

Minutes of the  
JOINT MEETING OF THE  
**TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
&  
**TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE**  
BATON ROUGE URBANIZED AREA  
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

Tuesday, December 6, 2016  
1:30 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.

BREC Commission Chambers, Room 1800  
6201 Florida Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA

**Transportation Policy and Technical Advisory Committee Members present:**

Hon. Melvin Kip Holden (Chairman and Mayor-President - East Baton Rouge Parish), Hon. Riley “Pee Wee” Berthelot (Vice-Chairman and Parish President - West Baton Rouge Parish), Hon. Barney Arceneaux/Jackie Bauman (Mayor - City of Gonzales), Hon. H. Gerard Landry (Mayor - City of Denham Springs), Hon. Rick Ramsey/Fred Raiford (Mayor - Town of Walker), Hon. Layton Ricks (Parish President - Livingston Parish), Hon. Richard Lee III (Mayor - City of Port Allen), Hon. Kenny Matassa/Bill Roux (Parish President - Ascension Parish), Hon. Joey Normand (Mayor - Town of Brusly), Hon. Darnell Waites (Mayor - City of Baker), William "Bill" Deville (CATS Interim CEO), Michael Todd Donmyer (LA DOTD District 61)

**The meeting was also attended by:**

Patrick Toney (DOTD), Quang Nguyen (DOTD), Amus Wright (BRPC), Buddy Porta (Arcadis), Yasoob Zia (LDEQ), P.K. Dang (CRPC), David R (Addis), Melissa Glesci (City-Parish Planning Commission), Mark Firmin (City-Parish Planning Commission), Lance LaPlace (GIS Engineering, LLC), Jennifer R. Nicaud, P.E. (Forte & Tablada, Inc.), Robert J. Badeaux (Forte & Tablada, Inc.), Bliss Bernard (Fenstermaker), Kim Marousek (CRPC), Steve Bonn (East Baton Rouge Parish, Louisiana), H.R. Paul (TAC Chair), Sarah Stafford (CRPC), Adam Tatar (CRPC), James C. Taylor, AICP (Franklin Associates), Bill Deville (CATS CEO), Mark Bucci (LaDOTD), Dan Broussard (LaDOTD)

**1. INTRODUCTION**

*Hon. Melvin “Kip” Holden – TPC Chairman*

 **The meeting was called to order.**


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

*Hon. Melvin “Kip” Holden – TPC Chairman*

 **APPROVED by Hon. Riley “Pee Wee” Berthelot & 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hon. Joey Normand**

**3. ACTION ITEMS**

**TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AMENDMENTS**

- H.004100 I-10: LA 415 to Essen Lane on I-10 and I-12.
  - Add Environmental phase at a cost of \$3M utilizing NHPP funds at an 80/20 cost share in FFY 2017.
-  **APPROVED by Hon. Joey Normand & 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hon. Layton Ricks**
- H.002375 Amite River R.BR. near French Settlement.
  - Add Right of Way cost of \$280k utilizing STPFLEX funds at 80/20 cost share in FFY 2017.
  - Add Utility at a cost of \$5k utilizing STPFLEX funds at 80/20 cost share in FFY 2017
  - Add Construction at a cost of \$23.2M utilizing STPFLEX funds at 80/20 cost share in FFY 2018.

**✂ APPROVED by Hon. Layton Ricks & 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hon. Rick Ramsey/Fred Raiford**

- H.002301 North Sherwood Forest Drive Improvements in EBR.
  - ROW cost estimate decreased from \$3M to \$1.5M utilizing STP>200k funds at 80/20 cost share in FFY 2017.  
**Steve Bonnette gave an update on the Right of Way Cost stating that it went down because there was less commercial property than what was originally anticipated needed to be purchased.**

**✂ APPROVED by Hon. Riley "Pee Wee" Berthelot & 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hon. Darnell Waites**

- H.009956 LA 44: Turn lanes in ASC.
  - Remove environmental phase.  
**Categorical Exclusion: No money for Environmental Phase needed.**

**✂ APPROVED by Hon. Joey Normand & 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hon. Rick Ramsey/Fred Raiford**

- H.012563 LA 73: Bayou Manchac Bridge (HBI) in ASC.
  - Add Feasibility phase at a cost of \$150k utilizing STPFLEX funds at 80/20 cost share in FFY 2017.

