

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**Metropolitan Planning Organization**  
**Transportation Policy Committee Meeting**

**Date: April 2, 2015**

**Meeting Location: Cenla Chamber of Commerce, Alexandria, LA**

**In Attendance**

<b>Committee</b>	<p>Mayor Clarence Fields, COP – Present          (Alternate Rich Dupree) – Absent          Mayor Jacques Roy, COA – Present          (Alternate Delores Brewer) – Absent          Mayor Neil S. Kavanagh, Town of Ball – Absent          Harry Silver, COA – Absent          (Alternate Eric Duck) – Present          Mitzi Gibson, COA – Absent          (Alternate James Branch) – Absent          Nathan Martin, COP – Absent          (Alternate Charlie Moore) – Present          Richard Billings, Rapides Parish – Absent          Richard Vanderlick, Rapides Parish – Present          Murphy LeDoux, LADOTD – Absent          (Alternate Keith Sayer) – Present          Blake Cooper, Regional Port Authority – Present          (Alternate Norman Welch) – Absent          Bart Jones, England Authority – Absent          (Alternate Jon Grafton) – Absent          Brandon Buckner, FHWA – Absent          (Alternate Chandra Bondzie) – Present          Ronisha Hodge, FHWA – Absent</p>
<b>Staff</b>	<p>Matt Johns, RAPC          Sooraz Patro, RAPC          Yuwen Hou, RAPC          Blake Powell, RAPC</p> <p>Ollie Overton, RPPJ</p>
<b>Others in Attendance</b>	<p>Dawn Sholmire, LADOTD          Bob Bussey, Fit Families          Dr. Kam Movassaghi          Deborah Randolph, Cenla CoC          Greg Upton, Cenla CoC          Jonathan Dean</p>

**Agenda Item # 1**

*Call to Order by Mayor Clarence Fields*

**Agenda Item # 2**

*Roll Call*

**Agenda Item # 3**

*Approval of Minutes from September 23, 2014 Meeting*

- Motion by Mayor Jacques Roy
- Second by Mr. Richard Vanderlick

**Passed Unanimously**

**Agenda Item #4**

*TIP Amendments & Administrative Modifications*

Sooraz Patro updated the Policy Committee on the various TIP Amendments and Administrative Modifications as per discussions with DOTD HQ. He stated the following projects under TIP Amendments:

- a) H.001923 Flagon Bayou Bridge (existing project)
- b) H.011203 Pineville SRTS –Pineville Elementary NI (existing)
- c) H.011204 Alexandria SRTS – Martin Park NI (existing)

He further stated project description, STP funding requested and need for the following new projects:

- a) LA 1 Industrial Loop Rd. (Overlay project)
- b) Additional Right Turn Lane (John Allison drive @ LA 28 W)
- c) Fugro Data Collection

Mayor Roy and Mr. Cooper supported and outlined the immediate need for the overlay project. Matt Johns showcased the need and requested the Policy Committee to approve allocation of STP dollars towards the Fugro Data Collection.

Approve the TIP FY 2015 – 2018 Amendments and Administrative Modifications

- Motion by Mayor Jacques Roy
- Second by Mr. Ollie Overton

**Passed Unanimously**

**Agenda Item # 5**

*Initiation of the EPA Ozone Advance Program*

Matt Johns informed the Policy Committee on the EPA Advance Ozone program. He stated that participating in the program at no cost will benefit the MPO in the long run if the NAAQS standards are changed by EPA in the near future.

Approve the Initiation of the EPA Ozone Advance program

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

**Passed Unanimously**

### **Agenda Item # 6**

*FY 2015 – 2016 UPWP Approval*

Matt Johns updated the Policy Committee on the changes to the funding breakdown of various tasks under the UPWP for FY 2015-2016. He stated that DOTD is currently preparing a contract agreement for the Metropolitan Transportation Plan update with funding identified as follows: \$200,000 (STP) and \$50,000 (RAPC local match). Additionally, the MTP is allocated \$200,000 (SPR) along with a \$50,000 (DOTD match). He stated that RAPC received NTP for the Bike & Pedestrian Plan on November 5, 2014 and Regional Safety Coalition on February 27, 2015.

Approve the RAPC FY 2015 – 2016 UPWP pending public comments

- Motion by Mayor Clarence Fields
- Second by Mr. Blake Cooper

**Passed Unanimously**

### **Agenda Item #7**

*Selection of the Nominating Committee for the MPO Officers Election*

Mayor Fields requested the Policy Committee to select a Nominating Committee for the MPO Officers election according to the bylaws. The Policy Committee selected the following members:

- a) Mr. Ollie Overton; b) Mayor Jacques Roy; and c) Mr. Charlie Moore.

Approve the Nominating Committee for the MPO Officers Election

- Motion by Mayor Jacques Roy
- Second by Mr. Ollie Overton

**Passed Unanimously**

### **Agenda Item #8**

*Louisiana's Transportation System: A New Model*

Dr. Kam Movassaghi, former Secretary of LaDOTD gave a presentation to the Policy Committee on the current state of Louisiana's transportation system. He distributed a white paper to outline the state of Louisiana's transportation infrastructure. He stated specific facts and figures for Central Louisiana region. He identified problems, provided possible solutions through target proposals and focused on the need for immediate steps.

**Agenda Item #9**

*Other Business -*

None

**Agenda Item # 10**

*Adjournment*

- Motion by Mayor Jacques Roy
- Second by Mr. Blake Cooper

**Passed Unanimously**