

**DRAFT MINUTES
OF THE
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
BATON ROUGE URBANIZED AREA
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
Tuesday, May 5, 2015 ~ 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
BREC Commission Chambers ~ 6201 Florida Blvd, Baton Rouge, LA**

Technical Advisory Committee Members present:

Hon. Joey Normand (Mayor - Town of Brusly, Acting Chairman), Hon. Richard Lee, III (Mayor – City of Port Allen), Hon. Layton Ricks (Parish President – Livingston Parish), Kevin Durbin (WBR Parish), Bob Mirabito (CATS), Darnell Waites (City of Baker), Ken Dawson (Ascension), Skip Paul (LTRC/LaDOTD), Dan Broussard (LaDOTD), Jackie Baumann (City of Gonzales), Wilfred Barry (SJB/Iberville), Yasoob Zia (DEQ), Don Redman (AAA), Carrie Broussard (EBR Planning Commission), Logan Anderson (BRAC), Fred Raiford (City of Walker), Jason Taylor (Ascension Parish), and Jamie Setze (CRPC)

The meeting was also attended by:

Kam Movassaghi (Self - Presenter), Craig Gardner (Self), Brad Ponder (CSRS), Robert Badeaux (Forte & Tablada), R. Adam Davis (Providence), R. J. Goebel (CRPC), Ravi Ponnappureddy (CRPC), Mary Breau (CRPC), Pong Wu (CRPC), Ahmed Abdel-Khalek (CRPC), Kim Marousek (CRPC), and Phuoc Dang (CRPC)

1. INTRODUCTIONS

Hon. Joey Normand - Mayor - Town of Brusly, Acting Chairman

- The meeting was called to order and everyone was asked to identify themselves.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Hon. Joey Normand - Mayor - Town of Brusly, Acting Chairman

- Hon. Joey Normand asked the committee if there were any corrections or additions that needed to be made to the minutes of the previous Joint TAC/TPC meeting, which was held on Tuesday, March 17, 2015.

Motion was made by Ken Dawson and seconded by Kevin Durbin to approve the minutes of the previous Joint TAC/TPC meeting, which was held on Tuesday, March 17, 2015. (Unanimous in favor).

3. ACTION ITEMS

A. TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (2015 – 2018)

AMENDMENTS

Jamie Setze - Executive Director - CRPC

Project # H.005693 LA 447/I-12 INTERCHANGE, Construction cost increased to \$4.7M STPFLEX and \$2.6M NHPP both at 100%, Total cost \$7.3M

Project #H.005734 LA 447 CORRIDOR STUDY, Add environmental phase at a cost of \$601K STPFLEX at 80/20 in FFY 2015

Project #H.009956 LA 44: TURN LANES AND MEDIANS, (Cost changes), ROW phase is now \$4M HSIP funds at 90/10 in FFY 2015, Utility phase is now \$2M HSIP funds at 90/10 in FFY 2015, Construction phase is now \$2.8M HSIP funds at 90/10 in FFY 2016

Project #H.010655 LA 1 LIGHTING RENOVATIONS, Project cancelled – remove from TIP

Include \$2.7M total, \$1.7M (federal share) and \$1M (local match), for the Nicholson Corridor High Capacity Transit System Plan to reflect the awarded TIGER Grant, Baton Rouge, in FFY 2015

Project #H.007441, #H.007442, #H.007443 BUS SHELTERS AND BENCHES along Florida Blvd, Harding Blvd, and Scotlandville Route, respectively, \$905k Transportation Enhancement Program. Funds originally authorize in 2009 and approved by TPC 10/26/2010.

Kevin Durbin made a motion to approve the presented Transportation Improvement Program (TIP 2015 – 2018) amendments, which was seconded by Fred Raiford (Unanimous in favor).

B. APPROVING CATS FINAL PROGRAM OF PROJECTS AND AMENDING THE TIP

Bob Mirabito - CEO - CATS

Transit TIP Amendment FY 2015

- FTA Section 5307
 - Replace line item for ADA with Preventive Maintenance.
- FTA Section 5309
 - Replace line item for Bus and Bus Facilities (Ladders of Opportunity) with Workforce Development (Ladders of Opportunity).

Preliminary Program of Projects FY 2016

Transit TIP Amendment FY 2017

- FTA Section 5307
 - Remove line item for Bus Lease and move the funds to Preventive Maintenance.
 - Remove line item for ADA, move \$70,000 to Transit Enhancements and the balance to Preventive Maintenance.

Transit TIP Amendment FY 2018

- FTA Section 5307
 - Remove line item for Bus Lease and move the funds to Preventive Maintenance.
 - Remove line item for ADA, move \$76,000 to Transit Enhancements and the balance to Preventive Maintenance.

Motion to approve CATS Final Program of Projects FY 2016 and Transit TIP Amendments for FY 2015, FY 2017, and FY 2018 was made by Fred Raiford and seconded by Darnell Waites. (Unanimous in favor).

C. UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM, UPWP, FY-16 (July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016)

Jamie Setze - Executive Director - CRPC

➤ **UPWP FY 2016 Highlights**

- Completion of Congestion Management Process (CMP) Update
- Initiation of new Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) Update
- ERC Study/Setup to promote environmentally sustainable transportation and economic growth in the Capital Region
- Regional Traffic Counting Program
- Implementation of Safety Action Plans
- Continual outreach and implementation of carpool/vanpool program **Geaux Ride**
- Regional Complete Streets/Non-Motorized Plan Update
- Pavement and Asset Management System (PAMS)
 - Data collection in Ascension Parish during the last quarter
 - Analysis and presentation of various reports to local entities
- Continued assistance to CATS
- Continued and enhanced public outreach (Newsletters, Social Media, Public Meetings etc.)
- Develop and update regional databases
 - Special Projects
- Nicholson Corridor High-Capacity Transit System Study
- LA 3251/Ashland Connector Feasibility Study

➤ **UPWP FY 2016 - Tasks Code and Description**

➤ **Task by Task Comparison with UPWP FY 2015**

Motion to approve the Unified Planning Work Program, FY-16 was made by Ken Dawson and seconded by Hon. Layton Ricks. (Unanimous in favor).

4. NON ACTION ITEMS

A. MPO Activity Update

Jamie Setze, CRPC

The following was discussed:

➤ **CRPC Newsletter**

- Inaugural Newsletter Released Monday, May 4, 2015 (Feedback welcome)
- Upcoming
 - Revamped CRPC Website
- Brochure explaining CRPC services to the public and elected officials

➤ **Can You See Me Now video contest**

- Winners:

First Place: Baton Rouge Magnet High School team, Maura Dupre', Tiffany Le, Cindy Tran ([Winning Video](#))

Second place: Team submittal by Thomas "TJ" Hanlon from Mentorship Academy

Third Place: Produced by Robert Sciambra of Catholic High School

➤ **Capital Region Transportation Safety Coalition (CRTSC) Update**

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- CRTSC Day at the Capitol – May 6
- Impaired Driving Outreach and Education
- Live After Five - Impaired Driving Event

➤ **Planning Commissioner Training Workshop**

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- When : June 13th, 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM
- Where: 909 Pearl St, Franklinton, LA 70438
- Who: Planning officials to complete their Act 859 four-hour training requirements
- No Cost, First come, first served, RSVP by Wednesday, June 10, 2015

➤ **Travel Demand Management Program**

<https://geauxride.greenride.com/>

- Working to setup pilot portals for LADOTD, LDEQ, LDNR, and Private Industries.
- Conducted survey of the employees of the three state agencies.
- Developing partnerships with Uber to ensure that Geaux Ride participants have a guarantee ride home.
- Geaux Ride Pilot Survey Results

➤ **EDA 2015 Funding Cycle**

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- The next funding cycle deadline for Economic Development Administration grants closes on June 12, 2015.
- The City of Walker is collaborating with CRPC for infrastructure funds from EDA for its Industrial park.
- Through EDA's competitive process, Walker has been selected for further consideration in the approximate amount of \$1.5 Million. Total project cost is \$3.0 Million

➤ **East Feliciana Airpark and Aviation Business Development Complex (EDA Project)**

➤ **DRA 2015 Funding Cycle**

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- FY 2015 funding cycle is now open. Online application portal (<http://dra.gov/sedap>)
- SEDAP this year will institute an open application format . However, it is encouraged communities apply before July 31, 2015
- 75% of DRA funds must be invested in economically distressed counties and parishes. Funding is in four categories:
 - basic public infrastructure
 - transportation infrastructure
 - business development (with focus on entrepreneurship), and
 - workforce development.

➤ **Bike/Pedestrian Planning**

- Worked with Front Yard Bikes to help conduct a road safety demonstration for earth day.
- Worked with the Webb Park Home Owners Association to improve

connectivity and walkability in that neighborhood.

- CRPC in collaboration with EBR Mayor President's Office, DDD, BRAF, and CPEX worked on the approved EPA Bike Share grant. Held introductory conference call on May 4th. Workshop is tentatively scheduled for late July.
- Participated the Sustainable Transportation Advisory Committee meetings regarding complete streets for Baton Rouge.
- Continued to promote Bike/Ped safety

➤ **Other Activities**

- Finalized the Draft UPWP
- Provided Technical Assistance to CATS
- Continued modeling, analyzing results and preparing reports for Government Street road diet project as requested by LADOTD.
- Staff worked with LADOTD and local entities to address DOTD's comments on STP>200K projects.

➤ **Questions**

Fred Raiford thanked Jamie Setze and staff and Courtney Maciasz for help on grant for City of Walker.

B. Changing the Highway Department

Kam Movassaghi, Ph.D., P.E., F.ASCE

Jamie Setze introduced Dr. Kam Movassaghi, PhD., P.E.. Dr. Movassaghi gave a presentation on changing the highway department. His presentation, entitled "A New Model for Louisiana's Transportation System" can be found as a shared file:

<https://crpc.sharefile.com/d-sd6040fa0c094db6a>.

- The presentation was followed by a Question and Answer session.
- Where do we start from here? Jamie Setze recommended to start with our legislators.

5. Other Business

Hon. Joey Normand - Mayor - Town of Brusly, Acting Chairman

No other business.

6. Adjournment

Hon. Joey Normand - Mayor - Town of Brusly, Acting Chairman

A motion was placed by Ken Dawson to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Fred Raiford. (Motion carried with no opposition).