

**MINUTES  
OF THE  
TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE/TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
BATON ROUGE URBANIZED AREA  
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION  
Tuesday, October 11, 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. Darnell Waites (Mayor - City of Baker), Hon. Joey Normand (Mayor - Town of Brusly), Harold (Skip) Paul (TAC), Bill Roux (Ascension Parish), Darnell Waites (City of Baker), Williams (Bill) Deville (CATS), Fred Raiford (City of Walker), Dan Broussard (DOTD), M. Todd Donmyer (DOTD), Yasooob Zia (DEQ), Cathy Gautreaux (LMTA), Jackie Baumann (DOTD), and Stephen Bonnette (DOTD).

**The meeting was also attended by:**

Jennifer Nicaud (Forte & Tablada), Mary Breau (CRPC), Pong Wu (CRPC), Derek Chisholm (AECOM), Bliss Bernard (Fenstermaker), Phuoc Dang (CRPC), Gordan Nelson (Fenstermaker), Robert Badeaux (Forte & Tablada), David Toups (City of Addis), Kim Marousek (CRPC), Tim Stephens (East Baton Rouge Parish), Adam Tatar (CRPC), Amos Wright (BRPC), Scott Kirkpatrick (CRISIS), Errin Flynn (CRLD), Stephanie Keen (LCF), Brandon Buckner (FHWA), Joey Tureau (Ascension Parish), Sarah Stafford (CRPC), James Setze (CRPC), Ravi Ponnappureddy (CRPC), and Ahmed Khalek (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

- Approval of the Draft Minutes of the Joint TAC/TPC Meeting which was held on June 21, 2016 was approved by the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) on August 9, 2016. Due to the flood event in August, the Transportation Policy Committee (TPC) did not meet and did not vote on said minutes. These Draft Minutes will be voted on again with both committees present at this joint meeting.
- Draft Minutes of the August 9, 2016 Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) will also be voted on and approved at this meeting.

**3. ACTION ITEMS**

Jamie Setze, Executive Director - CRPC

**A. Transportation Improvement Program (2015-2018) Amendments**

*Project #H.000358 US 190 @ LA 415: Lobdell Interchange in WBR, Add ROW, UTIL, and Engg. Phases at a cost of \$750K, \$250K, and \$100K respectively utilizing NHPP funds at 80/20 cost share in FFY 2017. Add Const. phase at a cost of \$56M utilizing NHPP funds at 80/20 cost share in FFY 2018.*

*Project #H.009250 I-10: Highland to LA 73 in ASC, Add Const. phase at a cost of \$66.5M in FFY 2017 at 80/20 cost share. Funding source utilizing NHPP funds at a cost of \$51 M and \$15.5M utilizing DEMO funds.*

*Project #H.010640 LA 3038 (Cornerview) in ASC: Rehab & Turn Lane, Add ROW phase at a cost of \$165K utilizing STP>200K funds at 80/20 cost share in FFY 2017.*

*Project #H.011892 I 10 Miss. River Br. Clean & Paint Approaches and Main Span - Add engineering phase - \$165K in FFY 2017 at 90/10 cost share utilizing NHPP funds.*

*Project #H.010558 I-12 WDN: 0.5M W Satsuma - Satsuma Ramps, Add Const phase at a cost of \$12M utilizing NHPP funds at 100% federal share in FFY 2017.*

*Add/Move the following new projects that are included in the newly adopted and approved MTP 2037 plan and conformity amendment to the TIP.*

- 1. Add LA 44 Widening (I-10 to Loosemoore Rd)*
- 2. Add Dijon Extension Phase 1 New Road*
- 3. Add Dijon Extension Phase 2 New Road*
- 4. Add Juban Rd Widening (I 12- Florida Blvd)*
- 5. Move authorization date for Old Hammond Hwy Widening project to outside TIP years*

- Amendments were approved with no objection.

**B. Amend Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2037 to include TramLinkBR project**

- Amendment approved to include design phase of TramLinkBR to MTP 2037. Amendment approved with no objection.

**C. Travel Demand Management RFP Selection Review and Approval**

- Approval for AE COM and Marmillion Gray Media approved with no objection.

**D. Regional Traffic Counting Program RFP Selection Review and Approval**

- Approval for Southern Traffic Services approved with no objection.

#### **4. NON-ACTION ITEMS**

Jamie Setze, Executive Director - CRPC

##### **A. MPO Activity Update Disaster Planning**

- Staff has been actively coordinating with FEMA and other Federal Partners, state partners, universities, CATS, and nonprofits entities in response to the flooding disaster around recovery-related issues. This includes data collection and analysis, transit needs assessments, public assistance and general community planning issues identification. Please let us know if you need assistance and we can help to present your needs.
- Hosted and participated in a 2-day long visit by Jay Williams, U.S. Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development who came to assess needs related to the recent flood disaster.
- Met with Federal Highways to discuss about the Federal Highway Emergency Relief Program to help with rebuilding/fixing the transportation infrastructure affected by the recent floods.
- Post flooding CRPC in conjunction with LADOTD issued a press release promoting our ridesharing software, Geaux Ride to help people affected by the floods. Staff also posted the press release on CRPC's Facebook page which reached almost 3,000 impressions.
- Initiated analysis for transit recovery plan for the region. Began evaluating needs region-wide given the displacement of individuals and limited access to vehicles. Coordinating efforts with CATS, FEMA and FTA. Mapped relevant data including Individual Applications for Assistance, and changes in ridership since the flooding event. If any of the affected municipalities is interested in public transit to help their citizens commute to work as well as to accomplish their daily activities, please let us know.
- Staff currently working on analyzing the pavement data to identify the locations of all the asphalt and gravel roads that were inundated by floods.

##### **TRANSPORTATION PLANNING**

- Advertised for TDM and Traffic Counting RFP's. Conducted selection committee meeting to review and rank the proposals.
- Attended Governor's Task Force meetings at the State Capitol. Two main functions of the Task Force. Research and Identify actionable recommendations for
  - Achieving increased levels of recurring transportation funding to address the current backlog of needs.

- Introducing legislation in 2017 to fund a robust multimodal construction program to address immediate needs and build “megaprojects” in the LADOTD plan.

Report is due by January 1, 2017.

- Coordinating with BRAC to conduct a regional task force as requested by the Governor on Friday, October 14, 2016 from 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM at the BREC Headquarters Ballroom. The goal is to discuss our region’s needs, their importance, and the type of financial commitment we are willing to consider to achieve these goals.

### **B. MOVE 2042 Update**

- Notice to provide with the MOVE 2042 Update. Intend to push the plan finalization back 6-7 months due to the flood event.

### **C. Federal Highway Emergency Relief (ER) Program**

- FHWA ER Program Overview
- Eligibility Requirements
- Emergency vs. Permanent Repairs
- Roles and Responsibilities
- Resources

## **5. Other Business**

James Setze, Executive Director - CRPC

Approval for buildable land inventory, developable land inventory, current and recommended revised HH Forecast, and current and recommended revised employment forecast.

Action item approved with no objection.

## **6. Adjournment**

**Hon. Melvin "Kip" Holden noted that motion was made to adjourn the meeting.**

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