

**MINUTES  
OF THE  
TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE/TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
BATON ROUGE URBANIZED AREA  
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION  
Tuesday, January 27, 2015 ~ 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
BREC Commission Chambers ~ 6201 Florida Blvd, Baton Rouge, LA**

**Transportation Policy and Technical Advisory Committee Members present:**

Hon. Melvin “Kip” Holden (Mayor-President – East Baton Rouge Parish), Hon. Riley “Pee-Wee” Berthelot (Parish President – West Baton Rouge Parish), Dr. Olin Dart (Chair of TAC), Hon. Layton Rick (Parish President - Livingston Parish), Hon. Gerard Landry (Mayor - City of Denham Springs), Hon. Joey Normand (Mayor – Town of Brusly), Hon. Richard Lee (Mayor - City of Port Allen), Hon. Harold Rideau (Mayor - City of Baker), Jackie Baumann (City of Gonzales), Dan Broussard (LADOTD), Bryan Harmon (EBR Parish), Bob Mirabito (CATS), Jason Taylor (Ascension Parish), Fred Raiford (City of Walker), Wilfred Barry (Iberville Parish), and Skip Paul (LTRC)

**The meeting was also attended by:**

Hon. David Toups (Mayor - Addis), April Renard (LaDOTD), Ken Perret (LGRTA), Teri James Casso (Ascension Parish), John Pacillo (GBRIA), Tom Stephens (EBR Parish), Errin Flynn (CRLD), Yasooob Zia (LDEQ), Robert Badeaux (Forte & Tablada), Laura Phillips (LaDOTD), Judy Morice (B.R. Planning Commission), Annette Fessel (B.R. Planning Commission), Mike McDaniel (BRCAC), Kahli Cohran (CRPC), Chris Nichols (Reliant), Morgan Landry (Reliant), Clay Stafford (City of Gonzales), Connie Fabre (GBRIA), Mike Bruce (Stantec), Jamie Setze (CRPC), Mary Breau (CRPC), R. J. Goebel (CRPC), P. K. Dang (CRPC), Kim Marousek (CRPC), and Pong Wu (CRPC).

**1. INTRODUCTIONS**

- Hon. Melvin “Kip” Holden
  - The meeting was called to order and everyone was asked to identify themselves.
  - Mayor Holden welcomed Hon. Gerard Landry, Mayor of the City of Denham Springs and Hon. Richard Lee, Mayor of the City of Port Allen.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

- Hon. Melvin “Kip” Holden
  - Hon. Melvin “Kip” Holden asked the committee if there were any corrections or additions that needed to be made to the minutes of the previous Joint TAC and TPC meeting, which was held on December 2, 2014. There was no opposition.

**Motion was made by Hon. Gerard Landry and seconded by Hon. Richard Lee to approve the minutes of the previous Joint TAC and TPC meeting, which was held on December 2, 2014. (Unanimous in favor).**

### 3. NON ACTION ITEMS

#### A. MPO Activity Update - 2014 Recap

*Jamie Setze, CRPC*

- **FY 2014 Federal Authorizations.** Highway Projects: Federal - \$61.54M, Total - \$ 73.3 M
- **Transportation Projects – STP>200K :** \$53 Million new Surface Transportation Program (STP>200K) projects have been selected for inclusion in the MPO's Transportation Improvement Program
- **Transportation Projects - CMAQ:** CRPC provided technical assistance to various entities with CMAQ analyses and project submittals to LADOTD. Following projects were selected by the LADOTD's CMAQ selection committee
  - Bike racks in downtown Baton Rouge and at Southern University
  - CNG fueling station and vehicle fleet conversion in West Baton Rouge Parish
  - Environmental and construction phases for Acadian Trail and environmental phase for Choctaw Trail in West Baton Rouge Parish
  - LA 30 at South Purpera Ave/South Hodgeson in Gonzales
  - Quail Dr. at Perkins Rd. (LA 427) in Baton Rouge
  - Signal Synchronization Phase VII in Baton Rouge
- **Capital Region Transportation Safety Coalition:**
  - Five Emphasis Areas*
  - Young Drivers
  - Impaired Driving
  - Bike/Pedestrian
  - Occupant Protection
  - Infrastructure & Operations

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- **Travel Demand Management**
  - Geaux Ride**
    - Coordinating with representatives from both the public and the private sector to explore strategies that could make the TDM program successful.

