

MEETING MINUTES
Metropolitan Planning Organization
Transportation Policy Committee Meeting

Date: July 10, 2014

Meeting Location: Rapides Area Planning Commission, Alexandria, LA

In Attendance

Committee	<p>Mayor Clarence Fields, COP – Present (Alternate Rich Dupree) – Present Mayor Jacques Roy, COA – Present (Alternate Delores Brewer) – Absent Mayor Jonathan Dean, Town of Ball – Present Harry Silver, COA – Absent (Alternate Eric Duck) – Present Mitzi Gibson, COA – Absent (Alternate James Branch) – Present Nathan Martin, COP – Present (Alternate Charlie Moore) – Present Joseph Bishop, Rapides Parish – Absent Richard Vanderlick, Rapides Parish – Absent Murphy LeDoux, LADOTD – Present (Alternate Keith Sayer) – Absent John Marzullo, Regional Port Authority – Absent (Alternate Norman Welch) – Absent Bart Jones, England Authority – Absent (Alternate Jon Grafton) – Present Brandon Buckner, FHWA – Absent (Alternate Chandra Bondzie) – Present Laura Wallace, FHWA – Absent</p>
Staff	<p>John Miller, RAPC Matt Johns, RAPC Sooraz Patro, RAPC Yuwen Hou, RAPC Blake Powell, RAPC Carol Zhou, RAPC</p>
Others in Attendance	<p>Larry Mathews, LADOTD John Gagnard, Pan American Engineers Bill Dean, Pan American Engineers Dara Antee, LWC</p>

Agenda Item # 1

Call to Order by Mayor Clarence Fields

Agenda Item # 2

Roll Call

Agenda Item # 3

Approval of Minutes from March 24, 2014 Meeting

- Motion by Mayor Jonathan Dean
- Second by Mr. Nathan Martin

Passed Unanimously

Agenda Item # 4

Discussion of Project Updates on Transportation Improvement Program

Matt Johns updated the Policy Committee on the following projects:

- **H.008265** Sugarhouse Rd. Reconstruction project is pushed back from FY 2013-2014 to FY 2014-2015
- **H. 002672** Jackson & Horseshoe Intersection Improvements project R/W Acquisition Phase is pushed back from FY 2013-2014 to FY 2016-2017. Anticipated cost for right of way will be \$1,000,000. The City of Alexandria will be responsible for 20% of this cost or \$200,000 and the remaining 80% or \$800,000 will be funded with STP<200K.
- **H. 002672** Jackson & Horseshoe Intersection Improvements project Construction Phase is pushed back from FY 2013-2014 to FY 2017-2018. Anticipated cost for construction will be \$1,630,000. The City of Alexandria will be responsible for 20% of the cost for sidewalk improvements (\$30,000) or \$6,000 and the remaining 80% or \$24,000 will be funded with STP<200K. The actual roadway construction cost in the amount of \$1,600,000 will be provide by LADOTD using STPFLEX Funds.
- The City of Pineville Sidewalk Improvement project is renamed as Highland Drive Roadway Improvement. The Stage 0 was sent to LADOTD on June 27th. Anticipated cost for construction will be \$570,000. The City of Pineville will be responsible for 20% of the cost or \$114,000 and the remaining 80% or \$456,000 will be funded with STP<200K.
- The City of Alexandria Street Improvement Phase II project is added to the TIP under FY 2015-2016. The Stage 0 was sent to LADOTD on July 8th. The proposed improvements are on Lisa Street, Grove Road, Mil Mar Boulevard, and Windermere Boulevard. Anticipated cost for construction will be \$3,120,000. The City of Alexandria will be responsible for 20% of the cost or \$620,000 and the remaining 80% or \$2,500,000 will be funded with STP<200K.

Matt Johns introduced the FY 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program, and stated that the Technical Advisory Committee approved and recommended that the Policy Committee adopt the said plan.

- The new document format is consistent in general with the previous one.
- The “whiteboard sheet” in the TIP document is changed to two separate charts. One is named “TIP 2015-2018 Financially Constrained Portion (STP<200K)”, the other is named “TIP 2015-2018 Project List (Other Funding Sources)”.

Adopt the FY 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program pending public comments.

- Motion by Mayor Jacques Roy
- Second by Mr. James Branch

Passed Unanimously

Agenda Item # 5

Other Business - Railroad Grade Separation Program

Matt Johns introduced the Railroad Grade Separation (RRGS) Program to the Policy Committee. The State is soliciting for new projects to add into the Program. He presented three sites to the Policy Committee for consideration. He informed that the locations are selected based on crash data analysis. After discussion and thorough consideration, the Policy Committee recommended not to pursue RRGS funding due to non-competitiveness of local projects.

Mr. Murphy Ledoux responded to Mr. Nathan Martin’s question regarding the US165-X: KCS Railway Overpass project. He said this project is still on the LADOTD letting list under FY 2014-2015, but it is likely to be put on hold. Mr. Nathan Martin also brought up the Motorist Assistance Patrol Program. He explained a new public-private agreement with State Farm for sponsorship of the Motorist Assistance Patrol Program in the Baton Rouge, New Orleans and Shreveport areas. Matt Johns stated that the MPO staff would explore the possibility of a similar sponsorship to offset the cost of implementing Motorist Assistance Patrol in our region and report back to the Committee.

Agenda Item # 6

Adjournment

- Motion by Mayor Jonathan Dean
- Second by Mayor Jacques Roy

Passed Unanimously