

MEETING MINUTES OF THE JOINT
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)
AND
TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE (TPC)
CAPITAL REGION METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

Tuesday, December 12, 2017
1:30PM – 3:00 PM

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

Technical Advisory and Transportation Policy Committee Members present:

Hon. Riley Berthelot, Frank Duke, Ken Dawson, M. Todd Donmyer, Mary Gourdon, William “Bill” Deville, Dan Broussard. Hon. Gerard Landry, Hon. David Toups, Jackie Baumann, Kevin Durbin, Julie McCulloch, Pete Newkirk, Rowdy Gaudet

The meeting was also attended by:

Yasoob Zia, Rhonda Williams, Stephanie Keen, Wilfred Barry, Gregory Trahan, Rob Miller, Ahmed Khalek, Pong Wu, Kim Marousek, Ann Marie Thevenot, Terry Cormier, Drew Ratcliff, Ravi Ponnappureddy, Kendra Hendricks, Connie Betts, Yuwen Hou, Mary Stringfellow, Kathy Stites, Carondalette Stewart, Suzy Sonnier

1. INTRODUCTION

Hon. Riley L. “Pee Wee” Berthelot – TPC Chairman

The meeting was called to order by Hon. Riley L. “Pee Wee” Berthelot. The meeting began with introductions by attendees.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Hon. Riley L. “Pee Wee” Berthelot – TPC Chairman

Chairman Berthelot requested a motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting. The motion to approve was made by Hon. H. Gerard Landry and seconded by Ken Dawson. The motion carried unanimously.

3. ACTION ITEMS

A. Review and approval of the MOVE 2042 Projects

Ravi Ponnappureddy, CRPC, discussed the list of projects. Three different scenarios were presented at the November meeting. The Comprehensive Scenario map was the preferred option to move forward with the air quality analysis. After the meeting, the list was updated based on the comments from the committee members. The list of changes included adding Wax Road widening between Sullivan and Greenwell Springs, LA 30 widening between Ashland and Burnside in Gonzales, and LA 19 (Main St. – Sunset Blvd) widening in Zachary was previously marked as Let.

Ponnappureddy answered several questions from the committee members and audience. It was moved by Kevin Durbin and seconded by Jackie Baumann to approve the final list of projects to be included in the MOVE 2042 plan for public comment. The motion carried unanimously.

4. NON-ACTION ITEMS

A. CRPC Update

Ravi Ponnappureddy updated the committee on what the staff has worked on since the last meeting including travel demand modeling and the air quality analysis. The draft plan will be published by the end of the year and the final draft will be presented to the committee at the January meeting. He also mentioned the outreach efforts of CRPC's Regional Safety Coordinator Kenyatta Robertson. She was recently at Walker High School discussing distracted and impaired driving and educated students on bicycle and pedestrian safety at several elementary schools in Baton Rouge.

Drew Ratcliff, CRPC, discussed the Louisiana Supply Chain Transportation Council. CRPC's Executive Director Jamie Setze, was named co-chair of the council in October and Ratcliff assumed administrative duties for the Council. The group was formally recognized by a Louisiana Senate concurrent resolution and was given the task to "study and make recommendations regarding increasing resilience in various modes of transportation through increased collaboration, development of geographic information technologies, and new innovations in transportation resilience."

Ponnappureddy completed the CRPC update by discussing the Regional Traffic Count Project. CRPC was given notice to proceed in February 2017. The project scope is 1200 locations for traffic volume count and 200 locations for vehicle classification/volume count. CRPC staff have been managing and reviewing the data for accuracy. The project is expected to be completed before the end of this year.

4. OTHER BUSINESS

Hon. Riley L. "Pee Wee" Berthelot – TPC Chairman

Chairman Berthelot asked was there any other business. There was no other business. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Berthelot asked for a motion to adjourn. It was moved by Hon. David Toups and seconded by Bill Deville to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned.