

**MINUTES  
OF THE  
TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE/TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
BATON ROUGE URBANIZED AREA  
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

**Tuesday, December 8, 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 (TPC Chairman and Mayor-President – East Baton Rouge Parish), Hon. Riley “Pee-Wee” Berthelot (Parish President – West Baton Rouge Parish, Hon. Layton Ricks (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), Yasooob Zia (LDEQ), Ronnie Robinson (DOTD), Clay Stafford (City of Gonzales), Fred Raiford (City of Walker), Joey Tureau (Ascension Parish), Bob Mirabito (CATS), and Wilfred Barry (Iberville Parish).

**The meeting was also attended by:**

Hon. David Toups (Mayor - Addis), Thomas Stephens (B.R. Public Works), M. Todd Donmyer (DOTD), Pete Newkirk (Central Citing), Gordon Nelson (Fenstermaker), Scott Kirkpatrick (CRISIS), Errin Flynn (CRLD), Kevin Durbin (WBR Parish), Morgan Landry (Reliant Transportation), Ann Shaneyfelt (Louisiana Clean Fuels - LCF), Carrie Broussard (Planning Commission), Barrett Chaix (CPPC), Robert Badeaux (Forte & Tablada), Alan Krouse (B.H.), Darla Steagall (L.P.RW.), Steve Bonnette (City of Baton Rouge), Pierre Washington (Franklin Associates), Ken Perret (LBRTA/CATS), Jamie Setze (CRPC), Ravi Ponnappureddy (CRPC), Mary Breau (CRPC), Kenyatta Robertson (CRPC), P. K. Dang (CRPC), Ahmed Abdel-Khalek (CRPC), Pong Wu (CRPC) and Zhan Shi (CRPC).

**Dr. Olin Dart (1932 – 2015)**

It is with great sadness that we inform you all of the passing of Dr. Olin Dart, Technical Advisory Committee Chairman and member of CRPC family since 1975. Dr. Dart passed away at his home on Wednesday November 18, 2015. He will be greatly missed. He was a longtime resident of Baton Rouge and worked tirelessly to improve the safety and efficiency of transportation network in the Capital Region.

**1. INTRODUCTIONS**

- Hon. Melvin “Kip” Holden – TPC Chairman
  - The meeting was called to order and everyone was asked to identify themselves.

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

- Hon. Melvin “Kip” Holden – TPC Chairman
  - 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 TAC and TPC meetings, which were held on 10/06/15 and 10/13/15 respectively. There was no opposition.

**Motion was made by Hon. Riley “Pee-Wee” Berthelot and seconded by Hon. Harold Rideau to approve the minutes of the previous TAC and TPC meetings, which were held on 10/06/15 and 10/13/15 respectively. (Unanimous in favor).**

### 3. ACTION ITEMS

➤ Jamie Setze

#### A. TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (2015-2018) AMENDMENTS

*Project # H.010251 Chippewa St Pump Station Imp US61/190-X, Replace/Upgrade Pump House Components. Remove construction phase from TIP as it was moved to outside of TIP years (FFY 2020).*

*Project # H.011920 Ashland Connector Feasibility Study, Remove from TIP as the project is being studied and implemented by Ascension Parish utilizing local funds.*

*Add Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update 2042 project to the TIP in FFY 16 and 17. The total cost of the project \$827K utilizing \$206,750 FHWA PL funds, \$206,750 STP>200K, and \$413,500 in SPR funds.*

**Kevin Durbin asked if we received the amendment for the LA1 and LA 415 cost increase. Jamie responded that we did not receive it in time for this meeting. He believes there is a supplemental agreement No. 1 going on and was checking on that first.**

**Hon. Layton Ricks made a motion to approve TIP amendments, which was seconded by Hon. Riley “Pee-Wee” Berthelot. (Unanimous in favor).**

#### B. UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP) FY 2016 AMENDMENT

*Amend UPWP to 1. Remove the Ashland Connector Study as it is being studied and implemented by Ascension Parish utilizing local funds and 2. Add the Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update 2042 project.*

- Remove Ashland Connector Study Project
  - Ascension Parish plans to study and implement this project utilizing local funds.
- Add FY 2016 portion of Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) Update 2042 Project
  - Four year federally mandated update to the Long Range Transportation Plan. The current plan expires on July 17, 2017.
  - DOTD approved the scope of work and currently working on creating a project number and Entity-State agreement.
- Shuffled funds based on planning funds expended until end of October. No change in total planning funds.

