

MINUTES

TUESDAY, MAY 17, 2022, 12:00 – 1:30 PM, VIRTUAL ZOOM MEETING

TPC MEMBERS PRESENT (QUORUM)

Nic Hunter (Chair) (City of Lake Charles)
Mayor Mike Danahay (Vice Chair) (City of Sulphur)
Wes Crain (Calcasieu Parish Police Jury)
Mayor Dan Raca (City of Westlake)
Don Duberville (LaDOTD District 7) (Proxy was Seth Woods)
Carlos McCloud (FHWA) (Non-Voting Member)

LCMPO STAFF

Michael Hollier (Executive/MPO Director)	Justin Habetz
Jamie Gaines	Taylor Lowe
Steve Jiles	Yasic Naumenko
Michael Bernard	Tucker Deshotel
Walter Council	

GUESTS

Tina Athalone
Stacy Dowden
Angela Murrell

1. OPENING

A. Call to Order Roll Call

Mayor Nic Hunter, Chair, called the meeting to order.

B. Roll Call

Mr. Mike Hollier called Roll:

- Mayor Nic Hunter (City of Lake Charles)
- Wes Crain (Calcasieu Parish)
- Don Duberville (LaDOTD)
- Mayor Mike Danahay (City of Sulphur)

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

C. Minutes (2//22)

Mayor Nic Hunter motioned, to adopt minutes from February 9, 2022 as submitted, seconded by Mr. Don Duberville. Mr. Crain requested a vote on the motion which passed unanimously.

2. OLD BUSINESS

A. 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Project Status

Mr. Council shared updates on TIP FY 2019-22 projects.

- 1) H.013870 Enterprise Boulevard Overlay Reconstruction in City of Lake Charles
 - Discussion between D.W. Jessen consultants and LaDOTD has occurred regarding hydraulics.
 - FHWA will allow the drainage elements to move forward, as the road's original design, has made it imperative to include drainage for the integrity and resiliency of the project.
 - The total cost does not appear to be changing at all according to LaDOTD and consultants.
 - It appears at this point of the project evaluation, the City of Lake Charles and LCMPO will not lose any funding.
- 2) H. 014960 Calcasieu Parish Overlays Phase 1A
 - Projects are on track and checking consultants for review comments.
- 3) H.011839 Henning Dr/Weekly Rd
 - City of Sulphur has agreed to take on this overlay restriping project for FY 22. Total cost \$1.7M (including \$348K local match).
 - Action item Recommendation to add to project FY 22 is under New Business Item A
- 4) H.007122 Myrtle Springs Rd in City of Westlake
 - City of Westlake has agreed to take on this overlay restriping project for FY 24. Total cost \$3M (including \$600K local match).
- 5) No additional recommendations on TIP Projects.

B. Resolution 2022-14 MPO 2045 Long Range Metropolitan Transportation Plan Amendment 11 Roadway Evaluation (Southwest Lake Charles)

Mr. Steve Jiles requested TPC action, with TAC recommendation on 5/4/22, to amend the 2045 MTP roadway projects in Southwest Lake Charles. Public Review/Hearing process begin 6/6/22. Mr. Wes Crain motioned, to amend 2045 MTP with TAC recommendation, seconded by Mr. Duberville. Mr. Crain requested a vote on the motion which passed unanimously.

1. C-11 Country Club Rd: Big Lake Rd to Nelson Rd
 - a. Existing Project Plan: Capacity/Widen to 4 lanes for \$4.15M
 - b. Final Recommendation:
 - Retain project plan improvement
 - Add Bikeway for \$1.9M
 - Add Roundabout: LA-384 @ Lisle Peters Rd (no cost available)

2. C-12 Country Club Rd/University Ave: Nelson Rd to Jefferson Dr
 - a. Existing Project Plan: Capacity/Widen to 4 lanes for \$15.917M
 - b. Final Recommendation:
 - Retain project plan improvement
 - Add Bikeway for \$1.58M

3. C-03 Big Lake Rd: Gauthier Rd to Country Club Rd
 - a. Existing Project Plan: Capacity/Widen to 4 lanes for \$10.1M
 - b. Final Recommendation:
 - Reduce widening to 3 lanes for \$8M
 - Add Bikeway for \$950K
 - Add Roundabouts: LA-384 @ Lisle Peters Rd; W. Gauthier Rd @ Haymark Rd (no cost available)

