

Baton Rouge Transportation Management Area
Baton Rouge Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)

BYLAWS

Of The

**BATON ROUGE MPO BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

ARTICLE I

AUTHORIZATION AND PURPOSE

Section 1. The Baton Rouge MPO Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee is established under the authority of the Baton Rouge MPO Transportation Policy Committee. The committee will use the 3-C (comprehensive, cooperative, continuing) transportation planning process while considering policies and studies appropriate to the committee.

Section 2. The purpose of the Baton Rouge MPO Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee is to improve bicycling and pedestrian conditions for commuters, children and elderly, persons with disabilities and recreational bicyclists and walkers of the area. The goals of the Committee will be the same as those established in the Regional Major Transportation Plan. In addition the committee will analyze issues arising within the planning area of the transportation management area from a bicycle and pedestrian perspective and make recommendations to the MPO Transportation Technical Advisory and Policy Committees.

ARTICLE II
MEMBERSHIP

The membership of the Baton Rouge Area MPO Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee, (hereafter referred to as the MPO Bike-Ped Committee), shall be inclusive of members from the following groups:

1. Representative from each of the local governments and/or the planning or public works departments (parishes and municipalities) within the Baton Rouge Transportation Management Area.
2. Representative from the State District Office of the Federal Highway and Federal Transit Administration if applicable.
3. The Bicycle/Pedestrian Planner from the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development.
4. A representative from local bicycle clubs in the Baton Rouge Transportation Management Area.
5. Representatives from special interest groups such as the Baton Rouge Advocates for Safe Streets (BRASS), Sierra Club, pedestrian community, transit providers such as CATS and Reliant Transportation Inc., ADA community, council on aging such as BRCOA, universities and schools such as LSU, Southern, BRCC, technical colleges and school boards, Safety Council of LA, AAA, and interested citizens.
6. Representatives from park and recreation departments such as BREC.
7. Representative(s) from minority and low income areas.

Members may be invited, or self request membership, but must be willing to have name and affiliation available on a public roster.

A list of specific members will be managed evergreen as needed and distributed each January (roster of members presented in Attachment A.).

ARTICLE III **OFFICERS AND DUTIES**

Section 1. The elective officers of the MPO Bike-Ped Committee shall consist of the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson. The MPO staff shall act as Secretary to the MPO Bike-Ped Committee and shall take and submit the minutes for review and approval at the subsequent meeting of the MPO Bike-Ped Committee.

Section 2. The Chairperson shall have the authority to call meetings and hearings of the MPO Bike-Ped Committee and appoint subcommittees as needed to perform the requirements under the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU 2005-2009) and successors.

Section 3. The Executive Director of the MPO shall have the authority to carry-out and implement Federal and State policies, regulations, and procedures as it relates to the MPO Bike-Ped Committee in its capacity as the technical planning staff of the MPO on the Bike-Ped Committee.

Section 4. The Vice-Chairperson shall act for the Chairperson if absent. If neither is present, the members present (if a quorum exists) shall elect a presiding officer for that meeting.

Section 5. Should the Chairperson's office be vacated, the Vice-Chairperson shall become the Chairperson for the remaining Chairperson's term of office. A new Vice-Chairperson shall be elected for the remaining term of office of the Vice-Chairperson's position.

ARTICLE IV
ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Section 1. Nomination of officers shall be made from the floor and officers shall be elected for two-year terms during the first regular MPO Bike-Ped Committee meeting of even numbered years.

Section 2. The candidate for each office receiving a majority vote of the voting membership in attendance when a quorum is present at the meeting, referenced in Article IV, Section 1 shall be declared elected for the two-year term.

Section 3. All officers shall be eligible to succeed themselves.

Section 4. Vacancies in office shall be filled from the current membership and shall be for the unexpired term by standard election procedures unless provided for in other parts of these bylaws such as in Article III Section 5.

ARTICLE V
MEETINGS AND QUORUMS

Section 1. The meetings of the MPO Bike-Ped Committee shall be held at the discretion of the Chairperson, or as necessary, to carry out business of the Metropolitan Planning Organization. Meetings shall normally be held each second Thursday of the month at 5:30 p.m. at the Capital Region Planning Commission office, 333 North 19th Street, Baton Rouge, LA.

Section 2. A quorum shall be no less than seven members present of the MPO Bike-Ped Committee roster. A quorum shall be present before any formal business is transacted.

