, and relayed strong advocacy and experience with Roundabout Plans, noting the 25 built while a transportation planner in Lafayette, LA.
- There were no further suggestions for studies.
- Mr. Hollier said they would add these tasks the UPWP, under FHWA B8 tasks.
- Mr. Don Duberville motioned to approve tasks recommended by TAC into UPWP, seconded by Mayor Hardey.

**B. LCMPO STP<200K Projects for TIP FY 2019-22**

Information on the LCMPO STP<200 projects for TIP FY 2019-22 was deferred until the next meeting.

**C. Project Call Preparation for TIP FY 2023-26 Using STP<200K Funds**

Information on project call preparation for TIP 2023-26 using STP< 200K funds was deferred until the next meeting.

**D. SWLA Regional Safety Coalition**

Information on the Regional Safety Coalition updates were deferred until the next meeting.

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**3. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. FY 2019 -22 Transportation Improvement Program Administrative Modification and Amendment XI and XII**

- 1) Mr. Carriere shared 4 administrative modification updates
- 2) Mr. Don Duberville motioned to support to program Amendment XI in the TIP, regarding Lake Charles Transit 5307 grant for \$1.3 million (80/20 Fed Share), seconded by Mayor Hardey.

Mr. Don Duberville motioned to support to program Amendment XII in the TIP, regarding Lake Charles Transit CARES Act grant for \$5.3 million (100% Fed Share) provided via the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES ACT), seconded by Mayor Hardey.

**B. Shovel Ready Projects**

Mr. Hollier expressed interest in seeing a list of shovel ready projects from jurisdictions, not only of the transportation variety, to assess for potential funding sources.

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**4. ADJOURNMENT**

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



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Wes Crain  
Chair



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Michael Hollier  
Interim Executive/MPO Director