

MINUTES

DECEMBER 14, 2021, 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM, VIRTUAL ZOOM MEETING

TPC MEMBERS PRESENT (QUORUM)

Wes Crain (Chair) (Calcasieu Parish Police Jury)
Mayor Mike Danahay (City of Sulphur)
Don Duberville (LaDOTD District 7) (Proxy was Seth Woods)
Carlos McCloud (FHWA) (Non-Voting Member)

LCMPO STAFF

Michael Hollier (Executive/MPO Director)
Jamie Gaines (Special Projects Manager)
Steve Jiles (Transportation Manager)
Walter Council (Planner III)
Brennan Marque
Justin Habetz
Michael Bernard

1. OPENING

A. Call to Order Roll Call

Mr. Wes Crain, Chair, called the meeting to order.

B. Roll Call

Mr. Mike Hollier called Roll:

- Wes Crain (Calcasieu Parish)
- Mayor Mike Danahay (City of Sulphur)
- Seth Woods (LaDOTD)

He stated there was quorum for Transportation Policy Committee (TPC).

2. OLD BUSINESS

A. Resolution No. 2022-01 Amending the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) Amendment 8

Mr. Council requested TPC action, after TAC recommendation (10/20/21), to amend 2045 MTP as Amendment 8, to remove the following roadway projects: N-34, N-16, N-85, N-37, N-44, N-45, M-19, C-84, C-57, N-17, C-63, C-62, C-13, N-31, N-63, N-47, N-48, N-75, N-21, C-01, C-64, N-53, N-66, N-78, C-23a and N-30.

- Public Review/Hearing process to begin 12/20/21.
- Mayor Mike Danahay motioned, seconded by Mr. Seth Woods. Mr. Crain requested a vote on the motion to adopt the recommendation, which passed unanimously.
- Mr. Crain asked for further clarification of why these projects were recommended for removal, since he recalls from the 2045 MTP project prioritization process, the consultants suggested to have a large swath of projects to choose from, in case a project was cancelled. Mr. Hollier explained

the reason for this project removal process from 2045 MTP, included some ambiguous projects, some projects part of another project, and major deficiencies that need clarification. Mr. Steve Jiles added that many projects were simply not feasible, such as extending cul-de-sac to meet another road. He added there are possibly a few more projects remaining in the 2045 MTP table that could be evaluated more, as they may also may not be feasible.

Amendment 9

Mr. Council requested TPC action, after TAC recommendation (12/7/21), to amend 2045 MTP as Amendment 9, to retain C-72 and remove the following roadway projects: N-42, N-05, N-07, N-82, N-09, C-94, C-02, C-20, N-43, N-38, C-09, N-14, C-92, C-85, C-90, N-61, C-08, N-65, N-64, N-01, N-03, N-11 and N-80.

- Public Review/Hearing process began 12/20/21.
- Mr. Woods motioned, seconded by Mayor Danahay. Mr. Crain requested a vote on the motion to adopt the recommendation, which passed unanimously.

3. NEW BUSINESS

A. Add New TAC Position/Member

Mr. Hollier requested that Mr. Gary Gobert of Lake City Trucking was recommended as next TAC Member, representing the Trucking/Freight industry. Mayor Danahay motioned, seconded by Mr. Woods. Mr. Crain requested a vote on the motion to adopt the recommendation, which passed unanimously.

B. I-14 Fort Polk/Port Cameron Spur Project Alternates

Mr. Hollier explained that the Department of Defense, along with Kimley-Horn consultants, requested that IMCAL review highway routes to move military equipment to the Port of Beaumont. Staff also reviewed some other potential routes on both sides of Cameron Parish near Calcasieu River, which Mr. Steve Jiles explained:

- Alternatives A and B would route east of Town of Cameron, then northerly route through greenfields and wetlands east of Lake Charles and Moss Bluff, and also on existing roadways like U.S. 171, with terminus south of Fort Polk.
- Alternatives B and C would route west of Town of Cameron, include a bridge across the Calcasieu Shipping Channel and then northwesterly towards LA 27, use existing LA 27, then through greenfields west of City of Sulphur, then alternatives to go east or west around Dequincy, with a terminus southwest of Fort Polk.

C. Motorist Assistance Program

Mr. Council shared some trends from Motorist Assistance Program (M.A.P.), from January through October 2021.

- Total Incidents: 4,433
 - Nearly half incidents were disabled vehicles.
 - Month to month no major changes in number of incidents, except in April with large decrease.
- Total Services Provided: 17,610

- Nearly 60% of services provided were protecting the scene of incident with cones, flares, and/or sign boards.
- Month to month, no major changes in services provided, except again in April, with a major decrease.

