

**MINUTES
OF THE
TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE
BATON ROUGE URBANIZED AREA
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
Tuesday, March 22, 2016 ~ 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
BREC Commission Chambers ~ 6201 Florida Blvd, Baton Rouge, LA**

Transportation Policy Committee Members present:

Hon. Melvin “Kip” Holden (TPC Chairman and Mayor-President – East Baton Rouge Parish), Hon. Riley “Pee Wee” Berthelot (TPC Vice Chairman and Parish President – West Baton Rouge Parish), Hon. Layton Ricks (Parish President – Livingston Parish), Hon. Harold Rideau (Mayor – City of Baker), Hon. H. Gerard Landry (Mayor – City of Denham Springs), Fred Raiford (City of Walker), Joey Tureau (Ascension Parish), Wilfred Barry (SJB – Iberville Parish), Bob Mirabito (CATS), and M. Todd Donmyer (DOTD).

The meeting was also attended by:

Hon. David Toups (Mayor – Town of Addis), Jason Lacombe (DOTD), Joshua Stutes (LaDOTD), Dawn R. Sholmire (DOTD), Robert Badeaux (Forte & Tablada), Kylee Lewis (Geo Engineers), Scott Kirkpatrick (CRISIS), Chandra Bondzie (FHWA), Brandon Buckner (FHWA), Jamie Setze (CRPC), Ravi Ponnappureddy (CRPC), Mary Breau (CRPC), Pong Wu (CRPC), Kenyatta Robertson (CRPC), Phuoc Dang (CRPC), and Kim Marousek (CRPC).

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 Special Transportation Policy Committee (TPC)/Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting, which was held on Monday, February 22, 2016.

Motion was made by Hon. Riley “Pee Wee” Berthelot and seconded by Joey Tureau to approve the minutes of the previous Special Transportation Policy Committee (TPC)/Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting, which was held on Monday, February 22, 2016. (Unanimous in favor).

3. ACTION ITEMS

A. TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (2015 – 2018)

AMENDMENTS

Bob Mirabito- CATS

Approving CATS Preliminary Program of Projects and amending the TIP for the following:

TIP Amendments FY 2015

<i>FTA Section 5307</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Federal</i>
<i>Remove the line item for Bus Lease and move the funds to Preventive Maintenance.</i>		
<i>Preventive Maintenance</i>	<i>\$1,584,000</i>	<i>\$1,267,000</i>
<i>(Capital cost of preventive maintenance description)</i>		

FTA Section 5309

Remove line item for Workforce Development (Ladders of Opportunity) as the application was not funded.

Capital Area Transit System Proposed FY 2016 Preliminary Program of Projects. The line items are being adjusted to reflect the actual apportionments for FY 2016.

<i>FTA Section 5307</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Federal</i>
<i>Transit Security</i>	<i>\$71,140</i>	<i>\$56,912</i>
<i>(Support facilities/equipment for rolling stock and fixed facilities)</i>		
<i>Rolling Stock</i>	<i>\$1,926,268</i>	<i>\$1,637,328</i>
<i>(Up to four transit buses with power plants)</i>		
<i>Rolling Stock</i>	<i>\$70,588</i>	<i>\$60,000</i>
<i>(Up to one para-transit vans with power plants)</i>		
<i>Preventive Maintenance</i>	<i>\$3,052,444</i>	<i>\$2,441,955</i>
<i>(Capital cost of preventive maintenance description)</i>		
<i>Fareboxes</i>	<i>\$150,000</i>	<i>\$120,000</i>
<i>(Up to nine fareboxes)</i>		
<i>Planning and Transit Software</i>	<i>\$312,500</i>	<i>\$250,000</i>
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<i>System Planning (CRPC)</i>	<i>\$312,500</i>	<i>\$250,000</i>
<i>(Short and Long Range Planning)</i>		
<i>Transit Center/Hub Improvements</i>	<i>\$1,000,000</i>	<i>\$800,000</i>
<i>(Transit Center/Hubs)</i>		
<i>Bus Washer</i>	<i>\$93,750</i>	<i>\$75,000</i>
<i>(Up to 1 bus washer)</i>		
<i>Total Funds</i>	<i>\$6,989,190</i>	<i>\$5,691,195</i>

