

# MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2022, 9:30 AM – 10:00 – 11:30 AM, VIRTUAL ZOOM MEETING

## TPC MEMBERS PRESENT (QUORUM)

Wes Crain (Chair) (Calcasieu Parish Police Jury)  
Mayor Mike Danahay (City of Sulphur)  
Mayor Nic Hunter (City of Lake Charles)  
Don Duberville (LaDOTD District 7)

## LCMPO STAFF

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

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### 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)
- Seth Woods (LaDOTD)
- Mayor Nic Hunter (City of Lake Charles)
- Mayor Mike Danahay (City of Sulphur)

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

#### C. Minutes (12/14/21)

Mayor Nic Hunter motioned, to adopt minutes from December 14, 2021 as submitted, seconded by Mr. Don Duberville. Mr. Crain requested a vote on the motion which passed unanimously.

#### D. Nomination and Election of TPC Chair and Vice Chair

Don Duberville motioned to nominate Mr. Mayor Nic Hunter for Chair, seconded by Mr. Wes Crain. Mr. Hollier requested a vote on the motion which passed unanimously.

Wes Crain motioned to nominate Mayor Mike Danahay Vice Chair, seconded by Mayor Nic Hunter. Mr. Hollier requested a vote on the motion which passed unanimously.

- E. **ADDENDUM:** Add item C. to New Business, as TIP Amendment to add H.014974 I-10/I-210: Fence Repair. Mayor Hunter motioned, to approve addendum to agenda, seconded by Mr. Duberville. Mr. Crain requested a vote on the motion which passed unanimously.

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## 2. OLD BUSINESS

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

- 1) Enterprise Boulevard Overlay Reconstruction in City of Lake Charles
  - Mr. Council and Mr. Hollier shared there would be follow-up to get work authorized by end of June 2022.
- 2) Post Oak Road: Division Rd to Burton St to Aubriana in City of Sulphur
  - City of Sulphur is developing a response to LaDOTD comments on 95% design submittal.
- 3) Recommendation on TIP Projects  
No comments.

### B. MPO 2045 Long Range Metropolitan Transportation Plan Roadway Evaluation

- 1) **C-03 Big Lake Road:** Gauthier Rd to Country Club Road
- 2) **C-11 Country Club:** Big Lake Road to Nelson Road
- 3) **C-12 Country Club/University Ave:** Nelson Road to Jefferson Dr
- 4) **C-100 LA 384 Country Club Road:** Ihles Road/Elliot Road Intersection
- 5) **N-17 McNeese St Extension:** Ihles Road to Weaver Road
- 6) **C-18 Gauthier Road:** Big Lake Rd to Common St
- 7) **C-89 Ihles Road:** West Prien Lake Road to Country Club Road\*  
\*Currently not in the most up to date 2045 MTP and removed from Previous TIP H.013812 in September 2021.

Mr. Jiles noted that staff had shared dialogue with the TAC to show various elements for each project, such as existing/projected ADT, crashes, land use, and neighboring roadway projects. Ultimately, he said the scope is to accurately project the cost and potential adverse impacts.

- Mr. Hollier added the work task is a reevaluation of 2045 MTP projects, which has been quite informative to have all the data related to each project available to make proper and more cogent analysis.
- Work task to continue examining the remaining 90 projects.

## 3. NEW BUSINESS

### A. Resolution No. 2022-02 Amending the 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan and TIP FY 2019-22 Safety Performance Measures

Requested TPC action, with TAC recommendation, to adopt and support LaDOTD's Safety Performance Measures and Targets as Amendment 10 to the 2045 MTP and Amendment 30 to TIP FY 2019-22:

- 1 % reduction in fatalities from a 2020 baseline of 771 to a target of 755 in 2022.
- 1 % reduction in serious injuries from a 2020 baseline of 1,370 to a target of 1,343 in 2022.
- 1 % reduction in fatality rate from a 2020 baseline of 1.537 to a target of 1.506 in 2022.

- 1 % reduction in serious injury rate from a 2020 baseline of 2.730 to a target of 2.676 in 2022.
- 1 % reduction in non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries from a 2020 baseline of 378 to a target of 371 in 2022.

Public Review/Hearing process initiated January 24, 2022.

Mr. Duberville motioned, to adopt 2019-22 Safety Performance Measures, seconded by Mayor Hunter. Mr. Crain requested a vote on the motion which passed unanimously.

#### **B. Unified Planning Work Program FY 2021-22 Amendment**

Requested TPC action, after TAC recommendation, to adopt to reallocation of UPWP funds in anticipation of 5 months to end grant. A 25% overage in any Task must be reallocated and re-budgeted

Mayor Hunter motioned, to reallocate funds in the UPWP Work Tasks to stay below the 25% threshold, seconded by Mr. Duberville. Mr. Crain requested a vote on the motion which passed unanimously.