D. MPO Resolution No. 2021-15 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) FY 2019 - 22 Amendment

1) Amendment 28 (Aggregate Record Item No. 57)

Highway Element Section

Mr. Council requested TPC action, after TAC recommendation to amend TIP to change project name of H.014370 from Post Oak Road: Division Rd to Burton St to Post Oak Road: Burton St. to Aubrianna St. And adjust construction phase cost from \$800K of STP<200K @ 80/20 in FFY 2021 to \$2.335M of STP<200K @80/20 in FFY 2022.

- 14-day Public Review/Hearing process began 11/18/21 and ended 12/01/21. No comments.
- Mayor Danahay motioned, seconded by Mr. Woods. Mr. Crain requested a vote on the motion to adopt the recommendation, which passed unanimously.

2) Amendment 29 (Aggregate Record Item No. 59)

Mr. Council requested TPC action, after TAC recommendation (12/7/21), to Removed H.011839 Henning Dr/Weekly Rd from FY 21 to new proposed TIP FY 2023-26.

- 14-day Public Review/Hearing process began 12/9/21 and ended 12/22/21. No comments.
- Mayor Danahay motioned, seconded by Mr. Woods. Mr. Crain requested a vote on the motion to adopt the recommendation, which passed unanimously.

E. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) FY 2019-22

Mr. Council shared some administrative modifications to the TIP.

1) Highway Element Section

Administrative Modification 24 (Aggregate Record Item No. 54)

Added the project number "H.014741" to Record Item No. 53.

2) Highway Element Section

Administrative Modification 25 (Aggregate Record Item No. 55)

Revision to adoption date of H.013812 Ihles Road: W. Prien Lake – Country Club Road and H.013870 Enterprise Overlay: 12th St to Broad St.

3) Highway Element Section

Administrative Modification 26 (Aggregate Record Item No. 56)

Restructuring the TIP table to reflect the CPPJ projects, plus adding name, "MPO – CPPJ Supplemental Overlay Program - Phase 1A".

4) Highway Element Section

Administrative Modification 27 (Aggregate Record Item No. 58)

Changed name of "MPO – CPPJ Supplemental Overlay Program - Phase 1A" to "CALCASIEU PARISH OVERLAYS PHASE 1A". Changed "Roadway" to "Overlay" in the description column. Added project number as H.014960 in FY 22.

- 5) Highway Element Section
Administrative Modification 28 (Aggregate Record Item No. 60)
Increased total estimated funding amount, with 10% contingency, of construction phase of H.014370 POST OAK ROAD: BURTON TO AUBRIANNA, from \$2,335M to \$2,568.5M (80% Fed Share) in FY 22.

F. MPO Resolution 2021-16 Unified Planning Work Program FY 2021-22 Amendment

Mr. Council requested TPC action, after TAC recommendation to amend UPWP FY 2021-22 to reallocate total funding amounts to tasks: B1 Administration decreased from \$67,390 to \$55,390; B2 General Development and Comprehensive Planning increased from \$93,250 to 158,250; B3 Transportation Improvement Program increased from \$18,000 to \$43,000; B7 Public Participation decreased from \$36,660 to \$7,660; B8 Systems Planning decreased from \$131,750 to \$65,750.

- Mayor Danahay motioned, seconded by Mr. Woods. Mr. Crain requested a vote on the motion to adopt the recommendation, which passed unanimously.

G. Calcasieu Parish Local Road Safety Plan

Mr. Hollier stated this information would be deferred to future meeting.

H. Interstate I-210 Buffer Restoration Options

Mr. Hollier shared some information about improving landscape buffers in the middle of highways. He said he would follow-up with Mr. Woods and Mr. Crain in January 2022.

I. Annual List of Obligated Projects in the TIP

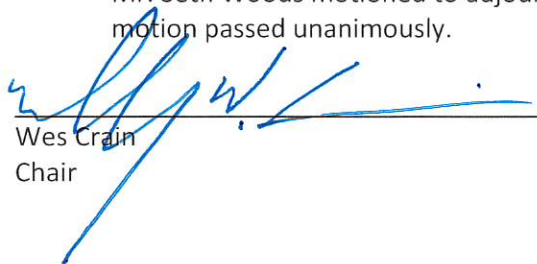
Mr. Council noted some highlights from Annual List of Obligated Projects FY 21, which approximately \$4.0 million for transit projects and \$54.8 million for highway and bridge projects. The document also displayed where project investments were adjacent to vulnerable census block groups.

J. Public Comments

No comments. Mr. Crain expressed his appreciation for Mr. Hollier and staff for enhancing the LCMPO task implementation

4. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Seth Woods motioned to adjourn the TPC meeting, seconded by Mayor Danahay. The motion passed unanimously.


Wes Crain
Chair


Michael Hollier
Executive/MPO Director