

**MINUTES OF THE
TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE/TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
BATON ROUGE URBANIZED AREA
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
Tuesday, June 21, 2016 ~ 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. Gerard Landry (Mayor - City of Denham Springs), Hon. Richard Lee (Mayor - City of Port Allen), Hon. Layton Ricks (Parish President - Livingston Parish), Hon. Harold Rideau (Mayor - City of Baker), Hon. Joey Normand (Mayor - Town of Brusly), Harold (Skip) Paul (TAC), Joey Tureau (Ascension Parish), Darnell Waites (City of Baker), Williams (Bill) Deville (CATS), Fred Raiford (City of Walker), Dan Broussard (DOTD), Rhonda Williams (CATS), Wilfred Barry (Iberville Parish), M. Todd Donmyer (DOTD), Robert Miller (Reliant Transportation), Yasooob Zia (DEQ), and Cathy Gautreaux (LMTA).

The meeting was also attended by:

Hon. David Toups (Mayor - Town of Addis), Philip Meyers (G.E.C., Inc.), Rachel Diresto (CPEX), Scott Kirkpatrick (CRISIS), Laurence Lambert (Vectura), Bobby Badeaux, Don Redman (AAA/TAC), Ken Perret (LGRTA - CATS), Joey Coco (Forte & Tablada), Jack McAdams (Bodi White for Mayor-President), Suzy Sonnier (Baton Rouge Health District), E. Rene' Soule' (E. Rene Soule' & Assoc.), Amos Wright (City of Baton Rouge), Bliss Bernard (Fenstermaker), Coleman Brown, Vijay Kunada (Neel-Schaffer), Jamie Setze (CRPC), Kim Marousek (CRPC), Adam Tatar (CRPC), Courtney Maciasz (CRPC), Mary Breau (CRPC), Kenyatta Robertson (CRPC), Phuoc (PK) Dang (CRPC), Pong Wu (CRPC), and Sarah Stafford (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 noted that motion was made by Hon. Richard Lee (Mayor - City of Port Allen) and Hon. Joey Normand (Mayor - Town of Brusly) to approve the minutes of the previous TAC and TPC meetings, which were held on May 3 and May 10, 2016 and respectively. (Unanimous in favor).

3. ACTION ITEMS

- Jamie Setze

No action items.

4. NON-ACTION ITEMS

- Jamie Setze

A. CRPC Activity Update

Other Business

Office News:

- Hired two new employees: Adam Tatar and Sarah Stafford (able to make her full time after she graduated)
- Kenyatta Robertson is our new Regional Transportation Coordinator
- Held first ever office retreat. Initiated a Mission/Vision statement for organization
- Worked with EBR City/Parish about purchase of triangle building. Resolution before the commission today.

Economic Development:

- SWREDA Conference registration underway August 24-26, Hilton Baton Rouge - Mayor Holden to welcome the group
- DRA grant funding is open until August 31st. Strong projects will focus on infrastructure improvements and/or job creation, retention and recruitment. Please contact Courtney in our office if you would like more information about how to apply.
- Met with Louisiana Chemical Manufacturing Initiative to discuss partnership regarding grants and other funding opportunities
- Attended Economic Development Administration (EDA) National Conference in Washington, D.C.
- Provided technical assistance for an EDA disaster resiliency grant for \$280,000
- Participated in Delta Regional Authority training for disaster resiliency
- Louisiana Water Network meeting (Jamie was guest speaker)
- Attended ribbon cutting for the St. Bernard Project which is a housing group that is interested in collaborating with CRPC in the near future
- Visited with Franklinton and Kentwood regarding potential projects for DRA funding
- Lantern Awards at Governor's Mansion for Louisiana Economic Development (Methanex was the winner.)

Land Use:

- Held a quarterly Planning Commissioner Training session in the town of Livingston. Plan to do the next one in Sept. in St. Gabriel.
- Initiated work with E. Feliciana Parish to assist with a subdivision code update.

Safety Coalition News:

- Sudden Impact training to be held in Pointe Coupee Parish by Troop A on June 20th
- Coalition partnering with BR Parents magazine to provide a safety booth at Pennington Biomedical Research Center for August Back to School campaign and Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over campaign
- Editorial is being drafted by Safety Champion Tom Ed McHugh to go in Police Jury Magazine
- Statewide Occupant Protection meeting to be held July 13th at LSP HQ
- Coalition has applied for LHSC grant funds to provide education on occupant protection
- A new Safety Coalition Facebook page has been created
- Local Roads Safety Workshop to go forth at TTECH in the month of September
- Press Release for National Ride to Work Campaign
- Developed bike/ped crash data comparison by region for the Capitol Region Transportation Safety Coalition

Long Range Plan Update - MOVE 2042:

- Logo and branding finalized
- MTP 2042 Page Added to Website
- Kickoff meeting on June 21st
- Staff currently working on base data analysis

CMAQ Analysis:

- Assisted EBR, WBR, City of Gonzales, and CATS in preparing emission analysis reports in support of their CMAQ applications (Due today, June 20th)
- Following are the projects that were analyzed
 - LA 30 @ I-10 Intersection Improvements
 - Lee @ Hyacinth Roundabout
 - Dalrymple @ May Roundabout
 - Signal Synchronization Phase VIII
 - LA 989 / Juliet Pathway Multiuse Trail
 - Replacement of 3 diesel buses with electric buses
 - BREC Monte Sano Bayou Exxon Trail

Transit:

- Held a quarterly Coordinated Human Services Transportation meeting – working on service assessments in preparation for a plan update.