<i>FTA Section 5339</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Federal</i>
<i>Rolling Stock</i>	<i>\$640,133</i>	<i>\$544,113</i>
<i>(Up to one transit buses with power package)</i>		
<i>Total Funds</i>	<i>\$640,133</i>	<i>\$544,113</i>

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

4. NON-ACTION ITEMS

A. MPO Activity Update

Jamie Setze - Executive Director, CRPC

- **New domain change for CRPC**
 - Moving off of the city's server. Have our own.
 - New e-mail addressed will go from @brgov.com to @crpcla.org
 - New org chart
- **Quadrennial Certification**
 - Chandra Bondzie, FHWA, to give a presentation later.
 - CRPC went through Quadrennial FHWA certification process on Feb 17th and 18th
 - Draft report is expected today.
- **Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) FY 2017**
 - Staff working on developing the UPWP for FY 2017
 - Present this for TAC/TPC approval at the May meetings.
- **MOVES Motor Vehicle Emission Budget (MVEB) Scenarios**
 - Staff modeled various air quality model MOVES scenarios to validate the MVEB's proposed by DEQ.
 - Conducted Interagency meeting to present the results. The proposed recommendations were unanimously approved by the IA committee.
 - EPA and DEQ agreed to expedite the approval of new MVEB's.
 - LADOTD, CRPC, and FHWA preparing MVEB acceptance letters for submittal to EPA
 - CRPC will now focus on amending the existing MTP 2037 and air quality conformity analysis.
 - Our Goal is to present this for TAC/TPC approval at the May meetings.
- **CMAQ Call for Projects**
 - All applications must identify sponsorship by a government entity such as a city, parish, or state government organization that can provide non-federal matching funds.
 - An emissions analysis showing reductions for NOx and VOC, and, DOTD Stage 0 documents must be included with the submittal of proposed projects (CRPC can provide assistance with emissions analysis)
 - Applications should include a clear project timeline for implementation
 - Submit six hardcopies of the Stage 0 documents, air quality analysis with proposed projects
 - Applications are due on May 2, 2014
 - Contact Ravi Ponnappureddy @ 225 383 5203 for more info
- **Local Technical Assistance Program (LTAP) LPA Qualification Program Workshop**
 - April 19-21, 2016 at TTEC Building
 - Contact: Ann Wills, Director of LPA or Marie Walsh, Director of Louisiana LTAP Center
- **Congestion Analysis**
 - Continuing work on travel time reliability, mobility report and Congestion Management Process (CMP).
 - Staff also currently analyzing recurring Vs. non-recurring congestion utilizing 2014 speed data.
 - Hope to present some of the results at the May TAC/TPC meetings.

➤ **Transportation and Asset Management Plan (TAMP)**

- Staff continuing work on developing a regional TAMP
- One of the few MPO's in the nation to embark on such project
- Will help local governments optimize resources effectively to maintain the existing transportation system.

B. FHWA Certification Review 2016

Chandra Bondzie, FHWA

Chandra Bondzie gave a brief update on the FHWA Certification Review. She stated that Baton Rouge had a very impressive certification review.

C. STP>200K Projects Status

Jason Lacombe, DOTD

Jason Lacombe presented a status update on STP>200K projects.

5. Other Business

Hon. Melvin "Kip" Holden, TPC Chairman

There was no other business.

6. Adjournment

Hon. Melvin "Kip" Holden, TPC Chairman

A motion was placed by Hon. Riley "Pee Wee" Berthelot to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Hon. Harold Rideau. (Motion carried with no opposition).