

MEETING MINUTES

Metropolitan Planning Organization

Joint Transportation Policy Committee Meeting & Central Louisiana Regional Infrastructure Beltway Commission Meeting

Date: April 7th, 2016

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

In Attendance

Committee	Mayor Clarence Fields, COP – Absent (Alternate Rich Dupree) – Present Mayor Jacques Roy, COA – Present (Alternate Delores Brewer) – Absent Mayor Neil S. Kavanagh, Town of Ball – Absent Harry Silver, COA – Absent (Alternate Eric Duck) – Absent James Villard, COA – Absent (Alternate James Branch) – Present Nathan Martin, COP – Present (Alternate Charlie Moore) – Present Craig Smith, Rapides Parish – Absent 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, Sooraz Patro, Jamie Wallace, Melissa Becker, Carol Zhou, Jonathan Bolen
Others in Attendance	Jonathan Dean, Cleco Reldon Owens David Gill, CoA Randy Gilchrist Winston Roberts, GPPJ

Agenda Item # 1

Call to Order by Mayor Jacques Roy

Agenda Item # 2

Roll Call

Agenda Item # 3

Approval of Minutes from the previous TPC and Beltway Commission meetings held on August 26, 2015 and September 23, 2014 respectively

- Motion by Mr. Nathan Martin
- Second by Mr. Jon Grafton

Agenda Item #4

MPO Housekeeping Projects for Approval

FY 2015-2018 TIP Amendments and Administrative Modifications

- Motion by Mr. James Branch
- Second by Mr. Blake Cooper

FY 2016-2017 UPWP pending public comments

- Motion by Mr. Nathan Martin
- Second by Mr. Jon Grafton

Draft Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan 2015

- Motion by Mr. Rich Dupree
- Second by Mr. Jon Grafton

Draft Ozone Advance Program 2016

Mayor Roy explained that this program was presented at the previous MPO policy meeting and that taking proactive actions will help us secure funding in the long run.

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

ITS Architecture Phase II

Matt explained the current status of the ITS Architecture Phase II.

- Motion by Mr. Jon Grafton to add a camera at the intersection of 28W and Vandenburg Dr.
- Second by Mr. Rich Dupree

Mr. Nathan Martin asked if adding new cameras will replace any existing ones, Matt responded no.

Inter-Governmental Agreement

Mayor Roy indicated that an inter-governmental agreement is a good practice to facilitate the administration of FTA funding among agencies.

- Motion by Mr. Nathan Martin
- Second by Mr. Rich Dupree

Agenda Item #5 MPO Membership

No motion was made.

Agenda Item #6 MPO Project Updates

Sooraz Patro updated the Policy Committee Members on the public input obtained from the public survey during RAPC's LTP 2040 Public Outreach. He pointed out the congested locations on the map in the planning area and transportation concerns that were frequently brought up during the public meetings. He said the most important perceived issues regarding transportation were congestion, safety and accessibility, based on the public input.

Matt Johns presented the updates on the Aerial Imagery and Fugro Roadway Data project on the Committee. He said the data capturing process in Rapides Parish ended this month. Once the data is available, any entities who are interested in obtaining the data can download it through FTP links or simply bring with a hard drive for a copy.

Matt Johns discussed about the transit efforts RAPC staff has made in the past months, including two grant applications staff has recently submitted to seek additional administrative transit funding. Mayor Roy indicated that the city is not having faith of expanding any transit services at this point due to the existing financial burden from ATRANS, he also clarified that there were opportunities to pursue the transit development through private partnerships.

Sooraz Patro presented the Committee with some major takeaways from the New Federal Transportation Legislation and LA State Legislature Bills.

Sooraz Patro updated on the Motorist Assistance Patrol Program. He presented the map showing the proposed road sections of implementing the program and stated that the state is currently working on it.

Agenda Item #7 Beltway Study

Matt Johns presented the Beltway Committee about the current status of the RAPC's Beltway Study. He indicated that the current task is to develop a comprehensive ranking criteria on developable land. A Beltway TAC Committee Meeting was held earlier this week. At the meeting, the TAC members brainstormed and discussed about the negative factors on road development. Matt reminded that when considering about the factors, it is not just about the road itself but

involves a broader range of perspectives including environment, geology, utility etc. Matt emphasized the importance of developing the ranking criteria as it will guide the future development of the beltway. He said the TAC committee will be meeting again to discuss about the ranking criteria in the next months, and the final result will be presented at the next Beltway Commission meeting.

Agenda Item #8 Adjournment

- Motion by Mr. Nathan Martin
- Second by Mr. Reldon Owens