- Worked with CATS to evaluate the Garden District Route for ridership. Completed a Service Equity Analysis for this route

Bike/Ped:

- Wrapped up Bike Ped Counts near Wampold Park at LSU Lakes and North Blvd portion of Downtown Greenway
- Began Bike Ped Counts on TJ Jemmison portion/East Blvd. portion of the downtown Greenway
- Worked with DDD on Louisiana Ave connector for Downtown Greenway (TAP Proposal)
- Worked with BREC to develop CMAQ proposal for Monte Sano Bayou trail
- Worked with BRAF to develop Bike Share proposal
- Worked with STAAC committee on complete streets implementation
- Worked with Marmillion Gray Media to develop final report on Bike Ped Safety Campaign

Other:

- Finalized MTP 2037 amendment and conformity analysis. Approved by TPC on May 10th. Hope to receive approval from FHWA and EPA in a week.
- Entered in to contract with Fugro Roadware to process pavement and other asset data for Ascension Parish. Hope to receive the raw data by end of this month.
- Worked with DOTD on finalizing the RFP and scope of work for TDM and Regional Traffic Counting projects. Hope to advertise the two RFP's this week.
- Finalized the work program (UPWP) for FY 2017. Approved by TPC at the May 10th meeting. Document submitted to DOTD/FHWA for approval.

B. Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update (MOVE 2042)

- 2042 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update
 - Federally mandated
 - Updated every 4 years
 - Multimodal
 - Fiscally-constrained
 - Review 2037 Plan at www.crpcla.org
- Why is it important?
 - Any regionally significant transportation project in the Capital Region irrespective of the funding source can only be implemented if it is included in this plan
- How many projects?
 - As many as possible as long as we maintain fiscal constraint and air quality

conformity.

- Why update now?
 - Current conforming plan expires on July 12, 2017
 - It takes about at least a year for the planning process to develop a new plan plus do the air quality, a very key part.

- Expanded Planning Area
 - East Baton Rouge
 - Ascension
 - Livingston (partial)
 - West Baton Rouge (partial)
 - Iberville (partial)

- MPO Organization
 - Advisory Committees
 - Bike/Ped
 - Safety
 - ITS
 - Technical Advisory Committee (General Public Input)
 - Transportation Policy Committee (General Public Input)

- Role of the MTP
 - Long Range Plan (25 years)
 - Identify the goals, priorities and projects for all the projects in our area
 - The project has to be in the MTP to receive federal funding
 - Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
 - Short term implementation program showing all funding sources
 - Projects move into detailed design or implementation
 - Project/Program Implementation

- MTP Planning Process
 - Kick off meetings in the next month or two.
 - Talk about the vision, needs of the community, what strategies we're having. We're going to take a look at our transportation network, what our current infrastructure looks like, then break down the area into about 1,300 discreet compact areas called traffic analysis zones. Two main components: Who lives in that area? Who works in that area?
 - Then will come up with a plan which will be voted on by the elected officials in this MPO area.

- Plan Components
 - Travel Demand Modeling
 - Modal Analysis
 - Congestion Management Process

- Financial Analysis
- Air Quality Conformity
- Expanded Public and Stakeholder Involvement
- Alternative Growth Scenarios
- Schedule:
 - June 2016: Kickoff
 - July 2016: Stakeholder Focus Groups
 - August 2016: Public Outreach Round 1
 - November 2016: Public Outreach Round 2
 - May 2017: Draft Plan Review
 - July 2017: Plan Adoption
- Logo and Branding



This is about moving people and goods in our area safely and efficiently.

- Need to Know More?
 - Email: MOVE2042@crpcla.org
 - Website: crpcla.org/move2042
 - Facebook: [Facebook.com/CapitalRegionPlanningCommission](https://www.facebook.com/CapitalRegionPlanningCommission)
- Questions
 - Hon. Joey Normand asked what kind of public input? Come out and say what needs to be done to what roads? Jamie's response is to point out where the problems are and give solutions.
 - Mayor Holden asked William Daniels to come forward and explain what transpired based upon an article today as noted in the newspaper.

Jamie Setze explained that last Friday, he met with the editorial boards with both the Advocate and the Baton Rouge Business Report to talk about the planning process; explain to them that the CRPC has the MPO staff of the 5 parish area and is embarking on this process. Jamie explained we don't supersede local or municipal planning processes, we're doing them in conjunction with you. We will be working with every municipality in every parish to make sure that your long range plan fits seamlessly into our long range plan process.

Mayor Holden asked about the wording in the article. Jamie Setze responded that there was some confusion as to what CRPC is - the 11 parish area, and the MPO, which is the 5 parish area. The Capital Region Planning Commission, your staff, works over an 11 parish area. We are also the staff of the MPO which does the transportation planning. That's where the confusion came from.

William Daniel came up to speak. He stated they have a very successful program - the Green Light Program. He pointed out some areas they did work and that their concern was that the CRPC work would supersede their work. Jamie responded "Not at all."

- Hon. Harold Rideau thanked CRPC for the work they've done. And the work that Mayor Holden had done, pointing out Hwy. 19. Accident rate was reduced by 75%. Tremendous results. It's actually 82%.

Mayor Holden thanked him for his service in Baker and to us.

5. Adjournment

Hon. Melvin "Kip" Holden noted that motion was made by Hon. Harold Rideau (Mayor - City of Baker) to adjourn the meeting.