4. C-18 Gauthier Rd: Big Lake to Common St
 - a. Existing Project Plan: Capacity/Widen to 4 lanes for \$45.7M
 - b. Final Recommendation:
 - Divide project into 2 separate projects:
 - C-18a Gauthier Rd: Big Lake Road to Lake St as a 3-lane capacity widening for \$12M
 - C-18b Gauthier Rd: Lake Street to Tom Hebert St as a 3-lane capacity widening for \$12M.
 - Add Roundabouts per Project:
 - C-18a: LA-384 @ Lisle Peters Rd; Elliot Rd @ Gauthier Rd; Lake St @ Gauthier Rd (no cost available)
 - C-18b: Lake St @ Gauthier Rd (no cost available)

5. C-89 Ihles Rd: W. Prien Lake Rd to Country Club Rd
 - a. Existing Project Plan: Cancelled as widening project for \$8M in TIP FY 2019-22
 - b. Final Recommendation:
 - Add project to 2045 MTP, after being cancelled from TIP FY 2019 -22.
 - Add Roundabout: Ihles Rd @ W. Prien Lake Rd (no current cost available)

6. C-100 LA 384 Country Club Rd: Ihles Rd/Elliot Rd Intersection
 - a. Existing: Capacity/Intersection improvement for \$13.1M
 - b. Final Recommendation:
 - Retain project plan improvement
 - Add Bikeway for \$72K

3. NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolution 2022-12 Amending Transportation Improvement Programs (TIP) FY 2019-22 Amendment 32 (Aggregate Record Item No. 62)

Mr. Steve Jiles requested TPC action, with TAC recommendation on 5/4/22, to amend TIP FY 19-22, moving H.011839 Henning Dr/Weekly Rd Overlay, to construction phase, funded at a Total Cost of \$1.265M including 10% contingency (80% Fed Share of \$1.012M; 20% Local Match of \$0.253M), to be funded by STP50-200K funds, from FY 23 to FY 22. Public Review/Hearing process began 4/29/22.

Mr. Wes Crain motioned, to amend 2045 MTP with TAC recommendation, seconded by Mr. Duberville. Mr. Crain requested a vote on the motion which passed unanimously.

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

Mr. Council shared, as information only, Administrative Modification 29 (Aggregate Record Item No. 64), as the following:

Change funding grant for construction phase of H.005967 NELSON RD EXT & BRIDGE in FY 22:

- \$8.5M in DEMO at 80/20; \$15.75M in STPFLEX-E at 80/20; \$4.75M in STP<200k-E at 80/20; \$1.75M in NHPP at 80/20; and \$19M in STCASH

To the following funding grants in FY 22

- \$8.5M in DEMO at 80/20; \$22.2M in PROTECT; and \$31.4M in STCASH.

C. Resolution 2022-15 MPO 2045 Long Range Metropolitan Transportation Plan Amendment 12 Roadway Evaluation (Chennault International Airport Area)

Mr. Steve Jiles shared information about TAC recommendations for the 2045 MTP project near Chennault International Airport. Public Review/Hearing process begin 6/6/22.

Mayor Hunter mentioned Chennault airport access as a topic of discussion for several year and supports this project assemblage concept. He inquired abandoning a portion of Senator J. Bennett Johnston Ave, mentioned in previous TAC/TPC meetings, and replacing with pedestrian-oriented campus atmosphere. Mr. Jiles affirmed it would be evaluated in the study. Mr. Jiles and Mr. Crain noted eastern area of Chennault, adjacent to LA 397, is zoned light industrial and conducive to attracting those types of companies. Mr. Hollier noted MPO funds of \$350K would be used initially, but additional matching funds would be required. Mayor Hunter noted the firm that completed the most recent Chennault master plan could be considered.

Mr. Wes Crain motioned, with TAC recommendation on 5/4/22, to amend the 2045 MTP roadway projects in in the Chennault International Airport area, by clustering all these projects as a comprehensive analysis called S-02 Chennault Airport Traffic Study (CATS), seconded by Mr. Duberville. Mayor Hunter requested a vote on the motion which passed unanimously.