**✂ APPROVED by Hon. Darnell Waites & 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hon. Rick Ramsey/Fred Raiford**

- Add transit project for CATS to procure 3 electric buses at a cost of \$2.9M utilizing CMAQ funds at 80/20 cost share in FFY 2017.  
**William "Bill" Deville mentioned that CATS will rollout BRT on Florida Boulevard to start and then on Plank Road.**

**✂ APPROVED by William "Bill" Deville & 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hon. Joey Normand**

#### 4. NON-ACTION ITEMS

- MPO Activity Update
  - Ravi Ponnareddy, Director of Transportation

*Ravi mentioned the following upcoming events and recent activities.*

**Recovery and Resilience Symposium**

Thursday, December 8, 2016

**Governor's Task Force on Transportation Infrastructure Investment**

Tuesday, December 13th at 9 AM at the State Capitol

**Other Activities Since October TAC/TPC Meeting**

- ✓ *Staff worked on the winter 2016 newsletter which is rolled out today.*
- ✓ *Staff continued to work with FEMA on short term and long term recovery planning efforts.*
- ✓ *Working on getting the contracts in place for the Travel Demand Management and Regional Traffic Counting projects. Hope to kick start these projects early 2017.*
- ✓ *Met with LADOTD and FHWA to discuss about the new timeline for long range plan update, impacts, and steps to minimize any delay in project implementation.*
- ✓ *Staff continued to work on analyzing the existing conditions data and updating the base model network.*
- ✓ *Provided technical assistance to Ascension parish regarding traffic counts and pavement condition data requests.*
- ✓ *Staff is coordinating with Baton Rouge Clean Air Coalition and other partners to build a Information Resource Center (IRC) to support the Emissions Reduction Credits (ERC) program*

- ✓ *Staff attended Louisiana Public Transportation (LPTA) and Smart Growth conferences.*
  - Capital Region Safety Coalition Update
    - Kenyatta Robertson, Regional Safety Coordinator
- Capital Region Safety Coalition Accomplishments**
- ✓ *Set up meetings with Capital Region Parishes and their elected officials to discuss crash data profiles.*
  - ✓ *Four (4) ATT It Can Wait virtual simulator presentations took place in October 2016 at Baton Rouge Magnet High School and Woodlawn High School.*
  - ✓ *Revisited the "WE'VE GOT YOUR BAC" Campaign. Hope to make this a Statewide Campaign.*
  - ✓ *Creating a special team to help educate and bring awareness to the African American Community with a focus on African American men who do not wear their seat belts.*
  - ✓ *No Refusal has been implemented within EBR parish. 19th JDC judges are on board.*
  - ✓ *Partnered with Baton Rouge Coca-Cola and LSP for the Downtown Christmas parade. The coalition received media coverage and pushed the Buzzed Driving is Drunk Driving campaign.*
  - ✓ *New Capital Region Coalition logo*
  - ✓ *New Capital Region Coalition Facebook Page*
  - ✓ *Coalition Safety Awareness publications written by Tom Ed McHugh pushed out to all Capital Region media outlets.*
  - ✓ *Awarded a \$12,000 grant from LHSC to produce safety training videos.*
  - ✓ *The coalition successfully participates in FREE child seat belt installation ACTIVITIES throughout the year.*

## 5. OTHER BUSINESS

Hon. Melvin "Kip" Holden – TPC Chairman

***Hon. Riley "Pee Wee" Berthelot extended a final THANK YOU to both the Hon. Melvin Kip Holden and to the Hon. Joey Normand for their service as their terms have come to an end.***

## 6. ADJOURNMENT

 **Motion by Hon. Joey Normand & 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hon. Riley "Pee Wee" Berthelot**

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