

MINUTES

JUNE 10, 2021, 9 – 10:30 AM, VIRTUAL ZOOM MEETING

TPC MEMBERS PRESENT (QUORUM)

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

LCMPO STAFF

Michael Hollier (Executive/MPO Director)
Walter Council (Planner III)
Jamie Gaines (Special Projects Manager)

GUESTS

Butch Babineaux (Fenstermaker)
Angela Murrell (LaDOTD)
Kelli Van Norman (City of Lake Charles)
Mike Huber (City of Lake Charles)

1. OPENING

A. Roll Call

Mr. Wes Crain called the meeting to order. Mr. Mike Hollier stated there was a quorum.

2. NEW BUSINESS

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

Mr. Walter Council explained the TAC recommended (5/27/21 meeting) for TPC to adopt amending the FHWA Section of UPWP FY 2020-21 to reallocate funding amounts to the following tasks:

- B1 Administration decreased from \$63,639 to \$56,988;
- B2 General Development and Comprehensive Planning decreased from \$72,500 to 70,782;
- B3 Transportation Improvement Program increased from 12,500 to 41,690;
- B7 Public Participation increased from \$38,420 to \$42,034;
- B8 Systems Planning decreased from \$112,500 to \$88,065.

Public review/hearing completed May 27, 2021, with no comments. Mayor Mike Danahay motioned, seconded by Mayor Bob Hardey. The Motion passed unanimously.

B. Unified Planning Work Program FY 2021 - 22

Mr. Council relayed the TAC recommended (5/27/21 meeting) for TPC to adopt the Draft UPWP FY 2021 – 22, which lists the MPO staff work tasks, funding sources and budget amounts for next fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021.

Staff initiated public review/hearing on June 1, 2021.

- Mike Danahay motioned, seconded by Mr. Don Duberville. The Motion was passed unanimously. The Motion passed unanimously.

C. Safe Routes to Public Places Program Grant

Ms. Jamie Gaines explained that the TAC recommended (5/27/21) that the TPC adopt amending the 2045 MTP's Bicycle-Pedestrian section to move project BP-328 Guillory St (John St Rd to St. John Bosco St), from Beyond 2045 MTP to the Prioritized Stage I (2025 Horizon Year) section.

- Staff is completing the Safe Routes to Public Places Program grant application and amending the 2045 MTP shows the Safe Routes to Public Places reviewers that this segment of road is prioritized in an existing local bike/ped plan, that also includes bike/ped safety elements, plus indicates substantial local financial and MPO planning support.
- Staff initiated public review/hearing on June 2, 2021.
- Mayor Hardey motioned to discuss, seconded by Mayor Danahay.
- Ms. Gaines reiterated aforementioned points about the grant effort. Mr. Hollier suggested looking at this as an opportunity.
- Mayor Danahay motioned to adopt this 2045 MTP amendment, seconded by Mayor Hardey. The Motion passed unanimously.

A. Calcasieu River Bike/Ped Crossing

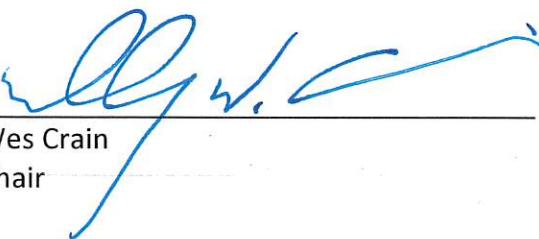
Ms. Jamie Gaines explained that TAC recommended (5/27/21) that the TPC adopt amending the 2045 MTP's Bicycle-Pedestrian section to move project BP-454 I-10 Pedestrian Bridge, from Beyond 2045 MTP to the Prioritized Stage I (2025 Horizon Year) section.

- Staff is working on a Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant application and amending the 2045 MTP demonstrates to the grant reviewers that this is prioritized in an existing local bike/ped plan, that also includes bike/ped safety elements, plus indicates substantial local financial and MPO planning support.
- Ms. Gaines added this is a cushion like opportunity if I-10 bike/ped element is rejected by LaDOTD.
- Staff initiated public review/hearing on June 2, 2021.

- Mayor Hardey motioned to adopt this 2045 MTP amendment, seconded by Mayor Danahay. The Motion passed unanimously.

3. ADJOURNMENT

A Motion was made by Mayor Danahay to adjourn the Joint Meeting of the Lake Charles MPO committee. The Motion was seconded by Mr. Don Duberville. The Chair called for a vote on the Motion which passed unanimously.



Wes Crain
Chair



Michael Hollier
Interim Executive/MPO Director