1. C-04 Broad St/Fruge St: I-210 to LA 397 Ward Line Rd
 - a. Existing Project Plan: Capacity/Widen to 4 lanes for \$12.65M
 - b. Final Recommendation:
 - Remove and re-assemble under project number S-02
2. S-02 Sen. J. Bennett Johnston Ave: Merganser St to Avenue H
 - a. Existing Project Plan: Study/Traffic Study for \$350K
 - b. Final Recommendation:
 - Remove as individual project and re-assemble it and C-04, C-33, C-58, C-59, C-14, and C-95 projects under new S-02 Chennault Area Traffic Study (CATS)
 - Add Roundabout: Sen. J. Bennett Johnston @ Merganser (no cost available)
3. C-33 J. Bennett Johnston Ave: Broad St to Merganser St
 - a. Existing Project Plan: Capacity/Center turn lane for \$3.76M
 - b. Final Recommendation:
 - Remove and re-assemble under project number S-02
4. C-58 LA 397 Railroad XXing
 - a. Existing Project Plan: Capacity/Grade Separation for \$9.35M
 - b. Final Recommendation:
 - Remove and re-assemble under project number S-02
5. C-59 LA 397 (Ward Line Rd): LA 14 to US 90
 - a. Existing Project Plan: Capacity/Widen to 4 lanes for \$44.2M
 - b. Final Recommendation:
 - Remove and re-assemble under project number S-02
 - Add Roundabouts: LA-14 @ LA-397; U.S. 90 @ LA-397 (no cost available)
6. C-14 Prien Lake Rd: LA 14 to LA 397 (Ward Line Rd)
 - a. Existing Project Plan: Capacity/Widen to 4 lanes for \$29.4M
 - b. Final Recommendation:
 - Remove and re-assemble under project number S-02
 - Add Roundabouts: E. Prien Lake Rd @ Derek Dr; E. Prien Lake Rd @ Power Center Pkwy (no cost available)
7. C-95 E. Prien Lake Rd Realignment: LA 397 (E. Ward Line Rd) to Mallard Cove St
 - a. Existing Project Plan: Capacity/Widen to new 2-lane for \$9.7M

b. Final Recommendation:

- Remove and re-assemble under project number S-02

D. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) FY 2023 – 26: Call for Projects Submissions

Mr. Hollier shared important Call for Projects facets for TPC to consider, including following

a. Projects Submitted List

- 1) LA 1256 @ West Cal Blvd & Patch St (R/W) – \$3M Intersection Improvement (CPPJ)**
- 2) Nelson Rd @ Country Club Rd - \$770K Adaptive Traffic System Signal (CPPJ)*
- 3) Ryan St @ Sallier St - \$1.2M Intersection Improvement (CoLC)**
- 4) LA 1256 @ West Cal Blvd/Patch St (Con) - \$3.25M Intersection Improvement (CPPJ)**
- 5) Broad St: Lake Shore Dr to Enterprise Blvd - \$1.015M Overlay and Restripe (CoLC)***
- 6) 18th St @ Gum Creek Bridge - \$2.3M Bridge Replacement (CoLC)***
- 7) Fitzenreiter Rd: Highway 171 to Goos Blvd - \$6.7M Rd Widening to 3 Lanes (CoLC)**
- 8) 12th Street: Ryan St to 1st Ave - \$3.4M Road Reconstruction (CoLC)***
- 9) Sale Rd: Lake St to Ryan St - \$3.4M Road Reconstruction (CoLC)***
- 10) Louisiana Ave @ Contraband Bayou Bridge - \$2.85M Bridge Replacement (CoLC)***

Total Submitted Project Costs: \$27.88M

- 1 Safety & Other Project: \$770K*
- 4 Capacity Expansion Projects: \$14.15M**
- 5 System Preservation Projects: \$12.965M***

Projects Submitted Currently in 2045 MTP

- #3 Ryan St at Sallier St is C-78
- #7 Fitzenreiter Rd: Highway 171 to Goos Blvd is C-17
- #8 12th St: Ryan St to 1st Ave is M-01
- #9 Sale Rd: Lake St to Ryan St is C-74

b. Call for Projects Scoring Requirements

1) Federal

System Performance

- Safety; System Preservation: Highways; System Preservation: Bridges; System Preservation; Transit

System Development

- Resilience and Reliability; Congestion Reduction; Connectivity; Accessibility and Mobility; Network Continuity

Quality of Life

- Environmental Justice (EJ/Social Equity); Land Use and Livability; Economic Vitality; Environmental Mitigation

Project Readiness

- Cost Sharing; Planning Nexus; Project Development; Community Support

2) MPO Staff Principal Considerations

- 1) Is Project 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan?