Section 3. The Chairperson may call special meetings. It shall also be the duty of the Chairperson to call such meetings when requested to do so in writing by a quorum (seven members of the MPO Bike-Ped Committee). All notices shall specify the purpose of such a meeting and no other business may be considered except by unanimous consent of the Committee. The meeting notice shall be sent (written or e-mailed) no less than three days before the date of each meeting.

Section 4. Each MPO Bike-Ped Committee member shall have one vote.

Section 5. All meetings at which official action is taken shall be open to the general public.

ARTICLE VI **HEARINGS**

Section 1. The MPO Bike-Ped Committee may, at its discretion, hold public hearings when it deems appropriate in the public interest or when state or federal regulation requires it.

Section 2. Notice of such hearings shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation giving at least the minimum notice of thirty (30) days.

Section 3. A record shall be kept of those speaking before the MPO Bike-Ped Committee.

ARTICLE VII
AMENDMENTS TO THE BYLAWS

Section 1. These Bylaws may be amended by a majority of the voting members present at any official session.

Approved by the MPO Bike-Ped Committee on: 10 Sep 2009

MPO Bike-Ped Committee Chair: _____
Bruce Wickert

Adopted by the MPO Transportation Policy Committee
on: _____

MPO TPC Chair: _____
Honorable Melvin "Kip" Holden, Chairman
MPO Transportation Policy Committee
President of East Baton Rouge Parish
Mayor of City of Baton Rouge

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ROSTER

Attachment A.

Roster of Membership of the MPO Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee

ORGANIZATION NAME	REPRESENTATIVE NAME	POSITION
LOCAL GOVERNMENTS		
Ascension Parish	Tommy Martinez	Parish President
City of Gonzales	Barney Arceneaux	Mayor
Town of Sorrento	Blake LeBlanc	Mayor
East Baton Rouge Parish	Melvin "Kip" Holden	Mayor-President
City of Baton Rouge	Melvin "Kip" Holden	Mayor
City of Baker	Harold Rideau	Mayor
Central City	Shelton "Mac" Watts	Mayor
City of Zachary	Henry Martinez	Mayor
Iberville Parish	J. Mitchell Ourso	Parish President
Town of St. Gabriel	George Grace	Mayor
Livingston Parish	Mike Grimmer	Parish President
City of Denham Springs	Jimmy Durbin	Mayor
City of Walker	Bobby Font	Mayor
West Baton Rouge Parish	Riley "PeeWee" Berthelot	Parish President
Town of Addis	Carroll Bourgeois	Mayor
Town of Brusly	Joey Normand	Mayor
City of Port Allen	Derek Lewis	Mayor
FHWA/FTA REPRESENTATIVES		
FHWA	Jamie Setze	Planning Engineer
FTA	Tony Ogboli	Community Planner
LADOTD REPRESENTATIVES		
LADOTD	Brian Parsons	Bike-Ped Coor.
BICYCLE CLUBS		
Baton Rouge Bicycle Club	Bruce Wickert	President
Red Stick Racing (Web Club)	web club	

Tiger Cycling Foundation (LSU Cycling Race Team)	Jay Bookman	President
Baton Rouge Velodrome	Mike Gladu	Representative
Louisiana-Mississippi Bicycle Racing Association (LAMBRA)	Randall Legeai	President
Louisiana Senior Olympic Games (LSOG)		
Cyclists Combating Cancer (CCC-NET)	Will Swetnam	Group Moderator
Baton Rouge Area Mountain Bike Association(BRAMBA, Web Club)	web club	\
Baton Rouge TriAthlon Society	\	\
BATON ROUGE TRIKKE CLUB:	web club	

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

Bicycle Advocacy Groups

Baton Rouge Advocates for Safe Streets (BRASS)	Mark Martin	Chair
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Sierra Clubs

Delta Chapter	Darryl Malek-Wiley	Regional Representative
Sierra Club Baton Rouge Group	Karynne Abel	Chair

Bicycle Shops

Capitol Cyclery Louisiana	\	\
PedalPlay Bicycles	\	\
Dave's Bicycle Repair	Dave Tullier	Owner
Marc's Quality Cycle Works	Marc Breecher	Owner
The Bicycle Shop	Josh Rosby	Owner
Fleet Feet Sports	Michelle Barton	Manager
G.N.Gonzales Bicycles	\	\
Dirt Road Bicycles	\	Manager
Bike Connection	Mike	Manager
Mid City Bikes	Travis	Owner
Bike Zone	Reck	Manager
Spokesman Professional Bicycle	Steve Sperier	Manager
Bike Path	David Moeller	Manager
Cajun Cycle Accessories	Mr Mark Matte	Owner
Cycle Gear LLC	Robi	Team Leader

