

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

Tuesday, January 30, 2018
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 L. “Pee Wee” Berthelot, Julie McCulloch, Yasooob Zia, William “Bill” Deville, Kevin Durbin, Hon. Gerard Landry, Hon. David Toups, Dan Broussard, Jennifer Branton, Skip Paul, Jamie Etheridge, M. Todd Donmyer, Hon. Lionel Johnson, Hon. Richard Lee, III, Pete Newkirk

The meeting was also attended by:

Kim Marousek, Lael Holton, J.T. Sukits, Dawn Sholmire, Tom Stephens, Cody Neyland, Carondalette Stewart, Christopher Kersey, Courtney Maciasz, Jonathan Fox, Phouc Dang, Rachel DiResto, Dan Magri, Ruth Phillips, Adam Tatar, Emanuel Andrews, Kenyatta Robertson, Bailey Powell, Bobby Badeaux, Logan Anderson, Kathy Stites, Barbara Freiberg, Paul Sawyer, Bryan Jones, Chad Lynch, Kendra Hendricks, Ravi Ponnappureddy, Jamie Setze, Dr. Eric Kalivoda, Marta Sa’, Ahmed Abdel-Khalek

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. Gerard Landry and seconded by Hon. David Toups. The motion carried unanimously.

3. ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE

Chairman Berthelot opened the floor for nominations for chairman and vice chairman. It was moved by Hon. David Toups to nominate Hon. Riley Berthelot for chairman and it was seconded by Bill Deville. There were no other nominations for chairman. Nominations for chairman were closed. Elected by acclimation.

It was moved by Hon. David Toups to nominate Hon. Gerard Landry and it was seconded by Jamie Etheridge. It was moved by Bill Deville to nominate Hon. Sharon Weston Broome and seconded by Hon. Richard Lee, III. Voting was done by a show of hands. Seven voted for Hon. Gerard Landry and three members voted for Hon. Sharon Weston Broome. Hon. Gerard Landry was elected vice chairman.

4. ACTION ITEMS

1. Approval of MOVE 2042 Long Range Transportation Plan
2. Approval of MOVE 2042 Air Quality Conformity Analysis
3. Approval of the Transportation Improvement Program (2018 – 2022)

Jamie Setze, CRPC Executive Director, discussed the timeline of the long-range plan. The process began June 2016 but was put on hold for six months due to the flood. The stakeholder focus groups were held February 2017 with the first round of public meetings being held in March 2017. The second round of public meetings were held August and September 2017. A draft of the plan was completed December 2017. Around 3,685 people provided input into the plan.

MOVE 2042 is the new plan that is needed to unlock federal transportation funds for the Capital Region. The plan needs to be updated every four years and a new one is needed to implement any new federally funded transportation projects. LADOTD is responsible for all federal transportation dollars in the state but the MPOs set the regional priorities. Historically over the past 20 years, the Capital Region received about \$76M per year in 2015 dollars for highway projects. When projected into the future this accounts to \$2.2B for the duration of MOVE 2042.

Based on the Clean Air Act rules, the air in our region is not clean, so an Air Quality Conformity Analysis must also be performed. The combined tail pipe emissions from all the automobiles that travel on our roadways on a daily basis should not exceed the maximum allowable emissions in our region.

The Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) projects in the current TIP are not authorized. STBG>200K projects were selected and approved by the Transportation Policy Committee (TPC) in November 2017. The TIP was updated with line item project categories to align with LADOTD and the text was rewritten and reorganized for easier reading.

It was moved by Pete Newkirk and seconded by Hon. Richard Lee, III to approve the MOVE 2042 Long Range Transportation Plan and the MOVE 2042 Air Quality Conformity Analysis. The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Hon. David Toups and seconded by Hon. Lionel Johnson to approve the Transportation Improvement Program (2018-2022). The motion carried unanimously.

5. NON-ACTION ITEMS

1. CRPC Activity Update
2. LADOTD Funding Priority Update, Dr. Eric Kalivoda

Dr. Eric Kalivoda, LADOTD Deputy Secretary, discussed the importance of the interstate highway system. The Louisiana interstate system is 936 miles. 38% of all traffic in the state and 48% of truck traffic use the interstate. The interstate system is 55-60 years old, maybe even a little bit older. It is wearing out and we need to address that. There are federal mandates in place that require Louisiana to achieve and maintain a certain condition level on the interstate system.

To rebuild the interstate in the urban areas, we will need to widen it. We cannot close the interstate to repair it. There were a number of projects to be funded in the LA Legislative package last spring. That legislation did not pass so we will move on by using GARVEE bonds with a local contribution from the MPOs and local governments. GARVEE bonds are bonds that are backed by future federal revenues. The bonds are issued now, you get the money now and you pay it back with federal funds plus local match. I-10 will be the first project we will undertake.

There will be no new revenue. LADOTD has proposed to FHWA to only count on 80% of past expenditures and build the MPO plan around that. Large scale projects will be added in Phases 2 and 3 and the plan will still be considered financially constrained.

Dr. Kalivoda suggested that the MPO adopt the current plan to be in conformity and immediately work on updating it. (1) add the I-10 project (2) reduce funding to 80% of past expenditures. (3) local contribution of \$2M for 12 years in STP>\$200K funds. East Baton Rouge City-Parish will contribute \$12M. The I-10 plan has not changed, and it may be viewed at i10br.com. The amount to spend for the Baton Rouge area is in the \$350M range to complete the phases. Dr. Kalivoda said that no formal resolution or money from the MPO is needed at this time. The only thing LADOTD needs is a commitment on the MPO's part to participate.

Under the CRPC Activity Update, Jamie Setze mentioned several staff achievements (1) Adam Tatar earned the American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP) credential, (2) Pong Wu presented on the Accuracy of Transportation Models to the 2018 Transportation Research Board (TRB) Modeling Group, (3) Ahmed Khalek presented on the Pavement Management Analysis at the 2018 Transportation Research Board (TRB) Conference.

The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meetings will now be held monthly in the morning at the Goodwood Library. Meetings will be focused on transportation options.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

1. Commuter Krewe of Louisiana Update, Emanuel Andrews III

Emanuel Andrews, Outreach Coordinator for AECOM, gave an update on Commuter Krewe of Louisiana. March 6, 2018 is the official kick-off at 10:00 am at the DOTD Headquarters at 1201 Capitol Access Road. We have community partners, but we are still in need of partners. The website is www.CommuterKrewe.la

7. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Berthelot asked for a motion to adjourn. It was moved by Pete Newkirk and seconded by Hon. Gerard Landry to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned.