

MEETING MINUTES
Metropolitan Planning Organization
Transportation Policy Committee Meeting

Date: May 22nd, 2017

**Meeting Location: Conference Room, Rapides Area Planning Commission,
 Alexandria, LA**

In Attendance

Committee	Mayor Clarence Fields, CoP – Present (Alternate Rich Dupree) – Present Mayor Jacques Roy, CoA – Present (Alternate Delores Brewer) – Present Mayor Neil S. Kavanagh, Town of Ball – Present Lee Rubin, CoA – Absent (Alternate Eric Duck) – Present James Villard, CoA – Absent (Alternate James Branch) – Present Nathan Martin, CoP – Absent (Alternate Charlie Moore) – Present Craig Smith, Rapides Parish – Present Richard Vanderlick, Rapides Parish – Absent Murphy LeDoux, LADOTD – Present (Alternate Keith Sayer) – Present Blake Cooper, Regional Port Authority – Absent (Alternate Norman Welch) – Absent Charlie Weems, England Authority – Absent (Alternate Jon Grafton) – Present Carlos McCloud, FHWA – Absent (Alternate Chandra Bondzie) – Absent Ronisha Hodge, FHWA – Absent
Staff	Matt Johns, Sooraz Patro, Blake Powell, Jonathan Bolen
Others in Attendance	Reldon Owens, Diamond B Const. David Gill, CoA

Agenda Item # 1

Call to Order by Mayor Clarence Fields

Agenda Item # 2

Roll Call

Agenda Item # 3

Approval of Minutes from the previous TPC held on April 12th, 2017.

- Motion by Mayor Roy
- Second by President Craig Smith

Agenda Item #4

MPO Housekeeping Projects for Approval

FY 2016-2019 TIP Amendments and Administrative Modifications

Sooraz informed that the TPC had tentatively approved the TIP for both highways and transit elements pending public comments with the final resolution passed in the next meeting. The public comment period commenced from April 14th through April 27th, 2017. No comments were received from any of the ten avenues where the TIP document was on display.

- Motion by Mayor Roy
- Second by James Branch

Draft UPWP (FY 2017 – 2018)

Sooraz informed that the TPC had tentatively approved the Draft UPWP FY 2017-2018 pending public comment period commencing from April 14th through April 28th, 2017. No comments were received from any of the ten avenues where the UPWP document was on display.

- Motion by Mayor Roy
- Second by Mr. Charlie Moore

Agenda Item #5

Federal Rulings

Sooraz provided a brief synopsis of the various House and Senate Bills currently under consideration in the current session. The bills focused on transportation planning topics ranging from MOVE Act; Drones; repeal of MPO coordination and Planning Area reform; Target setting for various Performance Measures, etc. with special emphasis on bills which affect A/P MPO directly.

LA State Legislature Bills

Sooraz provided a brief synopsis of the various House and Senate Bills currently under consideration in the current session. The bills focused on transportation planning topics ranging from PPP financing mechanism; Ignition Interlock device for DWI repeat offenders; establishing Speed Limits for school bus, truck-tractor, semi-trailer etc.

Member Entity Updates

Sooraz informed TPC that RAPC is currently in the process of identifying projects so as to turn in an application for Louisiana Highway Safety Commission's Safety Coalition Grants worth up to \$40,000.

Agenda Item #6 Other Business

Matt informed to the Committee about possibility of finding local match through a private sponsor to fund all priority projects identified within the recently completed Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan.

Sooraz responded to Councilman Martin and informed that the Motorist Assistance Patrol program is about to commence deployment starting September 2017.

Mayor Roy explored the possibility of studying bridge conditions within City of Alexandria with the help of RAPC staff in the near future.

Agenda Item #7 Adjournment

- Motion by President smith
- Second by Mayor Roy