

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

**Date: April 5, 2018**

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

**In Attendance**

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| <b>Committee</b>            | Mayor Clarence Fields, CoP – Present<br>(Alternate Rich Dupree) – Present<br>Mayor Jacques Roy, CoA – Present<br>(Alternate Delores Brewer) – Present<br>Mayor Neil S. Kavanagh, Town of Ball – Absent<br>Harry Silver, CoA – Absent<br>(Alternate Eric Duck) – Present<br>James Villard, CoA – Absent<br>(Alternate James Branch) – Present<br>Nathan Martin, CoP – Absent<br>(Alternate Charlie Moore) – absent<br>Bubba Moreau, Rapides Parish – Absent<br>Richard Vanderlick, Rapides Parish – Absent<br>Murphy LeDoux, LADOTD – Present<br>(Alternate Keith Sayer) – Absent<br>Blake Cooper, Regional Port Authority – Present<br>(Alternate Norman Welch) – Absent<br>Charlie Weems, England Authority – Present<br>(Alternate Jon Grafton) – Absent<br>Laura Phillips, FHWA – Absent<br>(Alternate Carlos McCloud) – Absent<br>Ronisha Hodge, FHWA – Absent |
| <b>Staff</b>                | Matt Johns, Sooraz Patro, Blake Powell, Jonathan Bolen   |
| <b>Others in Attendance</b> | Dawn Sholmire, DOTD-HQ; Dennis Woodward, RPPJ; Guiyou Huang, LSU-A; Keith Hillman, MMLH; Mayor David Butler, Town of Woodworth.  |

### **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 February 16, 2017.*

- Motion by Mayor Roy
- Second by Mr. Dupree

### **Agenda Item #4**

*MPO Housekeeping Projects for Approval*

*FY 2015-2018 TIP*

Sooraz outlined the changes to the current TIP FY 2015-2018 along with introduction and approval of new projects for the outlying years FY 2019-2022 to be included.

The following amendments were considered:

| S. No. | Project Description | Project Name                                 | Type         | Funding Year        | Funding Description           |
|--------|---------------------|--|--------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1.     | Add                 | Industrial Park Site Rd. Reconst             | Utility      | FY 2018             | STP<200K: \$250,000           |
| 2.     | Update              | I-49: Cable Barriers Avoyelles & Rapides     | Construction | FY 2018             | HSIPPEN: \$6,710,000          |
| 3.     | Update              | Jackson Dr. @ Horseshoe Dr. (New Roundabout) | Utility      | FY 2018             | STP<200K: \$760,800 + Match   |
| 4.     | Update              | Jackson Dr. @ Horseshoe Dr. (New Roundabout) | Construction | FY 2018             | STPFLEX: \$2,104,300          |
| 5.     | Add                 | Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan Implementation     | Construction | FY 2019, 2020, 2021 | Set Aside STP<200K: \$330,000 |

The following administrative adjustments were considered:

| S. No. | Project Description | Project Name                     | Type         | Funding Year | Funding Description         |
|--------|---------------------|----------------------------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------------------|
| 1.     | Update              | Industrial Park Site Rd. Reconst | Construction | FY 2018      | STP<200K: \$532,400 + Match |
| 2.     | Move                | City of Alexandria Sidewalks     | Construction | FY 2018      | SR2S                        |

TPC approved the TIP highways element pending public comments with the final resolution passed in the forthcoming meetings. The public comment period commences from April 26<sup>th</sup> through May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

- Motion by Mayor Roy
- Second by Mr. Dupree

### *Draft UPWP FY 2018-2019*

Sooraz outlined the funding summary of the annual work program and described the various approved and anticipated projects within the UPWP.

TPC approved the draft UPWP FY 2018-2019 pending public comments. The ensuing public comment period commences from April 26<sup>th</sup> through May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

- Motion by Mayor Roy
- Second by Mr. Cooper

### **Agenda Item #5**

#### *Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan Implementation*

Matt reiterated the various aspects of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan Implementation while focusing on Cleco's Board approval to provide local match leveraging STP funding. He further stated that RAPC will issue a Press Release with Cleco in the upcoming months. The forecast outlying years of the TIP will reflect the BPP projects spread across five years starting FY 2019 – FY 2023.

### **Agenda Item #6**

#### *Beltway Travel Demand Mode Results and Selection Criteria*

Sooraz showcased TDM results generated by Neel Schaffer Inc. (via. LADOTD Statewide contract). The model output for the beltway showed the effect of travel time and traffic volume upon pursuing certain portions of the beltway loop.

Matt described the work done under the Beltway Suitability Analysis taking into consideration of the Selection criteria finetuned by the Beltway Advisory Committee. Mayor Roy further suggested changes to Land Ownership criteria. Matt assured suggested changes will be reflected in the ensuing Beltway Commission Committee meeting.

### **Agenda Item #7**

#### *Federal Rulings*

Sooraz provided a brief synopsis of the various House and Senate Bills currently under consideration in the current or upcoming session. The bills focused on transportation planning topics ranging from future transportation funding, Freight Infrastructure Reinvestment Act (2017); SHARES Act; End Drunk Driving Act (2017); Revamping American Infrastructure Act; SAFE Bridges Act etc., with special emphasis on bills which affect A/P MPO directly.

#### *LA State Legislature Bills*

No new updates.

#### *Member Entity Updates*

No updates..

### **Agenda Item #8 Other Business**

No updates.

### **Agenda Item #9 Adjournment**

- Motion by Mayor Roy
- Second by Mr. Dupree