3-D Cycles	David Black	Owner
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Pedestrian Advocacy Groups

Baton Rouge Bicycle and Pedestrian Initiative	\	\
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Safety Advocacy Groups

Safety Council of Louisiana Baton Rouge Area	\	\
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AAA	Dayna Bowman	Insurance Agents:
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Baton Rouge Area Foundation

Transit Providers & AAA

Capital Area Transit System (CATS)	Emily Efferson	Manager
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Reliant Transportation Inc.	\	\
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Council on Aging (COA)

East Baton Rouge COA	Johnny Dykes	Executive Director
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Ascension Council on Aging, Inc.	Darlene Schexnayder	Director
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Donaldsonville Area ARC	Marlene Dominge	
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Center, Inc. The	Ruth P. Hubbard	
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Foundation Industries, Inc.	Jim Lambert-Oswald	
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Our Lady of the Lake – St. Francis House	Diane Berry	
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The Greater King David Baptist Church	Tisha Jackson	Director
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Iberville COA	Tommie Gordon	Director
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Livingston Activity Center	Linda Watts	
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West Baton Rouge COA	Susan Devecka	Director
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Livingston COA/ Public Transit	Sharon Martin	Director
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Washington COA	Nancy McBeth	Director
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West Feliciana Parish COA	Patricia Gilmore	Director
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East Feliciana Parish COA	Brenda Gardner	Director
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St. Helena COA	Jim Robb	Director
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Tangipahoa Voluntary COA	Debi J. Fleming	Director
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Pointe Coupee COA	Becky Bergeron	Director
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ADA Community

Interested Citizens

Universities & Schools

Louisiana State University	Gary Durham	Chief of Police
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Southern University	Kofi Lomotey	Campus Safety Chancellor
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Baton Rouge Community College	Vallory Hills	Director of Public Relations
State of Louisiana Technical College Region II Campus	Kay McDaniel	Director/ Dean
East Baton Rouge School System	Catherine Fletcher	Chief Business Operations Officer
Zachary Community School Board	Gordon Robertson	Business Manager
City of Baker School System	Pam Malveaux	Board President
Central Community School System	Sharon Watts Browning	Board President
Livingston Parish Public Schools	Ronnie Vulgamore	Transportation Director
Ascension Parish School Board	Larry Grant	Supervisor of Transportation
Iberville Parish Schools	Melvin Lodge	Board President
West Baton Rouge Parish Schools	Diane Hebert	Executive Secretary
Washington Parish School Board	Sharon Mizell	Administrative Secretary to Superintendent
West Feliciana Parish Public Schools	Jesse L. Perkins	Central Office Superintendent
East Feliciana Parish School Board	Curtis Jelks	President
St. Helena Parish School System	Daisy Slan	Superintendent
Tangipahoa Parish School System	Mark Kolwe	Superintendent
Our Lady of the Lake College		

PARK AND RECREATION REPRESENTATIVES

BREC (The Recreation & Park Commission for the Parish of East Baton Rouge)	Bill Benedetto	Chairman
West Baton Rouge Department of Park and Recreation	Dale Sisemore	Park Superintendent
Iberville Parks & Recreation District	Michael S. Markins	Executive Director:
Parks & Recreation of Denham Springs	Dale Sisemore	
Parks & Recreation Center of Ascension Parish	Garney Gautreau	Director

MINORITY AND LOW INCOME REPRESENTATIVES

Baton Rouge Black Chamber of Commerce		
Pennington Biomedical Research Center	Claude Bouchard	Executive Director
Mid-city Redevelopment Alliance	Samuel Sanders	Executive Director
Louisiana Association of Nonprofit Organizations (LANO) Baton Rouge		
Habitat for Humanity of Greater Baton Rouge		
Baton Rouge Area Chamber		
Louisiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence	Christopher C. Velardo	Baton Rouge Representative
Muhammad University of Islam		
Cultural Development (Folklife in Louisiana)	Maida Owens	Director
Baton Rouge Bar Association		
North Baton Rouge Environmental Association		
St. John Community Action	Elois Joseph	Executive Director
Family Road of Greater Baton Rouge	Richel Turner	Executive Director
Quad Area Community Action Agency	Wallace Sibley	Executive Director
Pointe Coupee Community Advancement	Owen J. Bello	Administrator
Louisiana Acorn Fair Housing Organization		
Food Stamps Program	Roseline Stuart	
Capital Area Corporate Recycling Council	Nancy-Joe Craig	Executive Director