- 2) Congestion Mitigation
- 3) Vehicular and Pedestrian Safety
- 4) Intermodal Travel Time Reliability for Level of Service (LOS = C)
- 5) Preliminary Project Review Submittal

c. Other Considerations

1) Grandfathered Projects

a. Motorist Assistance Program (M.A.P.)

- Grandfathered annually for \$412.5K using STP<200K funds, in TIP FY 2023-26: \$1.65M

b. Planning, Training, and Research

- Grandfathered in only FY 23 using STP< 200K funds, in TIP FY 2023-26: \$100K

c. H.007122 Myrtle Springs Rd: Houston River Rd to Pelican Dr

- Project to be authorized, in FY 24, using STP<200K funds: \$3M

d. Chennault Area Traffic Study (CATS)

- Multi-project traffic study for consideration using STP<200K funds: \$350K

e. IMCAL MPO Planning Services

- Requested annually for \$350K using STP<200K funds, in TIP FY 2023-26: \$1.4M

f. Long Range Transportation Plan

- Requested for FY 23, using multiple funding sources, in TIP FY 2023-26: \$500K
- \$500K explained:
 - \$250K (100%) from LaDOTD
 - \$250K (80%/20%) using STP<200K

Total Grandfathered Projects and Other Costs: \$7M

- 3 Grandfathered Projects: \$4.75M
- Other Potential Project: \$2.25M

2) Congestion Mitigation: Proposed Urban Area Traffic Management Center

3) Local Regulatory Integration Support

E. Resolution 2022-13 Adopting Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) FY 2022-23

Requested TPC action, with TAC recommendation on 5/4/22, to adopt and support UPWP FY 23 Public Review/Hearing process begins 6/6/22:

FTA: Funding allocation decreased from \$64K (80/20 Fed Share) in FY 22 to \$63K (80/20 Fed Share) in FY 23:

A1 Administration: \$14,800

A2 General Development and Comprehensive Planning: \$15,500

A3 Transportation Improvement Program: \$3,212

A4 HSTP/Transit: \$15,000

A5 Long Range Transportation Plan/ MTP Development: \$5,400

A6 Systems Planning: \$25,500

FHWA: Funding allocation increased from \$395K (80/20 Fed Share) in FY 22 to \$448K (80/20 Fed Share) in FY 23:

B1 Administration: \$82,092

B2 General Development and Comprehensive Planning: \$93,750

B3 Transportation Improvement Program: \$68,750

B4 Safety: \$31,250

B5 Long Range Transportation Plan/ MTP Development: 50,000

B6 Public Participation: \$43,750

B7 Systems Planning: \$78,750

Proposed TPC adoption of UPWP FY 23. TAC recommended for approval (5/4/22).

Public Review/Hearing process begins 5/17/22.

4. E. INFORMATION

A. Southwest Louisiana Rail Study and Plan – Mike Hollier

Mr. Hollier shared that staff was preparing to push Southwest Louisiana Rail Study and Plan.

B. I-14 Spur Alternative Study Alignments Thru Urban Area

Mr. Jiles shared that staff had requested, on virtual meeting, the Department of Defense consultants consider the Port of Lake Charles and Port of Cameron as primary or alternate locations for their Fort Polk to Port of Beaumont deployment program. Two alternatives on both sides of Calcasieu River, conceived by MPO staff, were shared with the consultants, who responded Lake Charles was on the alternate list.

Mayor Hunter noted that he had recently discussed this topic with new Commanding Officer for Fort Polk, who agreed that it seemed logistically optimal to send military deployments to of ports in Lake Charles area instead of Beaumont. Mr. Hollier stated that military, on the virtual meeting, had explained that access to interstate was essential in determining their deployment movements.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Crain motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mayor Hunter.

Mayor Nic Hunter
Chair

Michael Hollier
Michael Hollier
Executive/MPO Director