- Designed an online survey to gauge employer commute patterns.
- Finalizing the development of ride sharing website for the Capital Region. The website is scheduled for roll out to the public in mid-February

➤ **Model Expansion and Air Quality Analysis**

- Completed model expansion to the new census 2010 MPO planning boundary
- Analyzed the model to generate VMT and adjusted it to HPMS VMT
- Transmitted the data to LDEQ for their re-designation modeling
- Reviewed the results and the new Motor Vehicle Emission Budgets (MVEB's)

➤ **Pavement and Asset Management System**

- Completed pavement condition data collection for EBR, LIV, WBR, and City of Plaquemine. ASC data will be collected in the 2016 cycle.
- Completed implementation of the Pavement Analysis System
- Currently working on reviewing the data and running scenarios
- Next steps – Setup web based dashboards for all the members

➤ **Travel Time Database System (TTDS)**

- Finalized implementation of the CRPC TTDS system
- Available to public at <http://crpc.ms2soft.com/tms/>
- Completed loading the 2013 travel time data
- Currently analyzing the data to identify the congested segments utilizing the tools on the above website and also developing custom procedures using the raw data

➤ **Capital Area Transit System**

- Provided technical assistance to CATS in
  - System expansion – March 2014,
  - Monitoring and tweaking the new system,
  - Implementing the Automatic Vehicle Location (AVL) System
  - Annual National Transit Database (NTD) surveys
  - Transit TIP amendments
  - Many other planning research and analysis activities

**B. Impact of EPA's New Ozone Standard on the Capital Region**

*Ravi Ponnappureddy, CRPC*

- Ravi reviewed EPA's proposed revision to ozone standards and the impact on the capital region.
  - CRPC is drafting a comment letter to EPA on behalf of the MPO explaining the impact of proposed new standards on the Capital Region
  - CRPC along with regional partners BRCAC and LCF signed up for EPA's Advance Program last year
  - CRPC proactively coordinated with LADOTD and LDEQ to establish realistic

- Motor Vehicle Emissions Budgets (MVEB's)
- LDEQ's Regional Air Quality Modeling
- CRPC is partnering with BRCAC and many other regional stakeholders to establish a sustainable and feasible Emission Reduction Credits (ERC's) program.
  - Availability of emission credits for nonattainment new source permitting
  - Open all sources of emissions for generating ERC's (Point, Mobile, Area etc)
  - Greater flexibility in emissions trading (Interpollutant trading)
  - Ability for Inter-Nonattainment area trading
- LDEQ is considering and currently working on rule change to enable the above mentioned ERC strategies
- Encourage other organizations and individuals to submit comments to EPA about potential impacts of proposed standards

### **C. Capital Region Safety Coalition - Safety Projects Update**

*April Renard, P.E., LaDOTD*

The vision of the Louisiana Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP) is to reach Destination Zero Deaths on Louisiana roadways.

The mission of the SHSP is to reduce the human and economic toll on Louisiana's surface transportation system due to traffic crashes through widespread collaboration and an integrated 4E approach.

### **5. Other Business**

#### ➤ **Jamie Setze, CRPC and Bryan Harmon, DOTD**

Two years ago, DOTD bid out the Jones Creek widening project. That project went to litigation. Need to amend the TIP to add back in so DOTD and Federal Highways will authorize project.

Bryan Harmon explained the litigation. He is asking that we approve authorization to amend the TIP to allow \$17.4 million base bid be accepted.

**Motion was made by Hon. Melvin "Kip" Holden and seconded by Hon. Riley "PeeWee" Berthelot to approve authorization to amend the TIP to allow \$17.4 million base bid be accepted. (Unanimous in favor).**

### **6. Adjournment**

**Hon. Melvin "Kip" Holden adjourned the meeting.**