

MEETING MINUTES
Metropolitan Planning Organization
Transportation Policy Committee Meeting

Date: August 26, 2015

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

In Attendance

Committee	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 James Villard, COA – Absent (Alternate James Branch) – Present Nathan Martin, COP – Present (Alternate Charlie Moore) – Present Richard Billings, Rapides Parish – Present Richard Vanderlick, Rapides Parish – Absent Murphy LeDoux, LADOTD – Present (Alternate Keith Sayer) – Present Blake Cooper, Regional Port Authority – Present (Alternate Norman Welch) – Absent Bart Jones, England Authority – Absent (Alternate Jon Grafton) – Present Brandon Buckner, FHWA – Absent (Alternate Chandra Bondzie) – Absent Melissa Foreman, FHWA – Absent
Staff	Matt Johns, RAPC Sooraz Patro, RAPC Yuwen Hou, RAPC Carol Zhou, RAPC Blake Powell, RAPC
Others in Attendance	Ollie Overton, RPPJ Dennis Woodward, RPPJ Dale Craig, LADOTD-08 Bob Bussey, Fit Families Deborah Randolph, Cenla CoC Greg Upton, Cenla CoC Jonathan Dean

Agenda Item # 1

Call to Order by Mayor Clarence Fields

Agenda Item # 2

Roll Call

Agenda Item # 3

Approval of Minutes from April 2, 2015 Meeting

- Motion by Mr. Nathan Martin
- Second by Mr. Blake Cooper

Passed Unanimously

Agenda Item #4

TIP Amendments & Administrative Modifications - Update

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

- a) H.001923 Flagon Bayou Bridge (construction phase moved to FFY 2016)
- b) H.011754 City of Alexandria Street Improvement Phase II (construction cost is now \$3.7m)
- c) H.002672 Jackson (LA 1208-3) @ Horseshoe Roundabout (add utility cost of \$500,000 in FFY 2016 construction phase cost updated to \$820,000 and moved to FFY 2017)
- d) H.010777 US 71: Left Turn Lanes at Lee St. and Random Dr. (construction cost increased to \$910,000 in FFY 2015)
- e) H.008265 Sugarhouse Rd. Reconstruction (construction cost is now \$6.24 m)
- f) H.0101821 US 71: Widening of Service Rd. Connections (Construction cost is now \$813,000 in FFY 2015)
- g) H.011354 LA 107: Stilley Rd. & Pinegrove Int. Improvement (construction cost is now \$325,000 and moved to FFY 2015)
- h) H.008259 LA 1204: 0.369 mi Springhill Rd – US 165 (construction cost estimate is now \$910,000)

Additionally, five capital and one operating FTA 5307 grant projects submitted by A-trans were added to the transit section of the FY 2015 – FY 2018 TIP document.

Approve the TIP FY 2015 – 2018 Amendments and Administrative Modifications

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

Passed Unanimously

Agenda Item # 5

MPO Staff Activity - Update

Sooraz Patro informed the Policy Committee on the various tasks/activities performed under the Alexandria/Pineville MPO activities. The activity update included both highway and transit related programs.

Mayor Jacques Roy informed the Committee about a new study undertaken by Goodman Corporation on the regional transit needs and workforce transportation. Mr. Patro assured and informed complete data/information support to the study.

Mr. Billings enquired if LADOTD has taken into consideration safety and maneuverability of 18 wheelers while right sizing the Horseshoe/Jackson St. roundabout. Mr. Murphy responded to Mr. Billings and assured the safety considerations for the roundabout.

Mr. Grafton informed the Committee that since its inception the England Airpark roundabout had just one drunk driving related accident and vouched for the safe functioning of roundabouts.

Agenda Item # 6

Motorist Assistance Patrol – Revisit

Matt Johns informed the Policy Committee that the TAC has recommended approval of the MAP based on the following conditions:

- a) A trial basis one –year MAP program (FY 2017)
- b) Include specific road segments: US 165, US 71 etc.

Matt Johns further shared the Statewide MAP Monthly Report (March, 2015) to showcase the effectiveness and functionality of the program.

Approve the Motorist Assistance Patrol program on trial basis for one year

- Motion by Mayor Jacques Roy
- Second by Mr. Nathan Martin

Passed Unanimously

Agenda Item #7

MTP Oversight Contract - Update

Mr. Keith Sayers informed the Policy Committee on the Selection Committee as well as TAC recommendation to contract consultant Neel Schaffer Inc. for the MTP 2041 Update. Mr. Sayers gave a brief description of the rating criteria for the two consultant bids received for the RFQ issued on Jul 17, 2015 and submission were due on July 31, 2015.

Approve the selected Consultant for the MTP Oversight Contract

- Motion by Mr. Nathan Martin
- Second by Mr. Blake Cooper

Agenda Item #8

Nominating Committee for the MPO Officers Election

Mayor Roy informed the Policy Committee that the Nominating Committee for the MPO Officers election have suggested the continuation of Mayor Fields as Chairman and Mayor Roy as Vice Chair.

Approve the Nominating Committee for the MPO Officers Election

- Motion by Mr. Charlie Moore
- Second by Mr. Ollie Overton

Passed Unanimously

Agenda Item #9

Other Business -

Mr. Nathan Martin requested staff to send pdf documents of the approved TIP Amendments and Administrative Modifications. Mr. Patro assured to send email and website link by COB August 26th, 2015.

Agenda Item # 10

Adjournment

- Motion by Mayor Jacques Roy
- Second by Mr. Nathan Martin

Passed Unanimously