**Motion to approve to approve amendments to UPWP FY 2016 made by Hon. Joey Normand and seconded by Hon. Layton Ricks.**

## 4. NON ACTION ITEMS

### A. MPO Activity Update

#### ➤ Jamie Setze, CRPC

- Finalized our Fall/Winter newsletter. Published our third newsletter today.
- CRPC coordinated with CPEX, BRAF, LSU, The Gardere Initiative, and City officials to conduct Bike counts throughout East Baton Rouge Parish. Counts have been collected in downtown at Florida Blvd. and River Road, Skip Bertman, and River Rd. Later this month and into the early part of next year counts will be conducted around the LSU Lakes and in the Gardere area.
- Participated in FHWA's Road Safety Assessment on October 28th. FHWA is awaiting comments on their final report, which are due on December 18th, and the final report is due to be distributed after the beginning of the new year.
- Participated in the follow up planning for the EPA bikeshare workshop that took place over the summer. A follow up conference call took place with Zaegster (Bike Share operating service) and a follow up meeting with the planning team is scheduled to take place after the 1st of the year.
- Sponsored the Bike Coral at The Downtown Festival of Lights in East Baton Rouge Parish
- Met with representatives of CPPC, BREC, and The Office of Sewage and Drainage to discuss a prioritization of Bike/Ped Projects in EBR.
- Attended meetings of The States Complete Streets Advisory Committee.
- Staff attended DOTD meetings on Government St. Road Diet and will be present at The Public Meeting which is to be held on December 17th at Our Lady of Mercy School
- Participated in meetings of The Sustainable Transportation Advisory Committee
- Participated in meetings of The Bicycle and Pedestrian emphasis area of The Capital Region Transportation Safety Coalition
- Worked with The Greater Baton Rouge Civic Associations to promote the Travel Happy Campaign. Yard signs and door hangers were distributed throughout the fall to local civic associations and are continuing to be distributed through BREC's extreme Sports Park as well as Front YARD Bikes.
- Continued to promote GeauxRide to State agencies as a pilot with the goal of branching out after the beginning of the year.
  - As of now there are 243 registered users among these 3 employers with 166 total logged commutes.
  - As an incentive to register new users and log commutes CRPC has worked with Louisiana Clean Fuels to obtain rewards for the individuals that have logged the most commutes. These rewards include tours of Houmas House, tickets to the symphony, ballet, and a preferential parking spot.
  - Emissions reductions are being documented and that process is ongoing. Once this contest has ended that information will be made available which should be after the first of the year.
- Assisted DOTD with modeling sever alternatives for the I-10 study
- Staff worked on several modeling scenarios as part of the Regional Projects Screening project.
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- Finalizing the analysis for the pavement management system for each parish and municipality.
- Working on Life Cycle Cost Analysis of Transportation assets within the MPO area.
- Finalizing the Capital Region Asset Management Plan progress report.
- Continued providing assistance to CATS

## **B. Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update 2042**

### ➤ Jamie Setze, CRPC

- Scope of work approved by LADOTD. Currently working on creating a project number and Entity-State agreement.
- Amending TIP and UPWP to include this project today
- Public Outreach RFP for MTP Update – Timeline
- Work will commence only after receiving Notice to Proceed (NTP) from DOTD.

## **C. Regional Safety Data Analysis**

### **CY 2009 – 2014 Transportation Crash and Safety Report**

#### ➤ Pong Wu

- The Purpose of Capital Region MPO's Traffic Crash Analysis
- The Region's Traffic Crash Patterns & Crash Trends Analysis
- Traffic Crash Hotspots for Each Entity in Five-Parish at Louisiana Capital Region

## **5. Other Business**

- Ann Shaneyfelt - Executive Director, Louisiana Clean Fuels – LCF  
Ann Shaneyfelt gave a brief update of what Louisiana Clean Fuels has done over the past year, what kind of projects they have going on in the state, and a view forward of what they are doing over the next year.
- Jamie Setze's announced the death of our long time Chairman, Dr. Olin Dart.
- This will be Ronnie Robinson's second to last meeting.
- Hon. Riley "Pee-Wee" Berthelot raised a question concerning Kevin Durbin's earlier comment on the LA1 studies. Jamie responded that it would be on the Agenda for January's meeting

## **6. Adjournment**

Hon. Melvin "Kip" Holden adjourned the meeting.