#### **C. ADDENDUM: TIP 2019-22 Amendment 31 (Aggregate Record Item. No. 61)**

Staff requested TPC action, with TAC recommendation, to adopt the Highway Section of the TIP, to add construction phase of H.014974 I-10/I-210: Fence Repair. The project's total estimated cost with two funding sources is \$929.5K, both include 10% contingencies: Emergency Relief Fund at \$550K (80% Fed Share) in FY 22; NHPP at \$379.5K (80% Fed Share) in FY 22.

Public Review/Hearing process initiated February 2, 2022.

Mayor Hunter hoped that funds being used are maximizing funds from FEMA. Ms. Dawn Sholmire (LaDoTD) stated these were emergency relief grants for federal highway programs and can only be used for these types of projects. Ms. Sholmire added in lieu of going thru FEMA process, these funds were utilized instead.

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## 4. INFORMATION

### **A. Calcasieu Parish Local Road Safety Plan DRAFT**

Ms. Amber Ashworth shared information on the Calcasieu Parish Local Road Safety Plan, explaining that the state has tasked SWLA Regional Safety Coalition to create a plan for Louisiana parishes that fall within the Louisiana Technical Assistance Program's (LTAP) Top 20 Parishes with local roads with crashes that are overrepresented.

- The analysis starts with LTAP's LTAP Parish Detailed Road Analysis aka Crash Profile, which is where they identify roads with overrepresented crashes, meaning they have 3 or more crashes and route percentage exceeds parish percentage by more than 50 percent. The 2<sup>nd</sup> phase of analysis adds a before and year after these



crashes. Next part of analysis details the roads listed, because they are more populated with longer routes, segmented to identify actual area of concern.

- Using this methodology applicants more likely to get funding, versus a route that not represented in the LTAP Crash Profile
- The idea is to identify locations for municipalities that have repetitive or trending crashes for local roads, then highlighting those to determine contributing factors and then proven effective countermeasures to remedy those crashes.
- This plan is especially effective for jurisdictions without staff to analyze and trend crash data of intersection, locations with roadway departures, and vulnerable user crashes (bike/ped).
- SWLA RSC offers remedies that can be funded 100% through Local Road Safety Program, identifying other sources of funding, or simply integrating identified road segment in their annual Comprehensive Improvement Plan.
- Ms. Ashworth added that the goal of LRSP is identifying low hanging fruit crash priority roads and supporting local road owners in alleviating those road segments
- Draft will be in finished form in March 2022, but still available for local road owners to make comments.
  - EX: If you look at the “Routes by Municipality” page in the document, which are Top 5 in Calcasieu Parish. For instance, if the Top 5 in parish do not fall under one of the 3 focus areas (Intersections, Roadway Departures, or Vulnerable Users) it does not mean look to do deeper route analysis to make recommendations for another application for one of these safety funding programs.

#### **B. I-14 Spur Status Report (Fort Polk/Chennault/Port of Lake Charles/Cameron Port**

Mr. Jiles shared staff was looking at Interstate 14 Spur options from Fort Polk to Cameron Parish, which include 4 alternatives (2 on each side of the Calcasieu River).

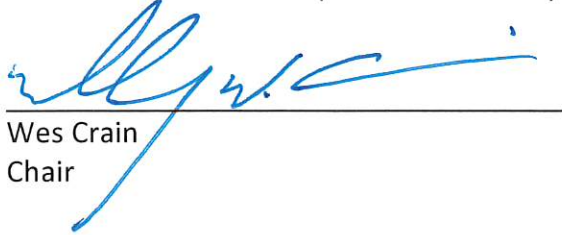
- The 2 west alternatives appear to be more like long shots because they would have to span both the Intracoastal Waterway and the Calcasieu River, so not as feasible.
- Early preliminary analysis appears to show an eastern alternative would be one that generally heads east from Port of Louisiana, toward Creole, then comes close to Chennault, using Hungerford Road north, across the Calcasieu River, then towards Fort Polk.
- Going forward requires discussions with Chennault International Airport representatives.

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5. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Crain wanted to honor and share his condolences to the family and friends on the recent passing of Westlake's Mayor Bob Hardey for his diligent and long-standing service to Southwest Louisiana.

Mr. Duberville motioned, to adjourn, seconded by Mayor Hunter. Mr. Crain requested a vote on the motion which passed unanimously.



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Wes Crain  
Chair



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Michael Hollier  
Executive/MPO Director